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NZ Women's Championship

The NZ women's championship has been played over Easter with 4 entries - Viv Smith, Edith Otene, Helen Court and Amy Cater (now Amy Millano). Its being played as a double round robin. Scores after 2 rounds: Smith 2, Millano 1, Courtney and Otene .5.

Chess at Sydney Olympics

Following last year's meeting between FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov and IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch, Executive Director Emmanuel Omuku has met with IOC Sports Director Gilbert Felli. They discussed details of the proposed Chess Exhibition at the Olympic Village during the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. The discussion centred on the format for the exhibition, which would feature some top players and possible live transmission of the games on the Internet.

Cover picture: Howard Staunton (1810-1874), autocratic leader of British chess, won a match against Pierre de St Amant in 1843, 11-6, which asserted British chess dominance over France. He developed chess as a competitive sport and introduced the concept of international tournaments, introduced scientific method into opening analysis, and standardised the design of chessmen. Hence the Staunton pattern of chess pieces.

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Games from the 1999-2000 Congress

NZ Championship games

(continued from February)

Our selection runs from round 7, and includes detailed analysis by GM Ian Rogers of his game with IM Russell Dive.

Dive, R (2448) – Rogers, I (2574)

[E62] Fianchetto system

NZ Ch. R 7

Notes by GM Ian Rogers

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♠g2 4.♠g2 0-0 5.♠c3 d6
6.♠f3 c6 7.0-0 ♠a5 8.h3 ♠e6= 9.♠d2!?

A solid move which is better than its reputation. 9.d5 cxd5 10.♠d4 is the main line, although the position can get very messy after 10...dxc4 11.♠xb7 ♠bd7 12.♠xa8 ♠xa8 . 9.Qd3 is seen quite often, but 9...d5 should give Black no problems.

9...♠b6!?

Hoping to exploit the temporary lack of coordination in White's camp.

10.d5

10.e3 is an alternative, but would be a small moral victory for Black as e3 is not a move White usually wishes to play in a g3 opening.

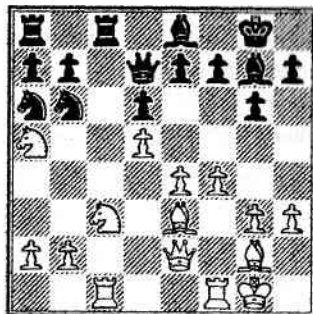
10...cxd5 11.cxd5 ♠d7 12.♠b3

The players have, by a curious route, transposed to a 9.d5 line (9...cxd5= 10.Nd4 Bd7 11.Nb3 Qb6 12.cxd5), one which was not too pleasing for Black since I would usually prefer 11...Qb4 12.cxd5 Ba4 if the position had arisen by the 9.d5 move order.

12...♠c8 13.c4 ♠e8 14.♠e3 ♠d8 15.♠c1 ♠a6
16.♠e2 ♠d7 17.f4

Dive's play has been admirably direct, while Black looks to ease his cramp by exchanging pieces on the queenside. (In the long term White's bishop on g2 could be an endgame handicap.) Now 17...Nac5 would be consistent, leaving White with a small edge after an exchange on c5, but, with Dive already having used a considerable amount of time on his clock, I decided on a policy of provocation.

17...♠b6 18.♠a5 ♠d7



19.e5! dxe5 20.fxe5

The immediate 20.d6 was also playable.

20...♠xe5 21.d6! exd6 22.♠xb7!?

A very brave decision. I was expecting 22.Bxb7 Qxh3 23.Qg2 when Black will finish up with two pawns for the exchange, but his a and d pawns could prove vulnerable. Dive prefers to maintain the pressure rather than grab material, keeping the light-squared bishop for attack.

22...♠b4 23.♠cd1 ♠e6 24.a3 ♠c6?

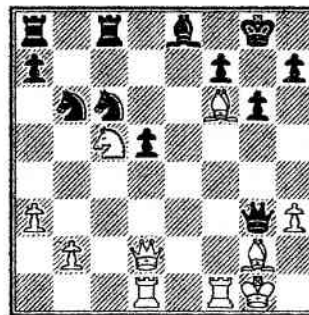
Black had visions of trapping the knight on b7, but these delusions do not last long. Had Black realised how precarious his position would become, he would have drawn a deep breath and played 24...Bxc3!?, intending 25.bxc3 Rxc3, with fair counterplay.

25.♠e4 d5 26.♠bc5 ♠e7 27.♠g5 ♠c7

27...♠f8 28.♠e6! fxc6 29.♠xf8+ ♠xf8 might be playable, but with Black's king not yet safe, the queen will always have chances.

28.♠f6+! ♠xf6 29.♠xf6 ♠xg3

Greedy, but the more material Black can gain, the more he'll be able to return when the going gets tough on the kingside.



30.♠d2??

Down to his last 5 minutes, Dive misses Black's reply which forces the exchange of queens. After 30.Rd3 Qd6 31.b4! White retains terrific compensation for the two pawns, with Ba1 followed by Qb2 or Ne4 in the offing.

30...♠e4! 31.♠f2

Hardly according to plan, but 31.Qh6 Qe3+ is worse for White.

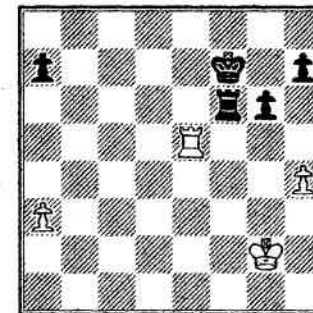
31...♠xf2+ 32.♠xf2 ♠ab8 33.♠xd5

Avoiding the trap 33.Rxd5 Ne7!! when White must allow multiple exchanges.

33...♠xb2 34.♠d2 ♠a5! 35.♠e4 ♠bc4 36.♠c2 ♠b6
37.♠xc8 ♠xc8 38.♠d1 ♠c6 39.♠xc6 ♠xc6 40.♠d6
♠b8 41.h4 ♠d7 42.♠a1 ♠ce5 43.♠d5 f6

Black has hung on to his two extra pawns but White retains some pressure. Dive now finds an idea which wins back half the deficit, but he might have done better to sit tight with 44.Ra5 Nc6 45.Rd5, leaving 46.Ne4 as a serious threat.

44.♠e4 ♠b6 45.♠g2 ♠f7! 46.♠xf6! ♠xf6 47.♠xe5
♠xe5 48.♠xe5



Dive's mini-combination has cut Black's advantage to one pawn, but with the initiative passing to Black, both players thought that the endgame should be winning for Black. The conclusion was correct, but the path to victory was more narrow than either of us realised. Fortunately for Black, the position is rather easy to play with a typical four-stage winning plan. First, tie up White's rook and king.

48...♠a6 49.♠c3 ♠a4 50.♠g3

Part two – improve your king's position.

50...♠g7 51.♠b3 ♠h6 52.♠c3

Part three – advance your pawn as far as possible without allowing White's rook to leave the third rank.

52...♠d4 53.♠b3 a5 54.♠c3 a4 55.♠e3

Part four – manoeuvre your rook to b3 to force win of the a pawn.

55...♠d1 56.♠f4 ♠h1 57.♠g4 ♠g1+ 58.♠f4

Dive, unable to find a defence after 58.Kh3 Rb1 decides to suicide. In fact, the ending after 58.♠h3 ♠b1 59.♠e7! ♠b3+ 60.♠g4 ♠xa3 61.♠a7 is trickier than it looks.

Zonal entries

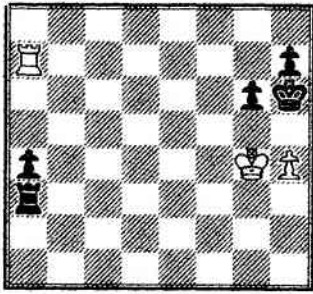
Michael Freeman reports that Australia has nominated Grandmaster Darryl Johansen and Aleksander Wohl as its official representatives in the forthcoming Zone 3.2b Zonal tournament in Auckland. New Zealand has nominated national champion Aleksei Kulashko.

As this issue of *NZ Chess* was going to press, no nomination had been received from Fiji.

Michael was busy approaching all the eligible players he could contact to build up the field.

The tournament is scheduled from May 20-28, and entries close on May 17.

Full details on page 12.



Black cannot afford to push his pawn too far, but 61...Ra1 62.Kg3 a3 is good enough to win, e.g. 63.Kh3 g5! 64.hxg5 Kxg5 when White has no time to take the h pawn, so Black's king will have time to wander to a2 while White is worrying about the h pawn, or 63.Kg2 Kh5!! 64.Rxh7+ Kg4 65.Rg7 Ra2+ 66.Kf1 Rb2! followed by ...a2, wins.

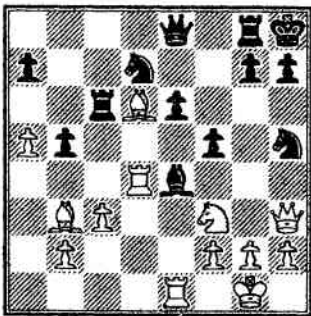
58...ϕh5 59.ϕe7 h6 60.ϕe2 ϕg4+ 0-1

Watson,B (2260) – Garbett,P (2360)

R 7 [B22] Alapin Variation

Notes by NM Peter Stuart

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ϕxd5 4.d4 e6 5.ϕf3 ϕf6 6.ϕa3 ϕd8 7.ϕc2 ϕe7 8.ϕd3 0-0 9.ϕe2 ϕbd7 10.ϕf4 cxd4 11.ϕcxd4 ϕc5 12.ϕc2 ϕd5 13.ϕg3 ϕe8 14.0-0 b6 15.ϕfd1 ϕa6 16.ϕe1 ϕh8 17.a4 ϕc8 18.a5 b5 19.ϕf5 ϕb7 20.ϕd6 ϕxd6 21.ϕxd6 ϕg8 22.ϕd4 f5 23.ϕe5 ϕd7 24.ϕg3 ϕ5f6 25.ϕe1 ϕe4 26.ϕb3 ϕh5 27.ϕh3 ϕc6



28.ϕe5??

White is probably lost after this. Instead 28.ϕg5! wins material.

28...ϕxd6 29.ϕxd6 ϕxe5 30.f3

30.ϕxe6 ϕf4! 31.ϕg3 ϕxe6 32.ϕxc5 ϕg6! (32...ϕd8 33.ϕf4 ϕc6 34.ϕxg8 ϕxg8 35.f3 is better for White) 33.ϕxc4 ϕxe4 34.ϕxc6 ϕxe6 35.ϕxe6 ϕd8 36.ϕf1 ϕd2 37.b4 ϕc2 38.ϕd7 ϕxc3 39.ϕxb5 ϕb3 and Black should win.

30...ϕd3 31.ϕe3 ϕe7 32.ϕdx3 ϕf4 33.ϕg3 ϕxd3 34.ϕh3 ϕc5 35.ϕxe4 f4 36.ϕxe6 ϕxe3+ 37.ϕxc3 ϕxe3 38.ϕxg8 e2 0-1

Round 8

(Continuing the round-by-round report from Paul Spiller)

The Ian Rogers steamroller continued to gain momentum in this round, at the expense of FM Bob Smith. Drazen Sermek accounted for Igor Bjelobrk. Bruce Watson was unfortunately again at the receiving end, losing to Van Riemsdijk. The critical pairing for this round was Garbett-Kulashko, the winner almost sure of an IM norm. The game seemed heading for a draw when Garbett inexplicably swapped into a lost ending. This gave Kulashko 6 points and a norm (his second), even if he lost his next round. The other key game between Dive and Ker was won by Russell, which allowed him to come back into contention for a minor placing.

After 8 rounds the leading scores were: I Rogers, 7.5; D Sermek, A Kulashko 6; Garbett, Van Riemsdijk, Ker and Dive, 4.5.

