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NZ Championship entries

Paul Spiller reports that entries for the NZ Championship received at November 30 were (FIDE ratings):

GM Ian Rogers (AUS) 2574; GM Drazen Sermek (SLO) 2545; IM Russell Dive 2448; IM Herman Van Riemsdijk (BRA) 2422; FM Alexei Kulashko 2396; FM Paul Garbett 2360; FM Anthony Ker 2321; FM Bob Smith 2290; Bruce Watson 2260; NM Peter Stuart 2215; Roger Perry 2205; Mohd. Fairan Zakaria (MAL) 2185; Nigel Metge 2160; John Sutherland 2055.

Paul also notes that the New Year Open will be 6 rounds, with two rounds on January 6 (at 9am and 2pm), and rounds 5 and 6 on January 7 and 8.

Late entries. Extra entries in the NZ Championship received since December 1 lift the total entry to 18. The additions are FM Ewen Green, Hilton Bennett, Scott Wastney and Paul Spiller.

Chandler at Hastings

GM Murray Chandler, back in competitive play, will face a challenging field at the Hastings Premier, 4-12 January. The field is Dreev, I Sokolov, Sutovsky, Bisehoff, Krush, Speelman, Emms, B Lalic, Chandler, McShane. The likely category is 13 with a GM norm of 5.

World rankings

FIDE rankings at December 1 had Kasparov 2838, over 100 clear of Kramnik 2734. The new world champion, Khalifman, was well back in 28th place on 2617.

COVER PHOTO: During the year nine-year-old Wang Puchen gave a simul against some of the juniors in the Howick & Pakuranga Chess Club. Puchen won all his games.

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(not available as this issue went to press).

Open tournaments scheduled for 1999 and 2000

Details of each event are available from the organising club

NZ Championship & Major Open, Howick-Pakuranga CC, Auckland, Dec 28 - Sat, Jan 9.

NZ Rapid Championship, Howick-Pakuranga CC, Auckland, Sun-Mon, Jan 10-11, 2000.

South Island Championship, September, 2000, Otago CC.

NZ Championship & Major Open, 2000-2001, Waitemata CC, Auckland, Dec 28 - Jan 9.

NZ Rapid Championship, 2001, Waitemata CC, Jan 10-11, 2001.

Clubs are asked to supply details of 1999 and 2000 events as soon as dates are finalised

N.Z. chess team in Shenyang, China

By Paul Spiller

A team consisting of National Master Peter Green, Nigel Hopewell, Paul Spiller, Hilton Bennett and Bob Gibbons made the journey to Shenyang in Northern China to compete in two important chess events hosted by the Chinese Chess Association and the Shenyang Municipal People's Government as part of the *henyang Daily Cup* 1999 World Chess and Bridge Festival. The chairman of the organising committee and mayor of Shenyang, Mr Mu Suixin stated the aims of the tournament as "competition, exchange, cooperation and development" and to increase the unity and friendship among people and players from all over the world. Certainly the FIDE motto of "Gens Una Sumus" was very much in evidence during these tournaments and was much to the forefront of former FIDE president Florencio Campomanes in his closing address.

Shenyang, former capital of Manchuria, is located approximately 400 miles northeast of Beijing and is the largest city of Northern China with a population of about 7 million people. Historically it was the capital of the last Chinese dynasty, the Qing Dynasty, until the capital was shifted to Beijing in 1644. The team had the opportunity to visit the impressive Summer Palace in downtown Shenyang, where the emperor used to conduct his affairs of state and organised his military campaigns. Shenyang today is primarily an industrial and manufacturing city.

Upon arrival in Shenyang on Sunday, October 3rd the New Zealand team were met at the airport and transferred by local taxis out to Qipan Shan, a recreational and tourist development region about 60 km from the CBD. This area is dotted with many holiday villa's, some of them such as the Ba Xian Villa where we first stayed, are still being completed. (For the second tournament we were transferred to the Dong Hu Villa not far away). We spent the rest of the day settling into our rooms and meeting our interpreter and chaperone for the tournaments, Kitty Sun. Kitty took good care of us during our two weeks stay, helping us with any

difficulties that arose and accompanying us on our expeditions into downtown Shenyang. Later on that evening we were treated to a dinner banquet where we met various teams and chief arbiter Ignatius Leong.

Torrid time expected

The first event, the "2nd World Cities Chess Championship" had for the organisers a disappointing entry of only 14 teams, with several of the early entries withdrawing. Considering the \$30,000 US prize money on offer it was somewhat surprising. We discovered, after we were given the official programs, that Auckland was seeded 11th but that one of the teams seeded below us, Singapore, still had a GM (Wu Shaobin 2496) playing for them! At this stage it was realised that we were in for a torrid time at the chess board over the next 2 weeks.

The tournament was staged at the impressive new centre for the development of chess and bridge being constructed on "chess board mountain", aptly named for the historical Chinese chessboards that are located at the summit of the mountain. These are said to be 1,000 years old. We were overawed by the magnificence and size of the building. Constructed on 4 levels, it contained two huge auditoriums, one for chess, the other designed for teaching and playing Go. Eventually the centre will have an escalator system linking the facility to the chessboards at the summit.

The first tournament was scheduled as a 9-round Swiss with a time control of 4 hours per game. (20 moves in 1 hour then 1 hour to finish) the same as the Asian Cities in Kuala Lumpur last year. The second tournament, the 1999 Asian Teams event, had a six-hour time control (40/2 then 1 hour to finish)

World Cities – round by round

Round 1: Auckland .5 Shenyang A 3.5

The 4th seeds fielded a team consisting of 1 GM, 2 IM's and 1 FM. Nigel played very well, outplaying his strong opponent IM Wu Wenjin (2435) to achieve a winning position. Wu Wen-

jin tried to complicate things as Nigel became a bit short of time. Nigel could have won instantly by winning his opponents queen, not realising he could easily stop his opponent from queening a pawn. By not playing this winning line he allowed his opponent to force a perpetual check. A great effort for Nigel to draw with a player who tied for first in a recent Chinese Championship tournament and later on defeated GM Nenashev in a fantastic game.

Wu Wenjin (2435) – Hopewell,N

[A24] King's Indian Attack
R 1

1.♠f3 ♠f6 2.♠c4 ♠g6 3.♠c3 ♠g7 4.♠e4 ♠c5 5.♠e2 ♠c6
6.♠d3 0-0 7.0-0 ♠d6 8.♠a3 ♠e8 9.♠b1 ♠c7 10.♠d5
♠e6 11.♠b4 ♠cd4 12.♠xd4 ♠xd4 13.♠g5 ♠f6
14.♠e3 ♠xe2+ 15.♠xe2 ♠e6 16.♠f4 ♠b6 17.♠c2
♠d7 18.♠e2 ♠f5 19.♠f3 ♠b7 20.♠b3 ♠ab8 21.♠f2
♠g5 22.♠xf5 ♠xf5 23.♠d4 ♠g4 24.♠d5 ♠f4 25.♠b5 ♠be8
26.♠be1 ♠c8 27.♠h1 ♠c5 28.♠fg4 ♠xg4 29.♠g1
♠fe8 30.♠f3 ♠xe1 31.♠xe1 ♠xe1+ 32.♠xe1 ♠g6
33.♠h3 ♠e4 34.♠h4 ♠f5 35.♠h2 ♠e2 36.♠g5 ♠d3
37.♠a4 ♠e4 38.♠b3 ♠e5 39.♠a4 ♠d3 40.♠a5 ♠xc4
41.♠xb6 ♠xb6 42.♠a3 ♠xd5 43.♠d8 ♠c4 44.♠xb6
♠c3 45.♠a6 ♠xf3 46.♠e8+ ♠f7 47.♠d7+ ♠g6
48.♠e8+ ♠f5 49.♠d7+ ♠e4 50.♠xh7+ ♠d5
51.♠f7+ ♠e4 52.♠g6+

52.♠h7+ ♠d5 53.♠b7+ ♠c4 54.♠xf3 ♠xf3
55.♠xf3 ♠xb5
52...♠d5 ½-½

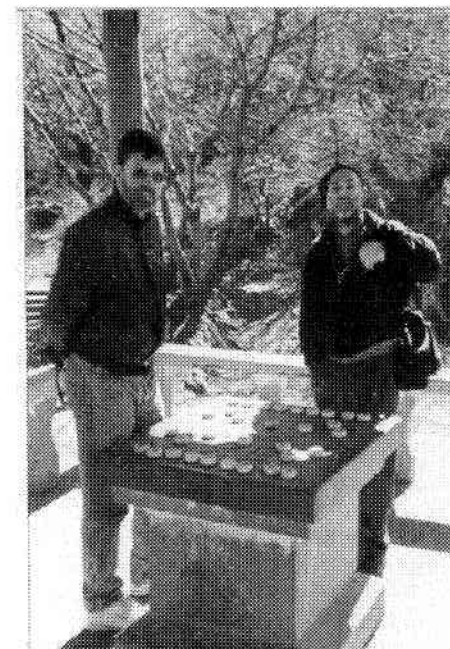
Round 2: Auckland 1.5 Singapore 2.5

A narrow loss to Singapore. Peter had to face his second GM in a row. Nigel continued his early good form to win well. Paul had a quick draw but Bob blundered his queen in a winning position.

Hopewell,N – Massie,J (2066)

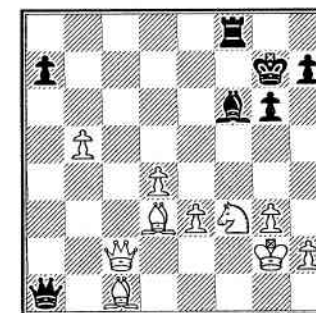
[A87] English
R 2

1.♠c4 ♠d6 2.♠c3 ♠g6 3.♠g3 ♠f5 4.♠g2 ♠f6 5.♠e3 ♠g7
6.♠ge2 ♠c6 7.♠d3 0-0 8.0-0 ♠c7 9.♠b4 ♠d7 10.♠b1
♠c5 11.♠b5 ♠d8 12.♠b3 ♠c8 13.♠d4 ♠e4 14.♠f3 ♠d5
15.♠xd5 ♠xd5 16.♠xe4 ♠xe4 17.♠xe4 ♠bd7
18.♠2c3 ♠h8 19.♠xd5 ♠xd5 20.♠xd5 ♠f6
21.♠g5 ♠f5 22.♠xf5 ♠c2 23.♠xf6 ♠xb1 24.♠f1
♠xa2 25.♠e7 ♠f8 26.♠xb7 ♠xf1+ 27.♠xf1 ♠f8
28.♠c6 ♠b1 29.♠e2 ♠h6 30.♠g2 ♠a2 31.♠c4



Hilton Bennett (left) and Bob Gibbons with a 1000-year-old chess board, on Chessboard Mountain, above the venue for the Asian teams event in Shenyang.

♠b1 32.♠d3 ♠a1 33.♠c2 ♠g7 34.♠g5 ♠f6
35.♠f3 ♠g7



36.♠c4 ♠h8 37.♠e5 ♠e7 38.♠b2 ♠a2 39.♠e4 ♠a3
40.♠xa3 ♠xa3 41.♠d5 ♠c3 42.♠e6 1-0

Round 3: Auckland 1 Shenyang B 3

Peter drew with his FM opponent (2342) but Hilton and Nigel both lost to FM's rated over 2300. Bob managed to draw.

Round 4: Auckland 3.5 Tokyo .5

Auckland could not quite get the desired 4-0 result against the lowest-seeded team. Paul, Hilton and Bob all won but Peter could not make headway against WIM Miyoko Watai and agreed a draw.

Round 5: Auckland 1 Ulaanbaatar 3

Hilton's win was the highlight of the round, however it could have been better. Paul established a winning position but went in for some unsound tactics that back-fired.

Bennett,H (2200) – Temuujin,H (2047)

[B23]Closed Sicilian
R 5

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 ♗c6 3.f4 g6 4.♗f3 ♗g7 5.♗b5 ♗d4 6.♗xd4 cxd4 7.♗e2 a6 8.♗d3 e6 9.0-0 d6 10.c3 dxc3 11.bxc3 ♗e7 12.a4 0-0 13.♗a3 ♗d7 14.♗b3 ♗c6 15.♗b4 ♗c8 16.a5 ♗e8 17.♗d4 ♗d7 18.♗ab1 ♗a7 19.f5 exf5 20.exf5 ♗e5 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.♗f3 ♗xf3 23.♗xf3 ♗g7 24.♗bf1 f6 25.♗h3 ♗h8 26.♗xh8 ♗xh8 27.♗xg6 ♗g7 28.♗g4 ♗e7 29.♗h3+ ♗g8 30.♗e6+ ♗h8 31.♗f3 ♗xg6 32.♗h3+ ♗g7 33.♗xe7+ ♗g8 34.♗d8+ ♗f7 35.♗e7+ ♗g8 36.♗b8+ 1-0

Tovsanaa,N (2347) – Green,P (2269)

[D46] Albin Counter-Gambit
R 5

1.d4 d5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.♗c3 ♗d6 6.♗d3 0-0 7.0-0 ♗bd7 8.e4 dxe4 9.♗xe4 ♗xe4 10.♗xe4 ♗f6 11.♗c2 h6 12.b3 ♗a5 13.♗b2 ♗a3 14.♗xa3 ♗xa3 15.♗e5 ♗d8 16.c5 ♗b2 17.♗e2 ♗a3 18.♗c4 ♗a6 19.♗fd1 b6 20.♗f3 ♗b7 21.♗e5 ♗d7 22.g4 ♗e8 23.h4 ♗e7 24.g5 hxg5 25.hxg5 ♗d5 26.♗h5 g6 27.♗h4 f5 28.♗g2 ♗g7 29.♗h1 ♗e7 30.♗h3 bxc5 31.♗ah1 ♗f8 32.♗g3 1-0

Erhembayar,D (2303) – Spiller,P (2200)

[A52] Budapest Gambit
R 5

Notes by Paul Spiller

1.d4 ♗f6 2.e4 e5 3.dxe5 ♗g4 4.♗f3 ♗c6 5.♗f4 ♗b4+ 6.♗bd2 ♗e7 7.a3 ♗xd2+

Here Black should play 7...Ngxe5, since 8.axb4 allows Nd3#. The move played is less accurate and allows White the possibility of a strong 10th move, which was not played in the game.

