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### Obituaries

We regret to record two deaths in the chess community.

**Nigel Hopewell**, 34, a highly respected competitor in Auckland chess, has died tragically in a traffic accident.

**Conrad Newick**, 87, who played in the New Zealand Championship in the 1940s, and has been living in retirement in Whangarei, has died in Auckland.

Their contribution to chess will be recorded in the next issue of *NZ Chess*.

### Olympiad donations

The Olympiad fund (see page ) has been bolstered by some \$200 by the sale of old, surplus books by NZCF.

### Waikato Open

The Waikato Open has been won by David Guthrie with 5/6. Second equal were Bob Smith, Leonard McLaren, Fuatai Fuatai with 4.5/6, and Bruce Watson, Stephen Lukey, Ralph Hart and Hilton Bennett on 4/6.

*COVER PHOTO: At the recent zonal tournament, New Zealand Champion, Alexei Kulashko (left), played to gain the IM title, but met tough competition and among his losses was one to the 13-year-old Australian player, Zhao Zong Yuan (right), who scored 6.5 points to gain his IM.*

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*The next issue:* Main features will be the report on the 2000 South Island Championship and the Waikato Open, plus the last games in the zonal tournament and usual overseas news and correspondence chess features.

## South Island Open Chess Championships

September 25 to 30, 2000, in the Otago Chess Club's rooms at  
7 Maitland Street, Dunedin.

**South Island Championship, Sept 25-29, entry fee \$6, juniors \$30.**

**South Island Rapid Championship, Saturday, Sept 30, entry fee \$30, juniors \$20.**

Entries for Championship close September 16, with the Secretary, Otago CC,  
7 Maitland Street, Dunedin.

Entries for Rapid Championship close September 29.

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# North Island Championship, 2000

By Paul Dunn

It has been several years since the Wellington Chess Club (formerly Civic) has hosted a major tournament, so this year's North Island Championship, held from July 10-14, was a rare opportunity for those living in the lower part of the island to participate in such an event at or close to home.

Thirty-three players duly arrived at St. Patrick's College, Kilbirnie, including seven from out-of-town. It is regrettable but unsurprising, that only three Aucklanders attended, and none of their top players.

The field was headed by IMs Anthony Ker and Russell Dive, who were expected to dominate, but with possible competition coming from Scott Wastney, David Guthrie, Arthur Pomeroy and Mark van der Hoorn, with interest also in the return to serious play of Charles Ker after a break of five years. With only four players rated below 1500, there was also the prospect of fierce competition for grade prizes.

In the event it was indeed the highly competitive nature of the chess played that was perhaps the most pleasing feature of the tournament. With one exception (unmentioned hereafter) there were no meaningless short draws and numerous upsets.

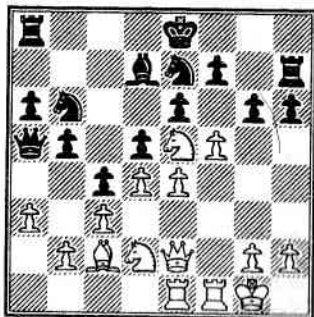
## Round 1

Mark van der Hoorn phoned shortly before the round to say he would not be there, having stayed up the previous night to watch Sampras win Wimbledon, so was not paired. Of the other top seeds, some found the going harder than others: Dive survived a risky pawn-grab from David Wood, but the post-mortem indicated some difficulties for him. Charles Ker, surely rusty, had to work hard to win in the endgame against Hamish Gold. Three half-upsets occurred: Alan Winfield in a messy game with Ashley Koia, Jacek Wojnar quickly reaching a blocked position with his son Maciej and Martin Sims forced to take a perpetual against Caleb Wright. However the real upset of the round was Gavin Mamer's loss to Pascal Harris, the latter handling the time pressure phase much better.

### Ker,A (2378) - Williams,B (1697)

R 1 [A45] Trompowski Var.

1.d4 ♀f6 2.♁g5 e6 3.♂d2 d5 4.e3 a6 5.♁d3 ♀bd7 6.f4 h6 7.♁h4 e5 8.c3 ♁e7 9.♁e2 ♁h6 10.♁b1 e4 11.♁c2 ♁a5 12.a3 b5 13.♁g3 ♁g8 14.e4 ♀h6 15.0-0 ♁d7 16.♁xe7 ♀xe7 17.♁e5 g6 18.♁be1 ♁h7 19.f5



19...0-0-0 20.exd5 ♀bxd5 21.♂xd7 ♁xd7 22.fxe6+ fxe6 23.♁xe6+ ♁c7 ♁ac8 21.♁b5 ♁c5 22.♁ab1 f5 23.♁c2 ♁fc8 24.g3 ♁d5 25.♁d1 ♁d8 26.♁bb1 ♁f7 27.♁b5 a6 28.♁xd8+ ♁xd8 29.♁d6 ♁e6 30.♁h7 ♁e4 31.♁a2+ ♁f8 32.♁xc5 bxc5 33.♁b8 ♁e7 34.♁g8 ♁a5 35.♁e8+ ♁f6 36.♁xe4 fxe4 37.♁f8+ 1-0

### Wood,D (1647) - Dive,R (2370)

R 1 [B02] Alekhine Def, 2 Pawns Att.

1.e4 ♀f6 2.♁c3 d5 3.exd5 ♀xd5 4.♁c4 ♀b6 5.♁b3 ♀c6 6.♁f3 e6 7.♁ge2 ♁e7 8.d4 ♀xd4 9.♂xd4 ♁xd4 10.♁e3 ♁e5 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.♁he1 ♁g5 13.♁e4 ♁xe3+ 14.♁xc3 ♁d7 15.♁g3 ♁h5 16.♁h5 ♁g5 17.♁d4 ♁c6 18.♁h3 ♁xg2 19.♁g4 ♁xh3 20.♁xg5 ♁f5 21.♁xg7 ♁g6 22.♁h5 ♁ad8 23.♁f4 ♁d4 24.♁xe6 fxe6 25.♁xe6 ♁h8 26.c3 ♁df4 27.♁e7 ♁xf2 28.♁xc7 ♁xh2 29.♁xb7 ♁f1+ 30.♁d1 ♁c2+ 0-1

### Harris,P (1576) - Mamer,G (1953)

R 1 [E47] Nimzo-Indian Def, Normal Var.

1.d4 ♀f6 2.c4 e6 3.♁c3 ♁b4 4.e3 0-0 5.♁d3 c5 6.♁ge2 ♀c6 7.♁d2 d5 8.a3 exd4 9.♂xd4 ♀e5 10.♁e2 dxc4 11.♁xc4 ♀xc4 12.♁xc4 ♁e7 13.0-0 e5 14.♁f3 ♁g4 15.♁xe5 ♁xd2 16.♁xg4

## North Island Championship, 2000

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Place	
1	Ker, Anthony	2378	W17	W13	D6	W21	D3	D2	W10	W7	6.5	1
2	Dive, Russell	WE 2370	W22	W8	W15	W3	D6	D1	D7	D4	6	2
3	Wastney, Scott	GA 2178	W19	W11	W9	L2	D1	W6	W13	L5	5.5	3-5
4	Wojnar, Jacek	1910	D24	D14	W26	D13	W15	D7	W6	D2	5.5	3-5
5	Guthrie, David	OT 2113	W32	D21	D16	L6	W23	D8	W22	L3	5.5	3-5
6	Ker, Charles	2139	W25	W7	D1	W5	D2	L3	L4	W13	5	6-12
7	McNab, Matthew	CA 1884	W31	L6	W11	W9	W16	D4	D2	L1	5	6-12
8	Dunn, Paul	WE 1915	W28	L2	D17	D15	W26	D5	W21	D9	5	6-12
9	Pomeroy, Arthur	WE 2044	W30	W23	L3	L7	W19	D22	W14	D8	5	6-12
10	Mamer, Gavin	1953	L15	W30	W25	D14	D22	W16	L1	W18	5	6-12
11	Croad, Nic	WE 1780	W33	L3	L7	D29	W24	W15	W27	W21	5	6-12
12	Van der Hoorn, M	2023	-	W20	L21	L22	W31	W29	W19	W16	5	6-12
13	Davies, Robert	1857	W29	L1	W33	D4	W17	W14	L3	L6	4.5	13-14
14	Koia, Ashley	1555	D18	D4	W28	D10	W21	L13	L9	W22	4.5	13-14
15	Harris, Pascal	WA 1576	W10	W18	L2	D8	L4	D11	L16	W27	4	15-17
16	Sims, Martin	PN 1851	D20	W24	D5	W23	L7	L10	W15	L12	4	15-17
17	Williams, Barry	WA 1697	L1	W29	D8	W18	L13	L21	D23	W24	4	15-17
18	Winfield, Alan	WE 1914	D14	L15	W24	L17	D27	L23	L20	L10	4	18-20
19	Nyberg, Michael	GA 1641	L3	W27	L23	W33	L9	L28	L12	W26	4	18-20
20	Wright, Caleb	1391	D16	L12	L22	D28	W25	L30	L18	W29	4	18-20
21	Jackson, Ross	WE 1960	W26	D5	W12	L1	L14	W17	L8	L11	3.5	21-25
22	Wood, David	CA 1647	L2	D28	W20	W12	D10	D9	L5	L14	3.5	21-25
23	Goodhue, Nathan	1910	W27	L9	W19	L16	L5	L18	D17	W30	3.5	21-25
24	Wojnar, Maciej	1517	D4	L16	L18	L32	L11	L31	W29	L17	3.5	21-25
25	Gold, Hamish	OT 1632	L6	W31	L10	L26	L20	bye	W33	D32	3.5	21-25
26	Barlow, Aaron	1602	L21	W32	L4	W25	L8	L27	W28	L19	3	26-28
27	Khytko, Andrew	1550	L23	L19	W32	D30	D18	W26	L11	L15	3	26-28
28	Farrington, L	WE 1557	L8	D22	L14	D20	W33	L19	L26	bye	3	26-28
29	Gillespie, John	WE 1425	L13	L17	bye	D11	W30	L12	L24	L20	2.5	29-32
30	Frankel, Zygmund	WE 1615	L9	L10	W31	D27	L29	L20	bye	L23	2.5	29-32
31	Kingston, Zoe	KP 1481	L7	L25	L30	bye	L12	L24	D32	W33	2.5	29-32
32	Kay, Bruce	WE 1627	L5	L26	L27	L24	bye	D33	D31	D25	2.5	29-32
33	Mills, Glenys	KP 1297	L11	bye	L13	L19	L28	D32	L25	L31	1.5	33

10.♁a3 b5 11.♁d5 f5 12.♁d3 ♁e6 13.♁h5 ♁g8 14.g3 ♀d4 15.c3 fxe4 16.♁xe4 ♁g4 17.♁xh7 ♁g7 18.♁h6 ♁f3+ 19.♁xf3 [19.♁f1] 19...♁xf3 20.♁f6+ ♁e7 21.♁h4 ♁e6 22.0-0 ♁xf6 23.♁b4 d5 24.♁b3 ♁c5 25.♁ae1 ♁xg3+ 0-1

### Dive,R (2370) - Dunn,P (1915)

English, Sicilian Att. [A26]

## Round 2

Most of the top seeds won comfortably enough, but David Guthrie was held to a draw by Ross Jackson, while Koia had another draw, with J. Wojnar, and Harris caused his second upset, this time over Winfield. The early indications of form seemed at this stage to point to a predictable result.

### Croad,N (1780) - Wastney,S (2178)

Sicilian, Lasker-Pelikan-Sveschnikov Var.

[B33]

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♂xd4 ♀f6 5.♁c3 ♀c6 6.♁db5 d6 7.♁f4 e5 8.♁g5 a6 9.♁xf6 gxf6

1.♁f3 ♀f6 2.c4 g6 3.♁c3 ♁g7 4.g3 0-0 5.♁g2 d6 6.0-0 ♀c6 7.d3 e5 8.♁b1 a5 9.a3 h6 10.h4 axb4 11.axb4 ♁e6 12.b5 ♀e7 13.♁d2 ♁d7 14.♁c1 ♀h7 15.♁d1 ♁h3 16.♁h1 ♁g4 17.♁e1 f5 18.♁c2 f4 19.d4 fxd3 20.hxg3 exd4 21.♂xd4 ♁e5 22.♁e4 ♁f5 23.♁f3 ♁f6 24.c5 d5 25.♁xf6+ ♁xf6 26.e4 ♀e7 27.♁h4 e6 28.bxc6 bxc6 29.exd5 ♁fxd5 30.♁c3 ♁ab8 31.♁xb8 ♁xb8 32.♁e5 ♁b5 33.♁d6 ♁f5 34.♁xf5 ♁xf5 35.♁e4 ♁e6 36.♁xe7 ♁xe7 37.♁d6 ♁f7 38.♁d7 ♁g8 39.♁xc6 ♁b8 40.♁e4 ♁f8 1-0

## Pomeroy, A (2044) – Goodhue, N (1910)

Caro-Kann, Advance Var, [B12]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 dxc4  
6.♟xc4 e6 7.♟c3 ♟d7 8.♟ge2 ♟b6 9.♟d3  
10.♟xd3 ♟c7 11.♟g5 f6 12.exf6 gxf6 13.♟f4  
♟h7 14.♟h3 ♟d7 15.0-0 0-0-0 16.♟ac1 f5  
17.♟b5 ♟f7 18.♟xa7+ ♟d7 19.♟b3 ♟d5  
20.♟xb7+ ♟e8 21.♟xf7+ ♟xf7 22.♟xc6 ♟a8  
23.♟e5 ♟gf6 24.a3 ♟h6 25.♟c5 ♟hg8 26.♟xf6  
♟xf6 27.♟e5 f4 28.♟c3 ♟xc3 29.♟xc3 ♟a7 30.f3  
♟b7 31.♟f2 ♟gb8 32.♟f2 ♟f8 33.♟c7 ♟d6  
34.♟xb7 ♟xb7 35.♟d3 ♟b8 36.♟e5 ♟c7 37.♟f1  
e5 38.dxe5+ ♟xe5 39.♟d3+ ♟f5 40.♟xc7 ♟xc7  
41.♟e2 ♟d8 42.a4 ♟xh4 43.a5 ♟d8 44.b4 ♟c7  
45.♟c5 ♟e5 46.♟d3 ♟d5 47.♟e4 ♟c6 48.♟c4  
♟e5 49.b5+ ♟b7 50.♟c5 ♟b2 51.a6+ ♟a7  
52.♟c6 ♟d4 53.♟d6 h4 54.♟c8+ ♟b8 55.a7+  
1-0

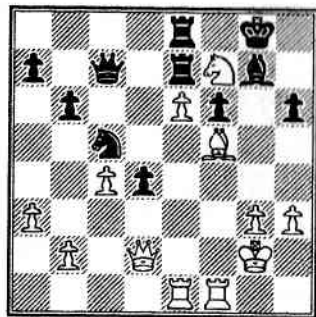
## Round 3

The top seeds now started to pair off against each other. The meeting between the Ker brothers signalled that Charles would be a serious contender for the top places: After equalizing rather easily against Anthony's favourite Trompowski he gained an advantage and offered a draw from a position of strength. Dive stopped Harris, while Wastney converted a clear opening advantage over Pomeroy. Jackson beat van der Hoorn in a knight v. several pawns ending.

