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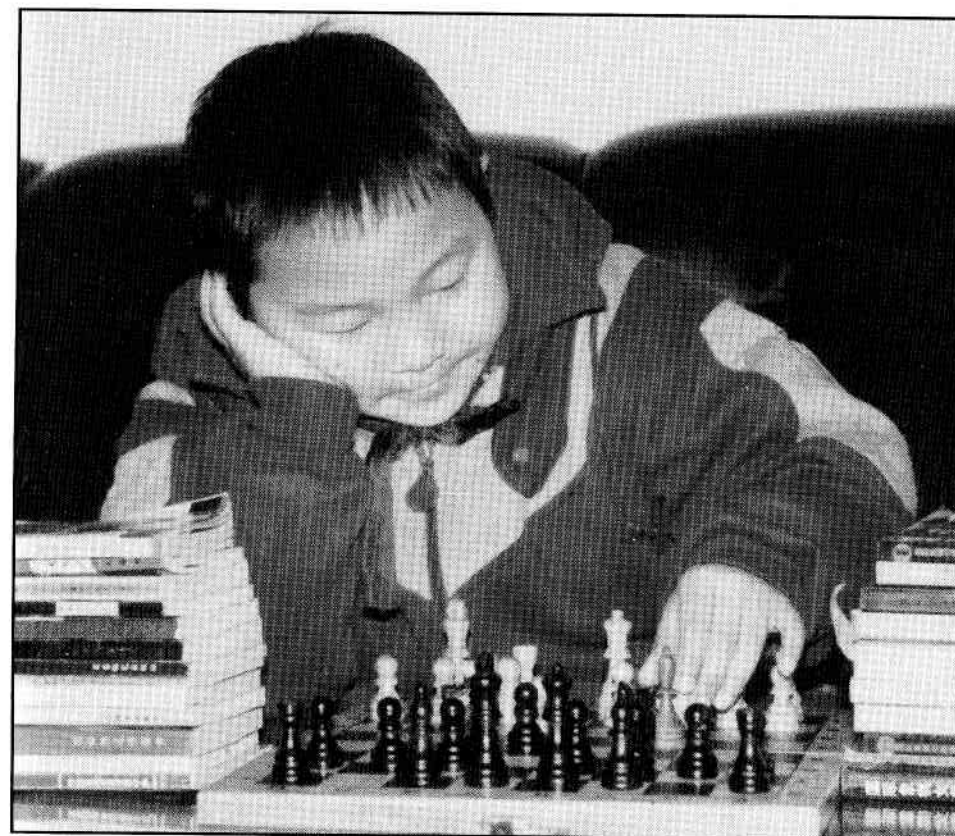
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### Zonal tournaments

NZ Champion Russell Dive has advised that he expects to play in the Sub-zone zonal tournament which will be held at Surfers Paradise from 13 to 21 April. See NZCF Council report for details.

### World Junior

Igor Bjelobrk played in the World Junior Championships in Calicut, India, in November and December, with two GMs in the field of 70. The title was won by Darmen Sadvakasov (KAZ) with 10½/13. Igor was 63= on 4½.

### Master Games

Medal winners at the 1999 Master Games in Wanganui were: Senior (on age!), A, Dave Cooper gold; Gordon Hoskyn, Dave Capper & Ted Frost, silver. B, Glenys Mills gold, Dilbah Sangha silve, Ken Austin bronze. Junior A, Bob Gibbons and Tony Dowden gold, Hilton Bennett bronze; B, Bill Maddren gold, David Bell silver, Kelly Forrest bronze.

*ON THE COVER: 8-year-old Wang Puchen, a member of Auckland Chess Centre, is New Zealand's latest chess prodigy. He took three titles at the 1998 NZ Junnior and Age Group Championships and has a standard rating of 1549.*

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## Howick-Pakuranga Chess Club

1999 Latvian Gambit, Sunday 21 March. Entry forms enclosed with this issue

The 1999-2000 Congress will be held at the Waipuna Conference Centre, a superb venue. 35 double rooms have been reserved for players at a 50% discount off normal rates (\$80 double +GST).

This will be a great opportunity to stay and play at what will be a memorable congress.

## 106th New Zealand Championship, Dunedin

By NM Peter Stuart

The 106th New Zealand Championship was played in the University College complex at Otago University, the same venue as in the last Otago Congress in 1991/92. The playing area was excellent, notwithstanding that the university authorities had, without advising the Congress organisers of the fact, arranged for some construction work a few metres away from the playing room in the second week. We could have done without the assorted bangs and crashes this caused!

It was evident well before Christmas that the championship would have to be a round-robin this year. Willi Kaspar, a German chess coach with a national Elo rating of 2042 who played in an Auckland Congress about 15 years ago, was admitted to the Championship but none of the other overseas players reported to be interested in playing as late as a week or two before the holidays started turned up. Igor Bjelobrk and Quentin Johnson, both rated below 2000, had entered the Championship in expectation of being promoted and two more players were promoted from the Major Open flight – Philip Hair and Alexei Gladkikh.

The obvious favourites were the three former champions Paul Garbett (2346), Russell Dive (2335) and Anthony Ker (2319) and as the luck of the draw had it, all three featured in the top half of the draw as did Bjelobrk. Kaspar. The three lowest-rated New Zealanders made up a block of four in the lower half of the draw while Mark Sinclair drew number 12 which meant he had the black pieces against numbers 1 through 6 and white against the others, a very unfavourable situation.

### Round 1

Round one produced no upsets as Garbett, Dive, Ker and Tony Dowden beat Kendall Boyd, Hair, Kaspar and Gladkikh respectively. Johnson sacrificed the exchange against Bjelobrk, but later blundered in time

trouble allowing a quick breakthrough while Guthrie blundered the exchange in an unclear position against Sinclair.

### Bjelobrk - Johnson

Queen's Gambit [D45]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗f3 c6 5.e3 ♘e7 6.♗d3 ♖bd7 7.0-0 dxc4 8.♗xc4 b5 9.♗d3 a6 10.e4 ♖b7 11.e5 ♖d5 12.♗xd5 cxd5 13.♗e2 0-0 14.♗d2 ♗b6 15.♗e3 f6 16.exf6 ♗xf6 17.♖b3 ♗ac8 18.♗d2 ♗fe8 19.f4 ♖b8 20.♖b4 ♗a8 21.♗ae1 ♖d7 22.a3 ♗c4 23.♗c3

23.♗xc4 bxc4 24.♖c5 25.♗xc5 ♗xb2 26.♗b1 looks okay too.

23...♗d6 24.♗d2

24.♗xc4 dxc4 25.♖c5.

24...♗xc3 25.bxc3 ♗xa3 26.♗f3 ♖b7 27.♖c5 ♖f8 28.♗a1 ♗e7 29.♗e2 g6 30.♗d3 ♗d6 31.♖c5 ♗c8 32.♗a2 ♖d7 33.♗xd7 ♗xd7 34.♗g4 ♗d6 35.♗h3 ♗e7 35...h5!?

36.♗e2 ♗c6?

36...h5 37.♗f3 ♗c7=.

37.♗fe1 h5 38.♗xe6+ ♗xe6 39.♗xc6 ♗xc6 40.♗xe6+ ♗xe6 41.♗xe6 1-0.

### Round 2

There was rather more drama in the second round. Garbett's queenside initiative eventually petered out, leaving Johnson with the better placed minor pieces. The Canterbury player soon won a pawn and efficiently annexed a full point.

Dive sacrificed the exchange which Guthrie should have accepted at once when the resulting ending should probably have been drawn; instead he delayed one move and was simply lost.

Hair defended well all the way through to a rook ending against Ker for his first half point, Kaspar v Dowden saw much thud and blunder ending in Willi's favour and Bjelobrk notched his second win at the expense of Gladkikh.

## New Zealand Championship, Dunedin, 1998-99

	Rtg	Cl	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pt	PI
1 Dive R.J.	2335	CI	-	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10½	1
2 Ker A.F.	2319	CI	½	-	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	8	2-3
3 Garbett P.A.	2346	NS	0	½	-	½	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	8	2-3	
4 Sinclair M.	2170	-	0	0	½	-	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7½	4	
5 Bjelobrk I.	1937	AC	0	½	0	0	-	1	1	½	1	1	1	½	6½	5
6 Boyd K.M.	2138	OT	0	½	0	1	0	-	½	0	1	1	1	1	6	6
7 Guthrie D.W.	2112	OT	0	½	0	0	0	½	-	½	1	1	1	5½	7	
8 Dowden R.A.	2106	PN	0	0	0	0	½	1	½	-	0	1	1	5	8	
9 Kaspar W.	2042	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	½	1	3	9	
10 Johnson Q.	1882	CA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	½	-	0	1	2½	10
11 Gladkikh A.	1824	CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	-	½	2	11
12 Hair P.I.	1866	NS	0	½	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	-	1½	12

Boyd built up a kingside initiative with which Sinclair was unable to cope in time trouble.

### Johnson, Q - Garbett, PA

R2, Dutch [A88]

1.d4 f5 2.♗f3 ♖f6 3.c4 g6 4.g3 ♗g7 5.♗g2 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.♗c3 c6 8.d5 ♗d7 9.e4 fxe4 10.♗g5 ♗g4 11.♗e1 cxd5 12.cxd5 ♖a6 13.♗gxe4 ♗c8 14.h3 ♗d7 15.♗g5 b5 16.♗e2 ♖c7 17.a3 a5 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♗xf6+ exf6 20.b4 ♗e8 21.♗d2 ♖a6 22.♖e2 ♗c4 23.♗fc1 ♗c7 24.♗d4 ♗c8?

24...axb4 25.axb4 ♗b6 26.♖c6 ♗xc1+ 27.♗xc1 ♖g7±.

25.♖c6 ♖g7 26.♗xc4 bxc4 27.♗c1± ♗b6

27...axb4 28.axb4 ♗c8 29.♗xc4±.

28.♗xc4

28.♖xa5+-.

28...axb4 29.axb4 ♗e8 30.♗c1 ♖c7 31.♗e1 ♗a6

31...♗xc1+ 32.♗xc1 ♖xd5 33.♗xd5 ♗xc6 34.♗c7+ ♖h6 35.♗xd6+-.

32.♗xe8 ♗xe8 33.♗e1+- ♗xc6 34.♗e7+ ♖h6 35.dxc6 ♗a1+ 36.♖h2 ♖b5 37.c7 ♗c3 38.♗f8+ 1-0.

### Sinclair, M - Boyd, K

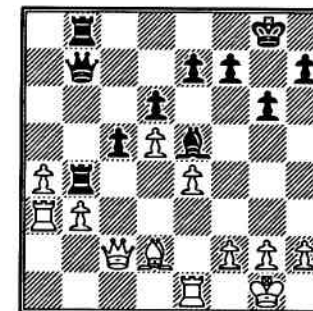
R 2, Old Indian [A55]

1.c4 ♖f6 2.♗c3 d6 3.d4 c6 4.g3 ♖bd7 5.♗g2 e5 6.e4 ♗e7 7.♗f3 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.a4 a5 10.h3

b6 11.♗c3 ♖a6 12.b3 ♗c7 13.♗c1 ♗fd8 14.♗e1 ♗ac8 15.♗c2 ♖f8 16.♖h2 g6 17.♗cd1 ♗g7 18.♗f1 ♖b7 19.♗d2 ♖f8 20.d5 cxd5 21.exd5 ♖bd7 22.♗d3 ♖c5 23.♗c2 ♗d7 24.♗g5 ♗b8 25.f3 ♗c8 26.♗g2 ♖h5 27.♖c4 h6 28.♖xc5 bxc5 29.♖e4 f5 30.g4 fxe4 31.gxh5 exf3 32.♗xf3 ♗f8 33.♗g2 g5 34.♗f1 ♗xf1 35.♗xf1 e4 36.♗h1 ♗f5 37.♗xe4 ♗e5+ 38.♖g1 ♗xb3 (time) 0-1.

This was the position after Black played 22...♗ab1!? in the game

### Guthrie, DW - Dive, RJ



Guthrie replied 23.♗b1? and it was all over after

23...c4! 24.♗xb4 ♗xb4 25.♗a2 c3 26.g3 ♗c8 and White resigned. 0-1

Immediate acceptance of the sacrifice leads, after 23.♖xb4 ♗xb4 24.♖a1 ♖xa1 25.♖xa1 ♗xb3 26.♗xb3 ♖xb3 to an interesting pawn ending. I did not witness the post mortem but Russell told me later that the correct result would have been a draw. It seems unlikely that the "correct result" would have been achieved, leastways with "correct play". The ending is very difficult and interesting.

Hopefully the analysis which follows does not deviate too often from "correct play"! 27.a5 ♕f8! (There would be no point in blockading with the rook on a7; Black wants to entice the pawn as far forward as possible) 28.a6 ♖b8 29.♕f1! ♕e8 30.♕e2 ♖d7 31.♖d3 ♕c7 and now the obvious 32.♕c4? gets White into trouble: 32...♖b4+! (not 32...♕b6 33.♖b1+ ♕a7 34.♖xb8 ♕xb8 35.♕b5 ♕a7 36.♕a5 and I suspect White is not worse after 36...c4 37.♕xc4 ♕xa6) 33.♕c3 ♕b8 34.a7+ ♕a8 35.e5 dxe5 36.♖a5 ♖b7 37.♕c4 (37.♖xc5 ♕xa7) 37...♖xa7 38.♖xa7+ ♕xa7 39.♕xc5 ♕b7 40.d6 e6!? (40...exd6+ 41.♕xd6 e4 42.♕e5 f5 43.g4=, 40...♕c8 41.dxe7 ♖d7 42.♖d5 f6 43.e8♗+ ♕xe8 44.♕e6 f5 45.♕xe5 ♕e7=) 41.h4 f5 42.g3 e4 and White's only trump, the ♖d6, soon falls.

So we need an improvement on move 32 and the usual recipe against Benoni/Benko formations suggests itself: 32.e5! (better late than never) 32...♕b6 (Black is hampered by the fact that his rook cannot yet leave the back rank. After 32...♖a8 33.exd6+ exd6 34.♖e1 ♖xa6 35.♖e7+ the active rook should allow White to hold his own) 33.♖b1+! ♕a7 34.♖xb8 (At first glance a surprising decision as Black's protected passed pawn looks preferable to the far advanced (therefore weak) a-pawn but White's space advantage saves him.) 34...♕xb8 35.♕c4 ♕a7 36.♕b5 f5 (less dangerous are 36...c4 37.♕xc4 ♕xa6 38.exd6 exd6 39.♕b4 ♕b6 40.g3= or 36...dxc5 37.♕xc5 ♕xa6 38.♕c6 e4 39.♖d7 f5 40.♕xe7 f4 41.d6 e3 42.fxe3 fxe3 43.d7 e2 44.d8♗ e1♗+ 45.♕f7 again drawing) 37.e6!? (37.f4=) 37...c4! (37...♕b8 38.♕c6! c4 39.♖d7 c3 40.♕xe7 c2 41.♕f7 c1♗ 42.e7 ♗c7 43.♕f8 ♕a7 44.e8♗ and

White has the initiative in the queen ending) 38.♕xc4 ♕xa6 39.♕b4 f4! 40.h4! h6 41.♕a4 ♕b6 42.♕b4 with a draw as White can always arrange to make the last pawn move on the kingside and thereby retain the opposition.

### Round 3

Dive and Bjelobrk retained their 100% scores after round 3 with soft wins over Sinclair and Kaspar respectively; Mark blundered horribly in a drawn opposite colour bishop ending, one of three he was to be involved in during the tournament. Gladkikh misplayed the opening against Garbett, Hair put a rook en pris against Dowden in an unclear position and Ker-Guthrie saw the players gradually exchange down to a drawn ending. Boyd-Johnson went quickly from opening to ending in which Boyd's much better bishop carried the day.