Garbett,P (2360) – Kulashko,A (2396)

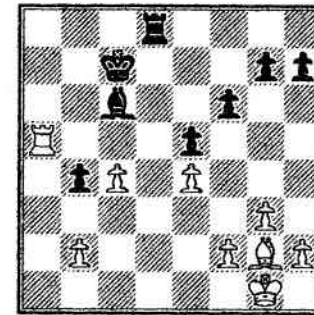
R 8 [B50] Closed Sicilian

Notes by Peter Stuart

1.e4 c5 2.ϕc3 e6 3.ϕf3 d6 4.g3 ϕf6 5.ϕg2 ϕe7 6.e5 dxe5 7.ϕxe5 ϕbd7 8.ϕxd7 ϕxd7 9.0-0 ϕb8 10.d3 b5 11.ϕf4 ϕd6 12.ϕg5 ϕe7 13.ϕf4 ϕb6 14.ϕe5 ϕb7 15.ϕe4 ϕxe4 16.dxe4 f6 17.ϕxd7+ ϕxd7 18.ϕfd1+ ϕc8 19.ϕf4 e5 20.ϕe3 ϕd6 21.ϕxd6 ϕxd6 22.c4 b4 23.a3 a5! 24.axb4 axb4 25.ϕa5

This is not losing but the pawn grab White intends turns out disastrously. 25.ϕf1 is just equal.

25...ϕc7 26.ϕxc5? ϕxc5 27.ϕxc5+ ϕc6 28.ϕa5 ϕd8



The active black rook is worth rather more than one pawn, especially in view of the rotten white bishop after the exchange of its black square brother.

29.ϕa1 ϕd2 30.b3 ϕb2 31.ϕa7+ ϕb6 32.ϕxg7 ϕb1+ 33.ϕf1 ϕxe4 34.ϕd7 ϕf5 35.c5+ ϕxc5 0-1

Dive,R (2448) – Ker,A (2321)

R 8 [A34] Symmetrical Variation

1.e4 c5 2.ϕc3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ϕxd4 ϕf6 5.e4 ϕc6 6.ϕd2 ϕg7 7.ϕf3 d6 8.h3 0-0 9.ϕd3 ϕa5 10.0-0 ϕd7 11.ϕd5 ϕxd2 12.ϕxd2 ϕc5 13.ϕb1 e6 14.ϕe3 ϕb4 15.ϕb3 ϕbd3 16.ϕxd3 ϕxd3 17.ϕb1 b6 18.ϕd1 ϕxc1 19.ϕxc1 ϕb7 20.f3 ϕfd8 21.ϕe2 f5 22.exf5 gxf5 23.ϕd3 d5? 24.ϕf4 ϕh6 25.ϕxe6 ϕe8 26.cxd5 ϕxe3+ 27.ϕxe3 ϕxd5 28.ϕbe1 ϕxa2 29.ϕd4 ϕxe3 30.ϕxe3 ϕd8 31.ϕxf5 ϕd2 32.b4 ϕb1 33.ϕe7+ ϕf8 34.ϕc6 a6 35.ϕa3 ϕa2 36.ϕb3 ϕf5 37.ϕe3 ϕd7 38.ϕb8 ϕc8 39.ϕc3 ϕf5 40.ϕc6 a5 41.ϕf6+ ϕg7 42.ϕxf5 a4 43.ϕb5 a3 44.ϕxb6 ϕb2 45.ϕa6 a2 46.ϕh2 ϕxb4 47.ϕd7 ϕb2 48.ϕe5 ϕd2 49.ϕc4 ϕc2 50.ϕe3 ϕc2 51.ϕd5 1-0

Round 9

Scott Wastney could not slow down the Ian Rogers machine. Ian maintained his one and a-half point lead over Sermek, despite the latter's nice win over Dive. This was the game of the round and is annotated by Drazen. Kulashko was temporarily slowed down when he was held to a draw by Bob Smith. Van Riemsdijk and Ker also split the point, while Paul Garbett won against Matthew Barlow.

Rogers 8.5; Sermek 7; Kulashko, Garbett 6.5.

Sermek,D (2545) – Dive,R (2448)

R 9 [B03] Alekhine

107th NZ Chp

Notes by GM Drazen Sermek

1.e4 ϕf6 2.e5 ϕd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 ϕb6 5.exd6 exd6

In the previous round Russell played 5...cxd6, which is sharper. Perhaps he was playing for a draw.

6.ϕc3 ϕe7 7.h3 ϕf5 8.ϕf3 a5 9.ϕe2 a4?!

Too risky, the a4 pawn will be weak for the rest of the game.

10.0-0 0-0 11.ϕe3 ϕ8d7

With this move Black understood that his plan with a5, a4 was not so good. An example: 11...a3 12.b4±, 11...ϕc6 12.c5 dxc5 13.dxc5 ϕxd1 (13...ϕd7 14.ϕxa4) 14.ϕfxd1 ϕd7 15.g4 ϕe6 16.ϕe4±

12.ϕc1 ϕg6 13.ϕe1 ϕe8 14.ϕd3!?

White has more space, so I decided to play, just slowly, Rc2-e2.

14...ϕf8?!

14...ϕxd3 15.ϕxd3 ϕf8±

15.ϕxg6 hxg6 16.ϕd3 ϕa5?!

Too active.

17.ϕe2 c6 18.ϕce1 ϕa8

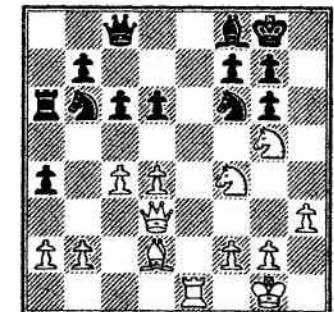
With the idea Qa6, but...

19.ϕd2!

ϕxe2 20.ϕxe2 ϕa6 21.ϕf4 ϕf6?!

21...ϕd8!?

22.ϕg5 ϕc8



23.ϕxg6!?

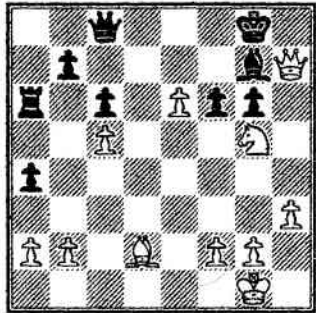
23. 2xf7? ♣f5!

23...d5?

23...fxg6 24. ♣xg6 d5 (24... ♣d7 25. ♠e6 ♚e7 26. ♣f7+ ♠h8 27. ♠xf6!±; 24... ♣c7 25. ♠e6 ♠bd7 26. ♣f7+ ♠h8 27. ♠e4!) 25. ♣f7+ ♠h8 26. ♠f3.

24.c5 ♠c4 25. ♠e5 ♠xe5 26. dxe5 ♠e4 27. ♠xe4! dxe4 28. ♣xe4 g6 29. ♣h4 ♠g7 30.e6! f6

30...fxe6 31. ♣h7+ ♠f8 32. ♠f4+- 31. ♣h7+



31...♠f8 32. ♠f4± 1-0

Watson, B (2260) – Sutherland, J (2055)

R 9 [B22] Alapin Variation

Notes by Peter Stuart

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♣xd5 4.d4 ♠c6 5. ♠f3 cxd4 6.cxd4 e5 7. ♠c3 ♠b4 8. ♠d2 ♠xc3 9. ♠xc3 e4 10. ♠e5 ♠xe5 11. dxe5 ♠e7 12. ♠e2 0-0 13. 0-0 ♠d7 14. ♠b4 ♠fe8 15. ♣xd5 ♠xd5 16. ♠d6 ♠f4 17. ♠c4 ♠ac8 18. ♠b3 ♠d3 19. ♠fd1 ♠e6 20. f3 ♠xb3?

20... ♠xb2+

1. axb3 a6 22. fxe4 ♠xe5 23. ♠ac1 ♠c6 24. e5 ♠e6 25. ♠d5 ♠ce8 26. b4 g6 27. h3 ♠xe5 28. ♠c7 f6?

28... ♠c6 29. ♠c5 (29. ♠xb7 ♠d8+-) 29... b5 and White can dream only of drawing.

29. ♠xb7 ♠c4?

29... ♠d8 30. ♠b8 ♠xb8 31. ♠xb8=.

30. ♠c5 ♠e2?

30... ♠e5 leaves the black pieces awkwardly placed but there is no obvious win for White. The text loses instantly.

31. ♠dd7 1-0

Round 10

Ian was moving his way down the field and this round was paired against Bruce Watson. After winning a pawn, he found that Bruce started to play really well, and did not fall into any of the traps that he set. In fact, Bruce fought back to obtain a winning position only to tragically blunder when the win was in sight. [This game was annotated by Vernon Small in his weekly NZ Herald column.] A pity for Bruce after having come back so well. Bob Smith had done his homework and forced a repetition of position against Drazen. Alexei continued his aggressive style of chess and netted the full point against last year's champion. Garbett and Ker split the point.

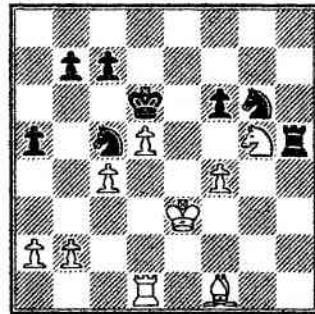
Rogers 9.5; Sermek, Kulashko 7.5; Van Riemsdijk, Garbett 6; Ker 5.5; Dive, Wastney 4.5.

Rogers, I (2574) – Watson, B (2260)

R 10 [B07] Pirc / Modern Defence

Notes by Peter Stuart

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♠f6 3.f3 ♠bd7 4.c4 e5 5.d5 ♚e7 6. ♠c3 h5 7.h4 ♠h7 8.g3 a5 9. ♠c3 g5 10. hxg5 ♠xg5 11. ♣d2 ♠xe3 12. ♣xe3 ♣g5? 13. ♣xg5 ♠xg5 14.f4 exf4 15.gxf4 ♠h7 16. ♠xb5 ♠c5 17. ♠b5 ♠d8 18.e5 ♠d7 19. ♠d4 ♠e7 20. ♠g3 ♠ag8 21. 0-0 ♠g4 22. ♠h6 ♠xf3 23. ♠xf3 ♠f8 24. ♠xh8 ♠xh8 25. ♠d2 ♠g6 26. ♠e3 ♠h5 27. exd6+ ♠xd6 28. ♠g5 f6



29. ♠e6

29. ♠f3!?

29... ♠h2

29... ♠xe6? 30. dxe6+ ♠xe6 31. f5+! wins material.

30. ♠e2 ♠h3+ 31. ♠d4 ♠xe6+ 32. dxe6 f5!

Now Black can safely snaffle the e-pawn and with it the advantage.

33.c5+ ♠xe6 34.e6 b6 35. ♠a6 ♠e7 36. ♠b7 ♠f3 37. ♠c4 ♠xf4+ 38. ♠b5 ♠b4+ 39. ♠a6 f4 40. ♠e1+ ♠f6 41. b3 f3 42. ♠a7 f2 43. ♠f1 ♠f4 44. ♠b8 ♠d5 45. ♠a6 ♠c4 46. ♠c1 ♠d5 47. a4 ♠e5 48. ♠b7 ♠d6 49. ♠d1 ♠e5 50. ♠c1 ♠f3 51. ♠c4 ♠e3 52. ♠c3

52. ♠xc7 ♠xc4 53. bxc4 f1 ♣ 54. ♠xf1 ♠xf1 55. ♠xb6 ♠b1+ 56. ♠c7 ♠b4+-.