## Wastney, S (2178) – Pomeroy, A (2044)

King's Indian Def. [E62]

1.♟f3 ♟f6 2.c4 g6 3.♟c3 ♟g7 4.g3 0-0 5.♟g2 d6  
6.d4 c6 7.0-0 ♟a5 8.e4 ♟g4 9.h3 ♟xf3 10.♟xf3  
♟fd7 11.♟b1 c5 12.d5 ♟a6 13.♟g5 ♟fe8 14.a3  
h6 15.♟e3 ♟d8 16.♟d2 ♟h7 17.♟e2 ♟c7 18.f4  
b6 19.♟g2 e6 20.dxe6 ♟xe6 21.♟b5 ♟d4  
22.♟xd4 cxd4 23.♟xd6 ♟e6 24.e5 f6 25.♟g4  
♟c7 26.e6 ♟c5 27.♟f7 ♟c7 28.f5 gxf5 29.♟xf5+  
♟g8 30.♟be1 ♟ae8

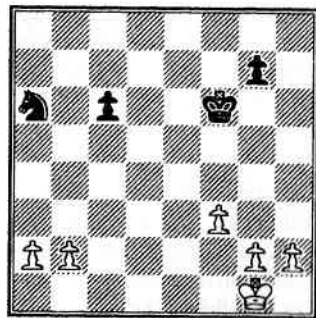


31.♟xh6+ ♟f8 32.♟g4 ♟xe6 33.♟xe6 ♟xe6  
34.♟xe6 ♟xe6 35.♟xd4 ♟e2+ 36.♟f2 ♟c6+  
37.♟d5 ♟xd5+ 38.cxd5 ♟xf2+ 39.♟xf2 ♟e7  
40.♟e4 f5 41.♟c3 ♟d6 42.♟f3 ♟e5 43.g4 fxc4+  
44.hxc4 b5 45.♟e4 a6 46.g5 ♟h8 47.♟f5 a5  
48.♟e4 b4 49.axb4 axb4 50.♟b5+ ♟c5 51.d6  
♟c6 52.b3 1-0

## van der Hoorn, M (2023) – Jackson, R (1960)

Centre Counter [B01]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♟xd5 3.♟c3 ♟d6 4.d4 ♟f6 5.♟d3  
a6 6.♟ge2 ♟g4 7.f3 ♟h5 8.♟f4 ♟d8 9.0-0 e6  
10.♟e4 ♟d5 11.♟g5 ♟e7 12.♟xe7 ♟xe7 13.c4  
♟e3 14.♟a4+ b5 15.cxb5 ♟xf1 16.bxa6+ c6  
17.♟xf1 0-0 18.♟f4 ♟g6 19.♟xcg6 hxcg6 20.♟c5  
♟d8 21.♟d1 ♟c7 22.♟b3 ♟xd4 23.♟xc6 fxc6  
24.♟xe6+ ♟f8 25.♟xcg6 ♟xa6 26.♟f5+ ♟f7  
27.♟xf7+ ♟xf7 28.♟g6+ ♟xcg6 29.♟xd4 ♟f8  
30.♟d6+ ♟f6 31.♟xf6+ ♟xf6



32.♟f2 ♟b4 33.a4 ♟d3+ 34.♟e3 ♟xb2 35.a5  
♟c4+ 36.♟d4 ♟xa5 37.♟c5 ♟f5 38.♟b6 ♟c4+  
39.♟xc6 ♟c3 40.g3 ♟f1 41.g4+ ♟f4 42.h3 ♟d2  
43.♟d6 ♟xf3 44.♟e6 g5 45.♟f6 ♟g3 46.h4 gxf4  
47.g5 ♟xcg5 0-1

## Olympiad team and appeal

A fourth player has become available for the women's team for the Olympiad which will be held in Istanbul from 28 October to 12 November, so both Open and Women's teams have been approved by Council. The two teams, in playing order, are:

Open: 1 IM Russell Dive, 2 IM Ben Martin, 3 IM Anthony Ker, 4 FM Bob Smith, 5 NM Peter Green, 6 FM Stephen Lukey. Scott Wastney is non-travelling reserve.

Women: 1 Vivian Smith, 2 Eleanora Mikhailik, 3 Edith Otene, 4 Helen Courtney.

Michael Freeman has been appointed manager and captain of both teams.

## Olympiad appeal

As usual NZCF is organising fund-raising to support the Olympiad teams and Council is appealing to players and clubs to support this worthy cause. Council points out that this is the only time it asks players to dip into their pockets to support their national representatives. With no government or quasi-government funding available to chess these days, players representing New Zealand must bear the brunt of the financial costs themselves.

Donations received so far are: Bob Gibbons \$100, Graham Haase \$100, Peter Stuart \$100; total, \$300.

## Ker, A (2378) – Ker, C (2139)

QP, Trompowski Var. [A45]

1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟g5 d6 3.♟xf6 exf6 4.e3 f5 5.g3 g6  
6.♟g2 ♟g7 7.♟e2 0-0 8.e4 ♟d7 9.♟bc3 ♟f6  
10.0-0 ♟e8 11.♟d3 c6 12.♟f4 ♟e7 13.♟ae1 ♟e4  
14.♟d1 ♟c7 15.f3 ♟g5 16.d5 h5 17.♟e2 ♟d7  
18.h4 ♟h7 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.♟d2 ♟f8 21.c5 d5  
22.♟c3 ♟g7 23.♟a3 ♟f8 24.♟f2 ♟e6 25.♟2h3  
♟ab8 26.♟b1 ♟b5 27.b3 ♟d7 28.♟c2 ♟e5 29.b4  
a5 30.♟bc1 axb4 ½-½

## Round 4

Dive had few problems with Wastney's Grunfeld to take the lead. A. Ker beat Jackson in the ending, while Guthrie won a pawn after an opening error by C. Ker, but misplaced a bishop, allowing his opponent strong, eventually decisive play. Matthew McNabb completed a bad day at the office for Pomeroy. van der Hoorn was also having a wretched time, losing from the exchange up against Wood.

## Dive, R (2370) – Wastney, S (2178)

Grunfeld Def., 3.g3 [D79]

1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟f3 g6 3.g3 ♟g7 4.♟g2 0-0 5.0-0 d5  
6.c4 c6 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.♟e5 ♟g4 9.f4 ♟c6 10.♟c3  
♟gxe5 11.fxe5 ♟b6 12.♟c3 ♟xb2 13.♟xd5 ♟g4  
14.♟b1 ♟xe2 15.♟xe2 ♟xe2 16.♟f2 ♟a6 17.♟c7  
♟d3 18.♟xb7 ♟a5 19.♟xa8 ♟xb7 20.♟xb7 1-0

## Pomeroy, A (2044) – McNabb, M (1884)

Grunfeld Def., main line [B86]

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♟xd4 ♟f6 5.♟c3  
a6 6.♟c4 e6 7.♟b3 ♟bd7 8.0-0 ♟c7 9.f4 ♟c5  
10.♟f3 ♟e7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 ♟fd7 13.f5 ♟e5  
14.♟h3 ♟c4 15.g6 ♟f6 16.♟e3 ♟xb3 17.axb3  
♟xc3 18.♟xe3 ♟c5 19.gxf7+ ♟e7 20.♟ad1 e5  
21.♟d5+ ♟xf7 22.♟xf6 exd4 23.♟g5 gxf6  
24.♟h5+ ♟e7 25.♟d3 ♟b7 0-1

## van der Hoorn, M (2023) – Wood, D (1647)

Sicilian Def., closed system [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.♟c3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.♟f3 ♟g7 5.♟c4 ♟c6  
6.0-0 ♟f6 7.d3 0-0 8.f5 gxf5 9.♟e1 fxe4  
10.dxe4 ♟d7 11.h3 ♟e5 12.♟xe5 dxe5 13.♟e3  
♟c6 14.♟h4 ♟e6 15.♟xc6 ♟xc6 16.♟f5 ♟ad8  
17.♟af1 ♟d6 18.♟h6 ♟e8 19.♟g5 ♟f6 20.♟xf6  
♟xf6 21.♟g3+ ♟h8 22.♟d5 ♟g8 23.♟f3 ♟g6  
24.♟a3 ♟xd5 25.exd5 ♟xd5 26.♟f3 ♟d4+  
27.♟f2 ♟xb2 28.♟xc5 ♟xa2 29.♟d1 ♟e6  
30.♟d8+ ♟g7 31.♟c8 ♟c6 32.♟h2 e4 33.♟g8+  
♟h6 34.♟f8+ ♟g7 35.♟xf7 ♟c3 36.♟f2 ♟g3+  
37.♟h1 e3 38.♟f4+ ♟xf4 39.♟xf4 ♟e6 40.♟h4+  
♟g5 41.g3 e2 42.♟g7+ ♟f6 43.♟h6+ ♟e5 0-1

## Round 5

C. Ker continued his good showing, neutralizing Dive's Alekhine. A. Ker reached a winning position two pawns up against Wastney, but with both players having only seconds remaining to the time control, the game ended in a draw by repetition. McNabb beat Sims to move up to

second with the Kers. Koia also continued to do well, beating Jackson in the game that won the upset prize.

**Ker,A (2378) – Wastney,S (2178)**  
Dutch Def., Leningrad system [A87]

1.d4 f5 2.g3  f6 3. g2 g6 4. f3  g7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.d5  e8 8. e3 h6 9. c3  a6 10. d2 g5 11.h4 f4 12.gxf4 gxb4 13. h2 c5 14.dxc6 bxc6 15. d4  c7 16. h1  e6 17. xf6  xf6 18.e3  b8 19. g1  h8 20. f3  d7 21. g4  g5 22.fxg5  xf3 23. xb4  h3 24. xb3  xb3 25.gxh6  f6 26. g1  h5 27.e4  g8 28. e2  xg1+ 29. xg1  f1 30.b3  e5 31. g3  f6 32. e1  h3 33. e3  f1 34. d2  h3 35. df3  f1 36. f4  e2 37. e3  f1 38. e1  h3 39. e3  f1  - 

**Ker,C (2139) – Dive,R (2370)**  
Alekhin's Def., 2 pawns att. [B02]

1.e4  f6 2. c3 d5 3.exd5  xd5 4. c4  b6 5. b3  c6 6. f3  f5 7.d4 e6 8.0-0  e7 9.d5 exd5 10. xd5  xd5 11. xd5  xd5 12. xd5  b4 13. xb7  b8 14. d4  - 

**Koia,A (1555) – Jackson,R (1960)**  
Sicilian, closed system [B23]

1.e4 c5 2. c3 d6 3.f4  c6 4. f3  f6 5.d3 g6 6.g3  g4 7.h3  xf3 8. xf3  d4 9. f2  g7 10. d1  a5+ 11.c3  c6 12. g2  b5 13. e3  d7 14. f2 h5 15.h4 0-0-0 16.0-0 e5 17. e2  b8 18. e3 exf4 19. xf4  e5 20. h3 f6 21. ad1  a5 22. f2  xa2 23. e3 f5 24.d4  g7 25.exf5  hf8 26. xc6 bxc6 27. g2 cxd4 28. xc6 dxe3 29. a1  xa1 30. xd6+  a8 31. xa1  e5 32. a6  b8 33. xa7+  c8 34. a4  b6 35. xb6  d1+ 36. g2  d2+ 37. f3  xf5+ 38. xe3  d6 39. a8+  d7 40. b7+  e6 41. e8+ 1-0

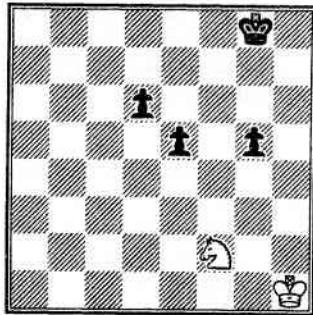
**Round 6**

The two I.M.s met this round, with Dive having white. He essayed 1.c4, as is his wont against Ker, but this time the game transposed into a King's Indian. Dive broke prematurely on the queenside, and the later disappearance of his light squared bishop left him weak on the kingside. Ker sacrificed a knight for three pawns and looked to have winning chances, but eventually the game came down to a drawn ending.

In other games, C. Ker met his match in Wastney who positionally outplayed his opponent after an unfortunate opening choice. McNabb drew with J. Wojnar and Guthrie with Paul Dunn, while Marner had a good win over Sims in a Sveshnikov. Robert Davies moved up to equal second with a win over Koia.

**Dive,R (2370) – Ker,A (2378)**  
King's Indian Def. [E72]

1.c4 g6 2. c3  g7 3.g3  f6 4. g2 c6 5.e4 d6 6.d4 e5 7. ge2 0-0 8.h3  e6 9.d5 cxd5 10.cxd5  d7 11. e3 a5 12.0-0 b5 13.a3  a6 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4  xb4 16. b3  a6 17. fb1 b4 18. a4  b8 19. c1  xa4 20. xa4  c5 21. c2  fd7 22. c4 f5 23. xb4  xe4 24. xe4 fxe4 25. a7  f6 26. b3  c8 27. xb8  xb8 28. b7  c8 29. g2  f5 30. a2  f3+ 31. g1  h5 32. b8  xg3 33. xf8+  xf8 34.fxg3  xg3+ 35. f1  xh3+ 36. e2 h5 37. c3  g2+ 38. e1 h4 39. c4 h3 40. xe4  g3+ 41. d2 h2 42. h1  h3 43. e4  h6 44. xh6  xh6+ 45. e2  h5+ 46. e1  h4+ 47. f2 g5 48. f1  c4+ 49. g2  xd5+ 50. xh2  xh1+ 51. xh1

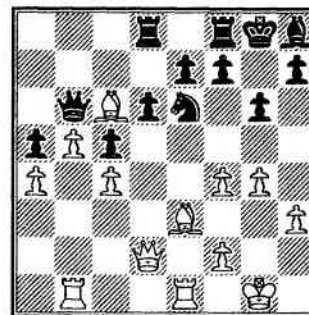


51... f7 52. e4  e6 53. xg5+  f5 54. f3  e4 55. g5+  f5 56. f3  f4 57. g2  e3 58. g5 d5 59. f1 d4 60. e1 d3 61. d1 d2 62. e6 e4 63. c5  d4 64. xe4  xe4 65. xd2  - 

**Wastney,S (2178) – Ker,C (2139)**  
King's Indian Def. [E61]

1. f3  f6 2.c4 g6 3. c3 d6 4.d4  g4 5.h3  xf3 6.exf3  g7 7. e2 c6 8.0-0 0-0 9. g5  e8 10. e1  bd7 11. d2  c7 12. ad1  f8 13.b4 a6 14.a4  e6 15. e3  h8 16.d5  g7 17.g4  d7 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.f4  e6 20. c1 a5 21.b5 c5

22. f3  ad8 23. d5  a7 24. b1  b6 25. xb6  xb6 26. c6  f8



27.f5  d4 28. xd4 cxd4 29. xe7  c5 30. d5  f6 31. be1  a3 32. h6  xe7 33.fxg6 hxg6 34. xg6+  h8 35. h6+  g8 36. e4 f5 37. d5+  f7 38. xe7  c1+ 39. xc1 1-0

**Sims,M (1851) – Marner,G (1953)**  
Sicilian, Lasker-Pelikan-Sveshnikov Var. [B33]

1.e4 c5 2. f3  c6 3.d4 cxd4 4. xd4  f6 5. c3 e5 6. db5 d6 7. g5 a6 8. xf6 gxf6 9. a3 b5 10. d5  e6 11.c3 f5 12.f3 fxe4 13.fxe4  h4+ 14. d2  h6+ 15. d3 f5 16. e1 fxe4+ 17. xe4  g5 18. c7+  d7 19. xc6+  xc6 20. xe6  d2+ 0-1

**Round 7**

Half a point ahead of the field with the most difficult opposition behind him, Dive must have been favourite at this stage to take the title, but he made no progress against McNabb. With A. Ker and Wastney winning over Marner and Davies respectively, the top three were tied for the lead going into the last round. J. Wojnar ended the chances of the unfortunate Charles Ker (who had the toughest field), taking his opponent by surprise in his specialty, the Latvian Gambit. Jackson allowed Dunn a mate in three, while Pomeroy smoothly beat Koia's Scandinavian.

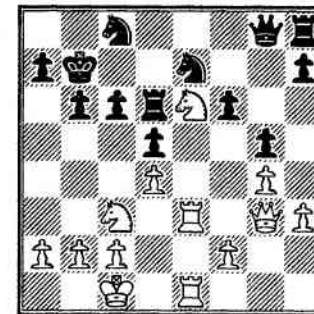
**Dive,R (2370) – McNabb,M (1884)**  
King's Indian Def. [A48]

1.d4  f6 2. f3 g6 3.b4  g7 4. b2 c6 5. bd2 d5 6.c4 0-0 7.e3 a5 8.a3  a6 9. b3 axb4 10.axb4  e6 11. a3 dxc4 12. xc4  d5 13.b5

 c5  - 

**Pomeroy,A (2054) – Koia,A (1555)**  
Centre Counter [B01]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5  xd5 3. c3  a5 4.d4 c6 5. f3  g4 6. c4 e6 7.h3  h5 8.g4  g6 9. e5  e4 10. g1  d5 11. xd5 exd5 12. f3 f6 13. d3  d7 14. f4 0-0-0 15.0-0-0  b6 16. g3  d6 17. f5+  b8 18. xd6+  xd6 19. f4  c8 20. ge1  d8 21. e3  ge7 22. de1 b6 23. g3  b7 24. f4 g5 25. e6  g8



26. c5+  a8 27. xe7 bxc5 28.dxc5  xe7 29. xd6 1-0

**Ker,C (2139) – Wojnar,J (1910)**  
Latvian Gambit [C40]

1.e4 e5 2. f3 f5 3. c4 fxe4 4. xe5 d5 5. h5+ g6 6. xg6  f6 7. e5+  c7 8. xh8 dxc4 9. g5  c6 10. g6 hxg6 11. xg6+  d7 12.d3  e8 13. g5 exd3 14.0-0  d4 15.cxd3  c2 16.dxc4  xa1 17.b3  h5 18. g7  h7 19. g5  e8 20. e1  f8 21. b2  e6 22. e3  xh2+ 23. xh2  g4+ 24. g1  xe3 25. xe3  c2 26. f3+  g8 27. e3  f7 28. f3+  e8 29. e3  d7 30.a3  f5 31. d2 black won on time 0-1

**Round 8**

The standings going into the final round were: A.Ker, Dive, Wastney: 5.5, J. Wojnar, McNabb: 5, Guthrie, Pomeroy, Dunn, Davies: 4.5.