#### Boyd - Johnson R 3, Sicilian [B81]

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6 5.♖c3 d6 6.g4 h6 7.h4 ♖c6 8.♖g1 d5 9.exd5 ♖xd5 10.♖xd5 ♗xd5 11.♖g2 ♗e5+ 12.♖c3 ♖d7 13.♗d2 ♖xd4 14.♗xd4 ♗xd4 15.♖xd4 ♖c6

Accepts a pawn weakness but it is difficult for Black to otherwise complete his development.

16.♖xc6+ bxc6 17.0-0-0 f6 18.♖ge1 c5 19.♖c3 ♖f7 20.♖d7+ ♖e7 21.h5 ♖hd8 22.♖ed1 ♕e8 23.♖c7 ♖xd1+ 24.♕xd1 ♖d8+ 25.♕e2 ♖d7 26.♖xd7 ♕xd7 27.♖d3 ♕c6 28.♕c4 a6

28...♖d8 29.b4 ♖b6 30.b5+ ♖d6 31.a4 ♖d8 32.♖d2 is also won for White.

29.♖a5 ♖d6 30.c3 f5

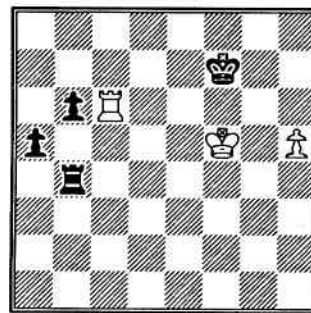
30...♖e7 31.b4 ♖d6 32.a4 ♖e7 33.b5+ axb5+ 34.axb5+ ♕b7 (34...♖d7 35.♖b6 +) 35.f4 ♖d6 36.f5 e5 37.♖d5 +.

31.gxf5 exf5 32.a4 f4 33.f3 ♖e5 34.b4 cxb4 35.cxb4 ♖f6 36.b5+ axb5+ 37.axb5+ ♕b7 38.♖c3 ♕b6 39.♖xf6 gxf6 40.♕b4 ♕b7 41.♕c5 ♕c7 42.b6+ ♕b7 43.♕b5 ♕b8 44.♕c6 1-0.

### Round 4

There was no change in the leaders as Dive drew against Ker in a very symmetrical English (perfect symmetry after move 23 and agreed drawn shortly after) while Bjelobrk drew with Hair. However, Igor might well have taken the lead for himself if he had got it right in the following position, after White's 46th move:

#### Bjelobrk, I - Hair, P



Igor, one suspects, thought it was all over when he continued

46...a4?

Allowing

47.♖c7+ ♕g8 48.h6 ♖d4

Or 48...♖b1 49.h7+ ♕h8 50.♕g6 ♖g1+ 51.♕h6 ♖h1+ 52.♕g6 =.

49.♖g7+ ♕h8 50.♖a7 b5 51.♖a5 ♖d5+ 52.♕g6 ♖d6+ 53.♕g5

And the draw was agreed as Black cannot avoid the checks after

53...♖b6 54.♖a8+ ♕h7 55.♖a7+ ♕g8 56.♖a8+ ♕h7.

Instead 46...♖b5+ 47.♕g4 a4 48.h6 a3 wins easily.

Boyd and Garbett narrowed the gap to half a point with their third wins, the former gobbling many Gladkikh pawns while Garbett gained pressure in the endgame, forced pawn weaknesses and cashed in versus Kaspar. Guthrie-Dowden was a featureless draw played early to allow David an extended rest day, this being New Year's eve, and Sinclair

won his second game when Johnson blundered in time trouble, losing a keystone pawn.

### Round 5

The top four all won after the rest day. Dowden put all his minor pieces on the e-file and then opened it so Dive gleefully put a couple of major pieces on the same file and soon won material. Bjelobrk gained an early initiative against Guthrie, later won a pawn and finished elegantly. Garbett and Boyd scored nice wins against Hair and Kaspar respectively while Sinclair lost another opposite colour bishop ending against Ker. To be fair to Mark there was no simple draw this time and Anthony played the ending very accurately. Johnson lost/sacrificed a pawn which Gladkikh successfully digested.

#### Bjelobrk, I - Guthrie, DW R 5, Queen's Gambit [D45]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♖f3 ♖f6 4.♖c3 e6 5.e3 ♖bd7 6.♖e2 ♖d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 b6 9.♖b2 ♖b7 10.♗c2 dxc4 11.bxc4 ♗e7 12.♖fd1 e5 13.♖ab1 ♖ad8 14.c5! ♖b8

14...bxc5 15.dxc5 (15.dxc5 ♖xc5 is unclear; 15.♖a3 ♖a8 16.dxc5 ♖xc5 is slightly better for Black) 15...♖xe5 16.♖a4 ♖xf3+ 17.♖xf3 with ample compensation for the pawn.

15.cxb6 axb6 16.dxe5 ♖g4?

16...♖xe5 17.♖a4 ♖xf3+ 18.♖xf3 ♗c7 19.g3 with initiative on the queenside.

17.♖a4 c5

17...b5 18.♖d4 ♖dxc5 19.♖xe5 ♖xe5 20.♖c5 ♖a8 21.a4 with good chances on the queenside.

18.♗f5 ♖xf3 19.gxf3 ♖gxe5

19...♖xf2 20.♖xf2 ♗h4+ 21.♕g1 ♗xa4 22.e6 with a strong attack.

20.f4 ♖g6 21.♖b5 ♖d6 22.♖xd7 ♖xd7 23.♖xb6 ♖dd8 24.♖d5 ♗e8?

24...♗e6 was better.

25.♖f6+! + gxf6 26.♗xf6 ♖e5 27.fxe5 ♖xd1+ 28.♖xd1 ♗a4 29.♖c1 ♗g4+ 30.♕f1 ♗d7 31.♗g7+ ♕xg7 32.e6+ 1-0.

**Garbett, PA – Hair, P**  
R 5, Nimzowitsch [B00]

1.e4 e6 2.f3 d6 3.d4 g4 4.0b5 a6  
5.0xc6+ bxc6 6.h3 0xf3 7.0xf3 e6 8.0-0 0d7  
9.c4 g6 10.e3 0g7 11.e5 d5

11...dxe5? 12.dxe5 e7 (12...0xe5?  
13.0d1+)- 13.0d1 0c8 14.e4!+; better  
11...0b8.

12.b3 e7 13.0d1 0-0 14.e4 e3 15.0g5  
0b6 16.e5 0c8 17.0f4! ± 0d7

17...dxc4 18.bxc4 0xc4 19.e4 with attack.

18.0d3 a5

18...f6 19.exf6 0xf6 20.0e3 ±; 18...dxc4  
19.bxc4 c5 20.0e7 +.

19.0ac1 0b7 20.0c3 a4 21.b4 dxc4 22.0xc4  
0b6 23.e5 0c8 24.0c2 0d5 25.0d2 a3  
26.0dc1 0b8 27.0d3 f6

Better was 27...0b6 28.0xc6 0xc6 29.0xc6  
0b7 30.0c5 0b8.

28.exf6 0xf6 29.0e2 0d5 30.0c4 +- 0f5  
31.0d2 0f8 32.0xc6 0d6 33.0xd6 1-0.

**Boyd, K – Kaspar, W**  
R 5, Scandinavian [B01]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 0f6 3.d4 0xd5 4.c4 0f6 5.0f3  
0f5 6.0e2 c6 7.0-0 e6 8.e3 0bd7 9.a3 0e4  
10.0xe4 0xe4 11.0f4 0e7 12.0d2 0-0  
13.0fd1 0e8 14.b4 0f6 15.e5 0f8 16.0e3  
0g6 17.0f3 0xe5 18.0xe5 0b6 19.c5 0d8  
20.b5 0c8 21.a4 0d7 22.0d6 0f6 23.bxc6  
bxc6 24.0d2 0d5 25.0b3 0g5 26.0b2 0h4  
27.0d1 a5 28.0b7 0b4 29.0d2 0d3 30.0e3  
0b4 31.0f4 0xf4 32.0xf4 0c2 33.0d1 0b4  
34.0e2 0c2 35.0a1 0b3 36.0a3 0d5 37.0e5  
f6 38.0g3! fxe5 39.0gxc7+ 0h8 40.0xh7+  
0g8 41.0h5 0e4

41...0ed8 42.0bg7+ 0f8 43.0g5 mates  
quickly.

42.0hg7+ 0h8 43.0xe8 0xe8 44.dxe5 0g8  
45.0xg8+ 0xg8 46.0a7 0d3 47.0xa5 0f7  
48.0a7+ 0g6 49.a5 0xc5 50.a6 0a4 51.0c7  
0f5 52.a7 0b6 53.0c8 0xe5 54.a8 0xa8  
55.0xa8 c5 56.0c8 0d4 57.0f1 c4 58.f3 0d3+  
59.0e1 0c3 60.0d1 e5 61.g4 0f1 62.g5 0d3  
63.g6 0e2+ 64.0e1 1-0.

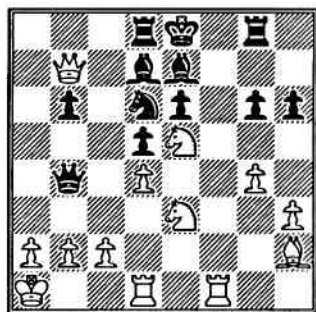
**Round 6**

In the clash of the leaders Dive won quickly after a serious, though not obvious, mistake by Bjelobrk. Garbett won a pawn after an interesting middle game against Guthrie but the latter should have held the rook ending. Boyd won his fifth consecutive game after Hair blundered a pawn. Ker made it two wins in a row with a nice effort against Dowden where both sacrificed their queens. Sinclair again climbed back to 50% when he won a pawn and gained a winning kingside attack.

**Ker – Dowden**

R 6, Trompovsky [A45]

1.d4 0f6 2.0g5 e6 3.e3 h6 4.0h4 d6 5.f4 0e7  
6.0f3 c5 7.0bd2 cxd4 8.exd4 0d5 9.0g3 0e3  
10.0c1 0xf1 11.0xf1 b6 12.e3 d5 13.e5 g6  
14.0d2 0d7 15.0-0-0 0b5 16.h3 0d7 17.0h2  
0f6 18.g4 0e4 19.0g2 0c8 20.0b1 0a4  
21.0hf1 0g8 22.0e2 0d6 23.0a6 0d7 24.f5  
0b4 25.0b7 0d8 26.fxe6 fxe6 27.0a1 0d6  
28.0xa7 0b5 29.0b7 0d6



30.0xd5! exd5 31.0xd5 0b5 32.0xb4 0xb4  
33.c3 0e7 34.0de1 0c8 35.0f7 0h4 36.0ef1  
0e6 37.0b7 0d8 38.0e1 0c7 39.0c4 0f7  
40.0d6+ 0xd6 41.0xd6 0d5 42.0xc7+ 0xc7  
43.0xc7 0a8 44.0xb6 0xa2 45.b4 0c4+  
46.0a5 0f6 47.0b2 0g5 48.d5 0a6 1-0.

**Dive, RJ – Bjelobrk, I**

R 6, Modern [A40]

1.d4 g6 2.c4 0g7 3.e3 0c6 4.d5 0e5 5.e4 d6

6.0e2 0d7 7.0e3 0g6 8.0f3 0-0 9.0-0 0c5  
10.0d2 a5 11.h3 e5 12.dxe6 0xe6 13.0c2  
0e8 14.0ad1 0d7 15.0b3 0e5 16.0d4 0d7  
17.0xe6 0xe6 18.c5 0c4 19.0d4 0g5 20.0xc7  
0xc7?

20...0xh3 21.g3 0xf1 22.0xf1 0xc7 23.0xc4  
is better for White though during the game  
Russell did not assess the position quite so  
favourably.

21.0d5 0xh3 22.0c3+ 1-0.

**Sinclair – Gladkikh**

R 6, Sicilian [B85]

1.e4 c5 2.0f3 e6 3.e3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.0xd4  
0c6 6.0e2 d6 7.0-0 0f6 8.0e3 0e7 9.f4 0c7  
10.0h1 0-0 11.0e1 b5 12.a3 0xd4 13.0xd4  
e5 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.0g3 0d7 16.0d5 0d8  
17.0xe5 0xe5 18.0xe5 0d6 19.0h5 0a7  
20.0ad1 f6 21.c4 bxc4 22.0xc4 0h8 23.0f4  
g5 24.0xd6 0xd6 25.0g6+ 0g7 26.0xf8 0xf8  
27.e5 0e7 28.0xf6 0e8 29.0h6+ 0h8 30.0f8+  
1-0.

Scores after round 6: Dive 5½; Boyd &  
Garbett 5; Bjelobrk & Ker 4½; Sinclair 3;  
Dowden 2½; Johnson & Kaspar 1½; Glad-  
kikh, Guthrie & Hair 1.

**Round 7**

Dive went on his merry way in round 7 when what looked like an opening experiment by Garbett went badly awry. Dive won a pawn and weathered the complications comfortably and after this round enjoyed a full point lead with three of the bottom four still to play, what seemed a rather unassailable position.

The other key game this round saw Bjelobrk and Ker split the point in a Benko Gambit type rook ending (White having a passed a-pawn) similar to that which could have arisen in the earlier game Guthrie-Dive except that the c-pawns were off and White had lost a kingside pawn; the draw was agreed when the position was still unclear.

Guthrie gained a clear advantage against Boyd and promptly offered a draw giving Sinclair, victor over Dowden when the latter exposed his king to a vicious counter-attack

to make up a little ground on most of the leaders. Gladkikh-Kaspar was a long and closely fought draw while Hair blundered a pawn in the opening against Johnson and never recovered.

**Garbett – Dive**

R 7, Alekhine [B03]

1.e4 0f6 2.e5 0d5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 0b6 5.exd6  
cxd6 6.0c3 g6 7.h3 0g7 8.0f3 0-0 9.0e3 0c6  
10.0c1 0f5 11.0e2 d5 12.c5 0c4 13.0xc4  
dxc4 14.0-0 0d3 15.0e1 0e8 16.b3 0xd4  
17.bxc4 0xf3+ 18.0xf3 0a5 19.0d2 0xc4  
20.0xb7 0xc5 21.0f4 0a5 22.0c7 0a3 23.0b1  
0xa2 24.0xe7 0d5 25.0xe8+ 0xe8 26.0b5  
0c8 27.0e1 0e6 28.0d6 a5 29.0a3 0d2  
30.0xe6 fxe6 31.0c4 0c1+ 0-1.

**Round 8**

Another well played game by Dive in round 8 saw the effective end of Boyd's challenge (or anyone else's for that matter!). Another important clash saw Ker gain a slight edge against Garbett who defended accurately for a draw. Bjelobrk was lucky indeed to finish with half a point against Dowden; after enjoying some advantage for a while he blundered badly, losing the exchange. Tony inexplicably thought an exchange was not sufficient to play for a win and agreed a draw straight away!

Sinclair whipped up a quick kingside attack which proved to be curtains for Kaspar and thereby closed to within half a point of the bunch sharing second place. Guthrie, with his most difficult opponents behind him started a four-game winning streak when Johnson was forced to give up his queen for rook and bishop while Hair-Gladkikh finished farcically. Gladkikh reached a rook ending with two extra connected passed pawns but, in making a tempo move, accidentally put his rook on the same file as Hair's. Philip lopped off the rook and agreed a draw, feeling that was a fair result.

Scores: Dive 7½; Bjelobrk, Boyd, Garbett & Ker 5½; Sinclair 5; Dowden 3; Guthrie & Johnson 2½; Gladkikh & Kaspar 2; Hair 1½.