8.♗xd2 ♗gxe5 9.♗xc5 ♗xc5 10.c3

White misses the possibility of the strong move 10.c5!, the point is that after Qxc5 11.Rc1 Qd6 12.Qxd6 cxd6 White will win back the pawn with a big positional advantage.

10...d6

Not 10.0-0 because of 11.c5 with a similar theme to the previous position.

11.♗c2 0-0 12.0-0 a5 13.♗g3

13.b4 ♗g6 14.♗g3 ♗d7! 15.c5?! dxc5 16.♗xc7 ♗c6 17.♗d6 ♗g5 18.g3 ♗fd8 19.bxc5 ♗xc5 20.♗xc5 ♗xd2 gave Black the advantage in Adler-Von Herman, 1987.

13...a4

Cramping White's Q-side opportunities and looking to relocate the N to c5.

14.♗ad1 ♗d7 15.♗d4 ♗c5 16.♗fe1 ♗f5

Threatening to win the exchange by Bc2.

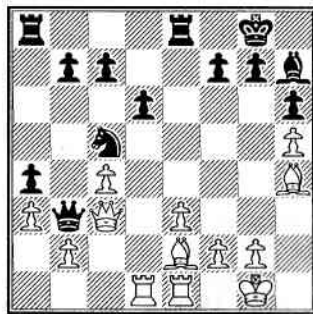
17.♗f4 ♗g6 18.h4 h6 19.h5 ♗h7 20.♗h4 ♗d7 21.♗g4 ♗c6 22.♗e2

My opponent was quite happy to repeat the position if Black was to play 22...Qd7 23.Bg4 Qc6 etc, as I discovered after the game.

22...♗b6 23.♗d4 ♗fe8

Black's position is very solid, with pressure on the White b-pawn and a strong white-squared B. I was hopeful of at least a draw.

24.♗c3 ♗b3



25.♗b4 ♗a6

With the idea of increasing pressure on b6 by

Rb6.

26.♗b5 ♗f8 27.♗d2

Instead of playing the planned ...Rb6 with advantage to Black, I suddenly had delusions of grandeur and played what I thought was a winning combination.

27...♗xe3 28.♗xb3

28.♗xc5 dxc5 29.♗d8+ ♗e8 30.♗xe8+ ♗xe8 31.♗d1+ ♗e6 32.♗xe6+ fxe6 33.♗xb3 leads to a level position.

28...♗xb3

Black should also maintain a slight plus after 28...♗xb3 29.♗xd6 ♗xd6 30.fxe3.

29.♗d1 ♗ab6??

29...♗d3 30.♗de2 ♗e6 31.♗c2 ♗d4 32.♗xh7 ♗xh4 still holds the balance.

30.♗e7+

Black resigns. He will be at least a pawn down and had only a minute or so left on the clock. A rather unfortunate end to the game. 1-0

Round 6: Auckland 2.5 Starnberg 1.5

A crucial round for us and Starnberg. A friendly rivalry had developed between our two teams from the start, with both of us very determined to win. Peter won after his game was the subject of an appeal. Bob had his second donation of a queen after his opponent blundered thinking he could deliver mate. Paul forced a series of exchanges to reach a drawn position. A very important victory for Auckland. The following round Starnberg hit back with a 4-0 drubbing of Singapore, the German board 1 player, Thomas Locke overwhelming his GM opponent in a little over 20 moves!

Green,P (2269) – Lochte,T (2227)

[A58] Main Variation
R 6

1.d4 ♗f6 2.e4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 ♗xa6 6.♗c3 d6 7.♗f3 ♗bd7 8.e4 ♗xf1 9.♗xf1 g6 10.h3 ♗g7 11.♗g1 ♗b6 12.♗h2 c4 13.♗c2 ♗c5 14.♗e3 ♗fd7 15.♗he1 0-0 16.♗e2 ♗b4 17.♗d1 ♗d3 18.♗d4 ♗7c5 19.♗c6 ♗b7 20.♗d4 e5 21.♗e3 ♗b4 22.♗xb4 ♗xb4 23.a3 ♗a5 24.♗a2 ♗b5 25.♗c1 ♗ac8 26.♗xc4 ♗b7 27.b4 ♗e6 28.♗b3 ♗d4 29.♗xd4 exd4 30.♗d3 f5 31.♗xc8 ♗xc8 32.♗c2 ♗xc2 33.♗xc2 ♗a6 34.♗c1 ♗e5+ 35.g3 f4 36.♗d3 fxg3+ 37.fxg3 ♗c8 38.♗e2 h5 39.♗g2 h4 40.g4 ♗f8 41.b5 ♗a8 42.♗xd4 ♗xd4

Appeal dismissed

Peter Green writes about the appeal in his game against Thomas Lochte in round 6:

"We were both down to less than two minutes to play. Throughout the game Thomas had complained to the arbiters about the level of noise, without much success, and was quite upset about this. When I reached for an upturned rook to promote a pawn (queens being still on the board) the arbiter took it into his head to acquire a queen from the next table and place it next to my upturned rook.

"That was too much for my opponent who declared that I was receiving unfair help and claimed the game. The clocks were stopped and the arbiters conferred and then declared the game was to continue with the appeal to be determined later. But my opponent was too upset to continue and in what I believe was a lost position lost on time. The appeal was subsequently dismissed.

I should point out that there was no ill will shown towards me and after the tournament the German and New Zealand teams shared a few beers and games of chess.

"The whole Shenyang trip was a pleasure to experience and our Chinese hosts went out of their way to provide us with all our needs, including a very competent interpreter and tourist excursions into Shenyang for Qing dynasty sight-seeing."

43.♗xd4 ♗xa3 44.b6 ♗g3+ 45.♗f1 ♗xh3+ 46.♗e1 ♗g3+ 47.♗d2 ♗b3 48.♗f6 ♗b4+ 49.♗d3 ♗b5+ 50.♗d2 ♗b4+ 51.♗d1 ♗b1+ 52.♗e2 ♗xe4+ 53.♗f1 ♗b1+ 54.♗g2 ♗h7 55.♗xh4+ ♗g7 56.♗e7+ ♗h6 1-0

Spiller,P (2200) – Gschwendtner,K (2144)

[A02]Bird's Opening
R 6

1.f4 g6 2.♗f3 ♗g7 3.c4 c5 4.e3 ♗c6 5.♗c3 e6 6.d4 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.♗b5 ♗ge7 10.0-0 0-0 11.♗a4 ♗b6 12.♗e3 ♗f5 13.♗f2 a6

14. Qxc6 Qxc6 15. Qxd5 Qxb2 16. Qe3 b5 17. Qb3 Qxb3 18. axb3 Qxd4 19. Qxd4 Qxd4 20. Qxf5 Qxf2+ 21. Rxf2 gxf5 22. Rfa2 ½-½

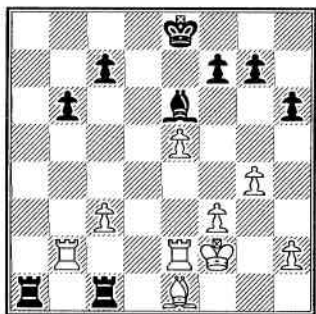
Round 7: Auckland .5 Calcutta 3.5

Calcutta were a youthful team with their number one player, Sandi pan Chanda, a mere 14 years but rated at 2433. He and their No. 2 Ganguly picked up several GM scalps. Paul had a good chance to draw against Ganguly after coming back from an inferior opening. Time trouble cost a half point. Bob played solidly to draw on board 4.

Hopewell, N – Sandipan, C (2433)

[C67] Berlin Defence
R 7

1.e4 e5 2. Qf3 Qc6 3. Qb5 Qf6 4.0-0 Qxc4 5.d4 Qd6 6. Qxc6 dxc6 7. dxc5 Qf5 8. Qxd8+ Qxd8 9. Qc3 Qe8 10. b3 h6 11. Qb2 Qe6 12. Qad1 Qb4 13. a3 Qxc3 14. Qxc3 c5 15. Qd2 Qe7 16. Rfd1 Qc6 17. b4 cxb4 18. axb4 a6 19. Qd4 Qxd4 20. Rxd4 Qe7 21. f3 Qhc8 22. Qe1 Qe8 23. c3 a5 24. bxa5 Rxa5 25. Rxe4 Rca8 26. g4 Ra2 27. Rxd2 Ra1 28. Qg2 Rcl 29. Rb2 Raa1 30. Qf2 b6 31. Ree2



31... Qc4 32. Rxe4 Qd5 33. Rxc3 Qxf3 34. h3 Qd5 35. Rxe2 Qc4 36. Rxe4 b5 37. h4 Qe7 38. h5 c6 39. Rxc3 Qc6 40. Rxe4 Qxg4 41. Rxcg4 Rxe1 42. Rxcg7 Rxe5 43. Rxe2 Rxe2+ 44. Qxe2 Rh1 45. e4 bxc4 46. Rg4 Rh2+ 47. Qe3 Rxc5 48. Rxc4 Qe6 49. Rf4 Qe5 0-1

Ganguly, S (2340) – Spiller, P (2200)

[B16] Nimzovitch, Flohr Var.
R 7

Notes by Paul Spiller

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. Qd2 dxe4 4. Qxe4 Qf6 5. Qxf6+ gxf6 6. c3 Qf5 7. Qe2 e6

The main variation is 7...Nd7, since 7...e6 loses a tempo in some lines, since it now takes two moves to get to e5.

8. Qg3 Qg4 9. h4 h5 10. Qe2

This is known as the pawn sacrifice variation because Black will end up losing the h-pawn.

10... Qa5 11. b4 Qc7 12. Qxh5 Qxh5 13. Qxh5 a5

This position is unclear according to Dorfman, but others disagree and say that White has a definite advantage.

14. Qe2!

After this strong move White looks in good shape.

14... Qd8

Fritz suggested ...Be7 and ...e5.

15. Qf3 f5 16. Qf4

According to Fritz the position is already +.

16... Qd6 17. Qxd6 Qxd6 18. b5

Not Bxf7 because of axb4 with counterplay, but bxa5 was another possibility.

18... Qe7 19. Qe2

Fritz gives 19. bxc6 Nxc6 20. Rb1.

19... Qd7 20. Qf3 Qa3 21. Qd2 cxb5 22.0-0??

A bad mistake which puts Black back into the game. Either Bxb7 or Rb1 were better options.

22... Rg8 23. h5 Qd6

With the idea of ...Nf6 and ...Ng4.

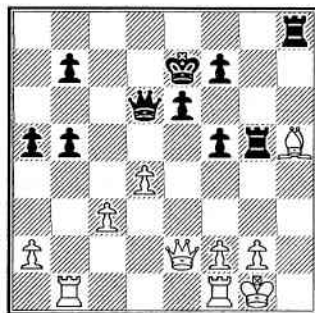
24. Qe2 Qf6 25. Rab1

The position is finely balanced with attacking opportunities for both sides.

25... Qxh5

26... Qh2+ 27. Kxh2 Ng3+ 28. Bh5 Nxe2+ winning.

26. Qxh5 Rg5



27. Qxb5 Rgxh5 28. Qxb7+

Fritz 5 judges the position to be level.

28... Qf6 29. g3 f4

I was now getting short of time and did not find the best move. The pawn may threaten to come to f3 with mating threats, but I had overlooked the fact that if I take on g3 then f7 is under attack. Both 29...Qa3 and Qf8 keep up the pressure.

30. Rbe1 Rh1+

Both 30...Qd5 and ...Kg7 are perfectly good.

31. Qxh1 Rxc1+ 32. Qxh1 Qd5+ 33. Qg1 Qxa2 34. Rxe4 fxc3 35. fxc3+ Qg6

Better was 35...Kg5 or ...Kc7.

36. Rg4+ Qh5 37. Rh4+ Qg6 38. Rhf4 f5 39. g4

Black played the following moves very quickly, with only a few minutes remaining, missing several chances to draw.

39... Qd2 40. gxf5+ exf5 41. Rxf5 Qc3+

Simply ...Qxc3 was equal.

42. R5f2 a4 43. d5 a3 44. d6 a2?? 45. d7 Qb6 46. Rd1 Qb1 47. d8 Q1-0

Round 8: Auckland 0 Belfort 4

Our first wipe-out, against a very strong French team. Peter faced his third GM, Eloi Relange (2452) while Paul's opponent was IM Arnaud Hauchard (2529).

Round 9: Auckland 1 Guangzhou 3

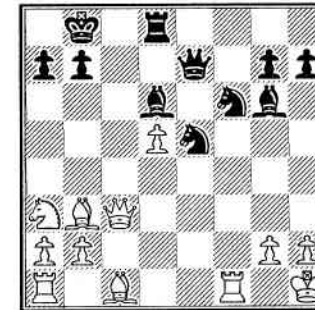
Another difficult round for New Zealand, Peter and Nigel both playing 2400+ IM's. The importance of the outcome of our match became clear after the French team Belfort beat Singapore 3 - 1 to finish on 21.5 points putting them into 5th place pending the outcome of our match. If Guangzhou beat us by 4 - 0 they would overtake Belfort and finish on 22 points to claim the US \$3,000 prize money.

The win by Hilton on board 3 against WIM Li Riofan therefore became the \$3,000 game, and gave the French team much delight. Hilton played his prepared variation of the Scandinavian, creating all sorts of problems for his opponent, who then walked into an unexpected mate. This game was the highlight of the trip for Hilton and allowed us to finish equal with Singapore on 11.5 points.