A. Ker won an interesting, sharp game from McNabb, with a nice final combination. This gave him the title when Dive only drew with

Wojnar after getting into a terrible mess in the opening, and arrived in the ending two pawns down. He won back and managed to liquidate to a rook ending, where Tartakower's aphorism prevailed. For Wojnar this draw meant a share of third when Guthrie outplayed Wastney with a typical King's Indian sacrifice. These three were not joined by Dunn, who let slip a big advantage over Pomeroy, or Davies, who lost to C.Ker.

**Ker,A (2378) – McNabb,M (1884)**

King's Indian Def., Samisch Var. [E81]

1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.c4 4.2c3 5.f3 0-0 6.2g5 7.bd7 7.2d2 c6 8.2d3 e5 9.d5 cxd5 10.2xd5 2c5 11.2e2 2e6 12.2e3 a5 13.0-0 2xd5 14.2xd5 2e8 15.2fd1 2e6 16.2f1 2b8 17.2xf6 2xf6 18.g3 2g7 19.2c3 f5 20.2h3 2f6 21.2d5 2f7 22.2xf5 2xf5 23.2xf5 2b8 24.2g5 2f8 25.g4 2h6 25...e4 26.2xe4 2e8 27.2h5 2xb2 28.2ab1 2a3 29.2f6 2ee7 30.g5 2g7 31.2h1 2e6 32.2xe6 2xe6 33.2b3 2c5 34.2h3 2e7 35.2f1 2e5

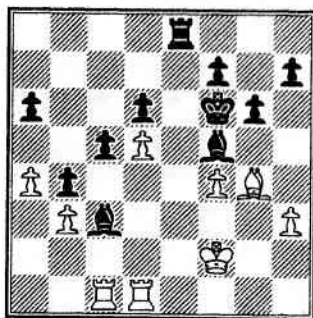
35...2d4 36.2hx7 2hx7 37.2f8+ 2g7 38.2hx7+ 2xf8 39.2f3+ 2f6 40.2g6 2f7. 36.2hx7 and Black resigned.

36...2hx7 37.2f8+ 2g7 38.2hx7+ 2xf8 39.2h8+ 2f7 40.2h7+ 2g6 41.2g8+ 2g7 42.2xg7# 1-0

**Wastney,S (4000) – Guthrie,D (2113)**

King's Indian Def., Fianchetto Var. [E68]

1.2f3 2f6 2.c4 g6 3.2c3 2g7 4.g3 0-0 5.2g2 d6 6.d4 2bd7 7.0-0 e5 8.h3 2e8 9.e4 cxd4 10.2xd4 a6 11.2e3 2b8 12.2b1 c5 13.2de2 2e5 14.b3 b5 15.f4 2ed7 16.2d3 2e7 17.g4 b4 18.2d5 2xd5 19.cxd5 2f6 20.2g3 2xg4 21.e5 2d7 22.2xf6 2xe3+ 23.2xe3 2xe3 24.2f2 2xg3 25.2xg3 2xf6 26.2e4 2b5 27.2fd1 2e8 28.2f3 2c3 29.2f2 2g7 30.2bc1 2f6 31.a4 2d7 32.2g4 2f5



33.2xf5 2xf5 34.2c2 2xf4 35.2d3 2d4+ 36.2g2 f5 37.2f3+ 2g5 38.2f1 f4 39.2e2 2e3 40.2g2 2e5 0-1

**Croad,N (1780) – Jackson,R (1960)**

Sicilian Def., Modern Dragon Var. [B77]

1.e4 c5 2.2f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.2xd4 2f6 5.2c3 g6 6.2e3 2g7 7.f3 0-0 8.2d2 2c6 9.2c4 2xd4 10.2xd4 2c7 11.2b3 2d7 12.0-0-0 b5 13.2xf6 2xf6

13...2xf6. 14.2xd6 2xd6 15.2xd6 b4 16.2d5 1-0

**Wojnar,J (1910) – Dive,R (2370)**

Alekhine's Def., 2 pawns att. [B02]

1.e4 2f6 2.2c3 d5 3.e5 2e4 4.2e2 c5 5.2b5+ 2d7 6.2xe4 2xb5 7.2xc5 2b6 8.d4 2g6 9.2f3 b6 10.a4 2c4 11.b3 bxc5 12.bxc4 2e4+ 13.2e3 e6 14.2d3 2c6 15.cxd5 2xd5 16.0-0 2e7 17.dxc5 0-0 18.2xe4 dxe4 19.2d2 2xe5 20.2xe4 f5 21.2d6 f4 22.2d4 2c6 23.c3 2xd4 24.cxd4 2xd6 25.cxd6 2fd8 26.2fd1 2xd6 27.2a2 2ad8 28.2ad2 2a6 29.2a1 2ad6 30.2ad1 1/2-1/2

**Dunn,P (1915) – Pomeroy,A (2044)**

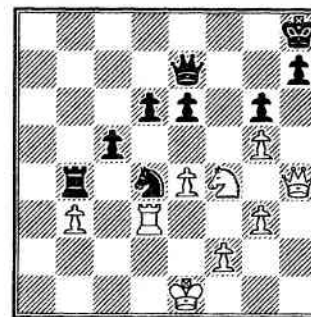
Sicilian Def., closed system [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.2c3 2c6 3.f4 g6 4.2f3 2g7 5.2b5 2d4 6.0-0 2xb5 7.2xb5 d5 8.e5 a6 9.2c3 2g4 10.d4 cxd4 11.2xd4 2xf3 12.2xf3 e6 13.2b4 2e7 14.2e3 2c7 15.2b6 2c6 16.2c5 2d7 17.2d1 2f8 18.2f2 2e7 19.2e4 2c8 20.2h1 2b4 21.2c3 0-0 22.a3 2c6 23.2e4 f6 24.2c5 2xc5 25.2xc5 2f7 26.2xf6 2xf6 27.c4 2f7 28.cxd5 2xd5 29.2e1 2d8 30.2b6 2d7 31.2d4 1/2-1/2

**Davies,R (1857) – Ker,C (2139)**

Wolga/Benko Gambit [A59]

1.d4 2f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 2xa6 6.2c3 d6 7.e4 2xf1 8.2xf1 2bd7 9.g3 g6 10.2g2 2g7 11.2f3 0-0 12.2e1 2b6 13.h3 2fd7 14.2e2 2c4 15.2c2 2a5 16.2e2 2db6 17.2d1 2b4 18.2d2 2xd2 19.2xd2 2a7 20.a3 2a4 21.b3 2d7 22.2aa2 2fa8 23.a4 2b7 24.2c3 e6 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.a5 2c8 27.2d3 2b4 28.2e2 2c7 29.2c4 2ab8 30.2a3 2f8 31.2f4 2f7 32.h4 2e7 33.2ca2 2a7 34.a6 2d8 35.2a4 2bb8 36.2f3 2b5 37.2e2 2db8 38.2e3 2c6 39.2g4 2d4 40.a7 2a8 41.2d2 2b7 42.2f3 2axa7 43.2xa7 2xa7 44.2g5 2h6 45.2d3 2xg5 46.hxg5 2b7 47.2f1 2b4 48.2e1 2f7 49.2h3 2g8 50.2g4 2g7 51.2h3 2g8 52.2g4 2h8 53.2h4



53...2b7 54.2h6 2xe4+ 55.2e3 2b1+ 56.2d2 2c2+ 0-1

**Grade prizes**

The B Grade prizes were shared by McNabb and Nic Croad, who beat Jackson, while Koia wrapped up the C Grade, with Harris and Wright equal second, with Harris beating his only opponent from the lower half of the field, Andrew Khytko. The latter also deserves a mention, he was the only player in the field under 16, so won a prize for that, with his win over Aaron Barlow receiving a special mention at the prize-giving.

Congratulations to Anthony Ker, then, who never really looked in trouble. The other noteworthy feature of the result was the good performance of some younger players, notably McNabb and Harris, and some other new names on the prize list in Wojnar and Koia.

On the whole this was an enjoyable event played in good spirit. D.O.P. Chris Bell, ably aided by Dave Capper, did a most admirable job, but there were no disputes and the only problems were caused by the brilliantly sunny Wellington weather for all five days, which necessitated frequent shifts of tables to avoid the glare of the sun.

It has been several years since the Wellington Chess Club (formerly Civic) has hosted a major tournament, so this year's North Island Championship, held from July 10-14, was a rare opportunity for those living in the lower part of the island to participate in such an event at or close to home.

**Open tournaments scheduled for 2000 and 2001**

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

**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*



*A bridegroom, a best man, and two IMs - Anthony Ker (right) on his wedding day last year, with best man Russell Dive.*

## Anthony Ker, IM

*Anthony Ker supplied biographical details for this article, which has been edited and games selected by the editor.*

Anthony Ker was born 1967, and learnt to play chess at age 7. He was taught to play by his Dad.

When Anthony was 8 the family moved from Eastbourne, Wellington to Bandung, Java, Indonesia. There he played "friendlies" with next-door neighbour and caretaker Oking. A favourite Indonesian saying was "Mo chatur?" which means "Like a game of chess?"

The family returned to New Zealand 15 months later and Anthony entered his first chess tournament two days before his tenth birthday, at the suggestion of family friend John Preston. He scored 2/5 in the C2 grade of the Upper Hutt 40-40 tournament (must have eaten too many scones and cakes!).

Anthony went back in the next year and scored 4/5 in the same grade and won a prize! (about \$6.25, he thinks).

He joined the Eastbourne chess club, a primary school club run by Marilyn Moonen with about

15 players. Bob Teece visited and invited him to play in some other tournaments. He won the Wellington "C" grade championship at age 11.

### 21 consecutive congresses

Anthony entered the Premier Reserve (now Major Open) section of the national chess Congress (the first of 21 consecutive appearances), again with the support of John Preston, chauffeur and fellow competitor. He lost a heart-breaker to third seed Dave Cooper in the first round when he blundered after reaching a drawn position at adjournment. He recovered to reach 5/9, including a win against the affable Bruce Marsick, then lost the last two games.

Anthony continued to compete in lots of tournaments and a breakthrough came in the 1982-3 congress in Dunedin, sharing 1= in the Premier Reserve with Ben Alexander and qualifying for the NZ Championship.

### International experience

The first international tournament for Anthony was the Asian teams in New Delhi, 1983, when he was 16. He played on board five, Jonathan

Sarfati (JD) and he ate only fish and chips and ice cream and avoided the dreaded Delhibelly which laid low the rest of the team. Mark Noble demonstrated his talents as an adjournment analyst and helped me to a silver medal.

Anthony played in the Australian Junior twice (4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and the World Junior twice (Sharjah, UAE and Gausdal, Norway). He scored 7/13 both times and had a fantastic time - "the World Junior is my favourite tournament!" He taught Ivanchuk how to play transfer chess!

After Gausdal in 1986 Anthony went to London to watch Kasparov-Karpov. He decided to play in Lloyds Bank Masters, a massive nine-round Swiss with 200+ players. He stayed with Stuart Conquest and Alex Wohl, played the tournament of a lifetime, beat 2 IMS, drew with van der Sterren, and played and lost to his first two GMs, de Firmian and Kudrin.

Then 19, Anthony scored 5½/9 and got an IM norm and a rating of 2410! His comment: "Giddy heights which I have been struggling to regain ever since..."

Next came the Plaza tournament in Wellington in 1988. He lost his first six games in a row ("never before or since, thank goodness!"), then a draw with Russell, then a DRAW WITH SPASSKY! My best game of all, I had Spassky on the ropes and the experts were all crowding around eager to show how I could have won afterwards...I was pleased as punch simply to have drawn!"

### Three Olympiads

Anthony has played for New Zealand in three Olympiads - Thessaloniki in 1988 (7.5/12, board 5), Novi Sad in 1990 (5/9, board 4) and Moscow 1994 (5/11, board 1). Lev Aptekar was the captain and coach for the first two Olympiads and he spurred the team on to their best performances in recent years.

"I remember Lev explaining to the immigration people in Yugoslavia (as it was then) that I really was the beardless youth my passport announced - it took a couple of hours but he convinced them in the end. Hint: make sure photo up-to-date to avoid similar calamity." Moscow was freezing cold outside temperatures -8 degrees but indoors it was well heated.

The early nineties were a very successful time for Anthony chesswise. He shared the NZ Championship with Paul Garbett in 1989-90 in Dunedin, then won it four more times in the next six years. As a result he got to go to the Asian zonal tournaments in Jakarta 1993 and Malaysia 1995.

He finished well down in Jakarta but in Malaysia gained a second IM norm and beat a grandmaster for the first time. He says he has had more trouble getting the silver rook in recent years with strong competition from Russell Dive, Alexei Kulashko and Paul Garbett plus the odd invitee grandmaster or two.

In 1997 Anthony and brother Charles, playing with different partners, made it onto the New Zealand national bridge team to Hong Kong and Tunisia.

Anthony's present NZ chess rating is 2378, and his FIDE ELO about 2333.

### Ker,A - Bin Ali,A

[B07] Pirc Def.

Asian Team Chp, New Delhi, 1983

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♁f6 3.♁c3 g6 4.♁g5 ♁g7 5.♣d2 c6 6.f4 b5 7.♁d3 ♣a5 8.♁f3 ♁a6 9.0-0 e5 10.♁xb5 ♣b6 11.a4 0-0 12.e5 dxc5 13.fxe5 ♁fd7 14.♁xe7 ♁e8 15.a5 ♣c6 16.d5 ♣xd5 17.♁c7 ♣b7 18.♁xc8 ♁xe5 19.♁f6 ♁xf3+ 20.♁xf3 1-0

### Ker,A - Marsick,B

[D35] Queen's Gambit, Exchange Var.

NZ Premier Reserve, North Shore, 1982

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♁c3 ♁e7 4.♁f3 ♁f6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.♁g5 0-0 7.♣c2 h6 8.♁h4 ♁c6 9.e3 a6 10.a3 ♁e6 11.♁d3 ♁c8 12.0-0 ♁b8 13.♁a4 ♁bd7 14.b4 b5 15.♁c5 ♁xc5 16.dxc5 c6 17.♁d4 ♁h8 18.a4 g5 19.♁g3 ♁d7 20.axb5 axb5 21.♁a7 ♁a8 22.♁fa1 ♁xa7 23.♁xa7 ♁h5 24.♁f5 ♁xf5 25.♁xf5 ♁xg3 26.♁xe7 ♁e4 27.♣b2+ ♁h7 28.f3 ♣b8 29.♁xc6 ♣c8 30.♁e5 ♁xc5 31.♁xf7 ♁d3 32.♁h8+ ♁g8 33.♣g7# 1-0

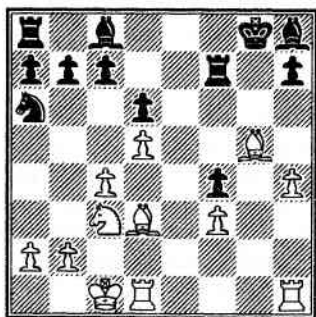
### Ker,A - Puri,V (2330)

[E70] King's Indian Def.

World Junior Chp, Gausdal, 1986

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 g6 3.♁c3 ♁g7 4.e4 0-0 5.♁e2 d6 6.♁g3 e5 7.d5 ♁e8 8.h4 f5 9.exf5 gxf5 10.♁g5 ♣d7 11.♁h5 ♁h8 12.♣d2 ♁f6 13.♁g3 ♁g7

14. Qd3 f4 15. e5 g4 16. c2 fxf5 17. f3 g4  
 f7 18. f5 h5 19. f3 a6 20. 0-0 e8 21. g3  
 f7 22. fxf7+ fxf7 23. gxf4 exf4



24. f3 g1 Qxc3 25. bxc3 h8 26. f1 d1 Qf5  
 27. Qxf5 fxf5 28. e6 f8 29. h6 g8  
 30. g7+ 1-0

**Ker, A (2410) - Spassky, B (2565)**  
 [E84] King's Indian Def., Samisch Var.  
 Plaza International, Wellington, 1988

1. d4 f6 2. c4 d6 3. e3 g6 4. e4 g7 5. f3 e6  
 6. g2 0-0 7. e3 a6 8. d2 b8 9. h6 b5  
 10. h4 e5 11. Qxg7 f3 12. h5 d4 13. d4  
 exd4 14. d5 c5 15. hxg6 fxg6 16. Wh6+ f7  
 17. f3 f6 fxf6 18. f3 h7+ g7 19. cxb5 axb5  
 20. a4 bxa4 21. fxa4 f3 22. f3 h7+ f6 23. b4  
 f3 24. f3 b4 cxb4 25. c4 e6 26. Qxe6 f3  
 27. f3 g5 28. f3 b4 g4 29. e2 gxf3+ 30. gxf3  
 d5 31. f3 d4 1/2-1/2

**Mas, H - Ker, A**  
 [B07] Pirc Def.  
 Zonal, Genting Highlands, 1995

1. e4 d6 2. d4 f6 3. e3 g6 4. f3 c6 5. e3 g7  
 6. d2 b7 7. h3 f7 8. f2 b5 9. e2 b7  
 10. 0-0 11. f1 d1 e6 12. c1 a5 13. h6 b4  
 14. b1 c5 15. c3 f3 16. d5 c4 17. g5 a4  
 18. d2 a6 19. f1 a7 20. g4 f8 21. g2  
 bxc3 22. bxc3 f7 23. d1 Qxh6 24. f3 h6 c5  
 25. d2 d7 26. h4 f8 27. d2 e5 28. e3 f6  
 29. f4 b2 30. f1 b3 31. Qxd3 cxd3  
 32. e1 b2 33. e1 f1 c2 34. d1 f3 35. g3  
 f3 36. f2 e1 37. e3 f3 38. d1 c2  
 39. e3 c1 0-1

**Ker, A - Handoko, E**  
 [D13] Queen's Gambit, Slav Def.  
 Malaysia Zonal, 1995

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. exd5 exd5 4. e3 f6 5. Qf4  
 e6 6. f3 e4 7. f3 e3 8. bxc3 g6 9. e3 g7  
 10. Qd3 0-0 11. h4 h5 12. 0-0 a5 13. c2 d7  
 14. e5 f8 15. f3 b6 16. f3 e4 17. Qxc4  
 dxc4 18. f3 d7 f3 d7 19. e4 e5 20. Qxe5 Qxe5  
 21. dxe5 e7 22. f3 d1 Qxe5 23. d7 f8 d8  
 24. f3 d1

24. f3 a7 f3 d3 25. f3 c1 (25. f3 b6 c5+ 26. f3  
 d1+) 25... f3 d8 (Fritz 5)..

