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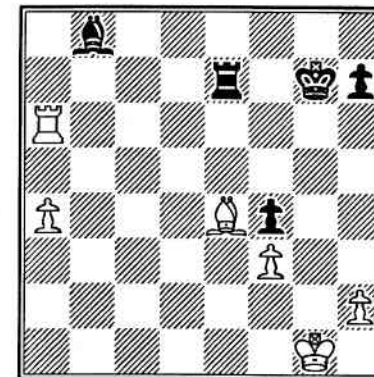
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### South Island champion

Ben Giles, formerly of Auckland, who returned to New Zealand last year after three years in Europe and is now living at Springs Junction, near the Lewis Pass, is the 2000 South Island champion. Ben won the title in Dunedin with 7/8, ahead of Bruce Donaldson 6 and Kendall Boyud, Bruce Gloistein and Michael St Joseph 5. Tony Love won the South Island Rapid with 6/6, ahead of John Sutherland and Giles on 4.5.

### Wanganui fund-raiser

Wanganui CC has run a lightning tournament to raise funds for the Olympiad. Pascal Harris 7/7 won, ahead of Allan Short and Barry Williams 6.

### Kramnik 8½-Kasparov 6½

*Our cover illustration shows a position reached in game 2 of the Braingames World Championship match between Gary Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik. Kasparov (Black) played 31...Ra7? and lost. (He later suggested Be5-d4 before Ra7).*

*Kramnik also won game 10 in 25 moves - reported to be the shortest serious game ever lost by Kasparov against a human player.*

*The 16-game match ended with the 15th game on November 2, when Kasparov offered a draw which was accepted. So only two games were won, both by Kramnik, both with White.*

*While this match was sponsored by Braingames, FIDE was very interested, as were players at the Olympiad and around the world.*

*FIDE runs an official knockout world championship, but who does the chess world regard as champion?*

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## Late news 34th Chess Olympiad under way

The Olympiad in Istanbul is under way, and the New Zealand teams made a quiet start. Stephen Lukey had to withdraw for career reasons, and Scott Wastney took his place.

After six rounds, the men's team score was 11½/24, the results being:

1 v China, ½-3½ (Dive ½).

2 v Luxembourg, 1-3 (Martin ½, Green ½).

3 v Zimbabwe, 3-1 (Ker 1, Green 1,

Wastney 1).

4 v Bolivia, 1-3 (Dive 1).

5 v Paraguay, 2-2 (Dive ½, Smith ½, Green 0, Wastney 1).

6 v Palestine, 4-0 Dive 1, Ker 1, Green 1, Wastney 1).

Captain Michael Freeman reported on November 4, after the first 6 rounds, that Ben Martin has been vry sick. Russell Dive and Scott Wastney have been playing well, Peter

Green is his usual solid self, but Anthony Ker and Bob Smith have been out of form.

The women's team scored 1½/9 in their first three rounds, but picked up 5½ points in their next three rounds to reach 7/18:

1 v Australia, 0-3.

2 v Macedonia ½-2½ (Courtney ½).

3 v Japan 1-2 (Mikhailik ½, Courtney ½).

4 v Ireland 2½-½ (Smith 1, Mikhailik ½, Courtney 1).

5 v Costa Rica 1-2 (Smith ½, Courtney ½).

6 v Singapore 2-1 (Smith 1, Courtney 1).

Michael reports that Viv Smith and Helen Court are playing well.

After 6 rounds Germany were leading the men's tournament with 18½/24, after drawing 2-2 with Russia in round 6. Russia were 2nd on 17.5. China led the women's tournament on 14/18, ahead of Georgia and Moldova 13.

# Birkenhead Licensing Trust Open 2000

By NM Peter Stuart

This year's Birkenhead Licensing Trust Open, played over the weekend of 7-8 October, incorporated the 27th North Shore Open. As it was better advertised than last year, when the North Shore club's sponsorship arrangement was only finalised a week or so before the tournament, the entry of 40 was rather disappointing.

With the considerably larger prize fund the event reverted to the previous format of two grades and five rounds rather than the single tournament with six rounds, starting with two rapid chess rounds.

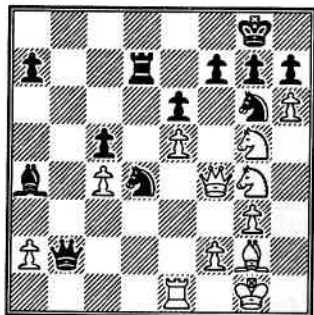
## Fischer time control

A New Zealand first for a major open event, as far as we know, was the use of a Fischer time control necessitating digital timers on all boards. Players had 80 minutes for the first 40 moves plus ten minutes to finish – but with additional time of 15 seconds per move from move one. In theory a very long game could go on for far longer than under an analogous normal guillotine time control but two years' experience in North Shore's internal events, confirmed here, shows that this happens very infrequently indeed. For one thing, with the opponent always having at least 15 seconds in hand, there is little point in monsterring techniques once the opponent has demonstrated the necessary chess technique.

The top seeds were Alexei Kulashko, Robert Smith and Paul Garbett, but Olympiad team members Peter Green and Scott Wastney together with Leonard McLaren made up a very solid top six. Zonal competitors David Guthrie and Kaushik Saxena were also there but there was perhaps more interest in the performance of Wang Rong, a Shanghai under-18 champion only recently arrived in New Zealand.

Top seed Kulashko took a half-point bye in the first round and he was joined by Paul Garbett, who came close to winning against

Wang but in the end ran out of pawns and had to take a draw. On top board Smith was lucky to gain the full point after he combined unsoundly; in the critical position Ralph Hart had two winning moves but blundered instead. Here is the finish (Smith white):



30. ♖f6+? gxf6 31. ♗xf6 ♖f5 32. ♕h3 ♗c3??

Simply 32... ♖xh6 and White has nothing to show for his piece. Also 32... ♗b4 was okay, with the idea of taking the h-pawn after White moves his rook (which he must do as 33. ♕xf5 ♗xe1+ 34. ♖g2 ♗xe5 is hopeless). The text, however, qualifies as a helpmate.

33. ♖b1! ♖xh6 34. ♖b8+ ♖f8 35. ♗xh6 1-0.

McLaren and Green were untroubled to reach two points while Wastney and Smith manoeuvred their way into a drawn bishop ending. Antonio Krstev played an unusual line against Kulashko's Benko Gambit and was probably winning as early as move 10 when Alexei sacrificed a rook to muddy the waters and then offered a piece quite insistently. Antonio just as determinedly refused to take it and the game reached a position where Alexei had three pawns for the rook and eventually got a perpetual check.

David Guthrie lost a pawn and later blundered the exchange against Wang while Garbett, Hart and Matthew McNabb recorded their first wins.

## Birkenhead Licensing Trust Open 2000

Player	Club	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	Pts	TB
1 Garbett P.A.	NS	2352	D3	W16	D2	W13	W1	4	14
2 Wastney S.C.	GA	2178	W14	D7	D1	W6	W8	4	12½
3 Wang R.	NS	e2000	D1	W9	D10	D8	W7	3½	13
4 Green P.R.	AC	2185	W6	W13	W8	D7	L4	3½	12
5 Hart R.	NS	2045	L7	W17	½Bye	W10	W9	3½	7½
6 McNabb M.	AC	1884	L4	W18	W12	L2	W13	3	7
7 Smith R.W.	WT	2364	W5	D2	½B	D4	L3	2½	14
8 McLaren L.J.	NS	2238	W11	W15	L4	D3	L2	2½	14
9 Guthrie D.W.	WE	2113	D16	L3	W15	W11	L5	2½	11
10 Kulashko A.	AC	2400	½B	D12	D3	L5	W17	2½	10
11 Beach P.K.	AC	1949	L8	D14	W16	L9	W15	2½	8
12 Krstev A.	NS	2048	D17	D10	L6	D15	W14	2½	7½
13 Saxena K.	AC	2050	W18	L4	Bye	L1	L6	2	14
14 Mistry P.	NS	1881	L2	D11	½B	D17	L12	1½	10
15 Johns D.P.	NS	1515	Bye	L8	L9	D12	L11	1½	10
16 Wells C.A.	NS	1838	D9	L1	L11	W18	w/d	1½	9
17 van den Heuvel A.	NS	1805	D12	L5	½B	D14	L10	1½	8½
18 Hair P.I.	NS	1813	L13	L6	½B	L16	Bye	1½	5½

In the third round game between the two leaders McLaren lost the thread in the middle game and had to jettison a pawn. Green had no trouble winning the rook ending.

## McLaren - Green [C26] Vienna Game

1.e4 e5 2.♖c3 ♖f6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 ♖xd5  
5.♗g2 ♖xc3 6.bxc3 c6 7.♗f3 ♖d6 8.0-0 0-0  
9.d4 exd4 10.cxd4 ♖e6 11.♗d3 h6 12.c4 ♖d7  
13.♖b2 ♖f6 14.♖ad1 ♖c8 15.♖fe1 ♖c7  
16.♖e5 ♗c8 17.♖c1 ♖e8 18.♗d2 ♖h3 19.♖h1  
♖f5 20.f4 ♖ce7 21.♖f3 ♖d7 22.c5 ♖b8  
23.♖h1 ♖f6 24.♖g1 ♖e4 25.♗g2 ♗f5 26.♖ce1  
♖xf3 27.♗xf3 ♖d5 28.♖ef1 f6 29.g4 ♗xf4  
30.♗g2 ♖e3 31.♖xf4 ♖xg2 32.♖xg2 fxe5  
33.dxe5 ♖xe5 34.♖xe5 ♖xe5 35.♖b1 ♖h8e7  
36.♖fb4 ♖xc5 37.♖xb7 ♖e2+ 38.♖g3 ♖xa2  
39.♖c7 ♖a3+ 40.♖h4 ♖cc3 41.♖h5 ♖h7 42.h4  
♖a5+ 43.g5 hxg5 44.hxg5 ♖g3 45.♖h4  
♖axg5 46.♖xa7 ♖g1 47.♖xg1 ♖xg1 48.♖c7  
♖c1 49.♖g5 c5 50.♖c6 c4 51.♖f4 c3 52.♖e3  
g6 53.♖d3 ♖h6 54.♖xc3 ♖xc3+ 55.♖xc3 ♖g5  
56.♖d3 ♖f4 57.♖e2 ♖g3 58.♖f1 g5 59.♖g1 g4  
60.♖h1 ♖f2 0-1.