Li Ruofan (2262) – Bennett, H (2200)

[B01] Centre Counter / Scandinavian
R 9

1.e4 d5 2. exd5 Qf6 3. d4 Qg4 4. f3 Qf5 5. Qb5+ Qbd7 6. c4 e6 7. dxe6 fxe6 8. Qe2 c6 9. Qa4 e5 10.0-0 Qd6 11. Qb3 Qe7 12. Qh1 0-0-0 13. d5 cxd5 14. cxd5 e4 15. Qd4 Qg6 16. Qe6 exf3 17. Qxf3 Qe5 18. Qc3+ Qb8 19. Qxd8 Rxd8 20. Qa3



20... Qe4 21. Qd4 Qd3 22. Qe3 Qc5 23. Qxd3 Qg3+ 24. hxg3 Qxd3 25. Qxc5 Qxc5 26. Rfd1 Rd6 0-1

The top five placings were: 1 Kemerovo (RUS) 27; 2 Handan (CHN) 26; 3 Almaty (KAZ) 25, 4 Shenyang A (CHN) 23; 5 Belfort (FRA) 21.5.

Asian teams championship

After a free day and transfer to the Dong hu Manor we were ready for the second event, the "1999 Asian Chess Teams Championship" an even more difficult challenge for the Nzers with the arrival of several strong national sides from Uzbekistan, India, Vietnam, Philippines, Tajikistan and Iran. A total of 16 teams competed in this event which was held concurrent with the Asian Women's Team Championship. Out of the 70 or so players for this tournament I calculated a total of 15 GM's, 25 IM's and 10 FM's !

Round 1: Indonesia 4 – NZ 0

We realised early on that points would be hard to come by, with only one team, Macau, seeded below us. Indonesia fielded 3 IM's and 1 FM.

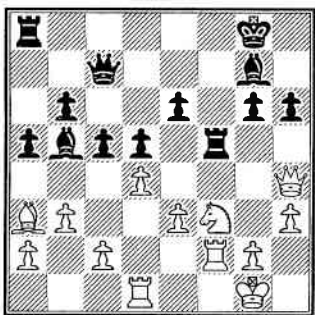
Round 2: NZ 2.5 – Macau 1.5

We could not repeat the 4 – 0 we scored against Macau last year in the Asian Cities against the bottom seeded team. Nigel and Paul both won well, but Hilton regretted not taking the draw he had been offered earlier and his position went quickly downhill. Peter's position became very double-edged and a draw was a fair result. Unfortunately for Macau they managed only 1 more point in the next 7 rounds, and NZ did not do a lot better.

Spiller, P (2200) – Fesalbon, R

[A02] Bird's Opening
R 2

1.f4 e1f6 2.e1f3 e1c6 3.e3 d5 4.e1b5 e1d7 5.b3 g6 6.e1b2 e1g7 7.0–0 0–0 8.e1xc6 e1xc6 9.e1e5 e1e8 10.d3 e1d7 11.e1d2 e1xe5 12.fxe5 c5 13.e1f3 e1b6 14.e1e1 a5 15.e1h4 e6 16.e1a3 e1c7 17.d4 b6 18.h3 e1b5 19.e1f2 f6 20.e1xf6 e1xf6 21.e1h6 e1g7 22.e1h4 h6 23.e1d1 e1f5



24.e4 e1f6 25.dxc5 bxc5 26.exd5 exd5 27.e1xd5 e1d6 28.e1g3 e1d7 29.e1xc7 e1xc7 30.e1xc5 e1c6 31.e1c4 e1d8 32.e1d2 e1d8 33.e1d6 e1f7 34.e1e5 e1xe5 35.e1xe5 e1ff8 36.e1d6 e1b7 37.e1xg6+ e1f7 38.e1f6+ e1e7 39.e1xh6 e1xc4 40.bxc4 e1c4 41.e1d6+ 1–0

Green, P (2269) – Mak Keng Kei

[E91] King's Indian
R 2

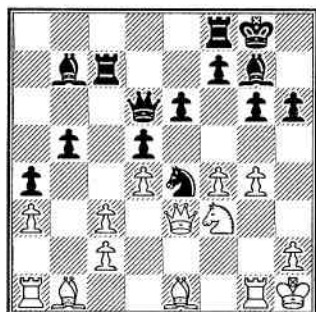
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23.e1c1 e1a6 24.e1xd6 h1g3 25.h1g3 e1gxf4 26.g1xf4 g3 27.e1c3 e1xd6 ½–½

Ssegirinya, J (2035) – Hopewell, N

[B06] Pirc / Modern Defence
R 2

1.e4 g6 2.d4 e1g7 3.e1c3 c6 4.e1c4 d6 5.f4 e1b6 6.e1f3 e6 7.0–0 e1e7 8.e1h1 d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.e1b3 e1bc6 11.e1a4 e1c7 12.e1c3 e1f5 13.e1e1 0–0 14.e1e2 e1a5 15.e1a4 e1c4 16.e1d3 e1cd6 17.e1c3 a6 18.g4 e1e7 19.e1b3 b5 20.a3 e1b7 21.e1g5 h6 22.e1f3 e1e4 23.e1e2 e1xc3 24.bxc3 a5 25.e1d2 a4 26.e1a2 e1a6 27.e1e3 e1ae8 28.e1g1 e1c8 29.e1e1 e1d6 30.e1d2 e1b7 31.e1f3 e1e4 32.e1e5 e1d6 33.e1b1 e1c8 34.e1f3 e1c7



35.c4 dxc4 36.e1b4 e1d5 37.e1xf8 e1xf8 38.e1f1 e1xd4 39.e1xd4 e1g3+ 0–1

Green, P (2269) – Mak Keng Kei

[E91] King's Indian
R 2

1.d4 e1f6 2.c4 g6 3.e1c3 e1g7 4.e4 d6 5.e1e2 0–0 6.e1f3 c5 7.d5 e1bd7 8.0–0 e1e8 9.e1g5 f6 10.e1h4 e1e5 11.e1e1 g5 12.e1g3 e1g6 13.e1d3 e6 14.e1d2 f5 15.exf5 exf5 16.f4 g4 17.e1ab1 a5 18.e1fe1 e1f6 19.e1f1 h5 20.e1f2 h4 21.g3 e1h5 22.e1b5 b6 23.e1c1 e1a6 24.e1xd6 h1g3 25.h1g3 e1gxf4 26.g1xf4 g3 27.e1c3 e1xd6 ½–½

Round 3: NZ 0 – Mongolia 4

This was a stronger team than we played before (Ulaanbaatar) with Mongolia fielding a strong 2500+ IM against Nigel on board 1.

Round 4: NZ 0 – China C 4

Peter had to play IM Wu Wenjin, Nigel's opponent from the first round of the World Cities. The other Chinese players, all young 2300+ FM's are among a group of rising Chinese stars. They all played fairly quickly which tended to create more problems on our clocks than on our boards. Certainly we missed 1 or 2 good chances for draws in this round.

Round 5: NZ 2.5 – Malaysia 1.5

This round was perhaps the highlight of the tournament for us, beating the Malaysian national team. Peter did not manage to quite equalize on the black side of an exchange Lopez against IM Mas Hafizulhelmi (2426), but Nigel gradually outplayed Malaysian board 2, Ng Tze Han in a bishop versus Knight ending to score a meritorious win. Hilton's opponent (FM Jonathan Chuah) declined a draw offer, but then offered one himself a few moves later when he realized he could be in trouble. Bob gradually outplayed the Malaysian board 4 after winning a pawn.

[Bob Gibbons comments that the last 20 moves or so of his game against Azahari contain some mysterious toing and froing. "Its a style of chess that we learnt in Malaysia last year - when ahead on time and position, risk nothing and give the opponent the maximum number of chances to go wrong."]

Gibbons, R (2200) – Azahari, M (2121)

[D02] d4 Others
R 5

1.d4 e1c6 2.e1f3 d5 3.e1f4 e1f6 4.h3 e1f5 5.e3 a6 6.e1d3 e1g6 7.0–0 e6 8.c3 e1e4 9.e1c2 e1d6 10.e1xd6 e1xd6 11.e1bd2 f5 12.c4 e1h5 13.c5 e1e7 14.e1e1 e1xd2 15.e1xd2 g5 16.e1a4 g4 17.h1g4 e1xg4 18.f3 e1h5 19.e1xc6+ bxc6 20.e1g3 e1d7 21.e1f2 e1hg8 22.e1h2 e1f7 23.f4 e1g7 24.e1f3 e1ag8 25.e1g1 e1d8 26.e1e5+ e1e8 27.e1ae1 e1b8 28.e1c2 e1b5 29.g3 h5 30.e1h4 e1b7 31.e1f6 e1c8 32.e1xc6 e1d7 33.e1e5 e1e7 34.e1xc7+ e1xe7 35.e1f3 e1g4 36.e1g5 h4 37.e1ee1 e1e8 38.g1h4 e1xh4 39.e1h1 e1gh8 40.e1xh4 e1xh4 41.e1f3 e1h8 42.e1g1 e1f6 43.e1e5 a5 44.e1g2 a4 45.e1e2 e1h1 46.e1d2 e1a1 47.a3 e1b1 48.e1c2 e1e1 49.e1g3 e1h5 50.b4 axb3+ 51.e1xb3 e1b1+ 52.e1a2 e1b7 53.e1g2 e1e8 54.e1b2 e1a7

55.e1h2 e1e7 56.e1b3 e1a4+ 57.e1c3 e1e8 58.e1b2 e1b7+ 59.e1a2 e1a7 60.c6 e1a6 61.e1c2 e1f6 62.e1b3 e1e7 63.a4 e1d6 64.e1c3 e1b6+ 65.e1a3 e1a6 66.e1c5 e1a8 67.e1b4 e1b8+ 68.e1a3 e1b6 69.a5 e1b1 70.e1c3 e1a1+ 71.e1b4 e1b1+ 72.e1b3 e1a1 73.e1b5 e1h5 74.e1b4 e1e8 75.e1c3 e1h5 76.e1c2 e1b1+ 77.e1a3 e1a1+ 78.e1a2 e1xa2+ 79.e1xa2 e1e8 80.e1b3 e1xc6 81.e1xc6 e1xc6 82.e1b4 e1b7 83.e1b5 1–0

Chuah Jin, H (2337) – Bennett, H (2200)

[B01] Centre Counter / Scandinavian
R 5

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 e1f6 3.d4 e1g4 4.e1e2 e1xe2 5.e1xe2 e1xd5 6.e1f3 e1c6 7.c3 0–0–0 8.0–0 e6 9.b4 e1d6 10.e1c3 e1h5 11.h3 e1hg8 12.e1e1 g5 13.e1xg5 ½–½

Hopewell, N – Ng Tze Han

[B90] Najdorf Variation
R 5

1.e4 c5 2.e1f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.e1xd4 e1f6 5.e1c3 a6 6.e1e3 e5 7.e1b3 e1e6 8.f3 e1e7 9.e1d2 0–0 10.0–0–0 a5 11.a4 e1c6 12.e1b5 e1b4 13.e1f2 e1c8 14.e1b1 d5 15.exd5 e1bxd5 16.e1xd5 e1xd5 17.e1c5 e1xc5 18.e1xc5 e1xb3 19.e1xc8 e1axc8 20.e1xb3 e1fd8 21.e1he1 e1xd1+ 22.e1xd1 g6 23.e1d6 e1g7 24.e1b6 e1c7 25.e1c4 e1d7 26.e1b5 b6 27.e1d5 e1f6 28.e1b5 e1c6 29.e1c4 e1e7 30.h4 f6 31.g4 e1c5 32.g5 e1d7 33.e1xd7+ e1xd7 34.e1c2 f1g5 35.h1g5 e1c5 36.e1c3 e4 37.f4 e3 38.e1d4 e2 39.e1xe2 e1xb3+ 40.e1c4 e1c5 41.e1b5 e1d6 42.e1c4 e1c7 43.e1g8 e1d3 44.f5 g1xf5 45.e1xh7 e1f4 46.e1xf5 e1h5 47.e1d7 e1g7 48.e1g4 e1e8 49.e1c4 e1d6 50.e1d4 e1c7 51.e1e4 b5 52.axb5 e1xb5 53.e1f5 e1e7 54.e1g6 e1d6 55.e1g7 e1e8+ 56.e1g8 e1d6 57.e1f3 e1e8 58.e1h5 e1d6 59.e1g6 e1c4 60.e1f7 e1d6 61.e1d5 e1e8 62.e1h7 e1f8 63.e1g6 e1c7 64.e1c4 e1e8 65.e1b3 e1d6 66.e1f6 e1e4+ 67.e1f5 e1c5 68.e1c2 e1d7 69.e1e6 e1b8 70.e1d6 e1a6 71.e1e4 e1b4 72.e1c5 e1a2 73.e1b5 e1c1 74.e1xa5 e1b3+ 75.e1b4 e1d4 76.g6 e1e7 77.e1c4 e1e6 78.b4 e1d6 79.e1f5 e1g7 80.e1c2 e1e6 81.b5 e1c7 82.e1d5 e1g7 83.e1e5 e1b6 84.e1d3 e1h5 85.e1f5 e1c7 86.e1g5 e1g7 87.e1h6 e1e8 88.g7 e1xg7 89.e1xg7 1–0

Mas,H (2426) – Green,P (2269)

[C69] Exchange Variation

R 5

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♘c6 3.♖b5 a6 4.♙xc6 dxc6 5.0–0 f6 6.d4 exd4 7.♗xd4 c5 8.♗b3 ♗xd1 9.♗xd1 ♗d7 10.♙f4 0–0–0 11.♗c3 ♙e6 12.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 13.♗d1+ ♗c8 14.♗d5 ♙xd5 15.♗xd5 b6 16.♗d1 ♗e7 17.♙g3 ♗c6 18.f3 ♗d6 19.♗f2 ♗d8 20.♗e2 ♙xg3 21.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 22.hxg3 c4 23.♗c1 ♗d7 24.♗e3 ♗d6 25.a3 ♗d8 26.♗e2 ♗e6 27.♗f4 ♗xf4 28.gxf4 b5 29.f5 c5 30.f4 ♗c6 31.g4 ♗d6 32.♗f3 c3 33.bxc3 a5 34.c4 bxc4 35.♗e3 g6 36.g5 fxg5 37.fxg5 gxf5 38.exf5 ♗e5 39.f6 ♗e6 40.♗e4 h6 41.gxh6 ♗xf6 42.♗d5 ♗g6 43.♗xc4 1–0

Round 6: NZ 0 - Singapore 4

Peter faced his 4th GM opponent, while the rest of the team played IM's. Paul reached a probably winning position against IM Terry Toh (2401) which drifted into a drawn position, but after 60 moves battling a determined opponent and the clock the half point disappeared as well.