24... f3 f6 25. e5 f3 h4 26. e2 f3 d7 27. f3 d7 f3 e8  
 28. f3 d4 e7

28... g3.

29. e6 f3 e6 30. f3 e4 b5 31. f3 e6 f3 e6 32. f3 d2  
 a6 33. f3 f2 f3 34. f3 d8+ g7 35. f3 d4+ f3 36. a4  
 g8 37. f3 b5 axb5 38. c5 1-0

## England and Australia name Olympiad teams

England and Australia have announced their teams for the Olympiad in Istanbul from October 27 to November 13. They are:

England, Open team: 1 Michael Adams, 2 Nigel Short, 3 Julian Hodgson, 4 Jon Speelman 5, Tony Miles, 6 John Emms; captain, Adam Raof. Women's team: 1 Harriet Hunt, 2 Susan Lalic, 3 Jovanka Houska, 4 Heather Richards; captain, Peter Wells.

Australia, Open team: 1 I. Rogers, 2 D. Johansen, 3 A. Wohl, 4 M. Gluzman, 5 G. West, 6 J-P. Wallace; captain, A. Allen. Women: 1 I. Berezina-Feldman, 2 N. Phan-Koshnitsky, 3 B. Dekic, 4 L. Moylan; captain, J. Lyons.

## World Championship in India

The venue for the 2000 FIDE World Chess Championships has been confirmed - it is the Hyatt Regency, New Delhi, India. The events starts November 25 - just 12 days after completion of the Olympiad in Istanbul.

## Oceania Zonal games continued

By NM Peter Stuart (Chief Arbiter and NZCF President)

### Round 4

Scores after R 3: Kulashko 3, Wohl 2½, Garbett 2, Ker 2, Watson 1½, Dive 1½, Smith 1½, Tindall 1½, Lukey 1½, Zhao 1½, Levi 1, Guthrie ½, Saksena ½, Ilic ½.

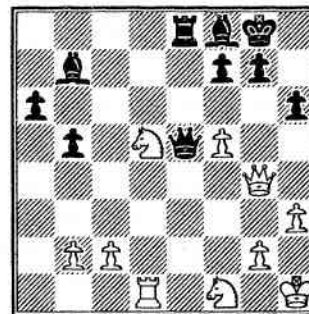
Kulashko-Wohl	0-1
Ker-Garbett	1-0
Tindall-Dive	1-0
Zhao-Smith	1-0
Watson-Lukey	½-½
Ilic-Levi	0-1
Guthrie-Saksena	½-½

Wohl's bishop pair ended up exerting too much pressure for Kulashko's pair of knights.

### Kulashko, A - Wohl, A

Zonal, R 4 [B30] Sicilian Def., Rossolimo Var.

1. f3 c5 2. e4 e6 3. Qb5 f6 4. e2 c7 5. e3  
 e6 6. Qxc6 f3 7. d4 exd4 8. d4 b6 9. b3  
 b4 10. d2 0-0 11. a3 e7 12. e3 c7 13. f4 a6  
 14. 0-0 d6 15. f1 d1 b5 16. f5 b7 17. Qf4 exf5  
 18. exf5 f8 19. d4 f8 20. d3 f8 21. g3  
 h5 22. g4 f4 23. f4 f4 e5 24. f3 c5+  
 25. h1 e3 26. g5 h6 27. e4 e5 28. g3  
 e8 29. d1 e1 30. h3 f3+ 31. f1 d5  
 32. d1 d6 33. f1 f3 34. d5 f8



35. e3

35. c4.

35... b4 36. a4 e2 37. f3 c1 f3 g4 38. hxg4 e2  
 39. h2 d6+ 40. h3 Qxg2+ 41. h4 Qxf1 0-1

### Final scores

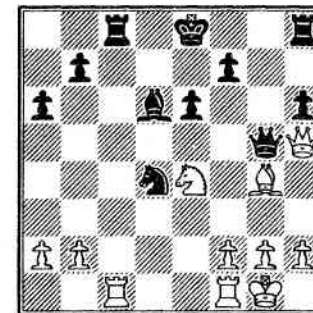
A Wohl 7.5, Z Zhao 6.5, A Ker 6, P Garbett 5, B Watson 5, R J Dive 5, B Tindall 5, A Kulashko 4.5, E Levi 4.5, S Lukey 4.5, D Guthrie 3.5, R W Smith 3.5, K Saksena 1.5, I Ilic 3.

A second loss for Paul Garbett after such a bright start, with wins in the first two rounds, was very disappointing. Garbett blundered a pawn and, in the ending, a piece; Garbett had at least some compensation for the pawn with a well centralised king and the more active rook.

### Ker, A - Garbett, P

Zonal, R 4 [D10] Queen's Gambit, Slav Def.

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. exd5 exd5 4. e3 f6 5. Qf4  
 e6 6. e3 a6 7. Qd3 g4 8. e2 Qxe2 9. f3 e6  
 10. f1 d1 11. g5 f8 12. 0-0 h6 13. Qh4 c7  
 14. Qxf6 gxf6 15. f5 e7 16. e4 dxe4 17. Qxe4  
 f5 18. Qxf5 g5 19. g4 d4 20. e4



20... f3 h5 21. d6+ f7 22. Qxh5 f3 c1  
 23. f3 c1 f3 d6 24. d1 e5 25. Qxf7 f8 26. g6  
 b5 27. f3 e6 28. Qe4 a5 29. f2 a4 30. g4 b4  
 31. f3 d4 1-0

If confirmation was needed that Dive was out of form, it came in this game. He got done in in his favourite Alekhine's Defence when Tindall's queenside pawn majority, backed up by the bishop pair, proved to be unstoppable.

### Tindall, B - Dive, R

Zonal, R 4 [B02] Alekhine's Def., 2P Att.

1. e4 f6 2. e5 d5 3. c4 e6 4. d4 d6 5. exd6



cx d6 6. d3 g6 7. d3 g7 8. c1 0-0 9. b3 e5 10. dx e5 dx e5 11. x d8 x d8 12. c5 d6 d7 13. f3 d6 14. d4 d4 15. c4 f8 16. d6 d6 17. gxf3+ 18. d7 18. e2 h6 19. b4 e7 20. dxc8 xxc8 21. h d1 d7 22. b5 g5 23. xxd7 24. d5 b6 25. cxb6 dxb6 26. xxc8+ dxc8 27. a4 f8 28. a5 b4 29. b6 axb6 30. axb6 d7 31. b7 d6 32. c5 1-0

Against Zhao, Smith's pawn weaknesses on the queenside became exploitable in the endgame and Bob's IM title aspirations were effectively at an end.

**Zhao,Z - Smith,R**

Zonal, R 4 [B06] Modern Def.

1. e4 g6 2. d4 g7 3. d3 d6 4. e3 c6 5. d2 d7 6. f3 h6 7. d3 c7 8. 0-0 e7f6 9. h3 a6 10. a4 a5 11. h2 e5 12. eae1 d5 13. d5 g5 14. dxc6 bxc6 15. e2 d6f6 16. d1 f8 17. d4 d4 18. d4 g4 19. d4 g4 20. dxc8 xxc8 21. e2 e6 22. d3 b8 23. b3 g8 24. d1 b1 25. f3 c8 26. e1 e7 27. d2 d8 28. d4 c7 29. d1 d8 30. f1 e7 31. g3 f3 32. f3 g3 33. g2 d5 34. d3 dxe4 35. dxe4 xxd3 36. xxd3 g5 37. g4 h5 38. f5+ f8 39. f3 h4 40. h4 g4 41. c3 d7 42. e2 g6 43. xxc6 xxc6 44. xxc6 xxc6 45. d7+ g7 46. dxc6 f5 47. gxf5 f6 48. b4 axb4 49. a5 dxf5 50. a6 b6 51. a7 dxa7 52. dxa7 b3 53. cxb3 d4 54. d5 55. d3 1-0

Watson-Lukey: petered out into a roughly equal rook ending which was soon drawn by repetition.

**Watson,B - Lukey,S**

Zonal, R 4 [A26] English Opening, Sicilian Att.

1. f3 f6 2. g3 g6 3. g2 g7 4. 0-0 0-0 5. c4 d6 6. d3 e5 7. d3 d6 8. b1 h6 9. b4 d6 10. b5 d7 11. a4 d7 12. a3 b3 13. c5 d6 14. d6 d6 15. dxd5 dxd5 16. b3 dxc5 17. dxc5 f8 18. b1 e4 19. dxe4 xxe4 20. d1 d8 21. e3 e6 22. d3 d7 23. d4 d4 24. exf4 xxb3 25. xxb3 dxd4 26. d1 f6 27. xxd8 dxd8 28. d3 d6 29. d7 e7 30. d8 a6 31. bxa6 bxa6 32. e8 e6 33. e7 e6 34. d5 dxe5 35. fxe5 g5 36. g4 d7 37. f4 gxf4 38. f3 f8 39. h4 d7 40. e8 d6 41. e8+ d7 42. e8 d6 43. e8+ d7 1/2-1/2

Levi obtained a more or less winning position against Ilic right out of the opening.

**Ilic,I - Levi,E**

Zonal, R 4 [D00] Queen's Pawn Game

1. d4 d6 2. d3 d5 3. d4 f5 4. d2 e6 5. e3 c5 6. f3 d6 7. g4 d6 8. h4 h5 9. g5 d7 10. d3 c8 11. dxc5 dxc5 12. d5 b6 13. d5 d7 14. d4 d4 15. exd4 d4 16. d4 a5 17. dxd7+ dxd7 18. d2 e2 19. d2 d8 20. a3 d6 21. d4 d4 22. d4 b6 23. d5 e5 24. d2 e2 25. eae1 d3 26. d4 g7 27. dxe2 dxe2+ 28. d3 g6 29. d2 d1 30. d4 d4 0-1

Saksena unnecessarily lost a pawn but the bishop ending was drawn anyway, though Guthrie tried for a long time to get more than the half point.

**Guthrie,D - Saksena,K**

Zonal, R 4 [D45] Queen's Gambit, Anti-Meran Var.

1. d4 d6 2. c4 e6 3. d3 d5 4. d3 c6 5. e3 b4 6. d3 0-0 7. 0-0 e8 8. a3 a5 9. b4 c7 10. d2 d7 11. e4 d8 12. e5 d6d7 13. e1 f6 14. b3 f5 15. eae1 d6 16. exd5 dxd5 17. b5 d7 18. dxd5 cxd5 19. a4 c8 20. a3 d6 21. c2 d4 22. d1 dxf3+ 23. dxf3 d4 24. c5 b6 25. g3 h6 26. a3 d6 27. e1 b8 28. xxc8 xxc8 29. xxc8+ dxc8 30. d3 e8 31. d2 d7 32. h4 d7 33. d2 d8 34. b4 e8 35. d6 d7 36. h5 e7 37. c7 d7 38. d3 c3 39. dxa3 d7 40. d3 d8 41. d2 e7 42. d4 g5 43. d4 g6+ 44. d4 h6 45. d4 h4 46. d4 h7+ 47. d4 g6+ 48. d4 h5 49. d4 h7 50. d4 h7 51. d4 h3 52. d4 h4 53. axb5 d7 54. d5 d7 55. d2 d7 56. d5 d7 57. d3 d8 58. f4 d7 59. d2 d6 60. g4 f3 61. d4 d7 62. d2 d8 63. d1 d7 64. d3 d7 65. d6 d8 66. d2 d7 67. d7 d8 68. d5+ d7 69. d6 d7 70. d2 d8+ 71. d7 d7 72. d3 d8 73. d6 d7 74. d5 d7 75. d1 d7 76. d2 d7 77. d3 d7 78. f5 exf5 79. d6 f4 80. d5 f3 81. d4 f2 82. d3 d5 83. d2 d7 84. d4 d6 85. d3 d5 86. d1 d7 87. d7 d6 88. d3 d7 89. d7 d6 90. d8 d4 91. e6 d6 92. d4 d2 93. e7 d7 94. d2 d5 95. a6 d4 96. d5 d6 97. d6 1/2-1/2

**Round 5**

Scores after R 4: Wohl 3 1/2, Kulashko 3, Ker 3, Zhao 2 1/2, Watson 2 1/2, Tindall 2 1/2, Garbett 2, Lukey 2, Levi 2, Dive 1 1/2, Smith 1 1/2, Guthrie 1, Saksena 1, Ilic 1/2

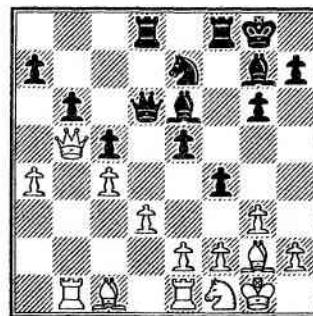
Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Wohl-Tindall 1-0, Ker-Kulashko 1/2-1/2, Levi-Zhao 0-1, Garbett-Watson 0-1, Smith-Lukey 0-1, Saksena-Dive 0-1, Guthrie-Ilic 1-0

Tindill sacrificed a pawn and the exchange, but got nothing for the material except a lost position.

**Wohl,A - Tindall,B**

Zonal, R 5 [A37] English, Symmetrical Var.

1. d3 c5 2. g3 d6 3. c4 e5 4. d3 g6 5. d2 g7 6. 0-0 d7 7. d1 0-0 8. d2 d6 9. a3 d6 10. d3 d5 11. exd5 dxd5 12. d3 d3 13. bxc3 d7 14. b1 d8 15. c4 b6 16. e1 d7 17. b3 f5 18. b5 d6 19. a4 f4 20. d1



20... f3? 21. dxf3 xxf3 22. exf3 f5 23. e3 d7 24. a6 d6 25. dxa7 dxf3 26. dxb6 dxd3 27. b3 d7 28. g5 d4 29. dxd8+ dxd8 30. dxd8 dxb3 31. a5 d8 32. h4 d4 33. d2 d6 34. d5 d4 35. b1 d6 36. d3 d8 37. d4 xa5 38. d6+ d7 39. d1 d6 40. dxa5 d4 41. dxc5 dxc5 42. dxc5 d6 43. d7 h6 44. c5 d5 45. d1 d3+ 46. d1 b5 47. d2 d6 48. d7 d8 49. d7 d6 50. d3 d5 51. d6 d5 52. d6 h5 53. d5 1-0

Ker-Kulashko reached a position of dynamic

equilibrium in which neither player was willing to risk the half point. Both retained reasonable chances of the IM title.

**Ker,A - Kulashko,A**

Zonal, R 5 [A45] QP, Trompowski Var.

1. d4 d6 2. d5 d6 3. d4 g5 4. f3 g4 5. fxe4 d5 6. exd5 dxd5 7. d3 a5 8. e4 d7 9. d2 d6 10. d5 dxd2+ 11. dxd2 d8 12. c3 e5 13. dxe5 dxe5 14. d3 h3 15. dxe5 dxe5 16. g3 h5 17. d2 h4 18. g4 c6 19. d3 d7 20. daf1 d6 21. d4 d8+ 22. d2 d7 23. dxe6 fxe6 24. d4 d7 25. d2 d6 26. d3 d8 27. d6 d7 28. d5 d8 29. d3 d8 30. d5 d8 31. d3 1/2-1/2

Zhao has been the big mover in the last two rounds. One rash attacking move by Levi saw Zhao win material, soon with a crushing position.