Smith, Hart and three others took half -

point byes in this evening round while Garbett and Wastney used only a little more energy before agreeing a draw; by the end of the tournament this was looking a very good decision. Kulashko confirmed a certain lack of form when drawing rather tamely with Wang. At one stage he had the makings of an attack but it soon petered out and the presence of opposite coloured bishops left nothing to play for in the ending. The post mortem, however, looked interesting so maybe there was more to this game than that. McNabb continued his hoodoo over Krstev with a nice attacking game:

## McNabb - Krstev [C02] French Def., Advance Var.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♖c6 5.♖f3 ♗b6  
6.♖d3 ♖d7 7.dxc5 ♖xc5 8.0-0 ♖h6 9.a4 ♖g4  
10.♗e2 f6 11.b4 ♖xf2+ 12.♖xf2 fxe5 13.♖g5  
♖f8 14.♖h3 ♖xf2 15.♖xf2 e4 16.♖b5 ♖e5  
17.♖e3 ♗c7 18.♗h5+ g6 19.♗xh7 0-0-0  
20.♖d4 a6 21.♗g7 ♖c4 22.♖xc4 ♗xc4 23.♖d2  
♗e2 24.♖f1 ♖de8 25.♗e5 ♗c4 26.b5 ♖f5?

After 26...c7 White is clearly better but after the text Black is simply lost.

27.♗e3 ♘c7 28.♗xf5 ♘xe5 29.♗xe5 exf5  
30.♗f4 e3 31.♗d3 ♗e4 32.g3 e2 33.bxa6  
bxa6 34.♗f2 d4 35.♗b1 ♗xa4 36.♗b8+ ♗d7  
37.♗c5+ ♗c6 38.♗xe4 d3 39.♗d2 ♗b5  
40.♗xb5 ♗xb5 41.♗e1 a5 42.c4+ ♗c6 43.♗e3  
a4 44.♗b1 g5 45.♗d2 f4 46.gxf4 gxf4 47.♗f2  
f3 48.h4 ♗d6 49.h5 ♗e5 50.h6 ♗f6 51.c5  
1-0.

After three rounds the leaders were Green 3; Smith, Garbett, McLaren, Wastney, Wang, Kaushik Saksena and McNabb 2; Kulashko, Guthrie, Hart and Paul Beach 1½.

With a blocked centre Green and Smith tried manoeuvring around the edges with neither ever gaining any real advantage, thus assuring the former of a half-point lead going into the last round. Garbett overcame an indifferent opening to beat Saksena on board 2 while McLaren and Wang played a closely fought draw in which Wang had all the winning chances in a rook ending but didn't quite make it.

Wastney gained some advantage against McNabb and it was easy after the latter blew a piece. In the biggest upset thus far Kulashko continued in experimental mode against Hart, sacrificing the exchange for nebulous and, eventually, unavailing compensation:

#### Hart - Kulashko

[A70] Benoni, Main Line

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 c5 3.d5 g6 4.c4 ♗g7 5.♗c3  
0-0 6.e4 d6 7.h3 e6 8.♗d3 exd5 9.cxd5 b5  
10.♗xb5 ♗xe4 11.0-0 a6 12.♗a3 ♗f6 13.♗c4  
♗b7 14.♗f4 ♗xd5 15.♗xd6 ♗bd7 16.♗xf8  
♗xf8 17.♗e3 ♗h5 18.♗xd5 ♘xd5 19.♘c2 ♗b8  
20.♘c4 ♘xc4 21.♗xc4 ♗xb2 22.♗ab1 a5  
23.♗xb2 ♗xb2 24.♗b1 ♗c3 25.♗b5 ♗d7  
26.♗b7 ♗hf6 27.♗b5 ♗e5 28.♗xe5 ♗xe5  
29.♗c4 ♗g7 30.♗xf7+ ♗h6 31.♗e7 ♗d4 32.g3  
♗h5 33.♗g2 ♗g7 34.g4 ♗g5 35.♗g3 h5 36.f4+  
♗h6 37.♗a7 h4+ 38.♗f3 ♗c3 39.♗g8 ♗d4  
40.♗xa5 1-0.

Thus Green was still in the lead with 3½ while Garbett and Wastney had closed to within a half-point. The group on 2½ points

comprised Smith, McLaren, Guthrie, Hart and Wang.

#### Garbett - Green

[D46] Queen's Gambit, Semi-Slav Def.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.e3 e6 5.♗c3  
♗bd7 6.♘c2 ♗d6 7.♗d3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4  
9.♗xc4 e5 10.a3 ♘e7 11.♗a2 b6 12.♗d1 ♗b7  
13.♘f5 ♗ad8 14.♗d2 c5 15.♗e1 a6 16.♗ac1  
b5 17.♗g5 h6

17...c4!?

18.♗ge4 ♗xe4

18...exd4 19.cxd4 cxd4 still seems okay for Black.

19.♗xe4 ♗xe4 20.♘xe4 exd4 21.cxd4 ♘xc4  
22.♗xe4 ♗f6 23.♗e1 cxd4 24.♗c6

Maybe Black is still intrinsically equal but the bishop pair makes White's position easier to play while Black's will not be able to tolerate any mistakes.

24...♗d7 25.♗xa6 ♗b8 26.♗b1 ♗f8 27.♗d3  
♗d6 28.♗a5 ♗d5 29.♗f4 ♗b7 30.♗a8 g5  
31.♗d2 ♗g7 32.g3 ♗d6 33.♗g2 ♗b8 34.♗c2  
♗e5?!

34...g4.

35.♗f3 ♗xe1?

After this final mistake Black is lost. Instead 35...♗be7! keeps Black in the game.

36.♗xe1 ♗e7 37.♗b4 ♗e8 38.♗c6 ♗c8  
39.♗xb5 ♗d5 40.♗d6 1-0.

In the other game with a bearing on first place McLaren sacrificed a pawn but Wastney soon escaped into a pawn-up rook ending which he converted smoothly to take a half share of \$850:

#### McLaren - Wastney

[B22] Sicilian Def., Alapin Var.

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.c3 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗d5 5.d4  
cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.♗c3 ♗xc3 8.bxc3 ♘c7  
9.♗d2 ♗d7 10.♗d3 dxe5 11.0-0 e4 12.♗xe4

♗d6 13.♗c1 0-0 14.♗e1 ♗f6 15.♗c2 b6  
16.♗g5 ♗f4 17.♘d3 ♗xg5 18.♗xg5 g6 19.♘f3  
♗g7 20.c4 ♗b7 21.d5 exd5 22.cxd5 ♗xd5  
23.♗e4 ♘b7 24.♗xd5 ♘xd5 25.♘g3 ♗fe8  
26.♗ed1 ♗ac8 27.h4 ♗xc1 28.♗xc1 h6  
29.♗f3 ♗e4 30.♘f4 ♗c5 31.♘d4+ ♘xd4  
32.♗xd4 ♗e4 33.♗b5 a6 34.♗d6 ♗xh4 35.♗c8  
♗a4 36.♗c7 ♗d4 37.♗c6 ♗d1+ 38.♗h2 ♗d2  
39.♗xb6 ♗xb6 40.♗xb6 ♗xa2 41.♗g3 ♗f8  
42.♗b7 ♗e2 43.♗a7 ♗e6 44.f4 ♗g7 45.f5 gxf5  
46.♗f4 ♗f6 47.♗f3 ♗b6 48.♗g3 ♗b3+ 49.♗f4  
♗b6 50.♗g3 ♗e6 51.♗h4 f6 52.♗h5 ♗e5  
53.♗xh6 ♗f4 54.♗g6 ♗g4 55.♗h6 f4 56.♗g7+  
♗f5 57.♗a7 ♗b2 58.♗xa6 ♗xg2 59.♗a5+ ♗e4  
60.♗a4+ ♗e3 61.♗a3+ ♗f2 62.♗a2+ ♗g3  
63.♗a3+ f3 64.♗g6 ♗h2+ 65.♗xf6 f2 66.♗a1  
♗g3 67.♗e5 ♗g2 68.♗a2 ♗g1 69.♗f4 ♗b3  
0-1.

This left the four remaining players on 2½ fighting for a share of third place. Guthrie mishandled the white side of a Grünfeld and lost a pawn but he gained some compensation on both flanks, only to blunder a rook. The game Smith-Wang was a much more torrid struggle with Wang displaying great maturity to eventually wear down Smith in the endgame. With very little time remaining, Smith blundered, allowing Wang to obtain connected passed pawns which won easily.

The game of the round was undoubtedly McNabb-Saksena in which Matthew won a fine attacking game and the \$150 first prize in the under-1900 grade.

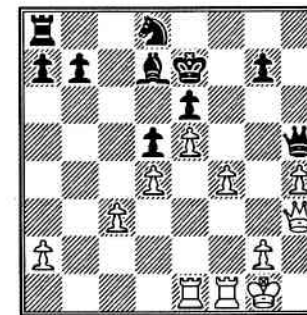
#### McNabb - Saksena

[C02] French Def., Advance Var.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♗c6 5.♗f3 ♗d7  
6.♗d3 cxd4 7.cxd4 ♗b4+ 8.♗c3 ♗ge7 9.0-0  
♗xc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.♗xh7+ ♗xh7 12.♗g5+  
♗g6 13.♘g4 f5 14.♘g3 ♘c8 15.h4 f4 16.♘g4  
♗f5 17.♗xf4 ♗h8 18.♗c1 ♗h5 19.♘h3 ♗xg5  
20.♗xg5 ♗f7 21.♗ael ♗e8 22.f4 ♗d8 23.♗xe7  
♗xe7

#### 416 affiliated players

NZCF reports that affiliated membership in October totalled 416. This number compares with 430 at 31 October last year.



24.f5! exf5 25.e6 ♗xe6 26.♗xf5 ♘h6 27.♗xd5  
♗f7 28.♘f3+ ♗g8 29.♗de5 ♗f7 30.♗e8+ ♗xe8  
31.♗xe8+ ♗h7 32.♘f5+ g6 33.♘d7+ ♘g7  
34.♗e7 1-0.

Both winners deserved their success, the ninth in this tournament for Paul and the first for Scott. Garbett was the more enterprising of the two but neither were ever in any danger. Peter Green might be a bit disappointed at seeing a full point lead evaporate so quickly but that's life in five-round week-enders. His one third share of third prize was \$133. Ralph Hart came back well from his first round loss but the big success story was undoubtedly the fine result achieved by 15-year old Wang Rong in his first New Zealand tournament. His performance rating for the event was around 2440 and along the way he met the four highest rated players.

As already mentioned McNabb took first prize in the under 1900 grade while the five players who shared 14th place on 1½ points shared \$100.

#### Eade takes B grade

The B-grade, held for the first time since 1995, saw Don Eade win his first four games before drawing a hard-fought last round encounter with Neil Gunn who shared second place with Tom Evans on 4 points. Eade took home \$300, the runners-up \$160 each.

Roland Stierand topped the under 1400 grade with 2½ points (\$110) while Aaron Cossey and Paul Sweetser shared \$190 in the under 1200 grade, each scoring 3½ points.