## Dive - Boyd

R 8, Queen's Pawn [A40]

1.d4 g6 2.ϕf3 ρg7 3.b4 d5 4.ϑb2 ϕf6 5.ϑbd2  
0-0 6.e3 ϑbd7 7.c4 c6 8.ϑe2 dxc4 9.ϑxc4  
ϑb6 10.ϑa5 ϑfd7 11.0-0 ϖc7 12.ϑc1 ϖd6  
13.ϖb3 e5 14.b5 exd4 15.bxc6 bxc6 16.ϑa3  
c5 17.exd4 ϑxd4 18.ϑxd4 ϖxd4 19.ϑf3 ϑa6  
20.ϑfd1 ϖe5 21.ϑxa8 ϑxa8 22.ϑb2 c4 23.ϖa3  
ϖg5 24.ϑc6 f6 25.ϖxa6 1-0.

## Ker - Garbett

R 8, Trompovsky [A45]

1.d4 ϑf6 2.ϑg5 c5 3.ϑxf6 gxf6 4.d5 ϖb6  
5.ϖc1 f5 6.c4 ϑg7 7.ϑc3 d6 8.e3 ϑd7 9.ϑf3  
ϖb4 10.ϖc2 ϑb6 11.ϑc1 ϑd7 12.a3 ϑxc3+  
13.ϖxc3 ϖxc3+ 14.ϑxc3 e6 15.ϑc2 ϑa4  
16.ϑd2 ϑe7 17.ϑd3 ϑc2 18.ϑc3 ϑe4 19.ϑd2  
exd5 20.f3 d4 21.exd4 cxd4 22.ϑc1 ϑc6  
23.ϑb3 ϑf6 24.ϑxd4 ϑhe8+ 25.ϑf2 ϑd7 26.b3  
ϑac8 27.ϑd3 a5 28.ϑc2 ϑe7 29.ϑe1 ϑx1  
30.ϑxe1 a4 31.b4 ϑe5 32.ϑe2 ϑe6 33.f4+ ϑf6  
34.ϑd4 ϑxc4 35.ϑxf5 ϑe8+ 36.ϑf2 h5 37.g3  
d5 38.ϑc3 ϑc8 39.ϑxc8 ϑxc8 40.h3 ϑe8  
41.ϑc3 ϑxc3 42.ϑxc3 ϑf1 43.h4 ϑc4 44.ϑf3  
ϑb3 45.ϑb5 ϑe6 46.ϑc3 ϑc4 47.ϑd4+ ϑf6  
48.ϑf3 ϑf5 49.ϑe5 f6 50.ϑf3 ϑg4 51.ϑf2 ϑf5  
52.ϑe3 ½-½.

## Sinclair - Kaspar

R 8, Queen's Pawn [D02]

1.ϑf3 d5 2.d4 ϑf5 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 e6 5.ϑxc4  
ϑd7 6.ϑc3 ϑgf6 7.ϖe2 ϑe4 8.ϑd2 ϑdf6 9.f3  
ϑxc3 10.bxc3 c6 11.e4 ϑg6 12.ϑb1 ϖc7  
13.0-0 ϑe7 14.ϑd3 0-0 15.ϑc4 ϑd7 16.f4 b5  
17.ϑe3 f6 18.f5 ϑf7 19.fxc6 ϑxc6 20.ϖh5 g6  
21.ϖh6 ϑxa2 22.ϑb2 ϑe6 23.ϑbf2 ϑb6 24.e5  
f5 25.g4 ϑc4 26.ϑxc4 ϑxc4 27.gxf5 ϑxe5  
28.fxc6 hxc6 29.ϑxc6 ϑxc6 30.ϖxc6+ ϑh8  
31.ϑf7 1-0.

## Round 9

Dive's win against Johnson assured him of first place with two rounds still to go. Ker made a huge mess of his opening leaving Boyd with an extra piece by move 14; forty moves later Boyd blundered it back and the game ended in a draw.

Bjelobrk's exchange sacrifice against Sinclair was, to say the least, optimistic and Sinclair notched up his fourth win in a row. Garbett gained attacking chances against Dowden's uncastled king and soon won a pawn which he maintained with sharp play; eventually Garbett won a second pawn and the rest was technique. Gladkikh unsoundly sacrificed the exchange versus Guthrie and Hair lost a pawn and the game to Kaspar.

Scores: Dive 8½; Garbett 6½; Boyd, Ker & Sinclair 6; Bjelobrk 5½; Guthrie 3½; Dowden & Kaspar 3; Johnson 2½; Gladkikh 2; Hair 1½.

## Garbett - Dowden

R 9, French [C17]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.ϑc3 ϑb4 4.e5 c5 5.ϑd2  
cxd4 6.ϑb5 ϑxd2+ 7.ϖxd2 ϑc6 8.f4 ϑge7  
9.ϑd6+ ϑf8 10.ϑf3 ϖb6 11.0-0 ϑd7 12.a3  
ϑc8 13.ϑb5 ϑ8e7 14.g4 h5 15.gxh5 ϑxe5  
16.fxe5 ϑxb5 17.ϑxb5 ϖxb5 18.ϑxd4 ϖb6  
19.ϖg5 ϑf5 20.ϑxf5 exf5 21.ϑxd5 ϑe8 22.ϑf1  
ϖe6 23.c4 b5 24.ϖxf5 bxc4 25.ϑd7 ϖxf5  
26.ϑxf5 ϑe7 27.ϑd4 ϑh6 28.ϑxc4 g6 29.hxc6  
ϑxc6 30.h4 ϑg1+ 31.ϑc2 ϑe1 32.ϑc8+ ϑg7  
33.ϑg5+ ϑh7 34.ϑc5 ϑe4 35.h5 ϑe2+ 36.ϑc3  
ϑb7 37.b4 ϑc3+ 38.ϑb2 ϑd7 39.ϑc3 ϑe2+  
40.ϑb3 ϑf2 41.ϑcg3 ϑe7 42.ϑc4 ϑc2+ 43.ϑb5  
ϑd2 44.ϑc3 ϑf2 45.ϑc6 ϑf3 46.h6 ϑe8 47.a4  
ϑf4 48.ϑa5 ϑh4 49.ϑg7+ ϑh8 50.ϑxf7 ϑxe5+  
51.b5 1-0.

## Round 10

Dive, Ker and Sinclair all won comfortably against Gladkikh, Johnson and Hair respectively while Garbett sacrificed the exchange in response to Bjelobrk's pawn sacrifice and soon built up a winning kingside attack. Boyd saddled himself with pawn weaknesses which Dowden eventually exploited while Guthrie-Kaspar was an Englund Gambit in which David sacrificed three pawns for a winning attack.

Scores: Dive 9½; Garbett 7½; Ker & Sinclair 7; Boyd 6; Bjelobrk 5½; Guthrie 4½; Dowden 4; Kaspar 3; Johnson 2½; Gladkikh 2; Hair 1½.

## Bjelobrk - Garbett

R 10, Grünfeld [D85]

1.d4 ϑf6 2.c4 g6 3.ϑc3 d5 4.cxd5 ϑxd5 5.e4  
ϑxc3 6.bxc3 ϑg7 7.ϑf3 c5 8.ϑb1 0-0 9.ϑe2  
ϑc6 10.d5 ϑe5 11.ϑxe5 ϑxe5 12.ϖd2 e6 13.f4  
ϑc7 14.ϑc4 e5 15.g3 exf4 16.gxf4 ϑe8 17.0-0  
ϑxe4 18.ϑd3 ϖxd5 19.ϑxe4 ϖxe4 20.ϑa3 ϑh3  
21.ϑfe1 ϖf5 22.ϖf2 ϑd8 23.ϑxb7 ϑxf4 24.c4  
ϖg4+ 25.ϑh1 ϑd2 0-1.

## Guthrie - Kaspar

R 10, Englund Gambit [A40]

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 ϑc6 3.ϑf3 ϖe7 4.ϑf4 ϖb4+  
5.ϑd2 ϖxb2 6.ϑc3 ϑb4 7.ϑb1 ϖa3 8.ϑd5  
ϑxd2+ 9.ϖxd2 ϖxa2 10.ϑd1 ϑd8 11.e4 ϑge7  
12.ϑe2 h6 13.0-0 ϖa5 14.ϖf4 ϑf8 15.ϑd2  
ϑg6 16.ϖg3 ϑe8 17.ϑfd1 ϑxc5 18.ϑxe5 ϑxe5  
19.f4 ϑxe4 20.f5 ϖc5+ 21.ϑh1 ϑe7 22.f6 gxf6  
23.ϑxf6 ϑxe2 24.ϑxe2 c6 25.ϑde1 ϖg5  
26.ϖd6 1-0.

## Round 11

Kaspar pushed Dive all the way down to a queen ending and must have been close to a draw on occasion. This win gave Dive 10½ points, the highest winning score in the Championship since Ortvin Sarapu did it regularly in the 1950s. Garbett and Sinclair agreed a fairly quick draw while Ker won easily versus Gladkikh to catch up for a share of second place. Thus were the top four places decided.

Boyd and Bjelobrk fought for the minor prizes, the latter winning the exchange though Boyd got some compensation in the bishop pair and was well in the fight when a time trouble oversight lost a piece. Guthrie and Dowden completed their schedules on a winning note to finish in mid-table.

## Boyd - Bjelobrk

R 10, Modern [B06]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ϑg7 3.c3 d6 4.f4 ϑf6 5.e5 dxe5  
6.fxe5 ϑd5 7.ϑf3 0-0 8.ϑe2 c5 9.0-0 ϑc6  
10.c4 ϑc7 11.dxc5 ϑxe5 12.ϑf4 ϑxf3+  
13.ϑxf3 ϖd4+ 14.ϖxd4 ϑxd4+ 15.ϑh1 ϑxb2  
16.ϑxc7 ϑxa1 17.c6 b6 18.ϑg3 ϑa6 19.ϑa3

ϑb2 20.ϑb5 ϑxb5 21.cxb5 e5 22.ϑh4 a6  
23.ϑd5 ϑa7 24.a4 axb5 25.axb5 e4 26.ϑf2  
ϑa5 27.c7 ϑxb5 28.ϑxf7+ ϑg7 29.ϑc4 ϑbf5  
30.g4 ϑf6 31.ϑd1 ϑe5 32.ϑh4 ϑd6 33.ϑxd6  
ϑxd6 34.ϑd8 ϑxc7 35.ϑxc7 ϑc8 36.ϑe5+ ϑf8  
37.ϑd5?! e3 38.ϑg2 e2! 39.ϑf2??

39.ϑd6+ ϑg7 40.ϑf2 ϑd8 41.ϑe5+ ϑb6  
42.ϑc6

39...e1ϖ+ 40.ϑxe1 ϑe8 41.ϑf2 ϑxe5 0-1.

So ended an unusual New Zealand Championship with a near record winning score and some huge turn-arounds largely caused by the vagaries of the draw. In the latter department Bjelobrk and Boyd made hay in the first half but could manage only 3 points between them in the last five rounds while Sinclair and Guthrie who started with 3 points between them in the first five rounds scored 5½ and 4½ respectively in the last six rounds!

Obviously Russell Dive was in very good form indeed and certainly I have never seen him more focussed than he was in Dunedin, concentrating hard even in comparatively straightforward positions. Garbett and Ker were not at their best and have every reason to be happy with 8 points and second place. A couple of Paul's wins were rather laboured while Anthony had that one huge slice of luck against Boyd and was generally a bit more cautious than usual. Garbett, of course, was top seed after a very good year and nobody can be expected to go on performing at such a high level forever.

The next three should also be happy with their results, Sinclair after his miserable start, Boyd after a long absence from top chess, and Bjelobrk in his first Championship. After his 4½/5 start Igor could be excused for feeling a little disappointed but this young man is still on the upward path.

## Only 14 draws

There were a mere 14 draws in this tournament which prompted Tony Love to scornfully point out that he could have scored almost that

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## New Zealand Major Open 1998-99, Dunedin

Fourth seed Matthew McNabb (19) took sole possession of the lead in round 7 with 6 points and increased this to a full point by round 9 yet he was somewhat lucky to take first place. His only loss came in round 4 against Matthew Vincent, the top seed, who was, however, too inconsistent to challenge for first place.

Instead Ross Jackson, after a poor start of 1½/3, conceded only two draws (one with McNabb in round 8) after this to take clear second place; indeed he might well have beaten McNabb if he'd taken his chances in the rook ending. In the last round Bruce Gloistein built up a winning attack on McNabb's kingside but failed in time trouble to find the coupe de grace and agreed the draw on move 40 when still in a winning position.

### Gold - McNabb

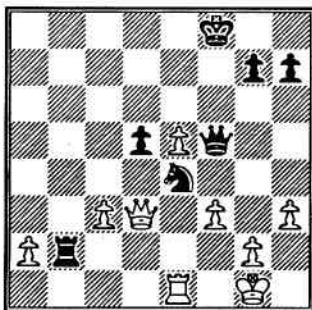
R 2, King's Gambit [C33]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♗c4 ♖f6 4.e5 d5 5.exf6 dxc4 6.fxg7 ♖h4+ 7.g3 fxg3 8.♖e2+ ♗e6 9.gxh8 ♗g2+ 10.♗d1 gxh1 ♗ 11.♗g8 ♗c6 12.d3 ♗d4 13.♗eg2 ♗xg2 14.♗xg2 ♗g4+ 15.♗d2 ♗g5+ 16.♗c3 ♗b5+ 17.♗xc4 ♗c5+ 0-1.

### Rowell-Bannister

R 4

The following position was reached after White's 32nd move:



32...♗xg2+! 33.♗xg2 ♗g6+ 34.♗f1 ♗g3+ 35.♗f2 ♗xd3 36.♗xg3 ♗xc3 0-1.

### McNabb - Sinton

R 3, King's Gambit [C34]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♗f3 d6 4.d4 g5 5.h4 g4 6.♗g1 f5 7.♗xf4 fxe4 8.♗h3 ♖f6 9.♗f2 ♗f5 10.♗c3 d5 11.♗g5 g3 12.♗h3 ♗b4 13.♗b5+ c6 14.0-0 ♗g4 15.♗xf6 ♗xd1 16.♗xd8 ♗xd8 17.♗axd1 cxb5 18.♗xd5 ♗c6 19.♗xb4 ♗xb4 20.c3 ♗d3 21.♗g5 ♗e8 22.♗xe4 ♗xb2 23.♗b1 ♗c4 24.♗be1 ♗c7 25.♗xg3 ♗ad8 26.♗xe8 ♗xe8 27.♗f7+ ♗c6 28.♗xh7 ♗e3 29.♗f5 ♗xc3 30.h5 ♗c1+ 31.♗h2 ♗c2 32.a3 ♗f2 33.♗f7 ♗b6 34.h6 ♗e3 35.h7 (time) 1-0.

### Aldridge - Jackson

R 5, English [A25]

1.c4 e5 2.♗c3 ♗c6 3.g3 f5 4.e3 ♖f6 5.♗g2 d6 6.♗ge2 g6 7.d3 ♗g7 8.♗d2 0-0 9.0-0 ♖e8 10.♗d5 ♗xd5 11.cxd5 ♗d8 12.♗c1 c5 13.dxc6 ♗xc6 14.♗c3 ♗e6 15.♗d5 ♗f7 16.♗f3 g5 17.♗b4 g4 18.♗e2 ♗xb4 19.♗xb4 ♗ad8 20.f3 h5 21.fxg4 hxg4 22.b3 ♗h6 23.♗d2 ♖h7 24.♗c2 ♗g5 25.♗fc1 ♗f7 26.♗a5 b6 27.♗d2 ♖h6 28.♗c7 ♗dd7 29.♗c8+ ♗g7 30.♗c2 d5 31.♗e1 ♗c7 32.♗ec1 ♗xc2 33.♗xc2 ♗d7 34.♗h1 ♗f7 35.♗c6 d4 36.e4 f4! 36...♗xd2? 37.exf5 ♗e7 38.♗xe5+-.