**Levi,E - Zhao,Z**

Zonal, R 5 [C15] French Def., Winawer Var.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. d3 d6 4. d3 dxe4 5. dxe4 d6 6. d4 0-0 7. d3 c5 8. dxc5 a5 9. d2 d7 10. 0-0 dxc5 11. d4 d7 12. d5 h6 13. d3 d5 14. d3 d6 15. d3 b6 16. d1 d7 17. a3 d7 18. d4 d7 19. d1 d8 20. dcb5? d4 21. d4 a6 22. d3

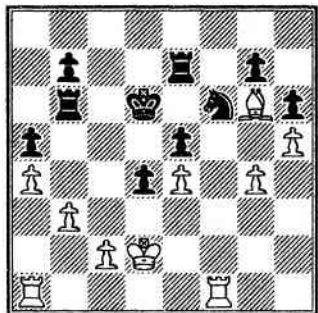
22. d7 (Fritz). 22... d6 23. d3 d8 24. f4? 24. d2. 24... d5 25. f5 d4 26. dxf4 xxd4 27. xxd4 dxd4+ 28. d1 dxc3 29. bxc3 xxc3 30. d3 d4 31. fxe6 d2+ 32. dxf2 d3 33. exf7 d5 34. g1 f4 35. d2+ d3 36. d3 d5 0-1

**Garbett,P - Watson,B**

Zonal, R 5 [B47] Sicilian Def., Paulsen Var.

1. e4 c5 2. d3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. dxd4 d6 5. d3 d7 6. d5 b8 7. a4 a6 8. d3 d6 9. d3 d5 10. d4 d5 11. d2 d4 12. d2 e5 13. 0-0 0-0 14. h3 d7 15. d3 d6 16. d5 d7 17. d3 h6 18. d2 d7 19. d3 d7 20. d5 d5 21. h4 dxd2 22. dxd2 d6 23. d4 d4 24. d4 d4 25. d4 d7 26. d3 d6 27. d1 a5 28. d3 d7 29. d5 d7 30. h5 d5 31. d1 d7 32. dxd7 xxd7 33. d6 d8 34. f3 d4 35. d1 d8 36. d1 d8 37. d2 d7 38. d2 f6 39. d4 d6

40. d2d5+ e2xd5 41. Qxd5 Bb6 42. b3 d6 43. Bf1 Bc7 44. Baa1 f5 45. g4 fxg4 46. fxg4 d7 47. Qf7 e1f6 48. Qg6



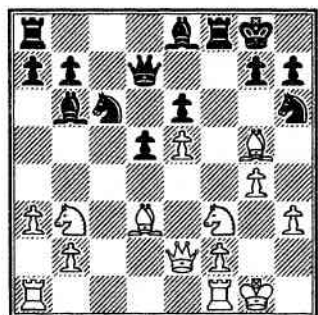
48... Bc6 49. g5 e2g4 50. gxh6 gxh6 51. Bf8 Bc7 52. Bc1 Bc3 53. Bb8+ e7 54. Bb5 Bg3 55. Qf5 Bg2+ 56. e1e3 57. Bxe5+ f8 58. Bb5 d2xc2+ 59. Bxc2 Bxc2 60. e1f1 Bc2+ 61. e1 Bb2 62. e1f1 Bg2 0-1

Lukey sacrificed the exchange for a pawn, probably with good compensation, but Smith's piece sacrifice in response was simply unsound, leaving Lukey with two minor pieces for a rook with equal pawns.

**Smith, R – Lukey, S**

Zonal, R 5 [C02] French Def., Advance Var.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 e6 5. e3 d7 6. e2 f6 7. 0-0 cxd4 8. cxd4 fxe5 9. dxe5 Qc5 10. e2bd2 e7 11. e1b3 Qb6 12. Qd3 0-0 13. Bc2 e1f5 14. Qd2 Bc7 15. a3 Qe8 16. Qg5 Bb7 17. g4 e1h6 18. h3



18... Bxf3 19. Bxf3 d2xe5 20. Qxh7+ e1xh7 21. Bc2 e1h7 22. Qf4 Bb5 23. Bc2+ Bb3 24. Baa1 Qa4

25. Qxe5 e2xe5 26. Bc3 e1f3+ 27. e2g2 e1h4+ 28. e1h1 Bc4+ 29. f3 Bc2 30. Bb2 Bxd2 31. e2xd2 Qe3 0-1

Saksena got a badly misplaced rook in the middle game, after which too many of Dive's pieces were able to infiltrate with strong threats against the white king's position.

**Saksena, K – Dive, R**

Zonal, R 5 [B02] Alekhine's Def, Two Pawns Att.

1. e4 e6 2. e5 d5 3. c4 e2b6 4. d4 d6 5. exd6 cxd6 6. e2c3 g6 7. Qe3 Qg7 8. Bc1 0-0 9. e1f3 Qg4 10. b3 d5 11. cxd5 e2xd5 12. e2xd5 Bxd5 13. Qc4 Bb5 14. 0-0 e2c6 15. Qe2 Bb5 16. h3 Qf5 17. a4 Bb8 18. Qb5 Qe4 19. Qxc6 Qxc6 20. Bc5 Bb6 21. d5 e6 22. d6 Qd5 23. Qf4 Bb6 24. Bb5 Bc6 25. Bc1 b6 26. Bc3 Bc8 27. e1h1 Bf8 28. Bg1 Bc3 29. Bb1 Bc2 30. Bc1 Bf5 31. Qg3 Bc3 32. e1h4 Bxh3+ 33. e1g1 Bg4 34. e1f3 Bc4 35. Bxe4 Qxe4 36. d2d2 Qxb1 37. Qh4 Bxd6 38. e2c4 Bb1+ 39. e1h2 Bb4 40. Qg3 Bb5 0-1

Guthrie gained a strong advanced passed pawn which eventually cost Ilic his rook.

**Guthrie, D – Ilic, I**

Zonal, R 5 [E73] King's Ind. Def., Averbakh Var.

1. d4 e1f6 2. c4 d6 3. e2c3 g6 4. e4 Qg7 5. Qe2 e2c6 6. d5 e2e5 7. f4 e2d7 8. e1f3 c6 9. 0-0 0-0 10. e1h1 cxd5 11. cxd5 e2c5 12. e5 e1fe4 13. e2xe4 e2xe4 14. Bb4 e2c5 15. b4 e2a6 16. Qb2 Bb6 17. Bxb6 axb6 18. a3 Qf5 19. Qd4 Qe4 20. Qxb6 Qxd5 21. Bb1 Qb3 22. Bb1 Qe6 23. exd6 exd6 24. e1d4 Qd7 25. Qf3 e1b8 26. Qxb7 Bxa3 27. b5 Bb4 28. e2c6 e2xc6 29. bxc6 Qe6 30. Qc7 Bb4 31. Bb1 Bxd1 32. Bxd1 d5 33. Qe1 Bb8 34. Qe5 Qxe5 35. fxe5 Bb7 36. e1f2 Bc7 37. Qe3 e1f8 38. e1d4 e2e7 39. e2c5 g5 40. Bb1 e1f8 41. e1d6 Bb7 42. c7 Bb8 43. Qxd5 Qxd5 44. e1d5 e2e7 45. e2c6 e2c6 46. Bb1 Bc8 47. Bb8 Bxc7+ 48. e2xc7 e2xc5 49. Bb7 f5 50. Bxb7 1-0

**Round 6**

Scores after R 5: Wohl 4½, Kulashko 3½, Ker 3½, Zhao 3½, Watson 3, Lukey 3, Dive 2½, Tindall 2½, Garbett 2, Levi 2, Guthrie 2, Smith 1½, Saksena 1, Ilic ½

Lukey-Wohl	0-1
Kulashko-Zhao	0-1
Watson-Ker	½-½
Dive-Guthrie	½-½
Tindall-Levi	0-1
Ilic-Garbett	0-1
Saksena-Smith	0-1

quiet defensive king withdrawal from c1 to b1. A little later Alexei missed a chance for an unclear, likely drawn continuation. Whether Black could have improved before the stunning 26. Kb1 is another point for investigation.

**Kulashko, A – Zhao, Z**

Zonal, R 6 [A49] King's Indian Def.

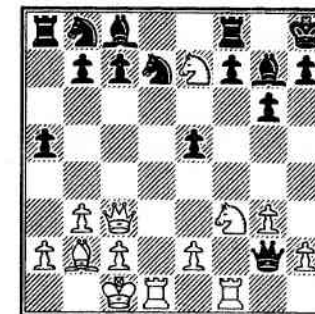
1. e1f3 e1f6 2. b3 g6 3. Qb2 Qg7 4. g3 0-0 5. Qg2 d6 6. d4 e5 7. dxe5 e1fd7 8. e2c3 dxe5 9. Bb2 Bc7 10. 0-0-0 a5 11. e2d5 Bc5 12. Bc3 Bxf2 13. Bb1 Bxg2 14. e2e7+ e1h8

Wohl held on to the gambit pawn in a Catalan, gradually steering into a won rook ending.

**Lukey, S – Wohl, A**

Zonal, R 6 [E04] Catalan System

1. d4 e1f6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d5 4. Qg2 dxc4 5. e1f3 a6 6. 0-0 e2c6 7. e2c3 Bb8 8. a4 Qb4 9. e3 0-0 10. Bc2 b5 11. Bb1 Bc7 12. e4 e5 13. d2xe5 e2xd4 14. Bxd4 Bxe5 15. Bb1 Bc8 16. Qf4 Bc5 17. Qe3 Bc7 18. axb5 axb5 19. Qg5 Qxc3 20. bxc3 h6 21. Qf4 Qb7 22. f3 e2d5 23. Qd2 f5 24. Bc1 fxe4 25. fxe4 e1f6 26. e5 e2g4 27. Qf4 Bc5+ 28. Bb4 Qxg2 29. e2xg2 e2xe5 30. Qxe5 Bxe5 31. Bb1 Bb8 32. Bb2 Bc6+ 33. e1h3 Bc6+ 34. e2g2 Bc2+ 35. Bxe2 Bxe2+ 36. Bc2 Bxe2+ 37. e1h3 Bc2 38. Bb5 c6 0-1



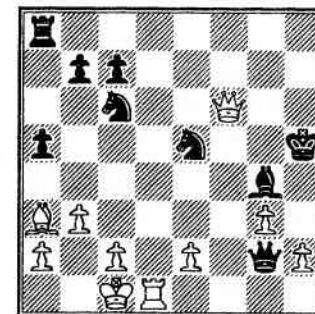
Watson-Ker was closely fought, though Watson reached what looked a marginally better ending only to watch Ker swap off almost all the pawns leaving a dead draw.

15. d2xe5 f6 16. e2xg6+ hxg6 17. e2xg6+ e2g8 18. e2xf8 e1xf8 19. Qa3+ e2g8 20. Bc4+ e1h7 21. Bf5 e2e5 22. Bb5+ e2g6 23. Bg8 e1xh5 24. Bxg7 e1bc6 25. Bxf6 Qg4

**Watson, B – Ker, A**

Zonal, R 6 [B08] Pirc Def.

1. e1f3 d6 2. d4 Qg4 3. e4 g6 4. Qe2 e1f6 5. e2c3 Qg7 6. 0-0 0-0 7. Qe3 e2c6 8. d5 Qxf3 9. Qxf3 e2e5 10. Qe2 c6 11. f4 e2d7 12. dxc6 bxc6 13. Qf3 Bc7 14. Bb3 Bb8 15. Bb1 Bf8 16. Bf1 e1e8 17. g4 e6 18. h3 g5 19. e2e2 gxf4 20. e2xf4 e2e5 21. Bc2 d5 22. e1h5 e1xf3+ 23. Bxf3 dxe4 24. Bxe4 e1f6 25. Bf4 Bxf4 26. Qxf4 Bxd1+ 27. Bxd1 Bc8 28. e2xg7 e2xg7 29. Qe5 e2g6 30. h3 h5 31. Bf1 e1d7 32. Qd4 hxg4 33. hxg4 e5 34. Qe3 e1f6 35. Bf5 e1d5 36. Qxa7 e1b4 37. Qc5 e2xc2 38. e1f2 Bb8 39. a4 Bb8 40. a5 Bb5 41. Qb6 Bxb3 42. Bxe5 e1b4 43. Bc3 Bb2+ 44. Bc2 Bxe2+ 45. e2xe2 f5 46. gxf5+ ½-½



**26. h4**

26. e1b1 Bg8 27. Qc1 Qc8 28. Bb6+ e2g4 29. Bf4+ e1h5 30. Bf1 Bxf1 31. Bxf1.

26... Bg8 27. Qf8 Qc8 28. Qg7 e2g4 29. Bf4+ e1h3 30. h5 Qg4 31. h6 Bxe2 32. Bb1+ e2g2 33. h7 e1b4 34. Bf1+ Bxf1+ 35. Bxf1 Bb8 36. Bf6 e1d5 37. Bb6 e1f7 38. h8 B e1xh8 39. Qxh8 e2xg3

Kulashko embarked on a violent sacrificial attack, the soundness of which is not easy to establish. He did miss a win but the winning move was very hard to spot – Fritz found it, a

40. Qc5+ f3 41. c4 e4 42. Qh2 f4 43. Qxf4  
 f4 44. Hh7 Hd7 45. Hh8 b6 46. c5 b5 47. Ha8  
 Hd5 48. Hxa5 Hxc5+ 49. f2 e5 50. a4 Qd7  
 51. axb5 Hxb5 52. Ha7 d6 53. f3 c3 Hh5  
 54. Ha6+ c6 55. f4 b4 Qe6 56. f4 a4 Hh3 57. b4  
 Qb3+ 0-1

Very little happened between Dive and Guthrie, other than the exchange of two pairs of minor pieces in this 26-move draw.

#### Dive, R – Guthrie, D

Zonal, R 6 [A48] King's Indian Def.

1. d4 f6 2. f3 g6 3. b4 Qg7 4. Qb2 0-0 5. Qbd2  
 d6 6. e3 Qbd7 7. Qc4 Hc8 8. Qe2 c6 9. a4 P7  
 10. 0-0 b6 11. Ha3 Qd5 12. Hb3 Qb7 13. Pa1 a6  
 14. Hd1 Hc8 15. Qf1 b5 16. Qcd2 Q7b6 17. a5  
 Qa4 18. c4 Qxb2 19. Pxb2 f6 20. P1 d5 21. c5  
 Hd8 22. Qe5 Qc8 23. Qd3 Qd7 24. Qxd7 Qxd7  
 25. h3 e5 26. dxe5 Hxe5 1/2-1/2

Tindall dropped a pawn at the time control and conceded several hours later.

#### Tindall, B – Levi, E

Zonal, R 6 [C42] Petroff's Def.

1. e4 e5 2. f3 f6 3. Qxe5 d6 4. f3 Qxe4 5. d4  
 d5 6. Qd3 Qg4 7. 0-0 Qe7 8. He1 Qc6 9. Qxe4  
 dxe4 10. Hxe4 Qxf3 11. Pxf3 Qxd4 12. Qd3 Qe6  
 13. Qe2 0-0 14. Qe3 Qd5 15. Qc3 Qa5 16. P1 b5  
 Pxb5 17. Qxb5 Qf6 18. c3 a6 19. Qa3 b5 20. f4 g6  
 21. Hf1 Qg7 22. g4 Hfe8 23. Hxe8+ Hxe8 24. Qc2  
 Qe7 25. f5 gxf5 26. gxf5 Qf6 27. Qg2 Hd8 28. Qh6  
 Hd6 29. Qf4 Hd7 30. Qh6 Hd6 31. Qf4 Hd7  
 32. Qc1 e5 33. Qe3 h5 34. Qf3 b4 35. c4 Qd4  
 36. Qf4 Qc7 37. Hg1 Qf8 38. Hg2 f6 39. Hg6 Qf7  
 40. Qd5 He1 41. Qd2 Hf1+ 42. Qe4 Qxf5 43. Hg2  
 Qd6+ 44. Qd3 a5 45. b3 f5 46. Qe3 Qxe3 47. Qxe3  
 Ha1 48. He2 Qg6 49. Hg2+ Qf6 50. Qd5+ Qe5  
 51. Hg7 Qe4 52. Hc7 Qd6 53. Hf7 Hxa2 54. Hxf5  
 Qf2+ 55. Qe3 Qg4+ 56. Qe4 Qe2+ 57. Qd3 Hxh2  
 58. Hg5 Hh3+ 59. Qc2 Hh2+ 60. Qd3 Hh3+  
 61. Qc2 Qe5 62. Qf6 Qf3 63. Qe4+ Qe7 64. Hxc5  
 Qd4+ 65. Qb2 Hh2+ 66. Qb1 Qxb3 67. Hb5 h4  
 68. c5 Qd2+ 69. Qxd2 Qxd2 70. c6 h3 71. Hb7+  
 Qd8 72. Hh7 h2 73. Qc1 Hg2 0-1

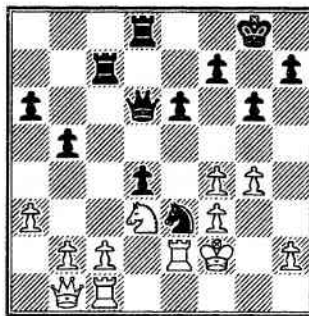
Ilic played a strange opening as white and Garbett chased the white pieces home except for a knight which he pinned, forcing the win of the

exchange.