The scores: 1 D.Eade (AC) 4½; 2-3

T.Evans (NS) & N.J.Gunn (NS) 4; 4-6 A.Cossey, N.B.Crudon (GA) & P.Sweetsur (PT) 3½; 7-11 H.Cheng (NS), P.Godfrey (WT), S.Shatalin, R.Stierand (PT) & H.Vital (PT) 3; 12 H.Jacobs 2½; 13-20 R.P.Bowler (NP), P.Houpapa (PT), G.M.Jones (NS), A.Nicoll (HP), G.W.Pocock (GA), P.A.Spencer-Smith (NS), M.Sweetsur (PT) & K.van den Bosch (HP) 2; 21 G.L.Judkins 1½; 22-23 S.Chang & J.K.Early (NS) 1.

## Waikato round robin rapid

By William Lynn, DOP

The top grade of the Hamilton round robin rapid, played on September 10, attracted a 2256 player in Leonard McLaren, of Auckland, with the balance of the group under 1400 rating.

The best game of the tournament was in round 1, when the lowest-rated player, Gary Judkins, made Leonard work hard for the point. After that it was a clean sweep 5/5 for McLaren.

Judkins won his other games, and his 4/5 and second placing proved that he is a much improved rapid player. One can attribute that to his study of the "Secrets of the Chessboard" series published in 1938 by Cecil Purdy in the *Australasian Chess Review*. Opening lines for his pieces is now Gary's forte.

The B grade was made up of local high school players coached by Gary Judkins, a great family effort which is encouraging for junior chess in the area.

Results: A grade: 1 L McLaren 5, 2 G Judkins 4, 3 T Gothorp 2½, 4 N Hackshall 2, 5 R Steirand 1½, 6 H Courtney 0.

B grade: Jonathan Guu 7/7; 2 Michael Oehley 5; 3 Jordan Ward 4; 4= Jason Cho, Tim Judkins and William Kelton 3; 7 Navin Singh 2; 8 Matthew Wells 1.

C grade: 1= D Priest and B Robertson 4/5; 3= C Phillips and J Darlow 3; 5 B Tompkins 1; 6 C de Lisle 0.

## Eade - Evans

[B09]Pirc Def., 3 Pawns' Att.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♠f6 3.♠c3 g6 4.f4 ♠g7 5.♠f3 0-0 6.♠d3 c6 7.0-0 ♣c7 8.h3 ♠bd7 9.♣e1 ♠b6 10.♣h4 h5 11.e5 ♠h7 12.♠e4 f5 13.exf6 ♠xf6 14.♠d2 ♠xe4 15.♠xe4 ♠f5 16.♠xf5 ♠xf5 17.♠ae1 ♠f6 18.♣g3 ♠g7 19.♠h4 ♠xd4+ 20.♠h1 ♠f6 21.f5 ♠af8 22.♠xg6 h4 23.♣xh4 ♠xf5 24.♣h6+ 1-0.

## Waikato Open

David Guthrie, of Dunedin, won the Waikato Open, played from July 28 to July 30. Joint runners-up were Bob Smith and Leonard McLaren, of Auckland, with F Fuatai fourth. The grade one prize was shared by M McNabb and C Wells. The grade 2 prize was won by M Wogner, with C Pocock and M Alafalapae 2=. Hilton Bennett took the Waikato title for top local player.

## Lynn, W - Bennett, H

Waikato Open, 2000

[B07] Pirc Def.

Notes by William Lynn

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♠f6 3.♠c3 g6 4.♠g5 ♠g7 5.♣d2 h6 6.♠e3 ♠g4 7.♠f3 ♠xe3 8.♣xe3 c6 9.♠c4 b5 10.♠d3 ♠d7 11.0-0 0-0 12.♠ad1 ♣b6 13.♠fe1

White has a well-established central position.

13...♠b7 14.♠e2 c5 15.c3 a6 16.♠b1 ♠ac8 17.♠f4 e6 18.dxc5 ♠xc5 19.♠e2 ♠fd8 20.♠ed2

Doubling up on the open file.

20...b4 21.c4 ♣c6 22.e5

Preparing for a breakthrough.

22...♣c7 23.exd6 ♣d7 24.♠e5 ♠xe5 25.♣xe5 ♠a4 26.♠xg6

Time for sacrifices.

26...♠c5 27.♣f6 ♠g5 28.♠xf7+ ♠h7 29.♠xe6 ♣c6 30.♠f5+ 1-0

## Correspondence chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

### Bid to boost numbers

In a bid to bolster its membership, NZCCA has made two extra appointments to its executive team.

Murray Dunwoody has been appointed editor of E.P., the correspondence magazine, and Gordon Hoskyn has been appointed publicity officer.

In this issue we feature the husband and wife duo of Bob and Viv Smith, who are both prominent on the New Zealand chess scene.

Both are currently playing in the NZCCA's Trophy Tourneys and in terms of ratings they are top seeds for their respective grades, Bob in the Championship, and Viv in the Reserve Championship.

Bob has kindly profiled their C.C. careers to date, and also supplies two previously unpublished C.C. games by Viv and himself.

## Correspondence Comeback

By FM Bob Smith

Question: What do Estonian chess legend Paul Keres, a lowly New Zealand FIDE Master and the New Zealand Women's Champion have in common?

Answer: they all cut their chess teeth playing by correspondence.

It's well known that in his younger days Keres played hundreds of games by mail at a time, building up his opening repertoire and his understanding of the finer points of the game.

On a lesser level (and with slightly fewer games), my wife Viv and I did the same. Although we are principally known as over the board chess players, until a decade ago we played a lot of chess by mail.

Pressures of work, family and chess administration prompted the lay-off, but this year we are both back playing - with the advent of e-mail making correspondence chess a much simpler proposition in many of our games.

I am competing in the 67th NZCCA Championships, while Viv is in the Reserve Championships. I was lured back to play by the example of friend and rival Russell Dive, who has used correspondence chess in recent years to try out some opening ideas.

This approach has its risks as far as concrete results go, as Russell has found out and I am also discovering!

Viv, I think, was motivated by my decision, and has also been going beyond her comfort zone by trying out unfamiliar openings - leading to many hours of pondering and disorientation (but also many new chess adventures).

I first began playing correspondence chess nearly thirty years ago, scoring 11.5/12 in winning Class 4B. Over the next few years I graduated to the Championship - winning it in 1978. I don't have full records, but I know there followed at least four runner-up places and a third in the ensuing years - enough to earn the title of New Zealand Correspondence Master.

Viv also played correspondence for many years, apparently even before we were married. In 1986 she can be found in second place in TT3 Blue, winning TT2 in 1987 with 8/9.

The following year only a curious incident prevented back to back trophy tournament wins. Competing in the Reserve Championships, Viv was a piece up and easily winning in one game, but then made one of the most feared mistakes in correspondence chess - the dreaded clerical error. Meaning to swap bishops with Ba6, she wrote Bh6 instead. This instantly lost a queen. Viv resigned, signed the scoresheet and sent it to her opponent. However, in a sporting gesture, he acknowledged he would have lost if Viv knew her a's from her h's. He twinkled out Viv's resignation and resigned himself.

The win would have given Viv first place, but in a final twist the Director of Play, who

was also playing in the Reserve Championship, scratched off the twink, uncovered Viv's original resignation and decided it must stand.

That put Viv in second place, half a point behind the tournament winner. Writing out a new scoresheet would have changed the course of history!

A decade later we are both enjoying our return to correspondence chess, although we fear it may be brief. There is no doubt that success in chess by mail is directly linked to the amount of spare time available, and we find we still don't have that much.

We are, however, hoping to create the odd good game this year. Until then here are a couple of efforts from our earlier CC years.

**Smith, R - Noble, M**

NZCCA Champ, 1986

[B93] Sicilian Def., Najdorf Var.

By FM Bob Smith

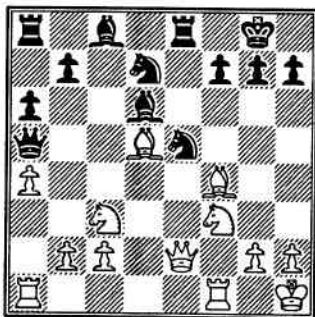
1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♁c3 a6 6.f4 e5 7.♁f3 ♁bd7 8.a4 ♁e7

Better 8...Qc7.

9.♁c4 0-0 10.♁e2 ♁a5 11.♁a2 d5 12.0-0 exf4 13.e5 ♁e8 14.♁xf4

14.exf6? ♁c5+

14...♁d6 15.♁h1 ♁g4 16.♁xd5 ♁gxe5



17.♁xf7+ ♁xf7

17...♁xf7 18.♁xe5+ ♁xe5 (18...♁xe5 19.♁h5+ g6 20.♁xh7+ ♁e6 21.♁xg6+ ♁f6

22.♁xe5 ♁xe5 23.♁ac1) 19.♁xe5+ ♁g8 20.♁xd6 ♁xe2 21.♁f8#

18.♁xe8+ ♁f8 19.♁g5 ♁xg5 20.♁xg5

If 20...♁xg5 21.♁f7+ ♁h8 22.♁xf8+ 1-0

**Oldridge, C - Smith, V**

NZCCA TT2, 1987

[A08] Barcza System

Notes by FM Bob Smith

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 e6 3.d3 ♁c6 4.g3 d5 5.♁bd2 ♁f6 6.♁g2 ♁e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♁e1 b5 9.e5 ♁d7 10.♁f1 a5 11.h4 b4 12.♁f4

Probably unnecessary, as Black hasn't played Qc7.

12.h5!? 12...♁a6 13.♁1h2 a4 14.♁g4 a3 15.b3 ♁a7 16.♁g5?! 16.h5!?

16...♁b5 17.♁xe7 ♁xe7 18.♁d2 ♁ac8 19.♁b1 Ugh! White's K-side "attack" never happened, while Black has pushed on consistently on the Q-side.

19...♁c7 20.♁d2 c4 21.d4 cxb3 22.cxb3 ♁fc8 23.♁e3 ♁c2 24.♁d2 ♁c3 25.♁f1 ♁xf1 26.♁xf1 ♁xa2 27.♁e2 ♁2c3 28.♁d2 ♁c1 29.♁e3 ♁xb3 0-1

**Trophy tourney progress**

Progress scores in the 2000-2001 Trophy Tourneys are (as at 10.10.2000):

**67th NZCCA Championship:** A J Short 7/10, E N Roberts 5/7, G A Hoskyn 4/7, M L Dunwoody 3.5/5, P B Goffin 3/5, R W Smith 3/5, P J Voss 2.5/7, H P Bennett 1/5, B W Millar 1/5, T J Doyle .5/2, P A R Vetharaniam .5/4.

