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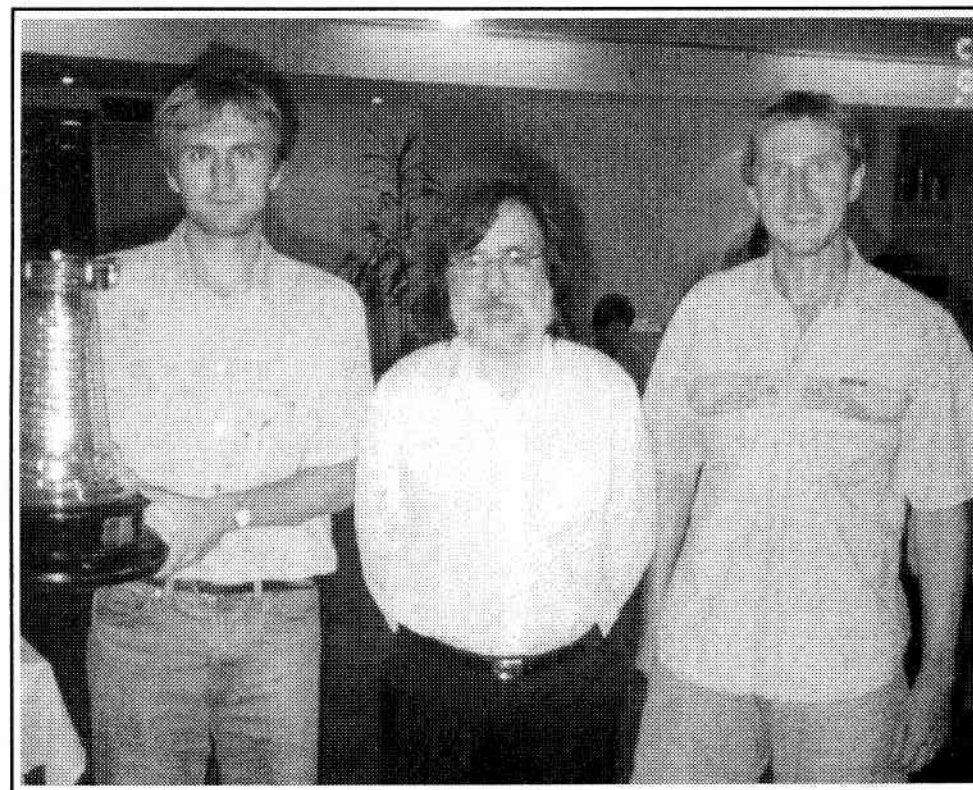
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### NZ Junior Championship

Wanganui Chess Club has put a proposal to NZCF for this year's New Zealand Junior Championship to be held in Wanganui at Queen's Birthday weekend, with 6 or 7 rounds and play starting after midday on the Saturday.

### Waitemata events

Waitemata CC has advised its plans for these two events:

**NZ Women's Championship** at Kelston Girls' HS at Easter (see next page).

**23<sup>rd</sup> Waitakere Licensing Trust Chess Open**, May 6 & 7, at the Lincoln Green Motor Hotel, Lincoln Road, Henderson, Auckland. The prize fund will be more than \$3600. Three separate grades. Free drinks and food at the conclusion, discounted accommodation at the venue.

Enquiries re both tournaments to Bob Smith at 54 Daffodil Street, Titirangi, Auckland 1007, ph (09)817-2664, email [bobviv@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bobviv@xtra.co.nz)

### Advertising in NZ Chess

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*COVER PHOTO: Alexei Kulashko (at left) finished third in Howick & Pakuranga CC's successful and enjoyable NZ Championship, behind GMs Ian Rogers and Drazen Sermek (centre and right). This gave Alexei the NZ title and also another IM norm.*

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  - 13 Paul Beach was the highest-rated player in the NZ Major Open, and his win was not unexpected.
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## 2000 New Zealand Women's Championship

April 21 - 24 (Easter)

**The NZ Women's Championship for 2000 will be run by Waitemata CC.**

**Venue: Kelston Girls' High School, corner of Great North and Archibald Roads, Kelston, Auckland.**

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# 107<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Chess Congress

By Paul Spiller

A first class venue, superb playing conditions, top overseas players all combined to make the 107<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Chess Congress held at the Waipuna International Hotel and Conference Centre a memorable and significant event in the long history of New Zealand Chess.

The Howick-Pakuranga Chess Club first began the planning of this event 18 months ago, intending to invite a number of strong overseas players to lift the profile of the event and also to give New Zealand players a chance for international title norms. The club sought and gained the backing of the Waipuna International hotel and Conference Centre, with the use of their main Exhibition Hall and Carbine Room for the event and reduced room rates for players.

The withdrawal of sponsorship from Sir Robert Jones in January 99 came as a bombshell for the organisers. Undeterred, however, preparation continued through the year with Paul Spiller liaising with the Federation sponsorship committee of Roger Perry and Martin Dreyer to follow up many and varied leads. A few weeks before Congress was due to begin a call was received from Martin to say he had some good news. A sponsorship deal had been secured and this combined with funding from the Howick-Pakuranga Chess

Club and other private sources guaranteed that the prize fund could be maintained at the same level as previous years.

It was disappointing that the support for the Major Open (as has been the trend over the last few years) was less than anticipated. The level of entries for the Championship was excellent with 20 in all, including GM,s Ian Rogers (AUS) and Drazen Sermek (SLO) as well as IM Herman Van Riemsdijk (BRA) and Fairin Zakaria (MAL) . Fairin is completing medical studies in Auckland and represented Malaysia at the Chess Olympiad in Moscow.

Jan Rogers and wife Cathy are familiar visitors to New Zealand, having last competed at the North Shore Congress 3 years ago. Drazen Sermek was making his second visit, having played in the Fencible Masters in Howick in 1997. Herman Van Riemsdijk was making his first visit to NZ and combined chess playing with a visit to his brother, Rombout, in New Plymouth. He stayed after the event for a mini-tour of the North Island, playing several simulds and then a lecture series in Auckland, but more on this later.

With one or two exceptions, most of New Zealand's best players were entered, including



The Howick Town Crier welcomes players to Congress. At back right are tournament organiser Paul Spiller and guest speaker Pat Booth.

## 107th New Zealand Championship, Auckland 1999-2000

| Player             | Rtg  | R1  | R2  | R3  | R4  | R5  | R6  | R7  | R8  | R9  | R10 | R11 | Pts  | TB   |
|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1 Rogers I.        | 2574 | W15 | W6  | W3  | D2  | W4  | W5  | W7  | W9  | W8  | W13 | W10 | 10.5 |      |
| 2 Sermek D.        | 2545 | W19 | W13 | D4  | D1  | D5  | W3  | D6  | W11 | W7  | D9  | W12 | 8.5  | 69.0 |
| 3 Kulashko A.      | 2396 | W16 | W18 | L1  | W10 | W6  | L2  | W4  | W5  | D9  | W7  | W13 | 8.5  | 67.5 |
| 4 van Riemsdijk HC | 2422 | W8  | W10 | D2  | D5  | L1  | D11 | L3  | W13 | D6  | W14 | W9  | 7    | 71.0 |
| 5 Garbett P.A.     | 2360 | W17 | W11 | D7  | D4  | D2  | L1  | W13 | L3  | W12 | D6  | W14 | 7    | 70.5 |
| 6 Ker A.F.         | 2321 | W12 | L1  | W15 | W13 | L3  | W10 | D2  | L7  | D4  | D5  | W16 | 6.5  |      |
| 7 Dive R.J.        | 2448 | —   | W8  | D5  | D9  | D13 | W15 | L1  | W6  | L2  | L3  | W17 | 5.5  | 64.5 |
| 8 Wastney S.C.     | 2193 | L4  | L7  | D12 | W19 | W18 | D9  | D11 | D10 | L1  | D17 | W20 | 5.5  | 57.5 |
| 9 Smith R.W.       | 2290 | L11 | D16 | W17 | D7  | D15 | D8  | W10 | L1  | D3  | D2  | L4  | 5    | 68.5 |
| 10 Green E.M.      | 2265 | W20 | L4  | W18 | L3  | W16 | L6  | L9  | D8  | D11 | W19 | L1  | 5    | 62.0 |
| 11 Bjelobrk I.     | 2112 | W9  | L5  | L13 | W14 | W20 | D4  | D8  | L2  | D10 | L12 | D19 | 5    | 58.5 |
| 12 Barlow M.J.     | 2155 | L6  | L15 | D8  | D17 | W19 | D14 | D20 | W18 | L5  | W11 | L2  | 5    | 54.5 |
| 13 Watson B.R.     | 2260 | W14 | L2  | W11 | L6  | D7  | W16 | L5  | L4  | W20 | L1  | L3  | 4.5  | 71.0 |
| 14 Bennett H.P.    | 2200 | L13 | D20 | D16 | L11 | W17 | D12 | D15 | D19 | W18 | L4  | L5  | 4.5  | 50.0 |
| 15 Perry R.L.      | 2205 | L1  | W12 | L6  | W20 | D9  | L7  | D14 | L17 | D19 | L16 | D18 | 4    | 55.5 |
| 16 Zakaria M.F.    | 2185 | L3  | D9  | D14 | W18 | L10 | L13 | L19 | W20 | L17 | W15 | L6  | 4    | 51.5 |
| 17 Metge J.N.      | 2160 | L5  | D19 | L9  | D12 | L14 | L20 | D18 | W15 | W16 | D8  | L7  | 4    | 50.5 |

last year's winner IM Russell Dive and 1997/98 champion FM Alexei Kulashko. These players were joined by FM's (and former NZ Champions) Paul Garbett, Anthony Ker, Bob Smith and Ewen Green. Ewen, along with Bruce Watson and Scott Wastney (who has been chassing overseas) were all making a welcome comeback to the championship. Rounding out the field were NZ Junior Champion Igor Bjelobrk (who soon moves with his family to Australia), and hopefuls Hilton Bennett, Roger Perry, Nigel Metge, Bob Gibbons, Paul Spiller and John Sutherland.

The opening ceremony began with a slightly different twist when the Howick Town Crier, replete in all his regalia, rang his bell and welcomed all competitors to the tournament. This was followed by a witty address from Pat Booth, editor in chief of Suburban Newspapers and chairman of the Howick Community Board. Pat recounted his days as a journalist for the *Auckland Star* where he became well acquainted with Ortvin Sarapu, who for many years ran a column in the paper. Pat then officially opened the tournament. The opening finished with a message of welcome from NZCF President Peter Stuart, on behalf of the Federation, and one from Paul Spiller as

organiser on behalf of Howick-Pakuranga CC.

The Championship ran into an immediate glitch when only hours before the start NZ champion Russell Dive rang from Wellington to say he was recovering from a very bad bout of food poisoning and would be unable to make round one. Fortunately for Russell, and the tournament, he managed to drive to Auckland in time for round two, but it took a few more days until he had really completely recovered.

### Round 1

Results went as expected (see crosstable), the only "upset" being Bob Smith's loss to Igor Bjelobrk.

### Smith,R (2290) – Bjelobrk,I (2112)

R 1 [C00] French Defence

1.e4 e6 2.♟e2 ♁e7 3.♠f3 c5 4.g3 ♁bc6 5.♙g2 g6 6.0?0 ♙g7 7.c3 0?0 8.d3 d6 9.♗h4 ♗b8 10.a4 a6 11.f4 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.♗d2 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.♗df3 b4 16.♙d2 h6 17.♗h1 bxc3 18.bxc3 ♗b2 19.♗fe1 ♗d7 20.♙f1 ♗d5 21.♟e1 ♟b6 22.♗g2 ♟b7 23.♗ab1 ♗b8 24.♗xb2 ♟xb2 25.♗e3 ♗xe3 26.♙xe3 ♗b3 27.♙d2 ♗h7 28.♗g1 ♗e7 29.♙g2 ♗d5 30.♗e2 ♗a3 31.♙f3 ♗a2 32.♗d1 ♙a4 33.♙c1 ♟b3 34.♗d2 ♗xc3 35.♗xa2 ♗xa2 36.♙d2 ♗b4 37.g4 ♟xd3 38.♟xd3 ♗xd3 39.gxf5 ♗xc1 40.♗xc1 exf5 41.♗g2 ♗g6 42.♗f2 ♙c2 43.♙c6 ♙e4 44.♙e8+ ♗f6 45.♗e2 ♗e7 46.♙g6 ♗e6 47.♗g3 ♙b1 48.♗e2 ♙b2 49.♗h7

♙c1 50.♙f3 ♘d3 51.♙g8+ ♙f6 52.h3 e4 53.♙e2  
♙d2 54.♙d4 c3 55.♙b3 ♙e4+ 0-1

## Round 2

This round provided some interesting games. Anthony Ker looked to be holding Ian Rogers on board 1, but finally succumbed in a bishop versus knight ending. Bruce Watson fought his way back to have a good chance of a draw with GM Sermek, but the wrong decision in a piece exchange left him with no chance. Drazen said after the game that Bruce played very well, and at one stage was better.

Scott Wastney was unlucky to run into his second consecutive IM, this time Russell Dive after meeting Herman Van Riemsdijk in round one. Herman had a rematch in this round with Ewen Green, 25 years after they first played in the Nice Olympiad in 1974. (a game that was drawn). This time Herman seized the initiative early and won after winning one too many pawns.

### Ker, A (2321) – Rogers, I (2574)

R 2 [A46] d4 others

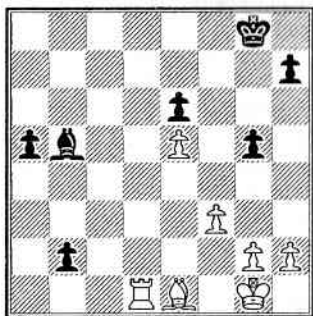
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♙g5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.♙xf6 ♙xf6 5.♙f3  
d6 6.♙c3 ♘d7 7.♙d2 a6 8.0?0?0 ♙d8 9.h4 b5  
10.g3 ♙b7 11.♙f4 ♙c8 12.♙h3 c5 13.d5 e5  
14.♙e3 ♙e7 15.♙b1 ♙b8 16.♙xd7+ ♙xd7  
17.♘d2 ♙c8 18.f4 ♙f6 19.f5 h5 20.g4 hxg4  
21.h5 ♙e7 22.♙dg1 ♙c7 23.♘d1 c4 24.♘f2 ♙b6  
25.♘g4 ♙xe3 26.♘xe3 ♘d7 27.♘f3 ♙h7 28.♙h2  
♙bh8 29.♙gh1 ♙f8 30.♙g4 ♘d8 31.♙c1 g6  
32.hxg6 ♙xh2 33.♙xh2 ♙xh2 34.g7+ ♙xg7  
35.♘gxh2 ♙b6 36.♘d2 f6 37.♘f1 ♙e8 38.♘g3  
♙h6 39.♙e2 a5 40.c3 a4 41.a3 ♙f7 42.♘h2 ♙g5  
43.♙f3 ♙g1 44.♘g4 ♙e8 45.♘e3 ♙xe3 46.♙xe3  
♙h5 47.♙f2 ♘d1 48.♙e3 ♙h4 49.♘h1 ♙h5  
50.♙f2 ♘d1 51.♙e3 ♙g5 52.♘f2 ♙h5 53.♘h1  
♙g4 54.♘f2+ ♙g3 55.♘h1+ ♙g2 56.♘f2 ♙f3  
57.♘h3 ♙xh3 58.♙xf3 ♙h4 0-1

### Sermek, D (2545) – Watson, B (2260)

R 3 [B22] Alapin Variation

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♘f3 ♙c6 5.d4 cxd4  
6.cxd4 d6 7.♙c4 e6 8.0?0 ♙e7 9.♙e2 0?0  
10.♙e4 ♙c7 11.♘bd2 b6 12.♘d3 f5 13.exf6  
♘xf6 14.♙e2 d5 15.a3 ♘d6 16.♙e1 ♙e8 17.♙b5  
♘d7 18.♘f1 a6 19.♙xc6 ♙xc6 20.♘g3 ♙b5  
21.♙d1 ♙ac8 22.a4 ♘d7 23.♙e5 ♙c2 24.♙g5  
♙xd1 25.♙exd1 ♙xe5 26.dxe5 ♘g4 27.♙e1 ♙c2

28.f3 ♘f2 29.♙a3 b5 30.♙c2 b4 31.♙c3 ♙xb2  
32.♙h4 ♙e8 33.♙xf2 ♙cc2 34.♙g3 ♙xa4 35.♘f4  
♘d7 36.♘d3 ♙b3 37.♘f4 ♙xe3 38.♙xe3 a5  
39.♙e1 g5 40.♘e2 ♙c4 41.♙b3 ♙b5 42.♙b2 d4  
43.♙d2 b3 44.♙xd4 ♙xd4 45.♙xd4 b2 46.♙d1



46...a4??

46...♘d3 47.♙xa5 b1♙ 48.♙xb1 ♙xb1 draws comfortably.

47.♙c3 a3 48.♙xb2 axb2 49.♙b1+ ♙f7  
50.♙xb2 ♙c6 51.♙f2 ♙g6 52.g4 h5 53.h3 hxg4  
54.hxg4 ♘d5 55.♙e3 ♙c6 56.f4 gxh4+ 57.♙xf4  
♘d5 58.♙b8 ♙a2 59.♙f8 ♙b3 60.♙f6+ ♙g7  
61.♙g5 1-0

## Round 3

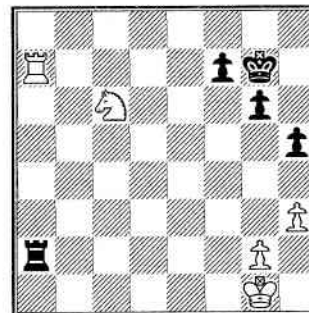
Ian extracted the full point against Alexei in round 3 and looked to be continuing the good form that gained him top placings in two strong events in Europe recently. Van Riemsdijk, a pawn up, tried hard to convert his advantage against GM Sermek, but accurate defence held the draw for Drazen. Paul Garbett drew with Russell to stay in touch with the leaders and a possible title norm.

### Rogers, I (2574) – Kulashko, A (2396)

R 3 [E81] Samisch

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.♘c3 g6 5.e4 ♙g7  
6.f3 0?0 7.♙g5 ♘a6 8.♘ge2 ♘c7 9.♙d2 e6 10.a4  
cxd5 11.cxd5 h6 12.♙e3 ♙h7 13.♘g3 b6 14.♙e2  
a6 15.0?0 ♘d7 16.♙ab1 b5 17.axb5 ♙xb5  
18.b4 ♙xc2 19.♘ge2 cxb4 20.♙xb4 ♙b8  
21.♙fb1 ♙xb4 22.♙xb4 ♘d7 23.♘d4 ♙c5 24.f4  
♘g4 25.♙xg7 ♙xg7 26.♘d4 ♙e8 27.h3 ♘f6  
28.♘c6 ♙d7 29.♙b7 ♘xe4 30.♘xe4 ♙xe4 31.♙a5  
♙xf4 32.♙xc7 ♙f5 33.♙a1+ ♙h7 34.♙e7 ♙d3  
35.♙c8 ♙d4 36.♙c1 ♙d1+ 37.♙xd1 ♙xd1+

38.♙f2 ♙g7 39.♙c6 ♙f6 40.♘c8 ♙xd5 41.♘xd6  
a5 42.♘c4+ ♙g7 43.♙a6 ♙d4 44.♘xa5 ♙a4  
45.♙a7 ♙a2+ 46.♙g1 h5 47.♘c6



47...♙xa7 48.♘xa7 h4 49.♙f2 f5 50.♘c6 ♙f6  
51.♘d4 g5 52.♘f3 ♙g6 53.♙e3 ♙h5 54.♙d4 g4  
55.♙e5 1-0

### Van Riemsdijk, H (2422) – Sermek, D (2545)

R 2 [B01]

Notes by Herman van Riemsdijk

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♙xd5 3.♘c3 ♙d6

This is a common choice for Sermek. He probably will have to change it because its too easy for White to get a small advantage.

4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 a6 6.♙e2 ♘c6

Here Sermek has played mostly 6...Nbd7. In round 5 he came back to it against Garbett.

7.♙e3 ♙g4

7...e5 8.dxc5 ♘xe5 9.♘xe5 ♙xe5 10.♘d4 also gives a slight advantage to White.

8.♙d2 e6 9.0-0-0 0-0-0 10.a3 ♙e7?

An unexpected error. 10...Qd7 was the best option for Black.

11.♘g5! ♙df8

Sermek needs the d8 square for his queen. If 11...♙hf8 12.♘ge4 ♘xe4 13.♘xe4 ♙d5 14.♙xg4 ♙xe4 15.♙f3 and Black's position is ruined.

12.♘ge4 ♙d8 13.♘xf6 ♙xe2 14.♙xc2 ♙xf6 15.d5  
exd5 16.♘xd5 ♙b8

After all these forced moves Black is in bad shape.

17.♘b4

Interesting but perhaps not the best. 17.Qc4

looks very effective. There are so many threats for Black to deal with.

17...♙e8 18.♘xa6+! bxa6 19.♙xa6 ♙e5 20.♙d3?