Spiller,P (2200) – Toh,T (2408)

[B06] Bird's Opening

R 6

1.f4 g6 2.♗f3 ♙g7 3.e4 d6 4.♗c3 a6 5.d3 e5 6.fxe5 dxe5 7.♙g5 f6 8.♙e3 ♗e7 9.d4 ♙e6 10.dxe5 ♗xd1+ 11.♗xd1 fxe5 12.♗g5 ♙g8 13.♗d5 ♗xd5 14.exd5 h6 15.♗e4 ♗d7 16.c4 ♗f6 17.♗xf6+ ♙xf6 18.♗d3 ♗f7 19.0–0 ♗g7 20.♙e4 ♗d8 21.b3 a5 22.♗d2 ♙g5 23.♙xg5 hxg5 24.g3 ♙f7 25.♗fd1 ♙e8 26.d6 c6 27.c5 ♗d7 28.♗f2 ♗hf8 29.♗df1 ♗xf2 30.♗xf2 ♙e6 31.♗f1 ♗d5 32.♙c2 b6 33.cxb6 ♗xd6 34.b7 ♗d8 35.♗d3 ♗b8 36.♙a6 e4 37.♗e1 g4 38.♗c2 ♗f6 39.♗c5 ♗e5 40.♗e2 ♗d6 41.♗c2 ♗c7 42.♗e3 ♗b6 43.♙e2 ♙e6 44.♗d2 ♗xb7 45.♗xe4 ♙f5+ 46.♗f4 ♗e7 47.♗g5 ♗e4 48.♗d1 c5 49.♙c2 ♗d4 50.♗f2 ♗d7 51.♙xg6 a4 52.♙f7 a3 53.♙c4 ♗a5 54.♗c2 ♗b4 55.♗f6 ♙c6 56.♗e5 ♙e4 57.♗e2 ♙f3 58.♗c2 ♗d1 59.♗f2 ♗c3 60.♙e6 ♙c2 61.♙f7 ♗b1 0–1

Round 7: NZ .5 - Tajikistan 3.5

The opponents didn't get any easier. Nigel played soundly to make sure of the draw against highly rated IM Anvar Nazarov (2493). This was an important draw for Nigel to enhance his chance to get a good elo rating. Peter unfortu-

nately blundered in a position that otherwise offered good chances to draw.

Round 8: NZ .5 - Vietnam 3.5

Peter's gritty defensive style finally paid dividends against his fifth GM opponent. Peter constructed a position which forced his opponent to repeat moves. A good result against Vietnam's number one player, GM Dao Thien Hai (2543). Paul playing on board 2 against GM Tu Hoang Thong also missed a good chance to play for a draw in a rook and pawn ending.

Round 9: NZ 0 -- Uzbekistan 4

We were paired against the eventual winners, which caused some murmurings among the top teams, with only a point separating the top 7 teams it meant the other contenders would have to beat their opponents by a large margin. In the event we tried our best. Peter fell victim to a brilliant attack by GM Nenashev, however Nigel created enough chances in his game and missed a very strong continuation. Bob was also victim of a mini-brilliancy, so Uzbekistan came from behind to win the tournament, and I am sure NZ featured on Uzbekistan TV that night.

Overall the tournament was a great experience and a chance to play some top world players.

Bob Wade still active

Little is heard these days of NZ-born IM Bob Wade, who has made London his home since the 1950s. However, now in his mid-70's, Wade is still an active player. The interclub tournament known as 4NCL, which is a major teams event in Britain, is in its seventh year, but this year has seen some team changes.

A team from Guildford has gained promotion to the top group, and in the first round was headed by three GMs - Jim Plaskett, Danny King and Jonathan Rowson. GM Stuart Conquest is reported to be joining this formidable combination.

The Invicta Knights and Home House teams have amalgamated, under the name IKHH, and Wade is a member of that team, playing at board 5 or 6. There is no BCM team, so GM Murray Chandler does not feature.

Loss of queen - three times

In the second World Cities teams championship, Bob Gibbons featured in no fewer than three games involving loss of queen. There was an element of chess blindness in all three.

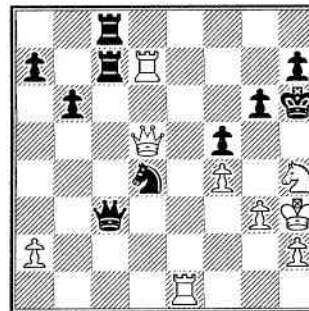
Bob was twice on the right side of the queen loss, once on the wrong.

Tuchenhagen,A (2182) – Gibbons,R (2200)

[D10] Slav

R 6

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.♙g5 e6 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.e3 ♙e7 7.♗d3 0–0 8.♗f3 b6 9.0–0 ♙a6 10.♗e5 ♙xd3 11.♗xd3 ♗fd7 12.♙xe7 ♗xe7 13.f4 f6 14.♗f3 ♗c6 15.e4 dxe4 16.♗xe4 ♗ac8 17.♗ae1 ♗fe8 18.♗f2 f5 19.♗e3 ♗d6 20.♗d2 ♗f6 21.♗e5 ♗d5 22.♗xd5 exd5 23.♗d3 ♗e7 24.♗de2 ♗c7 25.g3 ♗ec8 26.♗g2 g6 27.♗f3 ♗c6 28.♗e6 ♗f8 29.♗b5 ♗b4 30.♗xd5 ♗g7 31.♗d6 ♗xb2+ 32.♗h3 ♗c3 33.♗d7+ ♗h6 34.♗h4 ♗xd4



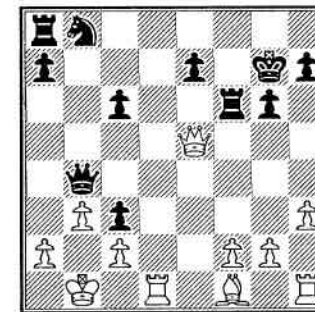
35.♗xf5+ ♗xf5 36.♗xf5?? gxf5 0–1

Gibbons,R (2200) – Hoe Chew Ming,T [B08]

Main Variation, with 4.Nf3

R 2

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♗f3 ♙g7 5.♙e3 0–0 6.♗d2 c6 7.♗h6 ♗a5 8.0–0–0 b5 9.♙xg7 ♗xg7 10.e5 ♗g4 11.h3 ♗h6 12.♗b1 ♙e6 13.d5 b4 14.dxe6 bxc3 15.♗e1 ♗b4 16.b3
15.♗xc3 ♗xc3 17.bxc3 dxe5 18.♗xe5 fxe6 19.♗f3 a6 20.♙c4 e5± (Fritz 5).
16...dxe5 17.exf7 ♗xf7 18.♗xe5 ♗xe5 19.♗xc5+ ♗f6



20.♗d4

20.♙c4; 20.♗d8

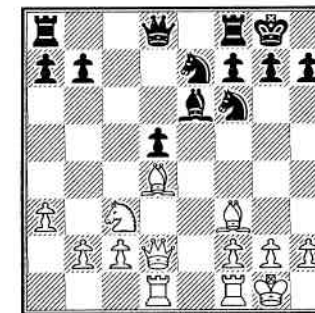
20...♗a3 21.♗xc7+ ♗xe7 0–1

Gibbons,R (2200) – Tsuruoka,K

[B83] Scheveningen System

R 4

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 d6 6.♙e2 e6 7.0–0 ♙e7 8.♙e3 0–0
9.♗d2 ♗d7 10.♗ad1 d5 11.exd5 exd5 12.♙f3 ♙e6 13.♗de2 ♙b4 14.a3 ♙xc3 15.♗xc3 ♗e7 16.♗d4



16...♗b6?? [16...♗c6.] 17.♗xb6 1–0

Chess "does not meet criteria"

Following IOC recognition of chess, NZCF again asked the Hillary Commission about its attitude towards the game. The commission replied that it will have no effect on funding by them – chess still does not meet their criteria for physical sport. NZCF President Peter Stuart comments: "Diasppointing, but not unex-pected."

World youth championships

Nine-year-old Wang Puchen, accompanied by his father, Haiqi Wang, flew to Spain late in October to play in the World Youth Championships in Oropesa del Mar.

Puchen scored 6/11, finishing 26= in a field of 96 (in 32nd place on tie-break), with hard games in the last few rounds after he reached 12th place with a score of 5/8. This was a highly creditable result, particularly in view of the atmosphere - with more than 800 young players competing - and the problems Puchen encountered. These are mentioned in the report which his father has supplied to *NZ Chess*.

The Under-10 boys' section was won by Dmitri Andreikine (GEO), a fortnight younger than Puchen, who scored 9.5/11. He was unrated, but he headed off Haoyu Li (CHI), and easily the top-rated player in the field, on 2393, who finished second on 9.

Hao Wang, also CHI, was 3= with Aikhan Safarli on 8, and two of the other FIDE-rated players, Edouard Bonnet (FRA, 2147) and Tamas Banusz (HUN, 2129) were among five-players finishing 6=.

In round 1, Puchen was drawn against a boy from Georgia who surprised him in the opening. While this was a disappointment, the Georgian was one of the higher-rated players and finished 6= with 7.5 points.

In the next 6 rounds Puchen drew 2 and won 4 - giving him a score of 5/7 and taking him up to the top dozen boards for 3 rounds. He met two players who scored 7 and lost to them before gaining his final point in round 10.

Puchen was consistent through the 11 rounds - his losses were all against players who scored more than he did. He met a strong cross-section of the field - only 4 of his 11 opponents scored less than 50%.

Haiqi Wang reports

Here are comments from Puchen's father:

"Puchen and I feel grateful to the New Zealand Chess Federation for giving us the opportunity to go to Spain. We definitely regard this trip as an important and valuable experience.

"We arrived in Spain absolutely exhausted.

Puchen couldn't stand the long flight and fell sick, which I felt was a bad sign. We were really amazed at the great number of participants in Marina d'Or. There were 832 chess players (in boys' and girls' groups up to Under-18). With delegation chiefs, coaches, and parents included the number must have exceeded 1400. Even before the start of the competition, we felt the pressure, coaches from every nationality were busy moving the pieces on the chessboard for their players.

"The first round turned out to be a complete disaster. Puchen was confident to deal with his opponent in the Russian Defence, yet when the other boy pushed up d4 instead of his knight taking on e5 (Puchen was Black), Puchen was puzzled. He had no idea about this, as a result he lost the centre quickly and the game.

"Puchen won the second round and drew the third. He displayed his chess skills in round 4 against the Canadian under-10 national champion. Even though he agreed a draw, Puchen frightened the opponent with a sacrifice and subsequent attack.

"Puchen excited me with three consecutive wins over the Bulgarian, Turkish and Spanish under-10 top players. By the 8th round, he had risen to be among the top players. Then problems occurred. The coaches concerned showed

Round-by-round

Puchen Wang's results, round-by-round (the opponent's score follows the brackets):

- 1 Vakhtang Khizanashvili (GEO) 7.5, loss.
- 2 Gascon Iglesias (ESP) 3.0, win.
- 3 Ana Baptista (POR) 5.0, draw.
- 4 James Peterson (CAN) 5.5, draw.
- 5 Vasil Georgiev (BUL) 4.5, win.
- 6 Alfonso Llorento Zaro (ESP) 5.5, win.
- 7 Hakan Kir (TUR) 4.0, win.
- 8 Piotr Brodowski (POL) 7.0, loss.
- 9 Drazen Dragicevic (SWE) 7.0, loss.
- 10 Guillaume Henry (FRA) 5.5, win.
- 11 Daulet Duskujanov (KAZ) 7.0, loss.

'interest' in his games. While the Chinese coaches praised Puchen for his good performance, one pointed out the boy is good in the middle game, but he has serious problems with the opening.

By now it dawned on me that all the top games, published in the bulletins, were carefully studied by the relevant coaches.

"In the next round Puchen lost a knight to the Polish boy after a couple of moves. He lost again in round 9. In round 10 the French opponent intended to play an unorthodox game against Puchen, and as Mr Zhu, the Chinese coach, said: 'The more irregular the style you played, the more excited the boy (Puchen) got to be. You have to check his attack ability at the opening.' Puchen checkmated the French boy after 15 moves.

"There was a dispute in the last round. Puchen's Kazakh opponent didn't concentrate on the chess board in the latter half of the game. Instead, he consistently looked at the window, where a girl gave gestures and ran backwards and forwards to a table, on which a coach manoeuvred the pieces this way and that. As soon as I discovered this, I protested to the arbiter. The arbiter stood by the boys, but it was too late. The Kazakhstan boy was already in an overwhelming winning position. Puchen suffered an unfair loss. Later, the principal arbiter, a Romanian lady, expressed sympathy to us. And they didn't publish this game in the bulletin.

Blitz success

"On October 30 Puchen earned a small honour for New Zealand. He came 7th in the 1st world open blitz games (boys' under-10 section). He sat at the No. 1 table twice. I was moved when the organising chief awarded Puchen a souvenir medal and announced 'Wang Puchen Nueva Zelanda.'