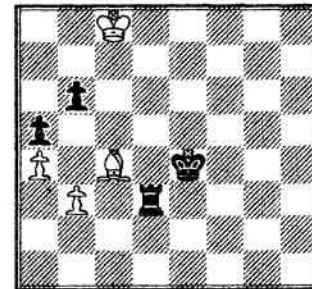
52... ♠d4 53. ♠d3+ ♠c5 54. ♠c3 ♠d4

Even better was 54... ♠b4 55. ♠c1 ♠xc4 56. bxc4 f1 ♣ 57. ♠xf1 ♠xf1 58. ♠xc7 ♠c1 and the win is clear.

55. ♠d3+ ♠e4 56. ♠xe3+ ♠xe3 57. ♠xc7 ♠d3 58. ♠b7 f1 ♣ 59. c7 ♣f5 60. c8 ♣

60. ♠xd3+ ♠xd3 61. c8 ♣ ♣xc8+ 62. ♠xc8 ♠c3 63. ♠b7 ♠xb3 64. ♠xb6 ♠xa4+-

60... ♠xc8+ 61. ♠xc8



61... ♠d4??

Tragic! Bruce had seen 61... ♠d6 but hallucinated, thinking he had an even simpler win.

62. ♠xd3

Unfortunately Black now wins the race to gobble enemy pawns. 1-0

Bennett, H (2200) – Van Riemsdijk, H (2422)

R 10 [C33] King's Gambit

Notes by Peter Stuart

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3. ♠c4 ♠f6 4. ♠c3 c6 5.d4 d5 6.exd5 cxd5 7. ♠b5+ ♠d7 8. ♠xd7+ ♠bxd7 9. ♠xf4 ♠b4 10. ♠ge2 0-0 11. 0-0 ♣b6 12. ♣d3 ♠ac8 13. ♠d1 ♠fe8 14.c3 ♠f8 15. ♠c3 ♠e6 16. ♠ab1 ♠ce8 17. ♠g3 g6 18.h4 ♠d6 19. ♠c2 ♠g4 20. ♣f3 ♠xf4 21. ♣xf4 f5 22.h5 ♣d8 23.hxg6 hxg6 24. ♠xf5??

A fine example of hara-kiri; White not only loses a piece but invites a mating attack.

24... gxf5 25. ♣xf5 ♣h4 26. ♣f4 ♠f6 27. ♣c7 ♠h6 0-1

Kulashko, A (2396) – Dive, R (2448)

R 10 [B02] Alekhine

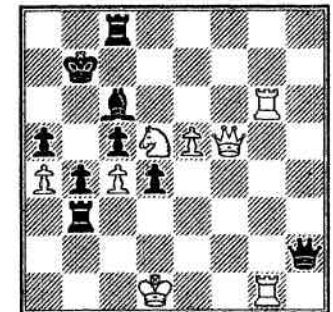
1.e4 ♠f6 2. ♠c3 d5 3.e5 ♠e4 4. ♠ce2 f6 5. ♠f3 fxe5 6.d3 ♠f6 7. ♠xe5 c5 8.d4 e6 9. ♠f4 ♣b6 10.g4 cxd4 11. ♠d3 ♠b4+ 12. ♠f1 ♣c7 13.g5 ♣xe5 14.gxf6 ♣xf6 15. ♠h5 ♣f7 16. ♠g1 g6 17. ♠f4 e5 18. ♣e2 e4 19. ♠xe4 dxe4 20. ♣xe4+ ♣c7 21. ♣xd4 ♠f8 22. ♠c3 ♠c6 23. ♣c4 ♠xf4 24. ♣xf4 ♠h3+ 25. ♠e2 0-0-0 26. ♠ad1 ♠d6 27. ♣g5 ♣e4 28. ♠d3 ♣c4 29. ♣d5 ♣xc2+ 30. ♠d2 ♣a4 31. ♣b3 ♣e4 32. f3 ♣e7 33. ♠d1 ♠e6 34. ♣b5 ♠xa2 35. ♠g5 ♣f7 36. ♠xd8 ♣xf3+ 37. ♣e2 ♠b3+ 38. ♠e1 ♣xe2+ 39. ♠xe2 ♠xh2 40. ♠g2 ♠f4 41. ♠f6 ♠xd2 42. ♠xd2+ 1-0

Barlow, M (2155) – Bjelobrk, I (2112)

R 10 [A40] Pirc / Modern Defence

Notes by Peter Stuart

1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♠g7 3.e4 ♠c6 4. ♠e3 e5 5.d5 ♠d4 6. ♠e2 c5 7.dxc6 dxc6 8. ♠xd4 exd4 9. ♠c1 ♠f6 10. ♠d3 0-0 11. 0-0 ♠g4 12.h3 ♠e5 13.f4 ♠xd3 14. ♣xd3 f5 15.e5 c5 16. ♠a3 a6 17. ♠c2 ♣c7 18. ♠e1 b6 19. ♣e2 ♠b7 20. ♠d3 b5 21. b3 ♠fe8 22. ♠d2 ♠f8 23. ♠ac1 b4 24. a4 ♣c6 25. ♠h2 ♠e7 26. ♠g1 ♠f8 27. ♠cf1 ♠ac8 28. ♠d1 ♠f7 29. ♠c1 ♠c6 30. ♠g3 ♠d7 31. ♠f2 ♠c7 32. ♠e1 ♠h4+ 33.g3 ♠e7 34. ♠d2 ♠b6 35. ♠c2 ♣c7 36.g4 ♠h4 37. ♠d2 ♠e4 38. ♠df1 a5 39. ♠e1 ♣e7 40.g5 ♠xe1 41. ♠e1 ♠h8 42. ♠d2 h6 43. ♠f2 ♠c6 44. ♠g3 hxg5 45. ♠xg5 ♠h4 46. ♠xg6 ♠xf4 47. ♠d3 ♠h4 48. ♣f2 ♠xh3 49. ♠f4 ♣h7 50. ♠d5+ ♠b7 51. ♣xf5 ♠xb3 52. ♠eg1 ♣h2+ 53. ♠d1



53... ♣a2??

Zone 3.2b Zonal for Year 2000

- The Year 2000 Zonal will be held in Auckland, NZ from Saturday 20th May to Sunday 28th May 2000. The event is being run as a nine round swiss.
- The event is open to all players from the members of Zone 3.2b (Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji) who have a FIDE rating of 2100 or greater.
- The entry fee is NZD\$400 per player.
- The time control is 40 moves in 2 hours, then 20 moves in one hour, followed by 30 minutes guillotine.
- The winner will be nominated as the Zonal qualifier to the Year 2000 FIDE World Championship.
- The event is being played at the Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden.
- The National Federations have the right to nominate the following players (Australia:2, NZ:1, Fiji:1). These players will be provided with billet accommodation.
- Entries close Wednesday 17th May 2000.

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Schedule:
 Players Meeting: 20th May 11am
 Opening Ceremony: 20th May midday
 Rounds 1-2:
 20th and 21st: 12:30pm-7:30pm
 Round 3:
 22nd: midday-7:00pm
 Round 4-9:
 23rd to 28th: 12:30pm-7:30pm
 Closing Ceremony: 28th May 7:30pm.

Please send entries, including your full name, postal address, contact telephone and email address, FIDE rating and FIDE code number to the address above.
 All cheques should be made payable to the New Zealand Chess Federation

36. d2g5+ e7 37. Wc7+ f6 38. Qxe4 Qxe4
 39. Wf7+ e5 40. Wg7+ e1-0

Garbett, P (2360) – Bennett, H (2200)
 R 11 [B08] Main Variation

1. d4 e6 2. e3 g6 3. e3 d6 4. e4 g7 5. Qe2 0-0
 6. 0-0 e6 7. d5 e6 8. h3 c5 9. Qf4 e6 10. a4
 Wb6 11. Ba3 a6 12. d2 Wc7 13. a5 b5 14. axb6
 xxb6 15. Wa1 e4? 16. Wa2 Qd7 17. xxc4 Wf8
 18. a5 e8 19. Qe3 e6 20. Ed1 e6 21. Qd4 exd5
 22. exd5 Wc8 23. Qf3 Qf5 24. Qxb6 Wxb6 25. e4
 Wc5 26. Wa5 Wc7 27. e3 Qc8 28. e6 Wb8
 29. d4 Qb7 30. Wc4 e7 31. e6 Qxc6 32. dxc6
 e5 33. Wxe5 Qxe5 34. c7 Wxb2 35. Qxa8 d5
 36. Qxd5 Wc8 37. Qxf7+ e7 38. e5 Wb7 39. Qe6
 Wxc7 40. e7 1-0

Sutherland, J (2055) – Wastney, S (2193)
 R 11 [D00] d4 others

1. d4 e6 2. Qg5 d5 3. Qxf6 exf6 4. e3 Qd6 5. c4
 dxc4 6. Qxc4 0-0 7. e3 e7 8. e2 c6 9. e3
 g6 10. 0-0 f5 11. Wd2 Wf4 12. f4 e6 13. Wf3 Wc8
 14. Qd3 e5 15. e5 d5 16. e2 Wd8 17. Qc2
 Qe6 18. Qb3 Wc8 19. Wf1 Wc7 20. Wac1 Wc7
 21. e2 e7 22. a3 b5 23. e3 b4 24. e6 Qb8
 25. axb4 Wb6 26. a3 Qd6 27. b5 Qd7 28. Wf1
 Qxb5 29. Qxd5 Qa6 30. e1 Qb4 31. e3 Wd6
 32. Qf3 g5 33. g3 gxf4 34. gxf4 Wb6 35. e6 e7
 36. e6 Wb3

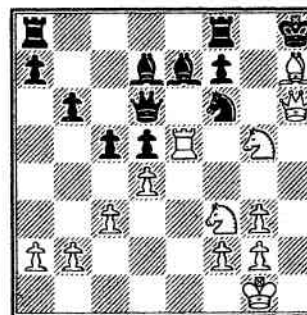
Presumably White, who clearly stands better,
 lost on time though the scoresheets do not
 indicate this. 0-1

More Games from Congress

Major Open

Glostein, B (1635) – Howard, M (1580)
 [A48] d4 others
 R 6 NZ Major Open

1. d4 e6 2. e3 g6 3. Qf4 Qg7 4. e3 0-0 5. Qd3 d6
 6. 0-0 b6 7. e6 Qb7 8. Wf1 e6 9. e4 e6
 10. Qg5 h6 11. Qh4 g5 12. Qg3 e5 13. c3 exg3
 14. hxg3 d5 15. Wc2 c5 16. exd5 exd5 17. Qf5
 Wc7 18. Wc7 Qc6 19. Wac1 Qf6 20. Qe6 Qxe7
 21. Wg6+ e8 22. Wxh6+ e8 23. Wg6+ e8
 24. Wb6+ e8 25. Qf5 e6 26. Wxg5+ e8
 27. Wb6+ e8 28. Wc5 Wd6 29. e6 Qd7 30. Qh7+
 e8 31. Qg6+ e8 32. Qh7+ e8 33. e6 1-0



33... e6 4

and now White uncorked 34. Wxh7#. Black
 failed to notice the illegality and signed the
 scoresheets as a win to White, 1-0

Stracy, D (1622) – Gibson, G (1537)
 [B15] Simagin Variation
 R 8 NZ Major Open

1. e4 c5 2. e3 e6 3. d4 exd4 4. e3 d5 5. Qe3
 Qg7 6. c4 e6 7. e3 e6 8. Wxg4 exd4 9. Wd1 e5
 10. Qd3 0-0 11. 0-0 d6 12. Wd2 Qe6 13. Wac1
 Wc8 14. e5 Qxd5 15. exd5 Wd7 16. Wc3 Wc5
 17. Wf1 Wc8 18. Wd1 b5 19. Qe2 b4 20. Wxc5
 Wxc5 21. Wxc5 dxc5 22. Qg4 f5 23. Qf3 e7
 24. Wd3 fxe4 25. Qxe4 Wa4 26. Wb1 b3 27. axb3
 Wxb3 28. g3 Wa4 29. e6 Qf8 30. Wc1 e2 31. Qc2
 Wb5 32. Wd1 e4 33. Qa4 Wxb2 34. Wg4 Wc2
 35. Wd7+ e6 36. Qxd4 exd4 0-1