Against 20.c3 Black will face more problems.

20...♙xb2+ 21.♘d2 ♙d8 22.♙xc6 ♙xd3+  
23.♙xd3 ♙xa3+ 24.♙e2 ♙b4

Black has almost equalised.

25.♙d1 ♙d8 26.♙xd8+ ♙xd8 27.♙d5 ♙f6 28.h3  
♙b2

Here my opponent offered a draw which I declined after a lot of thinking. White still has a small advantage.

29.♙c5 h6?

A clear mistake. 29...Be5 may be the best option.

30.♙f4! ♘d8 31.♙e5 ♙b7 32.♙xg7 ♙xg2  
33.♙b4+ ♙a8

33...Kc8 34.Qg4+ is of course a winning ending for White.

34.♙g4 ♙b7 35.♙a4+ ♙b8 36.♙xb6

White is a sound pawn up.

36...♙h1 37.♙b5+ ♙c8 38.♙f5+ ♙b8 39.♙f3 ♙a1  
40.♙b3+ ♙c8 41.♙f4 ♙d4 42.♙f3 ♙d1+ 43.♙g2  
♙d4 44.♙f3 ♙c4 45.♙g4+ ♙b7 46.♙f5 ♙b6  
47.♙e3+ ♙b7 48.♙f3 c6 49.♙d3 ♙h4 50.♙g2  
♙c7 51.e4

Very slowly White is making progress.

51...f5

An error, but Black is anxious to simplify things.

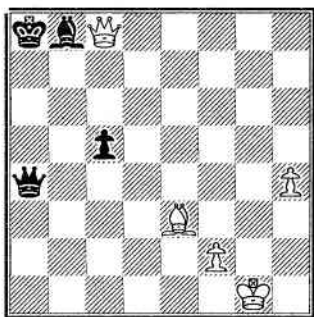
52.♙b1+! ♙a8 53.♙xf5! ♙xc4 54.♙c8+ ♙b8  
55.♙g1!

Black is almost in zugzwang.

55...♙a4

The only move.

56.h4 c5



## 57. ♖f5?

A terrible mistake. 57.Qe6 and 57.h5 are easy wins.

57... ♗xh4! 58. ♖d5+ ♔a7 59. ♖xc5+ ♔a6 60. ♖e3?

After 60. ♖c6+ ♔a5 61. ♖b6+ ♔a4 62. ♖xb8 I had missed Qg5+, but this is still the best continuation. White has good practical chances for the whole point.

60... ♖h2+ 61. ♔f1 ♖d6 62. ♖a8+ ♔b5 63. ♖b7+ ♔a5 64. ♖d2+ ♔a4

Now Black doesn't need to go for the queens ending any more.

65. f4 ♖d3+ 66. ♔e1 ♖g3+ 67. ♔e2 ♖g4+ 68. ♔f2 ♖h4+ 69. ♔e2 ♖g4+ 70. ♔d3 ♖f5+ 71. ♔d4 ♖f6+ 72. ♔c4 ♖e6+ 73. ♔c3 ♖e5+ 74. ♔d3 ♖f5+ 75. ♔e2 ♖g4+ ½-½

## Round 4

The anticipated GM clash was marred by an unfortunate incident at the Hotel when Drazen, just before the round began, returned to his room to find that a considerable amount of money had been stolen from his room. This meant a delay in his and my game against Fairin Zakaria as it was necessary to report the theft in person to the Otahuhu Police Station. Unfortunately this spoiled the rest of the tournament for Drazen and he was very unsettled for the next few days, opting to leave the hotel and stay back at my home. In any event he duly drew against Ian, in a fairly colourless game. This left Sermek, Kulashko, Van Riemsdijk, Ker and Garbett all on 3 points, half a point behind Ian.

## Kulashko, A (2396) – Green, E (2265)

R 4 [B23] Closed Sicilian

1. e4 c5 2. ♖c3 ♖c6 3. f4 g6 4. ♖f3 ♖g7 5. ♖c4 e6 6. 0?0 ♗ge7 7. d3 0?0 8. ♖b3 d5 9. a4 b6 10. ♖c1 ♔d4 11. ♔xd4 cxd4 12. ♖b5 a6 13. ♖a3 ♔h8 14. ♖d2 dxe4 15. dxe4 ♖c6 16. e5 ♖b8 17. ♖c4 b5 18. axb5 axb5 19. ♔d6 f6 20. ♖h4 fxe5 21. ♖xd8 ♔xd8 22. fxe5 ♖b7 23. ♖a5 ♖xf1+ 24. ♖xf1 ♖xe5 25. ♖xd8 ♖xd6 26. ♖f6+ ♔g8 27. ♖xe6+ ♔f8 28. ♖xd4+ ♔e8 29. ♖f7 ♖c8 30. ♖b3 ♖b7 31. ♖xb7 ♖xb7 32. c4 bxc4 33. ♖xc4 ♔e7 34. b3 h5 35. h3? 1-0

## Ker, A (2321) – Watson, B (2260)

R 4 [A45] d4 others

1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♖g5 e6 3. ♔d2 c5 4. ♖e4 ♖e7 5. ♖xf6 gxf6 6. dxc5 ♖f8 7. ♖d2 ♖xc5 8. ♔d6+ ♖xd6 9. ♖xd6 ♖e7 10. ♖d2 d5 11. ♖f3 ♖c6 12. g3 e5 13. ♖g2 ♖e6 14. e3 ♖d8 15. 0?0 h5 16. ♖h4 d4 17. c3 d3 18. e4 ♖d7 19. ♖e3 d2 20. ♖f1 ♔a5 21. ♖f1 ♖c4 22. b3 ♖xf1 23. ♔xf1 ♖c6 24. ♔e2 0? 0 25. ♖xd2 ♖g4+ 26. ♖f3 ♖xd2+ 27. ♔xd2 ♖d8+ 28. ♔e2 ♖d7 29. ♖e3 ♖e7 30. ♖c1 ♖b5+ 31. e4 ♖a5 32. ♖c2 ♖c6 33. ♖f5 ♔d4+ 34. ♔xd4 exd4 35. ♖d3 ♖e5 36. f4 ♖e6 37. ♔f2 ♖h3 38. ♔g1 h4 39. ♖d2 ♖g4 40. ♔g2 h3+ 41. ♔f2 a5 42. f5 ♖e8 43. ♖e2 ♖e5 44. ♖f3 ♖g5 45. ♖f4 ♖h5 46. ♖d2 b5 47. ♖xd4 bxc4 48. ♖d8+ ♔g7 49. bxc4 a4 50. a3 ♔h7 51. ♔e1 ♔g7 52. ♔d2 ♖c5 53. ♖d6 ♖g5+ 54. ♔d3 1-0

## Round 5

Kulashko's chances of an IM norm were looking stronger after his round 5 win against Anthony, as was Paul Garbett's after his draw with Sermek. (Ironically a draw against Sermek two years ago in the Fencible Masters tournament would have secured the IM title for Paul). Rogers continued in winning form by giving Herman his first loss to a GM in over a year.

## Rogers, I (2574) – Van Riemsdijk, H (2422)

R 5 [B40] Sicilian

Notes by Herman van Riemsdijk

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 e6 3. b3 ♖f6 4. e5 ♔d5 5. ♖b2 ♖c6 6. g3 d6 7. ♖g2 dxe5 8. ♖xe5 ♖xe5 9. ♖xe5 ♖d7! 10. 0-0 ♖c6 11. ♖c1 ♖e7 12. ♖c3

In the New Zealand Rapid Bob Smith tried 12. Na3, but the same as here, Black had a comfortable game.

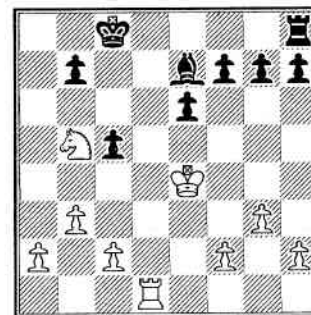
12... ♖g2 13. ♔xg2 ♖c6 14. ♖h5 ♖xe5

Rogers suggests 14... Qd7.

15. ♖xe5 ♖d6 16. ♖e4 0?0?0 17. ♖b5 ♖d5 18. ♖xa7+ ♔b8 19. ♖xd5 ♖xd5 20. ♖b5 ♖xd2 21. ♖ad1 ♖xd1 22. ♖xd1 ♔c8

I had evaluated this ending as a draw, but for sure White has a very small advantage.

23. ♔f3 ♖e7 24. ♔e4



24... f5+?

I didn't want to suffer with 24... Rd8, Rxd8+ Kxd8 26. Kd3, but that was a reasonable continuation. The best, however, would have been 24... h5. If White blocks with h4, Black can still go some time for the rook exchange and h4 will mean a weakness. Also 24... f6 was interesting, because the black king can simply move after an eventual Nd6+. I totally missed the Rd2 idea after 30. Ne4.

25. ♔e5 ♖f6+ 26. ♔xe6 ♖e8+ 27. ♔xf5 ♖e2 28. f4! ♖xc2

28... ♖xh2 29. ♔d6+ ♔b8 30. ♖e4 ♖d4 31. c3 is also very bad.

29. ♔d6+ ♔b8 30. ♖e4 ♖xa2

30... ♖d4 31. ♖d2 ♖c1 32. ♖g5 is also very simple.

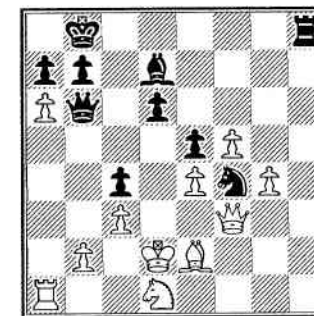
31. ♔xf6 gxf6 32. ♔xf6 ♖xh2 33. f5 ♖f2 34. ♖d3 ♔c7 35. ♔e6 b5 36. f6 ♖e2+ 37. ♔f7 c4 38. bxc4 bxc4 39. ♖f3 1-0

## Ker, A (2321) – Kulashko, A (2396)

R 5 [A45] d4 others

1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♖g5 ♖e4 3. ♖f4 c5 4. f3 ♖a5+ 5. c3 ♖f6 6. d5 d6 7. e4 g6 8. ♖a3 ♖g7 9. ♖d2 ♖bd7 10. ♖h3 h6 11. ♖c4 ♖c7 12. a4 g5 13. ♖e3 ♖h5

14. g4 ♖hf6 15. ♖f2 ♖b6 16. h4 ♖xc4 17. ♖xc4 gxf6 18. ♖xh4 ♔d7 19. ♖xh6 ♖e5 20. ♖e2 ♖d7 21. ♖h5 ♖xh6 22. ♖xh6 ♖xh6 23. ♖xh6 0?0?0 24. a5 c4 25. ♖e3 ♔b8 26. ♔d2 ♖h8 27. f4 ♖g6 28. ♔d1 e5 29. dxe6 fxe6 30. ♖f2 e5 31. f5 ♖f4 32. a6 ♖g2 33. ♖f3 ♖b6 34. ♔d1 ♖f4



35. ♖e3?? ♖h2 36. ♖xb6 ♖xe2+ 37. ♔c1 axb6 38. a7+ ♔a8 39. g5 ♖xc4 40. g6 ♖xf5 41. g7 ♖h7 0-1

## Garbett, P (2360) – Sermek, D (2545)

R 5 [B01] Scandinavian

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 ♖xd5 3. ♖c3 ♖d6 4. d4 ♖f6 5. ♖f3 a6 6. ♖e2 ♖bd7 7. ♖e3 e6 8. ♖d2 b5 9. ♖g5 ♖b7 10. f3 c5 11. ♖ge4 ♖c6 12. 0?0?0 c4 13. ♖xf6+ ♖xf6 14. ♖e4 ♖d5 15. ♖f2 b4 16. ♖g5 f6 17. ♖h5+ g6 18. ♖h4 b3 19. ♖xf6+ ♖xf6 20. ♖xf6 bxa2 21. ♔d2 c3+ 22. bxc3 ♖h6+ 23. ♖e3 ♖f8 ½-½

## Green, E (2265) – Zakaria, F (2185)

R 5 [B82] System with 6. f4

Notes by Peter Stuart

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♔xd4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 a6 6. f4 e6 7. ♖f3 ♖c7 8. g4 ♖c6 9. ♖b3 ♖b4 10. ♖g2 h6 11. a3 ♖c6 12. 0?0?0 c4 13. ♖xf6+ ♖xf6 14. ♖b6 15. g5 ♖b7 16. g6 0?0?0 17. ♖g4 ♔b8 18. gxf7 ♖xf7 19. ♖g1 ♖c4 20. a4 b4 21. ♖b5 e5

21... axb5? 22. axb5 ♖e7 23. ♖a7+ ♔c8 24. ♔d4?.

22. f5 ♖a8?!

22... d5!?

23. ♖h3 ♖b7 24. ♖e2 axb5?

24... ♖b6!

25. axb5 ♖xb5 26. ♖xc4 ♖xc4 27. ♖b6+ ♖b7 28. ♖a5 ♖xc4+ 29. ♖e3 ♖d7

29...dxa5 30.♟xd8+ ♘c8 31.♞xa5+-.

30.♟xc6+! ♟xc6 31.♞a8+! ♔xa8 32.♟a7# 1-0

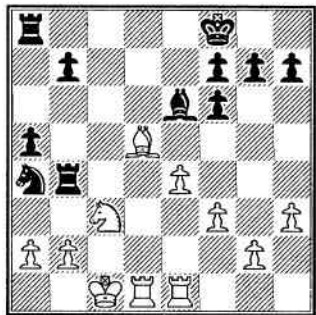
**Round 6**

The Rogers GM technique was too much for Garbett, who could not repeat his draw against Ian from the championship 3 years ago. Drazen focused hard for his critical game against Alexei and won a very tricky 2 rooks versus 2 rooks ending, thus improving his chances for the second place spot. Igor Bjelobrk created enough chances to be able to get counterplay and hold the draw against his experienced opponent. An excellent result for Igor. Earlier in the game Igor had incorrectly tried to claim a draw by threefold repetition of position. This had been the situation earlier, but Herman had since moved a pawn, and the position had changed. An interesting point that Herman shared with a few of us later was that the correct procedure when claiming a draw is to write down your intended move on your scoresheet first, then call the arbiter and claim the draw by showing the intended move. If the draw is not upheld the move written down must still be played.

**Rogers,I (2574) – Garbett,P (2360)**

R 6 [D00] d4 others

1.d4 ♁f6 2.♗g5 d5 3.♗xf6 exf6 4.e3 ♘d6 5.e4 dxc4 6.♗xc4 ♀? 7.♗c3 c6 8.e4 ♞e8 9.♗ge2 c5 10.♟b3 ♟e7 11.♗b5 ♞d8 12.♗xd6 ♞xd6 13.dxc5 ♞d7 14.♟e3 ♟e5 15.♗c3 ♟d4 16.♟xd4 ♞xd4 17.♘d5 ♗a6 18.♗e2 ♟b4 19.♀? ♗c5 20.♗c3 a5 21.♞h1 ♔f8 22.h3 ♘e6 23.f3 ♗a4



24.♗xa4 ♞xa4 25.♗xe6 fxe6 26.♞d7 ♞xa2 27.♔b1 ♞a4 28.♞c1 e5 29.♞cc7 ♞d4 30.♞f7+

♗e8 31.♞xg7 ♔d8 32.♞xb7 ♔c8 33.♞gc7+ ♔d8 34.♞xh7 1-0

**Sermek,D (2545) – Kulashko,A (2396)**

R 6 [B06] Pirc, Modern Defence

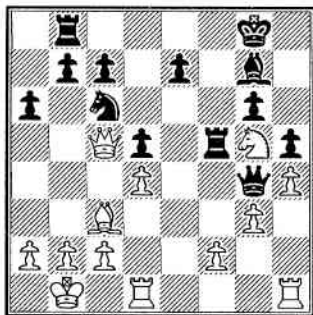
1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗f3 dxe4 5.♗xe4 ♗f6 6.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 7.c3 ♟d6 8.♗h6 ♘f5 9.♗c4 ♗d7 10.♟e2 ♀? ♀? 11.♗g5 ♗xg5 12.♗xg5 f6 13.♗e3 ♗b6 14.♗b3 ♗d5 15.♗d2 ♗f4 16.♗xf4 ♟xf4 17.♀? ♀ e5 18.g3 ♟h6 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.♟xe5 ♞he8 21.♟c5 b6 22.♟c6 ♘e4 23.♗c6+ ♔b8 24.♟xe4 ♞d6 25.♞ad1 ♞dxe6 26.♟c4 ♞6e7 27.♔g2 g5 28.♞d5 ♟e6 29.♞fd1 ♔b7 30.a4 h6 31.a5 ♟e4+ 32.♟xe4 ♞xe4 33.axb6 axb6 34.♞1d2 ♔c6 35.h3 ♞8e6 36.♔f3 b5 37.♞f5 ♔b6 38.♞f6 ♞e3+ 39.fxe3 ♞xf6+ 40.♔g4 ♞e6 41.♞e2 ♞e5 42.e4 ♔c5 43.♔h5 ♔c4 44.♔xh6 ♔d3 45.♞f2 c6 46.g4 ♔c3 47.♞f5 ♞xe4 48.♔xg5 b4 49.h4 b3 50.h5 ♔d3 51.h6 ♞e2 52.h7 ♞h2 53.♔g6 ♔c2 54.♞h5 1-0

**Van Riemsdijk,H (2422) – Bjelobrk,I (2112)**

R 6 [B06] Pirc, Modern Defence

Notes by Peter Stuart

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗e4 5.♗d3 d5 6.♗bd2 ♘f5 7.♟e2 ♗xd2 8.♗xd2 ♗xd3 9.♟xd3 ♀? 10.h4 h5 11.e6 ♟d6 12.exf7+ ♞xf7 13.♀? ♀? ♗c6 14.♗c3 ♟f4+ 15.♔b1 ♟g4 16.♟b5 ♟b8 17.♗g5 ♞f5 18.g3 a6 19.♟c5



19...♞xg5 20.hxg5 e6 21.♟a3 ♟xg5 22.♗d2 ♟g4 23.♗e3 ♗xd4 24.f3 ♟xf3 25.♟d3?

25.♗xd4 ♗xd4 26.♟c7-.

25...♟xe3 26.♟xg6+ ♗g7 27.♞df1 ♞f8 28.♞xf8+ ♔xf8 29.♞f1+ ♔g8 30.♟xh5 ♟e4?

30...♟h6! 31.♟f7+ ♔h7 32.♟xc7 ♗d4 33.♟xb7 ♟d2.

31.♟f7+ ♔h7 32.♟h5+ ♔g8 33.♟e8+ ♔h7 34.♟h5+ ♔g8 35.♟f7+ ♔h7 36.a3 ♗d4

36...♗e5 37.♟h5+ ♗h6 38.♞f6 ♗g4 39.♞f4-.

37.♟h5+ ♔g8 38.♟e8+ ♔h7 39.♟h5+ ♔g8 40.♟f7+ ♔h7 41.♟h5+ ½-½

**Zakaria,F (2185) – Watson,B (2260)**

R 6 [E59] Modern Var.

Notes by Peter Stuart

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.e3 ♀? 5.♗d3 d5 6.♗f3 c5 7.♀? ♗c6 8.a3 ♗xc3 9.bxc3 dxc4 10.♗xc4 ♟c7 11.♗a2 e5 12.h3 e4 13.♗h2 ♘f5 14.♗g4 ♗xg4 15.hxg4 ♞ad8 16.♟e2 ♞d6 17.f4 exf3 18.gxf3 ♞e8 19.♟h2 ♟e7 20.♗d2 ♗d5 21.♗xd5 ♞xd5 22.e4 ♞d7 23.d5 ♗e5 24.♞ae1 c4 25.♔g2 f6 26.♞h1 g5 27.♟h5 ♗d3 28.♞h3 ♗xe1+ 29.♗xe1 ♟f7 30.♟xf7+ ♞xf7 31.♗f2 a6 32.♗b6 ♞c8 33.♔f2 ♞d7 34.♔e3 ♞d6 35.♗d4 ♔g7 36.♞h1 ♔g6 37.♗a7 b5 38.♔d4 ♞d7 39.♗b6 h6 40.♗a5 ♞h7 41.d6 ♞a8 42.♔d5 ♞c8 43.♞h2 ♟b7 44.♞e2 h5 45.gxh5+ ♔xh5 46.♔e6 ♞c6 47.♔f5 ♔h4 48.♞d2 ♔g3 49.d7 ♞xd7 50.♞xd7 ♔xf3 51.♗b4 g4 52.♞d6 ♞xd6 53.♗xd6 g3

53...♔e3; 53...a5; 53...♔e2.

54.e5??

54.♗xg3 ♔xg3 55.♔xf6 a5 56.e5 b4=.