"It was not really easy for us to achieve results in these events. The reason is that all the players turn out to be professionals. The Chinese players received half a year's concentrated training before this tournament. I assume the Russians, the French, the Indians and many other nationalities work in the same way. (As proof, one Indonesian parent told me the Indonesian kids

stopped schooling three months before this tournament.) Their international masters have them strict training every day. Imagine this, when Indonesia is politically unstable.)

"Another proof, the Philippines Government gave the under-10 chess boy and his father US\$3,500 for the trip and fees to get international master coaching.

"The organising committee must have spent a heap of money on the closing ceremony. The gorgeous fireworks continued for an hour or so, and gave us a nice-long-lasting impression.

"In general, we feel that chess is highly valued in Europe. The Asians have already leapt forward very quickly. We pray that some day in New Zealand the government could also provide a little aid so that our New Zealand players could benefit from it, produce better chess and popularise the game.

"Lastly, but most important, we give our special thanks to Ewen Green, who coaches Puchen enthusiastically. Peter Stuart, Bruyce Wheeler, Paul Macdonald, Keith Ward and Brian Latimer deserve our thanks, too. WE also feel grateful to Tommy Tay, Mr Liu, Ms Song, as well as Mr Xie for their time and efforts for Puchen (they tried hard to raise some sponsorship for Puchen's trip)."

Here's a selection of Puchen Wang's games:

Peterson, J (CAN) – Wang, P

[A00] Symmetrical variation

R 4

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 ♠f6 3.e4 e5 4.g3 d6 5.h3 ♗c6
6.♗g2 g6 7.♗ge2 ♗g7 8.0-0 ♗e6 9.d3 ♜d7
10.♠h2 ♠d4 11.♗e3 h5 12.♠d5 ♗c8 13.a3 ♠g4+
14.hxg4 hxg4+ 15.♠g1 ♠f3+ 16.♗xf3 gxf3
17.♠c3 ♗xd5 18.♜xf3 ♗e6 19.♜fc1 ♠h5
20.♠d5 ♗xd5 21.cxd5 ♠e7 22.♠g2 ♜h3+
23.♠g1 ♜ch8 24.b4 b6 25.bxc5 dxc5 26.a4 g5
27.♗g2 ♜g4 28.♠f1 ½-½

Wang, P – Georgiev, V (BUL)

[B40] Paulsen

R 5

1.e4 c5 2.♠f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♠xd4 a6 5.♠c3 b5
6.a3 d6 7.♗e2 ♠f6 8.♗f3 ♗b7 9.e5 ♠d5 10.♠xd5
exd5 11.exd6 ♗xd6 12.♜e2+ ♜e7 13.♠f5 ♜xe2+
14.♠xc2 ♗e5 15.♠d1 ♠c6 16.♗xd5 0-0-0 17.c3
♠hf8 18.♗e3 g6 19.♗xc6 ♗xc6 20.♠e7+ ♠b7

21.♖xc6 ♖xc6 22.h3 f5 23.f4 ♙g7 24.♔f3 a5
25.a4 bxa4 26.♙xd8 ♙xd8 27.♙xa4 ♖b5
28.♙a1 ♙d3 29.♖e2 ♙d7 30.♔f3 ♙e7 31.g4 ♙d7
32.gxf5 gxf5 33.♖e2 ♖h6 34.♙d1 ♙e7 35.♙d5+
♖c4 36.♙xf5 ♖b3 37.♙f6 ♙g7 38.♙b6+ ♖c2
39.♔f3 ♖d3 40.♙d6+ ♖c2 41.♙d2+ ♖b3 42.f5
a4 43.♙d4 ♖h6 44.♙e2 ♙f7 45.f6 ♙f8 46.♔f4
♖h6+ 47.♔f5 ♙c1 48.♖e6 ♙b7 49.f7 ♙b8 50.♙f2
♖h6 51.♙c5 ♙f8 52.♙xf8 ♙xf8 53.♖e7 ♙xf7+
1-0

Llorento Zaro,A (ESP) – Wang,P

[B24] Closed Sicilian

R 6

1.e4 c5 2.♖c3 ♖c6 3.g3 e6 4.♙g2 ♖f6 5.f4 d5
6.e5 d4 7.♖e4 ♖xe4 8.♙xe4 ♙d7 9.♖h3 h5
10.0-0 ♙b6 11.a4 ♙c7 12.♙f3 0-0-0 13.d3 h4
14.♔g2 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 16.f5 ♖e5 17.♙f4 exf5
18.♙d5 ♙d6 19.♙e2 ♖c6 20.♙xc6 ♙xc6+ 21.♔g1
hxc3 22.♙g2 gxf2+ 23.♔xh2 ♖g4+ 24.♔g1
♙xg2+ 25.♔xg2 ♙xf4 26.♙xf4 ♖e3+ 27.♔h2
♙dg8 28.♙f3 ♙g2+ 29.♔h1 ♙xc2 30.♙b1 a5
31.♙g1 ♖g4 32.♙g2 ♖f2+ 33.♙gxf2 ♙xf2
34.♙xf2 ♙xh3+ 35.♔g2 ♙e3 36.♙xf5 b6 37.♙xf6
♙e2+ 38.♔f3 ♙xb2 39.♙f8+ ♖c7 40.♙f7+ ♖d6
0-1

Wang,P – Kir,H (TUR)

[B70] Modern Dragon

R 7

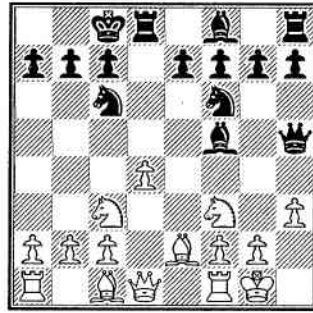
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10.♖b3 ♙d7 11.♙d2 ♖e5 12.♙e2 ♙c8 13.♙ad1
♙c6 14.♖d4 ♖xe4 15.♖xc6 ♖xd2 16.♖xd8 ♖xf1
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24.♙e3 ♙aa8 25.b3 e5 26.♖c7 ♙ac8 27.♖e6
♙fe8 28.♙xd6 ♖b8 29.fxe5 fxe5 30.♖g5 h6
31.♖e4 g5 32.♖b7 ♙f8 33.♖be5 a5 34.♖e6 ♙fe8
35.♖xg7 ♖xg7 36.♙d5 ♖c6 37.♖d6 ♖b4
38.♖xc8+ ♙xe8 39.♙d2 ♙b8 40.c3 ♖c6 41.♙b5
♖e7 42.♙c5 ♖g6 43.b4 ♙c8 44.c4 h5 45.♙e3
axb4 46.♙xg5 ♖f8 47.a5 ♖e6 48.♙d7 ♙xc4
49.♙xc6 ♙d4 50.♙xd4 exd4 1-0

Wang,P – Henry,G (FRA)

[B01] Centre Counter/Scandinavian

R 10

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖f6 3.♖f3 ♙xd5 4.♖c3 ♙h5 5.d4
♙g4 6.♙e2 ♖c6 7.h3 0-0-0 8.0-0 ♙f5



9.♖c5 ♙h4 10.♖xc6 bxc6 11.♙a6+ ♖b8 12.♙f3
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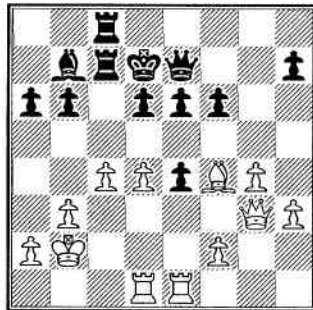
Here's how the winner gained a point in round
10. His opponent finished 4=.

Andreikine,D – Rodshtein,M

[C15] Winawer

R 10

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♖c3 ♖b4 4.♙d2 dxe4 5.♙g4
♖f6 6.♙xg7 ♙g8 7.♙h6 b6 8.0-0-0 ♖b7 9.h3
♖bd7 10.♖g2 ♙e7 11.♖b5 ♙g6 12.♙h4 ♙d6
13.♖xd6+ cxd6 14.♖f4 ♙g8 15.♙b5 a6
16.♙xd7+ ♖xd7 17.♙he1 ♙ac8 18.g4 ♖d5
19.♙g3 ♙c4 20.b3 ♙c7 21.♖b2 ♙gc8 22.c4 ♖xf4
23.♙xf4 f6



24.c5! bxc5 25.♙xd6 ♙xd6 26.dxc5 ♙d5
27.♙xd5+ ♙xd5 28.b4 a5 29.f3 axb4 30.fxe4
♙c4 31.♙d1+ ♖e8 32.♙f4 ♙f7 33.♙d6 ♙fc7
34.♙d4 ♙xc5 35.♙xf6 ♙5c7 36.♙h8+ ♖f7
37.♙xh7+ ♖f6 38.♙h6+ ♖e7 39.♙g5+ ♖e8
40.♙h5+ ♖e7 41.g5 ♙a6 42.♙d2 0-1

GMs strengthen Congress field

The Howick & Pakuranga 107th New Zealand Congress is assured of a very strong championship field, headed by two grandmasters, Australian GM Ian Rogers and Slovenian GM Drazen Sermek. Both have previously visited New Zealand and are well-known to our players. Their presence, with Brazilian IM Herman Van Riemsdijk, offers opportunity for players to gain IM norms.

Ian and his wife, Cathy, are popular visitors, and came to the North Shore Congress in 1996-97, when Ian won the first tournament under the present championship format. Ian recently finished 1= in the First Seeburg Open in Lucerne, Switzerland. Here are two of his games from that tournament:

Wilhelm,S (2167) – Rogers,I (2574)

[A46] e4 others

R 2, 1st Seeburg Open

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♙g5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.♙xf6 ♙xf6 5.♖f3
d6 6.♙d3 e5 7.c3 ♖c6 8.♙b5 ♙d7 9.d5 ♖b8
10.♙xd7+ ♖xd7 11.♖bd2 ♙e7 12.c4 0-0 13.0-0
♙g6 14.b4 f5 15.exf5 ♙xf5 16.♙c1 ♙af8
17.♙e2 ♙f4 18.a3 ♖f6 19.♙c3 b5 20.cxb5
♖xd5 21.♙c4 ♙d8 22.♙fc1 ♙4f7 23.♙e4 ♙xe4
24.♖xe4 g5 25.h3 ♖f4 26.♖ed2 ♖e2+ 0-1

Rogers,I – Zhao Zong Yuan

[A65] Samisch

R 3, 1st Seeburg Open

1.c4 ♖f6 2.♖c3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 ♙g7 5.f3 0-0
6.♙g5 c5 7.d5 h6 8.♙e3 e6 9.♙d2 exd5
10.cxd5 ♙e8 11.♖g2 h5 12.♖g3 a6 13.a4
♖bd7 14.♙e2 ♖e5 15.0-0 ♙b8 16.♙fb1 ♖h7
17.♖h1 f5 18.♖f2 ♙d7 19.b4 cxb4 20.♙xb4
♙f6 21.♙a3 ♙ec8 22.exf5 ♙xf5 23.♖e4 ♙e7
24.♙ab3 a5 25.♙b5 ♖c4 26.♙xc4 ♙xc4
27.♙xa5 ♙d4 28.g3 ♙xe3 29.♙xc3 ♖g5 30.♙a7
♙c1+ 31.♔g2 ♙ec8 32.♖xg5 ♙xg5 33.♙eb3 h4
34.g4 ♙f8 35.♙xb7 ♙xb7 36.♙xb7 h3+
37.♖xh3 ♙d2+ 38.♖f2 1-0

Drazen Sermek played in the Fencible Masters two years ago, and although he was runner-up to Australian IM Stephen Solomon - in top form, especially in the endgame - Drazen impressed with his crisp style, evident

both over the board and in analysis.

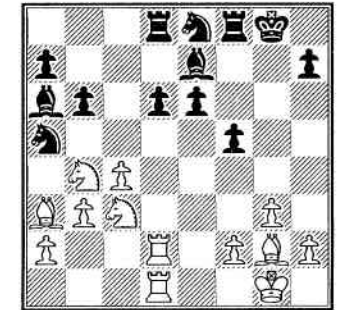
The following game, played in the Slovenian teams championship as recently as last month, illustrates his current form.

Sermek,D (2545) – Mazi,L (2387)

[B22] Alapin Variation

R 5 Slovenian teams champ

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♖f6 3.e5 ♖d5 4.♖f3 b6 5.g3 ♖c6
6.♙g2 ♙a6 7.d3 e6 8.0-0 ♙e7 9.c4 ♖c7 10.b3
f6 11.♙b2 0-0 12.♖bd2 ♙e8 13.♙e1 ♙d8
14.♖e4 ♙h5 15.d4 cxd4 16.exf6 gxf6 17.♖xd4
♙xd1 18.♙axd1 ♖a5 19.♙d2 f5 20.♖c3 ♖b4
21.♖c2 ♙e7 22.♙ed1 d6 23.♙a3 ♖e8 24.♖b4



24...♙xc4 25.♙c2 d5 26.bxc4 ♖xc4 27.♖cxd5
exd5 28.♙xd5+ ♖g7 29.♙xc4 1-0

Latest Rogers game

What was billed as the "Tournament of the Future" was held in Koning Willem I College, Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, from 18-27 November. Friso Nijboer, after dominating the tournament and securing first place by his first draw in round 8, lost to Ian Rogers in the final round. Rogers shared second place with Paul Van der Sterren.

Ian Rogers has sent us this last-round win, with his notes:

Nijboer,F – Rogers,I

[B01] Centre Counter / Scandinavian

Hertogenbosch R 9

Notes by Ian Rogers

1. 2.exd5 ♙xd5 3.♖c3 ♙a5 4.d4 ♖f6 5.♙c4 c6
6.♙d2

A tricky move order, which avoids my regular ...Bg4 systems. Luckily I was planning to switch to a ...Bf5 plan against Nijboer on this occasion, so both of us were happy.

6...Qf5 7.Qf3 e6 8.Qc2 Qb4 9.0-0-0 Qbd7 10.Qb1

Rather innocuous. 10.a3 and 10.Ne5 are the critical lines.