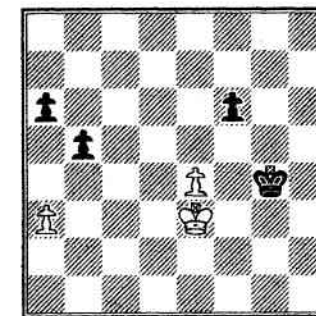
Pakenham, J (1440) – Gibson, G (1537)
 [B30] Kings Indian Attack

R 10 NZ Major Open

1. e3 c5 2. e4 e6 3. e3 g6 4. Qc4 Qg7 5. 0-0
 e6 6. h3 d6 7. d3 0-0 8. Qf4 Qd7 9. Wd2 a6
 10. a3 b5 11. Qa2 Wb6 12. Wab1 e4 13. e6
 exf3+ 14. gxf3 e6 15. b4 Wac8 16. Qe3 Wc7
 17. bxc5 dxc5+ 18. f4 e5 19. e5 e6 20. Qxd5
 e8 21. fxe5 Wxe5+ 22. f4 Wf5 23. Wg2 Wf4
 24. Wf3 Wc7 25. Wg5 f6 26. Wg1 Wc7 27. Wg3 Wf8
 28. h4 Qe6 29. Qxe6 Wxe6 30. h5 gxh5 31. Wf3 e4
 32. Wxh5 cxd3 33. Wg6 h6 34. e6 dxc2 35. Wb1
 Wg8 36. f5 Qf8 37. Qxh6 Wxg6+ 38. fxg6 Qxh6
 39. Wxh6+ e7 40. Wf7+ e8 41. Wc1 Wxh7
 42. gxh7 e7 43. Qf4 Wc5 44. e6 Wc4 45. Qd3
 Qxh7 46. Wxc2 Wxc2 47. e6 e6 48. e6 e6

48... (or 49... e6)

49. e6 e6



50. e5! 1/2-1/2

Voss, P (1546) – Martin, O (1399)
 [B06] Pirc / Modern Defence
 R 7 NZ Major Open

1. d4 g6 2. e4 Qg7 3. Qc4 e6 4. e5 e4?? 5. f3 b5
 6. Qd5 1-0

Rapid Championship

McNabb, M (1850) – Smith, R (2302)
 [B12]

NZ Rapid, R 6

Notes by Matthew McNabb

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Qf5 4. e2 e6 5. e3 Qg6

5... e7 is often played in order to avoid the
 game line.

6.h4 h6

6...h5!? 7.♘e2 ♘e7 8.♗xh5 ♗xh5 9.♗xh5 c5∞
(9...g6±).

7.h5 ♗h7 8.♗d3 ♗xd3 9.cxd3 ♖b6 10.♘e3!
♖xb2 11.♗d2 ♗b4

11...♖c3 has been suggested – Black has to get his Queen out of there in a hurry.

12.0?0 ♗xd2 13.♖b1 ♖xa2 14.♗xd2 ♖a6 15.♗b4

15.♖g4 ♗e7 16.♖xg7 ♖g8 17.♖xh6 (or 17.Qxh7 Bxh6) and White regains the New sacrificed pawns, but Black completes his development with a nice game.

15...b6 16.♖g4 ♖h7

Now this rook is offside for the rest of the game. 16...♗e7 17.♖xg7 ♖g8 18.♖h7 ♖g4 19.♗xe7 ♗xe7 20.♖a1 ♖b7 21.♖xh6 ♖xd4 22.♖g5+ +-.

17.f4 c5

17...♖xd3 18.f5∞.

18.f5! ♖c8

18...cxb4 19.fxc6 ♗e7? 20.♗f5+-.

19.dxc5 bxc5 20.fxc6 ♖xe6? 21.♖xc6+ fxe6 22.♗xc5 ♗d7 23.♗d6 ♗e7 24.♗e2

24.♖fc1 g5! and Black runs his a-pawn.

24...♗f5 25.♖b7

25.♗f4! ♗xd6 (25...♗d4 26.♖b4 ♗c6? 27.♖b7+-) 26.exd6 ♗f8 27.♗g6 ♗xg6 28.hxg6 ♖h8 29.♖b7+-.

25...♖h8 26.♖c1 ♗xd6 27.exd6

Black now cannot prevent Rcc7 and Nd4/f4-e6.

27...♖f8 28.♖cc7 ♖f7 29.♗d4 a5

29...e5 30.♗c6 ♗f8 (30...a5 31.♖a7!+-) 31.♗b8!+-.

30.♗xc6

30.♗c6 a4 31.♖a7!+-.

30...a4 31.♖c1 ♖b8 32.♖a7

32.♖e1+- is better.

32...♗e5 33.♖cc7 ♖xc7 34.♖xc7 a3??

34...♗d7 35.♖a7 ♖b6 36.♗xg7+ ♗d8 37.♗f5±.

35.♖e7# 1-0

New Year Open

Bjelobrki, I (2034) – Ker, A (2333)

[A43] d4 others

R 4 New Year Open

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 c5 3.d5 g6 4.♗c3 ♗g7 5.e4 d6 6.h3 0?0 7.♗d3 ♗a6 8.0?0 ♗c5 9.♗f4 b5 10.♗xb5 ♗xb5 11.♖xb5 ♗xe4 12.♗d3 ♗f6 13.c4 ♗h5 14.♗c1 ♖b8 15.♖c2 ♗d7 16.♖e1 ♖e8 17.♖b1 ♖a5 18.b3 ♖c3 19.♖e2 ♖a5 20.♗g5 ♖c7 21.♖c2 ♗f8 22.♖e3 a5 23.♖be1 ♗f6 24.♖e2 ♗c8 25.♗d2 a4 26.♖f3 ♗d7 27.♖e3 ♖d8 28.f4 axb3 29.axb3 ♗g8 30.♗h1 ♗d4 31.f5 ♗xe3 32.♖xe3 ♗g7 33.♖f4 ♖a5 34.♖xe7 ♖a1+ 35.♗h2 ♖xe7 36.♗xe7 ♗xe7 37.♖xd6 ♖e8 38.♖xd7 ♖e5+ 39.♗h1 ♖a8 40.f6+ ♗xf6 41.♖g4 ♖a1+ 42.♗f1 ♗f5 43.♖f3 ♗g7 44.♗xf5 ♖xf5 45.♖xf5 gxf5 46.♗g1 ♖b1 47.♗f2 ♖xb3 48.♗c3 ♗f6 49.♗f3 ♗e5 50.g3 ♗d4 0-1

Glostein, B (1635) – Cheng, H (1419)

[D02] d4 others

R 3 New Year Open

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 d5 3.♗f4 e6 4.♗bd2 ♗e7 5.e3 c5 6.c3 ♗c6 7.♗d3 0?0 8.0?0 ♗h5 9.♗g5 ♗xf4 10.♗xh7+ ♗h8 11.exf4 ♗xg5 12.fxg5 ♖xg5 13.f4 ♖f6 14.♗c2 g6 15.♖f3 cxd4 16.♖h3+ ♗g7 17.♖f3 ♗d7 18.♖e1 ♖h8 19.♖g3 ♖h4 20.f5 ♗e5 21.♖e2 d3 22.♗xd3 ♗xd3 23.♖xd3 ♖xf5 24.♖f3 ♖h5 25.♖ef1 ♖f8 26.♖f2 ♗e8 27.h3 ♖a4 28.a3 ♖h4 29.♖e3 ♖e7 30.♖e5+ ♗g8 31.♖f6 ♖c5+ 32.♗h1 ♖h4 33.♗b3 ♖c4 34.♗d4 ♖d3 35.♗xe6 ♖e4 36.♖xe4 ♖xe4 37.♖xg6+ ♗h8 38.♖f5 ♖h4 39.♖gg5 ♖h7 40.♗xf8 ♖g7 41.♖h5+ ♗g8 42.♗h7 ♖xh7 43.♖fg5+ ♗h8 44.♖e5 ♖xh5 45.♖xh5+ 0-1

Kapiti Rapid Play

Saturday 20 May, 2000

Kapiti Community Centre

\$1000 prizes; entry fee \$25.

6-rounds 30/30, 3 grades, briefing 9.10am.

Entries to Guy Burns

226 Main Road South, Paraparaumu

(04)904-2002

The Howick-Pakuranga Latvian Gambit 2000

By Bob Gibbons.

This year's Latvian Gambit tournament was held as usual in the Pakuranga Community Centre rooms on March 19th with Kees van den Bosch taking over the organisational reins from Paul Spiller.

There were 58 players competing this year, a strong A grade of 16 and a further 42 competing in the reserve. Top seed in the event was New Zealand Champion Alexei Kulashko who was nobbled early when Hilton Bennett held him to a draw in the first round. More comprehensively nobbled was Ewen Green on the wrong side of an upset with his loss to Vivian Smith and Leonard McLaren who was outplayed in a mutual time scramble by Michael McNabb.

Paul Garbett and Bob Smith as respective second and third seeds entered round three as sole leaders and after Paul won that game he was able to comfortably cruise home to win the event with 5.0 out of 6.0, having last-round draws with Kulashko and Peter Green. Alexei's draw with Bob Smith mean't that he finished second with 4.5 while Peter Green and Hilton Bennett took third place between them on 4 points.

In the reserve section a lot of attention was focussed on ten-year-old second seed Puchen Wang. He had a good start but overpressed trying to beat Bob Smith (yes, there are two) in round three and lost. A last-round draw with eventual co-winner Aaron Taupaki saw him relegated to equal third. Aaron was the only player to survive the event undefeated. Ken Williams joined Aaron as equal first, having bounced back from his second-round defeat at the hands of Puchen. Bob Smith and Clive Wilson joined Puchen on third equal. Bob had played a very strong field, which included both winners, and was heading for outright first till his lastround defeat by Ken Williams.

Team from Hamilton

Gary Judkins brought a team of ten players from St Peters College in Hamilton to the event and they had some notable successes against the local residents.

Another notable feature of the event was the

difference in playing speed between the two sections. The reserve players were all present and seated at the start of the round (unlike the open section), but within five minutes many of them were into the rook and pawn ending stage while the open players were still in the opening!

Despite the traditional late start caused by the traditional last minute entries the event ran very smoothly and one again congratulations are due to the Howick Pakuranga chess club and their sponsors.

New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships

**Wanganui: Queen's Birthday Weekend
3 - 5 June, 2000**

**Six-round Swiss:
Time control 40/1hr 15 min + 15min.**

**\$400.00 prize money
Entry fee \$25.00**

**Tournament Director, ICM Michael
Freeman**

Billets available - first come basis.