54...fxe5 55.♗xe5 g2 56.♗d4 a5 57.♔e5 b4 58.axb4 axb4 59.cxb4 c3 60.♗xc3 g1 ♟ 61.♔d5 ♟b6 62.♔c4 ♔e4 63.b5 ♟c7+ 64.♔b4 ♔d5 65.♗e1 ♟e7+ 0-1

**Round 7**

Ian and Russell played a seesaw struggle on board one in round 7. Late in the game Ian had won a pawn but his position seemed to hang on a knife-edge. Drazen commented to me that Russell could force the draw by an attack on the queen thus repeating the position. Whether Russell did not see this possibility or simply tried to win I am not sure, but when the dust settled after the time control, he had a lost position. GM Sermek agreed a draw with Anthony, an interesting position being reached after Drazen played his favourite anti-Trompovsky system. Alexei played an insipid opening variation against Van Riemsdijk and only his fierce determination and a slip by Herman allowed him to gain the full point and

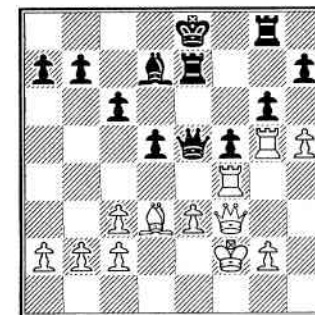
now a very real chance of a norm. Paul Garbett maintained a glimmer of a norm possibility by defeating Bruce Watson. Lower down Nigel Metge presented Paul Spiller with a wooden spoon, perhaps anticipating a close race for last place!

**Kulashko,A (2396)–Van Riemsdijk,H (2422)**

R 7 [C48] Four knights

Notes by Peter Stuart

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.♗b5 ♗d4 5.♗xd4 exd4 6.e5 dxc3 7.exf6 ♟xf6 8.dxc3 ♘d6 9.♗c3 ♀? 10.♟d2 ♟e5 11.♗d3 ♗c5 12.♀? ♗xc3 13.fxc3 d6 14.♞f4 ♗d7 15.♞af1 ♞ae8 16.♞1f3 ♗c6 17.♞h3 g6 18.♟f2 f5 19.♞g3 ♗d7 20.h4 ♔g7 21.h5 d5 22.♟f3 c6 23.♞h4 ♞g8 24.♔f2 ♞e7 25.♞f4 ♔f8 26.♞g5 ♔e8?



26...♟f6. 27.♗xf5 ♔d8

27...♗xf5 28.♞xf5 gxh5 29.♞xg8+ ♔f7 30.♞d8 and White retains the initiative as well as his extra pawn.

28.hxg6 hxg6 29.♞xg6 ♞h8 30.♗xd7 ♞xd7 31.♞f7 ♞h7 32.♞xh7 ♞xh7 33.♟g4 ♔e7 34.♔e2 a5 35.♞g5 ♟f6 36.♞f5 ♟h4 37.♞e5+ ♔d6 38.♞e6+ ♔d7 39.♞e4+ ♟xg4+ 40.♞xg4 ♞h1 41.♞g7+ ♔c8 42.g4 ♞h2+ 43.♔f3 ♞xc2 44.g5 ♔d8 45.g6 ♔e8 46.♞xb7 ♔f8 47.e4 dxe4+ 48.♔xe4 ♞d2 49.♔e5 ♔g8 50.a4 ♞d5+ 51.♔e6 ♞d2 52.b4 ♞a2 53.bxa5 ♞xa4 54.♞a7 c5 55.a6 ♞g4 56.♔f5 ♞a4 57.♔e5 1-0

**Editor's note:** Ian Rogers has provided extensive notes for his game against Russell Dive. These, along with the round-by-round summary of the remaining rounds, and many more games, will appear in the April issue of *NZ Chess*.

**Paul Spiller summarises**

In the final analysis of the Championship, Ian Rogers proved to be a deserving winner, with a winning margin of 2 points over Sermek and Kulashko. He had his luck of course, but his superiority was indisputable.

Drazen Sermek demonstrated his grandmaster class. With a slightly more laid-back approach than Ian he was content to split the point on a number of occasions, but he exploited any weaknesses in his opponents' positions ruthlessly. He is a talented and intuitive player and his analysis sessions after the games were appreciated by opponents and spectators alike.

Alexei took the New Zealand title and again demonstrated that he has reached International Master standard. His dynamic and aggressive style constantly posed problems for his opponents and it is only a matter of time for him to gain his last norm and the IM title. Herman Van Riemsdijk and Paul Garbett both demonstrated their master class and are true gentlemen on and off the board. Herman was always most willing to offer his help to the organisers and spent a great deal of time setting up a website for the tournament, updating round by round results and providing games

from both the Championship and Major Open.

It also provided some additional publicity for Waipuna Hotel and results from the tournament also appeared on THIS WEEK IN CHESS. Herman has been writing a column for a major Brazilian newspaper for the last 30 years and I am sure some of the games will appear in this as well.

Anthony Ker was well deserving of his sixth place and continues to demonstrate that he is one of New Zealand's best players. He along with Paul Garbett and Alexei receive automatic selection into the Olympiad team that will be travelling to Istanbul later this year. Russell Dive will certainly be disappointed not to have finished higher this year, but considering his first round default and poor health at the beginning of the tournament it was a very creditable result. Scott Wastney can also be pleased with his final standing after a difficult start.

Thanks must be extended to all those who contributed in some way to the success of this event. Peter Stuart is a dedicated servant of New Zealand Chess and his direction of the tournament was professional and efficient at all times. Peter produced an excellent error-free bulletin on time every day, accompanied by excellent crosstables and round results which were posted regularly on the tournament noticeboard.

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| 1 Beach P.K.      | 1944 | W22 | W7  | W4  | L6  | W10 | W2  | W8  | D11 | W16 | D3  | D9   | 8.5 |      |
| 2 McNabb M.       | 1801 | D9  | D18 | W15 | W17 | W6  | L1  | W4  | L7  | W14 | W16 | W8   | 8   |      |
| 3 Hair P.I.       | 1840 | D15 | D9  | W23 | D7  | L4  | W12 | D11 | D5  | W6  | D1  | W16  | 7   | 66.0 |
| 4 Croad N.        | 1686 | W19 | W21 | L1  | W23 | W3  | L6  | L2  | D8  | D5  | W11 | W7   | 7   | 64.0 |
| 5 Rogers C.       | 1547 | L13 | W20 | D8  | D14 | L11 | W23 | W17 | D3  | D4  | W18 | W6   | 7   | 59.0 |
| 6 Lynn K.W.       | 1824 | W11 | W10 | W12 | W1  | L2  | W4  | W7  | L16 | L3  | D9  | L5   | 6.5 | 70.0 |
| 7 Vital H.        | 1622 | W24 | L1  | W21 | D3  | W13 | W16 | L6  | W2  | W11 | L8  | L4   | 6.5 | 66.0 |
| 8 Wang P.         | 1626 | D18 | D15 | D5  | D12 | W21 | W9  | L1  | D4  | W13 | W7  | L2   | 6.5 | 65.5 |
| 9 Forster W.      | 1558 | D2  | D3  | L13 | W25 | W17 | L8  | W10 | D14 | W12 | D6  | D1   | 5   | 65.5 |
| 10 Gibson G.M.    | 1537 | W16 | L6  | W14 | W13 | L1  | L11 | L9  | W17 | D20 | D12 | W24* | 6   | 64.5 |
| 11 Gunn N.J.      | 1575 | L6  | D16 | D22 | W24 | W5  | W10 | D3  | D1  | L7  | L4  | W23  | 6   | 60.0 |
| 12 Pakenham J.    | 1440 | W14 | W13 | L6  | D8  | L16 | L3  | W15 | W20 | L9  | D10 | W99  | 6   | 59.5 |
| 13 Godfrey P.     | 1746 | W5  | L12 | W9  | L10 | L7  | W19 | L16 | W21 | L8  | W24 | W18  | 6   | 58.5 |
| 14 Gloistein B.N. | 1635 | L12 | W25 | L10 | D5  | D19 | W15 | W18 | D9  | L2  | D17 | W22  | 6   | 56.5 |
| 15 Howard M.I.    | 1580 | D3  | D8  | L2  | D18 | W23 | L14 | L12 | W99 | D22 | W21 | W25  | 6   | 48.5 |
| 16 Beesley R.A.   | 1646 | L10 | D11 | W18 | W19 | W12 | L7  | W13 | W6  | L1  | L2  | L3   | 5.5 | 67.0 |
| 17 Stracy D.M.    | 1622 | W25 | L23 | W24 | L2  | L9  | W21 | L5  | L10 | W99 | D14 | W20  | 5.5 | 48.0 |
| 18 Cheng H.       | 1419 | D8  | D2  | L16 | D15 | D20 | W99 | L14 | W22 | W19 | L5  | L13  | 5   | 57.0 |
| 19 Voss P.J.      | 1546 | L4  | D22 | W20 | L16 | D14 | L13 | W25 | W24 | L18 | W99 | L21  | 5   | 46.0 |
| 20 Wilson C.      | 1642 | L21 | L5  | L19 | W99 | D18 | W25 | W24 | L12 | D10 | W23 | L17  | 5   | 42.5 |
| 21 Bojtor J.      | 1502 | W20 | L4  | L7  | W22 | L8  | L17 | W99 | L13 | L25 | L15 | W19  | 4   | 50.5 |
| 22 Johns D.P.     | 1590 | L1  | D19 | D11 | L21 | W99 | L24 | W23 | L18 | D15 | D25 | L14  | 4   | 47.0 |
| 23 Stierand R.    | unr  | W99 | W7  | L3  | L4  | L15 | L5  | L22 | D25 | W24 | L20 | L11  | 3.5 |      |
| 24 Nicoll A.      | 1293 | L7  | W99 | L17 | L11 | W25 | W22 | L20 | L19 | L23 | L13 | L10* | 3   | 47.5 |
| 25 Martin O.      | 1399 | L17 | L14 | W99 | L9  | L24 | L20 | L19 | D23 | W21 | D22 | L15  | 3   | 45.0 |

**Top seed takes Major Open**

Paul Beach, with a rating 100 higher than his nearest rival, eventually established a commanding lead in the Major Open and draws in the last two rounds left him a clear winner.

Rounds 4, 5 and 6 were the critical period of the tournament. William Lynn started with straight wins and met Beach in round 4. The top seed lost, and Lynn was clear leader on 4. However, southern junior Matthew McNabb, who was unbeaten after starting with two draws, won from Lynn in round 5, so there was a multiple tie at the top, with Beach, McNabb, Lynn and Wellington junior Nic Croad all on 4.

In what became the decisive game for first place, Beach beat McNabb in round 6 and McNabb's last chance of winning the event went when he lost to Henry Vital in round 8. Although he finished with three wins, draws in

three of the last four rounds kept Beach safely ahead.

Phillip Hair, second seed, lost only to Croad, but six draws kept him in third place, which he shared with the consistent Croad and Cathy Rogers. Cathy, Ian's wife and a popular competitor at Congress, played above her New Zealand rating to join the tie for third.

Lynn finished in a tie for 6<sup>th</sup> with Vital and 9-year-old Puchen Wang, whose results were consistent - losses only to the top two place-getters, but a slow start with four draws which kept him from contending for a top place.

Here are some of the key games.

**Beach,P (1944) – Lynn,K (1824)**  
R 4 [B01] Scandinavian

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♟f6 3.♟f3 ♟g4 4.♟b5+ ♟bd7

5.c4 a6 6.♘a4 b5 7.cxb5 ♖xd5 8.d4 e6 9.bxa6  
 ♜xa6 10.♙xd7+ ♜xd7 11.0? ♖b4 12.♖c3 ♙d6  
 13.♙e3 h5 14.a3 ♖d5 15.♖e4 ♜e7 16.h3 f5  
 17.♖eg5 ♙xf3 18.♖xf3 f4 19.♙d2 g5 20.♜b3  
 ♜b6 21.♜a4+ ♖f7 22.♜fe1 g4 23.hxg4 hxg4  
 24.♖e5+ ♙xe5 25.g3 fxg3 26.♙xe5 ♜h1+  
 27.♖g2 ♜xa1 28.♙g5 gxf2 29.♖xf2 ♜xb2+ 0-1

Lynn, K (1824) – McNabb, M (1801)

R 5 [B07] Pirc/Modern Defence

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♖f6 3.♖c3 g6 4.♙g5 ♙g7 5.♙d2  
 ♖bd7 6.♙e2 c5 7.♖f3 cxd4 8.♖xd4 ♖c5 9.♙f3  
 ♜a5 10.e5 dxe5 11.♖c6 ♜c7 12.♖b5 ♜b6 13.0?  
 0?0 ♖cd7 14.♖xe7 ♜xb5 15.♙xf6 ♙xf6 16.♙c6  
 bxc6 17.♖xc8 0?0 18.♖d6 ♜a4 19.a3 ♜ab8  
 20.♙d3 e4 21.♖xe4 ♙xb2+ 22.♖d2 ♜fe8  
 23.♜he1 ♖c5 24.♖xc5 ♜f4+ 25.♜e3 ♜bd8  
 26.♖d7 ♜xd7 27.♙xd7 ♜xf2+ 28.♖d3 ♜xc3+  
 29.♖c4 ♜c3# 0-1

McNabb, M (1801) – Beach, P (1944)

R 6 [B20] Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.b4 cxb4 3.a3 d5 4.exd5 ♜xd5 5.♖f3  
 e5 6.♖b2 ♖c6 7.axb4 ♙xb4 8.♖a3 ♖f6 9.♖b5 0?  
 0 10.♙xc6 bxc6 11.♙e2 ♙g4 12.c4 ♙d8 13.♙e3  
 ♜e8 14.♖c2 ♙a5 15.♜a3 ♖b6 16.♙g5 ♙xf2+ 0?1

Wang, P (1801) – McNabb, M (1626)

R 11 [B07] Pirc, Modern Defence

Notes by Matthew McNabb

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♖f6 3.♙d3 g6 4.♖e2 ♙g7 5.0?0 0?  
 0 6.c4 e5 7.d5

We now have a King's Indian Defence, but  
 with a slightly unusual piece position for  
 White.

7...♖bd7 8.♖bc3 a5 9.h3 ♖h5 10.♙c2 ♖c5  
 11.f4?

Black would love nothing more than to have  
 the main diagonal open for the g7 bishop.

11...♙xf4 12.♙xf4

12.♖xf4 ♙d4+ 13.♖h2? ♙e5+.

12...♖xf4 13.♜xf4

13.♖xf4 ♙d4+ 14.♖h1 ♙e5 15.♖fe2 ♜h4 with  
 great play.

13...♙e5 14.♜f3 ♜h4 15.♜af1 g5!?

15...♙g4! 16.♜3f2 f5 17.exf5 (17.b3 ♙xe2  
 18.♜xe2 ♙g3 19.♜3f3 ♜h2+ 20.♖f1 ♙g3 21.♜ef2  
 ♜ae8?+ with total hosing) 17...♖xd3 18.♙xd3  
 ♙xf5 19.♙f3 ♜xc4 20.g4 ♙d3 21.♙xf8+ ♜xf8

22.♜xf8+ ♖g7 23.♜1f7+ ♖h6?+ Black's pieces  
 are too strong.

16.♜1f2

16.♖b5 is another plan: 16...g4 17.♜3f2 c6  
 18.♖bd4 gxh3 19.♖f3+.

16...g4 17.g3 ♜h6

I overlooked 19.Rh2; otherwise I would have  
 played 17...♙g5 18.hxg4 ♙g4 19.b3 sacrificing  
 the exchange to blunt Black's attack, and White  
 has good queenside play; however still better  
 for Black I feel; 17...♙hx3 18.♜e3 and it will  
 take Black several moves to get his attack  
 going again.

18.hxg4 ♙g4 19.♜h2 ♙g5 20.♜f2

20.♜hf2 see note to 17...♙g5.

20...♙e3 21.♙c1? ♙d4

21...♙xc1+ 22.♖xc1 ♙xg3 23.♜fg2 ♙xh2+  
 24.♖xh2 h5+ is simpler. However, I thought I  
 saw more when it wasn't there.

22.♖b1 ♜ae8? 23.♙f1 ♙xe2 24.♖xe2 ♙g7?!

24...♖xe4∞ This was the natural move; but I  
 was afraid of White's attack on my King. I  
 decided to play it safe with the move played.

25.e5 h6 26.exd6 cxd6 27.♜h5 ♖e4

27...♙xb2+ Winning a pawn, and after Bg7  
 next move, White's attack is still going  
 nowhere. White should have played 27.b3 to  
 stop this.

28.♙xe4 ♜xe4 29.♜hf5?

29.b3, strengthening White's queenside  
 pawns, was necessary 29...♜xc4 30.♖h2 ♜c2  
 31.♜5f3

31.♖c3 is White's best try: 31...♜xf2+ 32.♙xf2  
 ♙xf2+ 33.♜xf2 ♙e5+ with a superior ending,  
 but a lot of work still to be done.

31...♙g5

31...♙e4, capturing all of White's helpless  
 pawns, is simple and easy.

32.♜f5

32.♖f4! (threat Nc6), and White follows up  
 with Qg2, guarding all pawns.

32...♙g6 33.b3 ♜xa2 34.♙b1 ♜b2 35.♙d3

35.♙e4 ♜xb3?+ isn't much better.

35...♜e8 0-1

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| Player               | Rtg  | R1  | R2   | R3   | R4   | R5   | R6    | R7     | R8   | R9    | Pts     | TB     |        |
|----------------------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|-------|--------|------|-------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1 van Riemsdijk H.   | 2422 | W24 | W15  | W6W3 | W2W4 | W9W8 | D5    | 8.5    |      |       |         |        |        |
| 2 Rogers I.          | 2574 | W17 | W4W7 | W9L1 | W8   | W10  | D5    | D3     | 7    |       |         |        |        |
| 3 Dive R.J.          | 2375 | W21 | W13  | W16  | L1   | D8   | L10   | W12    | W9D2 | 651.5 |         |        |        |
| 4 Sutherland J.L.    | 1974 | W27 | L2   | W19  | W20  | W7L1 | L8    | W24    | W16  | 649   |         |        |        |
| 5 Barlow M.J.        | 2147 | D32 | W18  | L8   | W28  | W17  | D12   | W15    | D2   | D1    | 647     |        |        |
| 6 Smith R.W.         | 2302 | W23 | W26  | L1   | L8   | W27  | L13   | W20    | W10  | W116  | 46.5    |        |        |
| 7 Pearce R.          | 2147 | W22 | W12  | L2   | W25  | L4   | L15   | W27    | W14  | W136  | 45      |        |        |
| 8 Green P.R.         | 2214 | D19 | W11  | W5W6 | D3   | L2   | W4L1  | D12    | 5.5  | 55.5  |         |        |        |
| 9 Ker A.F.           | 2317 | W14 | W25  | W10  | L2   | D12  | W11   | L1     | L3   | W175  | 5.51    |        |        |
| 10 Bjelobrck I.      | 2021 | W33 | W20  | L9   | D    | 14   | W24   | W3L2   | L6   | W19   | 5.545.5 |        |        |
| 11 Gibbons R.E.      | 1986 | D18 | L8   | W29  | W19  | W14  | L9    | W17    | W16  | L6    | 5.544   |        |        |
| 12 Croad N.          | 1762 | W37 | L7   | W35  | W16  | D9   | D5    | L3     | W15  | D8    | 5.543   |        |        |
| 13 McNabb M.         | 1850 | W28 | L3   | W22  | L24  | W20  | W6L16 | W18    | L7   | 5     | 44      |        |        |
| 14 Wang P.           | 1681 | L9  | W30  | W15  | D10  | L11  | W19   | D18    | L7   | W26   | 5.44    |        |        |
| 15 Lim B.U.          | 1896 | W31 | L1   | L14  | W35  | W28  | W7L5  | L12W24 | 5    | 43.5  |         |        |        |
| 16 Krstev A.         | 2017 | W29 | W34  | L3   | L    | 12   | W26   | W24    | W13  | L11   | L4      | 542    |        |
| 17 Beesley R.A.      | 1741 | L2  | D29  | W32  | W18  | L5   | W25   | L11    | W22  | L9    | 4.543.5 |        |        |
| 18 Simpson D.J.W.    | 1573 | D11 | L5   | W21  | L17  | W33  | W26   | D14    | L13  | D204  | 5.41    |        |        |
| 19 Godfrey P.        | 1638 | D8  | W32  | L4   | L    | 11   | W29   | L14    | W30  | W21   | L104    | 5.40.5 |        |
| 20 Vital H.          | 1749 | W36 | L10  | W34  | L4   | L13  | W28   | L6     | W25  | D184  | 5.38.5  |        |        |
| 21 Farrington L.B.   | 1719 | L3  | L27  | L18  | W99  | W30  | D22   | W29    | L19  | W314  | 5.33    |        |        |
| 22 Cater J.E.        | 1599 | L7  | W37  | L13  | L36  | W34  | D21   | W23    | L17  | W304  | 5.32.5  |        |        |
| 23 Millar B.W.       | 1645 | L6  | L28  | D31  | L30  | W32  | W36   | L22    | W33  | W294  | 5.31    |        |        |
| 24 Wood D.A.         | 1723 | L1  | W31  | W36  | W13  | L10  | L16   | W25    | L4   | L154  | 43.5    |        |        |
| 25 Hair P.I.         | 1784 | W30 | L9   | W27  | L7   | W36  | L17   | L24    | L20  | W344  | 35      |        |        |
| 26 Rogers C.         | 1781 | W35 | L6   | L28  | W37  | L16  | L18   | W36    | W27  | L144  | 32.5    |        |        |
| 27 Urbanski Z.       | 1566 | L4  | W21  | L25  | W34  | L6   | W37   | L7     | L26  | D283  | 5.37.5  |        |        |
| 28 Allen-Urbanski J. | 1334 | L13 | W23  | W26  | L5   | L15  | L20   | W37    | L31  | D273  | 5.37    |        |        |
| 29 Cheng H.          | 1579 | L16 | D17  | L11  | W32  | L19  | W33   | L      | 21   | W35   | L233    | 5.37   |        |
| 30 van den Bosch K.  | 1330 | L25 | L14  | D33  | W23  | L21  | W31   | L      | 19   | W     | 99      | L223   | 5.32.5 |
| 31 Booth A.J.        | 1530 | L15 | L24  | D23  | L33  | W99  | L30   | W      | 32   | W     | 28      | L213   | 5.30   |
| 32 Wilson C.         | 1633 | D5  | L19  | L17  | L29  | L23  | W99   | L      | 31   | W     | 36      | W373   | 5.29.5 |
| 33 Howard M.I.       | 1599 | L10 | L35  | D30  | W31  | L18  | L29   | W      | 34   | L     | 23      | W993   | 5.29   |
| 34 Cooze B.          | 1182 | W99 | L16  | L20  | L27  | L22  | W35   | L      | 33   | W     | 37      | L253   | 28.5   |
| 35 Judkins G.L.      | 1323 | L26 | W33  | L12  | L15  | L37  | L34   | W      | 99   | L     | 29      | W363   | 26.5   |
| 36 Gothorp T.H.T.    | 1224 | L20 | W99  | L24  | W22  | L25  | L23   | L      | 26   | L     | 32      | L352   | 31     |
| 37 Millano A.        | 1293 | L12 | L22  | W99  | L26  | W35  | L27   | L      | 28   | L     | 34      | L322   | 29     |

*Italics indicates unplayed game; "99" indicates a bye.*

Scores adjusted for unplayed games for calculation of tie-break scores.