10...Qb6!?

Wahls' idea, which leads to an unbalanced (and far from bad for Black) endgame after 11.Bb3 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Qb5.

11.Qe5!? Qxc3?!

Black spent three-quarters of an hour on this move, understanding that it was not the best but preferring it to [11...Qxc4! 12.Qxc4 Qa6 13.Qe4 Qxe4 14.Qxb4 0-0-0 15.f3 (15.Qxf7 Qb8 16.f3 Qf6 is fine for Black.) 15...Qf2 16.Qd6+ Qxd6 17.Qxa6 bxa6 18.Qxd6 Qxh1 19.Qxh1 Qd8 20.Qc5 e5! which should lead to a draw. Unfortunately because of the tournament situation a draw was not good enough, so...

12.Qxc3 Qa4 13.Qb3 Qb5 14.Qxb5 cxb5 15.Qa5 Qbd5 16.h3 b6 17.Qd2 Qe4?

Now Black drifts into trouble. 17...h6 should reach something similar to the game continuation without allowing White the favourable option available on move 19.

18.Qe1 h6 19.f3?!

19.g4 Qh7 20.Qxd5! exd5 21.f3 Qf6 22.Qb4 (Or 22.Qh4 g5 23.Qg3) 22...a5 23.Qd6 is precisely the sort of variation which would make Black very unhappy. White holds a slight advantage, which Black might be able to neutralise with ...Nd7 but Black's winning chances are zero.

19...Qef6 20.Qd2 Qc8 21.Qc1 Qh7 22.a4?!

Opening the a file is not an idea to be recommended, as Nijboer realised very soon. 22.g4 was the logical move, while I was more afraid of; 22.Qa1!? planning c4, which could leave Black with some rather weak light squares on the queenside (c6, a6) while his own light-squared bishop is far away from the action.

22...a6 23.axb5?! axb5 24.g4 Qc7?!

Here Nijboer suddenly realised that I was about to mate him on the a file, and used almost all his time trying to find a defence. However

psychologically 24...Rc7 was misguided. Had Black played 24...0-0! - a move he will need to play anyway - Nijboer might not have recognised the danger in time and one careless move such as 25. h4? would lead to disaster after 25...Rc7! followed by ...Ra8 and ...Rca7.

25.Qd3

There is no time for 25.h4 0-0 26.g5 Qa8 when Black's attack comes first.]

25...0-0 26.Qb4 Qa8?!

This throws away virtually all Black's advantage. After 26...Qxb4 27.Qxb4 Qa8 28.Qce1 Qd5 Black could not find a good answer to 29.Qd6 but a cooler head would have realised that 29...Qc6 30.Qg3 b4 keeps the pressure on c2 and, with 31.Kc1 impossible (31...Bxc2!) and ...b5 and ...Nb6-c4 in the air, White is still suffering.

27.Qxd5 Qxd5 28.b3! Qxb4 29.Qxb4 Qca7 30.Qc3?

With only a minute and a half left for 10 moves, it is not surprising that White falters, but it was certainly a surprise to me when Nijboer pointed out 30.Qhe1! after the game. Nijboer's point is that the combination in the game fails because the rook on e1 is protected. Amazingly, Black seems to have no way to exploit his pressure on the a file, e.g. 30...Qa1+ 31.Qb2 Q8a2+ 32.Qc3 Qxc2+ 33.Qxc2 Qxe1 34.Qb2! when the mate threat leads to the exchange of rooks and a drawn bishop endgame.] 30...Qa3! Now the threat of 31...Rxb3+ leads to a win by force.

31.Qb2 b4! 32.Qxb4 Qa2+ 33.Qb1?!

.Qc3 keeps the game alive, but after 33...Qc8+ 34.Qd2 Qxc2 (Not 34...Qxc2+ 35.Qxc2 Qxc2+ 36.Qe3 Qb2 37.Qc1! Qxb3+ 38.Qc3 when White can draw the opposite bishops endgame.) 35.Qe3 Qb2 White's chances for survival are remote.

33...Qxc2+!

"Oh, shit!" commented Nijboer, reasonably enough.

34.Qxc2 Qa1+ 35.Qb2 Q8a2+ 0-1



Wellington's Civic CC puts variety into its annual programme with novelty events, and in the past year a new feature was a blindfold game played between Anthony Ker (seated) and Nic Croad. Nic, with white, started 1.a3 and the game lasted through the evening. When it came time to close up, Nic - who was two pawns up - was judged the winner.

Our photo has come by a very round-about route, from Gerry Bell. Shortly after the blindfold game, which was played in July, Gerry left New Zealand and after three months in in South America travelled on to Northern Ireland. His letter, containing photos of the match, came from Belfast - it was a mystery package until the contents were revealed.

Wellington and Civic CCs to merge

Next year there will be only one chess club in Wellington. The outcome of negotiations between Ross Jackson, for Wellington CC, and the Civic club is that Wellington members and assets will be absorbed into the Civic club, but to maintain the continuity and traditional name of the older club, Civic will be renamed Wellington CC.

Wellington CC has passed through roller-coaster conditions in recent years. In the 1980s membership fell right away, then when better rooms were found there was a revival and membership built up again, with strong junior support through a 6pm start with junior coaching and play.

The inconvenience to many people of the club's traditional Saturday night gathering counted against it, and membership dwindled again. The club's room in the city ceased to be available, so there was a move to a suburban location in Karori. There was one good season

there, but once again support fell away. The club night was changed to Friday, but that gave only temporary relief.

So during last year Ross Jackson - who had taken over central responsibility for the club from Tim and Ted Frost - canvassed reaction to amalgamation with Civic. After lengthy negotiation and consideration, the merger proposal was accepted by Civic members at a recent meeting, with a substantial majority supporting the change of name but some members understandably reluctant about the arrangement.

The change will further strength Civic, under its new name. Civic has thrived in recent years, in its location in Turnbull House, across the road from Parliament Buildings. There has been strong competition, a varied programme, and growth of membership - the additions including Wellington members who have joined for the competition.

Correspondence report

By Gordon Hoskyn

The New Zealand Correspondence Chess Association is currently taking entries for the 2000-01 tournaments. Positions are available in four types of tournaments:

Trophy tournaments: Players are graded according to ability and placed in grades of up to 13 players, in the following grades - Championship, Reserve, TT2, TT3 and TT4.

Play is round-robin with one game against each opponent. Play begins on March 1 each year and continues for 13 months. Unfinished games are adjudicated.

Handicap tourney: There are six starting times each year, so a player can spread his games evenly throughout the year. Players can nominate how many opponents they wish to receive each pairing date. Two games are played against each opponent, one with Black, one with White.

Extra points are earned by beating a higher-graded opponent, and less for winning against a lower-graded opponent. There is no play at odds.

Certificate tournaments: These are seven-player round robins with one game against each opponent. (An extra game to count in the Handicap Tourney may take place, if both players agree). The fields are filled up in the order of entries received, so it is possible to be in a strong section, or a weaker one.

Overseas play: Players can compete in overseas tournaments which often have set openings to kick-start the tournaments. Matches between New Zealand and other countries also take place. Overseas games cost more for postage and often take 2-3 years to finish.

Correspondence chess is ideal for players who cannot attend a club. And correspondence chess gives players a chance to play at a higher level than is possible in o.t.b. play.

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away you go.

All entries and enquiries to NZCCA. Secretary, Sandy Maxwell, P.O. Box 3278, Wellington; or telephone (04)237-4753.

Trophy tourney progress

Progress scores in the 1999-2000 trophy tournaments (as at 23.11.99):

H.P. Whitlock Memorial Championship: LB Frost 7/9, TJ Doyle 5/6, GA Hoskyn 5/8, ML Dunwoody 3.5/5, BW Millar 3/6, PB Goffin 1.5/3, PJ Voss 1.5/5, HP Bennett 1/3, PAR Vetharanim 1/4, RJ Dive 1/5, DJ Cooper .5/5.

FROST b Voss, Cooper, Dive, Vetharanim, Bennett; d Goffin, Millar, Hoskyn, Dunwoody. DOYLE b Voss, Cooper, Millar, Dive, Vetharanim; l Hoskyn. HOSKYN b Dive, Vetharanim; d Voss, Cooper, Millar; l Dunwoody. DUNWOODY b Voss, Millar; l Bennett. MILLAR b Goffin, Vetharanim. GOFFIN b Dive. VOSS b Bennett. Vetharanim b Cooper. DIVE b Cooper.

Reserve Championship: A Short 6/7, EGA Frost 3.5/7, EN Roberts 3/4, JC Rapp 2/4, GE Loverlock 1.5/3, CA Mold 1/2, BM Williams 1/4, KG Reed 0/2, RS Phillips 0/3.

TT2: JCV Larsen 8/10, BJ Edwards 7.5/11, EA Gidman 3.5/8, PC King 3.5/10, DE Dolejs 3/4, J Veldhuizen 3/8, W Anderson 2.5/9.

TT3: AN Hignett 7/8, CM Ford 6.5/8, GH Mills 5.5/9, PE Rossiter 4/6, RGA Taylor 4/6, AW Hendry 3/5, PG Coghini 3/6, LR Cotton 2.5/9, BC Sullivan .5/7, JWH Atkinson 0/3, S Holdaway 0/5.

TT4: RR Trevis 4/5, A Clark 3/3, CLW Ward 3/3, LI Purvis 0/4, SR Chowdhury 0/5.

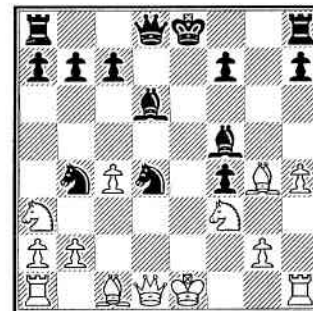
Here are two games from the 1998-99 trophy tournaments:

Bennett,H – Voss,P
[C33] King's Gambit
NZCCA Champ, 1998-99

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♘c4 ♀f6 4.♘c3 c6 5.d4 ♘b4 6.e5 ♀e4 7.♙f1 ♀xc3 8.bxc3 ♘xc3 9.♘a3 b5 10.♘d6 bxc4 11.♙g4 ♙g8 12.♙h3 h6 13.♙xc3 a5 14.♀f3 ♀a6 15.♙d2 ♀b4 16.♙xf4 ♀d5 17.♙e4 g5 18.h4 ♙g7 19.♀h2 h5 20.♀f3 ♀a6 21.♀xg5 ♙b6 22.♙f2 ♙b2 23.♙hb1 ♙c3 24.♀f3 a4 25.a3 ♙a5 26.♙b2 ♘b5 27.♙ab1 ♀c3 28.♙e3 ♙g8 29.♙e1 ♀d5 30.♙e4 ♙g7 31.♙g1 c3 32.♙bb1 ♘c4 33.♀g5 ♀e7 34.♙f4 ♀f5 35.♀e4 ♘e6 36.♘b4 ♙a7 37.♘c5 ♙a6 38.♙g5 d5 39.♀d6+ ♙d7 40.♀xf5 ♘xf5 41.♙e7+ 1-0

Roberts,E – Williams,B
[C33] King's Gambit
NZCCA TT Reserve, 1998-99

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♘e2 d5 4.exd5 ♀f6 5.♀f3 ♀xd5 6.c4 ♀b4 7.d4 ♘f5 8.♀a3 g5 9.h4 g4 10.♀g1 ♀8c6 11.♘g4 ♘d6 12.♀f3 ♀xd4



13.♙a4??
13.♙xd4 wins. Instead, White thinks he has made a fatal error and resigns. However, *NZ Chess* has searched for a win for Black, and it does not seem clear-cut. 13...c6, 13...Qd7 or 13...Bd7 don't appear to work. If Black plays 13...b5, Fritz 5 suggests 14.♀xb5 ♙e7+ 15.♙f1 [15.Ne5 or 15.Be3 do no better.] 15...♘d3+ 16.♙g1 ♀xf3+ 17. ♙xf3 ♙e1+ 18.♙h2 ♙xh4+ 19.♙g1 ♘c5 20.♘e3 ♘xe3+ 21. ♙xe3+ fxe3 22.♙xh4 bxc4 23.♙e1 ♀d5 24.♘f3 with slight advantage to Black. What's better? 0-1

North Shore CC rapid ch'ship

Paul Garbett won the 4th leg of the club Rapid Championship with 5½/6, conceding just his second draw (to Leonard McLaren) in the three legs that he played. In this game he played a French Defence and grovelled his way to a draw; I don't think Paul was too impressed with this defence! Peter Stuart took second place with 5 (loss to Garbett) while McLaren and Antonio shared third on 4½.

Garbett, with his three-leg total of 17/18 easily won the Championship. Stuart was second, Krstev third and McLaren fourth, all three scoring 13½ points. Graham Wagstaff took the handicap title with 12.40 points despite not playing the final leg. Harry Cheng almost caught up with an excellent 4th leg, ending on 12.36. Daniel Johns was third on 11.28.

Publisher in receivership

Britain's 156-year-old publishing company, B. T. Batsford, has been placed in receivership. The company is reported to owe Barclays Bank some \$2.5million and the printers Colourcraft nearly \$800,000. The receivers, KPMG, have sold off stock and intellectual property rights to Chrysalis Books, and it is believed that chess authors have no chance of receiving royalties owed.

FIDE's 75th anniversary

FIDE has held its 75th Anniversary Celebrations in Paris last month. The American FIDE delegate and official Don Schultz reported that it turned out to be a public relations nightmare. Plans that included a street parade and celebrities were scaled down; there was no parade or celebrities.

Worse still was a report that repayment of a loan from FIDE to the World Chess Foundation for SF478,000 is overdue, some players from the FIDE Championships have not been paid, nor have FIDE staff recently.

However, president Iljuzmzhinov has said that all the obligations will be paid by the end of the year.