**Winner entitled to represent New
Zealand at World Junior Championship.**

For further information and entry forms
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New Zealand news

Open tournaments scheduled for 1999 and 2000

Details of each event are available from the organising club

- 22nd Waitakere Trust Open**, May 6-7, Lincoln Green Motor Hotel, Lincoln Road, Henderson, Auckland. 5r Swiss, 45/90+15, 3 grades, prizes more than \$3600. Run by Waitemata CC.
- Waikato Open Rapid**, Hamilton CC, 18 June, 6r open Swiss 30/30, entry \$25 (jun \$15). Enquiries William Lynn, PO Box 1028, Hamilton.
- Upper Hutt 30-30**, Upper Hutt CC, 24 June, 6r open Swiss, 2 grades. Enquiries R Smith, 59 Kowhai Ave, Upper Hutt.
- NZ Junior Championship**, Wanganui CC, 6r Swiss, 40/75+15, Queen's Birthday 3-5 June, entry \$25. Enquiries Gordon Hoskyn, 7 Pehi St, Wanganui. Ph (06)343-6101.
- North Island Championship**, Wellington CC, 10-15 July, 8r open Swiss, 40/105+30 entry \$60 (jun \$30). Enquiries John Gillespie, 1 Wavell St, Karori, Wellington 6005.
- North Island Rapid**, Wellington, Sun 9 July. Enquiries John Gillespie.
- Waikato Open**, Hamilton CC, 28-30 July. 6r open Swiss, 45/90+15. Entry \$30 (jun \$20). Enquiries William Lynn, PO Box 1028, Hamilton.
- Waikato Round-robin rapid**, Hamilton CC, 10 Sept, graded groups of 6, 30/30, Entry fees \$25 (jun \$15). Enquiries William Lynn.
- South Island Championship**, 25-30 Sept, Otago CC.
- Birkenhead Licensing Trust Open**, North Shore CC, 7-8 Oct, 6r Swiss, r1-2,30/30, r3-6 45/90+20. Enquiries North Shore CC, PO Box 33587, Takapuna, North Shore City.
- Mid-Canterbury 30-30**, Ashburton CC, 15 Oct, 6r 30/30 open Swiss, 2 grades. Entry \$15 (jun \$10). Enquiries Ken Pow, 148 William St, Ashburton.
- All-Canterbury Champ**, Canterbury CC, 9-10 Dec, 5r open Swiss, entry \$20. Enquiries Gavin Dawes PO Box 25-242, Christchurch.
- 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 2000 events as soon as dates are finalised

Wanganui

Dave Cooper won the 1999 Wanganui CC Championship, a double-rounder with 5 players, by just half a point from Martin Post and Chris Burns. Dave lost to Martin and had three draws. Martin had three losses and Chris two losses and two draws. Prince Vetharaniam scored 2.5 and Allan Short 2.

Kelly Forrest and Shaun Street shared the B grade championships, with 6.5/10, ahead of Bill Maddren 6, Kevin Yorston 4.5, Andrew Kuhn 3.5 & Joe Ryland 3.

The A Reserve rapid championship was won by Pascal Harris with 8/10, ahead of Allan Short and Ted Frost 7. The B grade rapid title went to Denis McQueen with 12/14, with Thomas Kuhn on 11, Conan Jeffries on 10, and Dennis Haxton on 7.

Koshnitsky Memorial events

The Garry Koshnitsky Memorial Australian Chess Festival is being held from June 7 to August 13 in memory of arguably the most important figure in Australian chess history, who died last year at the age of 91.

The festival opens with the Surfers Paradise Parkroyal International. The 9-round Swiss event features GMs Nikolic, Ftacnik, Rogers and Johansen and runs from 7-17 June.

Other Koshnitsky Festival events are: June 18, Parkroyal Surfers Paradise Corporate challenge; June 19 - 23, coaching in local schools; June 24 - 25, Gold Coast Open; June 26 - 30, GM coaching of elite juniors; July 1 - 2, Noosa Open; July 8 - 9, Queen Victoria Building event, Sydney; July 15 - 16, ANU Open, Canberra; 4 July 24 - August 4, Australian Masters, Melbourne; August 12 - 13, Adelaide Weekender (Festival Finale)

Correspondence chess

By Gordon Hoskyn

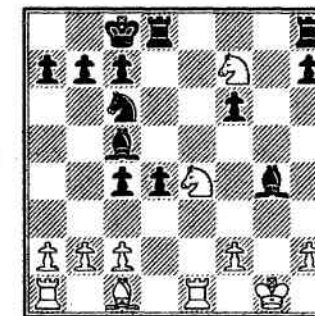
Best game awards

The following two games were adjudged winner and runner-up in the NZCCA's recent A grade best game competition. There were 16 entries.

The judge was former top correspondence player, Richard J Sutton, who was NZCCA champion in 1970. Sutton performed creditably in the world championship semi-finals 1972-75, finishing with six wins, six draws and three losses for a 60 per cent score.

Here is the winning entry, from the Reserve Championship, 1997-98.

discuss before we got to this position, but it



Godfrey - J Frost

[C55] Guioco Piano / Italian
NZCCA Championship Reserve
Notes by Richard Sutton

I have chosen this game because of Black's boldness in trying something everyone had thought unplayable for over a hundred years. There may be a refutation (though I couldn't see it!), and certainly in some of the variations White could have held on more tenaciously (I think!). But there are some wonderful variations to get lost in, and White made a pretty good fight of it all the same.

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗f6 4.d4 exd4 5.0-0 ♗c5 6.e5 d5

We are currently following a main line of the Max Lange attack, found in all the usual books.

7.exf6 dxc4 8.♞e1+ ♗e6 9.♗g5 ♖d5 10.♗c3 ♖f5 11.♗ce4 0-0-0 12.g4

This was all played in a game in the 1880's, when Black meekly moved the Queen to e5. For a long time after people were quite worried as Black. Taking the g-pawn was simply out of the question. But Black thought differently in this game.

12...♗xg4+ 13.♗xg4 ♗xg4 14.♗xf7

(see diagram)

14...gxf6

There could have been some variations to

seems to me to be the critical starting place for analysis. Black is two pawns up, but it looks as if he is about to lose something major. White now plays...

15.♗xd8

..but let's go back a move and see how it all works.

(A) Suppose instead that White just takes everything, thus So let's go back to 15.Nd8, which has the idea of getting in a spoiling exchange in the middle of all of this. But Black finds a brilliant response. 15.♗xc5 ♗hg8 16.♗xd8 (if White tries to block the g-file with say 16.♗f4 ♗h5+ wins back a knight and keeps the two extra pawns.) 16...♗e2+!! 17.♗h1 ♗f3#;

(B) Well, we've got a double threat which won't go away, so why not postpone its execution until we've made arrangements on the g-file: 15.♗f4 (But this gives Black time to confine the loss to an exchange, when the two extra pawns - especially the passed d-pawn - may come into their own, eg 15...♗hg8 16.♗xd8 ♗f3+ 17.♗g3 (17.♗g3 ♗xe4 18.♗xe4 ♗xd8) 17...♗xd8 and in either case White has to take great care of his d1 square (17...♗xd8 18.♗f1 h5 19.♗e6 h4 20.♗f5 ♗d7 21.♗xf6 ♗g2+ 22.♗e2 ♗e8+);

(C) Of course, changing the objectives in mid stream is disastrous, eg 15.♗xf6 ♗df8 16.♗xh8 ♗xf6 17.♗e8+ ♗d7 18.♗a8 d3 19.♗c3 ♗xc3

20.fxe3 d2;

(D) There's one more thing we can try – biffing the bishop with a sacrificial pawn move, giving a little more air to the King to stop the dreadful B–c2–f3 mate idea. For example

(1) 15.f3 Qh3 16.xd8 Ee8+ 17.fh1 Qg2+ = 18.Qg1 Qxf3+ 19.Qf2 Qxe4 20.Ee4 d3+ 21.Qf3 Exd8 22.Qe3 Qxe3 23.Qxe3 = 23...dxc2 24.Ec1 Qb4 25.a3 Ed1; or

(2) 15.h3 A) Also possible is 15...Qxh3 16.xc5 Qe5 (16...Ehg8+ 17.Qh2 Ed5 18.Qh6 Ee6 19.Qe4 Ee5 20.Qg3 Ehxh6 21.Qxh6 Ehx6 22.Eh1 Qf5+ 23.Qg2 Ehxh1 24.Ehx1 Qxc2) A1) Better is 17.Qh2 Qxf7 18.Qxh3 Ed5 19.Qe4 Ee8 (19...Eh5+ 20.Qg2 Ee8+ 21.Qg3) 20.Qg3; A2) 17.Qxh8 17...Qf3+ 18.Qh1 Ee8; B) 15...Qf3 16.xc5 (16.xd8 Ee8 17.Qxc6 bxc6 18.Qd2 Exe4) 16...Ehg8+ 17.Qf1 Ee2 18.Qe4 Ee8 19.Qg3 Ee1+ 20.Qxg1 Ee1+ 21.Qh2 d3]

15...Qe5!!

The White knight isn't going to go away, and Black now has a fork all of his own, which White unwisely allows with his next move.

16.Qf7

Was there anything better? Try 16.xc5 Qf3+ 17.Qf1 Qxe1 18.Qxe1 Exd8 19.Qf4 (19.f3 Qxf3 20.Qf4 Qg4 21.Qf2 Qf5 22.c3 d3 23.Ee1.b6 24.Qa6 c5 25.Ee7 Ed7 26.Exd7 Qxd7 27.Qe1 Qb7 28.Qc7 Qc6) 19...Ee8+ 20.Qf1 Qh3+ 21.Qg1 b6 22.Qa4 Ee8+ 23.Qh1 Qg2+ 24.Qg1 Qc6+; Or protecting the rook by 16.Qf4 Qf3+ 17.Qg2 Qxe1+ 18.Exe1 Qb4 19.c3 f5 A) 20.Qg3 dxc3 21.bxc3 Qxc3 22.Ec1 Qf6 23.Qf7 Ee8 24.Qh6 looks more promising for White, eg 24...b5 25.h3 (25.Qhxf5? Qxf5 26.Qxf5 Qb2); B) 20.cxb4 fxe4 21.Qf7 Qf3+ 22.Qf1 Ee8]

16...Qf3+ 17.Qf1 d3!!

With the strong threat of B–h3#! Now White has to come quietly.

18.cxd3 cxd3 19.Qg2 Qxe1+ 20.Qg3 Qf3 21.Qxc5

Extraordinary – the same old option of Rook of Bishop!

21...Eg8+ = 22.Qf4 Qd5 23.Qh6 Ee1 24.b3 Qg2+ 25.Qg3 Qc6

Trying to extract the most juice from the position. But White's next simply loses.

26.Qg8

26.Qxd3 Qe1+ 27.Qh3 Qxd3 28.Qb2 Ee6.

26...Qe1+ 27.Qf4 Ee8 28.Qd2 Qg2+ 29.Qf5 Qh4+ 30.Qf4

30.Qxf6 Ee6+ and if he moves forward, its a mating net; if backward, 31.Qe5 Qf3+.

30...Ee5 31.Qe4 Qg2+ 32.Qf3 Ee6 0–1

Second place went to this game, from the 64th NZCCA Championship, 1997–98.

Dive, R – Dunwoody, M

[D07] d4 others

NZCCA Championship

Notes by Richard Sutton

I liked this game because of the early fireworks, White's resolute and logical defence in difficult circumstances, and the way Black moved steadily from one small advantage to another until White just fell too far behind.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Qc6 3.Qc3 dxc4 4.Qf3 Qf6 5.e4 Qg4 6.Qe3 e6 7.Qxc4 Qb4 8.Qd3



8...Qa5 9.Qb5+

A lot better seems 9.Qd2 Qxc4 10.Qxc4 moving towards a position which has proved good for White in a number of games. I think White had been aiming for a different set-up, also good for him, but there both Black bishops were already exchanged. Here, with more pieces on the board, White is exposed to awkward threats.

9...c6 10.Qa4 b5 11.Qc2 Qc4 12.Qc1

12.b3 Qa3; 12.Eb1!?

12...Qxf3 13.gxf3 e5 14.dxe5 Qxd3 15.Qxd3 =

15...Qxe5 16.Qe2 Ed8

White is now behind in development and the Queen file causes him problems.

17.0–0 a5 18.a4 bxa4 19.Qxa4 g5 20.Ed1 Exd1+ 21.Qxd1 h6 22.Qe3 Ee8 23.Qd4 Qf7 24.Qe2 Qe7 25.Ec1 Qd6 26.Qc3 Qg6 27.Qd1 Qe5 28.Qe3 Ee8 29.Qf5+ Qd8 30.Ec2 Qxd4 31.Qxd4 Qde5 32.Qf5

The position has now stabilised, with White having to worry about his weak black squares, a potentially bad bishop and the Q–side majority.