Latest results: SHORT beat Hoskyn, Voss, Bennett, Millar, Vetharaniam, drew Roberts, Goffin, Smith, Doyle. ROBERTS beat Bennett, Voss, Millar, drew Goffin, Vetharaniam, Hoskyn. MURRAY HOSKYN beat Voss, Vetharniam, drew Goffin, Smith, Bennett. DUNWOODY beat Short, Smith, Millar, drew Bennett. GOFFIN beat Doyle, drew Voss. SMITH beat Voss, Millar. VOSS beat

Dunwoody, Bennett. MILLAR beat Vetharaniam.

**Reserve Championship:** E G A Frost 5.5/6, V J Smith, 4/5, J C Rapp, 3/3, K G Reed 3/4, B J Edwards 2.5/5, B M Williams 1.5/5, D Whitlock 1/2, G E Lovelock 1/4, C A Mold 1/6, B N Gloistein .5/2, D E Dolejs 0/4.

**New Zealand news**

**New Plymouth**

Errol Tuffery has succeeded Bob Bowler president of New Plymouth CC. D Notley has been elected vice-president, with A Jury as secretary and J Mulder as treasurer. C Bell and B Bowler are on the committee.

The club is trying to compile a list of its club champions over the years. Secretary Alan Jury can be contacted with any information at 166 Molesworth St, New Plymouth, tel 06 757 9090.

**Wanganui**

Michael Freeman has won the Wanganui CC A grade championship, conceding just one drawn game to Chris Burns. Freeman has now taken out the 100-year-old G F Francis Trophy for the fifth time in five starts.

Scores: 1 Freeman 5½/6; 2 Burns 3½; 3= Martin Post and Prince Vetharaniam 1.

The other three grades of club championships saw first-time winners prevail:

A Reserve, Archie Ives Memorial Trophy: 1 Allan Short, 6½/10; 2= David Bell and Barry Williams 6; 4 Ted Frost 5; 5 Pascal Harris 4½; 6 John Wilson 2.

B grade, Alf Ratcliffe Memorial Shield: 1 Dilbagh Sangha 5½/10; 2 Kelly Forrest 5; 3= Andrew Kuhn and Kevin Yorston; 5 Denis McQueen 3½; 6 Daniel Martin 2.

C grade, Frank Jacobs Memorial Shield: 1 Thomas Kuhn 10/11; 2 Dennis Haxton 8½; 3 Neil Fleet 6½; 4= Ahmed Al-Hindawi, Waata Hipango and Jeffery Stuart 6; 7 Dan Hurley 5½; 8 Ravith Fonseka 5; 9= Olmer Bollinger and Joseph Neilson 4½; 11 Daniel Blackman 2.

**TT2:** P G Coghini 3.5/4, Z H Kingston 3/3, W Anderson 2/3, P C King .5/1, A N Hignett .5/5, H Goeckel 0/1, A Clark 0/3.

**TT3:** R J Weston 6/6, S M Cameron 2/2, P E Rossiter 1.5/3, G H Mills 1.5/4, J A Clarke 1/1, A W Hendry 1/2, S A Holdaway 1/2, L I Purvis 0/2, S R C Chowdhury 0/6.

**Canterbury**

Results of this season's competitions in Canterbury Chess Club are:

Colthart Cup, A Grade, Stephen Coates; B Grade, Peter Kay. Chas L Hart Cup, Stephen Coates.

Eric Browne Shield, Stephen Coates. This is the first time this tournament has been held, to commemorate a member who died of a heart attack a couple of years ago while playing in the club champs (literally in the middle of a game).

Club Rapid Championship, 1= Arie Nijman, David Wood, Ross McKerras.

Junior chess results: Canterbury age group championships (April holiday): Open (U-20) Remi Pearce; U-16, Akbar Ashrafi; U-12, Hannah Mason; U-8, Kathryn Mason & Maher Khalil. Canterbury schoolpupil championships (July holiday): Open (U-19), Mingtao Qi; U-15, Akbar Ashrafi; U-13, Daniel Ashrafi; U-11, Daisy Xu; U-9, Darius Ashrafi; U-7, Kathryn Mason. Canterbury CC spring schoolpupil tournament (September holiday): Open (U-19), Mingtao Qi; U-15, Laurie Avia; U-13, Sasha Peskin; U-11 Charles Chang; U-9, Nicholas Scarr.

**Obituary**

**Bert Goldsbury**

The death occurred in Wanganui in August of Bert Goldsbury, at the age of 96.

Bert was a member of the Wanganui Chess Club more than 50 years ago, and was a keen correspondence player until failing eyesight curtailed his play nine years ago.

# 108th National Chess Congress

Lincoln Green Motor Hotel, Waitakere City, Auckland

28 December, 2000 - 11 January 2001

**Host club, Waitemata CC, supported by the Waitakere Licensing Trust.**

This is the first time in its 37-year history that Waitemata Chess Club has run the National Chess Congress, but the club has a wealth of experience in running open tournaments. In recent years it has run two New Zealand Junior Championships and three New Zealand Women's Championships.

The club's annual weekend tournament, the Waitakere Trust Chess Open, has become one of the most popular events on the New Zealand chess calendar. Those who have attended the open will be familiar with the venue for Congress, for the Lincoln Green Motor Hotel has proved itself in providing excellent conditions in which players have the chance to play their very best chess.

## New Zealand Championship

28 December - 9 January  
11-round swiss, all play p.m

Time control, 40 moves in 2 hours, then 20 moves in 1 hour plus 30 minutes to finish.

Open to NZ players with current NZCF standard rating of 2000 +, or FIDE rating of 2100 +, plus invited overseas players.

Entry fee \$100 (juniors \$50), entries accepted up to 11.30am on first day of play, but late fee applies after Nov 30.

**min. \$4000 in prizes**

## New Zealand Lightning Championship

6 January

Time limit, 5 minutes per player.

Entry fee \$20. Entries close 9am 6 Jan.  
Play in preliminary and final groups.

**min. \$500 in prizes**

## New Zealand Major Open

28 December - 9 January

11-round swiss, all play p.m. Open to players with current NZCF standard rating under 2000.

Entry fee \$70 (juniors \$35), entries accepted to 11.30am on first day of play, late fee after November 30.

**min. \$1700 in prizes**

## New Zealand Rapid Championship

10 - 11 January

9-round swiss, open to all players. Time control, 30 min per player.

Entry fee \$40 (juniors \$20), entries close 6pm 9 Jan.

**min. \$1100 in prizes**

NZ-born Grandmaster Murray Chandler is a confirmed entrant in the Rapid Championship.

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## Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

### Biel

Peter Svidler (RUS) won the category 16 GM tournament at the 33rd Biel Chess Festival with an undefeated 7½/10. His chief rival was expected to be the Israeli GM Boris Gelfand but the former Belarus player lost to Svidler in round 4 after three draws and was unable to win more than one game in finishing on 50%.

GM Loek van Wely (NED) and 16-year old GM Ruslan Ponomarev (UKR) tied for second on 5½ points, followed by Gelfand and GM Vadim Milov (SWI) on 5 and GM Joe Gallagher (SWI) 1½.

### Beijing

The 6th Tan Chin Nam Cup tournament was also category 16 with an all-GM field. Scoring was very close with a four-way tie for first place: Viktor Bologan (MLD), Alexei Dreev (RUS), Alexander Onischuk (UKR) and Nigel Short (ENG) all scored 5½/9. Next was Ye Jiangchuan (CHN) 5 and then Peng Xiaomin (CHN) and Zhang Zhong (CHN) 4½. Bringing up the rear were Xu Jun (CHN) 3½, Wang Zili (CHN) 3 and Utut Adianto (INA) 2½.

### Esbjerg

The category 14 North Sea Cup tournament was won by Belgian GM Mikhail Gurevich and Russian GM Peter Svidler with 6½/9. Danish GM Curt Hansen tied with Russian IM Alexander Grischuk for third place on 5 and then followed: 5-6 GM Gulko (USA) & GM P.Nielsen (DEN) 4½; 7-8 GM De Firmian (USA) & GM L.Hansen (DEN) 4; 9 GM Emms (ENG) 3; 10 IM de Vreugt (NED) 2.

### Montecatini Terme

The main event in this Tuscan chess festival was a category 17 round-robin won by Vassily Ivanchuk (UKR) with 5/7. Top rated Alexei Shirov (ESP) started with a painful loss with the white pieces to Zurab

Azmaiparashvili third on 4. Then came Piket (NED), Rublevsky (RUS) and Shirov on 3½ while the Armenian GM duo of Lputyan and Minasian completed the field on 2 points.

### Lputian - Ivanchuk

[A07] Barcza System

1. d3 d5 2. g3 g6 3. c4 c6 4. ♘a4 d4 5. b4 d7 6. ♗b2 e5 7. e3 ♙g7 8. ♙g2 ♖h6 9. 0-0 0-0 10. ♖a3 a5 11. exd4 e4 12. ♖e1 ♖b6 13. ♗b3 axb4 14. ♗xb4 ♖a4 15. ♗c3 e3! 16. fxe3 e5 17. dxc5 ♖xc3 18. dxc3 ♗d2 19. ♖b5 ♖g4 20. ♖f3 ♗xe3+ 21. ♖h1 ♖f2+ 22. ♗xf2 ♗xf2 23. a4 ♙d7 24. ♖c7 ♗xa4!

24... ♗xa4 25. ♗xa4 ♖h3! 26. ♖xh3 ♗xf3+ 27. ♖g1 ♖xc3 and White has to give up his queen to avoid immediate mate. 0-1.

### Shirov - Rublevsky

[B42] Sicilian Def., Paulsen Var.

1. e4 c5 2. ♖f3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 a6 5. ♗d3 ♖f6 6. 0-0 d6 7. c4 ♙d7 8. ♖c3 ♖c6 9. ♗e3 ♗e7 10. f4 0-0 11. ♖h1 ♖xd4 12. ♗xd4 ♖c6 13. ♗e2 ♖d7 14. ♗ad1 e5 15. ♗e3 exf4 16. ♗xf4 ♖e5 17. ♗c2 ♗c7 18. c5 dxc5 19. ♖d5 ♗d6

19... ♗xd5 20. exd5 ♗d6 21. ♗xe5 ♗xe5 22. d6! ♗xd6 23. ♗d3 wins the bishop.

20. ♗g3 ♖b5 21. ♗h5 f6 22. ♗f4 g6 23. ♗h6 ♗ad8 24. ♖xf6+ ♗xf6 25. ♗xd6 ♗fxd6 26. ♗f1! ♖f8

Better was 26... ♖f7 27. ♗c1 ♗g5 28. ♗e1 ♗xf1 29. ♗xd6 ♗xg2+ 30. ♖xg2 ♗xd6 31. ♗c3 b6 32. ♖b3 ±.