North Shore CC Championship

By NM Peter Stuart

Leonard McLaren won his second title in a competition which was closer than the scores indicate. The early leader was Peter Stuart who enjoyed a 1½ point lead after just four rounds and had defeated McLaren, the tournament favourite. Losses to Antonio Krstev and Prashant Mistry allowed McLaren and Krstev to take the lead and this situation held until the last round when Antonio, who had played the best chess till then, lost in a major upset to Arnold van den Heuvel.

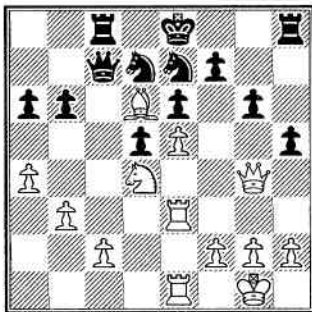
Scores: 1 L.J.McLaren 7½; 2-3 A.Krstev & P.W.Stuart 6½; 4 P.Mistry 5½; 5 A.van den Heuvel 5; 6 M.J.Barlow 4½; 7-9 M.I.Howard, D.P.Johns & M.J.Le Brocq 2½; 10 N.J.Gunn 2.

The B-grade was dominated by juniors, with David Munroe taking the title with 9½/11 after a strong finish. Harry Cheng was second on 8 and David Simpson third equal with veteran Tom Evans. In a very close finish the C-grade title was decided in the last round in favour of Brian Winsor, 8½/11, ahead of Blake Hodgkinson, Lynton Rudkins and Graham Wagstaff on 8.

McLaren – Krstev

[C17] French

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.dxc5 ♗c7 6.♗f3 ♗xc5 7.♗d2 ♗d7 8.♗d3 h6 9.0-0 ♗e7 10.♗e1 ♗xc3 11.♗xc3 ♗b5 12.♗xb5+ ♗xb5 13.♗d4 ♗c4 14.a4 a6 15.♗e3 ♗d7 16.b3 ♗c7 17.♗g4 g6 18.♗ae1 b6 19.♗b4 ♗c8 20.♗d6 h5



21.♗xe6 fxe6 22.♗xe6 ♗e5 23.♗f6 ♗f8 24.♗xc7 ♗xc7 25.♗xb6 ♗c6 26.♗a7 ♗f7 27.♗c3 ♗c8

28.♗xc5 ♗xc5 29.♗xc5 1-0.

Stuart – McLaren

[E91] King's Indian

1.c4 ♗f6 2.♗c3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 ♗g7 5.♗e2 0-0 6.♗f3 c5 7.0-0 ♗e6 8.d5 ♗a5 9.♗d2 ♗g4 10.b3 a6 11.♗c1 ♗b8 12.♗e1 b6 13.e5 ♗e8 14.e6 ♗xf3 15.exf7+ ♗xf7 16.♗xf3 ♗f6 17.♗e4 ♗xe4 18.♗xe4 ♗b7 19.♗g4 ♗h8 20.♗e6 ♗f8 21.♗c3! ♗xc3 [21...♗c8 22.♗h3 23.♗xh7+! ♗xh7 24.♗h4+ ♗h6 25.♗xh6#] 22.♗xc3+ ♗f6 23.g4 g5 24.f4 h6 25.fgx5 hxg5 26.♗f3 ♗g7 27.♗h3 1-0.

Krstev – Barlow

[E12] Queen's Indian

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 e6 3.♗g5 ♗e7 4.e3 b6 5.c4 ♗b7 6.♗c3 d5 7.a3 0-0 8.♗d3 ♗bd7 9.0-0 c5 10.♗e2 cxd4 11.exd4 ♗e8 12.♗ac1 ♗e4 13.♗f4 ♗xc3 14.♗xc3 ♗c8 15.♗e5 ♗f6 16.♗d1 dxc4 17.♗xc4 ♗d5 18.♗f3 ♗xf4 19.♗xf4 ♗f6 20.h4 ♗d6 21.♗g4 ♗e7 22.♗d3 ♗xe5 23.dxe5 ♗c5 24.♗fd4 ♗c6 25.♗d6 ♗b7 26.♗g3 g6 27.♗f4 ♗d5 28.♗d3 ♗e7 29.h5 ♗g7 30.b4 ♗c7 31.♗b5 ♗f8 32.♗h3 ♗b7 33.♗d3 ♗d5?!

33...g5! 34.♗g4 h6 35.f4 f5 36.exf6+ ♗xf6 37.♗d4 ♗f8 38.fgx5 hxg5 39.♗g3 ♗h6 ∞.

34.♗e3!?

34.hxg6 fxg6 35.♗h6+ ♗g8 36.♗xg6 ♗g7! (36...hxg6? 37.♗h8+ ♗f7 38.♗h7+ ♗e8 39.♗xe7+ ♗xe7 40.♗h7+ and mate in 4) 37.♗xg7+ (37.♗xh7+? ♗xh7 38.♗g3+ ♗g7) 37...♗xg7 and Black is better.

34...♗c6?

Neither is 34...♗f8? any good: 35.hxg6 fxg6 36.♗h6+ ♗h8 (36...♗g8 37.♗xg6 ♗g7 38.♗xh7+!) 37.♗xg6 ♗g7 38.♗xh7+! ♗xh7 39.♗f6+ ♗g7 40.♗d8+ ♗xh8 41.♗h4+! (41.♗xd8+?? ♗g8 -) 41...♗g8 42.♗xd8+ ♗f8 43.♗xc7 winning but 34...♗b7! seems to provide a defence against White's attack: 35.hxg6 fxg6 36.♗h6+ ♗g8 Δ37.♗xg6 ♗g7 38.♗xh7+ ♗xh7 39.♗xe6!? ♗xh6 40.♗exh6 ♗g7 and Black is not worse.

35.hxg6 fxg6 36.♗h6+ ♗g8 37.♗xg6! ♗c7 38.♗h5 [38.♗d8! ♗xd8 39.♗xh7+ ♗xh7 40.♗g5+ ♗g7 41.♗xd8+ ♗f8 42.♗xc7 +] 38...♗h8 39.♗g3 ♗g8 40.♗xg8+ ♗xg8 41.♗g4 ♗d7 42.♗xe6 ♗f8 43.♗xf8+ ♗xf8 44.♗f6+ ♗f7 45.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 46.f4 1-0.

Overseas news

Budapest

The monthly "First Saturday" tournaments in the Hungarian capital have produced scores of title norms over the last few years. This year's October event was of category 7 including five low-rated GMs. It turned out to be a two-horse race between Israeli GM Ram Soffer and untitled 13-year old Chinese boy Bu Xiangzhi. The latter took first place with 8½/11 and with it his second GM norm. Soffer was second on 8 and next were GM Vaulin (RUS) 6½, GM Blatny (CZE) 6, IM Narciso (ESP) and Vosha (ISR) 5½.

Narciso – Bu Xiangzhi

[B58] Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 d6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♗f3 h6 8.0-0 ♗e7 9.♗e1 a6 10.b3 0-0 11.h3 b5 12.♗f1 ♗b7 13.♗b2 ♗e8 14.g3 ♗f8 15.♗g2 ♗c8 16.a3 g6 17.♗d2 ♗g7 18.♗ad1 ♗b6 19.♗a2 ♗ed8 20.♗c3 ♗e7 21.♗e2 ♗xc3 22.♗xc3 ♗xe4 23.♗a1 ♗xg3 24.♗e3 ♗xc3 25.fxe3 e4 26.♗d2 ♗xa1 27.♗xa1 d5 28.♗ac1 f5 29.♗f1 ♗xf1 30.♗xf1 ♗c6 31.♗ed1 d4 32.exd4 ♗xd4 33.♗g2 ♗d5 34.♗f2 ♗f7 35.c4 bxc4 36.♗xc4 ♗xb3 37.♗c7+ ♗f6 38.♗b1 [38.♗xb7 ♗xd1 39.♗xb3] 38...♗d2+ 39.♗g1 ♗d5 40.♗a7 a5 41.h4 ♗e5 42.♗a6 ♗d4 43.♗xa5 ♗e2+ 44.♗f1 ♗g3+ 45.♗g1 f4 46.♗b3 ♗e2+ 47.♗f1 ♗d4 48.♗b1 f3 49.♗h1 ♗f5 0-1.

Leko v Buzman

This six-game match between Hungary's 20-year old GM Peter Leko and the 17-year old German Dmitrij Buzmann featured just two openings and was quite even for the first half. Then Leko found the key to opening up Buzmann's French Defence, winning games 4 and 6. The young German was unable to make any impression on Leko's Grünfeld. The final score was thus 4:2 to Leko. The last game was the most interesting.

Leko – Buzmann

[C11] French

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.♗g5 dxe4 5.♗xe4 ♗e7 6.♗xf6 gxf6 7.♗f3 b6 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.♗e2 c6 10.c4 ♗d7 11.♗c3 ♗c7 12.0-0 0-0 13.♗f1

♗b8 14.a3 ♗f8 15.b4 ♗g6 16.♗c3 ♗f4 17.♗f1 ♗hg8 18.c5 ♗g7 19.♗ac1 b5 20.a4 a6 21.g3 h5 22.axb5 axb5 23.d5! ♗xd5

23...cxd5 24.♗xb5+; 23...exd5 24.♗xb5 ♗e6 25.♗f1.

24.♗xd5 ♗xd5 25.♗xd5 exd5 26.♗c1 ♗d8 27.♗h3 f5

27...♗c8 28.♗xc8 ♗xc8 29.♗d4 ♗.

28.♗xf5 ♗g8 29.♗h6 ♗e7 30.♗e5 ♗g5 31.♗xh5 ♗d2 32.♗d7+ ♗a7 33.♗a1+ ♗a6 34.♗xf7 1-0.

Marbella

This Costa del Sol resort was the venue for the "Flamenco Tournament", latest in the series of veteran versus ladies matches played on the Scheveningen system. The series started in 1991 with a win to the Veterans but then the Ladies won three in a row. The Veterans, however, have now won three of the last four contests with the other (1998) drawn, so they lead 4:3.

This year the oldies won seven of the rounds with the other three tied for a convincing 30½-19½ victory, a record margin. For the winners Viktor Korchnoi top-scored with 7½/10 and he was well backed up by Lajos Portisch and Vlastimil Hort 6½, Boris Spassky 5½ and Vassily Smyslov 4½. Xie Jun and Maya Chiburdanidze were the leading women with 4½ points while Pia Cramling and Zhu Chen scored 4, Alisa Galliamova 2½.

The following game is hardly representative of Korchnoi's play at Marbella; the women's world champion takes full advantage of the Swiss veteran's errors:

Xie Jun – Korchnoi

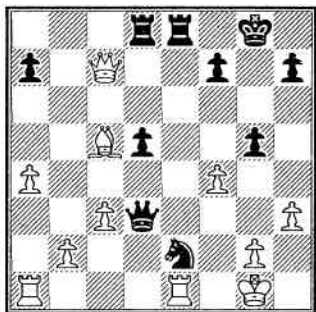
[C08] French

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗d2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.♗b5+ ♗d7 6.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 7.♗e2+ ♗e7 8.dxc5 ♗f6 9.♗gf3 0-0 10.♗b3 ♗e8 11.0-0 ♗a6 12.c6 ♗xc6 13.♗fd4 ♗c7 14.♗f3 ♗d6 15.h3 ♗h2+ 16.♗h1 ♗e5 17.c3 ♗c5 18.♗xc5 ♗xc5 19.♗e3 ♗b6 20.♗b3 ♗b5 21.♗d1 ♗e4 22.a4 ♗d7 23.♗c5 ♗c6 24.♗d3 ♗c7 25.♗g1 ♗ad8 26.♗b3 g5 27.♗fe1 ♗d6 28.f4 ♗g3 29.♗c5 ♗g6?

29...♗a6 is just a little better for White but it is

clear that over the last few moves Korchnoi has lost the thread of his position.

30. ♖xb7 ♖xd3 31. ♖xc7 ♗e2+



32. ♖xe2! ♖xe2 33. fxc5 a6

33... ♖xb2 34. ♖f1.

34. ♖f1 ♖e6 35. ♖f6 ♖e1+ 36. ♗h2 ♖e5+ 37. ♖xe5 ♖xe5 38. ♖xa6 ♖c8 39. b4 ♖xg5 40. a5 f5 41. ♖e6 f4 42. a6 ♗f7 43. ♖e7+ ♗f6 44. a7 d4 45. ♖c7! 1-0.

Hoogeveen

The VAM tournament featured an Open with 52 players and a double round quadrangular tournament in which Jan Timman and Judit Polgar shared first place with 3½/6. Anatoly Karpov was third on 3 and 1998 World Junior champion Darnen Sadvakasov brought up the rear on 2 points.

Timman beat both Polgar and Karpov in the first half and only his final round loss to Sadvakasov allowed Polgar to catch up.

Timman – Polgar

[A33] English

1. ♖f3 c5 2. c4 ♖f6 3. ♖c3 ♗c6 4. d4 cxd4 5. ♗xd4 e6 6. a3 ♖c7 7. ♗db5 ♖b8 8. g3 a6 9. ♗d4 ♗xd4 10. ♖xd4 b5 11. e4 e5 12. ♖e3 ♖c7 13. cxb5 ♗c5 14. ♖f3 ♗d4 15. ♗g5 ♖xc3+ 16. bxc3 ♗xe4 17. ♖xe4 ♗b7 18. ♖b4 f6 19. b6 ♖c6 20. 0-0-0 ♖xh1 21. ♗h3 ♖e4 22. ♖d6 ♗f7 23. ♖xd7+ ♗g6 24. ♗e6 ♖hf8 25. ♗e3 ♖ad8?

25... ♖c6∞.

26. g4!

26. ♗f7+? ♖xf7 27. ♖xd8 ♖a4∞.