32...h5 33.b4 gxh4 34.Qh2 Qf4 35.Qxh4 Qxe2 36.Exe2 Qc7 37.Qg3 Qd3

He has solved some of the last-mentioned problems, but at the cost of displacing his King and Knight, and now an important pawn goes.

38.Ec3 Qxb2 39.Qf5 a4 40.Qh4 c5 41.Ec3 Qb6 42.Qd6 Ea8 43.Ea3 f6 44.f4

44.Qxh5 c4 45.Qg6 Qc5 46.Qf5 Qb4 is much too slow 47.Qd6.

44...c4 45.e5 fxe5 46.fxe5 Qc5 47.f4 Qd3 48.Qg5 h4

If 49.Ec3 a3 50.Exc4+ Qb6 51.Qc8+ Exc8 52.Exc8 h3 53.Eb8+ Qc6 54.Eb1 a2 55.Ea1 h2 56.Qh4 Qf2 57.Qg3 h1=Q 0–1

Trophy tourney progress

Progress scores in the 1999–2000 Trophy Tourneys, as at 1 April, 2000:

H P Whitlock Memorial Championship: T J Doyle 7.5/9, L B Frost 7.5/10, G A Hoskyn 6.5/10, M L Dunwoody 4.5/7, P B Goffin 4.5/9, B W Millar 4.5/10, P A R Vetharanim 3/7, R J Dive 3/8, P J Voss 3/9, H P Bennett 2.5/9, D J Cooper 2.5/10. Latest results: Dive b Voss, Frost d Doyle.

Reserve Championship: A Short 7/7, E N Roberts 6/7, J C Rapp 5/8, C A Mold 4/7, E G A Frost 3.5/8, B M Williams 3/8, G E Lovelock 2.5/6, R S Phillips 1/7, K G Reed 0/5.

TT2: J C V Larsen 9/11, B J Edwards 6.5/11, D E Dolejs 7/9, E A Gidman 5/12, P C King 3.5/10, J Veldhuizen 3.5/10, W Anderson 3.5/12.

TT3: A N Hignett 8/9, C M Ford 7.5/10, R G A Taylor 7/9, P E Rossiter 6.5/9, G H Mills

5.5/9, P G Coghini 5/8, A W Hendry 4/10, L R Cotton 3.5/10, S Holdaway 1.5/10, B C Sullivan 1.5/10, J W H Atkinson 1/8.

TT4: C L Ward 6/7, R R Trevis 4.6/7, A Clark 3.5/5, L I Purvis 2/6, S R Chowdhury 0/7.

Trophy Tourney fields, 2000–2001

67th Championship: Bob Smith 2350, Tim Doyle 2215, Peter Goffin 2165, Murray Dunwoody 2150, Hilton Bennett 2030, Prince Vetharanim 2020, Brian Millar 1965, Gordon Hoskyn 1845, Peter Voss 1815, Earl Roberts 1660, Allan Short.

TT Reserve: Viv Smith 2045, Jeff Rapp 1795, Chris Mold 1730, Barry Williams 1665, Graham Lovelock 1655, Ken Reed 1600, Dan Dolejs 1455, Ted Frost, Bruce Gloistein, Dennis Whitlock.

TT2: Phillip Coghini 1745, Zoe Kingston 1540, Bill Anderson 1495, Peter King 1455, Alan Hignett 1220, Alan Clark, Hermann Goeckel.

TT3: Philip Rossiter 1630, Steve Cameron 1545, Glenys Mills 1505, Christian Edwards 1480, Tony Hendry 1455, Rod Weston 1285, Roy Chowdhury 12060, Len Purvis 9909, John Clark, Stewart Holdaway.

IT company sale makes millions for two chess players

Grandmaster David Norwood, the Weekend Telegraph Chess Correspondent and International Master Michael Hennigan are sponsoring a team in England's 4 Nations Chess League to celebrate the acquisition of their high-tech company Index IT by stockbrokers Beeson Gregory. Invicta Knights Home House, always a mouthful, is now known as Index IT.

Norwood was a co-founder of Index IT, which now is 20% of Beeson Gregory, which was being floated on the Techmark index and was set to be valued in above 200 million pounds.

It was reported that this would make Norwood and Hennigan multi-millionaires, although this was published before the Microsoft decision which threw the high-tech market into a spin.

January 2000 FIDE ratings

4300173 Anderson, Bruce R.	2215	0
4300165 Aptekar, Lev	2240	0
4300491 Barlow, Matthew	2155	0
4300734 Bennett, Hilton	2110	12
4300726 Bjelobrck, Igor	2110	3
4300408 Boyd, Kendall	2216	0
4300238 Carpenter, A L.	2210	0
4300033 Clemance, Philip	f 2355	0
4300645 Compton, Alastair	2093	0
4300556 Cooper, David	2070	0
4300246 Cornford, Lindsay H	2210	0
4300106 Dive, Russell	m 2443	9
4300572 Dowden, R. Anthony	2167	0
4300157 Dreyer, Martin	f 2275	0
4300076 Evans, C	2300	0
4300289 Foster, Fenella	2020	0
4300467 Freeman, Michael	2205	0
4300122 Garbett, Paul	f 2360	0
430 Gibbons, Robert	2162	21
4300254 Goffin, Peter	2175	0
4300220 Gollogly, David	2215	0
4300114 Green, Ewen M	f 2265	0
4300130 Green, Peter	2239	14
4300505 Guthrie, David	2138	0
4300432 Haase, Graham	2155	0
4300629 Hare, Tim	2180	0
4300530 Hawkes, Peter D	2170	0
4300750 Hopewell, Nigel H	2221	18
4300084 Ker, Anthony F	f 2321	0
4300602 Krstev, Antonio	2146	0
4300599 Kulashko, Aleksei.	f 2382	.6
4300203 Levene, Mark	2225	0
4300262 Love, Anthony J	f 2235	0
4300386 Lukey, Stephen G	2235	0
4300050 Martin, Benjamin	m 2377	8
4300564 Mastilovich, Rajko	2055	0
4300270 McLaren, Leonard	2250	0
4300394 McKenzie, Peter	2265	0
4300181 Metge, J. Nigel	2160	0
4300335 Metge, Katrine	2005	0
4300319 Noble, Mark F	f 2240	0
4300068 Nokes, Roger I	f 2310	0
4300742 Perry, Roger	2205	0
4300416 Pomeroy, Arthur	2180	0
4300041 Sarfati, Jonathan D	f 2278	6
4300580 Sheehan, Teresa	2033	0
4300475 Sinclair, Mark	2245	0
4300017 Small, Vernon	m 2335	0
4300190 Smith, Robert W	f 2300	8
4300343 Spain, Graeme	2180	4
4300718 Spiller, Paul	2132	14
4300548 Steadman, Michael	2090	0
4300297 Stretch, Winsome R	2005	0
4300351 Stuart, Peter	2215	0

4300459 Sutherland, John	2066	5
4300092 Sutton, Richard J	2275	0
4300483 Van Der Hoom, Mark	2115	0
4300513 Wastney, Scott	2202	13
4300149 Watson, Bruce R	2260	0

NZCF has supplied a further list, which takes into account the results of the latest NZ Championship. The new ratings, and rating movements, are:

Barlow, Matthew	2165.65	+10.65
Bennett, Hilton	2087.75	-22.25
Bjelobrck, Igor	2137.15	+27.15
Compton, Alastair *	2078.30	-14.70
Dive, Russell	m 2432.00	-11.00
Garbett, Paul	f 2374.25	+14.25
Green, Ewen M	f 2257.50	-7.50
Ker, Anthony F	f 2335.40	+14.40
Kulashko, Aleksei.**	f 2417.10	+35.10
Metge, J. Nigel	2152.35	-7.65
Perry, Roger	2194.05	-10.95
Smith, Robert W	f 2302.40	+2.40
Spiller, Paul	2094.50	-37.50
Sutherland, John	2055.75	-10.25
Wastney, Scott	2218.50	+16.50
Watson, Bruce R	2261.50	+1.50

* Alistair Compton has been playing in tournaments in Europe.

** Aleksei Kulashko's gain takes him above the 2400 rating required for IM.

Karpov and Zsuzsa Polgar sue FIDE

FIDE now has two cases which have gone to the Court of Sports Arbitration in Lausanne over its World Championships.

Anatoly Karpov has brought a case because FIDE allegedly didn't consult him as it should have over the date of the FIDE World Championships in Las Vegas. FIDE have counter claimed for \$1.8m in their response.

Zsuzsa Polgar has instituted similar proceedings over her loss of the women's title. The lawsuit was submitted by Ms. Polgar's lawyer on April 6. She is suing FIDE for the women's World Championship title as well as monetary compensation. Polgar was defaulted when a date for her match against Xie Jun could not be agreed.

Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

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The merger of Dutch sponsor Koninklijke Hoogovens with British Steel saw the birth of Corus and a change in name for this venerable tournament. The average rating of 2697 meant category 18.

Up until round 8 it was a very close race indeed. At that point Gary Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik led with 5½ while Viswanathan Anand and Peter Leko shared third place on 5 points. After this, however, Kasparov showed a clean pair of heels as he won his next two games and scored 4 points in his final five games to win the tournament by 1½ points.

Kramnik and Leko both drew quite quickly with the black pieces in the final round, allowing Anand, with a win over Smbat Lputyan, to join them in a tie for second place. Alexander Morozevich, at 22 the youngest player in the field, came in next another half point back. Full scores at top of next page.

Kasparov - Van Wely

[B80] Sicilian

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♁c3 a6 6.♁e3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.g4 h6 9.♁d2 ♁bd7 10.0-0 ♁b7 11.h4 b4 12.♁a4 d5 13.♁h3 g5 14.♁g2

gxh4 15.♁xh4 dxe4 16.g5 ♁d5 17.♁xe4 hxg5 18.♁xg5 ♁a5?

18...♁xg5 19.♁xg5 ♁h6 20.♁xc6 ♁xg5+ 21.♁xg5+ ♁f8 22.♁h3 was the lesser evil.

19.f4! ♁h2

19...♁xa4 20.♁xc6! fxe6 21.♁xe6+ wins as in the game.

20.♁xc6! fxe6 21.♁xe6+ ♁f7 22.♁d3! ♁g7

22...♁xc6 23.♁xd5+ ♁xd5 24.♁g6+ ♁f6 25.♁xf6+ ♁d7 26.♁xd5+! ♁xd5 27.♁b6+ is curtains.

23.♁f5+ ♁g8 24.♁xd5 ♁xa4 25.♁e7 1-0.