### Van Riemsdijk takes NZ Rapid, NZ title shared

Herman van Riemsdijk showed his quality in the New Zealand Rapid Championship, in which the decisive clash was his game with GM Ian Rogers in round 5. They shared the lead with a clean sweep after 4 rounds, in which both players went for a win.

The fight for minor placings and the New Zealand title went down to the wire. IM Russell Dive had to fight back after losing to Igor Bjelobrck in round 6, but a draw with Ian Rogers in the final round kept him in a tie with John Sutherland, Matthew Barlow, Bob Smith and R Pearce.

Here is the key game.



**Rogers,I – van Riemsdijk,H**  
R 5 [D03] d4 others

Notes by Herman van Riemsdijk

1.d4  f6 2. f3 e6 3. g5 d5 4.e3  e7 5. bd2 c5 6.c3  c6 7. d3  d7

Belavsky has played this more than once.

8. f4 g5!?

New as far as I know.

9. g3 h5 10.h3  b6 11. c2 f5 12.h4 g4 13. g5  f8! 14.dxc5  xc5 15.0?0?0  d7 16.e4!?! fxe4 17. gxe4 dxe4 18. xe4  a5 19. d6+  xd6 20. g6+  d8 21. xd6  xa2 22. hd1  b4! 23. c2  c8?

I think 23...Qa1+ 24.Bb1 Rc8 is a win for Black.

24. xd7+!  xd7 25. xd7+!  xd7 26. b5+  c6 27. xb7+  d8 28. f4  e7 29. g5  a1+ 30. d2  c7 31. xe7+  xe7 32. b8+  d7 33. xh8?!

After this forced sequence, Rogers shows his habitual optimism. He can go for a draw with Qb7+.

33... xb2+ 34. c2  b6 35. e1  c7 36. e5+  d6 37. xh5  d7 38. g5  c6 39. e5+  c8 40. e3  xg2 41. e4?!

We were both with about 2 minutes left. 41.Qc5 maybe is still a draw.

41... g1+ 0-1

**van Riemsdijk,H – Sutherland,J**  
R 6 [B30] Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2. f3  c6 3. c3 e5 4. c4  e7 5.d3  f6 6. d2 d6 7. f1  e6 8. e3  xc4 9.dxc4  d4 10. d3 0?0 11. cd5  e6 12. f5  xd5 13.exd5  c7 14. g3  e8 15.h4  h8 16. h3  g8 17.h5  f8 18. f3  d7 19. g5 f6 20. h4 h6 21. d2  c7 22. g3  b5 23.c3 a6 24. g6  a7 25. g3  c8 26. f5  e7 27. xe7  xe7 28. xh6  f7 29. e3 f5 30.exf5  xf5 31.h6  h7 32. g5  f7 33.hxg7  xg7 34.0?0?0  e7 35. h1+  g8 36. h3  f6 37. xg7+  xg7 38. e6+  f8 39. h5  c8 40. g5 1-0

**Ker takes New Year Open**

Anthony Ker joined several of the young players at Congress in the New Year Open, and his win over Igor Bjelobrk in round 4 was the decisive game. Igor won all his other games. Here's the one from round 3.

**Chilvers,M – Bjelobrk,I**  
[C07]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. d2 c5 4.c3  c6 5. g3  f6 6.e5  d7 7.b3 f6 8. b5 fxe5 9. xc6 bxc6 10. xe5  xe5 11.dxe5  c7 12. f3  e7 13.0?0 0?0 14. e1 a5 15. g5  a6 16. xe7  xe7 17. c2  f4 18. ad1  af8 19. e3  c8 20. d2  d7 21. e1  e8 22. c1  g6 23. d3  xd3 24. exd3  g5 25. e1  e4 26. e3  xf2 27. xf2  f4+ 28. f3  h4+ 29.g3  xh2+ 0-1

**New Year Open, 2000**

|                    | R1  | R2  | R3  | R4  | R5  | R6  | Pts | TB   |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1 Ker A.F.         | W11 | W4  | W3  | W2  | D6  | W8  | 5.5 |      |
| 2 Bjelobrk I.      | W8  | W6  | W9  | L1  | W3  | W4  | 5   |      |
| 3 Lim B.U.         | W12 | W15 | L1  | W8  | L2  | W6  | 4   | 22.0 |
| 4 McNabb M.        | W18 | L1  | W7  | W5  | W13 | L2  | 4   | 20.5 |
| 5 Cheng H.         | L6  | W17 | W11 | L4  | W16 | W12 | 4   | 15.5 |
| 6 Croad N.         | W5  | L2  | W12 | W9  | D1  | L3  | 3.5 | 24.0 |
| 7 Wood D.A.        | D14 | W16 | L4  | L13 | W18 | W11 | 3.5 | 13.5 |
| 8 Vital H.         | L2  | W18 | W15 | L3  | W9  | L1  | 3   | 20.0 |
| 9 Chilvers M.      | W17 | W14 | L2  | L6  | L8  | W16 | 3   | 17.0 |
| 10 Chilvers C.     | L15 | L12 | W18 | L14 | W17 | W13 | 3   | 11.0 |
| 11 Gloistein B.N.  | L1  | W13 | L5  | D12 | W14 | L7  | 2.5 | 20.5 |
| 12 Farrington L.B. | L3  | W10 | L6  | D11 | W15 | L5  | 2.5 | 19.5 |
| 13 Gibson G.M.     | D16 | L11 | W14 | W7  | L4  | L10 | 2.5 | 17.5 |
| 14 Davies R.E.     | D7  | L9  | L13 | W10 | L11 | W17 | 2.5 | 15.5 |
| 15 Smith R.G.      | W10 | L3  | L8  | D16 | L12 | W18 | 2.5 | 14.5 |
| 16 Haase G.G.      | D13 | L7  | W17 | D15 | L5  | L9  | 2   |      |
| 17 Williams K.A.   | L9  | L5  | L16 | W18 | L10 | L14 | 1   |      |
| 18 Trundle G.E.    | L4  | L8  | L10 | L17 | L7  | L15 | 0   |      |

**Visiting IM coaches and gives simul**

By Herman van Riemsdijk

In my first and unforgettable trip to New Zealand I had the opportunity to give a three-day course based on my book *The Final Countdown* (written with Willem Hajenius), which deals with pawn endings. Paul Spiller made the effort to organise it in the Howick & Pakuranga Chess Club. It was attended by about 10 players, some of them very strong (Spiller, Gibbons, Bennett, Metge, E Green and Wang).

It was a great pleasure to discuss with them the beautiful "key-squares" theory."

I had the opportunity also to give three simul, the first one against 12 boards in Wellington, on January 17. It was held in the Shepherds Arms pub, where my friend Bill Forster meets a group of chessplayers each Monday evening.

The second one was in the Nbw Plymouth Chess Club and was organised by Errol Tuffery. It was also against 12 boards and there I had my only defeat (no draws at all!), against Michael Freeman. Maybe Michael (who I knew from several chess olympiads) proved to be too strong for a simul. This was the only time that I saw good publicity in New Zealand. The simul made the front page with photo in the local *Daily News*, against no lines at all on the national championships, the latter very surprising.

The last exhibition was outdoors, in the Howick Commerce Centre, on a beautiful sunny Mardi Gras Saturday. It had nine boards at the same time. During two and half hours I played 30 games. The most interesting by far were the two I played against the best New Zealand junior, Puchen Wang. He's only 10 years old but already has a good technique and an amazingly good tactical feeling. You'll hear more of him very soon!

**Van Riemsdyk,H – Freeman,M**

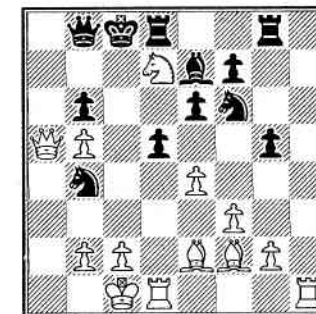
[B95] Poisoned pawn var.

Simul, New Plymouth

Notes by Herman van Riemsdijk

1.e4 c5 2. f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. xd4  f6 5. c3 a6 6. g5 e6 7. f3 h6 8. h4  bd7 9.0?0?0  c7 10. e2  e7 11. g3  e5 12. e3 g5 13.h4  g8 14.hxg5 hxg5 15. b3  d7 16.f3 0-0-0 17. d4

 b8 18.a4  c8 19. f2  c6 20. e3  cd8 21. b5 axb5 22.axb5  b4 23. a7+  c8 24. a8+  b8 25. a5 d5 26. c5 b6 27. xd7??



27... f4+

I was not happy to see 27...Qf4+, just when the game was so interesting. After 27. xb4 bxc5 28. xc5  xc5 29. xc5+  c7 30. d4 I prefer White.

28. b1 bxa5 29. b6+  b7 30.c3  xe4 31. d4  d2+ 0-1

**van Riemsdijk,H – Wang,P**

[C12] Classical system

Simul, Howick, Game 1

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. c3  f6 4. g5  b4 5.e5 h6 6. d2  xc3 7. xc3  e4 8. e2 c5 9.dxc5  c6 10. d4  c7 11. c3  xd4 12. xe4  xc2+ 13. xc2 dxe4 14. b5+  d7 15. xd7+  xd7 16. xe4  b5 17.a4  xb2 18.0?0 0?0 19. ab1  c3 20. fc1  d2 21. c2  a5 22. xb7  fd8 23. b1  ac8 24.g3  d5 25.c6  xe5 26. b4  c7 27. b7  d8 28.c7 1-0

**van Riemsdijk,H – Wang,P**

[B22] Caro-kann

Simul, Howick, Game 2

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5  xd5 5.d4  c6 6. f3  g4 7. e2 e6 8.0?0  f6 9. c3  d8 10. b3  b8 11. e3  d6 12. fd1 0?0 13.h3  h5 14.d5  a5 15. b5 a6 16. b6  c7 17. d4 exd5 18. g5  c6 19. h4  xf3 20. xf3  d6 21. xf6  fe8 22. e4  h2+ 23. f1 dxe4 24. g5 1-0

## New Zealand News

## Waitemata CC

The feature of Waitemata Chess Club's latest Championship was a family quinella. Bob Smith successfully defended his title for the 22<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, with 7/7 in the finals. His closest pursuer was his wife Viv, who scored 5.5 and had Bob on the ropes in their individual game until going wrong in time trouble. The other finalists were : Mark Brimble (5), Paul Godfrey (3.5), Roy Harish (3), Rob Calder & Bruce Pollard (2) and Albert Tibble (0).

The Reserve Championship was won easily by Alen Machina with 6.5/7, but his rating made him ineligible for the title, which was shared by second place-getters John Lin, David Wong and Gary Collingwood (4.5).

The Most Improved Player award went to Paul Godfrey and Roy Harish, while the Junior Cup was won by Paul Godfrey.

- Waitemata CC has a very busy year ahead - in addition to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Waitakere Trust Open, the club is organising this year's NZ Women's Champs and the next New Zealand Championship Congress.

Here's a game from the club championship:

**Smith, R – Pollard, B**

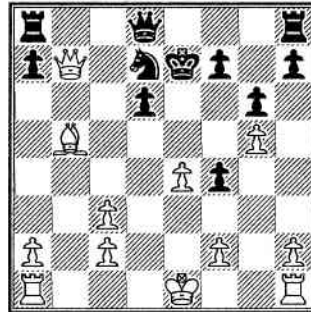
[B81]

Notes by Bob Smith

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 d6 6.g4! e5?! 7.♗f5 g6?! 7...h5.

8.♗e3 ♗c6 9.g5 ♗h5 10.♗ed5 ♗g7 11.♗c2 ♗xd5 12.♗xd5 ♗f4?! Better 12...Nc6.

13.♗xf4 exf4 14.♗xb7 ♗d7 15.♗b5 ♗xc3+ 16.bxc3 ♗e7



Black wants to play ...Rb8 without Bxd7+. But now White finds a crusher.

17.e5!! ♗b8

If 18...Kxd6 19.0?0?0+ wins.

18.exd6+ ♗e6

18...♗xd6 19.0?0?0+.

19.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 20.♗e4+ ♗xd6 21.0?0?0+ ♗c7 22.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 23.♗d1+ ♗c7 24.♗e7+ ♗b6 25.♗d6+ ♗b5 26.♗e5+

If 26...Kc4 27.Rc6# or 26...Ka4 27.Ra6#. 1-0

## Open tournaments scheduled for 1999 and 2000

Details of each event are available from the organising club

**NZ Women's Championship**, April 21-24 April (Easter), at Kelston Girls' High School, run by Waitemata CC.

**Waitakere Trust Open**, May 6-7, Lincoln Green Motor Hotel, Lincoln Road, Henderson, Auckland. 3 grades, prizes more than \$3600. Run by Waitemata CC.

**NZ Junior Championship**, proposal from Wanganui CC, Queen's Birthday weekend

**North Island Championship**, proposal from Wellington CC (merged with Civic), details later.

**South Island Championship**, September, 2000, Otago CC.

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

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

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

## Games

## Asian teams championship

Here are some games from the later rounds of the Asian teams tournament in Shenyang, China. First, as Paul Spiller reported, Peter Green's gritty defensive style paid dividends against Vietnam's No. 1 player in rounds 8.

**Green, P – Dao, T (2543)**

[D48] Meran

Notes by Peter Green

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗c3 e6 4.e3 ♗f6 5.♗f3 ♗bd7 6.♗d3 dxe4 7.♗xc4 b5 8.♗d3 ♗b7 9.0?0 a6 10.♗e4 c5 11.♗xc5 ♗xc5 12.dxc5 ♗xc5 13.♗e2 0?0 14.e4 ♗d7 15.♗f4 h6 16.♗ac1 ♗e7 17.e5 ♗fc8 18.♗d2 ♗d4 19.♗b3 ♗b6 20.♗g4 ♗h8 21.♗h3 ♗f8 22.♗b1 ♗xc1 23.♗xc1 f5 24.exf6 ♗xf6

The Black Q is placed in a threatening position.

25.♗e3 ♗f8 26.♗f1 ♗xe3

Now all the pressure is on f2.

27.♗xe3 ♗d5 28.♗c5

The isolani on e6 becomes a target.

28...♗xc5 29.♗xc5 ♗g8 30.♗c2 ♗g5 31.f4 ♗f6

31...♗xf4 32.♗c8+ ♗f7 33.♗c7+ ♗e8 34.♗c8+ ♗c7 35.♗c7+ ♗e8 36.♗c8+ ♗f7 37.♗c7+ ♗e8 (Fritz 5).

32.a3 ♗d8

[32...♗c4 33.♗h7+ ♗f7 34.♗f2.

33.♗d1 ♗f8

33...♗xf4 doesn't work because of 34.♗h7+ ♗f8 35.♗f1 ♗xf1+ 36.♗xf1.

34.♗c5+ ♗e8 35.♗d4

35.b4 g5 (35...♗xf4 is worthless because of 36.♗g6+ ♗d7 37.♗f7) 36.f5]

35...♗xd4+ 36.♗xd4 ♗c8 37.♗f2 ♗e7 38.♗d2 ♗c1 39.♗d3 ♗d6 40.♗e4 ♗c5 41.♗c2+ ♗xc2+ 42.♗xc2 ♗d4 43.g3 ♗c4 44.♗b1 ♗d3 45.♗a2 ♗f5 46.♗e2 ♗g4+ 47.♗d2 ♗e4 48.♗b3 h5 49.a4 ♗f3 50.a5 ♗g2 51.♗e3 ♗xh2 52.♗f2 ♗h3 53.♗c2 ♗f5 54.♗d1 ♗g4 55.♗c2 ♗f5 56.♗d1 ♗g4 ½?½

**Thong, T (2515) – Spiller, P (2200)**

R 8, Asian teams championship

[B10] Caro-Kann

Notes by Paul Spiller

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.♗f3 ♗e6!

Black's best move. Before the game I had a quick look to see what my GM opponent played against the Caro-Kann and decided that this was the best choice against the "Fantasy variation."

6.c3 ♗f6 7.♗d3 ♗bd7 8.♗g

This was unexpected. The usual continuation is 8.♗bd2 ♗d6 9.0?0 ♗e7 10.♗e2 with a balanced position.

8...♗b6 9.♗c2 ♗g4

I was starting to feel happy about my position about now.

10.♗d3 h6 11.♗f3 ♗xf3 12.gxf3

My original intention was to play 12...exd4 13.cxd4 0?0?0, threatening to play 14...Ne5 followed by ...Qxd4 and Nxf3+. I changed my mind, trying to create some kingside play. However, this lets White take the advantage.

12...♗e7 13.♗d2 ♗h5 14.♗c4 ♗h4+

Not the best continuation. Preferable was 14...Qc7.

15.♗e2 15...♗c7 16.dxe5 ♗xe5 17.♗d6 ♗xd6!

The move I had overlooked.

18.♗xd6+ ♗f8 19.♗xb7 ♗g5 20.♗c5

Black is a pawn down, but not completely dead! Black threatened 20...Bxc1 and Rb8.

20...♗f4+ 21.♗f2 ♗d8 22.h4 ♗e7 23.♗xf4 ♗xc5+ 24.♗e2 ♗g6 25.♗g3 h5 26.f4 ♗e7 27.f5 ♗f8+ 28.♗a4 ♗c8 29.♗e5 ♗d7 30.♗d4

30.Bxg7 allows Rhg8 and Rg2+.

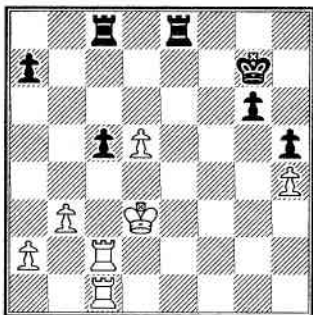
30...exd4 31.cxd4 c5 32.♗xd7 ♗xd7 33.d5

Possibly Rhg1 immediately was better.

33...♗d6 34.♗hg1 ♗hg8 35.♗g5 ♗e5 36.♗e3 ♗b8

I was running short of time, so my opponent was playing fairly quickly. He was now poised to play 37.b3, when I could have played 37...f6 and then ...Rb4, giving me some hope. However, he changed his mind and played ...

37.f6+ ♖xf6 38.b3 g6 39.♖c1 ♖bc8 40.e5+ ♖e7  
41.♖g2 ♖gd8 42.♖c4 f5+ 43.exf6+ ♖xf6  
44.♖f2+ ♖g7 45.♖fc2 ♖e8+ 46.♖d3



This was the position I had been hoping to get, when I had intended to play 46...♖c5 47.♖xc5 ♖xd5+ 48.♖xd5 ♖xc1. However, I thought the position after 49.♖d7+ and Rxa7 was lost. After the game Peter Green pointed out that after 49...♖f6 50.♖xa7 ♖h1 it was not clear.

46...g5 47.hxg5 ♖e5 48.♖c4 ♖xg5 49.♖d1 ♖g4+ 50.♖b5 ♖b4+ 51.♖a5 ♖b6

Black was getting very short of time and goes astray in the next few moves. Fritz 5 considers Rb7 here.