27. ♗c1 ♗xf1 28. ♗xe5 ♖e6 29. ♗xf1 ♗xe5 30. ♖b3+ c4

30... ♖g7 31. ♗f7+ ♖h6 32. ♗f4+ ♗g5 33. ♗h4+ wins a rook.

31. ♗xc4+ ♖g7 32. ♗c7+ 1-0.

### Melbourne

The Australian Masters was won by 20-year old untitled English player Adam Hunt

with 8/11. Aussie IM Guy West took second place on 7½ with IMs Solomon (AUS), Zhao (AUS) and Welling (NED) tying for third place on 7. New Zealand IM Ben Martin was next on 6 points and then came: FM Teichmann (ENG) 5½, FM Chapman (AUS) 5, FM Rujevic (AUS) 4, Hacche (AUS) & FM Levi (AUS) 3, Dizdarevic (BIH) 2.

The winner had the right recipe for the young Australian runner-up in the Auckland zonal:

### Hunt - Zhao Zong Yuan

[C17] French Def., Winawer Var.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♗b5 ♗xd2+ 7.♗xd2 0-0 8.c3 ♗f5 9.♗d3 ♗d7 10.dxc5 ♗xb5 11.♗xb5 ♗c7 12.♗f3 ♗xc5 13.♗d3 ♗e7 14.0-0 ♗d7 15.♗fe1 ♗g6 16.h4 f6 17.♗xg6 hxg6 18.exf6 ♗xf6 19.♗e2 ♗af8 20.♗ae1 e5 21.b4 ♗c4 22.♗xe5 ♗xe5 23.♗xe5 ♗xf2 24.♗xd5+ ♗xd5 25.♗xd5 ♗xa2 26.♗e7 ♗h7 27.♗dd7 ♗h6 28.♗xg7 ♗h5 29.♗d4 ♗h6 30.♗xb7 a5 31.♗dd7 ♗h5 32.♗b5+ ♗xh4 33.♗d4+ 1-0.

And the following game had a nice finish:

### Chapman - Hacche

[B28] Sicilian Def.

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 a6 3.c3 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗d5 5.d4 cxd4 6.♗c4 ♗b6 7.♗b3 e6 8.♗g5 ♗c7 9.0-0 dxc3 10.♗xc3 ♗c6 11.♗e4 ♗xe5 12.♗xe5 ♗xe5 13.♗e1 ♗a5 14.♗d2 ♗b4 15.♗d6+ ♗e7 16.♗e5! ♗d5

16...♗xe5 17.♗xb4 is also hopeless for Black.

17.♗xd5 exd5 18.♗e1+ ♗f6 19.♗xb4 ♗b6 20.♗xd5 1-0.

### British Championship

In the Smith & Williamson British Championship at Millfield School in Somerset top seed Julian Hodgson started with half a point from his first two games but then scored 8/9 to take first place with 8½/11, a half point ahead of Chris Ward.

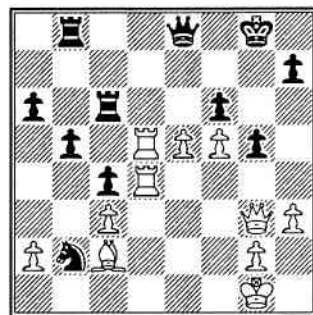
Murray Chandler, now some way along his comeback trail, tied for third place on 7 points with IM Gormally and GMs Hebden and Speelman. Auckland Zonal winner Alex Wohl was among the next group on 7 points, which also included GMs Lalic and Miles.

Two nice finishes from Chandler:

### Chandler - Hebden

[C96] Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♗e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.c3 d6 9.h3 ♗a5 10.♗c2 c5 11.d4 ♗e8 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.♗xe5 ♗b7 14.♗f3 ♗f8 15.♗f4 ♗e6 16.♗g4 ♗c4 17.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 18.♗d2 ♗e5 19.♗g3 ♗d8 20.♗ad1 ♗g6 21.♗c4 ♗e7 22.♗d6 ♗e8 23.♗b6 ♗d8 24.♗xf8 ♗xf8 25.♗c7 ♗b8 26.♗d5 c4 27.♗d2 ♗xd5 28.♗xd5 ♗c6 29.♗g3 ♗e6 30.♗ed1 g6 31.f4 ♗c5 32.f5 ♗a4 33.♗g5 f6 34.♗g3 ♗xb2 35.♗d4 g5 36.e5



36...fxe5 37.♗xe5 ♗f8 38.♗xg5+ ♗h8 39.♗e7 ♗f6 40.♗xh7+!

40...♗xh7 41.♗h4+ ♗h6 42.f6+ and 43.♗xh6 mate. 1-0.

### H.Hunt - Chandler

[B66] Sicilian Def., Rauser Var.

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 d6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♗d2 a6 8.0-0-0 ♗d7 9.f3 h6 10.♗e3 b5 11.♗xc6 ♗xc6 12.♗b1 ♗c7 13.♗d3 ♗e7 14.h4 ♗d7 15.♗d4 ♗e5 16.f4 ♗xd3 17.cxd3 e5 18.♗e3 ♗b7 19.♗f2 b4 20.♗e2 ♗c8 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.♗g3 b3 23.♗f5

♗d7 24.♗g3 ♗xf5 25.exf5 bxa2+ 26.♗a1 ♗c2 27.♗xe5 0-0 28.♗d4 ♗f6 29.♗e4 ♗b3 30.♗c1 ♗xb2 31.♗xf6 ♗b1+! [32.♗xb1 axb1♗+ 33.♗xb1 ♗a3 mate] 0-1.

### Polanica Zdroj

The category 17 Rubinstein Memorial tournament featured something of a reversal of the results at Biel in that Boris Gelfand, who failed in the Swiss event, came in first here with 6½ points while Biel winner Peter Svidler languished in ninth place in Poland.

Alexei Shirov (ESP) and Loek van Wely (NED) shared second prize on 6 points, a fine result for the Dutch player who was the second lowest rated player. Vassily Ivanchuk (UKR) and Mikhail Krasenkov (POL) were fourth equal on 5 while Zoltan Almasi (HUN), Tomasz Markowski (POL) and Sergei Movsesian (CZE) finished on 4. Svidler scored 3 and Alexei Fedorov (BLA) 1.

### Almasi - Movsesian

[E04] Catalan

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.♗g2 c5 6.0-0 ♗c6 7.♗e5 ♗d7 8.♗a3 cxd4 9.♗axc4 ♗c8 10.♗b3 ♗xe5 11.♗xe5 ♗c6 12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.♗d1 c5 14.e3 ♗d5 15.♗f1 ♗d6 16.♗a4+ ♗f8 17.exd4 cxd4 18.♗xa7 ♗c5 19.♗a6 ♗e7 20.♗g5+ f6 21.♗d2 ♗d6 22.♗d3 g6 23.a3 f5 24.♗e1 e5 25.b4 ♗b6 26.a4 e4 27.a5 ♗a7 28.♗b3 ♗f6 29.♗b2 ♗f7 30.♗b3 ♗g7 31.♗ad1 ♗he8 32.b5 ♗c5 33.♗c4 ♗f6 34.b6 d3?

34...e3! 35.b7 ♗b8 36.♗c1 (36.♗xe3 dxe3 37.♗xd6 exf2+ -+; 36.fxe3 dxe3 37.♗xe3 ♗xe3! 38.♗xe3 ♗xe3+) 36...exf2+ 37.♗xh2 d3+ 38.♗g2 ♗xe1 39.♗xe1 d2 -+.

35.b7 ♗cd8 36.♗f4 ♗d4 37.♗e3 ♗d6 38.♗f4

38.♗xd3! exd3 (38...♗xe3 39.♗xe3 exd3 40.♗exd3 +-) 39.♗xd3 ♗xd3 40.b8♗ +-.

38...♗d4 39.♗d2 ♗g4 40.♗b2

40.b8♗? ♗xb8 41.♗xb8 e3.

40...♗xb2 41.♗xb2 ♗a7 42.♗g2 ♗f6 43.h3 g5 44.♗c7 ♗e5 45.♗b5 ♗g8 46.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 47.♗c1 f4 48.♗c8 ♗d4 49.♗a8 f3+ 50.♗h2 d2 51.♗xa7 1-0.

### Ivanchuk - Fedorov

[B76] Sicilian Def., Modern Dragon Var.

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 g6 6.♗e3 ♗g7 7.f3 0-0 8.♗d2 ♗c6 9.0-0-0 d5 10.exd5 ♗xd5 11.♗xc6 bxc6 12.♗xd5 exd5 13.♗xd5 ♗c7 14.♗c5 ♗b7 15.♗a3 cxd5 16.♗d3 ♗ab8 17.b3 ♗bc8 18.♗xf5 gxf5 19.♗d3 ♗c6 20.c4 ♗f6 21.♗hd1 ♗c6 22.♗d4 e5 23.♗c3 ♗a6 24.♗b2 ♗h6+ 25.♗b1 ♗xh2 26.♗d8 ♗f6 27.♗d7 ♗g7 28.♗c2 ♗g6 29.♗d2 ♗g1+ 30.♗b2 f4 31.♗e2 ♗g5 32.b4 a5 33.b5 h5 34.♗d1 ♗c5 35.♗d5 ♗g1 36.♗xf7 ♗xf7 37.♗d8+ ♗f8 38.♗xg5 ♗f1 39.♗c2 1-0.

### Ivanchuk - van Wely

[B85] Sicilian Def., Scheveningen Var.

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♗e2 e6 7.0-0 ♗e7 8.f4 0-0 9.♗h1 ♗c6 10.♗xc6 bxc6 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 ♗d7 13.♗f4 ♗g5 14.♗g3 ♗h4 15.♗f4 ♗g5 16.♗d2 ♗xf4 17.♗xf4 ♗a5 18.♗ae1 ♗xe5 19.♗h4 h6 20.♗d3 ♗g5 21.♗e4 g6 22.♗xc6 ♗b8 23.♗e4 ♗a5 24.b3 ♗g7 25.♗d6 ♗b6 26.♗e7 ♗b4 27.♗h4 f5 28.c3 ♗a3 29.♗d2 ♗d6 30.♗f3 g5 31.♗f2 ♗c5 32.♗e2 ♗b7 33.♗h3 e5 34.♗c4 ♗e6 35.b4 ♗c7 36.♗a5 e4 37.♗c4 ♗ef6 38.♗f2 ♗a8 39.♗f1 ♗e5 40.c4 f4 41.♗b2 e3 42.♗g1 g4 43.♗h5 ♗f3+! 44.gxf3 gxf3 0-1.