Kasparov - Morozevich

[D17] Slav

1.d4 d5 2.e4 c6 3.♁c3 ♁f6 4.♁f3 dxc4 5.a4 ♁f5 6.♁e5 ♁bd7 7.♁xc4 ♁c7 8.g3 e5 9.dxe5 ♁xe5 10.♁f4 ♁fd7 11.♁g2 g5 12.♁e3 gxf4 13.♁xf5 0-0-0 14.♁c2 ♁g4 15.a5 fxxg3 16.hxxg3 a6 17.♁a4 ♁df6 18.♁e4 ♁xe4 19.♁xe4 h5 20.♁f1 ♁b8 21.♁g2 ♁e7 22.♁xe7 ♁xc7 23.♁f3 ♁e5 24.♁xh5 ♁e6 25.♁c3 f6 26.♁ah4 ♁f5 27.♁f3 ♁xh4 28.♁xh4 ♁b1 29.♁h1 ♁d1 30.♁xd1 ♁xd1 31.h4 ♁c7 32.♁c5 ♁d6 33.♁xd6+ ♁xd6 34.♁e4 ♁c4 35.♁d3 ♁b2 36.f4 ♁d1 37.g4 ♁e3+ 38.♁f3 ♁d5 39.♁e4 ♁xb4 40.♁c4 e5 41.g5 fxxg5

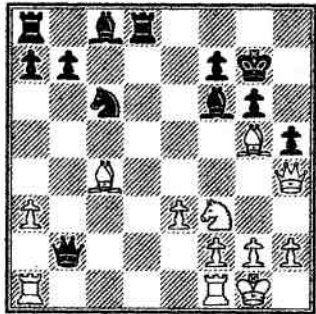
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1 Kasparov G.	2851	♦	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	½	1	½	1
2 Kramnik V.	2758	½	♦	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	8
3 Anand V.	2769	½	½	♦	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	½	8	
4 Leko P.	2725	½	½	½	♦	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	½	
5 Morozevich A.	2748		½	½	½	♦	½	½	0	1	½	1	½	1	7½	
6 Adams M.	2715	½	0	½	½	½	♦	½	1	0	1	½	½	½	1	
7 Piket J.	2633	½	½	½	½	½	½	♦	1	0	1	0	0	1	½	
8 Timman J.	2655	0	½	½	½	1	0	0	♦	½	½	½	½	1	1	
9 Nikolic P.	2659	0	½	0	0	0	1	1	½	♦	½	½	1	½	½	
10 Short N.	2683	½	0	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	♦	1	½	½	½	
11 Polgar J.	2658	0	½	½	½	0	½	1	½	½	0	♦	½	0	½	
12 Korchnoi V.	2659	0	½	0	0	½	½	1	½	0	½	½	♦	0	1	
13 Lputyan S.	2605	½	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	1	1	♦	½	
14 van Wely L.	2646	0	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	♦	

42.fxg5 ♘e7 43.♙f5 ♘c2 44.♙e5 ♘e3 45.♙e6 c4 and Black resigned without waiting for 46.g6 c3 47.g7 c2 48.g8♙ c1 ♙49.♙f7+ ♘d8 50.♙d7 mate. 1-0.

Kramnik - Short
[D37] Queen's Gambit

1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.♘c3 ♘e7 5.♙f4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 ♙xc5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.♘xd5 exd5 10.a3 ♘c6 11.♙d3 ♘e7 12.0-0 ♙f6 13.♙b3 ♙b6 14.♙xd5 ♙d8 15.♙e4 g6 16.♙g5 ♙xb2

16...♙f5 17.♙h4.
17.♙c4 ♘g7 18.♙h4 h5



19.♙xf7! ♙xg5

19...♙xf7 20.♙fb1 ♙c3 21.♙c1 ♙b2 22.♙ab1+

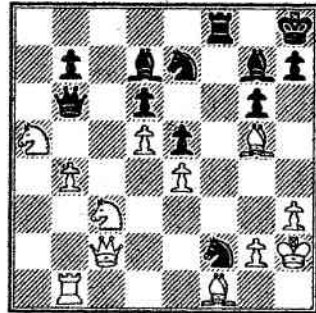
20.♘xg5 ♙f6 21.e4 ♙d4 22.♙ael ♙d7 23.f4 ♙f8 24.♙a2 ♙d6 25.♙h1 ♙xa3 26.♙b1 ♙e7 27.♙g3 ♙h6 28.♘f3 ♙b4 29.♘h4 ♙e8 30.e5 ♙xb1 31.♙xb1 ♘d4 32.♙g5+ 1-0.

Anand - Nikolic
[A90] Dutch

1.d4 f5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♙g2 e6 4.e4 d5 5.♘h3 c6 6.0-0 ♙d6 7.♙c2 0-0 8.♘d2 ♙d7 9.♘f3 ♙e8 10.♙f4 h6 11.♙b3 b6 12.♙fc1 ♙e7 13.cxd5 ♘d5 14.♙d2 g5 15.♘e5 a5 16.e4 fxe4 17.♙xe4 ♙a7 18.f4 gxf4 19.♙h1 ♙f6 20.♘xf4 ♙d6 21.♘fg6 ♙xg6 22.♘xg6 ♙ff7 23.♙f4 ♘f4 24.gxf4 ♙g7 25.♙h3 ♙f6 26.♙c3 ♙xd4 27.♙g2 ♙d7 28.♙g1 b5 29.♙g3 ♙a7 30.♘e5 ♙e7 31.♙d2 ♙c7 32.♙d3 ♙e8 33.♙d6 e5 34.♘g4 ♙ff8 35.♘xh6+ ♙h8 36.♘g4 ♙d8 37.♙g2! ♙xd6 38.♙h3+ ♙g8 39.♙h7+ ♙f7 40.♙g6+ 1-0.

Lputyan - Piket
[E97] King's Indian

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.♙e2 e5 7.0-0 ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.♘d2 a5 10.♙b1 ♘d7 11.a3 f5 12.b4 ♙h8 13.♙e2 ♘f6 14.f3 axb4 15.axb4 c6 16.♘b3 fxe4 17.fxe4 exd5 18.cxd5 ♙b6+ 19.♙h1 ♙d7 20.♘a5 ♘g4 21.h3? ♙xf1+ 22.♙xf1 ♙f8 23.♙g5 ♘f2+ 24.♙h2



24...♘h3! 25.♙b5

25.gxh3 ♙f2+; 25.♙xe7 ♙g1+ 26.♙g3 ♙h6 with a winning attack.

25...♘xg5 26.♙xd7 ♙f4 27.♘c4 ♙c7 28.♙b5 ♘g8 29.♙g1 ♘f6 30.♙f1 ♙g4 31.♙a2 ♘gxe4 32.♘xe4 ♙xe4 33.♙a5 ♙xc4 34.♙xc4 ♙xc4 35.♙d8+ ♘g8 36.♙xd6 e4 37.♙e1 ♙d4+ 38.♙h1 ♙e5 39.♙c5 e3 40.♙xd4 ♙xd4 41.d6 ♘f6 42.g4 ♘xg4 43.d7 ♙b6 44.♙g2 ♙g7 45.♙d1 ♙d8 46.♙d4 ♘f6 0-1.

Polgar, J - Morosevich
[C11] French

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♙g5 dxe4 5.♘xe4 ♙e7 6.♙xf6 gxf6 7.♘f3 a6 8.g3 b5 9.♙g2 ♙b7 10.♙e2 ♘d7 11.0-0 0-0 12.♙ad1 ♙d5 13.♙fe1 ♙h8 14.♘fd2 c6 15.e4 bxc4 16.♘xc4 a5 17.♘c3 ♙e8 18.♘e3 f5 19.♘c4 ♙b8 20.♘a4 ♙b4 21.b3 ♙f6 22.♙c2 ♙g8 23.♙c1 ♙g4 24.♘e5 ♘xe5 25.dxe5 ♙e7 26.♙d3 ♙ag8 27.♙ed1 f4 28.♙c3 ffg3 29.hxg3 h5 30.♙xd5 exd5 31.♙f3 ♙g7 32.♙c7 h4 33.♙g2 hxg3 34.fxg3 ♙e4! 35.♙c3

35.♙xc7 ♙e2+ 36.♙f2 ♙xg3+! 37.♙xg3 ♙h8+ and mate in 2.

35...♙e2+ 36.♙h3 ♙g5 0-1.

Tallinn

Vassily Ivanchuk (UKR) won the rapid-play all-GM Keres Memorial tournament in Febru-

ary with 6/7. Second, but two points behind the winner, was Jaan Ehvest (EST) on 4 while Alexei Shirov (ESP), Evgeny Sveshnikov (RUS) and Igor Rausis (LAT) shared third place on 3½. Then came: 6 Bologan (MDA) 3, 7 Miezius (LAT) 2½, 8 Richagov (EST) 2.

Haifa

A somewhat stronger rapid tournament, also in February, was won by Viswanathan Anand (IND) with 9½/14. Boris Gelfand (BLA) and Peter Svidler (RUS) shared a close second on 9 points and they were followed by: Psakhis (ISR) 7, Huzman (ISR) 6½, Avrukh (ISR) 5½, Greenfeld (ISR) 5 and Bareev (RUS) 4½.

Internet grand prix

The KasparovChess Grand Prix started in December and finished in February, having been delayed by technical problems. In the semi-finals Gary Kasparov beat Michael Adams 1½-½ while Jeroen Piket despatched Peter Svidler with the same score.

In the final Kasparov missed a chance with the white pieces in the first game to gain a clear advantage and the game petered out in a draw soon afterwards. Kasparov failed to follow up his gambit quite accurately enough and Piket made surprisingly light work of the rook ending to take the match 1½-½.

Piket - Kasparov
[A34] English

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e5 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.g3 ♘c6 6.♙g2 ♘c7 7.d3 e5 8.0-0 ♙e7 9.♘d2 ♙d7 10.♘c4 0-0 11.♙xc6 ♙xc6 12.♘xe5 ♙e8 13.♙b3 ♙f6 14.♘g4 ♙d4 15.e3 ♙xc3 16.♙xc3 b6 17.f3 ♙b5 18.♘f2 ♙d7 19.e4 ♘e6 20.♙e3 a5 21.♙ad1 ♙ad8 22.♙d2 ♙c6 23.♙c1 ♙b7 24.a3 ♘d4 25.♙g2 ♙c8 26.♙b1 ♙fd8 27.♙xd4 ♙xd4 28.b4 axb4 29.axb4 ♙d7 30.bxc5 bxc5 31.♙bb2 h6

32.♙a2 ♙h7 33.♙a5 ♙d8 34.♙xc5 ♙xd3 35.♙xd3 ♙xd3 36.♘xd3 ♙xd3 37.♙a2 ♙b3 38.♙c2 ♙xc2+ 39.♙xc2 h5

The rook ending with 4 pawns versus three on the same side is a well known draw but the further course of this game shows that it is not exactly routine, even for the best player in the world.

40.f4 g6? 41.e5 ♙d3 42.♙h3 ♙e3 43.♙h4 ♙g7 44.♙g5 ♙e1 45.♙c7 ♙e2 46.♙e7 ♙a2

46...♙e4 47.e6! ♙xc6 48.♙xe6 fxe6 49.h3 ♙f7 50.♙h6 ♙f6 51.g4 h4 52.g5+ ♙f5 53.♙g7 ♙xf4 54.♙xg6 e5 55.♙h5 e4 56.g6 e3 57.g7 e2 58.g8♙ c1 ♙9.♙g5+ ♙f3 60.♙g4+ and, after the coming queen swap, White easily wins the pawn ending.

47.f5 gxf5 48.e6 h4 49.♙xf7+ ♙g8 50.♙f6 1-0.

Bermuda

Following the Bermuda Open (jointly won by GMs Murray Chandler (ENG) and Joel Benjamin (USA), Michael Adams (ENG) played an eight-game match against Yasser Seirawan (USA). Originally scheduled for ten games, the match had to be shortened to eight games to allow Adams to fulfil his Internet GP commitments.

Adams won the first and third games and the remainder were drawn, so the Englishman won 5-3.

Karpov vs Bacrot

In this match the players started with two games at a normal time control followed by two rapid games (30 minutes per player) and then two blitz games. The first two games were drawn but the former world champion lost both rapid games due to the clock. In the first of these Karpov was probably winning and in the second winning easily when his flag fell! The

	1	2	3	4	5	6		
1 Kramnik V. RUS 2758	♦ ♦	½ ½	½ ½	1 ½	½ ½	1 ½	6	1-2
2 Kasparov G. RUS 2851	½ ½	♦ ♦	½ ½	½ ½	1 ½	1 ½	6	1-2
3 Leko P. HUN 2725	½ ½	½ ½	♦ ♦	½ 0	½ ½	½ ½	4½	3-6
4 Khalifman A. RUS 2656	0 ½	½ ½	½ 1	♦ ♦	½ 0	½ ½	4½	3-6
5 Anand V. IND 2769	½ ½	0 ½	½ ½	½ 1	♦ ♦	0 ½	4½	3-6
6 Shirov A. ESP 2751	0 ½	0 ½	½ ½	½ ½	1 ½	♦ ♦	4½	3-6

two blitz games both went Karpov's way for a final score of 3-3.