52.d6 ♖d8 53.♖xc5 ♖bxd6 54.♖xd6 ♖xd6 55.♖xh5 ♖g6 56.♖b5 1-0

**Gibbons,R (2200) – Kaiumov,D (2471)**

R 9, Asian teams championship

[A00]

Notes by Bob Gibbons

This was the last-round game against Uzbekistan, who were after a 4?0 result to gain first place. The plan, then, was to keep things as quiet as possible.

1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 ♖c6 3.♖c4 ♖c5 4.♖c3 d6 5.♖a4 5.0?0 f5 seemed a complication to avoid.

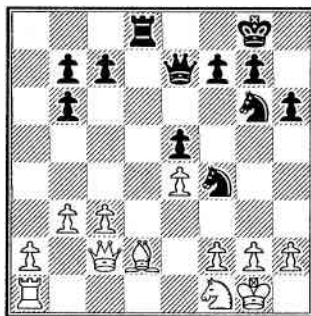
5...♖b6 6.♖xb6 axb6 7.c3 ♖f6 8.♖c2 0?0 9.0?0 ♖g4 10.♖e2 ♖e7 11.d4 ♖g6 12.b3

To ultimately free the queen's rook. Considering the short unhappy life of the black bishop, Bg5 here was probably better.

12...h6 13.♖e3 ♖e7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.♖fe1 ♖h5 16.♖d2

Wanting to simplify, but h3 is a better idea.

16...♖xe2 17.♖xc2 ♖ad8 18.♖f1 ♖hf4 19.♖d2 ♖xd2 20.♖xd2 ♖d8



The idea I was working with was Bxf4 here, as ...Nxf4, Rd1 with Ng3 looking reasonably solid. But I thought playing Rd1 first can't be bad.

21.♖d1 ♖xg2

A big shock.

22.♖xg2

The counter sacrifice 22.♖xh6 ♖xd1 23.♖xd1 gxh6 24.♖xg2 is probably best .. but I couldn't believe that the knight sacrifice was sound.

22...♖h4+ 23.♖h3 \

I didn't expect to survive running into the corner, which was the natural move that my opponent would expect. For example, 23.♖h1 ♖d7 24.♖e3 ♖h3 25.♖c1 ♖d6 26.♖xd6 ♖f3. Despite a big plus in material, White will get mated.

23...♖d6 24.♖g3

I didn't want to restrict my bishop, but it is the king which need the mobility. However, 24.♖e3 ♖g5 25.♖g4 ♖h5 26.♖g3 f5 is not pleasant for White.

24...♖d7+ 25.♖f5

Whoops! 25.♖xh4 g5+ and White's two extra pawns can't save the king.

25...♖f3

Now Black cashes up and the rest is history.

26.♖g3 ♖xd2 27.♖xd2 ♖xd2 28.♖xd2 ♖xd2 29.f3 ♖b1 30.c4 ♖c3

White was faced with a pawn deficit, a marauding black knight and three minutes to reach the time control.

31.♖e7+

31.a3 is a better try.

31...♖f8 32.♖d5 ♖xd5 33.exd5 ♖e7 34.a3 f5 35.h4 g5 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.b4 ♖d6 38.♖f2 e4 39.♖e3 exf3 40.♖xf3 ♖e5

Time to go home. 0-1

### Adams in Australia

Cancellation of a project on which he was working as a in Christchurch for IBM New Zealand led to an offer to Jonathan Adams to transfer to Sydney as a senior business analyst. Once he settled in Jonathan joined the Manly Warringah Chess Club and played in their 9-round summer tournament. With a provisional rating of 1700 he was seeded second and was delighted to win the event with 8.5/9, 1.5 pooints ahead of the runners-up.

Here's one of Jonathan's games.

**Adams,J – Sandalcayam,A**

[A00] Sokolsky

Notes by Jonathan Adams

1.b4 ♖f6 2.♖b2 e6 3.b5 b6

Quite playable, but never going to refute the Sokolsky.

4.e3 ♖b7 5.♖f3 d6 6.d4 ♖bd7 7.♖d3 g6 8.♖bd2 ♖g7 9.e4 0?0 10.0?0 ♖c8?!

Makes White's next better than before.

11.a4 c5?!

Will leave a horrible weakness on d6.

12.bxc6 ♖xc6 13.♖a3± ♖e8 14.e5 ♖h8

After a long think, to give the rook a square.

15.♖a6 ♖a8 16.♖c4 ♖g8 17.♖xd6 ♖xd6 18.♖xd6 ♖b8 19.♖c4 ♖d7 20.♖b3 ♖c8 21.c4 ♖b7 22.d5 exd5 23.cxd5 ♖c5 24.♖e1 h6 25.♖c1 ♖e8

White's advantage is less now, so I probably missed the strongest line somewhere.

26.♖xc5 ♖xc5 27.♖xc5 bxc5 28.d6 ♖d7 29.♖d5 ♖xd5 30.♖xd5 ♖c8 31.♖b1 ♖c6 32.♖b8+ ♖h7 33.♖d2 ♖b6 34.♖xb6 axb6 35.♖e4 ♖f8 36.♖a8 ♖g4?! 37.♖xf8 ♖d1+ 38.♖f1 ♖xa4 39.♖xf7+1-0

### Krstev game

Antonio Krstev sent us the following game, which he played in a tournament in Cairle, Italy, in 1979.

**Krstev,A – Gusepe,P**

[D35] d4 others

Notes by Antonio Krstev

1.d4 e6 2.c4 ♖f6 3.♖c3 d5 4.e3 ♖e7 5.♖f3 0?0 6.♖c2 ♖bd7 7.c5!? c6

In modern chess White doesn't usually play c5 early, which gives the opponent the chance to attack the centre with ...b6.

8.♖d3 b6 9.b4 a5 10.b5 ♖b8 11.cxb6 ♖xb6 12.♖a4 ♖b7 13.b6 ♖bd7 14.♖e5 ♖xe5 15.dxe5 ♖d7 16.♖xh7+ ♖h8 17.f4

If the e-pawn has gone, Black has a strong centre and a much better game.

17...f5

Weakness. Black thinks only his diagonal is a weakness, and the White pieces are passive, but...

18.♖g6 ♖b4+ 19.♖d2 ♖d8

With the idea of ...Nf8.

20.♖xb4 axb4 21.♖c5!!

To distract the Black N from defending the h7 field. If now Black plays 21...Qb6, 22.Qe2! – not 22.Nxd7 because of ...Qe3+ and later Black is consolidated.

21...♖xc5 22.♖e2 ♖g8 23.♖h5 ♖d3+ 24.♖e2 ♖xe5 25.fxe5

Black resigns, as he cannot avoid mate. 25...♖d7 26.♖h7+ ♖f8 27.♖h8+ ♖e7 28.♖e8# [28.♖xg7+ ♖d8 29.♖f8#] 1-0

### Under-10 win

Here's a sample of play by the winner of the world under-10 boys' championship in Oropesa, Spain, in which Puchen Wang played.

**Andreikine,D – Ibarra,L**

[C01]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♖c3 ♖b4 4.exd5 exd5 5.♖d3 ♖e7 6.♖h5 ♖d7 7.♖g5 h6 8.♖f3 c5 9.0?0 ♖f6 10.♖xf6 gxf6 11.♖fe1 ♖xc3 12.bxc3 ♖g8 13.♖xh6 ♖g4 14.♖xf6 ♖xf3 15.♖xf3 c4 16.♖f5 ♖d6 17.♖e5 ♖d8 18.♖ae1 ♖e8 19.♖h3 ♖b8 20.♖xf7 b6 21.♖xe7 1-0

## “Black Swan” tournament in Queensland

By FM Bob Smith

My wife Viv and I enjoyed a week's holiday in Noosa in November and amongst the swimming, tennis, golf and shopping managed to fit in two days of chess. Seventy players turned out at the Discovery Beach Resort Hotel in beautiful weather for the Maroochydore “Black Swan” Open.

Top seed by some 200 points was IM Stephen Solomon. I had the daunting experience of being seeded second - a natural target for under-rated and ambitious Aussies hungry for even more sporting success.

### Popular time control

The time control was a fairly popular one in Australia - 60 minutes each plus 10 seconds a move. They rate these games fully across the Tasman.

After two rounds most of the top players were on full points, including me.

Viv had also started well, with two good wins. But this was where the “under-arm bowling” came in. Obviously galled by two kiwis being among the 16 leaders, D.O.P. Ian Murray contrived to pair husband and wife together, Viv having black.

I played somewhat unconvincingly against her Pirc and came under some pressure. But staunch defence plus a time trouble mistake by Viv brought home the point for me. I also won my next two games - a little more convincingly - and in round six graduated to top board, with Solomon and me the only ones still with a perfect score.

Solomon, playing white, used the Panov-Botvinnik attack against my Caro-Kann and gained a slight theoretical edge. However, with sensible play I gained the advantage and looked likely to score an upset win. But - tragedy! In a mutual time scramble I had a choice of two pawns to push. One won, the other drew. My hand automatically pushed the closer (wrong) one and Solomon escaped with a half.

This left us still tied for first with 5.5/6, with fourth seed Nik Stawski (who I beat in round 5) and fifth seed Alain Pardoën lurking half a point behind.

The final round pairings were Stawski-

Solomon and Smith-Pardoën.

Still grieving after my slip-up against Solomon, I came out all guns blazing. Pardoën's caro-kann barely survived the complications of an early c4!? He lost a pawn, got behind on time and then dropped a piece to a tactical trick.

Meanwhile Solomon was in trouble against Stawski and looked as if he would be lucky to draw. Several times Stawski could have forced a draw, but decided to go for all or nothing. In the event, he got nothing after blundering a rook in time trouble - to my great disappointment.

### Tie for first

This meant Solomon and I tied for first with 6.5/7, a point ahead of Sunshine Coast players Otto Mehlreter and Paul Summers. Vivian also finished well, winning her last two games to come 12<sup>th</sup> equal and win the Women's prize of A\$50. My prize-money of A\$350 combined nicely with Viv's to help towards holiday expenses.

Here are a couple of the games:

#### Laky, J – Smith, R

[A30] King's Indian Attack

1.♭f3 ♀f6 2.g3 b6 3.♁g2 ♁b7 4.0?0 g6 5.c4 c5 6.♂c3 ♁g7 7.d3 0?0 8.♖b1 d6 9.♖e1 ♁bd7 10.b4 ♖c7 11.b5!?! d5! 12.cxd5 ♁xd5 13.♁xd5 ♁xd5 14.a4 a6! 15.♁b2 axb5 16.♁xg7 ♁xg7 17.axb5 ♖a2 18.♁d2 ♁xg2 19.♁xg2 ♖fa8 20.♂c4 ♂c5 21.♖b3 ♁xc4 22.dxc4 ♖8a3 23.♖d1 ♖e5! 24.♁f1? ♖e4 25.♁g1 ♖xc4 26.♖d8 ♖e6 27.e4 ♖f6 28.f4 ♖c2 29.♖d7 ♖aa2 30.♖h3 ♖d4+ 31.♁h1 ♖f2 32.f5 ♖f3+ 33.♁g1 ♖g2+ 1-0

#### Smith, V – Koch, W

[B23] Closed Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.♂c3 e6 3.f4 d6 4.♂f3 ♂c6 5.♁c4 a6 6.a4 g6 7.0?0 ♁g7 8.d3 ♁g7 9.♖e1 0?0 10.♁h1 ♁b4?! 11.♁b3 ♁d7 12.f5 exf5 13.♖h4 ♁ec6 14.♁g5 ♖e8 15.♁h6 ♁e6 16.♁g5 ♖e7 17.♁xg7 ♁xg7 18.exf5! ♁xf5 19.♖xh7+ ♁f6 20.♁cc4+ ♁e5 21.♂f3+ ♁f4 22.g3+ 1-0

## Correspondence report

By Gordon Hoskyn

The 2000-01 trophy tourneys get under way on March 1. The current TTs conclude on March 31, with unfinished games being adjudicated.

With the death of IM Ortvin Sarapu, NZCCA lost its long-time adjudicator. ICM Roger Chapman filled in at short notice, but now a new adjudicator has been appointed.

He is ICM Michael Freeman, who is based in Stratford, but plays for Wanganui. Michael, who heads the NZCCA master points list with 39.8 points, has an impressive record in correspondence chess. Competing in NZCCA events between 1977 and 1985, from 87 games in the trophy tourneys he scored 66 points at an average of 75.86 per cent. A second placing in TT2 was followed by a win in the Reserve, after which Michael played six times in the championship for the following results: 1, 2=, 2=, 4, 1 and 2=. All in all, he recorded 50 wins, 32 draws and only 5 losses!

To qualify for the coveted International Correspondence Master title, Michael gained his first norm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pacific area team tournament 1982-85, on board 2, scoring 4 wins and 4 draws for 6/8.

The second norm came in Abonyi 13 in 1991-95, scoring 5 wins and 5 draws for 7.5/10 (6.5 needed for an ICM norm).

Here are two previously unpublished games by Michael Freeman. One (a wild encounter) from the 48<sup>th</sup> NZCCA Championship and the other (a knife edge) from overseas play in the 1994 Paul Spinath Memorial.

#### Freeman, M – deGroot, P

[A45] Sicilian, poisoned pawn

48th NZCCA 1981/82

Notes by Michael Freeman

1.e4 c5 2.♂f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♂c3 a6 6.♁g5 e6 7.f4 ♖b6 8.♖d2 ♖xb2 9.♖b1 ♖a3 10.f5 ♂c6 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.♁xc6 bxc6 13.e5 dxe5 14.♁xf6 gxf6 15.♂e4 ♁e7 16.♁e2 h5 17.♖b3 ♖a4 18.♁xf6+ ♁xf6 19.c4 ♖a7 20.0?0 ♖d7 21.♖e3 ♖f7 22.♖e4

A new move in 1981, the usual move being 22.Qc5. Now it is known that 22.♖xf6 leads to

a draw after 22...♖xf6 23.♖xc5 ♖xa2 24.♖xf6 ♖xb3 25.♖xh8+ ♁d7 26.♖d4+ ♁c7 27.♁xh5 a5 28.h4 a4 29.♁d1 ♖b4 30.♖e5+ ♁b7 31.h5 a3 32.h6 a2 33.h7 a1 ♖ 34.♖xa1 ♖e1+.

22...e5 23.♖g6 ♁e7 24.♖xf6 ♖xf6 25.♖g7+ ♖f7 26.♖xh8 ♖xa2 27.♖d3 ♁d7 28.♖xe5 ♖b1+ 29.♖d1 ♖f5 30.♖d6+ ♁e8 31.♖f1 ♖g6 32.♖d1 ♖g5 33.♖b1 ♁c8 34.♁f3 ♖e3+ 35.♁h1 ♖xf3 36.♖c6+ ♁d7 37.♖xf3 ♖xf3 38.gxf3 a5 39.♖b8+ ♁e7 40.♖a8 ♁c6

40...a4.

41.♖xa5 ♁xf3+ 42.♁g1 ♁d6 43.♁f2 ♁d1 44.♖a3 ♁g4 45.♖e3 ♁f5 46.♖a3 ♁e5 47.♁e3 ♁h3 48.♖a1 h4 49.♖a5 ♁f1 50.♖xc5+ ♁d6 51.♖h5 ♁xc4 52.♖xh4 ♁b3 53.♖h5 ♁d1 54.♖g5 ♁e7 55.♖g6 ♁f7 56.♖h6 ♁g4 57.♁f4 ♁g7 58.♁g5 ♁f5 59.♖h4 1?0

#### Boyd, S (2240) – Freeman, M (2345)

[B96] Sicilian, poisoned pawn

Paul Spinath Memorial, 1994

Notes by Michael Freeman

1.e4 c5 2.♂f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♂c3 a6 6.♁g5 e6 7.f4 b5 8.e5 dxe5 9.fxe5 ♖c7 10.♖e2 ♁fd7 11.0?0?0 ♁b7 12.♖g4 ♖b6 13.♁c2 ♁xe5 14.♖h3 ♁bd7 15.♖he1 h6 16.♁h4 h5 17.♁f3 ♁xf3 18.♁xf3 ♁g4 19.♁d5 ♖c5 \

This position was reached in Chandler-Vera in 1977 and is described in the books as “unclear”.

20.♁g5 ♖c8 21.♖d2 ♖h6 22.♂e4 ♖c4 23.♖g3

I prefer the quieter move 23.♁b1 ♁ge5 24.♁f4 f5 25.♁g5 fxe4 26.♁xh6 gxh6 and its still very unclear.

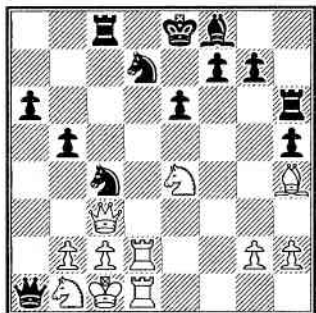
23...♖xa2 24.♁dc3?!

24.c3 ♖a1+ (24...exd5?? 25.♁d6#; 24...♁ge5?? 25.♖xe5!) 25.♁c2 ♖a4+ 26.♁b1 e5 (26...♖c4 27.♁e7) 27.h3 f5 28.♁g5 and white has plenty of compensation.

24...♖a1+ 25.♁b1

The theme around the next few moves is black trying to prevent Nd6+ and a recapture with the white queen on d6 with a mate to follow whilst developing his own threats against b1 and b2.

25...d6e5 26.fed1 d4 27.c3



27...c7!

A quiet move with a dual purpose, defending d7, and threatening the vicious ...Na3!

28.d6+ Qxd6 29.fxd6 e5 30.fhx6 gxh6 31.f3

31.f3d6 b4 32.fxb4 dxd6 33.fxd6 fxc2+ 34.fxc2 Wa4+ 35.fcl fxb4 and black is better.

31...f3 32.f3g3

32.b3 fxc3 33.fxc3 da5.

32...f6 33.f3g6 d4c5

This knight is heading for either e4 or d3.

34.b4?

White is also in serious trouble after... 34.f3g8+ f7 35.f3a8 (35.f3g3 fxb2+ 36.fcl d6+) 35...d3+ 36.fxd3 (36.fxd3 da5 37.fxc6 dxc6 38.fel Wa4) 36...fxb2+ 37.fcl d6].

34...d3+ 0-1

### Trophy Tourney progress

Progress scores in the 1999-2000 trophy tourneys (as at 25-1-00):

H.P. Whitlock Memorial Championship: TJ Doyle 7/8, LB Frost 7/9, GA Hoskyn 6.5/10, ML Dunwoody 4.5/7, PB Goffin 4.5/9, BW Millar 4.5/9, HP Bennett 2.5/9, RJ Dive 2/6, PAR Vetharaniam 2/6, DJ Cooper 2/9, PJ Voss 1.5/6.

Latest results: Doyle b Goffin, Bennett. Hoskyn b Bennett, d Goffin. Dunwoody d Goffin, Cooper. Goffin b Cooper, Voss. Millar b Cooper, d Bennett. Dive b Miller. Bennett b Goffin. Cooper b Bennett. Vetharaniam b Bennett.

Reserve Championship: A Short 6/7, EN

Roberts 5/6, JC Rapp 4/6, EGA Frost 3.5/8, BM Williams 3/7, GE Lovelock 1.5/3, CA Mold 1/3, RS Phillips 0/4, KG Reed 0/4.

TT2: JCV Larsen 8/10, BJ Edwards 7.5/11, DE Dolejs 7/8, EA Gidman 5/12, PC King 3.5/10, J Veldhuizen 3.5/10, W Anderson 3.5/12.

TT3: AN Hignett 8/9, CM Ford 6.5/9, GH Mills 5.5/9, PE Rossiter 5/7, RGA Taylor 5/7, PG Coghini 5/8, AW Hendry 4/8, LR Cotton 2.5/9, JWH Atkinson 1/6, BC Sullivan .5/8, S Holdaway 0/6.

TT4: CL Ward 4.5/5, RR Trevis 4.5/7, A Clark 3/3, LF Purvis 2/6, SR Chowdhury 0/7.

Certificate tourneys:

CT9806: Murray Dunwoody 5.5/6, 1; Bill Anderson and Gordon Hoskyn 4.5, 2=.

CT 9807: Julian Larsen 5.5/6, 1; Glenys Mills 5, 2; Barry Williams 4.5, 3.

### Handicap game

Here's a game from the current handicap tournament.

Rossiter, P – Frost, E  
[A25] Reverse Sicilian

1.e4 e5 2.d3 3.f3 4.g2 Qc5 5.e3 d6 6.dge2 0-0 7.0-0 f8 8.a3 a6 9.f2 a7 10.d3 f7 11.d5 dxd5 12.cxd5 d8 13.d2 g4 14.f3 15.f4 16.f5 17.f3 18.e4 c6 19.dxc6 d6 20.f2 d5 21.h4 f3 22.0-1

### 2000 zonal in Auckland

The 2000 zonal tournament for the South-west Pacific sub-zone will be held in Auckland from May 20 - 28.

It will be a 9-round Swiss, and NZCF is discussing details proposals with the sub-zone president, Graeme Gardiner, of Australia.

There were five "qualifiers" - two from Australia and one each from New Zealand, Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

The event will be open to other players with a FIDE rating of 2100+, with an entry fee of \$400.00.