### Fedorov - Shirov

[C39] King's Gambit, Allgaier/Kieseritzky

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♗f3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.♗e5 d6 6.♗xg4 ♗f6 7.♗f2 ♗g8 8.d4 ♗h6 9.♗c3 ♗c6 10.♗d5 ♗xd5 11.exd5 ♗e7+ 12.♗e2 ♗b4 13.c4 ♗f5! 14.♗a4+ ♗f8 15.♗xb4 ♗e8 16.♗d2 ♗xg2 17.♗f1 ♗g3 18.♗d1 ♗e4 19.♗h2 f5 20.♗xe4 fxe4 21.♗g4 e3 22.♗f3

22...♗g7 23.♗h1 (23.♗e2 ♗xf3! 24.♗xf3 ♗g3+) 23...♗g2! 24.♗xg2 e2+ 0-1.

### Gelfand - Movsesian

[D15] Slav Def.

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c6 3.♗c3 d5 4.♗f3 a6 5.e5 ♗bd7 6.♗f4 ♗h5 7.e3 g6 8.♗d3 ♗g7 9.0-0 f6



## World Junior Championships

10.h3 ♖xf4 11.exf4 e5 12.f5! e4 13.♙xe4 dxe4 14.♖xe4 0-0 15.♗b3+ ♕h8 16.♖d6 ♙h6 17.♞fe1 ♕g7 18.♞e4 ♖xc5 19.dxc5 gxf5 20.♞e8! ♗xe8

20...♗xe8 21.♗f7+ ♕h8 22.♖xe8 ♙e6 23.♗xe6 ♗xe8 24.♗xf6+ ♙g7 25.♗xf5+-.

21.♖xe8+ ♞xe8 22.g3 a5 23.♞e1 ♞xe1+ 24.♖xe1 a4 25.♗b6 ♙d2 26.♗c7+ ♕g6 27.♖f3 ♙c1 28.♖h4+ ♕h6 29.♗f7 1-0.

### Mondariz

The European Zonal 1.1 at Spanish Mondariz qualified six players for the World Championship. Five players made no mistake: Joel Lautier (FRA) 8, Jonathan Speelman (ENG) and Loek van Wely (NED) 7½, Igor Nataf (FRA) and Jeroen Piket 7. Then there was a ten-player tie on 6½ points for the remaining qualifying spot. The play-offs started with two groups of five players and tie-break scores from the main tournament were needed to determine the two finalists. The Italian GM Michele Godena beat Sergei Tiviakov (NED) 2-0 to take the sixth spot.

### Chuchelov - Arlandi

[A08] King's Indian Attack

1.♖f3 ♖f6 2.g3 d5 3.♙g2 e6 4.0-0 ♙e7 5.d3 c5 6.♖bd2 ♖c6 7.e4 b6 8.♞e1 ♙b7 9.c3 0-0 10.e5 ♖d7 11.♖f1 b5 12.h4 a5 13.♙f4 ♖b6 14.♖g5 ♗e8 15.♖e3 b4 16.♖g4 ♙a6 17.♖f6+! gxf6 18.exf6 ♙xf6 19.♗h5 h6 20.♗xh6 ♙xg5 21.♗xg5+ ♕h7 22.♗h5+ ♕g8 23.♙h6 1-0.

### Shenyang

The World Cup event in September featured separate tournaments for men and women. With only 4 of the world's top 11 competing the name seems to be something of a misnomer. At the start the 24 players in each group were split into 4 groups of 6 with single round robins played and the top two from each group qualifying for the knock-out.

Among those eliminated after the round-robin stage were Nigel Short (ENG), Alexei Dreev (RUS), Peter Svidler (RUS), World-Champion Alexander Khalifman (RUS) and

second highest rated player Alexander Morosevich (RUS) who finished Group A with just one point, a score matched by IMs Rizouk (ALG) in Group C and Tissir (MAR) in Group D.

In the quarter-finals the draw threw together two of the remaining three 2700+ players, Vishy Anand and Vassily Ivanchuk. The Indian GM won the first game with the black pieces to take the match 1½-½. Anand's semi-final opponent was Boris Gelfand (ISR) while Evgeny Bareev (RUS) met Gilberto Milos (BRA). Anand and Bareev won tie-breakers to reach the final in which, following a draw in the first game, Anand cleaned out Bareev's French Defence to take the match 1½-½.

World Women's Champion Xie Jun, like her male counterpart, was eliminated in the round-robin stage. In the semi-finals Natalia Zhukova (UKR) and Xu Hua (CHN) defeated Hoang Thanh Trang (VIE) and Pia Cramling (SWE) respectively before the Chinese lady won the final 1½-½.

### Anand - Bareev

[C11] French

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♖c3 ♖f6 4.e5 ♖fd7 5.♙ce2 c5 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 f6 8.♖f4 ♙b4+ 9.♙d2 ♗b6 10.♙xb4 ♗xb4+ 11.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 12.♖xd2 ♕e7 13.exf6+ gxf6 14.♞e1 ♖b6 15.♖f3 ♖c6 16.♙b5 ♙d7 17.♙xc6 bxc6 18.♞e2 ♞ae8 19.♞he1 ♕f7 20.♕c1 ♖c4 21.♖d2 ♖xd2 22.♖xd2 c5 23.dxc5 e5 24.♖xd5 ♙b5 25.♕c3 ♙xe2 26.♞xe2 ♞c8 27.♕c4 ♕e6 28.h4 ♞hd8 29.♞d2 ♞d7 30.f4 e4 31.♞d4 f5 32.g4 ♞g7 33.♖e3 fxe4 34.♞d6+ ♕f7 35.♖f5 e3

Black was actually quite helpless as moves of the ♞g7 simply lost the exchange. Maybe Bareev was relying on the double rook sacrifice to allow him a new queen – but it dies stillborn.

36.♖xg7 ♞e8 37.♖xe8!

37.♞d1 also wins but the text is neater.

37...e2 38.♞f6+

38.♞f6+ ♕e7 39.♞f5 (or 39.f5) 39...e1♗ 40.♞e5+ ♗xe5 41.fxe5 ♕xe8 42.♖d4+- 1-0.

The World Junior Championships took place in Yerevan, Armenia, September 18-October 2.

There was an exciting struggle for the World Junior Championships over the final rounds. The winner, GM Lazaro Bruzon, of Cuba (elo 2534) beat close challengers Ehsan Ghaem Maghami, Krishnan Sasikiran and Peter Acs in rounds 10-12 in key struggles on the way to the title. In fact he was already sure of being champion before the final round. His score of 10/13 was a point and a half clear of the rest of the field. In second place on tie-break was IM Kamil Miton of Poland (2443), who was just ahead of GM Karen Asrian of Armenia (2556) in third. These two players as well as Alik Gershon, Dragan Solak, Amon Simutowe, Dimitrij Bunzmann and Vladimir Malakhov all scored 8.5/13. There were GM norms for Kamil Miton and Dragan Solak and IM norms for Ehsan Ghaem Maghami, Pentala Harikrishna, Spas Kozhuharov, Surya Shekhar Ganguly and Martin Senff.

In the Girls event Xu Yuanyuan of China was a comfortable winner. She started with 7/7 before losing to Lela Javakhishvili in round 8 but this was a temporary setback as she went on to win by two points from Olga Zamina of Russia, who in turn was half a point clear of Wang Yu of China who took third on tie-break from Elisabeth Paetz of Germany.

Xu Yuanyuan was awarded a WGM, and 8 players gained WIM norms, including an unrated 15-year-old.

### Nic Croad reports

Between September 19 and October 1 local time in Yerevan I played in the strongest tournament I have yet competed - 60 Competitors with an average ELO of 2398 containing 6 current International Grandmasters and 22 current International Masters.

Arriving at 4 am on the morning of the first round and flying almost 30 hours to Armenia may also have had some effect on my score. For whatever reason after 8 rounds myself

and the Australian representative were sitting on the same score of 0.5 points having drawn our game. Following this my fortunes picked up and while the GMs were trying to out-score each other I picked up some wins to finish 4.5/13 in places 54-56. [ In the end I was a little disappointed with the way I got my score as I had several opportunities to score earlier in the tournament which I did not take advantage of. ]

The tournament was well organized and ran smoothly, as it should on a second attempt in 2 years. Accommodation and meals were provided at the hotel Erebuni and we played at the Chess House, named after Tigeran Petrosian, 15 minutes' walk away.

I found out afterwards that some of the smarter federations stopped eating at the hotel at all and may have avoided minor illness as a result of this.

All competitors were on friendly terms and for the most part communication was no problem as everyone seemed to have one of the English, German or Russian languages in common and most competitors were capable in at least 2 languages. After the games the players often analysed with each other and further competitors, while some of the interested locals were more than happy to chip in.

The chess hall was 3 stories high. A balcony above the larger juniors' hall and display boards on the third floor for the top games made it easy for the public to follow the event at a safe distance and while this made the playing hall slightly noisy it was at most times acceptable.

I would like to thank Peter Stuart for acting on my behalf to make this trip possible and NZCF for affording me the opportunity to compete in this event.

Here are two of the champion's games:

### Bruzon, L (2534) - Malakhov, V (2605)

WJun R 6

[B27] Sicilian Def, early fianchetto

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 g6 3.d4 ♙g7 4.dxc5 ♗a5+ 5.c3 ♗xc5 6.♖a3 ♖f6 7.♖b5 0-0 8.♙e3 ♗c6 9.♖fd4

♖xe4 10.♗c7 b6 11.♗e2 ♖b7 12.♗xa8 ♖xa8  
 13.♗f3 ♗b7 14.0-0 d5 15.a4 ♗bd7 16.a5 ♖b8  
 17.♗e1 e5 18.♗c2 ♗c5 19.axb6 axb6 20.♗b4  
 ♗d8 21.♗g5 e4 22.♗e2 ♖d6 23.♗a7 ♖b8  
 24.♗a3 ♖d6 25.♗c2 ♗e6 26.♗e3 ♗d7 27.♗d4  
 ♗e5 28.g3 ♗g7 29.♖d2 ♗e5 30.♗ea1 h5  
 31.♗a7 ♗d7 32.♗xe6 ♖xe6 33.♗d4 ♗h7  
 34.♖d1 ♗e7 35.♗7a4 ♗d7 36.♗b4 ♗d6  
 37.♖b3 ♗c8 38.♗xb6 ♗f3+ 39.♗xf3 exf3  
 40.♗h1 ♗a6 41.♗g1 ♖h3 42.♖d1 ♗e2 43.♖c1  
 ♗xb6 44.♗xb6 ♗h6 45.♗e3 ♗g7 46.♗d4 ♗xd4  
 47.cxd4 ♖d7 48.♖f4 ♗g8 49.♖f6 ♖h3  
 50.♖d8+ ♗g7 51.♖xd5 f6 52.♖e4 g5 53.d5 h4  
 54.gxh4 ♗f1 55.♗g3 ♗g2+ 56.♗g1 ♖c8  
 57.♖b1 g4 58.d6 f5 59.♖d1 ♖d7 60.b4 ♗f8  
 61.♖d4 ♖b5 62.♖f6+ ♗g8 63.♖g5+ ♗f7  
 64.♖e7+ ♗g6 65.♖e1 ♖d7 66.♖d1 f4 67.♖d3+  
 ♗f6 68.♖d4+ 1-0

**Bruzon, L (2534) - Acs, P (2497)**

WJun R 12

[B50] Sicilian Def.