37.gxf4 exf4 38.♗f7

38.♗f1 ♗g8 (38...g3 39.h3∞) 39.♗c8+ ♗h7 40.♗c6∞.

38...g3 39.♗g1 ♖h5 40.♗e1

40.♗c1 f3 41.♗xg5 fxg2+ 42.♗xg2 ♗xg5+; 40.♗f1 ♗g4+.

40...f3 41.♗xg3 fxg2+ 42.♗xg2 ♗h3+ 0-1.

### Jackson - Vincent

R 7, English [A15]

1.♗f3 ♖f6 2.c4 b6 3.d4 ♗a6 4.♗c2 e6 5.e4 d5 6.e5 ♗fd7 7.♗d3 c5 8.cxd5 ♗xd3 9.♗xd3 exd5 10.♗c3 cxd4 11.♗xd4 ♗c6 12.♗xd5 ♗b4 13.♗e4 ♗c5 14.♗e2 ♗cd3+ 15.♗f1 ♗c5 16.♗g5

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	Rtg	Cl	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	PI	TB
1 McNabb M.	1717	CA	+18	+19	+4	-3	+7	+11	+13	-2	+10	+5	+6	9	
2 Jackson L.R.	1755	WE	-22	+12	+19	+17	+5	+4	+3	-1	+7	+10	+11	8½	
3 Vincent M.B.	1843	OT	+15	+10	-5	+1	+13	+7	-2	-4	+6	+8	+12	8	
4 Sinton P.J.	1792	OT	+13	+6	-1	-8	+10	-2	+12	+3	-5	+7	-9	7	73%
5 Aldridge A.L.	1773	Cl	+17	+8	+3	-7	-2	-13	+15	+14	+4	-1	+10	7	71%
6 Gloistein B.N.	1549	CA	+24	-4	+22	-13	+9	+14	-7	+11	-3	+17	-1	6½	
7 Benson C.	1663	CA	+21	+22	+11	+5	-1	-3	+6	-10	-2	-4	-8	6	70%
8 Batchelor A.	1609	OT	+20	-5	+9	-4	-11	-10	+17	+13	+12	-6	-7	6	63%
9 Win K.S.	1294	OT	+14	-11	-8	+22	-6	-23	+18	-16	+20	+15	-4	6	57
10 Heperi D.J.N.	1613	OT	+16	-3	+17	+15	-4	+8	+11	+7	-1	-2	-5	5½	73
11 Adams J.M.	1627	GA	-12	+9	-7	+19	+8	-1	-10	-6	+21	+14	-2	5½	67
12 Wood D.A.	1289	CA	-11	-2	+16	-14	+19	+18	-4	+15	-8	+23	-3	5½	64
13 Donaldson B.	1466	CA	L4	W24	W14	W6	L3	W5	L1	L8	L15	W22	D20	5½	62%
14 Stracy D.M.	1696	UH	-9	+21	-13	+12	+18	-6	+23	-5	+19	-11	-16	5½	58
15 Voss P.J.	1484	GA	-3	+16	+18	-10	+20	+17	-5	-12	+13	-9	+24	5½	57%
16 Ritchie A.	1278	OT	-10	-15	-12	-20	-24	+19	-22	+9	+23	-21	-14	5½	47%
17 McIntosh J.	1456	OT	-5	+20	-10	-2	+22	-15	-8	+23	+24	-6	-21	5	54
18 Bannister C.	1425	OT	-1	+23	-15	+21	-14	-12	-9	+24	+22	-20	+19	5	51
19 Gold H.R.	1546	OT	+23	-1	-2	-11	-12	-16	+21	+20	-14	+24	-18	4%	
20 Hall P.J.	1182	OT	-8	-17	+23	-16	-15	-21	+24	-19	-9	+18	+13	4	50%
21 Rowell T.	1293	OT	-7	-14	+24	-18	-23	+20	-19	+22	-11	-16	-17	4	48
22 Reid D.M.	1451	OT	+2	-7	-6	-9	-17	+24	+16	-21	-18	-13	+23	3%	
23 Webber C.H.	1123	UH	-19	-18	-20	+24	+21	+9	-14	-17	-16	-12	-22	3	
24 Cameron D.	1131	OT	-6	-13	-21	-23	-16	-22	-20	-18	-17	-19	-15	½	

♗b8 17.a3 ♖xf2 18.♗b5+ ♗f8 19.axb4 a6 20.♗c4 ♗xh1 21.bxc5 h6 22.♗e3 b5 23.♗b4 ♗g8 24.♗e2 ♗g3+ 25.hxg3 ♗h7 26.♗e4+ g6 27.♗h1 b4 28.♗xh6+ ♗g7 29.♗xh8 ♗xh8 30.♗g5 ♗h1 31.♗f6+ ♗h7 32.♗g5+ 1-0.

### Sinton - Benson

R 10, Ruy Lopez [C78]

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♖f6 5.0-0 b5 6.♗b3 ♗xe4 7.♗e1 ♖f6 8.♗xe5 ♗xe5 9.♗xe5+ ♗e7 10.♗e2 d6 11.♗e3 c5 12.d3 d5 13.c4 bxc4 14.dxc4 d4 15.♗e5 ♗f8 16.♗g5 ♗b7 17.♗a4 h6 18.♗xf6 gxh6 19.♗h5 ♖a5 20.♗d1 ♗d8 21.♗d2 ♗g8 22.g3 ♗g6 23.b3 ♗c7 24.♗f3 ♗a8 25.♗h4 ♗b7 26.f3 ♗g7 27.♗xg6 fxg6 28.♗d5 ♗xd5 29.cxd5 ♗xd5 30.♗d3 ♗xf3 31.♗xf3 ♗xf3 32.♗f2 ♗e4 33.♗e1 f5 34.♗c6 ♗xc6 35.♗xe7+ ♗f6 36.♗c7 ♗e4 37.♗xc5 ♗g5 38.♗a5 ♗g4 39.♗xa6 f4 40.♗a4 fxg3+ 41.hxg3 h5 42.♗xd4 ♗f5 43.♗e3 ♗b1 44.a3 ♗e5 45.b4 g5 46.b5 h4 47.gxh4 gxh4 48.b6 1-0.

### Sinton - Aldridge

R 9, Caro-Kann [B13]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.♗d3 ♖f6 5.c3 e6 6.♗f3 ♗bd7 7.♗f4 ♗b6 8.♗c2 ♗d6 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗h4 0-0 11.♗bd2 e5 12.♗xe5 ♗xe5 13.dxe5 ♗xe5 14.0-0-0 ♗d7 15.f3 ♗xc8 16.♗b3 ♗a4 17.♗f2 ♗d6 18.♗f5 ♗c6 19.♗d2 ♗c4 20.♗d4 b5 21.♗g3 ♗d8 22.♗c2 a5 23.♗he1 b4 24.cxb4 axb4 25.♗b1 ♗c8 26.♗e2 ♖a6 27.♗de1 ♗a8 28.♗d3 ♗cc8 29.♗d4 ♗b5 30.♗c1 ♗a5 31.♗d2 b3 32.♗d3

32.♗xb3 ♗c6 33.♗f2 ♖xa2+ +-.

32...bxa2+ 33.♗a1 ♗xc1+ 34.♗xa2 ♗c4+ 0-1.

### McNabb - Gloistein

R 11, Caro\_Kann [B10]

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d6 3.d4 e6 4.♗c3 g6 5.f4 ♗g7 6.♗f3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 0-0 8.h4 d5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.e5 ♖f5 11.♗f2 h5 2.♗g1 ♗h6 13.♗d3 ♗g4

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## New Year Open, 1998-99, Dunedin

This six-round Swiss, first held last year, attracted 20 entries, including 14 players from the main events. Mark Sinclair's surprise loss to veteran Graham Haase in round 4 after already losing to Russell Dive left Anthony Ker and Dive to dispute first place. This they

### N.Z. Lightning Championship

The traditional lightning tournament was played on New Year's Eve. Igor Bjelobrk and Mark Sinclair finished up on top after the lead in the final had changed several times. Scores: 1-2 Bjelobrk & Sinclair 9; 3 A.F. Ker 8; 4 R.J. Dive 8; 5 R. Wansink 7½; 6 K.M. Boyd 6; 7-8 M. McNabb & M.B. Vincent 4½; 9 Q. Johnson 3½; 10 P.J. Sinton 3; 11 J.I. Sutherland 2; 12 D.J.N. Heperi ½.

B-final: 1 David Wood 7/8; 2 Alexei Gladkikh 5½; 3= Alan Aldridge and Philip Hall 5.

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many all by himself! The percentage of decisive games was 78.8%, the highest since 1968/69 when there were only 10 draws. While on the subject of records we note that there have been two 100% scores in New Zealand championship, Dunedin 1898 where R.A. Cleland scored 4/4 and Wellington 1928/29 where J.A. Erskine scored 8/8. In addition Fedor Kelling scored 11½/12 in Christchurch 1914/15. Russell's winning margin of 2½ points is also not a record, Sarapu having won with three point margins on three occasions. Sorry Russell, you'll just have to try a little harder next year!

It was also pointed out at the prize giving that Anthony Ker was playing in his twentieth consecutive Congress, a very fine performance indeed but, alas, also not a record as Fedor Kelling played 29 Championships in a row while E.H. Severne played 25 in a row and R.J. Barnes 22. I have no records for consecutive Congresses (as distinct from New Zealand Championships) but doubt that anyone else can equal Anthony's sequence.

didn't really do, swapping pieces as fast as possible in round 4 and ending up with 5½ points each.

Quentin Johnson lost in the two middle rounds and scored 4 to share 3rd with Sinclair.

### Haase - Ker R 6, English [A21]

1. ♭f3 d6 2. c4 e5 3. ♁c3 f5 4. d3 ♁f6 5. g3 ♁e7  
6. ♁g2 0-0 7. ♣b3 ♁h8 8. ♁d2 ♁bd7 9. ♣c2 ♣e8  
10. ♁b5 ♁d8 11. ♁a5 ♁b6 12. h4 ♁d7 13. ♁c3 e4  
14. ♁d4 e3 15. f4 c5 16. ♁db5 ♁c6 17. ♁xc6  
bxc6 18. ♁a3 ♁g4 19. ♁d1 ♁c8 20. ♁c3 d5  
21. 0-0 d4 22. ♁e1 g5 23. fxg5 ♁xg5 24. ♁g2  
♁xh4 25. gxh4 ♣e5 26. ♁g3 f4 27. ♁e1 f3+  
28. ♁h3 ♣h2+ 29. ♁xg4 ♁g8+ 30. ♁f5 ♁cf8+  
31. ♁e6 ♁g6+ 32. ♁e7 ♣d6# 0-1.

### Dive, R - McNabb, M New Year Open, R 1 [E69]

1. d4 1... ♁f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♁f3 ♁g7 4. g3 0-0  
5. ♁g2 d6 6. 0-0 ♁bd7 7. ♁c3 c6 8. e4 e5 9. h3  
♣b6 10. d5 cxd5 11. cxd5 ♣d8 12. ♁e1 ♁h5  
13. ♁d3 ♁c5 14. ♁xc5 dxc5 15. ♁e3 b6 16. ♣e2  
a5 17. ♁fd1 ♁a6 18. ♁b5 a4 19. ♁f1 ♣d7  
20. ♣c4 a3 21. ♁ab1 f5 22. d6+ ♁h8 23. ♁g5  
fxe4 24. bxa3 ♁f3 25. ♁g2 ♁xa3 26. ♣xe4 ♁xb5  
27. ♁xb5 ♣xb5 28. d7 ♁f6 29. ♁xf6+ ♁xf6  
30. ♣xe5 1-0

### Major Open - cont. from previous page

14. ♁h1 a6 15. ♣d2 f5 16. exf6 ♣xf6 17. g3 ♁c6  
18. ♁e5 ♁e7 19. ♁xg4 hxg4 20. h5 ♁f5 21. ♁e2  
♣f7 22. hxg6 ♣xg6 23. ♁c3 ♁f6 24. ♁f1 ♁f7  
25. ♁g2 ♁d7 26. ♁ac1 ♁c6 27. ♁e3 ♁d8 28. ♁d1  
♁dd7 29. ♁f2 e5 30. fxe5 ♁xe5 31. dxe5 d4+  
32. ♁xc6 ♣xc6+ 33. ♁e4 ♁xe3+ 34. ♁g1 ♣b5

34... ♣xe4! 35. ♁xe4 ♁f1+ 36. ♁h2 ♁h7 mate.

35. ♁d3 ♁f1+ 36. ♁h2 ♁f7?

36... ♣b6; 36... ♣c6; 36... ♁d6 are all quicker ways of winning.

37. ♁g1 ♣b6 38. ♁h4 ♁f1+ 39. ♁h2 ♁d7  
40. ♁d5 +- ½-½.

## New Zealand Rapid Championship, Dunedin, 1999

After two days of thud and blunder Anthony Ker emerged in first place with 7½ points from 9 rounds but it was not a smooth cruise. Mark Sinclair beat him in round 2 and led with 4½/5. Ker caught up in round 6 and they both won in round 7 but that was the end of Mark's scoring as he succumbed to Tony Love and Igor Bjelobrk in the final two rounds.

Richard Sutton and Robert Wansink, despite lacking a warm-up over the previous fortnight were always handily placed and 2 points in the last 3 rounds propelled them into a share of second place. Russell Dive faded on the second day with two losses, including that in the last round where a Sutton swindle turned a pawn-down rook ending into a pawn-up winning pawn ending.

### New Zealand Rapid Championship, Dunedin, 1999

	Rtg	Cl	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Pts	TB
1 Ker A.F.	2294	Cl	+18	+21	-4	+12	+7	+6	+2	+3	=5	7½	
2 Sutton R.J.	2255	OT	+19	+17	-3	-4	+10	=5	-1	+8	+6	6½	51%
3 Wansink R.	2215	OT	+15	+16	-2	+17	+21	=4	+7	-1	+11	6½	48%
4 Sinclair M.	2216	-	+26	+13	+1	+2	=6	=3	+11	-5	-7	6	52
5 Love A.J.	2242	OT	+27	+12	=7	-6	+8	=2	+10	+4	=1	6	51
6 Dive R.J.	2385	Cl	+24	=9	+20	+5	=4	-1	+13	+7	-2	6	50
7 Bjelobrk I.	1739	AC	+25	+22	=5	+9	-1	+20	-3	-6	+4	5½	49%
8 Aldridge A.L.	1798	Cl	-22	=25	+23	+19	-5	+16	+12	-2	+13	5½	42%
9 Dowden R.A.	2129	PN	+28	=6	+11	-7	-20	-13	+23	+19	+17	5½	41%
10 Guthrie D.W.	2130	OT	=23	=14	+24	+13	-2	+12	=5	-11	+16	5	45
11 Boyd K.M.	2183	OT	-16	+15	-9	+26	+18	+21	-4	+10	-3	5	44%
12 McNabb M.	1830	CA	+29	-5	+26	-1	+19	=10	-8	=14	+21	5	43%
13 Johnson Q.	1792	CA	+31	-4	+16	-10	+28	+9	-6	+17	-8	5	42
14 Gladkikh A.	1886	CA	=20	=10	-19	-16	+15	+26	=18	=12	+22	5	39%
15 Gold H.R.	1660	OT	-3	-11	=30	=25	-14	+31	+32	+28	+19	5	32
16 Wood D.A.	1639	CA	+11	-3	-13	+14	=17	-8	+25	+18	-10	4½	44%
17 Vincent M.B.	1805	OT	+30	-2	+18	-3	=16	+23	+20	-13	-9	4½	43
18 Hair P.I.	1763	NS	-1	+32	-17	+29	-11	+28	=14	-16	+25	4½	37
19 Batchelor A.	1684	OT	-2	+30	+14	-8	-12	+22	+21	-9	-15	4	43
20 Savage P.	1558	WE	=14	+23	-6	+24	+9	-7	-17	-21	=27	4	42%
21 Sinton P.J.	1855	OT	+32	-1	+29	+22	-3	-11	-19	+20	-12	4	40
22 Hall P.J.	1265	OT	+8	-7	+25	-21	-23	-19	+24	+26	-14	4	39
23 Adams J.M.	1603	GA	=10	-20	-8	+30	+22	-17	-9	=29	+32	4	35
24 Heperi D.J.N.	1782	OT	-6	+28	-10	-20	-29	+27	-22	+32	+31	4	31%
25 Duffield T.	1596	OT	-7	=8	-22	=15	=27	+29	-16	+31	-18	3½	37
26 Glostein BN	1670	CA	-4	+31	-12	-11	+32	-14	+27	-22	+28	3½	34
27 Foord M.R.R.	1671	OT	-5	-29	+32	-28	=25	-24	=26	+30	=20	3½	30%
28 Wylie M.W.	1571	IN	-9	-24	+31	+27	-13	-18	+30	-15	-26	3	35
29 Rowell T.	1454	OT	-12	+27	-21	-18	+24	-25	+31	-23	-30	3	32%
30 Stone R.G.	1420	OT	-17	-19	=15	-23	-31	+32	-28	-27	+29	2½	
31 Newbould AR	unr	-	-13	-26	-28	-32	+30	-15	+29	-25	-24	1½	
32 Gaffety D.	1540	OT	-21	-18	-27	+31	-26	-30	-15	-24	-23	1	



## 1998 New Zealand Junior Championship

By NM Peter Stuart

A field similar in size and strength to the 1997 Junior Championship competed for the various national junior and age-group titles at the Auckland Chess Centre rooms from 6th to 9th October. The event was organised by the Auckland Chess Association. A major disappointment was the fact that there was only one girl entered so it was not possible to award any girls' titles.