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## NZCF Rating list for 2-1999 (636 players)

Ranking; code no.; name; club; standard rating; number of standard games in latest period; rapid rating; number of rapid games in latest period.

|    |      |                 |    |       |    |       |    |     |      |                  |     |       |             |
|----|------|-----------------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-----|------|------------------|-----|-------|-------------|
| 1  | 3459 | DIVE RJ         | CI | 2368  | 5  | 2375  | 8  | 63  | 4992 | ZARKOVIC B       | AC  | 1896  | unr         |
| 2  | 4989 | KULASHKO A      | AC | 2367  | 9  | 2314  | 6  | 64  | 5008 | SEREBRIANY D     | CA  | 1880  | 1988*       |
| 3  | 3088 | SMITH RW        | WT | 2364  | 27 | 2302  | 6  | 65  | 4393 | DUNN AS          | PT  | 1878  | 8 1776      |
| 4  | 3002 | GARBETT PA      | NS | 2339  | 9  | 2340  | 12 | 66  | 3434 | HURLEY A         | UH  | 1876* | unr         |
| 5  | 3383 | KER AF          | CI | 2333  | 5  | 2317  | 14 | 67  | 3038 | GOFFIN PB        | AC  | 1874  | 6 unr       |
| 6  | 3255 | NOBLE MF        | PE | 2281  |    | 2299  |    | 68  | 3913 | GILL G           | AC  | 1864  | 4 1938      |
| 7  | 3696 | LUKEY SG        | CA | 2272  |    | 2224  | 6  |     | 4740 | MACDONALD P      | AC  | 1864  | 5 1720*     |
| 8  | 3003 | SUTTON RJ       | CI | 2265  |    | 2266  |    | 70  | 4467 | MISTRY P         | NS  | 1862  | 9 1867 6    |
| 9  | 3460 | DREYER MP       | AC | 2244  |    | 2254  |    | 71  | 5019 | FEENSTRA J       | OT  | 1861  | 1829        |
| 10 | 3314 | MCILAREN LJ     | GA | 2237  | 13 | 2288  | 6  | 72  | 5067 | DAVIES RE        | PT  | 1857  | 10 1769*    |
| 11 | 3206 | WATSON BR       | NS | 2203  | 9  | 2247  | 6  |     | 5127 | JRASS R          | GA  | 1857  | 18 1881 6   |
| 12 | 3007 | GREEN EM        | HP | 2198  |    | 2120  |    | 74  | 5383 | HEREMAIA D       | UH  | 1856* | 1786* 6     |
| 13 | 3199 | GREEN PR        | AC | 2185  | 5  | 2214  | 6  |     | 3986 | VINCENT MB       | OT  | 1856  | 1809        |
| 14 | 3005 | STUART PW       | NS | 2179  | 5  | 2134  | 6  | 76  | 5155 | STEPANOVIC S     |     | 1848* | 1669*       |
| 15 | 3009 | WANSINK R       | OT | 2177  |    | 2207  |    |     | 3550 | VETHARANIAM      | PAR |       |             |
| 16 | 3830 | WASTNEY SC      | GA | 2175  |    | 2137  |    |     |      |                  | WA  | 1848  | 1904        |
| 17 | 4364 | SINCLAIR M      | PE | 2169  | 8  | 2236  | 6  | 78  | 4997 | HUGGINS J        | AC  | 1847  | 5 unr       |
| 18 | 4140 | GORIS R         | GA | 2137  | 5  | 2001  |    | 79  | 4359 | COATES S         | CA  | 1845  | 6 1856 5    |
| 19 | 3176 | LOVE AJ         | OT | 2137  |    | 2242  |    | 80  | 5431 | CORKER K         |     | 1842* | 7 unr       |
| 20 | 4929 | HARE TG         | GA | 2135  |    | 1942  |    | 81  | 3993 | HAIR PI          | NS  | 1840  | 15 1784 6   |
| 21 | 3395 | BOYD KM         | OT | 2131  |    | 2135  |    | 82  | 3659 | BANKS GB         | PT  | 1838  | 1825        |
| 22 | 3379 | HOPEWELL NH     | AC | 2122  | 12 | 2123  | 6  | 83  | 4360 | RUSSELL T        | CA  | 1836  | 1900        |
| 23 | 3291 | BARLOW MJ       | NS | 2111  |    | 2147  |    |     | 3845 | WINFIELD AW      | CI  | 1836  | 5 1736 8    |
| 24 | 3201 | STEADMAN MVR    | CI | 2109  |    | unr   |    | 85  | 4617 | CUMMINGS NV      | CA  | 1835  | 2085        |
| 25 | 4190 | GUTHRIE DW      | OT | 2101  |    | 2107  |    | 86  | 3698 | BLAXALL CS       | HP  | 1831  | 5 1789      |
| 26 | 3101 | HAWKES PD       | GA | 2099  |    | unr   |    | 87  | 3632 | JOHNSON Q        | CA  | 1830  | 1832 6      |
| 27 | 3148 | DOWDEN RA       | OT | 2094  |    | 2129  |    | 88  | 3028 | HAASE GG         | OT  | 1828  | 13 1782     |
| 28 | 3482 | SPAIN GA        | GA | 2091  | 13 | 2149  |    |     | 3377 | NOTLEY DG        | HP  | 1828  | 1879        |
| 29 | 3151 | FREEMAN MR      | NP | 2086  |    | 2110  |    | 90  | 3032 | LYNN KW          | HA  | 1824  | 13 1890 6   |
| 30 | 3350 | COOPER DJ       | WA | 2078  |    | 2042  |    | 91  | 3079 | HOSKYN GA        | WA  | 1823  | 1649        |
| 31 | 3011 | LEONHARDT W     | NS | 2054  |    | 2022  |    | 92  | 3238 | CARTER GS        | UH  | 1815  | 1752        |
| 32 | 3369 | WALSH BG        | HA | 2052  | 5  | 1762* | 6  | 93  | 3309 | METGE KM         | PT  | 1810  | 1833        |
| 33 | 4830 | PERRY R         | AC | 2048  | 9  | 1813  |    | 94  | 5359 | GLADRIKH A       | CA  | 1809  | 1801*       |
| 34 | 3507 | HART R          | NS | 2045  | 7  | 2096  | 6  |     | 4176 | HUDSON S         | CA  | 1809  | 1560        |
| 35 | 4872 | JBJELOBRK I     | AC | 2044  | 24 | 2021  | 6  | 96  | 3449 | STANTON RA       | KE  | 1808  | 1801        |
| 36 | 3394 | NIJMAN BF       | CI | 2042  |    | 1927  |    | 97  | 4333 | JACKSON LR       | WE  | 1803  | 13 1750     |
| 37 | 5104 | KRSTEV A        | WT | 2041  | 9  | 2017  | 12 | 98  | 3414 | SCHWASS MP       | OT  | 1802  | 1824        |
| 38 | 3052 | WEIR PB         | NS | 2037  |    | 1988  |    | 99  | 3987 | MCNABB M         | CA  | 1801  | 5 1850      |
| 39 | 3977 | ELLIOT DB       | NS | 2024  |    | 1988  |    | 100 | 5224 | SANTOSO B        | CA  | 1792* | unr         |
| 40 | 3029 | JACKSON JR      | NE | 2018  |    | unr   |    |     | 3554 | SINTON PJ        | OT  | 1792  | 1811        |
| 41 | 3393 | POST MJ         | WA | 2015  |    | 1874  |    | 102 | 4953 | HENDERSON M      | AC  | 1789  | 5 1862*     |
| 42 | 3454 | SUTHERLAND JLOT |    | 2014  |    | 1974  |    | 103 | 5205 | JOVANOVSKI S     |     | 1784* | 1693*       |
| 43 | 3013 | POMEROY AJ      | CI | 2010  |    | 2051  |    |     | 3105 | SIMS IM          |     | 1784  | 1629* 6     |
| 44 | 3253 | MARNER G        | PE | 1988  | 7  | 1897  | 6  | 105 | 3072 | NIJMAN AJ        | CA  | 1782  | 19 1718 6   |
| 45 | 4124 | LIM BU          | HP | 1977  |    | 1896  |    | 106 | 3423 | BURRIDGE D       | AS  | 1779* | 1847        |
| 46 | 5355 | LEE ES          | WT | 1970* |    | unr   |    |     | 3027 | POWER PW         | NS  | 1779* | 5 1710*     |
| 47 | 3386 | WHEELER B       | AC | 1966  | 10 | 2048  |    | 108 | 5337 | JARINA MT        | NS  | 1772* | 1745*       |
| 48 | 3558 | DUNN P          | CI | 1956  | 9  | 1930  | 6  | 109 | 4068 | MACKWAY-JONES    |     |       |             |
| 49 | 4231 | FUATAI F        | PT | 1955  |    | 1730  |    |     |      |                  | RA  | IN    | 1766 5 1722 |
| 50 | 3089 | BENNETT HP      | HA | 1946  | 17 | 1923  | 6  | 110 | 3259 | BOOTH AJ         | HP  | 1765  | 1530        |
| 51 | 5068 | BEACH PK        | AC | 1944  | 14 | unr   |    | 111 | 4196 | WARD K           | AC  | 1764  | 5 1717*     |
| 52 | 3162 | SPILLER PS      | HP | 1931  | 12 | 1955  | 6  | 112 | 4656 | TIDEY SB         | WT  | 1760  | 11 1687     |
| 53 | 3293 | VAN GINKEL JPNE |    | 1930  |    | 1868  | 6  | 113 | 4708 | VAN DEN HEUVEL A |     |       |             |
| 54 | 3037 | GIBBONS RE      | GA | 1926  |    | 1986  |    |     |      |                  | NS  | 1758  | 14 unr      |
| 55 | 4300 | BURNS CJ        | WA | 1924  |    | 1855  |    | 114 | 3635 | GOODWILLIE C     | HA  | 1753  | 6 1658* 6   |
| 56 | 4691 | LATIMER B       | AC | 1922  |    | 1915* |    | 115 | 3412 | ALDRIDGE AL      | CI  | 1749  | 5 1791 8    |
| 57 | 4197 | CASILANG AS     | AC | 1913  |    | unr   |    | 116 | 4885 | GODFREY P        | WT  | 1746  | 29 1638*    |
| 58 | 4027 | RUPASINGHE SDWE |    | 1908  |    | 1890  |    |     | 4931 | MACLEOD S        | HA  | 1746  | 16 1793     |
| 59 | 4320 | PHILLIPS J      | WE | 1902  | 5  | 1938  | 14 | 118 | 4796 | GOUDIE D         | WT  | 1744  | 6 1598*     |
| 60 | 5402 | SULAIMAN O      | AC | 1901* | 5  | 1876* |    |     | 5297 | JTKATCHENKO S    | WE  | 1744* | unr         |



|         |    |         |                        |          |            |                           |            |           |
|---------|----|---------|------------------------|----------|------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1597*   | 6  | unr     | 252 4826 KERRY J       | WT 1499  | 1507       | 319 3902 STONE RG         | OT 1370    | 1455      |
| A 1597  |    | 1482    | 253 5245 RAMANAKUMAR S | AC 1493  | 1754*      | 4679 TIBBLE A             | WT 1370 21 | 1138*     |
| P 1596  | 5  | 1805* 5 | 254 5433 GALEWSKI E    | HA 1488* | 7 unr      | 321 4182 REID DM          | OT 1369    | 1216      |
| T 1595  |    | 1573    | 255 5110jWILSON JK     | PE 1482  | 1504*      | 322 3233 SHARDY Z         | CI 1367    | 1424      |
| I 1593* |    | 1546 6  | 256 4357 KINGSTON ZH   | KP 1481  | 7 1377     | 323 4789 MADDREN W        | WA 1365 10 | 1397*     |
| S 1592  |    | 1695    | 257 4147 HOOTON BR     | PT 1480  | 4 1438     | 324 3322 BALDWIN PA       | NS 1362    | 1262 1    |
| S 1590  | 4  | 1766 6  | 258 5124jTRASS C       | GA 1479  | 17 1520 6  | 325 3708 WALKER CA        | WT 1356    | 1393      |
| I 1586* |    | unr     | 259 4214 FREDERIKSON J | UH 1478  | 1509       | 326 5333 JACOBS H         | NS 1354*   | 1590*     |
| A 1583  | 4  | 1644    | 4692 STEINER M         | AC 1478  | 5 1703*    | 5417 KUCH M               | CI 1354* 4 | 1629* 7   |
| C 1582  | 5  | 1536*   | 261 5102 ESCRIBANO J   | WE 1477  | unr        | 328 4327 ATKINSON J       | CA 1353    | 7 1296*   |
| S 1580  | 8  | 1599 6  | 262 4250 GRIFFIN P     | HA 1471  | unr        | 330 3357 SPENCER-SMITH PA | NS 1350    | 1430 6    |
| A 1577  |    | unr     | 263 5329 GEORGE A      | NS 1470* | 1545       | 4660 WILSON A             | WA 1350    | unr       |
| T 1576  | 6  | 1476    | 264 4227 WOOD C        | AS 1469  | 1509       | 332 5305jPEARSON D        | CA 1337    | 7 1472* 6 |
| A 1576  |    | 1447    | 265 3929 SOUTHGATE B   | CI 1465  | 4 1434 8   | 333 5152 COWPERTWAIT P    | NS 1336*   | 1364*     |
| B 1575  | 5  | 1785 5  | 266 4210 TANGI TJJ     | AC 1464  | 10 unr     | 5394 GENCTURK M           | 1336*      | 1398*     |
| C 1573  |    | 1454    | 267 4938 URBANSKI Z    | AS 1460  | 1566       | 335 4924 HOLDAWAY S       | GA 1335*   | 1437*     |
| P 1573  |    | 1697*   | 268 5180 TESANYUK Y    | AC 1458  | 1669*      | 5071 HROMIC HM            | NS 1335*   | 1371 6    |
| E 1572  |    | 1719 6  | 269 5444jdOLLIE Q      | AC 1457* | 7 unr      | 337 5063 COOZE B          | HH 1333    | 5 1182    |
| T 1572  | 5  | unr     | 270 4156 BENNETT ST    | AS 1456  | 1421       | 4786 RITCHIE A            | OT 1333    | 1370      |
| G 1569  | 23 | 1541*   | 3926 REID A            | UH 1456  | unr        | 339 5115 BRADDOCK J       | UH 1332    | unr       |
| I 1568  | 7  | unr     | 3045 TRUNDLE GE        | GA 1456  | 1446       | 340 5182 ROWLAND N        | AC 1331    | 5 1427*   |
| T 1564  |    | unr     | 273 5370 HAENSCH H     | 1455*    | unr        | 341 5350jBAYER R          | 1330*      | unr       |
| W 1563  | 5  | unr     | 274 4695 TSEUNG JCO    | AC 1451  | 4 1371     | 342 5294 BRUCE M          | KP 1326*   | 1237* 6   |
| A 1560  | 6  | 1706 6  | 275 4566 NORMAN CR     | HP 1443  | 1465       | 3349 STEWART BK           | 1326       | 4 1411    |
| I 1558  |    | 1675    | 276 4754 EVANS T       | NS 1442  | 4 1448 6   | 344 5228jPEARCE R         | 1323       | 7 1415* 6 |
| I 1558  |    | 1409*   | 4044 MCGINTOSH J       | OT 1442  | 1517       | 345 4480jCHILVERS C       | HP 1321    | 1360      |
| A 1558  | 6  | 1613* 6 | 278 5319 DASH G        | WE 1441* | 1397*      | 346 4054 COURTNEY HK      | GA 1319    | 21 1355 6 |
| K 1558  |    | 1566    | 5289 NEDELJKOV S       | unr      | 1438*      | 347 5061 ROBB J           | IN 1311*   | 1250*     |
| C 1558  | 9  | 1748*   | 280 5073jVAN DER WALT  | THP 1437 | 1603*      | 348 3288 BOWLER RP        | NP 1309    | 1487      |
| H 1557  |    | 1619    | 281 4723 POLLARD B     | WT 1436  | 18 1472    | 4564 LANG M               | IN 1309    | 5 1513    |
| P 1557  | 5  | 1422    | 282 5335 TASHKENOV V   | CA 1435* | 1416*      | 350 4590 ROWELL T         | OT 1306    | 7 1440 6  |
| E 1555  |    | 1556    | 283 5414 BUTLAND S     | AC 1432* | 5 1067*    | 351 5264 GASTEEN D        | HP 1305*   | unr       |
| A 1551  | 7  | 1723 6  | 284 4905jMUNROE DR     | NS 1428  | 1502       | 352 5424jASHRAFI A        | WT 1302*16 | unr       |
| I 1549  |    | 1569    | 285 3816 OTENE EA      | AC 1426  | 13 1406    | 353 3144 PARLANE LN       | GA 1301    | 2 1111*   |
| I 1546  | 7  | 1500*   | 286 4964 DAWES G       | 1424     | 1410*      | 354 3387 BOROVSIS J       | HP 1297    | 1308      |
| T 1547  | 5  | 1540    | 3107 PRESTON JN        | IN 1424  | 4 1277     | 3788 MILLS G              | KP 1297    | 7 1383 6  |
| T 1547  |    | 1328    | 288 5076jCHENG H       | NS 1419  | 18 1579 12 | 356 5436 JIANG C          | WT 1296*15 | unr       |
| T 1547  | 7  | 1737    | 289 4922jJADALLAH I    | OT 1417  | 1597       | 357 4852 NICOLL A         | HP 1293    | 1308*     |
| S 1547  |    | 1660    | 290 4150 MULLIGAN AW   | AS 1416  | 1603       | 358 3431 VAN DER MEY P    | NS 1291    | 1462      |
| A 1546  | 15 | unr     | 291 5027 BULLOCK O     | CI 1411* | 1146*      | 359 5347jYANG J           | 1288* 7    | unr       |
| S 1545  |    | 1707*   | 292 5395 ALAFA'APAE M  | 1410*    | 7 1303*    | 360 5327 TEVAGA P         | AC 1287*   | unr       |
| S 1545  |    | 1573    | 293 5199 STANKOVIC M   | NS 1408* | 1185*      | 361 5387 OSBORNE R        | WT 1284    | 18 1440*  |
| S 1545  |    | 1591    | 294 4383 HARNETT PM    | CI 1407  | 1309       | 362 4406 STREET S         | WA 1279    | 10 unr    |
| A 1544  | 7  | 1603    | 5354 VISSER F          | PN 1407* | unr        | 363 3136 BARTOCCI KDF     | AC 1278    | unr       |
| T 1543  |    | 1599    | 296 4996 FROST LB      | AC 1406  | 1223*      | 364 5298 CHUANG S         | WE 1277*   | 806*      |
| H 1543  |    | 1363    | 297 5445jLOH IML       | 1405*    | 7 unr      | 5343jKIRIWATTUDUWA C      | 1277*      | unr       |
| I 1542* | 5  | 1301*   | 298 4935 WIN KS        | OT 1401  | 1390       | 366 4058 LOOS R           | CA 1272*   | 6 1568* 6 |
| S 1541  |    | 1601    | 299 3895 BANNISTER C   | OT 1400  | 1337       | 367 3810 MCGREGOR LP      | WE 1267    | 1404*     |
| A 1538  | 6  | unr     | 300 4356 KARA D        | 1399     | 1622       | 368 5342 JEONG CU         | PT 1266    | 9 1216*   |
| A 1537  | 18 | 1505*   | 4666 MARTIN O          | AC 1399  | 29 1434 6  | 369 5276 BUTLER J         | CA 1259*   | unr       |
| S 1537  | 14 | unr     | 302 4206 SULLIVAN GE   | NS 1395  | 1457       | 370 4354 BACKHOUSE C      | UH 1258    | 1313      |
| C 1537  |    | 1661*   | 303 3888 NEAL RM       | 1393     | 1532       | 371 5188 FOOTE R          | AC 1257    | 5 unr     |
| T 1531  |    | 1492    | 304 4614 GOECKEL H     | GA 1392  | 15 1320*11 | 5404 GRACE A              | 1257*      | unr       |
| T 1530  | 23 | 1390    | 305 3092 MEARS GW      | NS 1391  | 6 1556 6   | 373 4718 KESSELER AJ      | WT 1256    | 20 1298 6 |
| A 1526* | 8  | 1203* 5 | 3901 VAN ZOOMEREN      | JOT 1391 | 1454       | 374 5386 REIHER G         | WT 1255*   | unr       |
| H 1524  |    | 1379    | 5047 WRIGHT C          | SP 1391  | 1367*      | 375 4934 TUATINI M        | GA 1254*   | 6 874*    |
| A 1521  | 6  | 1547    | 308 4011 WHITAKER B    | AC 1389  | 5 1382     | 376 5092 DAVIS B          | CA 1250    | 1341*     |
| T 1519  |    | 1468    | 309 4031 AIDAN A       | AC 1388  | 17 1318* 6 | 377 4774 EDWARDS C        | PT 1249*   | 5 unr     |
| S 1518  | 5  | 1488    | 4270 TURNER P          | PT 1388  | 1391       | 4527 MCGOWAN A            | KP 1249    | 1391      |
| S 1518  |    | 1639    | 311 4071 MCGURK A      | IN 1386  | 5 1280     | 379 4518 JONES A          | WT 1248    | unr       |
| A 1517* |    | 1645 6  | 312 4602 BELL G        | 1379     | 4 1476 8   | 4088 MACDONALD JR         | AS 1248    | 1561      |
| P 1516  |    | 1518    | 4651 COOK J            | WE 1379  | 1384       | 381 5304 PEARSON G        | CA 1247    | 7 1244* 6 |
| I 1509  | 5  | 1375*12 | 314 4561 BEVIN M       | 1378     | 1419       | 382 5405 MARTIN P         | AC 1246*   | 4 unr     |
| T 1508  | 5  | 1489 19 | 315 4096 KEELING RL    | AS 1377  | 8 1500     | 5108 POTINI G             | 1246*      | 1419*     |
| T 1508* |    | unr     | 316 4414 VINCENT DA    | AC 1376  | 1354       |                           |            |           |
| P 1502  |    | 1569    | 317 5272 HARRISH R     | WT 1374  | 23 1273*   |                           |            |           |
|         |    |         | 318 4751 MOORE J       | WE 1373  | 5 1445     |                           |            |           |