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.♗c4 e6 4.d3 ♗c6 5.♗b3  
 ♗f6 6.c3 ♗e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♗e1 d5 9.e5 ♗d7  
 10.c4 ♗b6 11.♗c3 f5 12.exf6 ♗xf6 13.♗a4  
 ♗xa4 14.♗xa4 dxc4 15.dxc4 ♖xd1 16.♗xd1  
 b6 17.♗b1 ♗b7 18.a3 ♗d4 19.♗g5 h6 20.♗e4  
 ♗e7 21.♗d2 ♗ad8 22.♗c3 ♗f4 23.♗g3 ♗df8  
 24.♗xd4 ♗xd4 25.♗xe6 ♗f6 26.♗e2 ♗fd8  
 27.♗c2 ♗f7 28.b3 ♗d2 29.♗e1 ♗c6 30.♗f1  
 b5 31.♗e4 ♗xe2 32.♗xe2 ♗xe4 33.♗xe4 bxc4  
 34.bxc4 ♗d4 35.f3 ♗e7 36.♗c1 g6 37.♗c3 h5  
 38.g3 a5 39.♗d2 ♗d7 40.♗d3 ♗b7 41.♗b3  
 ♗d7 42.♗b5 a4 43.♗a5 h4 44.gxh4 ♗d4  
 45.♗xa4 ♗xh4 46.♗a6 ♗xh2+ 47.♗d3 ♗f2  
 48.♗e3 ♗g2 49.♗e4 ♗b2 50.♗a5 ♗a2 51.♗c3  
 ♗c2 52.♗d5 ♗d6 53.♗a6 ♗e5 54.♗d3 ♗c1  
 55.f4 ♗h8 56.♗a8 ♗d4 57.a4 ♗d1+ 58.♗c2  
 ♗a1 59.a5 ♗a3 60.a6 ♗g7 61.a7 ♗f7 62.♗c7  
 1-0

Here are Nic Croad's best games:

**Asauskas, H (2245) - Croad, N**

WJun R 9

[C37] Muzio Gambit

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♗f3 g5 4.♗c4 g4 5.0-0  
 gxf3 6.♖xf3 ♖f6 7.e5 ♖xe5 8.♗xf7+ ♗xf7

9.d4 ♖f5 10.g4 ♖g6 11.♗xf4 ♗f6 12.♗e5 ♗e7  
 13.♗c3 d6 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♗d5 ♗d7  
 16.♗xc7 ♗b6 0-1

**Kose, S (2200) - Croad, N**

WJun R 10

[C90] Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6 5.0-0  
 ♗e7 6.♗e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.h3 ♗a5 9.d4 ♗xb3  
 10.axb3 ♗b7 11.♗bd2 exd4 12.♗xd4 0-0  
 13.♖f3 ♗e8 14.♗f1 h6 15.♗g3 ♗f8 16.♗df5  
 ♗e6 17.♗d2 ♖e8 18.♗d4 ♗e5 19.♖c3 c5  
 20.♗f3 ♗e6 21.e5 ♗d5 22.♖d3 dxe5 23.♖f5  
 ♗e7 24.♖h5 ♗g6 25.♗e4 ♗f4 26.♗xf4 exf4  
 27.♗ed2 ♗d8 28.♗xe6 ♖xe6 29.♗e1 ♖f6  
 30.♗e4 ♗xe4 31.♗xe4 g6 32.♖g4 h5 33.♖g5  
 ♖xg5 34.♗xg5 ♗d1+ 35.♗h2 ♗d2 36.♗e8  
 ♗xf2 37.♗a8 ♗xc2 38.♗xa6 ♗xb2 39.♗a7 c4  
 40.bxc4 bxc4 41.♗e4 f3 42.♗f6+ ♗h8  
 43.♗xf7 ♗g7 44.♗e8 ♗e5+ 45.♗g1 fxg2  
 46.♗f8+ ♗h7 47.♗f7+ ♗g8 48.♗d7 c3 49.♗d8  
 ♗f7 50.♗d7+ ♗xe8 51.h4 ♗h2+ 0-1

**Kose, S (2200) - Croad, N**

WJun R 10

[C90] Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6 5.0-0  
 ♗e7 6.♗e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.h3 ♗a5 9.d4 ♗xb3  
 10.axb3 ♗b7 11.♗bd2 exd4 12.♗xd4 0-0  
 13.♖f3 ♗e8 14.♗f1 h6 15.♗g3 ♗f8 16.♗df5  
 ♗e6 17.♗d2 ♖e8 18.♗d4 ♗e5 19.♖c3 c5  
 20.♗f3 ♗e6 21.e5 ♗d5 22.♖d3 dxe5 23.♖f5  
 ♗e7 24.♖h5 ♗g6 25.♗e4 ♗f4 26.♗xf4 exf4  
 27.♗ed2 ♗d8 28.♗xe6 ♖xe6 29.♗e1 ♖f6  
 30.♗e4 ♗xe4 31.♗xe4 g6 32.♖g4 h5 33.♖g5  
 ♖xg5 34.♗xg5 ♗d1+ 35.♗h2 ♗d2 36.♗e8  
 ♗xf2 37.♗a8 ♗xc2 38.♗xa6 ♗xb2 39.♗a7 c4  
 40.bxc4 bxc4 41.♗e4 f3 42.♗f6+ ♗h8  
 43.♗xf7 ♗g7 44.♗e8 ♗e5+ 45.♗g1 fxg2  
 46.♗f8+ ♗h7 47.♗f7+ ♗g8 48.♗d7 c3 49.♗d8  
 ♗f7 50.♗d7+ ♗xe8 51.h4 ♗h2+ 0-1

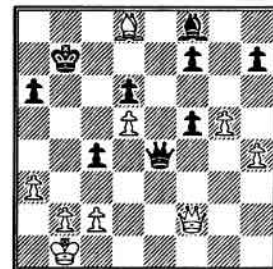
**Croad, N - Ginzburg, M (2276)**

WJun R 11

[B33] Sicilian Def., Lasker/Pelikan/  
Sveschnikov Var.

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♖b6

5.♗b3 ♗f6 6.♗c3 e6 7.♗e3 ♖c7 8.a3 a6 9.f3  
 b5 10.♖d2 ♗e7 11.0-0-0 d6 12.g4 ♗b7 13.g5  
 ♗d7 14.h4 ♗ce5 15.♖f2 ♗c4 16.♗xc4 bxc4  
 17.♗d4 ♗b8 18.f4 ♗c5 19.f5 e5 20.f6 exd4  
 21.♗xd4 gxf6 22.♗d5 ♗xd5 23.exd5 ♗d8  
 24.♗he1 ♗e8 25.♗e3 ♖d7 26.♗de1 f5  
 27.♗xc5 ♗c7 28.♗d4 ♗f8 29.♗xe8 ♗xe8  
 30.♗xe8 ♖xe8 31.♗f6 ♗b7 32.♗b1 ♖e4  
 33.♗d8



33...♖xd5 34.♖b6+ ♗a8 35.♖xa6+ ♗b8  
 36.♗b6 ♖b7 37.♖b5 ♗g7 38.♖e8+ ♖c8  
 39.♖xf7 ♖c6 40.♖a7+ ♗c8 41.♖xg7 ♖xb6  
 42.♖h8+ ♗b7 43.♖xh7+ ♗a6 44.♖xf5 ♗a7  
 45.♖f7+ 1-0

### Australian selection challenged

Selection of the Australian Olympiad team gave rise to a controversy which was taken to court. The men's team is I. Rogers, D. Johansen, A. Wohl, G. West, Z.-Y. Zhao and L. Sandler.

Chris Depasquale sought a place in the team and took action against the Australian Chess Federation. He sought declarations that the ACF decision in selecting or ratifying the team selection was invalid, and that he should have been selected.

The Court decided in favour of the ACF and found that the selection committee had properly carried out its task in accordance with the selection by-laws.

### Quiet reception for chess exhibition at Olympiad

The FIDE Olympic exhibition at the Sydney Olympiad, on which hopes rested for favourable consideration of adding chess to the Olympic calendar, took place on September 24. There were two rapidplay games between Alexei Shirov and Viswanathan Anand, with FIDE President Kirsan Iljumzhinov and other FIDE officials present. However, amid all the Olympic hype, the chess demonstration appears to have attracted little attention.

### Strong players in world age groups

#### Puchen Wang scores 8/11

Puchen Wang has played in the world under-10 boys' championship in Oropesa, Spain, for the second time and with a score of 8/11 gained 5= in a field of 92 players.

Michael Freeman, captain of the New Zealand Olympiad team, went to Oropesa as coach, on his way to Istanbul, and reports that Puchen's result is probably the best by a New Zealander since Murray Chandler's second in the World Under 17. However, Michael warns that Puchen has a long way to go to be in the same league as others at Oropesa.

Puchen was headed by 1 Son Nguyen Ngoc Truon (VIE) 9½; 2= Dmitri Andreikine (RUS), Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (FRA, FIDE rating 2187), Sergey Karjakin (UKR, 2250) 8½. Two FIDE-rated players under 10!

Michael reports that Colm Hartigan did well to score 4/11 in a strong field of 85 in the Under 16 boys' section, over 80% of them with FIDE ratings. They included two IMs - IM Zviad Izoria (GEO, 2450) running away with the tournament on 9½/11, ahead of Denis Khismatouline (RUS, 2349) and IM Mark Paragua (PHI) 2423) on 8.

Here is Puchen's first game.

**Kamau, J - Wang, P**

World U-10, R 1 [B21]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.♖xd4 ♗c6 4.♖d2 ♗f6  
 5.♗d3 g6 6.♗f3 ♗g7 7.♗c3 0-0 8.0-0 d6  
 9.♖d1 d5 10.exd5 ♗xd5 11.♗xd5 ♖xd5  
 12.♗e2 ♖a5 13.♗d2 ♖c7 14.♗b5 ♗xb2  
 15.♗b1 ♗g7 16.♗xc6 ♖xc6 17.♖e1 ♖xc2  
 18.♗d1 ♖xa2 19.♖xe7 ♖e6 20.♖xe6 ♗xe6  
 21.♗de1 ♗c4 22.♗b4 ♗fc8 23.♗c1 ♗xf1  
 24.♗xc8+ ♗xc8 25.♗xf1 ♗c4 26.♗d2 b5  
 27.♗e3 a5 28.♗d2 a4 29.♗e2 a3 30.♗d3 a2  
 31.♗d4 ♗xd4+ 32.♗c3 0-1



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## Kasparov - Kramnik

In Istanbul, as well as in every chess-playing country, attention at the end of October was divided between the Olympiad and the Braingames world championship match in London between Gary Kasparov, undisputed top player for the past 15 years, and his former pupil Vladimir Kramnik. The match started on October 8.