#### Ilic, I – Garbett, P

Zonal, R 6 [D00] Queen's Pawn Game

1. d4 f6 2. Qc3 d5 3. g3 Qf5 4. f3 e6 5. Qh4 Qg4  
 6. f3 Qh5 7. Qg2 c5 8. Qf4 cxd4 9. Pxd4 Qc6  
 10. Pa4 d4 11. Qd1 Qd6 12. Qxh5 Qxh5 13. Qg2  
 0-0 14. Qf2 Qb4+ 15. Qf1 Hc8 16. a3 Qe7 17. f4  
 Qf6 18. Qd3 Qd5 19. Qf3 g6 20. Qf2 Qa5 21. Qd2  
 Qc4 22. Qb4 a6 23. Qxe7 Pxe7 24. Hc1 Qd6  
 25. P1 b3 Qd2 26. Pa2 Qxf3 27. exf3 b5 28. Hh1  
 Qe3 29. P1 b1 Hfd8 30. He2 Hc7 31. g4



31... g5 32. Qg3 gxf4+ 33. Qxf4 f5 34. Hxe3 dxe3  
 35. c4 Qe5 36. cxb5 Hxc1 37. Pxc1 f4 38. Qc4  
 axb5 39. Qc3 Qd4 0-1

Smith won a pawn in the middle game and technique did the rest.

#### Saksena, K – Smith, R

Zonal, R 6 [B42] Sicilian Def., Paulsen Var.

1. e4 c5 2. f3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Qxd4 a6 5. Qd3  
 Qf6 6. 0-0 P7 7. Qd2 Qe7 8. Qd2f3 d6 9. h3 Qbd7  
 10. He1 0-0 11. b3 b6 12. c4 Qb7 13. Qb2 Hfd8  
 14. Qe2 Qf8 15. Hc1 Hc8 16. Qd2 g6 17. Qf3  
 Qg7 18. Qa1 b5 19. cxb5 axb5 20. Qd3 Pa5  
 21. Qe2 Pxa2 22. Qxb5 Hxc1 23. Hxc1 Qxe4  
 24. Qxg7 Qxg7 25. Qe3 Qxd2 26. Qxd2 Pa5  
 27. Qf1 Qf6 28. Qc4 P1 b4 29. Hd1 Qd5 30. Hd4  
 Qc5 31. Qd2 Qe4 32. Qb2 e5 33. Hd1 Qf6 34. Qe3  
 Qe6 35. b4 P1 b6 36. b5 Hb8 37. Qc3 Hc8 38. P1 b4  
 d5 39. Pa4 d4 40. Qc2 Qd5 41. He1 Qd6 42. Qa3  
 Qb6 43. Qd1 Pxa3 44. Qxe5 Qc3 45. h4 Ha8  
 46. Qe2 d3 47. Qe4 Ha4 48. P1 b7 Qxe5 49. Pxb6  
 d2 50. Qd8 Qd4 0-1

#### Round 7

Scores after R 6: Wohl 5½, Zhao 4½, Ker 4,  
 Kulashko 3½, Watson 3½, Lukey 3, Dive 3,  
 Levi 3, Garbett 3, Tindall 2½, Guthrie 2½,  
 Smith 2½, Saksena 1, Ilic ½

Wohl-Dive	1-0
Zhao-Ker	½-½
Watson-Kulashko	1-0
Garbett-Levi	1-0
Lukey-Saksena	1-0
Smith-Guthrie	½-½
Ilic-Tindall	0-1

The game Zhao-Ker, annotated by Anthony Ker, will be published in the next issue of NZ Chess.

Wohl sacrificed a pawn against Dive and gradually built up a kingside attack. Dive blundered in time trouble.

#### Wohl, A – Dive, R

Zonal R 7 [B06] Modern Def.

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Qg7 3. Qc3 d6 4. f3 c6 5. Qe3 b5  
 6. Qd3 Qf6 7. Qd2 P7 8. h3 Qbd7 9. 0-0 0-0  
 10. Hfe1 Qb7 11. a3 a6 12. e5 dxe5 13. dxe5  
 Qxe5 14. Qxe5 Pxe5 15. Qf4 P5 16. b4 Qd4  
 17. Qe3 Qd7 18. Qc5 Hfe8 19. Hd1 P7 20. Qe4  
 Qd7 21. Qe3 Hd8 22. Qe5 Qc8 23. Qxd7 Qxd7  
 24. Qe5 Qe6 25. Qe3 Qd7 26. h4 Qd5 27. h5 e5  
 28. hxg6 hxg6 29. P1 b3 Qdd8 30. P1 h4 Ha8 31. f3  
 Qd8 32. P1 h2 P1 f6 33. Qf2 Qf8 34. Qe3 P1 g7 35. Hh1  
 Qe7 36. Qh6 P1 f6 37. Hd1 Qd6 38. Qg5 P1 g7  
 39. P1 h4 Qf8 40. Qf6 1-0

#### Garbett, P – Levi, E

Zonal, R 7 [D02] Queen's Pawn Game

1. f3 d5 2. g3 c5 3. Qg2 Qc6 4. d4 f6 5. 0-0 Qg4  
 6. Qe5 cxd4 7. Qxg4 Qxg4 8. e3 f6 9. exd4 e6  
 10. c4 Qe7 11. Qc3 0-0 12. cxd5 Qxd5 13. Qxd5  
 exd5 14. Qe3 Qf6 15. Qd2 P1 b6 16. Hfd1 Hfd8  
 17. Hc1 Qe7 18. h4 Hc8 19. Qh3 Hc7 20. Qg2  
 Qd6 21. h5 h6 22. Qf5 Qf8 23. Qf4 Hc7 24. Qb1  
 Hd8 25. Qe3 He6 26. a3 Qd6 27. Qd3 Hc4  
 28. Qc3 H4e6 29. Qf5 Hf6 30. Qg4 Qd8 31. P1 b3  
 P1 b8 32. Hd1 Qe7 33. Qd2 Qc7 34. Qd7 Hd8  
 35. Hxe7 Qd6 36. Qe3 Qxe7 37. P1 e7 Qh7 38. Qf4  
 Hxf4 39. gxf4 P1 f4 40. He1 Hg8 41. Qe3 P1 h4  
 42. Hh1 Qd8 43. Qf5+ Qh8 44. Hh3 H8

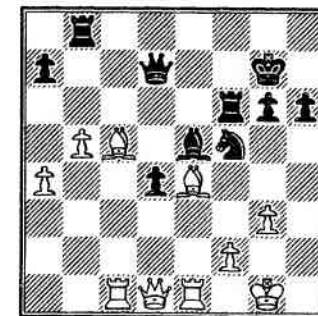
45. Pxe8+ Pxe8 46. Hc3 g6 47. Hc8 1-0

Watson continued his run of wins and set back Alexei's IM title aspirations for the moment. He won a pawn, followed by immediate liquidation which led to an easily won rook ending.

#### Watson, B – Kulashko, A

Zonal R 7 [A04] Dutch System

1. f3 c5 2. g3 g6 3. Qg2 Qg7 4. 0-0 Qc6 5. d3 e5  
 6. e4 Qe7 7. Qbd2 0-0 8. a4 f5 9. c3 h6 10. b4  
 cxb4 11. cxb4 d5 12. b5 dxe4 13. dxe4 Qd4  
 14. Qa3 f4 15. Qxd4 exd4 16. e5 Qxe5 17. Qc4  
 Qf6 18. Qd6 Qe5 19. Qxb7 Qxb7 20. Qxb7 Hb8  
 21. Qe4 Qg7 22. Hc1 Hf6 23. He1 fxg3 24. hxg3  
 Qf5 25. Qc5 Qd7



26. Qxf5 P1 f5 27. Qxd4 Qxd4 28. Pxd4 Hb7  
 29. Hc6 Hb7 30. Hxf6 P1 f6 31. Hd1 Pxd4  
 32. Hxd4 He7 33. Qd6 h5 34. f4 He2 35. Hd7+ Qf6  
 36. Hxa7 Hb2 37. Hc7 Qf5 38. Hc3 Qe4 39. Ha3  
 Qd4 40. a5 Hxb5 41. a6 Hb8 42. a7 Ha8 43. Qg2  
 Qe4 44. Qh3 Qf5 45. Qh4 Qf6 46. Ha5 Qf7 47. Qg5  
 Qg7 48. Ha4 1-0

Garbett-Levi: reached a boring symmetrical position where Garbett's bishop pair conferred a slight edge; but Levi blundered a piece. Against Saksena, Lukey was winning by move 20.

#### Lukey, S – Saksena, K

Zonal, R 7 [B07] Pirc Def.

1. e4 d6 2. d4 g6 3. Qc3 Qg7 4. Qe3 f6 5. f3 c6  
 6. Qd2 b5 7. Qh6 0-0 8. h4 P1 b6 9. Qxg7 Qxg7  
 10. h5 Hh8 11. hxg6 hxg6 12. Hxh8 Qxh8

13.♖h6+ ♘g8 14.e5 dxe5 15.dxe5 ♘d5 16.♘d5  
 cxd5 17.♘e2 ♘c6 18.0-0-0 ♘xe5 19.♘c3 d4  
 20.♘d5 ♖d8 21.♖xd4 ♗f8 22.♗xf8+ ♘xf8  
 23.♗xb5 ♘b7 24.♘e3 a6 25.♘e2 ♖c8 26.b3 ♘c6  
 27.♖a4 e5 28.♗xa6 ♗xa6 29.♖xa6 ♘b4 30.♖a5  
 f5 31.a3 ♘d3+ 32.♘d2 ♘c5 33.b4 ♘d7 34.♘d5  
 ♘f7 35.♖a7 ♘e6 36.♖xd7 ♘xd7 37.♘b6+ ♘c7  
 38.♘xc8 ♘xc8 39.g4 ♘c7 40.gxf5 gxf5 41.e4  
 ♘b6 42.a4 1-0

Guthrie blundered a pawn, but only when Smith won a second one was he close to winning. However, Guthrie's initiative regained one pawn and Smith was unable to win the ending.

#### Smith,R - Guthrie,D

Zonal, R 7 [B51] Sicilian Def., Rossolimo Var.

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.d4 ♘gf6 5.♘c3  
 a6 6.♗xd7+ ♘xd7 7.0-0 e6 8.dxc5 ♘xc5 9.♗f4  
 b5 10.a3 ♘b7 11.♖e1 ♖c7 12.♖d4 ♖d8 13.♗g3  
 e5 14.♖d2 ♘e7 15.♖ad1 ♘c6 16.♘d5 ♖b7 17.h3  
 0-0 18.♘h2 ♘a4 19.♖c1 f5 20.♘xe7+ ♖xe7  
 21.exf5 ♖xf5 22.♘g4 ♖f8 23.c4 ♖b7 24.cxb5  
 axb5 25.♘e3 ♘c5 26.♗xe5 ♘e4 27.♗g3 ♖c8  
 28.♖b1 ♘g3 29.fxg3 ♘e4 30.♖a2+ ♘h8 31.♖b3  
 ♖b6 32.♖f1 ♖f8 33.♘h2 ♘a8 34.♘d5 ♖c6  
 35.♖f2 ♖e5 36.♘b4 ♖e8 37.♖xd6 h6 38.♖d1  
 ♖e3 39.♖d3 ♖e1 40.♖d1 ♖e2 41.♖df1 ♖e4  
 42.♖f3 ♖xf3 43.gxf3 ♘xf3 44.♖xe2 ♖xe2 45.♖f2  
 ♘c4 46.♖d2 ♖e8 47.♘c2 ♘g8 48.♘g2 g5 49.g4  
 ♖e5 50.♘f2 ♖e4 51.♘e3 ♘e6 52.♘d5 ♘g7 53.♘f3  
 ♖e1 54.♘c3 ♘c4 55.♖d7+ ♘g6 56.♖d6+ ♘g7  
 57.♖b6 ♖h1 58.♘g2 ♖c1 59.♘xb5 ♖c2+ 60.♘g1  
 ♖xb2 61.♖b7+ ♘g6 62.♘d6 ♖xb7 63.♘xb7 h5  
 64.♘f2 hxg4 65.hxg4 ♘f6 66.♘d6 ♘b3 67.♘e4+  
 ♘e5 68.♘d2 ♘d1 69.♘g3 ♘d4 70.♘f3+ ♘c3  
 71.♘g5 ♘xg4 72.♘xg4 ♘b3 73.a4 ♘xa4 ½-½

Against Tindall, Ilic shed pawns at regular intervals.

#### Ilic,I - Tindall,B

Zonal, R 7 [B54] Sicilian Defence, Rausser Var.

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♗d3  
 g6 6.c3 ♗g7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♘a3 ♘bd7 9.f3 a6  
 10.♘e3 d5 11.exd5 ♘d5 12.♗f2 ♘f4 13.♗c2  
 ♘f6 14.♘e4 ♖c7 15.♘c3 ♖d8 16.♖e1 e5 17.♘e2  
 ♘e6 18.b3 ♘xe2+ 19.♖xe2 ♖xc3 20.♖fd1 ♖d4  
 21.♘f1 ♖xd1 22.♖xd1 ♖c8 23.♗e4 ♘xe4  
 24.♖xe4 ♖c6 25.♖h4 ♗f5 26.g4 ♗f6 27.♖g3 ♘e6

28.♘e3 ♖c7 29.g5 ♗g7 30.h4 ♖d8 31.♖xd8+  
 ♖xd8 32.♘g2 ♖d7 33.♖h2 ♖d2 34.♖g1 ♖xa2  
 35.♖d1 ♖xb3 36.♖d8+ ♗f8 37.♘g3 ♖a3 38.♘f1  
 e4 39.♘d2 ♖d6+ 40.♖xd6 ♘xd6+ 0-1

### FIDE exhibition at the Sydney Olympiad

FIDE have got their chess exhibition during the Sydney Olympic Games. After agreeing to meet the costs and a lot of lobbying there will be a couple of exhibition events. Viswanathan Anand will play - but Ian Rogers has indicated that he will not be available.

The organisers intend Anand to play an exhibition rapid match against Shirov on September 25 and a simultaneous exhibition immediately afterwards against some of the athletes in the Olympics (as Kasparov did in 1992 in Barcelona).

The next day an exhibition game between Anand and Darryl Johansen is planned for the centre of Sydney, with living pieces and a space age theme. It is reported that at least half a dozen FIDE and FIDE Commerce officials are intending to fly over to watch, including the FIDE President Kirsan Iljumzhinov.

Ian Rogers was invited to take part via a letter to the Australian Chess Federation (no direct contact was made to the player himself). He pre-empted this by declining to play in advance in an emailed letter to Graeme Gardiner, President of ACF. Ian said: "Although I have yet to receive an official invitation from FIDE, I am writing to declare my unavailability to play in FIDE's chess exhibition at the Olympic Athletes' Village. Normally I am very proud to represent Australia at major chess events but the circumstances of this event and the likelihood that I would be regarded as an 'Ambassador of FIDE' have led me to decline."

Ian Rogers has been a long time critic of FIDE President Kirsan Iljumzhinov.

### Tournament points

(To the editor)

Sir, - While I appreciate there will inevitably be errors in *NZ Chess* from time to time, and I usually just note them in passing and forget it, I feel obliged to remark on a string of mistakes that - co-incidentally - involve me.

Firstly in the October issue Peter Stuart's report on the Birkenhead Licensing Trust Open listed the leading scores after round 4. Those on 3 were Watson and Gill, with another 9 players mentioned who were on 2.5. I could have sworn I had 3 points at that stage: 2 wins and 2 draws. At the time I just dismissed the omission as yet another oversight.

Then came the April issue - and the report on the New Zealand Championship. Apparently after round 10 leading scores included Dive and Wastney on 4.5. My name was not mentioned, but I could have sworn I had 5 points at the time. My recollection is further backed up by the fact that after round 11 I did have 5 points, despite losing to IM Van Riemsdijk. So either someone very generously gave me a point for the loss, or I already had 5.

Again I just decided to forget it.

But then came the June issue and the report on the Oceania Zonal. I must admit, this time the cross table gives my score correctly. However, adding an extra point to two other players certainly helps to make my somewhat forgettable performance look even worse. Despite what the cross table says, David Guthrie did not finish a point ahead of me on 4.5; he finished on the same score - 3.5. And Stephen Lukey did not finish two points ahead of me on 5.5; he actually scored 4.5 - just a point in front.

I would ask the authors of tournament reports to take more care in future; I don't mind my bad/indifferent results being reported correctly, but I do take issue when the facts are - unintentionally or otherwise - misrepresented.