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|-------|----|---------|-----|-------|---------------|-----|--------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------|---------|---------|
| 1097  | 10 | 1149    |     |       | WT            | 890 | 14     | 1104* | 574     | 3710  | PEDDIE WS | PK           | unr          | 1219 |         |         |
| 1096  |    | unr     | 513 | 5427  | LANE V        | AC  | 889*   | 5     | unr     | 575   | 5206      | JEPSEN N     | PN           | unr  | 1218*   |         |
| 1096* |    | unr     |     | 5233j | SMITH S       | WT  | 889*   |       | unr     | 576   | 4705      | HUELLIN R    | NP           | unr  | 1197*   |         |
| 1095* |    | 1185*   |     | 5362  | WOODCOCK C    | AC  | 889*   |       | unr     | 577   | 5175j     | LO D         | SP           | unr  | 1197    |         |
| 1092* |    | 861* 5  | 516 | 5263  | HANLON T      | HP  | 867*   |       | unr     | 578   | 5170j     | REDDINGTON D | SP           | unr  | 1196    |         |
| 1091* | 3  | 1164 6  |     | 4876  | MCHARDY G     |     | 867*   |       | unr     | 579   | 5412      | RUDKINS L    | NS           | unr  | 1169* 6 |         |
| 1087  |    | 1488    | 518 | 5252j | YATES P       | OT  | 860*   |       | 1002*   | 580   | 5313j     | LAMB N       | RO           | unr  | 1165*   |         |
| 1085  | 5  | 1399*   | 519 | 5443j | DOLLIE U      | AC  | 852*   |       | 6       | unr   | 581       | 5460         | DAWSON P     | CA   | unr     | 1164* 6 |
| 1082* | 7  | unr     | 520 | 5378  | CROSBIE C     | WA  | 833    |       | 14      | unr   | 582       | 5159         | FORD C       | KP   | unr     | 1156*   |
| 1082  | 10 | unr     | 521 | 4896  | ROUNTHWAITE   | TWT | 831    |       | 18      | 1032* | 583       | 5420         | FRASER A     | KP   | unr     | 1144*   |
| 1077* | 14 | unr     | 522 | 5462  | KLUGE B       | CA  | 830*   |       | 1163* 6 | 584   | 5291j     | HAN W        | HP           | unr  | 1139* 6 |         |
| 1077  |    | 1325 6  | 523 | 5135j | HUGHES C      | OT  | 798*   |       | 1113*   | 585   | 5096j     | LINDSAY J    | AS           | unr  | 1130    |         |
| 1068  |    | 1258    | 524 | 5465  | CAINES R      | CA  | 795*   |       | unr     | 586   | 5290j     | PATERSON R   |              | unr  | 1129*   |         |
| 1064  |    | 1242    | 525 | 5053j | QUINLAN J     | SP  | 782    |       | unr     | 587   | 5258j     | JABAZ U      | NS           | unr  | 1121*   |         |
| 1064* |    | 1119    | 526 | 5380  | WYNYARD L     | CA  | 776*   |       | unr     | 588   | 5094j     | SHERLOCK J   | AS           | unr  | 1118    |         |
| 1063  |    | 1183    | 527 | 5448  | JEFFERIES C   | WA  | 771*14 |       | unr     | 589   | 5309      | STAPLEY J    | AS           | unr  | 1114*   |         |
| 1063* |    | unr     |     | 5450  | KUHN T        | WA  | 771*14 |       | unr     | 590   | 5332      | GRIBBEN C    |              | unr  | 1111*   |         |
| 1063  | 10 | unr     | 529 | 5348j | MCKECHNIE J   |     | 768*   |       | unr     | 591   | 5396      | OEHLEY M     |              | unr  | 1109* 6 |         |
| 1058* | 7  | 1489*   | 530 | 5085  | HAXTON D      | WA  | 764    |       | 14      | unr   | 592       | 5314j        | KUSABS J     | RO   | unr     | 1102*   |
| 1055* | 4  | unr     | 531 | 4728  | AUTHIER A     | WT  | 761    |       | 910*    | 593   | 5284j     | FLETCHER M   |              | unr  | 1093*   |         |
| 1051  |    | 1113    | 532 | 5367  | BRANNAN P     | WT  | 760*   |       | unr     | 594   | 5282j     | TE OKA T     |              | unr  | 1078*   |         |
| 1047* | 7  | unr     | 533 | 5295  | ROSE K        | UH  | 747*   |       | unr     | 595   | 5259      | VIDAKOVIC V  | NS           | unr  | 1065*   |         |
| 1043  | 4  | unr     | 534 | 5353j | SMITH D       | WT  | 745*   |       | unr     | 596   | 5372      | GHOSE R      | AS           | unr  | 1063*   |         |
| 1043  |    | 1188*   | 535 | 5203  | HARTIGAN J    |     | 730*   |       | unr     | 597   | 5456      | JAMES S      |              | unr  | 1059* 5 |         |
| 1041  |    | 1337*   | 536 | 5089  | HURLEY D      | WA  | 714    |       | 14      | unr   | 598       | 5461         | GAINES R     | CA   | unr     | 1058* 5 |
| 1041* |    | 1172    | 537 | 5250  | MITCHELL A    |     | 708*   |       | 1121    | 599   | 4633      | HOLLAND J    | KP           | unr  | 1057*   |         |
| 1037  |    | unr     | 538 | 5384  | OSBORNE E     | WT  | 702    |       | 7       | 848*  | 600       | 5101j        | RICHARDSON N | AS   | unr     | 1050    |
| 1034* |    | unr     | 539 | 5352j | FREEMAN R     | WT  | 701*   |       | unr     | 601   | 4839j     | KWANG B      | WE           | unr  | 1049    |         |
| 1032  |    | unr     | 540 | 5441j | JEDMONDS R    |     | 698*   |       | 6       | unr   | 602       | 5315j        | RAKOCZY L    | RO   | unr     | 1045*   |
| 1032  |    | 1094*   | 541 | 5428j | YANG J        |     | 693*   |       | 4       | unr   | 603       | 5054j        | ROGERS J     | WE   | unr     | 1040*   |
| 1027* | 6  | unr     | 542 | 5358  | PARKER E      | WT  | 685*   |       | unr     | 604   | 5161      | GOLDHART J   | KP           | unr  | 1034*   |         |
| 1027* |    | 1080    | 543 | 5440j | JEYARAJAH NJ  |     | 663*   |       | 6       | unr   | 605       | 5098         | BOYD S       | AS   | unr     | 1028    |
| 1026* | 11 | unr     | 544 | 5270  | HAIMONA R     | WT  | 569*   |       | unr     | 606   | 5467      | GUEVARA J    |              | unr  | 1026* 6 |         |
| 1023* |    | 1229*   | 545 | 5466j | O'DONNELL M   | CA  | 568*   |       | unr     |       | 5411      | WILSON C     | NS           | unr  | 1026*   |         |
| 1021* |    | 1172    | 546 | 5377  | HANSEN A      | WA  | 536*   |       | unr     | 608   | 5416      | EARLILY JK   | NS           | unr  | 1017* 5 |         |
| 1020  |    | 1004    | 547 | 5376  | OLIVER J      | WA  | 486    |       | 14      | 936*  |           | 5336         | IDO T        | CA   | unr     | 1017*   |
| 1019  |    | 1209*   | 548 | 5449  | FLEET N       | WA  | 377*14 |       | unr     | 610   | 5287j     | WARD J       |              | unr  | 998* 6  |         |
| 1017* |    | 1152    | 549 | 5311  | ROBINSON JM   | CC  | unr    |       | 1796*   | 611   | 5293j     | OLDFIELD J   |              | unr  | 996*    |         |
|       |    |         | 550 | 3317  | PETCH WH      | OT  | unr    |       | 1781*   | 612   | 5373j     | WILLIAMS D   |              | unr  | 977*    |         |
| 1015  |    | 1176    | 551 | 5409  | GWYNN D       | PN  | unr    |       | 1732*   | 613   | 4630      | KINGSTON R   | KP           | unr  | 968     |         |
| 1010  |    | 781*    | 552 | 4807  | ERIKSEN JE    | WE  | unr    |       | 1716    | 614   | 5316j     | ROGERS B     | RO           | unr  | 954*    |         |
| 992   |    | 936*    | 553 | 5320  | WATSON J      |     | unr    |       | 1654*   | 615   | 5321      | BACCHUS L    | NS           | unr  | 952*    |         |
| 986   | 9  | 1308    | 554 | 5401  | BELSHAM DM    |     | unr    |       | 1650*   | 616   | 5288j     | JUDKINS T    |              | unr  | 947*    |         |
| 978*  |    | unr     | 555 | 5418  | HAW M         |     | unr    |       | 1634*   | 617   | 5317j     | NORTON J     | RO           | unr  | 945*    |         |
|       |    |         | 556 | 5318  | METS Y        | AC  | unr    |       | 1568*   | 618   | 4909j     | HURRING C    | KP           | unr  | 939     |         |
| 977*  |    | unr     | 557 | 5330  | TUAFAWA J     |     | unr    |       | 1461*   | 619   | 5286j     | DARCH C      |              | unr  | 934* 6  |         |
| 976   | 8  | 999*    | 558 | 4801j | CHOW C        | WE  | unr    |       | 1435    | 620   | 4802j     | SANSOM I     | WE           | unr  | 913     |         |
| 976   |    | 1227    | 559 | 5419  | STOJMIROVIC A |     | unr    |       | 1421*   | 621   | 5281j     | KRAUER I     | HP           | unr  | 907*    |         |
| 975   |    | 1153    |     |       |               | WE  | unr    |       | 1403* 5 | 622   | 5285j     | WILTSHIRE M  |              | unr  | 906*    |         |
| 975*  |    | 983* 5  | 560 | 5413  | TERRY L       | NS  | unr    |       | 1403* 5 | 623   | 5210      | DULOVIC S    | PN           | unr  | 904*    |         |
| 972   |    | unr     | 561 | 5400  | ALAFAPAE W    |     | unr    |       | 1392*   | 624   | 5455j     | CAI S        | NS           | unr  | 886* 5  |         |
| 966*  |    | 1189*   | 562 | 5308  | TE KARE B     | AS  | unr    |       | 1379*   | 625   | 5154      | PETERS AC    | NS           | unr  | 879*    |         |
| 965*  |    | 899     | 563 | 5192j | SMITH J       | PN  | unr    |       | 1349*   | 626   | 5292      | HAN P        | HP           | unr  | 834*    |         |
| 965*  | 6  | 1078* 6 | 564 | 5080j | JURBANSKI JA  | AS  | unr    |       | 1334    | 627   | 5398      | BELSHAM M    |              | unr  | 812*    |         |
| 956*  | 4  | unr     | 565 | 5410  | NEWBOULD A    |     | unr    |       | 1329*   | 628   | 5283j     | BOLADERAS K  |              | unr  | 800*    |         |
| 955   |    | unr     | 566 | 5408  | WONG SY       | NS  | unr    |       | 1321    | 629   | 4841j     | BAUER I      | WE           | unr  | 787     |         |
| 953*  |    | unr     | 567 | 5213  | DAVEY D       | PN  | unr    |       | 1315*   | 630   | 5185j     | LINNEY A     | SP           | unr  | 763     |         |
| 946*  |    | 1305* 6 | 568 | 5310  | TAIRUA P      | RO  | unr    |       | 1293* 6 | 631   | 5045j     | LUKETINA G   | SP           | unr  | 756*    |         |
|       |    | 1133    | 569 | 5458  | HAWES A       | CA  | unr    |       | 1291* 6 | 632   | 5039j     | LUKETINA IP  | SP           | unr  | 751*    |         |
|       |    | 1217*   | 570 | 5453  | JONES S       | NS  | unr    |       | 1270* 6 | 633   | 5007j     | SUDA U       | WE           | unr  | 679*    |         |
|       |    | 1071*   | 571 | 5421  | O'ROURKE M    | KP  | unr    |       | 1260* 6 | 634   | 5014j     | COLLEN T     | WE           | unr  | 672     |         |
|       |    | 1131    | 572 | 5312j | RAKOCZY L     | RO  | unr    |       | 1258*   | 635   | 5374j     | HARVEY P     |              | unr  | 638*    |         |
|       |    | 1373*   | 573 | 5273  | MUNROE J      | WT  | unr    |       | 1240*   | 636   | 5375j     | MCCVEAGH S   |              | unr  | 572*    |         |
|       |    | unr     |     |       |               |     |        |       |         |       |           |              |              |      |         |         |
|       |    | 900* 9  |     |       |               |     |        |       |         |       |           |              |              |      |         |         |
|       |    | 898*    |     |       |               |     |        |       |         |       |           |              |              |      |         |         |

## Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

### European team championship

Armenia added to its fine record in team competitions by winning the European Team Championship held at Batumi (Georgia) in December. Their 1½-2½ loss to England in round 6 of the nine-round Swiss served only to reduce their lead to half a point. A 3-1 victory over the Netherlands increased their lead to 1½ points with two rounds to go and they came home with two tied matches including the last round clash against bronze medallist Germany. Hungary was also consistent, holding on to second place for most of the way; they needed a 3-1 win over Belarus in the last round to tie with Armenia on game points but could manage only 2½-1½. Germany, too, maintained a strong challenge through the second half of the event.

Leading scores: 1 Armenia 22½, 2 Hungary 22, 3 Germany 21, 4 Bulgaria 20½, 5 Russia 20½, 6 Ukraine 20½, 7 Israel 20½, 8 Slovenia 20½, 9 Belarus 20, 10 England 19½, 11 Netherlands 19½, 12 Czech republic 19½, 13 Bosnia & Hercegovina 19½, 14 Switzerland 19½, 15 Spain 19½ . . . 36 teams.

The results of Russia and England were the obvious disappointments. The former were a bunch of young relative unknowns (GM Filippov, GM Volkov, GM Kobalija, GM Galkin and IM Gritschuk) while the latter (Short, Speelman, Emms, Conquest & Chandler – all GMs) were lacking Adams, Sadler and Nunn.

### Anastasian - Tiviakov

[D00] Trompovsky

1.d4 e2f6 2.g5 d5 3.e3 c5 4.xf6 gxf6 5.c4 cxd4 6.exd4 g7 7.c3 dxc4 8.xc4 0-0 9.g2 c6 10.d5 e5 11.b3 f5 12.0-0 d6 13.d4 g4 14.f3 d7 15.h3 e5 16.e1 g6 17.d2 b5 18.e2 a5 19.ad1 a4 20.c2 f8 21.g3 xb2 22.xf5 c3 23.h6 xf5

23...xe1 24.xe1 f8 25.e6! winning.

24.xf5 f6 25.g4! xe1 26.xe1 a7 27.g5 h8 28.h5 f8

28...c2 29.h6+ f8 30.hxf7 and the attack

continues.

29.h6+ g7

White could take perpetual check here by checking with the knight on f5 and h6 but decides to play for a win.

30.f3 d8 31.d4 ad7 32.hf5+ g8 33.c6 c3 34.e3 a1+ 35.h2 e8 36.h6 f6 37.h4 h8?

A mistake which justifies White's chasing the full point. Better was 37...e6! 38.h5 xd5 39.hxg6 fxg6 and Black looks to be holding his own.

38.h5 xd5 39.cxe7! d8

39...xe7 40.hxg6 xg6 41.f8+ g8 42.xg8+ gxg8 43.xe7+.

40.hxg6 fxg6 41.xh7+! hx7 42.h3+ 1-0.

### Groningen

Russian GM Sergei Tiviakov won the 100-player Open at the end of December with a score of 8½/11. The field boasted 15 grandmasters.

Tying for second place were the Uzbek GMs Kasimdzhanov and Nenashev together with IMs Burnett (USA) and Najer (RUS) on 8 points. Among those on 7½ were GMs Gylmes (HUN) and Vaganian (ARM).

### Leko v Khalifman

On his home turf in Budapest Peter Leko convincingly beat world champion Alexander Khalifman 4½-1½ in a six-game match played in early January. The Hungarian GM won all three games with the white pieces and drew each of his black games.

### Belfort

A category 15 double rounder in December was won by Moldavian GM Viktor Bologan with 6½/10, helped by back marker Arnaud Hauchard who won both games against his closest pursuer Alexei Fedorov.

Scores: 1 Bologan 6½; 2-3 GM Fedorov (BLA) & GM Ye Jiangchuan (CHN) 5½; 4 GM M.Gurevich (BEL) 4½; 5-6 GM Zvjaginsev (RUS) & IM Hauchard (FRA) 4.

China's first grandmaster, Ye, played two of the most interesting games:

### Ye Jiangchuan - Fedorov

[B51] Sicilian]

1.e4 c5 2.f3 d6 3.b5+ d7 4.d4 cxd4 5.xd4 e5 6.d3 h6 7.e3 g6 8.c3 a6 9.c4 e7 10.0-0 b5 11.d5 b8 12.a7 xd5 13.xd5 b7 14.xe7 xe7 15.e3 f6 16.d2 0-0 17.b3 e6 18.a5 e7 19.d2 d5 20.exd5 exd5 21.f1 d8 22.c3 xg2 23.g3 a8 24.xe5 d6 25.ae1 cd7 26.a3 b6 27.h3 d1 28.h2 h7 29.f4 e7 30.f5+? g8 31.g1 xe1+ 32.xe1

32.xe1 d5 wins the queen.

32...d1 33.b4 c3 34.f1 g6!

35.xf6 xh3+ 36.e2 g4+ 37.f3 xf3+! 38.xf3 xe1+. 0-1.

### Ye Jiangchuan - Hauchard

[B01] Scandinavian

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 xd5 3.c3 a5 4.d4 c6 5.c4 f5 6.f3 f6 7.d2 e6 8.d5 d8 9.xf6+ xf6 10.e2 d7 11.0-0-0 d6 12.g5 g6 13.d5 exd5 14.xd5 e7 15.xe7 exd5 16.exd5 e6 17.d6 d8 18.e1 b6 19.b5+ d7 20.e5 g5+ 21.e3 xd5 22.xd7 a6 23.f6+ d8 24.e7+! c8

24...xe7 25.xd5+ d6 26.b6+! xd5 27.a5+ b5 28.d2+ c6 29.xe6+ fe6 30.xg5 +.

25.c5+ b8 26.d7+ 1-0.

### Den Bosch

Privately organised by *New In Chess* publisher René Olthof, this category 7 tournament afforded title norm opportunities which nobody was able to take advantage of. Dutch GM Friso Nijboer won first prize with 7½/9 with the other two GMs, Ian Rogers (AUS) and Paul van der Sterren (NLD), tying for second on 7 points. Nijboer lost his clash with Rogers but conceded only half a point in his other eight games.

The other scores: 4 IM Bosch (NLD) 5; 5-6 IM Hergott (CAN) & IM Welling (NLD) 4; 7 Berger (GER) 3½; 8 Span (NLD) 3; 9 IM Donaldson (USA) 2½; 10 Stone (CAN) 1½.

### Reggio-Emilia

The five grandmasters in this traditional New Year tournament took the first five places, each losing at least one game along the way. The winner was Leonid Yudasin (ISR) on 7, followed by Igor Khenkin (GER) on 6½ and then Romanishin (UKR) and Solozhenkin (RUS) 6. Next were GM Efimov (ITA) and Vezzosi (ITA) on 5.

### Pamplona

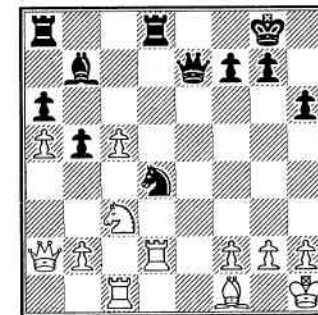
The strongest of the New Year tournaments was this one in northern Spain which reached category 15. Nigel Short recorded his best tournament result since his match loss to Kasparov in taking first place with an undefeated 7 points, which gave him a one-point margin over runners-up GM Zoltan Almasi (HUN) and Boris Gelfand (ISR). Young Spanish GM Francisco Vallejo (17) tied for fourth place with GM Joel Lautier (FRA) on 5½. Then came: 6-7 GM J.Polgar (HUN) & GM Timman (NLD) 4; 8 GM Illescas (ESP) 3; 9 IM De la Villa (ESP) 2½; 10 GM Magem (ESP) 1½.