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

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

Bjelobrk, an Auckland Grammar sixth former, was undoubtedly the tournament favourite following his fine result in the North Island Championship at Wanganui in July. He confirmed that favouritism by winning his first six games and was only really in any danger against Wang in round 3. By then Igor led by 1½ points so his last round loss to Ryan Trass served only to reduce his winning margin. In addition to the national junior title Bjelobrk also won the under-18 and under-16 titles as well as the N.Z. Schoolpupil title.

The following is probably Bjelobrk's best game, played in round 5:

**Bjelobrk - Macfarlane**  
Nimzoindian [E43]

1.d4 e2f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♘b4 4.e3 b6 5.♗d3 ♘b7 6.♗f3 ♗e4 7.0-0 ♗xc3 8.bxc3 ♗xc3 9.♗b1 ♗c6 10.♗b3 ♗a5 11.e4 d6 12.d5 ♗b4?

12...♗e7; 12...♗b8.

13.dxe6 fxe6 14.♗xb4 ♘xb4 15.♗a4+ ♗d7 16.♗xb4 0-0 17.c5!? dxc5 18.♗b3 ♗ad8?

18...♗ac8 is about equal while the move played allows White a very strong initiative.

19.♗c4 ♗de8 20.♗g5 ♗f6 21.f4 ♗h8 22.♗d1 ♗e7 23.e5 ♗g6 24.♗xe6 ♗xe6 25.♗xe6 ♗xe6 26.♗xe6 c6 27.♗d8 ♗xd8 28.♗xd8 ♗c8 29.♗xc6 a5 30.♗e7 ♗d7 31.f5 h6 32.g4 ♗e8 33.♗f2 b5 34.♗e3 c4 35.♗b6 a4 36.♗c5 ♗h7 37.♗e3 1-0.

Bjelobrk's game against Wang was also well fought:

**Bjelobrk - Wang**  
Queen's Gambit [D53]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.♗f3 ♗e7 5.♗f4 ♗d6 6.♗g5 ♗e7 7.e3 ♗bd7 8.♗d3 c6 9.0-0 dxc4 10.♗xc4 ♗d5 11.♗xe7 ♗xe7 12.e4 ♗xc3 13.bxc3 0-0 14.♗b3 e5 15.♗e1 exd4 16.cxd4 ♗b6 17.h3 ♗e6 18.d5!? ♗ad8 19.♗d4 ♗d7

Probably best. 19...cxd5?! 20.exd5 ♗xd5 21.♗xe6 fxe6 22.♗xd5 ♗fe8 23.♗xe6+ (23.♗xe6! ♗xd5 24.♗xd5 ♗xe6 25.♗xb7 ±) 23...♗xe6 (23...♗h8? 24.♗d7! ♗xe1+ 25.♗xe1 ♗xe1+ 26.♗xe1 -) 24.♗xe6 ♗xd1+ 25.♗xd1 ♗xc6 26.♗d7 ♗a6 =.

20.dxc6 bxc6 = 21.♗f3 c5 22.♗f5 ♗xf5 23.exf5 ♗f6 24.♗ac1 ♗fe8 25.♗e4 ♗e5 26.♗xe5 ♗xe5 27.♗e3 ♗xe3 28.fxe3 c4 29.♗d1 ♗xd1+ 30.♗xd1 ♗d5

30...c3 31.♗f2 ♗d5 32.a3 and the only place the c-pawn is going is back in the box.

31.♗f2 ♗f8

31...♗c3 32.♗e2.

32.e4!

The best chance. White's pieces are awkwardly placed; his king cannot approach the queenside without conceding the e-pawn, e.g. 32.a3 ♗e7 33.♗e2 (33.e4 ♗c3 34.♗c2 ♗b5

39.♗d1

39.♗c6? c2 40.♗d2 ♗c3 41.♗xc2 (41.a4 ♗e2! -) 41...♗xa2 and Black has won a pawn.

39...♗e7 40.♗a4 ♗d6 41.♗xc3

41.♗c6!?

41...♗e4+ 42.♗d4 ♗f2 43.♗b5 ♗xh3 44.♗f1 ♗g5 45.♗g2 ♗d6 46.♗c4 ♗e5 47.♗b5 ♗f4 48.♗a6 ♗xg4 49.♗xa7 ♗xf5 50.a4 f6??

Allowing an unfortunate end to an interesting game. Black gives his knight a move (50...♗e6? 51.♗h3+ and 52.♗xe6 -) but he is now lost. The knight should instead head for c7 when the game should be drawn: 50...♗e5! 51.a5 ♗d6 52.♗b8 ♗e6 53.a6 ♗c7 and play might continue 54.a7 h5 55.♗f3 h4 56.♗g4 g6 57.♗b7 f5 58.♗h3 f4 59.♗g4 g5 60.♗b6 ♗d5+ 61.♗b7 ♗c7 and neither side can make progress.

51.a5 ♗f7 52.a6 ♗e5 53.♗b8 ♗d7+ 54.♗c7 ♗c5 55.a7 ♗e4 56.a8♗ 1-0.

### Defender's late run

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

**R.Trass - Bjelobrk**  
Modern [A41]

1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.♗f3 d6 4.♗c3 e5 5.d5 f5 6.e4 ♗f6 7.♗g5 ♗bd7 8.b4 f4 9.h3 0-0 10.♗e2 h6 11.♗xf6 ♗xf6 12.♗c2 a5 13.b5 ♗h7 14.0-0 -0 a4 15.a3 ♗d7 16.♗d2 ♗b8 17.♗hd1 ♗d8 18.♗f1 ♗e8 19.g4 ♗d7 20.♗b1 ♗c5 21.♗e2 c6 22.♗a2 cxb5 23.cxb5 ♗c8 24.♗b2 b6 25.♗e1 ♗a7 26.♗c2 ♗b3 27.♗b4 ♗c5 28.♗c6 ♗xc6 29.dxc6 ♗d4 30.♗ed2 ♗a5 31.♗d5 ♗c8 32.♗b1 ♗b3 33.♗dd1 ♗d4 34.♗dc1 ♗b3 35.♗xc5 dxc5 36.♗d1 ♗d4 37.♗c1?! 37.h4!?

♗ Δ 38.g5.

37...♗xb5 38.♗c4 ♗d6 39.♗f6+ ♗xf6 40.♗xd6 ♗f8?

40...♗g7 41.♗e6 ♗c3 =.

41.c7 ♗g7 42.♗b5!

42.♗d8? b5 ± 43.♗xf8? bxc4 44.c8♗ ♗d2+ 45.♗b1 c3 -.

42...♗e1

42...♗c8 43.♗xa5 bxa5 44.♗d7 Δ 45.♗a6 +-; 42...♗a8 43.♗xb6 ♗xe4 (43...♗c8 44.♗a6 -) 44.♗d3 +-.

43.♗d8 ♗xf2+ 44.♗e2 ♗d4 45.♗xf8 1-0.

### Five in tie

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

**Croad - Dunn**  
Pirc [B08]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.♗f3 ♗f6 5.♗e2 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.h3 ♗c6 9.♗e3 b6 10.♗c1 e6 11.♗d1 ♗e7 12.♗g5 ♗c7 13.♗f4 e5 14.♗g5 ♗e6 15.♗xf6 ♗xf6 16.♗b5 ♗e7 17.c3 ♗f8 18.♗c2 a6 19.♗a3 b5 20.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 21.♗d1 ♗xd1+ 22.♗xd1 ♗d6 23.b3 c4 24.b4 ♗e7 25.♗b1 a5 26.a3 axb4 27.axb4 ♗d7 28.♗e2 ♗d8 29.♗d2 ♗c6 30.♗xd6 ♗xd6 31.♗fd2 f5 32.♗f3 ♗d7 33.g3 ♗e6 34.h4 ♗e7 35.♗f1 f4 36.♗g4

36.h5!?

36...♗f7 37.♗xe6+?

White presumably relies on the semi-blocked position to be favourable for his knights but about the best safe square they have is a3! The rest of this game provides a good demonstration of the power of the two bishops.

37...♗xe6 38.♗g2 g5 39.hxg5

There is no longer hope of blocking the kingside by 39.h5 e.g. 39...g4 40.f3 gxf3+ 41.♗xf3 ♗g5 42.g4 ♗f6 43.♗h2 ♗h4 44.♗g2 ♗g3 45.♗f1 ♗e1 46.♗h3 f3 -.

39...♗xg5 40.g4 ♗f6 41.f3 ♗h4 42.♗fd2 ♗g5 43.♗f1 ♗e1 44.♗fd2 h5 45.gxh5 ♗xh5 46.♗f1 ♗g3 47.♗g2 ♗h4 48.♗g1 ♗h3 49.♗h1 ♗d7

## 50.♔g2 ♖e1 51.♔f1

51.♔f1 ♖e6 52.♔h2 (52.♔h2 ♖h3+ 53.♔g1 ♔g3+) 52...♗f2 53.♔g2 ♖b6 54.♔h2 ♖h3 55.♔fd2 ♖e3 +.

## 51...♗xd2

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

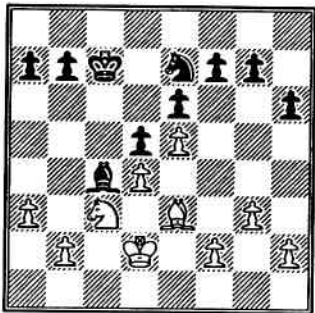
## 52.♔xd2 ♔g3

53.♔e2 ♖e8! (53...♖h3 54.♔e1 ♗g2 gets nowhere, e.g. 55.♔e2 ♖h1 56.♔f1+ ♔g2 57.♔d2 and now 57...♔g1?? even loses to 58.♔xc4!) 54.♔f1 (54.♔f1+ ♔g2) 54...♖h5 55.♔e2 ♔g2 +. 0-1.

## 8-year-old with a reputation

Wang Puchen turned 8 in January but already had quite a reputation in Auckland chess, in particular in blitz games at the Auckland Chess Centre. He came into this tournament with a rating of 1521 and is undoubtedly considerably stronger than this; only against Dunn was he clearly outplayed. Wang collected the under-14, under-12 and under-10 titles!

Puchen is tactically alert but is still acquiring positional understanding; importantly he already displays maturity in the endgame as seen, notwithstanding an unfortunate hiccup, in his game against Bjelobrk. Here is another example, from round 6, after 33 moves of the game **Ramanakumar-Wang**:



Play continued:  
34.g4?!  
34.g4?!

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

## 34...a6 35.♔c2 ♗f1 36.h4?

But this probably is a decisive error. White is still okay after 36.♔d2 ♖h3 37.f3.

## 36...♖h3 37.f3

37.g5 h5! 38.f3 ♔g6 39.♗f2 ♗g2 and the white f-pawn must go.

## 37...♔g6 38.g5

38.♗f2 ♗g2 39.h5 ♔e7 and again Black wins a pawn.

## 38...♔xh4 39.gxh6 gxh6 40.f4

40.♖xh6 ♔f5 +.

40...♔f5 41.♗f2 ♗g4 42.♔d1 ♗xd1+ 43.♔xd1 ♔c6 44.♔e2 ♔b5 45.♔d3 h5 46.b3 a5 47.a4+ ♔b4 48.♔c2 ♔a3 49.♔c3 h4 0-1.

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

Wang - Hartigan  
Sicilian [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.♔f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♔xd4 ♔f6 5.♔c3 a6 6.a4 e6 7.♗e3 ♔c6 8.♗d3 ♖c7 9.0-0 ♖e7 10.♖e2 0-0 11.f4 ♗d7 12.♔xc6 bxc6?

12...♗xc6 =.

13.♖xa6 ♔g4 14.♖xg4 ♖xa6 15.♖g3 c5 16.f5 ♗f6 17.♗g5 ♗d4+

17...♗xg5 18.♖xg5 f6 19.♖d2 ±.

## 18.♔h1 ♖c6 19.♗h6 ♔h8?!

Allowing tactics favourable to White. Much better was 19...♖e5 20.♗f4! (20.♖g4 exf5 21.exf5 ♖b7 22.f6 ♗xg2+ 23.♖xg2 ♖xg2+ 24.♔xg2 gxh6 and White's queenside is under pressure.) 20...♗xf4 21.♖xf4 exf5 22.exf5 f6 23.♗d1 and White's advantage is minimal.

20.f6! ♗xf6 21.♖xf6 gxh6 22.♖xh6 f5?

22...f6±.

23.♖xe6 + ♖b7 24.♔d5 ♖b8 25.♖c3+ ♔g8 26.♖e7 ♖f7 27.♔f6+ 1-0.

Nicolas Croad, Paul Godfrey and Caleb Wright were the others tying for third place while Patrick Savage (13 in June) was among those on 4½, confirming that he too has a bright future. Of those making their first appearance in a rated tournament the most successful were two Mt Roskill Grammar boys, John Yang and Daniel Han.

A further selection of games follows.

Han - Hall  
Caro-Kann [B18]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♔c3 dxe4 4.♔xe4 ♗f5 5.♔g3 ♗g6 6.♔f3 ♔d7 7.♗d3 ♗xd3 8.♖xd3 ♖c7 9.0-0 ♔g6 10.♖c1 e6 11.c4 ♖b4 12.♗d2 ♗xd2 13.♖xd2 0-0-0 14.♖ac1 h5 15.h4 ♔f8 16.b4 ♔g6 17.♖b2 ♖f4 18.b5 c5 19.♖a3 cxd4 20.c5 ♗d7 21.c6 bxc6 22.♖xc6+ ♔d8 23.♖c5!?