Yours sincerely,  
 FM Bob Smith

*[The editor takes responsibility for these errors - under our new publishing arrangements tournament tables have given us a good deal of trouble, taking a lot of time - and leading to some errors which should not have occurred.]*

### Waikato open rapid

By William Lynn (tournament director)

As expected, the Waikato open rapid tournament held on June 18 was won by Alexei Kulashko with 4.5/5, half a point ahead of Antonio Krstev 4, with Leonard McLaren and F Fuatai a point back on 3. A critical third round game saw Bob Smith trying to avoid a series of checks (while in a promising position). Alas, Bob moved his king into a checkmate position.

The only other game to stretch Kulashko was in round four, which was a hard-fought draw with Hilton Bennett.

Krstev was the find of the tournament. He beat the second and third seeds, losing only to top see Kulashko.

The two juniors, Puchen Wang and Harry Cheng, gained valuable experience and turned in worthwhile performances.

Other scores in the field of 12: Puchen Wang 2.5, Hilton Bennett 2.5, Robert Smith 2.5, Harry Cheng 2, Graham Pocock 2, Alan Dunn 1.5, Don Eade 1.5, Vivian Smith 1.

There were 23 players in the Under 1600 grade, which gave many local school pupils the opportunity to play in a rated tournament. The event was won impressively by the highest-rated player, Mark Kimberley, on 4.5/5. Local Gary Judkins turned in a solid performance to finish in a three-way tie for second with Ray Utai and Malo Alafa'apae, half a point behind the winner.

Ian McKay and Jonathon Guu, local school pupils at St Paul's Collegiate School (tutored by Gary Judkins) shared the runner-up prize in the junior group.

Other scores: Chun Jeong 3.5, Wayne Alafa'apae 3, Thomas Gothorp 3, Roland Stierand 3, Andrew Mayne 3, Jonathon Guu 3, Ian McKay 3, Neil Hackshall 2.5, Jordan Ward 2.5, Helen Courtney 2, Paul Tairua 2, John McRae 2, David Priest 2, Blair Robertson 2, Christopher Phillips 2, Jason Cho 2, Tim Judkins 1, Navin Singh 1, Brendan Fisher 1.

## Correspondence chess

By Gordon Hoskyn

The winner of NZCCA's 1999-2000 handicap competition is Michael Whaley (Auckland). Other prize-winners were 2 Tim Doyle (Wellington), 3 Ted Frost (Wanganui), 4 Murray Dunwoody (Te Awamutu), and 5 Julian Larsen (Auckland).

At the time of writing, individual statistics were unavailable. The following three games are by the major placegetters.

Michael Whaley wrote the following introduction:

Although I have played or maintained an interest in chess for almost 40 years, apart from playing over the odd game the last eight years have been fairly inactive.

This changed last year. During a visit to Melbourne I bought Stephen Gerzadowicz's book the "Journal of a Chess Original" (also available from New Zealand Chess Supplies). Not only was it fun to read, it encouraged me to start playing by correspondence, something I unsuccessfully tried for a short period 30 years ago.

I must say that the chance to play again without having to learn all those opening variations and struggling under time pressure has been most enjoyable.

The following game has more than its share of mistakes, however it taught me a couple of "correspondence" lessons.

### Williams, B – Whaley, M

[C05] French Def., Tarrasch Var.  
NZCCA Handicap, 1999  
Notes by Michael Whaley

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.d2 d1f6 4.e5 d1f7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 d1c6 7.d1f3 b1b6 8.d1d3

Although I've played the French for over 20 years, I have never seen this move before. This type of gambit is usually played in the Tarrasch without the inclusion of 5.f4.

8...cxd4

Why not?

9.cxd4 d1xd4 10.d1xd4 b1xd4 11.d1f3 b1b4+

Lesson one: Be cautious when your oppone-

ment gives you a conditional move that is not forced or known theory! After Bb4+ White can drive the B away with tempo, making it difficult for Black to gain control over the important a7-g1 diagonal.

12.d1e2 b1b6 13.a3! d1e7

Had I played 11...Qb6 I would have been able to put the B on c5. Now 13...Bc5 would cost another tempo after 14.b4.

14.b4 b1d8

Vacating b6 so that I can complete my development with Nb6, Bd7, Rc8.

15.f1

I was more concerned about a plan that involved Bb2, Rc1, Bb1 and Qd3.

15...a5

In the hope of exchanging Rs whilst at the same time trying to prevent White's Qside Ps advancing – that would restrict my development plan.

16.d1d2 axb4 17.axb4 f1xa1 18.f1xa1 0-0 19.d1d4 d1b6 20.g4 d1c4 21.d1c3 b1b6 22.f1a2

White's plan is too slow. He needs to open the position before Black's pieces become better positioned

22...d1d7 23.g5

If 23.Bxc4, Rc8.

22...f1c8

Plan completed and Black is still breathing. 24.d1c2??

Should lose immediately.

24...g6??

Seeing things on the back rank that aren't there. Lesson Two: In correspondence use a couple of extra days to find the best move!

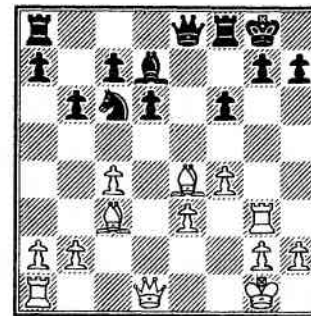
25.h4?? d1e3

White resigns. If 26.d1d4, 26...f1xc2 or 26.d1xe3 f1xc3. 0-1

### Doyle, T – Bennett, H

[A52] Budapest Def., main line  
64th NZCCA Championship, 1997

1.d4 d1f6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d1g4 4.d1f3 d1c5 5.e3 d1c6 6.d1c3 0-0 7.d1e4 b1b4+ 8.d1d2 b1e7 9.d1c3 d1xc3 10.d1xc3 d1gx5 11.d1xe5 d1xe5 12.d1e2 d6 13.0-0 b6 14.f4 d1c6 15.f1f3 d1d7 16.f1g3 f6 17.d1d3 b1f7 18.d1e4 b1e8



19.f1d5+ d1h8 20.f1xg7 d1gx7 21.f1g5+ 1-0

### Frost, E – Hoskyn, G

[A09] Reti Opening  
NZCCA Handicap, 1999-2000  
Notes by Ted Frost

1.d1f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.d3 g6 4.g3 d1g7 5.d1g2 c5 6.d1d2 d1c6 7.a3 a5 8.b3 f5 9.f1a2

White's development looks clumsy, but there's nothing useful for the QN to do, and this gives the R an early opportunity to get into play. And it gets Gordon right away from book lines.

9...e5 10.d1g5 b1d6 11.0-0 h6 12.d1c1 d1f6 13.e3 0-0 14.exd4 cxd4 15.f1e1 d1e6 16.f1ae2 d1d7

Four defenders for the P on e5 and only three attackers, but...

17.d1xe5 d1cxe5 18.f4 b1c7 19.f1xe5 f4 20.d1xf4 g5 21.d1c1 d1g4 22.d1d5+ d1h8 23.e6 d1e5 24.d1b2 b1b6 25.f1c2 d1xe2 26.f1xe2 f1ac8 27.d1d2

At last the QN comes into play.

27...d1c6 28.d1e4 d1e7 29.c5 b1a6 30.d1c4 b5 31.cxb6 b1xb6 32.f1f2 f1xf2 33.f1xf2 f1f8 34.f1e2 b1b8 35.d1e5 f1f5 36.d1d7 b1b7 37.d1c1 b1f3 38.f1xf3 f1xf3 39.d1g2 g4 40.b4 axb4 41.axb4 d1f5 42.b5 1-0

### Ratings "blue"

Hands up all the readers who noticed the totally unrealistic ratings in the championship crosstable in the last issue of *NZ Chess*. Grem-

lins somehow got into the system giving all the players grossly inflated ratings, putting them in grandmaster status. (*The editor's mistake, not Gordon's*).

Alas, just a pipedream. The following ratings are the ones that should have appeared, with the players listed in tournament finishing order:

T J Doyle 2215, L B Frost 1895, G A Hoskyn 1845, M L Dunwoody 2150, R J Dive 2285, P A R Vetharaniam 2020, P B Goffin 2165, B W Millar 1965, P J Voss 1815, H P Bennett 2030, D J Cooper 2040.

## The Fosters, of Chess Supplies, take a break

Brian and Colleen Foster, of NZ Chess Supplies, have advised that their office will be closed from 31 August, reopening on 16 October.

As they take a break, it will be the first closure of the office in 16 years.

However, they say mail will be cleared as usual and the answerphone and fax machine will operate in their absence.

## Web page for juniors

The editor of *NZ Chess* has started a new venture, a web page which is designed to encourage junior chess in New Zealand. It is a modest venture, in the MSN web communities set-up.

The page can be opened at <http://www.communities.msn.com/chessplus>

Not surprisingly the page has encountered some teething problems and it will take time to get up to speed. In the meantime, viewers are asked to be patient.

Schools, clubs and players are invited to join the chessplus community, and if they do they can communicate through the message board which is part of the page set-up.

Direct communication to the editor can be made through his existing email address [tedfrost@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tedfrost@xtra.co.nz).

Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

Sarajevo

The Bosna 2000 tournament in the Bosnian capital was played back in May and, at category 19, must surely rank as one of the two or three strongest tournaments of the year. The average FIDE rating was 2702!

Gary Kasparov won but it was hardly a cake-walk as it was nip and tuck all the way. Alexei Shirov shared the lead with Kasparov until round 6 and then went ahead by half a point in round 6, a lead he held for two more rounds. In round 10 Shirov over-pressed against Sergei Movsesian in his desire to finish clear first, allowing Kasparov to take over the lead. Both players won their final games. Michael Adams scored 4½ points from his last five games to catch up with Shirov in a second place tie, probably the English GM's finest result yet. The best of the rest were a full two points behind.

Bacrot - Adams

[E13] Queen's Indian

1.d4 2.c4 e3 3.2c3 4.2f3 b6 5.2g5 6.e3 h6 7.2h4 8.2xc3+ 9.2d2 g5 10.2g3 2c6 11.h4 12.hxg5 hxg5 13.2h6 14.2f3 15.2xg6 fxg6 16.2d3 0-0-0 17.2c2 2h8 18.0-0-0 19.f3 20.2f2 e5 21.g4 d5 22.2b2 2h2 23.2f1 dxc4 24.2xg6 25.2g1 exd4 26.exd4 27.e2

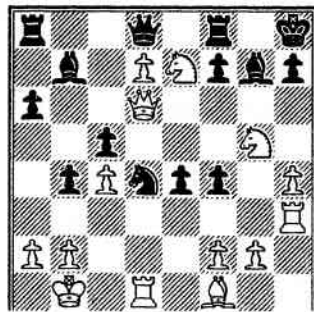
and White, surprisingly perhaps at first sight,

resigned. In fact there is nothing he can do against the threat of 27...2xc3 when Black wins material or mates. 0-1.

Shirov - Topalov

[C11] French

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.2c3 4.2f6 5.2g5 6.2xf6 gxf6 7.2f3 a6 8.c4 f5 9.2c3 2f6 10.2d2 c5 11.d5 0-0 12.0-0 e5 13.h4 b5 14.d6 2c6 15.d7 2b7 16.2d6 e4 17.2d5 2g7 18.2g5 2d4 19.2e7+ 20.2h3 f4 21.2b1 b4



22.2e2! f3 22...2xe2 23.2xc5 with the killing threat of 24.2xf5. 23.gxf3 2xe2 24.2xc5 2f4 25.2f5 2g6 26.h5 27.2xe7 27.hxg6 27...f6 28.2hx7+ 29.2h3 fxg5 30.2h1 with a mating attack. 1-0.

Sarajevo 2000			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1	Kasparov G.	RUS 2851	♦	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	8½	1
2	Adams M.	ENG 2715	½	♦	½	1	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	8	2-3
3	Shirov A.	ESP 2751	½	½	♦	½	1	1	½	0	1	1	1	1	8	2-3
4	Morosevich A.	RUS 2748	½	0	½	♦	½	½	1	0	½	1	1	½	6	4-6
5	Topalov V.	BUL 2702	½	0	0	½	♦	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	6	4-6
6	Bareev E.	RUS 2709	0	½	0	½	½	♦	½	½	1	1	½	1	6	4-6
7	Sokolov I.	BIH 2637	0	0	½	0	½	½	♦	1	½	½	½	½	4½	7
8	Movsesian S.	CZE 2668	0	½	1	1	½	½	0	♦	½	0	0	0	4	8-11
9	Short N.	ENG 2683	½	½	0	½	0	0	½	½	♦	½	½	½	4	8-11
10	Georgiev Ki.	BUL 2677	0	½	0	0	½	0	½	1	½	♦	½	½	4	8-11
11	Gurevich M.	BEL 2694	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	½	½	♦	1	4	8-11
12	Bacrot E.	FRA 2594	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	1	½	½	0	♦	3	12

Shirov - Bareev

[B12] Caro-Kann

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 2f5 4.c3 e6 5.2e3 2b6 6.2b3 h5 7.2d2 2h6 8.2e2 h4 9.h3 2e7 10.2g3 2d7 11.0-0 2g6 12.2g5 2f5 13.2xe7 2xe7 14.2a3 2f5 15.2ac1 a5 16.2fe1 2e7 17.2d1 2a7 18.2c2 2f8 19.2g5 2xc2 20.2xc2 2f5 21.c4 2xd4 22.2cc1 2h5 23.2e3 2e2+ 24.2xe2 2xg5 25.2f3 2h5 26.cxd5 exd5 27.e6 fxe6 28.2d4 2h6 29.2f5 2f6 30.2xg7+ 2d7 31.2c3 2b4 32.2e3 b6

32...d4? 33.2d1 c5 34.2e5 and White breaks through.

33.a3 2e7

33...2xb2 34.2b3 d4 35.2d1 2c8 36.2xd4 2a1+ 37.2h2 2xg7 38.2xb6 and again White's attack is winning.

34.2xb6 2c7 35.2ec1 e5 36.2h5?

36.2f5! 2c6 (36...2xf5 37.2xc6) 37.2hx4 is stronger.

36...2h6 37.b4 axb4 38.axb4 2g5 39.b5 c5 40.2a5 2e6?

40...2g6! 41.g4 hxg3 42.2xg3 2e6 43.b6 2b7 would have given Black hopes of survival.

41.b6 2b7 42.2a6 2d8 43.2xc5 2hxb6 44.2xd5+ 2e7 45.2a3+ 2f7 46.2f3+ 2g6 47.2c4 1-0.

L'viv

The Leonid Stein Memorial featured two strong double round-robins in this Ukrainian city in May. Stein (1934-1973) won three USSR championships in four years during the mid-sixties and was recognised as one of the very strongest players of that decade despite the fact that his results outside the Soviet Union perhaps did not quite match those in his country's championships.

Vassily Ivanchuk (UKR) won the all-GM 'A' tournament (category 17) with 7/10 ahead of Krasenkov (POL) 6, Belyavsky (SLO) 5, Gelfand (ISR) & Korchnoi (SWI) 4½, and Romanishin (UKR) 3.

Ivanchuk - Beliavsky

[C92] Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.2f3 2c6 3.2b5 a6 4.2a4 2f6 5.0-0 2e7 6.2e1 b5 7.2b3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 2e8 10.d4 2b7 11.2bd2 2f8 12.a4 2a5 13.2a2 c5

14.b4 cxd4 15.cxd4 2c6 16.2b3 2c7 17.d5 2e7 18.2b1 bxa4 19.2xa4 2eb8 20.2a5 2e8 21.2xc7 2xc7 22.2c4 2d8 23.2e3 2b5 24.2fd2 2ab8 25.2d3 f5 26.f3 fxe4 27.fxe4 2d4 28.2xd4 exd4 29.2f3 g6 30.2ab1 2g7 31.2g5 2c8 32.2f1 2d7 33.2e6 h6 34.2f3 g5 35.2b1 2g6 36.e5 2f4 37.2xf4 gxf4 38.e6 2d8 39.2xf4 2b7 40.2g4 2f8 41.2xf8+ 1-0.

Frankfurt

The main event in the Frankfurt Chess Classic was the six-player double round rapid tournament, the "Fujitsu Siemens Giants". It would have been category 21 were it a standard time control FID-rated event. Vishy Anand's special prowess at the faster time control was amply demonstrated as he powered away from the field to win with 7½/10, no less than 1½ points clear of Gary Kasparov. The half point margin which Anand enjoyed over Kasparov through rounds 4 to 6 tripled when Kasparov lost to Peter Leko in round 7.

Final scores: 1 V.Anand (IND) 7½, 2 G.Kasparov (RUS) 6, 3 V.Kramnik (RUS) 5, 4 A.Shirov (ESP) 4½, 5-6 P.Leko (HUN) & A.Morosevich (RUS) 3½.

The second group was "only" category 17! This event, of 8 players, was won by Michael Adams with 10½/14. Next was Vassily Ivanchuk (UKR) on 9½ and then came: Bareev (RUS) 8, Rublevsky (RUS) & Topalov (BUL) 6½, Van Wely (NLD) & Yusupov (GER) 5½, and Rabiiega (GER) 4.