### Illescas - Short

[D58] Queen's Gambit

1.f3 d5 2.d4 f6 3.e4 e6 4.c3 e7 5.g5 h6 6.h4 0-0 7.e3 b6 8.e2 b7 9.xf6 xf6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.0-0 e7 12.b3 d8 13.f1 c6 14.f1 a6 15.d2 c7 16.a4 e6 17.a5 b5 18.a2 a6 19.c1 e5 20.dxc5 d4 21.xd4 cxd4 22.cxd4 xd4 23.h1

23.b4 f3+!



23...f3!

Anyway!

24.  $\text{fxd8+}$ 

24.  $\text{dd1}$   $\text{pg5}$  with good attacking chances for Black.

24...  $\text{fxd8}$  25.  $\text{c6}$   $\text{qxc6}$  26.  $\text{e2}$   $\text{wh4!}$  27.  $\text{gxf3}$   $\text{wxf2}$  28.  $\text{e1f4}$

28.  $\text{fxc6}$   $\text{wxf1+}$  29.  $\text{e1g1}$   $\text{d2}$ ; 28.  $\text{g2}$   $\text{wxc2}$ .

28...  $\text{qxf3+}$  29.  $\text{g2}$   $\text{d2}$  30.  $\text{e1g1}$   $\text{e4!}$  0-1.

### Short - Magem

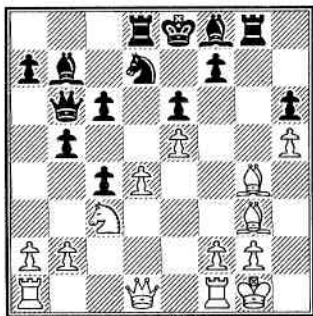
[B47] Sicilian

1.  $\text{e4}$   $\text{c5}$  2.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{e6}$  3.  $\text{e3f3}$   $\text{e2c6}$  4.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{cxd4}$  5.  $\text{e2xd4}$   $\text{w7}$  6.  $\text{e2a6}$  7. 0-0  $\text{e1f6}$  8.  $\text{e1h1}$   $\text{e1xd4}$  9.  $\text{wxd4}$   $\text{c5}$  10.  $\text{wd3}$   $\text{b5}$  11.  $\text{f4}$   $\text{e7}$  12.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{h5}$  13.  $\text{d2}$   $\text{e1g4}$  14.  $\text{w2}$   $\text{g6}$  15.  $\text{e1ac1}$   $\text{e8}$  16.  $\text{a3}$   $\text{f5}$  17.  $\text{h3}$   $\text{e7f7}$  18.  $\text{e1d1}$   $\text{wb6}$  19.  $\text{e1}$   $\text{e7}$  20.  $\text{exf5}$   $\text{gxf5}$  21.  $\text{wxb7}$   $\text{w2}$  22.  $\text{e3f3}$   $\text{e1f6}$  23.  $\text{e4h4}$   $\text{e4}$  24.  $\text{e1xe4}$   $\text{wxe4}$  25.  $\text{wd2}$  26.  $\text{e1}$   $\text{w2}$  27.  $\text{e3g3}$   $\text{wd6}$  28.  $\text{d3}$   $\text{wc6}$  29.  $\text{w2}$   $\text{e8}$  30.  $\text{w5}$   $\text{e8}$  31.  $\text{w6+}$   $\text{e8}$  32.  $\text{e5}$  1-0

### Timman - Vallejo

[D43] Queen's Gambit

1.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{d5}$  2.  $\text{c4}$   $\text{c6}$  3.  $\text{e3f3}$   $\text{e1f6}$  4.  $\text{e3c6}$  5.  $\text{e5g5}$   $\text{h6}$  6.  $\text{e4h4}$   $\text{dxc4}$  7.  $\text{e4g5}$  8.  $\text{e3g3}$   $\text{b5}$  9.  $\text{e2e2}$   $\text{e7}$  10.  $\text{h4g4}$  11.  $\text{e5e5}$   $\text{e8}$  12.  $\text{h5}$   $\text{e7bd7}$  13.  $\text{e1xd7}$   $\text{e1xd7}$  14.  $\text{e1xg4}$   $\text{wb6}$  15. 0-0  $\text{d8}$  16.  $\text{e5}$



16...  $\text{e1f6!}$  17.  $\text{e1xe6}$

17.  $\text{exf6}$   $\text{fxd4}$  18.  $\text{e7}$   $\text{fxd1}$  (But not 18...  $\text{wc5??}$  19.  $\text{e4!}$   $\text{wd5}$  20.  $\text{wxd4!}$   $\text{wxd4}$  21.  $\text{e1ad1}$  +) 19.  $\text{wxb6}$   $\text{fxa1}$  20.  $\text{fxa1}$   $\text{w7g4}$  21.  $\text{e1xa7}$   $\text{c5}$  and Black has several positional pluses which add up to a clear advantage.

17...  $\text{fxd4}$  18.  $\text{w2}$   $\text{e1d5!}$  19.  $\text{e1xd5}$   $\text{cxd5}$  20.  $\text{e1h2}$   $\text{b4}$  21.  $\text{e1d1}$   $\text{e4}$  22.  $\text{wd2}$   $\text{e5g5}$  23.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{d4!}$  24.  $\text{e1ad1}$

24.  $\text{e1xc4}$   $\text{e1h4+!}$  25.  $\text{e1g1}$   $\text{wc6}$  and the attack wins.

24...  $\text{e5}$  25.  $\text{w2e2}$

25.  $\text{e1xc4}$   $\text{e1h4+}$  26.  $\text{e1g1}$   $\text{w7g3!}$

25...  $\text{dxe3}$  26.  $\text{f4}$   $\text{e3g8}$  27.  $\text{b3}$   $\text{w6}$  28.  $\text{f5}$   $\text{wxe5!}$

29.  $\text{e1xc5}$   $\text{e1h4+}$  30.  $\text{e1g1}$   $\text{e1xg2}$  31.  $\text{w7g2}$   $\text{e2+}$ , 0-1.

### Hastings

The oldest of the New Year tournaments was this year of category 13. Israeli GM Emil Sutovsky took first prize with 6½ points with Alexei Dreev (RUS) and Jon Speelman (ENG) sharing second place on 6 points. Murray Chandler, on the comeback trail, would probably be disappointed with his result and chagrined at his last round blunder versus Sutovsky which gave the Israeli player the full point from an equal position? and undivided first place.

Other scores: 4 GM Bischoff (GER) 5; 5 GM Emms (ENG) 4½; 6 IM McShane (ENG) 4; 7-9 GM Chandler (ENG), GM Lalic (ENG) & GM I.Sokolov (BIH) 3½; 10 WIM Krush (USA) 2½.

### I.Sokolov - Sutovsky

[D85] Grünfeld

1.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{e1f6}$  2.  $\text{c4}$   $\text{g6}$  3.  $\text{e3c3}$   $\text{d5}$  4.  $\text{exd5}$   $\text{e1xd5}$  5.  $\text{e1d2}$   $\text{e7g7}$  6.  $\text{e4}$   $\text{e2b6}$  7.  $\text{e3}$  0-0 8.  $\text{e2}$   $\text{e2c6}$  9.  $\text{e3f3}$   $\text{e7g4}$  10.  $\text{d5}$   $\text{e1xf3}$  11.  $\text{e1xf3}$   $\text{e2e5}$  12.  $\text{e2}$   $\text{e2c4}$  13.  $\text{e1c1}$   $\text{c6}$  14.  $\text{dxc6}$   $\text{bxc6}$  15.  $\text{w2c2}$   $\text{wd4}$  16. 0-0  $\text{f7d8}$  17.  $\text{e1b1}$   $\text{e1a3}$  18.  $\text{bxa3}$   $\text{wxc3}$  19.  $\text{wxc3}$   $\text{qxc3}$  20.  $\text{e1a6}$   $\text{c5}$  21.  $\text{e1f4}$   $\text{d2}$  22.  $\text{e5}$   $\text{c4!}$  23.  $\text{e7b7}$   $\text{f6}$  24.  $\text{e7c7}$

24.  $\text{e1xa8}$   $\text{fxe5}$  25.  $\text{e2b7}$   $\text{c3}$  26.  $\text{e2b5}$   $\text{d7!}$  (26...  $\text{c2}$  27.  $\text{e2c5}$   $\text{c1w}$  28.  $\text{w7fxe1}$   $\text{e1xc1}$  29.  $\text{e1xc1}$   $\text{d2}$  30.  $\text{f3}$   $\text{fxa2}$  31.  $\text{e2c7}$  with a slight edge for White) 27.  $\text{e2c6}$   $\text{e7c7}$  28.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{e7f8}$  and the threat of  $\text{e7-e6}$  followed by  $\text{e7-d6}$  is hard to meet as 29.  $\text{a4}$  fails to 29...  $\text{e1d7}$ .

24...  $\text{d7}$  25.  $\text{e1xa8}$   $\text{fxc7}$  26.  $\text{e1d5+}$   $\text{e1xd5}$  27.  $\text{exd5}$   $\text{c3}$  28.  $\text{g3}$   $\text{c2}$  29.  $\text{e1b1}$   $\text{e7f7}$  30.  $\text{e1g2}$   $\text{f5}$  31.  $\text{f4}$   $\text{e8}$  32.  $\text{e7f3}$   $\text{e7d7}$  33.  $\text{e2e2}$   $\text{e1xc1}$  34.  $\text{e1xc1}$   $\text{e7d6}$  35.  $\text{e7d2}$   $\text{e7xd5}$  36.  $\text{a4}$   $\text{h5}$  37.  $\text{a5}$   $\text{a6}$  38.  $\text{h4}$   $\text{e7d4}$  0-1.

### Dreev - Emms

[A70] Benoni

1.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{e1f6}$  2.  $\text{c4}$   $\text{e6}$  3.  $\text{e3f3}$   $\text{c5}$  4.  $\text{d5}$   $\text{d6}$  5.  $\text{e3c3}$   $\text{exd5}$

6.  $\text{cxd5}$   $\text{g6}$  7.  $\text{e4}$   $\text{a6}$  8.  $\text{h3}$   $\text{b5}$  9.  $\text{e1d3}$   $\text{e7g7}$  10. 0-0  $\text{c4}$  11.  $\text{e2c2}$  0-0 12.  $\text{e1f4}$   $\text{e8}$  13.  $\text{e1e1}$   $\text{e7b7}$  14.  $\text{a3}$   $\text{wb6}$  15.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{wc7}$  16.  $\text{wd2}$   $\text{e7bd7}$  17.  $\text{e2h2}$   $\text{e2c5}$  18.  $\text{e1d4}$   $\text{e1ab8}$  19.  $\text{e2g4}$   $\text{e2cd7}$  20.  $\text{e2e2}$   $\text{e1xe4}$  21.  $\text{e1xe4}$   $\text{e1xe4}$  22.  $\text{e1xg7}$   $\text{e1xg7}$  23.  $\text{e2g3}$   $\text{e2e8}$  24.  $\text{e2e4}$   $\text{f6}$

24...  $\text{f5}$  25.  $\text{w7h6+}$   $\text{e7h8}$  26.  $\text{e2g5}$   $\text{e1xe1+}$  27.  $\text{e1xe1}$   $\text{e1f8}$  28.  $\text{e1f6}$   $\text{w7g7}$  29.  $\text{w7xg7+}$   $\text{e7xg7}$  30.  $\text{e2e8+}$   $\text{e1xe8}$  (30...  $\text{e7g8}$  31.  $\text{e2e7}$  and 31...  $\text{e1xe8}$  is forced) 31.  $\text{e1xe8}$   $\text{e7xd5}$  32.  $\text{d8}$  is better for White.

25.  $\text{w2c3}$   $\text{e5!}$  26.  $\text{f4}$   $\text{e5f5}$  27.  $\text{e2g3}$   $\text{e1xf4}$

27...  $\text{e1xd5}$  28.  $\text{e7e7+}$   $\text{e7f8}$  29.  $\text{e7xh7}$   $\text{wc6}$  30.  $\text{w2c2}$   $\text{d3}$  31.  $\text{w2e2}$  with strong threats.

28.  $\text{e7e7+}$   $\text{e7h8?}$

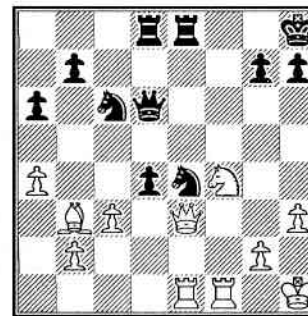
This loses quickly. Better was 28...  $\text{e7f8}$  29.  $\text{w2e3}$   $\text{e1xg4}$  30.  $\text{h7g4}$   $\text{wc5}$  31.  $\text{wxc5}$   $\text{e2xc5}$  32.  $\text{e1xh7}$   $\text{e7xd5}$  33.  $\text{e1f1}$   $\text{e7g8}$  34.  $\text{e1a7}$   $\text{e7f8}$  35.  $\text{e1d1}$   $\text{e6}$  36.  $\text{e1xd6}$   $\text{e7f7}$  37.  $\text{e1xf7}$   $\text{e7xf7}$  38.  $\text{e1c6}$   $\text{e7d3}$  39.  $\text{e1xa6}$  although here, too, White has the advantage.

29.  $\text{w2e3}$   $\text{g5}$  30.  $\text{e2h5}$   $\text{e1xg4}$  31.  $\text{h7g4}$   $\text{e7f8}$  32.  $\text{e1xh7+!}$  1-0.

### Emms - Krush

[B86] Sicilian

1.  $\text{e4}$   $\text{c5}$  2.  $\text{e3f3}$   $\text{d6}$  3.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{cxd4}$  4.  $\text{e1xd4}$   $\text{e1f6}$  5.  $\text{e3c3}$   $\text{a6}$  6.  $\text{e2c4}$   $\text{e6}$  7.  $\text{a4}$   $\text{e7}$  8. 0-0  $\text{e2c6}$  9.  $\text{e3}$  0-0 10.  $\text{e1h1}$   $\text{d5}$  11.  $\text{exd5}$   $\text{exd5}$  12.  $\text{e2b3}$   $\text{e8}$  13.  $\text{h3}$   $\text{e6}$  14.  $\text{w7f3}$   $\text{e2e5}$  15.  $\text{w2e2}$   $\text{e7b4}$  16.  $\text{e2xe6}$   $\text{fxe6}$  17.  $\text{e1d2}$   $\text{e2c6}$  18.  $\text{wd3}$   $\text{wd6}$  19.  $\text{e1ac1}$   $\text{e7h8}$  20.  $\text{f4}$   $\text{e1ad8}$  21.  $\text{e2e2}$   $\text{e7xd2}$  22.  $\text{wxd2}$   $\text{e5}$  23.  $\text{c3}$   $\text{e4}$  24.  $\text{w2e3}$   $\text{exf4}$  25.  $\text{e2xf4}$   $\text{d4}$



26.  $\text{w2xe4!?}$   $\text{e1xe4}$  27.  $\text{e1xe4}$   $\text{dxc3}$  28.  $\text{bxc3}$   $\text{g6}$  29.  $\text{e2e6}$   $\text{e8}$  30.  $\text{e7f7}$   $\text{e5?}$ ?

30...  $\text{w3a1!}$ ? was a better try but White maintains a strong initiative, e.g. 31.  $\text{e5d5}$   $\text{e2e7}$  32.  $\text{e7d8}$   $\text{e7g8}$  33.  $\text{e8}$   $\text{e3c3}$  34.  $\text{e7f7}$   $\text{e1c1+}$  35.  $\text{e7h2}$

$\text{wd6+}$  36.  $\text{e5e5}$ .

31.  $\text{e2g5}$   $\text{e8c7}$  32.  $\text{e1d4}$   $\text{wxd4}$  33.  $\text{e7f8+}$  1-0.

### The editor at fault

There was an error in the score of the correspondence game Roberts-Williams in the last issue, for which the editor apologises. It arose from a kind of mistake which occurred for the first time since the editor has been entering games in ChessBase for use in the magazine.

Usually, when entering games from a score sheet, a mistake becomes apparent because a subsequent move can't be played. Benefits of using this system are that it is fast and accurate, and a minimum of checking is required. On this occasion the error slipped through.

However, the error was also the cause of the editor's mystification about why White resigned, and it made nonsense of the subsequent comments by the editor (and not by Gordon Hoskyn).

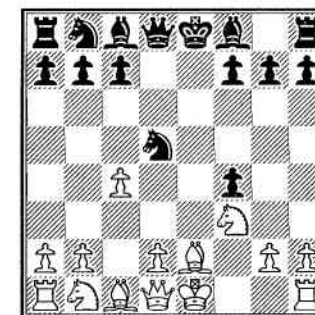
Here is the correct game score:

### Roberts, E - Williams, B

[C33] King's Gambit

NZCCA TT Reserve, 1998

1.  $\text{e4}$   $\text{e5}$  2.  $\text{f4}$   $\text{exf4}$  3.  $\text{e2e2}$   $\text{d5}$  4.  $\text{exd5}$   $\text{e1f6}$  5.  $\text{e3f3}$   $\text{e1xd5}$  6.  $\text{e4}$



6...  $\text{e7b4}$  7.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{e7f5}$  8.  $\text{e2a3}$   $\text{g5}$  9.  $\text{h4}$   $\text{g4}$  10.  $\text{e2g1}$   $\text{e8c6}$  11.  $\text{e1xg4}$   $\text{d3}$  12.  $\text{e3f3}$   $\text{e1xd4}$  13.  $\text{w4a4+}$  1?0

Drawing attention to the error, Earl Roberts comments on Black's excellent play, particularly his 6<sup>th</sup> move. He searched several sources for this move, but the only reference he could find was in a game from the World Computer Championships 1995.

## NZCF annual meeting

By NZCF President Peter Stuart

The Annual General Meeting in Auckland on 5th January was extremely poorly attended, with only six clubs represented. Two clubs had representatives present but without credentials, while another club's delegate got his dates mixed up. Whether this means that everyone is perfectly happy with the way things are going, I'm not sure! Certainly we cannot know what might have happened with regard to the three remits up for discussion if we had had closer to full representation. Only one remit was carried and had the three clubs referred to above been able to vote that too would have been lost.

The annual report and accounts were adopted, this including the financial statements for the 1992/3 and 1993/4.

Those nominated for positions on the 2000 Council were duly elected as follows: President, Peter Stuart; Vice-president, Bob Gibbons; Secretary, Daniel Johns; Treasurer, Roger Perry; Auckland Councillors, Jim Cater, Martin Dreyer and Michael Freeman. Late nominations had been received for Ted Frost (Wellington Councillor) and Graham Haase (Otago Councillor) and both were elected. There are thus three vacancies on the Council: one Auckland Councillor, one Wellington Councillor and one Canterbury Councillor.

The one remit (from Waitemata) affecting the rules related to the abolishing of most penalties for late filing or payment and this was lost on a show of hands.

The remit on fees (Howick-Pakuranga), proposing a large increase in registration fees (to \$30 for adults and \$15 for juniors), attracted some support but not enough to be carried. There was evident acceptance of the need for more funding for Federation operations and a smaller increase might well have been carried. Perhaps the time has come for a full review of the fee structure.

There was one further remit which, having been passed, requires the Federation to pay for tournament stationery used in Federation tournaments.

Tournament venues were also on the agenda. The 2000/1 Congress had already been awarded to Waitemata and the 2000 South Island

Championship to Otago. There were no offers for the 2001/2 Congress, nor for this year's national Junior Championship. Waitemata's offer to organise this year's national Women's Championship was gratefully approved and Civic (now Wellington CC) indicated that they were interested in organising the North Island Championship; a firm offer has since been received verbally.

### NZ Games Database 2000

The year 2000 version of this database is now available, with more than 13,600 games in ChessBase format. Over 1,100 tournaments are represented, including 92 of the 107 New Zealand Championships, 36 of which are complete. There are almost 2,200 games from 1998 to date, including games from the 1999/2000 Congress in Auckland and all the main events played in 1999.

The total number of NZ Championship games is now 3580, while there are over 2400 from events played overseas, including Olympiads, Zonals, Asian events, etc. There are also several hundred more of Ortvin Sarapu's games (now 1121 in total), including his 17 games from the Oldenburg tournament played in 1949 shortly before he emigrated to New Zealand. In this event Ortvin defeated Efim Boguljubow, who played two world title matches against Alexander Alekhine. Sarapu finished fifth, just one point behind the joint winners Boguljubow and Zengalis. New Zealander Bob Wade finished tenth on 8.5 points.

The database is available in CBH (new) or CBF (old) format; please specify when ordering. For ChessBase Light users the database can be split in two to keep the number of games per database below 8000.

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**Auckland Chess Centre** Meets Monday 7.30 & Thursday (social) 7.30pm, 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden, Auckland 1003. Tel (09)630-2042 clubroom; contacts club captain Paul MacDonald (09)534-7930; secretary Tony Kesseler (09)412-8184.

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

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

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

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Fergusson Drive. Sec, Roger Smith (04)528-2721.

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