Linares

This year's event was a category 21 double round-robin with six players, including five of the top six on the January FIDE rating list. The sixth player was World Champion Alexander Khalifman who is ranked no higher than 31st! Only seven games (less than one quarter) were decisive with Gary Kasparov and Vladimir

Kramnik each winning two and drawing the rest of their games. Both players won in the first round, Kasparov again in round four and Kramnik in round five. With few exceptions the draws were generally hard fought.

Peter Leko held third place with an undefeated, but also winless, seven-game streak but his eighth round loss to Khalifman (his first with the Grünfeld since 1996!) paved the way for a four-way tie for third place. For the record, we give the final table:

Khalifman - Kramnik [E59] Nimzoindian

1.d4 e6 2.c4 e6 3.e3 b4 4.e3 0-0 5. d3 c5 6.f3 d5 7.0-0 e6 8.a3 dxc3 9.bxc3 e7 10.b2 dxc4 11.dxc4 e5 12.e2 d8 13.e2 g4 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.c4 e6 16.gxf3 d3 17.f3 d1 e6 18.e3 e8 19.f3 e6 20.f3 e7 21.f3 d7 22.f3 e8 23.e1 d5 24.e4 g6 25.h4 e7 26.d1 e6 27.f3 h3 d5 28.f3 h3 d5 29.e3 d4 30.g2 e8! 31.f3 h3 e4! 32.d1 d1 33.g2

33.d3 dxf3+ 34.f2 e2 35.f1 d1 0-1.

33...e2 34.f4 e2 35.f1 d1 0-1.

Anand - Shirov [C42] Petroff

1.e4 e5 2.f3 e6 3.d3 d6 4.f3 dxe4 5.d4 d5 6.d3 d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.d3 dxc3 11.bxc3 g4 12.f3 d7 13.h3 d5 14.f3 e6 15.c4

A known sacrifice which gives White the two bishops and active pieces for the pawn. Whether this is enough is another matter.

15...dxf3 16.dxf3 dxc4 17.d2 d7 18.a4 g6 19.d3 e8 20.f3 e3 21.a5 e4 22.f3 e7 e6 23.f1

23.f1 or 23.d3 have been tried previously.

23...b8 24.b3 d6 25.g3 dxe3 26.dxf7+ d8 27.dxc3 e6 28.e6

28.d3?? d3 29.d3 e2 30.f1 d6 and 31...a3 -

28...d3 29.d5 e5 30.f2?

30.f2! c2 31.f4 d4 32.f4 dxf2+ (32...dxf4 33.gxf4 fxf4 34.fxc2+) 33.d2 (33.dxf2? c1!! 34.fxc1 d4+) 33...dxf4 34.gxf4 d4 35.fxc2+-

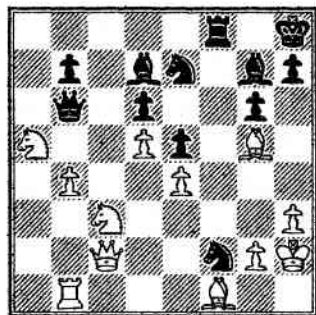
30...d4 31.f1 e3 32.f2 d5 33.d5 fxe1 34.d2 dxf2 35.f7 f7 36.dxf7 c5 37.d3 d7 38.f2 d4 39.a6 f6 40.f2 e5 41.h4 e4 0-1.

Kasparov - Shirov [C42] Petroff

1.e4 e5 2.f3 e6 3.d3 d6 4.f3 dxe4 5.d4 d5 6.d3 d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.d3 dxc3 11.bxc3 g4 12.f3 d7 13.h3 d5 14.f3 e6 15.c4 dxf3 16.dxf3 dxc4 17.d2 d7 18.a4 g6 19.d2 c3 20.dxc3 f8 21.d4 e4! 22.f3

22.f3! f8 23.f3 e3 dxa4 24.d2 f4 25.d3 e4 26.dxe4 e3 27.f3 1/2-1/2 Topalov-Akopian 1997.

22...dxa4 23.dxb7 f3! 24.f1 e7 25.f1 f8 26.d4 f3 27.d2 e2+ 28.f1 f3 29.f7 d7 30.f2 d2 31.fxa7



31...d3??

31...d4 32.f7 fxe4 33.g7+ f8 34.f7 g8 35.f7+ f8 36.f7 e4 =

32.f7! f7

32...f8 33.f4 +

33.fxc8+ g7 34.dxb7 f4 35.g4 h5 36.g5 h4?

36...f6! 37.f7+ f8 38.gxf6 f4 was a better defensive try though White can probably still win.

37.f7 f4 38.d3 f2+ 39.g1 f4 40.g2 f8 41.g4 g7 42.f5 f8 43.f3 g7 44.f2 f4 45.f3 f3+ 46.f4 f4+ 47.f5 f3 48.d5 f3+ 49.f4 d3 50.d4 d7 51.f6 f7 52.f6 1-0.

Anand - Kasparov [B92] Sicilian

1.e4 e5 2.f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.fxd4 f6 5.d3 a6 6.d2 e5 7.f3 e7 8.0-0 e6 9.f4 e7 10.d5 d5 11.exd5 fbd7 12.c4 0-0 13.f3 f8 14.f3 exf4 15.dxf4 f8 16.f1 b6 17.f2 g6 18.f3

18.f4! f4 19.f4 f8 = Kasparov.

18...f8 19.f1 e5 20.b3 h5! 21.h3?

Better, according to Kasparov, was 21.f2 d4 22.d2 f4 23.d4 e4 24.f3 =

21...g7 22.f2 f3 23.gf3?

23.f3 e5 24.f3 e4 and Black's advantage is minimal.

23...e5 24.f1 b5 25.d2 bxc4 26.bxc4 h4! 27.g5 h5 28.f4 f8 29.f1

29.f2! e8! 30.f1 f5 was better when White has some hope of holding.

29...f2 30.f2 e4! 31.f4 f4 32.f4 f5 0-1.

Kramnik - Kasparov [A30] English

1.f3 e6 2.c4 e5 3.g3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.f4+ d7 6.fxc4 d6 7.dxc5 d5 8.f4+ d6 9.f4 d5 10.f2 e6 11.g2 d4 12.f4 d5 13.f4 dxc5 14.d3 d6 15.0-0 e7?

Better was 15...f7 16.g5.

16.f1 f1!

16...f7! 17.f5 dxc2 18.fxc2 e7 19.f7 e6+ 20.f3 d7 21.g5 and Black's position is difficult.

17.d2 f7 18.g4!?

18.f1 was better according to Kasparov.

18...h6 19.g3 f6 20.h4 e4 21.f4 f4

21...g5! 22.hg5 hg5 23.e5 (23.f5? e5 24.d5 e5 25.f5 e4 26.g3 f3 27.f3 g5+ and Black has more than enough for the pawn) 23...dxf3 24.dxf3 e5 25.f5 e5 =

22.a3 f3 23.f4 g5!

23...dxc2? 24.f3 e4 25.f3 e4 26.fxc2 d6 27.f1 e5 28.dxc3 e4 29.f5 + 24.fxc6

24.d1? f1! 25.f3 traps the queen but after 25...g4 26.f3 dxc2 27.fxc2 f1 28.f1 f8 Black has ample compensation.

24...g4 25.f3 bxc6 26.fxc6 0-0

26...f8 27.f1.

27.fxa8 e5

27...f8! 28.f1 e5 29.f3 (29.f4 fxe2!) 29...d3 30.f3 e5 31.f3 d4 32.f1 d4 =

28.f4 f8 29.f5 f8 30.f1 d5!

The final combination, forcing a draw.

31.f5 f5 32.fxe7+ g7 33.fxc8 fxe2 34.f8+ f6 35.f7 f1+ 36.g2 f4+ 37.f2 e2 38.g2 f4+ 39.f2 e2 40.g5+ hxg5 41.f5 f2+ 1/2-1/2.

Anand, V (2769) - Khalifman, A (2656) [C17] Winawer

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.d3 b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 d5 6.b4 cxd4 7.g4 e7 8.bxa5 dxc3 9.fxc3 f8 10.f3 e6 11.f4 fxa5 12.f3 d7 13.f1 0-0-0 14.f3 f5 15.f1 d4 16.g4 f7 17.f3 e8 18.h4 f5 19.f1 e3 20.dxc3 dxc3 21.fxe3 e7 22.d4 e6 23.f3 f8 24.fxc3 e7 25.d2 d5 26.f4 f5+ 27.f2 d4 28.f2 e8 29.f4 f3 30.d3 f8 31.f1 d8 32.f1 e6 33.f3 f3 34.f3 f6 35.f4 f4+ 36.g3 d5 37.f7 d1 38.f4 d2 39.g5 dxf3 40.d3 f2+ 41.f6 a6 42.f1 1-0

NZCF news - IOC drug regulations

By Michael Freeman

Here is something to scare a few people and start a few letters to the editor. How it really applies to NZ needs to be considered by the NZCF once FIDE figure out the finances, and how to apply the rules. FIDE Rule 18 bounds the NZCF to the relevant rules and guidelines of the IOC as they apply to "FIDE Competitions".

With the admission of FIDE to the International Olympic Committee, chess becomes subject to the doping and drug use regulations more usually associated with the major sporting codes. A recent communication from FIDE had one item on drugs in sport that has relevance for New Zealand players:

"Continental President for the Americas and Chairman of the FIDE Medical Commission, Dr Pedro Barrera and Executive Director Emmanuel Omuku met at the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) with IOC Medical Director, Dr Patrick Schamasch to discuss the modalities for the implementation of the IOC Medical Code as they relate to chess players in sports.

"It was agreed during the meeting that the FIDE Medical Commission would liaise with its IOC counterpart in order to finalise the list of prohibited substances and the acceptable limits in respect of these substances as they relate to chess players in chess events.

"Under the proposed arrangement, which final outcome will be sent to all national federations, on the approval of the IOC, the program is expected to target National Championships, World Championships (including the Olympiads) and international events. Both sides discussed the issue of financial support for the implementation of the anti-doping program in relation to the monitoring of national events".

The IOC Code prohibited substances list includes:

Caffeine where the concentration in urine is greater than 12 micrograms per millilitre;
carboxy-THC at 15 nanograms per millilitre;
cathine at 5 micrograms per millilitre;
ephedrine at 5 micrograms per millilitre;
epitesterone at 200 nanograms per millilitre;
methylephedrine at 5 micrograms per millilitre;
morphine at 1 microgram per millilitre;
phenylpropanolamine at 10 micrograms per millilitre;
pseudoephedrine at 10 micrograms per millilitre;
testosterone to epitestosterone ratio at greater than 6 to 1

There are exceptions for asthmatic and diabetic treatments, but players must carry a written notification from a medical practitioner. The Italian Chess Federation is carrying out tests at International Chess Festivals, and it is expected that other Federations will follow suit. Any NZ players intending to travel and play overseas should bear this in mind. As to the impact on NZ...watch this space.

South Pacific Masters Games

By Bob Gibbons

The inaugural South Pacific Masters Games chess tournament was held in Hamilton on February 5th. Although the event was initially supposed to run in three divisions a low turnout caused the format to be changed to a round robin event with a rapid time control.

The seniors (over fifty) dominated the event with William Lynn and Bob Gibbons sharing the Gold Medals and Peter Goffin taking the Bronze.

Hilton Bennett won the junior Gold and Philip Hair and Thomas Gothorp shared the Silver.

Gary Judkins did an excellent job of hosting the event at St Peter's College and a fine day's chess was enjoyed by the participants.

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