Also worth consideration was 23.♖e1 ♖b8 (23...♔e8? 24.♖c8+ ♗d8 25.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 26.♖a5+ and both 26...♔e7 27.♖xa7+ ♔d7 28.♖c7 ♗d8 29.♔xd4 and 26...♔e8 27.♖c8+ ♔d7 28.♔e2 ♖d6 29.♖xh8 ♔xh8 30.♖xa7+ are winning for White.) 24.♖a5+ (24.♖c5 ♔e7 25.♔e5! ♗d5 26.♔xf7+ ♔e8 27.♔xh8 ♖xc5 28.♖6xc5 =) 24...♔e7 25.b6!/? axb6 26.♖xb6 ♖a7 27.♖b4+ and White's attack continues

23...♔e7

23...♖c7 is no better: 24.♗d1 ♔d5 (24...♖xc6 25.bxc6 ♖c7 26.♔xd4 ♔d5 27.♔b5 +-) 25.♖xd4 ♖xc6 26.bxc6 ♖c7 27.♔e4.

## 24.♔e5 ♔xc6 25.bxc6!

25.♖xc6 ♔e7 26.♖e4!/? ♖d2 27.♖c5+ ♔d8 (Not 27...♔e8? 28.♖c8+ ♗d8 29.♖c6+ ♔d7 30.♔g6! ♖g8 31.♖xe6+!) 28.♔xf7+ ♖xf7 29.♖xd4+ ♖xd4 30.♖xd4+ ♗d7 31.♖e5 is better for White.

## 25...♖c7

25...♗d5 26.♖xa7! ♖xe5 27.♖b1! is winning.

## 26.♖b1+- ♔d7

26...♔c8 27.♖b5 ♔d8 28.♖b8+ ♖c8 29.♔xf7+ +.

## 27.♔xd7

## 27.♖d6!

27...♖xd7 28.cxd7 ♔xd7 29.♖b7+ ♔d8 30.♖e7+ 1-0.

Ramanakumar - Macfarlane  
Sicilian [B85]

1.e4 c5 2.♔f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♔xd4 ♔f6 5.♔c3 a6 6.♗e2 ♔c6 7.0-0 e6 8.♗e3 ♖e7 9.f4 ♗d7 10.♖e1 ♔xd4 11.♗xd4 ♖c6 12.♗d3 b5 13.a3 ♖c7 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 ♔d5 16.♔xd5 ♗xd5 17.♖g3 ♗f8 18.♔h1 g6 19.♖ac1 ♖h6 20.♗e3 ♗g7 21.♗f4 0-0 22.♖ce1 ♖c4 23.♗xc4 ♖xc4 24.♖f2 ♖fd8 25.♗g5 ♗d5 26.♗f6 ♖d4 27.♖ef1 ♖a7 28.c3 ♖e4 29.♖f4 ♖c2 30.♖e3 ♗ad7 31.♖af2 ♗d1! 32.♖xc2 ♖xf1+ 33.♖g1 ♗dd1 34.h3 ♖xg1+ 35.♔h2 ♗xf6 36.exf6 ♖gf1 37.b3 ♖xf6 38.c4 bxc4 39.bxc4 e5 0-1.

Savage - McNabb  
Ruy Lopez[C63]

1.e4 e5 2.♔f3 ♔c6 3.♖b5 f5 4.d4 exd4 5.0-0 fxe4 6.♖e1 ♔f6 7.♗g5 d5 8.♔xd4 ♗d7 9.♔c3 ♔xd4 10.♗xd7+ ♖xd7 11.♗xf6 ♔xc2 12.♔xd5 ♔xe1 13.♖h5+ g6 14.♖e5+ ♔f7 15.♗xh8 ♔d3 16.♖xe4 ♖f5 17.♖xf5+ gxf5 18.♗d1 ♗d6 19.♗d4 ♔e5 20.♖e1 ♖e8 21.♖c1 c6 22.♔e3 f4 23.♔f5 ♖b8 24.f3 ♔f6 25.♔h4 ♔g5 26.g3 ♗d8 27.♗c5 ♗d7 28.♖e1 b6 29.gxf4+ ♔xh4 30.♗f2+ ♔h5 31.fxe5 ♖e7 32.f4 ♔g4 33.♖e4 ♔f5 34.♗d4 b5 35.♗h4 a6 36.♗d8

36.♗xc7 ♗a7 37.♔g2 ♗xd4 =.

36...♖g7+ 37.♔f2 ♖g4 38.♖f8+ ♔e4 39.♖xb8 ♖xh4 40.e6

Black lost on time but his position was lost anyway: 40... ♖xf4+ 41.♔g3 (but not 41.♔e2? ♔d5) 41...♖f3+ 42.♔g2 +- 1-0.

Wang - Dunn  
Modern [B06]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.c3 ♗g7 4.♗d3 e5 5.dxe5 ♗xe5 6.♔e2 ♔c6 7.♗e3 ♗g7 8.♔d2 ♔f6 9.h3 0-0 10.0-0 ♖e7 11.♔g3 ♗d7 12.f4 h5 13.♖f3 h4 14.♔e2 ♔h5 15.♔d4 ♔g3 16.♖f2 ♖ae8 17.♔e2 ♗f6 18.♔xg3 hxg3 19.♖e2 ♔g7 20.♖xg3 ♖h8 21.♔b3 ♖eg8 22.♔d4 ♔f8 23.♔xc6 ♗xc6 24.♗d4 ♗xd4+ 25.cxd4 g5

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26.f5 g4 27.h4 Hxh4 28.f2 P5g5 29.Hc3 Hgh8  
30.Hg1 Hh1 31.e5?! Hxgl 32.fxgl Qxg2!  
33.e6 Hh3 0-1.

**Macfarlane - R.Trass**  
Sicilian [B74]

1.e4 c5 2.f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.fxd4 f6 5.fxc3  
g6 6.f2 e7 7.f3 0-0 8.0-0 e6 9.f3 a6  
10.f4 P7 11.H1 b5 12.a3 Qb7 13.g4 b4  
14.axb4 fxb4 15.Hc1 P7 16.g5 e8 17.Hf3  
f5 18.Hh3 e6 19.exf5 exf5 20.f4 e7  
21.P2 d2 H8 22.f2 Hfe8 23.f3 d5 24.Qg2  
f6 25.fxc6 Qxc6 26.Qd4 e6 27.Qxg7 Qxg7  
28.f2 P7+ 29.fh1 Qg8 30.Hd3 f5  
31.Qxd5+ Qxd5+?

31...Hxd5! 32.Hxd5 Hxe2 33.Pxe2 Qxd5+  
34.f2 g1 f3+ 35.f1 fxc1 36.Pe8+ Qg7  
37.Pe5+ Qf8 38.Pxd5 P6 -.

32.Hxd5 P7 33.Hd1?

33.f3 e6 (33...f4? 34.fxe4! Hxd5  
35.f6+ +-) 34.f2 g1 Pxb2 =.

33...f4 34.Pd4 Hxd5 35.Pxd5+ Pxd5  
36.Hxd5 f2+ 37.f2 g1 Hxe2 -+ 38.Hc5 f3+  
39.f1 fxf4 40.Hc7 H6 41.c3 f3 42.b4  
fxg5 43.c4 Hb6 44.c5 Hxb4 45.c6 Hc4  
46.Hc8+ Qg7 47.f2 e4 48.c7 a5 49.f3  
Hc5 50.Ha8 Hxc7 51.Hxa5 0-1.

**Godfrey - Macfarlane**  
Sicilian [B21]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.fxc3 f6  
5.f3 d6 6.f4 a6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Pxd8+ fxd8  
9.f5 e6 10.f6 Hb8 11.fxe5

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

11...f6 12.fxf7! Qxf7 13.Qf4 f7 14.fxd7  
Qxd7 15.Qxb8 g6 16.f5 Qg7 17.Qxg7 Qxg7  
18.Qxe6 Qxe6 19.0-0 Qd5 20.b3 H8 21.Hc1  
Qc6 22.f4 Qf6 23.Hc5 e6 24.H1 h5 25.Hc5  
H7 26.H1e3 Qd5 27.Hc3 H7 28.Hc3 Qc6  
29.Hd3 Hxd3? 30.Hxd3 Qd5 31.Hg3 Qe4  
32.f2 Qb1 33.a3 Qe4 34.Hg5 Qd5 35.b4 Qc6  
36.g3 Qh1 37.f3 Qg2 38.f4 Qf3 39.f5  
Qe4 40.f6 Qf3 41.Hc5 Qd5 42.Hc7 g5

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43.Hxb7 Qxb7 44.fxb7 Qf5 45.fxa6 gxf4  
46.gxf4 Qxf4 47.b5 1-0.

**Miller - Hartigan**  
[B96]

1.e4 c5 2.f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.fxd4 f6 5.fxc3  
a6 6.Qg5 e6 7.f4 b5 8.e5 dxe5 9.fxe5 P7  
10.f3 f7 11.f2 Qc5 12.P2 0-0  
13.0-0-0 b4 14.f4 a5 15.Qd3 Qb7



16.f6+!? f6 17.Qxf6

17.exf6 g6 18.Qb6 H8 ∞.

17...gxf6?

17...h6 18.Pf4 gxf6 ∞.

18.exf6 Qd6?

18...Hc8 19.Ph6 Qe3+ 20.Pxe3 Qf8 21.Ph6+  
Qe8 22.Qb5+ Qc6 23.Pxh7 -.

19.Pg5+ 1-0.

**Informal blitz tournament**

After the prize giving an informal blitz  
tournament attracted 22 entries, divided into  
three preliminary groups. Ten players quali-  
fied for the final where Igor Bjelobrk again  
showed last round frailty - except this time he  
won his first-seven games and then lost the  
last two, allowing Ryan Trass to catch up.  
Scores in the final: 1-2 I.Bjelobrk & R.Trass  
7; 3 A.L.Macfarlane 6½; 4 N.Croad 6; 5-6  
C.Hall & C.Miller 4½; 7 M.McNabb 4; 8  
P.Savage 3; 9 S.Ramanakumar 2½; 10  
C.Hartigan 0.

## 1998 All-Canterbury Championship

*By Quentin Johnson*

The 1998 All-Canterbury Championship,  
held on December 12 and 13, had a much  
improved turnout of 16 players, double the  
1997 number. It was truly All-Canterbury,  
with the inclusion of Roy Keeling and Rex  
Scarf of Ashburton in the field. This was  
probably due to a change in the timetable -  
making round 1 a rapid game and starting on  
Saturday, instead of Friday evening.

Pre-tournament favourites included the top  
four seeds - Quentin Johnson, Dimitri Sere-  
briany, Nick Cummings and Matthew Mc-  
Nabb, as well as defending champion Scott  
Nicholson. Alexei Gladkikh unfortunately  
mistook the starting time and arrived halfway  
through the first round - his late entry had to  
be rejected as it was agreed the bye introduced  
would be unfair on the other players with only  
five rounds to play.

The rapid first round saw the top half beat  
the bottom half in all cases except Johnson-  
Scarf, where Johnson blundered an exchange  
in a winning position and managed to hold on  
for a draw. Cumming drew as black with  
Chris Benson, so Serebriany and McNabb,  
with wins over Arie Nijman and Nicholson,  
were the only two on full points after round 2.

In round 3 McNabb took the sole lead by a  
whole point by beating a rusty-looking Sere-  
briany, since Johnson let a winning position  
against Cummings slip away with a number of  
errors, resulting in a draw. Meanwhile, Ben-  
son's challenge faded with a loss to Nijman,  
and Bruce Donaldson upset Bruce Gloistein.

Scores: McNabb 3/3; Johnson, Serebriany,  
Cummings, Nijman, Nicholson, Donaldson 2.

A sprint finish was set up in round 4 when  
Johnson beat McNabb, allowing Serebriany,  
Cummings and Donaldson to join in a 5-way  
tie with wins over Nicholson, Nijman and  
Benson. Scores: Johnson, Serebriany, Cum-  
mings, McNabb and Donaldson 3/4; Hall 2½.

In the final round Serebriany was white  
against Johnson, McNabb white against Cum-  
mings, and Donaldson dropped down to play  
black against Hall. Serebriany saced/lost 2  
pawns in the opening, but was able to sustain  
pressure against Johnson's King until the latter  
went astray in time trouble and lost on time on  
the last move before the control. McNabb  
saced a piece for 2 pawns and later picked up  
the exchange to beat Cummings in the end-  
game and join Serebriany in first place on 4/5.  
Donaldson misplayed Hall's c3 Sicilian, but  
held on to draw and take 3rd on his own on  
3½, along with the 1st grade prize, ahead of  
Hall who took the second grade prize with 3.  
David Pearson made the most of Benson's  
slump, and won to pick up the upset prize.

The final result showed some good perfor-  
mances by the juniors, particularly McNabb  
and Donaldson playing their last tournament  
as juniors, as well as Hall and Pearson. None  
of the top three seeds looked particularly  
convincing, Serebriany and Cummings having  
been away from competitive chess for a while,  
while Johnson's excuse was the extra distrac-  
tion of directing as well as playing.

### Open tournaments scheduled for 1999

*Details of each event are available from the organising club*

**Latvian Gambit Open**, Howick-Pakuranga CC, 6r 30/30, Sun, March 21.

**South Island Championship**, Gambit CC, Blenheim, week of September 19 - 25.

**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.

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

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## New Zealand News

### Palmerston North

The Palmerston North CC championship has been won by Tony Dowden with 5/5. Second was Srdja Stepanovic 3½, followed by Slave Jovanovski 3, Stephen Aburn and Jeff Boardman 1½ and Frank Visser ½. The B section was won by Dennis Davey with 3½/4, followed by Jeremy Smith 2½, Neil Jepsen 2, Ray Radford 1 and Kelly Harris 0.

Two small round-robin rapid events were won by Tony Dowden and David Gwynn, who both won all their games.

### Wellington

After meeting for more than a century on Saturday nights, Wellington Chess Club has decided to change its club night to Fridays. Attendance at the club has been low for some time, because of other pressures at weekends, so the club decided on the change at its recent annual meeting.

Tim Frost retired after 15 years as president of the club, and Julian Mazur was elected president. Other officers appointed are: Secretary-treasurer, Ross Jackson; club captain, Michael Nyberg; committee, Gavin Dash, Joshua Moore and Shamnika Rupasinghe.

Ted Frost was elected a life member.

### Palmerston North open rapid

This new event was won with ease by Dave Cooper (WA) with 4½/5, with Mike Burn (HH), Jeff Boardman (PN) and Srdja Stepanovic runners-up.

A feature was the complete loss of form by Tony Dowden (PN) and Chris Burns (WA). They ended up playing in the last round, where Burns fell into a mating net in only 12 moves - thus allowing Dowden to score 50 per cent. Stephen Aburn directed the tournament, with Dowden assisting with the draw.

A pleasing feature was the presence of players from Wellington, Wanganui and Hawke's Bay. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

## Correspondence chess

A great battle is taking place in the 65th New Zealand correspondence chess championship between Bruce Barnard (winner in the last two years) and Michael Hampl (twice a former winner). Barnard has 7/9, with 5 wins and 4 draws, and an adjudicated game against the late H P Whitlock to come. Hampl has 5/6, with four wins and one loss, to Barnard.

Other scores: T J Doyle 5/8, L B Frost 5/9, M L Dunwoody 4½/7, R J Dive 3½/7, G A Hoskyn 4½/10, B W Millar 3½/10, D J Cooper 1½/8, P A R Vetharanim 1½/8, H P Whitlock 1/2. Howard Whitlock's death means that his seven uncompleted games will be adjudicated. The withdrawal of J O Bishop reduced the field to 11.

Leading scores in the other grades:

Reserve championship: H P Bennett 5/5, P J Voss 4/5, J C Rapp 5/7. TT2: A Wilson 5/5, R S Phillips 6/7. K G Reed 3/3. TT3: B J Edwards 7/8, D E Dolejs 6/7. TT4: C Ford 6½/7, J Gluckman 4½/5, C L Ward 4/7.

Play ceases on 31 March and outstanding games will be adjudicated.

### New Brighton social tournament

Responding to demands from players from the social tournament he organised last year, David Weegenaar repeated the event in December, moving the venue from Christchurch's Sumner beach to New Brighton. Daniel Schuster Wines Ltd was again the major sponsor and a healthy turnout of 31 contested the prizes, including bottles of wine and several novelty prizes. The format was a 20/20 10-round swiss, although the last 3 rounds were reduced to 15 minutes.