The earlier Ordix Open, a 15-round rapid Swiss, was won by GMs Sergei Rublevsky and Mikhail Gurevich with 12½ points. GM Peter Svidler (RUS) was next on 11½ while GMs Gofshstein (ISR) and Milov (SWI) shared fourth place on 11. There were 292 players in total.

Kasparov - Leko

[D97] Grünfeld

1.d4 2.2f3 g6 3.c4 2g7 4.2c3 d5 5.2b3 dxc4 6.2xc4 0-0 7.e4 a6 8.2b3 c5 9.dxc5 2a5 10.2b6 2xb6 11.cxb6 2bd7 12.2e2 2xb6 13.2e3 2bd7 14.2d4 2c5 15.f3 e5 16.2c6 bxc6 17.2xc5 2d8 18.2f2 2e6 19.2hd1 2d7 20.2e3 2f8 21.2d2 f5 22.2ad1 2e7 23.g3 2f7 24.b3 a5 25.2c2 2f6 26.2xd8 2xd8 27.exf5 gxf5 28.2a4 2d5 29.2b6 2a8 30.2e5 2d7 31.2xe7 2xe7 32.2e3 2d6 33.2d3 f4+! 34.gxf4 exf4+ 35.2xf4 2f8+ 36.2g5 2e5 37.2xh7 2xf3+ 38.2h6 2f4

39.♖e2 ♖h4+ 40.♔g7 ♖xh2 41.♖c3 ♖f3 42.♖e4+ ♔c7 43.♖f6 ♖d4 44.♖xd5+ ♖d5 45.♖d2 ♔d6 46.♖d3 ♖e6+ 47.♔f6 ♖f4+ 0-1.

**Almasi-Bacrot**

The world's second youngest grandmaster, France's Etienne Bacrot, found himself down ½-2½ but pulled one back in game 5 to lose narrowly 2½-3½ to Hungarian GM Zoltan Almasi in Szeged.

**Dortmund**

Vladimir Kramnik scored a come-from-behind shared victory with Vishy Anand in a category 16 tournament held in July. The Indian GM led for most of the distance with Peter Leko and later Kramnik keeping him company at times. Michael Adams upset the tournament favourite in round 4 when the Russian blundered a piece on move 46. Nobody was to go through undefeated, however, as Kramnik won against Anand in the penultimate round to overtake Anand by half a point. Anand had not looked to be in any trouble but blundered the exchange a couple of moves before the time control. In the final round Anand beat the out-of-form German GM Robert Hübner while Kramnik was satisfied with a 15-move draw with the black pieces against Alexander Khalifman. Leko could have made it a three-way tie for first place if he had beaten the computer, Junior 6, but instead he lost, giving the machine a creditable 50% score.

**Anand - Khalifman**

[C17] French

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♖c3 ♖b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♖a5

6.b4 ♖xd4 7.♖g4 ♖e7 8.bxa5 ♖xc3 9.♖xg7 ♖g8 10.♖xh7 ♖bc6 11.f4 ♖xa5 12.♖f3 ♖d7 13.♖b1 0-0-0 14.♖d3 a6 15.♖g5 ♖xg5 16.fxg5 ♖f5 17.♖f4 ♖xa3 18.♖b3 ♖a4 19.g3 d4 20.♖e2 ♖a5 21.♖b1 ♖b5 22.♖xb5 axb5 23.0-0 ♖c4 24.g4 ♖e7 25.♖g3 ♖b2 26.♖h7 d3 27.♖xd3 ♖xd3 28.♖xf7 ♖d4+ 29.♔h1 ♖d5+ 30.♖f3 ♖d7 31.g6 ♖c6?

31...c2 is clearly better for Black.

32.♖e4 ♖c5 33.♖h4 ♖xe5 34.♖xd7+ ♖xd7 35.♖g3 ♖xg6

35...♖xc4 36.♖xc5 c2 37.g7 ♖d8 38.♖b2 and ♖f8 decides.

36.♖xg6 ♖g7 37.♖e8 ♖d7 38.♖xd7+ ♖xd7 39.♖e5 ♖xg4 40.♖xc3 b4 41.♖f6 b3 42.♖b2 ♖e4 43.♖f3 ♖b4 44.♖e3 ♖h5 45.♔g2 ♔d6 46.h4 e5 47.h5 1-0.

**Kramnik - Hübner**

[D27] Queen's Gambit Accepted

1.d4 d5 2.♖f3 ♖f6 3.c4 ♖xc4 4.e3 e6 5.♖xc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.♖b3 ♖xd4 8.♖xd4 ♖c6 9.♖c3 ♖e7 10.♖e1 0-0 11.h4 ♖a5 12.♖c2 b5 13.♖d3 ♖b7 14.h5 ♖xf3 15.♖xf3 ♖xd4 16.♖f4 b4 17.♖ad1 ♖c4 18.♖d3 ♖c6 19.♖e4 ♖d5 20.♖e5 ♖5 21.♖g3 ♖f7 22.♖d2 ♖b7 23.♖f3 ♖c5 24.♖d4 ♖h6?

Overlooking a deadly blow. Else Black would have played 24...♖b7.

25.♖xf5! ♖xf5 26.♖c4 ♖f6 27.♖c7 1-0.

**Ladies v veterans**

This year's event was held in Munich and followed the usual format of teams of five playing a double-round Scheveningen match. All nine matches (the first was in 1992) have

Dortmund 2000			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	Kramnik V.	RUS 2851	♦	1	0	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	6	1-2
2	Anand V.	IND 2715	0	♦	1	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	6	1-2
3	Adams M.	ENG 2751	1	0	♦	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	5	3-5
4	Akopian V.	ARM 2748	0	½	½	♦	½	½	½	1	1	½	5	3-5
5	Leko P.	HUN 2702	½	½	½	½	♦	0	½	1	½	1	5	3-5
6	Deep Junior 6	2709	0	½	½	½	1	♦	½	½	0	1	4½	6
7	Khalifman A.	RUS 2637	½	0	½	½	½	½	♦	½	½	½	4	7-8
8	Bareev E.	RUS 2668	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	♦	½	1	4	7-8
9	Piket J.	NLD 2683	½	0	0	0	½	1	½	½	♦	½	3½	9
10	Hübner R.	GER 2594	0	0	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	♦	2	10

been named after dances, this year being the Schuhplattler.

The Ladies' team of Nana Ioseliani, Xie Jun, Alisa Galliamova, Zhu Chen and Zsofia Polgar won three of the first five rounds and lost only one in taking a four-point lead. This had stretched to six points two rounds later but the vets added a little respectability to their score by taking the last two rounds. The final score was 27-23 to the Ladies whose top scorers were Ioseliani and Xie Jun with 6½ points.

For the Veterans Viktor Korchnoi scored 7½ but it was a bit of a one-man band as Vassily Smyslov (5), Vlastimil Hort (4½), Mark Taimanov (3½) and Hans Bouwmeester (2½) were only modest contributors.

Both sides have won four of the nine matches, with the remaining one (1998) drawn, but the Veterans have a lead in game points of eight.

**Beijing**

The category 16 Tan Chin Nam Cup tournament in the Chinese capital in July saw four of the five visitors tie for first place with 5½/9: Alexei Dreev (RUS), Viktor Bologan (MDA), Alexander Onischuk (UKR) and Nigel Short (ENG). Then came: 5 Ye Jiangchuan (CHN) 5; 6-7 Peng Xiaomin (CHN) & Zhang Zhong (CHN) 4½; 8 Xu Jun (CHN) 3½; 9 Wang Zili (CHN) 3; 10 Adianto (RIN) 2½. All are GMs.

**Esbjerg**

The 15th North Sea Cup tournament in Danish Esbjerg (category 14), also in July, was won by Belgian GM Mikhail Gurevich and Russian GM Peter Svidler, who scored 6½ from nine games. Third equal were GM Curt Hansen (DEN) and IM Alexander Grischuk (RUS) 5. Then followed: 5-6 GM Gulko (USA) & GM Nielsen (DEN) 4½; 7-8 GM De Firmian (USA) & GM L.B.Hansen (DEN) 4; 9 GM Emms (ENG) 3; 10 IM De Vreugt (NLD) 2.

**European Championship**

This new individual event was held in the Italian alpine town of Saint-Vincent with a field of 120 players, including more than 40 GMs. The 11-round Swiss saw a four-way tie between GMs Alexandrov (BLA), Kharlov (RUS), Markowski (POL) and Tregubov (RUS). Tregubov won the title on tie-break and

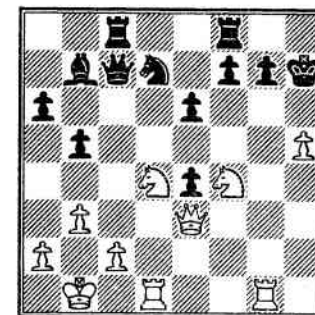
with it a new Fiat Punto worth 10,000 Euros - as well as aharing in the divided 60,000 cash prizes.

Stuart Conquest, a visitor to New Zealand in 1999, scored the following fine win:

**Conquest - Yakovich**

[B80] Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.♖c3 e6 3.♖f3 a6 4.d4 ♖xd4 5.♖xd4 d6 6.♖e3 ♖f6 7.f3 b5 8.♖d2 ♖bd7 9.g4 ♖b6 10.♖f2 ♖fd7 11.♖d3 ♖b7 12.0-0-0 ♖c8 13.♖ce2 ♖e7 14.♔b1 0-0 15.g5 d5 16.g6 hxg6 17.h4 ♖c4 18.♖xc4 ♖xc4 19.h5 g5 20.h3 ♖c8 21.f4 dxe4 22.fxg5 ♖xg5 23.♖hg1 ♖xe3 24.♖xe3 ♔h7 25.♖f4 ♖c7



26.♖fxe6! ♖xe6 27.♖xg7+! ♔xg7 28.♖xe6+ ♔h7 29.♖xc7 ♖xc7 30.♖g5 ♖e5

Though Black has ample material compensation for his queen, his pieces are quite uncoordinated and White is winning. No better than the text was 30...♖f6 31.♖d8! ♖xd8 32.♖g6+ ♔h8 33.♖xf6+ ♔h7 34.♖xd8 +-31.♖xe5 ♖cf7 32.♖e6 ♖f6 33.♖d7+ ♔h6 34.♖e5 ♖f7 35.♖xf7 ♖xf7 36.♖e6+ ♔g7 37.h6+ ♔f8 38.♖d6+ 1-0.

**Philadelphia**

The World Open, a 182-player 9-round Swiss ended in an eight-way tie for first place, necessitating a blitz tie breaker under the tournament rules. The eight winners (all GMs) were: Benjamin (USA), Blatny (CZE), Ehlvest (EST), Fedorowicz (USA), Goldin (ISR), A.Ivanov (USA), Kudrin (USA) and Serper (USA). Joel Benjamin won the tie-break tournament.

## Queensland

The presence of European grandmasters Pre-drag Nikolic (BIH) and Lubomir Ftacnik (SVK) gave added interest to this year's Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast and Suncoast Noosa Opens. Ftacnik won at Surfers with 7½/9, followed by Nikolic and Armenian IM Galdunts on 6½. The Australian GMs Darryl Johansen and Ian Rogers were next on 5½ together with IM Aleksandar Wohl. The two European GMs

shared first place in the Gold Coast Open with 6½/7, the two Australian GMs coming in third equal on 6.

The locals came into their own in the final event where Rogers and Wohl shared first prize with 6/7 while Ftacnik and Nikolic were joined on 5½ by Australian IM Stephen Solomon as well as New Zealand's Jonathan Sarfati and Australia's Myers.

## NZCF Council report

By NZCF President Peter Stuart

### Council appointment

Paul Beach has been co-opted to the NZCF Council as an Auckland councillor, to fill a long-standing vacancy.

### Drugs and the IOC

The Council has received information on drug testing, including guidelines on what drugs are okay and which are not. There will be testing at the Olympiad and team members will be fully briefed. Any player intending to compete in events overseas should become familiar with the regulations - contact the secretary.

At this stage dope testing will not be a feature of New Zealand events, but it is likely to become so in the not too distant future.

### Federation annual meeting

Clubs are reminded that the deadline for remits and 2001 Council nominations is 31 October. The meeting will be held in January during the national Congress being organised by the Waitemata club.

### Membership of NZCF

At mid-year there were 337 registered players, including 87 juniors. The position in the clubs follows (question marks indicate clubs which are not financial this year and have not properly completed the affiliation form.) Juniors in brackets.

	2000	12-99		
Ashburton	21	(5)	20	(6)
Auckland	40	(4)	?	
Canterbury	26	(3)	42	(13)
Gambit	8	(1)	12	(1)
Gisborne	31	(29)	12	(1)
Hamilton	12	(10)	?	
Howick-Pakuranga	15		?	

Invercargill	0		12	(0)
Kapiti	12	(2)	17	(2)
New Plymouth	3		14	(2)
North Shore	35	(7)	54	(8)
Otago	0		?	
Papatoetoe	5		?	
Upper Hutt	18	(1)	25	(5)
Waitemata	27	(4)	28	(6)
Wanganui	28	(11)	32	(6)
Wellington	39	(4)	30	(2)
No club	21	(5)		

### Manawatu open schoolpupils' rapid championship

Tony Dowden and Martin Sims invited players from a wider area to take part in this year's Manawatu open school pupils' rapid championship, and the 21 entries included 7 players from three Wanganui schools.

The event was held in the Palmerston North Boys' High School library, with an entry fee of ¼ and the introduction of cash prizes (\$50, \$30 and \$20).

Pascal Harris (Wanganui Collegiate) scored a picket fence to win the tournament, a point clear of Thomas Lissington and Vinod Chinni, both PNBHS, on 4. Thomas won a 5-minute playoff for second. Daniel Martin (Wanganui Collegiate) and Pubudu Senanayake (PNBHS) were 4= on 3.5, and Daniel won a 5-minute playoff.

Other scores: Jeremy Smith 3, Jing-men Chin 3, Andrew Kuhn 3, David Yoon 3, Waata Hipango 3, Thomas Kuhn 3, Derek Everson 2.5, Asanga Senaviratna 2.5, Jevon Wright 2, Chris Parker 2, Baden Marino 2, Simon Murphy 2, Ahmen Al-Hindawi 2, Paddy Trainor 1, Prashant Prakash 0.

## Affiliated Clubs

Clubs are requested to advise *NZ Chess* of any changes in details given below.

**Ashburton** PO Box 204, Ashburton. Meets Monday 7.30pm The Admin Building Ashburton Hospital, Elisabeth Street  
Contact, Ken Pow (03) 352-4851

**Auckland Chess Centre** Meets Monday 7.30 & Thursday (social) 7.30pm, 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden, Auckland 1003. Tel (09)630-2042 clubroom.

Contact, Bruc Wheeler (09) 623-0109

**Canterbury**, PO Box 25-242, Christchurch. Meets Wednesday, 7.30pm., 227 Bealey Avenue; tel (03)366-3935 clubroom. Pres, Gavin Dawes (03)352-4851.

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

**Hamilton:** Wed, 7.30pm, St Pauls Collegiate School. Inquiries Gary Judkins (07)855-5392.

**Hastings-Havelock North** P.O. Box 184, Hastings. Wed, 7.30 pm, Library, Havelock N High School, Te Mata Rd. Sec, Chris Smith (06)877-4583.

**Howick-Pakuranga** Tuesday 7.45pm (juniors 6.30-7.30), St John Ambulance Hall, Howick-Pakuranga Highway, Highland Park. Sec, Kees van den Bosch (09) 521-5828.

**Invercargill** Wednesday 8pm, staff room, South School, Ness St.

Contact, John Preston (03) 216-4920

**Kapiti** Wednesday, 7.30pm, Salvation Army Hall, Bluegum Rd. Paraparaumu Beach.

Contact, Guy Burns (04) 904-2002

**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. Wednesday 7.30pm, Northcote Community Centre, cnr College Rd/Ernie Mays St. Club capt, Peter Stuart (09)445-6377.

**Otago** 7 Maitland St, Dunedin. Wednesday and Saturday, 7.30pm. Tel (03)477-6919 clubroom. Pres, Trevor Rowell, (03)455-1441.

**Upper Hutt** Monday 7.30pm, Hapai Club, 879 Fergusson Drive. Sec, Roger Smith (04)528-2721.

**Waitemata** Thursday 7.30pm, Kelston Comm Centre, cnr Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd, Kelston; jun 6-7.30pm Thursdays, schooldays. Contact Bruce Pollard (09)818-2342.

**Wanganui** Mondays 7pm, 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** Tues 7.30pm, Museum Room, Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington 1. Contact, Alan Aldridge (04) 477-4874.

### Associate members

**Gisborne**, 4/26 Harris St, Gisborne. M.P. Grieve (06)863-0101.

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

### District Associations

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**Wellington District Chess Assn Inc**,