26... ♖xd7 27. ♗f5+ ♖xf5 28. gxf5+ ♗xf5 29. ♖xd7 + ♗e4 30. ♖xg7 ♗e6 31. ♗b2 ♖d8 32. ♗b3 f5 33. ♗b4 f4 34. ♖c5 ♖d7 35. ♖g8 ♗b7

36. ♖e8+ ♗f5 37. c4 e4 38. ♗a5 h5 39. ♖b8 e3 40. ♖xe3 f3 41. e4+ ♖xe4 42. ♗xa6 ♗g4 43. a4 ♖f7 44. a5 ♗h3 45. b7 ♗xh2 46. ♗b6 ♖f6+ 47. ♗a7 ♖f7 48. a6 ♗d3 49. ♖c8 ♗h3 50. ♗b6 ♖f6+ 51. ♖c6 1-0.

Timman – Karpov

[E21] Nimzoindian

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 e6 3. ♖c3 ♗b4 4. ♗f3 b6 5. ♖b3 ♖e7 6. a3 ♖xc3+ 7. ♖xc3 ♗b7 8. e3 0-0 9. ♗e2 d6 10. 0-0 ♗bd7 11. b4 c5 12. ♗b2 a5 13. ♖fd1 axb4 14. axb4 ♖fb8 15. ♗d2 ♖d8 16. f3 ♖xa1 17. ♖xa1 ♖a8 18. ♗d3 ♖c7 19. ♗c2 ♖c8 20. dxc5 dxc5 21. b5 ♗e8 22. ♗e4 f6 23. ♖d3 ♖xe4 24. ♖xe4 ♗f8 25. ♖d3 ♗f7 26. ♖c3 ♗e7 27. ♖a1 ♖d8 28. ♖e2 ♗d6 29. f4 ♗f7 30. e4 ♗c8 31. e5 f5 32. ♖f3 ♗e7 33. h3 ♗g8 34. ♗h2 ♗fg6 35. g3 ♗f7 36. h4 ♗g8 37. h5 ♗h8?

37... ♗f8 also favours White somewhat. The knights have no outposts but White has to find a way to open the position for his bishops. After the text White's attack is very strong.

38. g4! ♖f8 39. gxf5 ♗xf5 40. ♖xf5 ♖xf5?

Loses a piece, but can Black survive after 40... ♖xf5 41. e6!

41. ♖a8+ ♖f8 42. ♖xf8+ ♗xf8 43. ♖a8+ ♗f7 44. ♖xh8 ♖b7 45. h6 1-0.

World seniors championship

The 9th World Seniors Championship was held in Gladenbach (Germany) in November. The 11-round Swiss with 192 players was won by Janis Klovans with 9 points, the second title for the Latvian GM after his victory in 1997. Compatriot GM Vladimir Bagirov and GMs Anatoly Lein (USA) and Mark Taimanov (RUS) shared second on 8½.

Uhlmann – Klovans

[D36] Queen's Gambit

1. c4 e6 2. ♖c3 d5 3. d4 ♗f6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. ♗g5 ♗e7 6. e3 c6 7. ♗d3 0-0 8. ♖c2 ♗bd7 9. ♗f3 ♖c8 10. 0-0 ♗f8 11. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 12. b4 ♗g4 13. ♗d2 ♖c8 14. ♖fc1 ♗e7 15. b5 c5 16. a4 cxd4 17. exd4 ♗b4 18. ♗db1 ♖g5 19. ♖b2 ♗f3 20. g3 ♖xc3 21. ♗xc3 ♗e6 22. ♗d1 ♖xc1 23. ♖xc1

23. ♖xc1 does not prevent 23... ♗xd4.

23... ♗xd4 24. ♗f1 ♖e5 25. ♖e3 ♗e4 26. ♗c3

Allowing a somewhat undignified end but 26. ♖c1 ♗f3+ was no better.

26... ♗c2 0-1.

Bad Wiessee

The Bavarian Open Championship in October was a 9-round Swiss with 379 players, including 31 grandmasters. America's Alexander Shabalov won his first seven games yet won the title only on tie-break points from Russian GM Ildar Ibragimov after finishing with two short draws. Both scored 8 points and were followed by a GM quartet on 7½ points: Baburin (IRL), Eingorn (UKR), Krasenkov (POL) and Yakovich (RUS). Among those on 7 points were GM Psakhis (ISR) and 16-year old GM Ruslan Ponomarev (UKR).

Shabalov – Rustemov

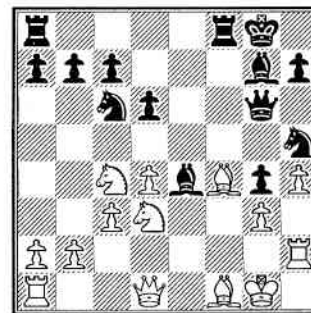
[C18] French

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♖c3 ♗b4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 ♖xc3+ 6. bxc3 ♗e7 7. ♖g4 0-0 8. ♗d3 ♖a5 9. ♗e2 cxd4 10. ♗g5 ♗g6 11. f4 ♗d7 12. ♖xg6 hxg6 13. h4 f5 14. ♖h3 ♗c5 15. h5 gxh5 16. ♖xh5 ♗e4 17. ♗e7 ♗d7 18. ♖g6 ♖b5 19. ♖h7 ♖f7 20. ♗f6 1-0.

Shabalov – Smagin

[C39] King's Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. ♗f3 g5 4. h4 g4 5. ♗e5 ♗f6 6. d4 d6 7. ♗d3 ♗h5 8. ♖xf4 ♗g7 9. c3 0-0 10. ♗d2 f5 11. exf5 ♖e8+ 12. ♗f2 ♖xf5 13. g3 ♖g6 14. ♗c4 ♗c6 15. ♗g1 ♗e4 16. ♖h2



16... ♗xg3! 17. ♖b3

17. ♖xg3? ♖xf1+! 18. ♖xf1 ♖xd3 +.

17... d5

17... ♖xd4+! 18. ♗f2 (18. cxd4 ♗xd4 is, of course, hopeless) 18... ♗c2 19. ♖xb7 ♗xf1 20. ♖xf1 g3 +.

18. ♖xg3 ♖xd3 19. ♗d2 ♖xf1 20. ♖xd5+ ♗h8 21. ♖xf1 ♖d3 22. ♖g2?

22. ♖xf8+ ♖xf8 23. ♖g2 and White is past the worst.

22... ♖xf1+ 23. ♗xf1 ♖f8?

23... ♗xd4! 24. cxd4 ♖xd4+ 25. ♗h1 ♖xf1+ 26. ♗h2 ♗g1+ 27. ♗h1 (27. ♖xg1 ♖h3#) 27... ♗f2+ 28. ♗h2 ♖xg3+ should still win but not as easily as before. After the text White is better.

24. ♖f2 ♖e8

24... ♖xf2 25. ♖xf2 leaves the initiative firmly in White's hands.

25. ♖d7 ♖e4 26. ♖f7

26. ♗e5!

26... ♖e7 27. ♖c8+ ♖e8 28. ♖xc7 ♗e7 29. ♖d7 ♗d5 30. ♖xg7 1-0.

Qingdao

The category 10 Qindao Daily Cup tournament provide Bu Xiangzhi (13) with his chance of a third GM norm in little over a month but he looked unlikely to achieve this after losing his first two games. Bu, however, scored the necessary six points in his last seven games to record his final GM norm which should make him the youngest to ever gain the title. Bu turns 14 on 10 December. A possible fly in the ointment, however, is the fact that there were two rounds on each of three days while under FIDE title rules a maximum of two days with two rounds applies for grandmaster title norms.

Scores: 1-4 Bu Xiangzhi (CHN), GM Dao Thien Hai (VIE), GM Peng Xiaomin (CHN) & IM Wu Wenjin (CHN) 6; 5 GM Juldashv (UZB) 5½; 6 GM Ye Jiangchuan (CHN) 5; 7 Isaev (TJK) 4½; 8 IM Nasarov (TJK) 3½; 9 Wang Shuo (CHN) 1½; 10 Liang Shuai (CHN) 1.

Bacrot v Polgar

Young French GM Etienne Bacrot (16) defeated GM Judit Polgar 3-1 in a four-game rapid match in Bastia, on the island of Corsica. All four games were decisive; the second came down to an unusual ending:

Polgar, J. – Bacrot

[C78] Ruy Lopez – Game 2

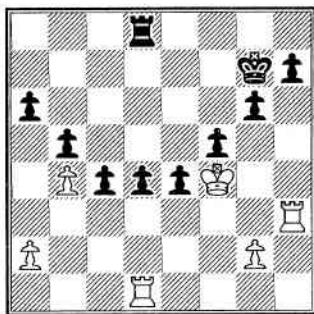
1. e4 e5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. ♖b5 a6 4. ♖a4 ♗f6 5. 0-0 b5 6. ♖b3 ♗c5 7. c3 d6 8. d4 ♗b6 9. ♗e3 0-0 10. ♗bd2 ♗b7 11. ♖e1 ♖e8 12. d5 ♗e7 13. ♖xb6 cxb6 14. ♗c2 ♖d7 15. ♗d3 ♖ec8 16. ♖c1 ♖c7 17. b4 g6 18. ♖e2 ♖ac8 19. c4 exd5 20. exd5 ♗xd5 21. ♗e4 f5 22. ♖xd5+ ♖xd5 23. ♖d3 ♗e6 24. ♗g5 bxc4 25. ♖h3 ♖e7 26. ♗xe6 ♖xc6 27. ♖c3

b5 28.f4 e4 29.♁f3 ♖f7 30.♁d4 d5 31.♖cd1 ♖c8
32.♁f2 ♗g7 33.h4 ♖ce7 34.♖e3 ♖d7 35.h5? ♗h6
36.♁e2 ♗xh5 37.♗f6 ♗h6 38.♗c6 ♖ed8 39.♗e6+
♁h8 40.♖h3 ♗g7 41.♁d4 ♖d6 42.♗e5 ♗xe5
43.fxe5 ♖b6 44.♁e3 ♁g7 45.♁e2 ♖e6 46.♁d4
♖xe5 47.♁c6 d4+! 48.♁f4

48.♁xd4 ♁g8 49.♖hh1 ♖ed5 and White is hopelessly tied up; 48.♖xd4 ♖xd4 49.♁xd4 and I'm sure Judit would rather swap sides.

48...♖ed5 49.♁xd8 ♖xd8

The position deserves a diagram. I guess this is what is meant by an "unbalanced position".



50.♖a3 d3 51.♖xa6 c3 52.♖c6 c2 53.♖c7+ ♁f6
54.♖c6+ ♁f7 55.♖c7+ ♁f6 56.♖c6+ ♁f7 57.♖c7+
♁e6 58.♖h1 d2 59.♖xc2 d1♗ 60.♖xd1 ♖xd1
61.♖c6+ ♖d6 62.♖c5 ♖d2 63.♖xb5 ♖xg2 64.a4
g5+ 65.♁e3 ♖g3+ 66.♁d4 ♖d3+ 67.♁c4 ♖a3
68.a5 g4 69.♖b8 g3 70.♖g8 ♁e5 71.♁b5 f4
72.a6 e3 73.♁b6 ♁c4 74.a7 e2 75.b5 0-1.

German championship

The 71st German Championship was held in Altenkirchen in November as a 9-round Swiss including ten grandmasters. Robert Hübner, seeded second behind Artur Yusupov, ran out the winner with 7 points, a half point ahead of GM Rustem Dautov. A group of five GMs shared third place on 6: Klaus Bischoff, Lev Gutman, Christopher Lutz, Karsten Müller and Roman Slobodjan.

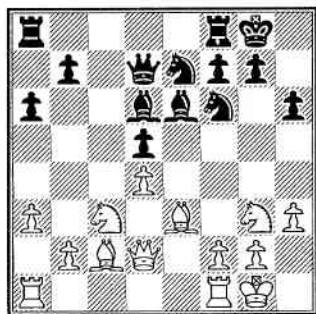
Von Herman – Hübner [E15] Queen's Indian

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 e6 3.♁f3 b6 4.g3 ♖a6 5.♁bd2 c5
6.e4 cxd4 7.♁g2 ♁c6 8.e5 ♁g4 9.0-0 ♖b8
10.♖e1 ♖c5 11.h3? ♁e3

12.♗b3 (12.fxe3 dxe3 13.♁h2 exd2 14.♁xd2
♗xc4 15.♁g5 h6 16.♁e4 ♖d5 and the two extra
pawns should be enough) 12...♁xg2 13.♁xg2
♁b7 14.♁g1 and Black's better placed pieces,
not to mention an extra pawn, give him a clear
advantage though one might say White's resig-
nation was a little premature. 0-1.

Yusupov – Holzhäuer Nimzoindian [E48]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 e6 3.♁c3 ♖b4 4.e3 c5 5.♁d3 ♁c6
6.♁ge2 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 cxd4
10.exd4 ♖d6 11.h3 h6 12.♖c2 ♁e7 13.♁g3 ♖e6
14.♖e3 a6 15.♗d2 ♗d7



16.♗xh6! gxh6 17.♗xb6 ♁g6

17...♗xg3 18.fxg3 ♁e4 19.♖xe4 dxe4 20.♗g5+
♁h7 21.d5! ♖f5 22.♖f4 ♁g6 23.♁xe4 and the
attack is decisive.

18.f4 ♗c7 19.♁ge2 ♖fe8 20.f5 ♖f8 21.♗g5 ♁h7
22.♗d2 ♁h4 23.fxe6 fxe6 24.♖f4 ♗e7 25.♖af1
♁g7 26.♖f7 ♗d8 27.♗f4 ♁g5 28.♖xg7+! ♁xg7
29.♗e5+

29.♗xh4?? ♁f3+.

29...♁g8 30.♖f6 ♁h7 31.♖xh7+ 1-0.

Helsingor

A category 13 double round quadrangular
celebrated the 75th anniversary of the local
chess club. Danish GM Curt Hansen was a
deserving winner, scoring 1½-½ against each
of his three rivals. Sweden's GM Ulf Andersson
was second on 3½, followed by GM Jonny
Hector (SWE) 3 and GM Sune Berg Hansen
(DEN) 1.

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