Stuart Duncan won with 9/10 (Peter Fraemohs and Dallin Heperi also scored 9/10 but were not eligible for prizes). Second was Chris McNabb 7. Sonia Elcock 5 took the women's 1st prize ahead of Heather Ferguson 5, as Sonia won their individual game. Julia van Essen 4 was third. Chris McNabb was eligible for junior prize, but his second overall meant that this went to Guy Jacobsen.

## Selected games

### North Shore CC Championship

By Peter Stuart

In North Shore CC's A grade championship Peter Weir perhaps played the most interesting games so he features in the following games or game fragments. We start with Garbett's only draw, a game he might well also have won.

#### Weir - Garbett Sicilian [B48]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 e6 5.♗c3 ♜c7 6.♗e3 a6 7.g3 d6 8.♗g2 ♗d7 9.0-0 ♗f6 10.a4 ♗b8 11.♞e2 ♗e7 12.♗h1 0-0 13.f4 ♗fc8 14.♗b3 ♗a5 15.♗xa5 ♞xa5 16.g4 ♞b4 17.g5 ♞xb2 18.♗d4 ♞b4 19.♞d3 ♗e8 20.♗f3 ♜c4 21.♞d2 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.♗a7 b4 23...♗c7 24.♗xc7 ♗xc7 ♠.

24.♗xd7 bxc3 25.♞d1 ♞a2 26.♗f1 ♗f8? 26...♗b1 27.♞e2 ♞a4 28.♗xe7 (28.♗h3 ♞xd7 29.♞h5 h6 30.gxh6 ♞c6 →) 28...♞xd4 ♠.

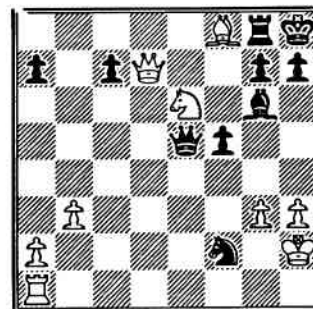
27.♗h3 ♗b1 28.♞h5! ♗xf1+ 29.♗g2 ♞xc2+ 30.♗xf1 ♞b1+ 30...h6?? 31.♞xf7+.

31.♗f2 ♞c2+ 32.♗f1 32.♗g3 ♞d3+ 33.♗h4 g6 34.♗xd3 c2 35.♞c2 c1♞∞.

32...♞b1+ 33.♗f2 ♞c2+ 34.♗f1 ½-½.

Both sides were on the attack in the game

#### McLaren - Weir



White now played

32.♗c1??

A safe way to the better of a draw was 32.♞xg7+ ♗xg7 33.♞xg7+ ♞xg7 34.♗xg7 ♗xg7 35.♗c1.

32...♞b2??

Missing, in time trouble, 32...♗g4+! 33.hxg4 ♞b2+ 34.♗h3 fxg4+ 35.♗h4 (35.♗xg4 ♞e2+ 36.♗h3 ♗f5+ 37.g4 ♞xg4+ 38.♗h2 ♞h3+ 39.♗g1 ♞g3+ →).

35...♗xf8!? 36.♞xg7+

36.♗xf8 ♞f6+ 37.♗xg4 h5+ 38.♗h3 ♗f5+ →.

36...♞xg7 37.♗xg7 ♗xg7 38.♗xc7+ ♗f7 →.

In view of Peter's combinative bent, plus the fact that he obviously dreaded the ending that came about, it surprises me that he failed to find the win.

33.♞xg7+ ♗xg7 34.♞xg7+ ♞xg7 35.♗xg7 ♗xg7 36.♗xc7+

36...♗f6 37.♗xa7 ♗d3 38.a4 f4 39.gxf4 (39.g4 f3 40.♗g1 ♗e5 ♠) 39...♗xf4 40.b4 ♗d3 and Black should not yet be thinking of resignation. 1-0

### Australian game

Here's one of the New Zealand expatriate's games in Australia last year:

#### Lovejoy, D - Sarfati, JD The Gap Open, 1998

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4 16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 Re6 18.a4 Qh5 19.axb5 axb5 20.c4? Nxe3 21.Rxe3

21.fxc3 Bxg3 22.bxg3 Rh6 →.

21...Be2 22.Qb1 Rh6 23.h4 Bf4! 24.Re7 Bxd2 25.Qc2 Bf3!

25...Bf3 26.Qxd2 Qxh4 27.gxh4 Rxh4 →. 0-1



## World Junior Age Group Championships

By Ryan Trass

On October 23, 1998 I left for Spain for the World Junior Age Group Championships. I was rather apprehensive about going overseas for the first time alone but all worries I had about getting lost and not arriving at my hotel dissolved when I found how easy it was to navigate through the different airports. My first stopover was Bangkok, Thailand. One thing I noticed about this place is that I was about a head taller than all the natives. I stayed in Bangkok for two days and it was very hot and humid. From there I flew to Frankfurt, Germany where I then caught my connecting flight to Spain.

I arrived in Barcelona airport at about midnight, which meant that I had to wait about 9 hours in the airport for the bus that would take me to the hotel. I had some trouble finding the bus but succeeded after walking around a bit. It was a 3-hour drive from Barcelona to the venue; a place called Oropesa Del Mar. The hotel was very nice but the "town" just a sleepy village.

### 2000 at the tournament

Over 2000 people came for the tournament and this meant that some people had to find accommodation in other hotels.

The tournament was an 11-round Swiss consisting of 5 sections: U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18. Each of these sections had a boys and girls section. The playing venue, consisting of a big hall, was very nice, if a little overcrowded. The U16 section had the best venue because they were in the top level of the hotel. The top 4 boards of their section were broadcast on the Internet.

From day 2-10 there was one game each day and starting at 1500hrs. That gave us enough time to go to the beach and mess around. I made a lot of friends while I was over there and met people from Mozambique, South Africa, Switzerland, Sweden, Luxembourg and many other countries.

The time control for the games was 40 moves in 2 hours and then an hour each to finish the game.

In the 11 rounds I scored 3.5 as a result of 1 win and 5 draws. I was ranked number 86 out of a field of 91 so feel this result a good effort considering the competition. The top player in my section had a rating of 2545; however the player from England won it. During the tournament there were 2 rest days and this gave us a chance to see a bullfight (the bulls' didn't get killed, thank goodness!). We also visited a Spanish market.

After the tournament finished there was a televised ceremony for the prizewinners and later the organisers put on a big show with a lot of fireworks. I was guessing that it was some kind of "traditional Spanish thing", still it was fun to watch.

The return flight was pretty uneventful except that I had a short stopover in Los Angeles. The airport is very big and it is easy to get lost in it. However my navigational skills were by now finely honed (if only my chess was too!) and I managed to make it back to Auckland.

After going on this trip I now know what the term "an experience of a lifetime" means. I am glad that my Dad made this trip possible and I give him my deepest thanks. I made a lot of new friends and thanks to the Internet I am still in contact with some of them. I also got to play and observe some of the best young chess players in the world. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the New Zealand Chess Federation for giving me the chance to represent New Zealand.

### Staying in New Zealand, meantime

Vivian and Bob Smith, who have been contemplating a move to Queensland, will be living in Auckland for at least another year. However, after many years of service Bob is cutting back on chess administration.

## Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

### Groningen

In December 1997 it was the knock-out World Championship, in December 1998 it was plainer fare again in the form of a six-player double round-robin of category 16 (average rating 2629). There was a mere two-point spread with Sergei Tiviakov (RUS) and Vadim Milov (SWI) finishing in front with 6/10, both undefeated. Third was Zoltan Almasi (HUN) on 5½, then Jeroen Piket (NED) 4½, Karen Asrian (ARM) and Alex Yermolinsky (USA) 4. None of the bottom three managed to win a game.

#### Tiviakov - Almasi

Ruy Lopez [C86]

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♁b5 a6 4.♁a4 ♁f6 5.0-0 ♁e7 6.♁e2 b5 7.♁b3 0-0 8.c3 d6 9.♁d1 ♁a5 10.♁c2 c5 11.d4 ♁c7 12.d5 c4 13.b4 cxb3 14.axb3 ♁g4 15.h3 ♁h5 16.♁b2 ♁fb8 17.♁c1 ♁xf3 18.♁xf3 ♁d7 19.♁g4 h6 20.h4 ♁f6 21.♁e2 h5 22.♁d2 ♁g4 23.g3 ♁d8 24.♁g2 ♁a7 25.b4 ♁c4 26.♁xc4 bxc4 27.♁f1 ♁b6 28.♁c1 ♁c7 29.f3 ♁f6 30.♁a4 a5 31.♁c6 ♁a7 32.♁xc4 axb4 33.♁xa7 ♁xa7 34.cxb4 ♁d4 35.♁d2 ♁a3 36.♁b1 g6 37.b5 ♁g7 38.♁b4 ♁e3 39.♁c2 1-0.

### Belfort

A similar December event at Belfort (France) was of category 13. Mikhail Gurevich (BEL) won with 7/10, closely followed by 15-year old Ruslan Ponomarev (UKR) on 6½. The only non-GM in the field, French IM Arnaud Hauchard, was third on 5 and he was followed by Bologan (MOL) 4½, Rozentalis (LIT) 4 and Degraeve (FRA) 3.

### Oxford

GMs Jonny Hector (SWE) and Julian Hodgson (ENG) shared first place in a category 11 tournament in the university town in December. GM John Nunn took third place on 5½ and then followed: 4-5 GM Gausel (NOR)

& GM McDonald (ENG) 5; 6-7 GM Sutovskij (ISR) & IM Turner (ENG) 4½; 8-9 IM S.Pedersen (DEN) & IM Rowson (SCO) 3; 10 GM Wells (ENG) 2½.

#### Turner - Hector

Ruy Lopez [C60]

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♁b5 a6 4.♁a4 ♁f6 5.0-0 ♁c5 6.c3 b5 7.♁b3 d6 8.a4 ♁g4 9.d3 0-0 10.♁bd2 ♁d7 11.♁e1 ♁ad8 12.♁f1 d5 13.exd5 ♁xd5 14.axb5 axb5 15.h3 ♁xf3 16.♁xf3 ♁de7 17.♁e3 ♁xe3 18.♁xe3 ♁h8 19.♁d1 f5 20.♁ee1 ♁f6 21.♁h2 ♁g6 22.g3 ♁a5 23.♁c2 c5 24.♁h5 b4 25.♁f3 b3 26.♁b1 ♁c6 27.d4 cxd4 28.cxd4 e4 29.♁e5 ♁d5 30.♁xc6 ♁xc6 31.♁g5 ♁f8 32.g4 ♁g6 33.♁e3 h5 34.f3 exf3 35.♁d3 hxg4 36.hxg4 ♁xg4+ 37.♁f2 ♁g2+ 38.♁f1 ♁d6 39.♁e8 ♁f6

Or 39...♁h6 40.♁xf8+ ♁g8 →.

40.♁b5 ♁xb5+! 41.♁xb5 ♁h6 0-1.

### Zonal Round-up

In Andorra the Zone 1.1 event qualified six players for the World Championship. The event was a 40-player Swiss of nine rounds with 25 grandmasters. Eight of the latter finished in a tie for first place on 6 points, necessitating a play-off to eliminate two of them. The six qualifiers were Christian Bauer (FRA), Fordi Magem (ESP), Tony Miles (ENG), Friso Nijboer (NED), Dimitri Reindermann (NED) and Jonathan Speelman (ENG). The two to miss out were Josif Dorfman (FRA) and Loek van Wely (NED). Other "names" to miss out included Etienne Bacrot (FRA), Mikhail Gurevich (BEL), Miguel Illescas (ESP) and Joel Lautier (FRA).

At Panormos (Greece) a 9-round open doubled as a Zonal tournament qualifying four players. Vasilios Kotronios (formerly Greek, now representing Cyprus) shared first place on 7 points with Albanian IM Altin Cela. The other two qualifiers, on 6½, were Stefan Djuric (YUG) and Giorgi Giorgadze (GEO).

The "Panamerican Championship", a 10-player event played in San Felipe (Venezuela), qualified one player who turned out to be Alexander Ivanov (USA), the victor with 6½/9. Canadian GM Alexandre Lesiege was second on 6.

The Ukrainian Zonal at Donetsk qualified two players. The 11-round Swiss of 32 players was won by Ruslan Ponomariov with 7½ points. There was a four-way tie for second place on 7, the second qualifier being the untitled 19-year old Alexander Subarev.

In Yangon (Burma) two play-offs were required to find the two qualifiers. The 9-round Swiss of 30 players was jointly won by GMs Utut Adianto (INA) and Rogelio Antonio (PHI) together with IM Liu Dede (INA) and FM Sharavdorj (MGL). The first play-off saw Antonio through and Liu eliminated. Adianto won the play-off match against the Mongolian player to take the second ticket.

#### Pamplona

Russian GM Alexander Morozevich (RUS) won the category 13 New Year tournament with 8/9, conceding just two draws on his way to a 2900 performance rating and a two-point margin over second placed GM Mikhail Krasenkov (POL). Another point back was GM Loek van Wely (NED) and then followed: 4-5 GM Illescas (ESP) & GM Sutovskij (ISR) 4½; 6-7 IM de la Villa (ESP) & GM Xie Jun (CHN) 4; 8-10 IM Comas (ESP), IM de la Riva (ESP) & IM Vallejo (ESP) 3.

#### Morozevich - Vallejo French [C12]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♖f6 4.♗g5 ♗b4 5.e5 h6 6.♗d2 ♗xc3 7.bxc3 ♘e4 8.♗g4 ♖f8 9.♗f3 c5 10.♗d3 ♗xd2 11.♗xd2 ♘c6 12.♗f4 ♗e7 13.dxc5 ♗xc5 14.♗d4 ♗d7 15.♗hb1 ♗d8 16.a4 ♗c8 17.♗b3 a6 18.h4 ♗c7 19.g4 ♘c6 20.♗xc6 ♗xc6 21.♗b4 ♗xb4 22.cxb4 ♗d7 23.♗c3 ♗xc3 24.♗xc3 ♖e7 25.♗d4 h5 26.gxh5 ♗xh5 27.b5 b6 28.a5 ♗xh4+ 29.♗c3 ♗xb5 30.♗xb5 axb5 31.a6 ♗h8 32.♗b4 ♗d7 33.♗xb5 ♖c7 34.♗a3 f6 35.♗g3 ♗h7 36.♗c3+

♗b8 37.♗xb6 ♗h8 38.a7+ ♗a8 39.♗xf6 gxf6 40.♗c7 ♗d8 41.♗c6 ♗e8 42.f4 d4 43.♗d6 e5 44.f5 ♗f8 45.♗a6 ♗c8 46.♗b6 ♗f8 47.♗e6 ♗d8 48.♗c7 ♗f8 49.♗d7 ♗f7+ 50.♗e8 ♗c7 51.♗xf6 ♗xc2 52.♗d6 e4 53.f6 e3 54.♗xd4 ♗f2 55.f7 1-0.

#### Krasenkov - Sutovskij King's Indian [E90]

1.c4 g6 2.e4 ♗g7 3.d4 d6 4.♗c3 ♖f6 5.♗f3 0-0 6.h3 ♗a6 7.♗g5 ♗e8 8.g4 ♖h8 9.♗e2 e5 10.d5 ♗d7 11.♗d2 ♗g8 12.♗g1 ♘c5 13.h4 f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.♗xf5 e4 16.♗c3 ♗xf5 17.♗b3 ♗d3+ 18.♗xd3 exd3 19.♗f3 ♗g6 20.♗g2 ♗xc3+ 21.bxc3 ♗e5 22.♗d2 ♖f6 23.f3 b5? 24.h5!

Black is strangely helpless.

24...♗xh5 25.♗h1 ♗e5 26.♗xg6 bxc4 27.♗xh7+! ♗xh7 28.♗h1 ♗xe3+

28...♗g7 29.♗d4.

29.♗xe3 ♗ae8+ 30.♗d2 1-0.

#### Hastings

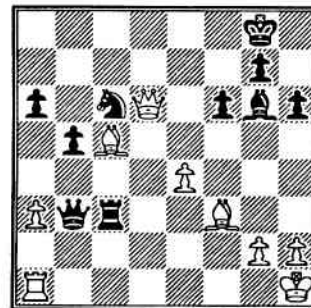
Ivan Sokolov (BIH) also won a category 13 tournament with a two point margin in the traditional New Year tournament, scoring 7/9. Tournament favourite Matthew Sadler (ENG) was one of five players sharing second place on 5 points, the others being GMs Emms (ENG), Ponomariov (UKR), Shipov (RUS) and Speelman (ENG). Then came Fressinet (FRA), GM Miles (ENG) and GM Plaskett (ENG) on 3½ and GM Saltaev (UZB) 2½.

#### Sokolov - Emms Nimzoindian [E21]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 b6 4.♗c3 ♗b4 5.♗b3 c5 6.♗g5 ♗b7 7.♗d1 0-0 8.e3 cxd4 9.exd4 ♗xf3 10.gxf3 ♗e7 11.♗g1 ♗e8 12.♗e2 d6 13.f4 ♖bd7 14.♗c2 d5 15.f5 exf5 16.♗xf5 dxc4 17.♗xc4 g6 18.♗f3 ♗c7 19.♗b3 ♗xh2 20.♗h1 ♗c7 21.♗f1 ♗d8 22.♗e1 ♗f8 23.♗a4 b5 24.♗xb5 ♗b8 25.♗xd7 ♗xd7 26.♗xe7 ♗xe7 27.♗xf6 ♗e6 28.d5 ♗a6+ 29.♗g2 ♗b6 30.♗e4 1-0.

#### Saltaev - Sadler Sicilian [B93]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♖f6 5.♗c3 a6 6.f4 e5 7.♗f3 ♖bd7 8.♗d3 ♗e7 9.0-0 0-0 10.♗e1 ♗e8 11.a3 ♘c5 12.♗h1 exf4 13.♗xf4 ♗g4 14.♗f2 ♗h5 15.♗ad1 ♗g6 16.♗fel h6 17.♗g3 ♗g4 18.♗g1 ♗f6 19.♗d4 ♗b6 20.♗b3 ♗xc3 21.bxc3 ♘e5 22.♗f1 f6 23.♗f2 ♗ac8 24.♗d5 ♗f7 25.♗xc5 dxc5 26.♗xc5 ♗b2 27.♗xc8 ♗xc8 28.♗d4 ♗xc2 29.♗e3 ♗b3 30.♗a1 b5 31.♗e2 ♖c6 32.♗c5 ♗d8 33.♗c1 ♗a4 34.♗b4 ♗b3 35.♗c5 ♗g6 36.♗f3 ♗d3 37.♗f4 ♗xc3 38.♗d6



38...♗xf3! 39.♗xc6

39.gxf3 ♗xf3+ 40.♗g1 ♗xc4 41.♗e6+ ♖h8 42.♗a2 ♘e5 +.

39...♗c3 40.♗e1 ♗c4 41.♗a8+ ♖h7 42.♗b4 ♗e3 0-1.

#### Plaskett - Shipov Sicilian [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 d6 3.f4 ♘c6 4.♗f3 g6 5.♗b5 ♗d7 6.0-0 ♗g7 7.d3 a6 8.♗xc6 ♗xc6 9.♗h1 ♗d7 10.♗e2 f5 11.♗d5 ♗d8 12.♗g5 ♖f6 13.♗b6 ♗c7 14.♗c4 fxe4 15.♗e6 ♗c8 16.f5 ♗g8 17.♗b6 exd3 18.cxd3 ♗b8 19.fxg6 ♗h8 20.g7 ♗xg7 21.♗g5 ♗h8 22.♗ae1 ♗d7 23.♗xf6! exf6

23...♗xf6 24.♗b5+ ♗g6 25.♗xh7 is hopeless for Black.

24.♗xc5+ ♖d8 25.♗cxd7 ♗xd7 26.♗e7+ ♖c7 27.♗d5+

27...♗c6 28.♗c1+ ♖b5 (28...♗xd5 29.♗e4 mate) 29.♗xd7+ ♖a5 30.b4 mate. 1-0.

## 1999 Australian Open Championship

By FM Bob Smith

One hundred and fifty-two players arrived in the pouring rain on what was supposed to be Australia's Sunshine Coast for the Australian Open Championship.

The event was held at the new Sunshine Coast University (about 50 minutes north of Brisbane) from January 2 to 14.

The field included three Grandmasters, three International Masters and five FIDE Masters, including yours truly.

There was plenty of money at stake and the playing conditions were excellent - especially on the top eight boards, which were roped off from the spectators!

Top seed was Russian-born Vadim Milov (2640), now living in Switzerland, with his main rivals expected to be Australian Grandmasters Ian Rogers (2605) and Darryl Johansen (2490).

Others who might threaten included IM's Stephen Solomon (2435), Alex Wohl (2440) and Gary Lane (2405), from England.

The tournament was opened by the Queensland Minister for Education. The Mayor of Maroochy Shire and the Sunshine University Chancellor were also at the opening ceremony, with the Mayor apologising for the marked lack of sunshine.

Fortunately the big wet only lasted two days, after which the region reverted to its usual warm weather (more on that later).

#### The first surprise

I provided the first major surprise in round two, when in time trouble I simply left a piece en prise and lost to a player rated 1832. I was so shocked I could only manage to draw in round three with a 1615. The other top players were cruising along, with fellow New Zealanders Jonathan Sarfati, Bob Gibbons and Hilton Bennett among those on 2.5/3, along with ex-patriate Kiwi Craig Laird. Notable was Gibbons' round two draw with IM Gary Lane.

Fortunately for me it was a long tournament and in round four an encouraging win on board 33 (!) helped put me back in the right frame of mind. At the same time IM Solomon had his first hiccup - losing on time to Nick Speck (2255).

After round 5 only top seed Milov had a perfect score, with Rogers and Johansen among those half a point behind after a quick draw.

I had crawled back to respectability on 3.5/5 after a long end-game win, along with Laird and a multitude of others.

Round 6 was noted in the bulletin (\$2.50 each!) as a day for the juniors. Australia's three most promising juniors all scored wins. 12-year-old Zong Yuan Zhao beat an opponent rated 2255, Kuan Kuan Tian, also about the same age, beat a 2285, and 16-year-old David Smerdon defeated FM Leonid Sandler (2385).

Meanwhile IM Solomon stumbled again and I won my third game in a row, a vacillating affair against fellow Kiwi John Sutherland (Otago), who seemed in good form. Along with Laird, I was a point behind the leaders (and back in the enclosure!).

#### On time, but short of it

In round seven I racked up yet another victory, revenge for a controversial decision at the Australian Masters a few years back, when a disputes committee allowed Max Leskiewicz (2210) to play his game against me despite arriving over an hour late. This time we were both there on time and he lost on time in a hopeless position.

IM Solomon had another bad day at the office, losing to a 1950. In this tournament Stephen seemed a shadow of the player who annihilated the field at the Fencible Masters two years ago. Milov and Johansen were now in the lead, with Rogers half a point back, and Laird and myself among those another half point behind.

Round eight was another good day for me - my fifth win in a row! I played a nice thematic game against Denmark's Thomas Christen-

sen(2280) and was now equal with Rogers, just half a point behind leaders Milov and Johansen. A good day also for Laird, who beat top junior Zhao - who had been collecting upset and best game prizes for some rounds!

In round 9 I got my come-uppance against GM Johansen in a hard fought game. The main cause of my defeat was bad use of time, wasting 15 minutes analysing (and rejecting) a variation that Darryl would never have allowed if it was any good. A few bad moves in time trouble spoilt an otherwise fine position. Laird also went down, to Rogers, so we were a point and a half adrift of the leaders, Milov and Johansen.

But the prizes went down to eighth, so there was plenty to fight for in the last two rounds.

In round ten I played giant-killing junior Zhao and was surprised in the opening. Playing it safe I still got an advantage, but missed a win in time trouble. We settled for a draw and an all-out effort in the final round. Laird unfortunately lost badly to another junior, Smerdon.

In the final round Milov made Smerdon pay for that victory, to finish on 10/11. Johansen played it safe, taking a draw against Wohl to finish clear second, while Rogers came third after drawing with Sandler.

IM Lane put paid to Zhao to head the players on 8/11 in fourth equal place. Others to join him were Mark Chapman (2305), Y Taivanbaatar (2080), Wohl (2440) and myself (2310).

#### Last to finish

Of the 76 games mine was the last to finish. After turning down two draw offers I played on to force home a slight advantage against top junior Kuan-Kuan Tian. I was told later that 30 people were crowding around the board, some standing on chairs to watch, as we battled it out in the twenty second play-off. I didn't notice any of them!

Of the other New Zealanders, Laird finished well with a win but just missed the money. Likewise John Sutherland, who must be happy

with his showing, which included a draw with visiting Grandmaster Joel Benjamin in the rapid tournament. Jonathan Sarfati lost only one game out of eleven, but conceded too many draws (six!) to feature in the prize-money. Bob Gibbons and Hilton Bennett both scored reasonably and enjoyed the event so much they went on to a tournament in Sydney!

On one of the free days I took Bob and Hilton up to Noosa (about 40 minutes away) for a beach-side breakfast, a round of golf and a swim. A good time was had by all, although Bob and Hilton's golf ball bill must have been pretty expensive and we all suffered terribly with sunburn for days afterwards. Thank goodness for the drinks trolley!

Final standings: Milov(10/11) 1, Johansen(9.5) 2, Rogers (8.5) 3, Wohl, Lane, Chapman, Smith, Taivanbaatar (8) 4-8 ... Laird, Sutherland (7.5) 9-20 ... Sarfati (7) 21-30 ... Gibbons, Bennett (6.5) 31-48 ... Gavin Marner (5.5) 66-84 ... Lynn Parlane (3) 140-147.

#### Smith, R - Christensen, T

Australian Open, 1999 [B06]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♖f6?!

Christensen won an earlier game when his opponent tried to refute this provocative idea; I decided to just play sensibly.

3.e5 ♖h5 4.♗f3 d5 5.c4

To force ...c6, taking away the ♖ square; or ...e6, blocking Black's ♗.

5...c6 6.♗c3 ♖g7 7.cxd5?!

The right idea, but ♗b3 immediately is more accurate, as the exchange gives Black's ♖ the c6 square.

7...cxd5 8.♗b3 e6 9.♗e2 ♗e7 10.h4!?

To prevent ...g5 attacks.

10...h6 11.♗f4 ♗c6 12.0-0-0 ♗b6?! 13.♗xb6 axb6

Black has permanent ♖ weaknesses.

14.♖b1 ♗d7 15.♗b5

Defence and attack.

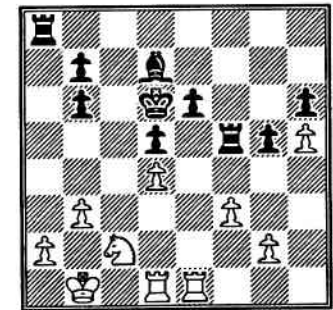
15...♗d8 16.♗e1

With two ideas, h5 and ♗c2 to stop ...b4 liquidations.

16...♖a7 17.♖xa7 ♗xa7 18.h5 g5 19.♗d2 f5 20.exf6 ♗xf6 21.♗b4 ♖f5 22.♗c2 ♗e7! 23.♗he1 ♗f8 24.♗g4! ♗a4 25.♗xe7+ ♖xe7 26.b3 ♗aa8 27.♗xf5!

Else Black's ♖ goes to d6-b5-c3.

27...♗xf5 28.f3 ♖d6



A classic good ♖ v bad ♗ position.

29.♗e3 ♗f8 30.♗g4 ♗e8 31.♗h1 ♗c8 32.♖b2 ♗f7 33.♖xb6 ♗fc7 34.♗d2 ♗h7 35.♗g4 ♗xh5 36.♗xh5 ♗xh5 37.♗e5

Home at last!

37...♗g8 38.g4 ♗e8 39.♗h2 ♗f8 40.♗h7 ♗c6 41.♗g7 b5 42.a3 b4 43.axb4

Black is almost in zugzwang and the passed g-♗ is unstoppable. 1-0

Gibbons, R - Lane, G (2405, England)

Australian Open, 1999[B06]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.d3 a6 7.Be3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Be6 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.Bxd5 Qe7 12.c3 Ba7 13.Qd2 Nd8 14.Rfe1 c6 15.Bb3 Ne6 16.Rad1 g5 17.Bg3 Nh5 18.d4 Rad8 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.Qc2 Nfg3 21.hxg3 Nc5 22.Re2 b5 23.Red2 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Qf6 25.a3 a5 26.Ba2 a4 27.Bb1 Bb6 28.Qd1 Bc7 29.Bc2 Qe6 30.Nh2 Qg6 31.Ng4 Kh8 32.Qf3 f6 33.Ne3 Rd8 34.Rxd8+ Bxd8 35.Nf5 Kh7 36.Qe3 Bb6 37.Qd2 Bc7 38.Qe3 Bb6 39.Qd2 Bc7 40.Qe3 ½-½

## NZCF Council report

By NZCF President Peter Stuart

### Annual General Meeting

Held in Dunedin on 5th January, the annual meeting elected the following officers for 1999: President, Peter Stuart; Vice-president, Bob Gibbons; Secretary, Daniel Johns; Treasurer, Roger Perry; Councillors (Auckland), Jim Cater, Martin Dreyer, Michael Freeman and Paul Macdonald. No regional councillors were nominated but Graham Haase was subsequently co-opted by the Council as the Otago Councillor. The Council awaits word from Wellington and Canterbury before co-opting any further regional copuncillors.

Two remits relating to the New Zealand Championship and Congress were passed. One removed the limit of three invited overseas players in the Championship while the other provided for a Fischer time control (40 moves in 100 minutes, 20 moves in 50 minutes, then 10 minutes to finish with 30 seconds additional time per move from move one) in any event where sufficient digital timers were available.

The following tournament venues were decided:

Congress 1999-2000, Howick-Pakuranga.

Congress 2000-01, Waitemata.

South Island Championship 1999, Blenheim. South Island Championship 2000, Otago.

There were no offers to hold this year's N.Z. Junior or Women's Championships, nor for the North Island Championship; applications to hold any of these events should be directed to the Council.

### Player Registration 1999

The new registration year commenced on 15th January and every player in any event played after that date and rated by the Federation must be registered before commencing play. The Council circulates lists of registered players periodically; any player not on the latest list should either have a valid 1999 registration card available for inspection at

the tournament or expect to pay the \$10 fee (juniors, under 20 on 1-1-99, \$5) before starting play.

### Australasian Zonals

The Sub-Zone 3.2b Zonal Tournaments for Men and Women will be held at Surfers Paradise from 13th to 21st April to qualify one player for each World Championship series this year. The Men's Zonal will be a 9-round Swiss with three free seeded places for Australia, two for New Zealand and one for Fiji. Further entries can be accepted subject to the Zone president's approval and payment of a, by New Zealand standards, rather steep entry fee. The Women's event will be a 10-player round-robin with 2/1/1 seeded players. The Council has offered New Zealand's free places to Russell Dive and Alexei Kulashko for the Men's Zonal and Vivian Smith for the Women's. Further details are available from the Secretary.

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**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. Paraparamu 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 Mailland 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, Julian Mazur. 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)237-475 3.

**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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