Interest was heightened by the prospect that Kasparov was on the verge of losing his crown, having lost two games and won none after 13 rounds of the 16-game match. In spite of FIDE's official knockout world championship, there seems no doubt that this match is widely regarded as a "real" world championship test. Even FIDE is taking note and running reports on its own website.

**Kasparov, G (2849) - Kramnik, V (2770)**  
1 [C67] Ruy Lopez, Rio de Janeiro Var]

1.e4 e5 2.♂f3 ♀c6 3.♁b5 ♀f6 4.0-0 ♀xe4 5.d4 ♀d6 6.♁xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♀f5 8.♣xd8+ ♀xd8 9.♁c3 ♀d7 10.b3 h6 11.♁b2 ♀c8 12.h3 b6 13.♁ad1 ♀e7 14.♁e2 ♀g6 15.♁e1 h5 16.♁d3 c5 17.c4 a5 18.a4 h4 19.♁c3 ♁e6 20.♁d5 ♀b7 21.♁e3 ♣h5 22.♁c3 ♣e8 23.♁d2 ♀c8 24.f4 ♀e7 25.♁f2 ♀f5 ½-½

Kramnik plays a variation of the Gruenfeld previously thought to be bad and pressurises Kasparov, cracks in time trouble with a difficult position to defend.

### Kramnik - Kasparov

2 [D85] Gruenfeld Def. main line

1.d4 ♀f6 2.c4 g6 3.♁c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♀xd5 5.e4 ♀xc3 6.bxc3 ♁g7 7.♁f3 c5 8.♁e3 ♣a5 9.♣d2 ♁g4 10.♣b1 a6 11.♣xb7 ♁xf3 12.gxf3 ♁c6 13.♁c4 0-0 14.0-0 cxd4 15.cxd4 ♁xd4 16.♁d5 ♁c3 17.♣c1 ♀d4 18.♁xd4 ♁xd4 19.♣xe7 ♣a7 20.♣xa7 ♁xa7 21.f4 ♣d8 22.♣c3 ♁b8 23.♣f3 ♣h4 24.e5 g5 25.♣e1 ♣xf4 26.♣xf4 gxf4 27.e6 fxe6 28.♣xe6 ♁g7 29.♣xa6 ♣f5 30.♁e4 ♣e5 31.f3 ♣e7 32.a4 ♣a7 33.♣b6 ♁e5 34.♣b4 ♣d7 35.♁g2 ♣d2+ 36.♁h3 h5 37.♣b5 ♁f6 38.a5 ♣a2 39.♣b6+ ♁e7 40.♁d5 1-0

### Kasparov - Kramnik

3 [C67] Ruy Lopez, Rio de Janeiro Var.

1.e4 e5 2.♂f3 ♀c6 3.♁b5 ♀f6 4.0-0 ♀xe4 5.d4 ♀d6 6.♁xc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 ♀f5 8.♣xd8+ ♀xd8 9.♁c3 ♀d7 10.b3 h6 11.♁b2 ♀c8 12.♣ad1 b6 13.♁e2 c5 14.c4 ♁c6 15.♁f4 ♀b7 16.♁d5 ♀e7 17.♣fe1 ♣g8 18.♁f4 g5 19.♁h5 ♣g6 20.♁f6 ♁g7 21.♣d3 ♁xf3 22.♣xf3 ♁xf6 23.exf6 ♁c6 24.♣d3 ♣f8 25.♣e4 ♀c8 26.f4 gxf4 27.♣xf4 ♣e8 28.♁c3 ♣e2 29.♣f2 ♣e4 30.♣h3 a5 31.♣h5 a4 32.bxa4 ♣xc4 33.♁d2 ♣xa4 34.♣h6 ♣g8 35.♣h7 ♣xa2 36.♣xf7 ♁e5 37.♣g7 ♣f8 38.h3 c4 39.♣e7 ♀d3 40.f7 ♁xf2 41.♣e8+ ♀d7 42.♣xf8 ♀e7 43.♣c8 ♁xf7 44.♣xc7+ ♀e6 45.♁e3 ♀d1 46.♁xb6 c3 47.h4 ♣a6 48.♁d4 ♣a4 49.♁xc3 ♁xc3 50.♣xc3 ♣xh4 51.♣f3 ♣h5 52.♁f2 ♣g5 53.♣f8 ♀e5 ½-½

Kramnik achieves another winning position. Kasparov spends 40min on one move and both players make errors in time trouble.

### Kramnik - Kasparov

4 [D27] Queen's Gambit Accepted

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.♁f3 e6 4.e3 c5 5.♁xc4 a6 6.0-0 ♁f6 7.dxc5 ♣xd1 8.♣xd1 ♁xc5 9.♁bd2 ♁bd7 10.♁e2 b6 11.♁b3 ♁e7 12.♁fd4 ♁b7 13.f3 0-0 14.e4 ♣fc8 15.♁c3 ♁f8 16.♁d2 ♁e5 17.♁b3 ♣c6 18.♣ac1 ♣ac8 19.♣xc6 ♣xc6 20.g4 h6 21.h4 ♁c8 22.g5 hxg5 23.hxg5 ♁fd7 24.f4 ♁g6 25.♁f3 ♣c2 26.♁xa6 ♁xa6 27.♣xd7 ♣xb2 28.♣a7 ♁b5 29.f5 exf5 30.exf5 ♣e2 31.♁fd4 ♣e1+ 32.♁f2 ♣f1+ 33.♁g2 ♁h4+ 34.♁h3 ♣h1+ 35.♁g4 ♁e8 36.♁f2 ♁g2 37.♣a8 ♣f1 38.♁f3 ♁h4+ 39.♁e2 ♣h1 40.♁b5 ♁xg5 41.♁c7 ♁e7 42.♁xe8 ♁xf5 43.♁xb6 ♁d7 44.a4 ♣h3 45.♁c5+ ♁c6 46.a5 ♣e3+ 47.♁d1 ♣e7 48.♣c8+ ♁b5 49.♁e4 ♣xe4 50.♣c5+ ♁a6 51.♁c7+ ♁b7 52.♣xf5 ♁c3 53.♁xe3 ♣xe3 54.♣xf7 ♣e5 55.a6+ ♁b6 56.♣xg7 ♣e5 57.♁d2 ♣a1 58.♁c2 ♣h1 59.♁b2 ♣h8 60.♁b3 ♣e8 61.a7 ♁xa7 62.♁b4 ♁b6 63.♁d5+ ♁a6 64.♣g6+ ♁b7 65.♁b5 ♣c1 66.♣g2 ♁c8 67.♣g7 ♁d8 68.♁f6 ♣c7 69.♣g5 ♣f7 70.♁d5 ♁d7 71.♣g6 ♣f1 72.♁c5 ♣c1+ 73.♁d4 ♣d1+ 74.♁e5 ½-½

## Oceania zonal games concluded

### Zhao, Z - Ker, A

Zonal R 7, [B07] Pirc Def.

Notes by IM Anthony Ker

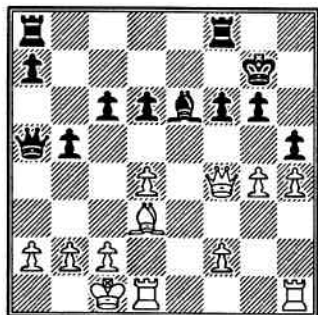
The seventh round game between Zhao and Ker was an important one for both players. A win would almost assure an IM title and keep the winner in the hunt for first place, a draw would keep both players in contention, but a loss would be disastrous.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 3.2c3 g6 4.2e3 c6 5.2d2 b5 6.2d3 2g7 7.2f3 2bd7 8.2h6 0-0 9.0-0-0 2b6 10.2xg7 2xg7 11.h4 h5 12.e5 2fd5 13.2xd5 2xd5 14.2g5 f6 15.exf6+ exf6 16.2h3 2e6?

A strategic error. Black would be better off exchanging this B for White's N on h3 and following up with f5, Qf6, Rae8 etc., aiming for a good N v B endgame. Instead he allows his best-placed piece to be exchanged off.

17.2f4 2xf4 18.2xf4 2a5?

A decentralising Q move...Black has not yet realised the danger. 19.g4!! I spent 30 of my remaining 40 minutes examining the various alternatives, none of which looked very palatable.



I felt that this was the key moment and if I didn't get it right now there might not be another chance. Finally I spotted a way to exchange queens, which looked the best shot in a dangerous position.

19...hxg4 20.h5 b4! 21.hxg6 2g5 22.2h7+

23.2xg5 fxg5 24.2dh1 2ac8 25.2h6

Zhao spent a lot of time looking for a knockout around here, but if there is one this isn't it. 25...Bf5! Because of the loose R on h6 Black can play this. If White swaps Bs and picks up the Rc8, Black has Kxh6 in reply.

26.2h2

An admission of a plan gone wrong.

26...2xd3 27.cxd3 c5!

Counterplay!

28.2xa7 cxd4+ 29.2d2 2c5 30.2hh7 2xf2+

31.2d1 2f1+ 32.2e2 2cf5

Now Black has mate threats also.

33.2a8+ 2f8 34.2xf8+ 2xf8 35.2f7!?

A tricky move. In time trouble, exchanging into a K+P endgame two pawns up appears highly desirable, but the endgame is winning...for White! 35...2e8+ I couldn't calculate the entire variation in the limited time. 35...2xf7 36.gxf7+ 2xf7 37.2f2 2e7 38.2g3 2f6 39.a4 bxa3 40.bxa3 2e5 41.2xg4 2d5 42.2xg5 2c5 43.2f5 2b5 44.2e6 2a4 45.2xd6 2xa3 46.2c5 So I trusted Zhao. If he wanted to exchange Rs, it couldn't be right!

36.2f2 2e3 37.2f5 g3+ 38.2g2 2xd3 39.2xg5 2g7 40.2xg3 2d2+ 41.2f3

Black has reached the time control a pawn up, but its only enough for a moral win.

41...2xb2 42.2e4 2xa2 43.2xd4 2a3 44.2g1 2h3 45.2d5 b3 46.2xd6 b2 47.2b1 Draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

### Round 8

Scores after R 7: Wohl 6½, Zhao 5, Ker 4½, Watson 4½, Lukey 4, Garbett 4, Kulashko 3½, Tindall 3½, Dive 3, Levi 3, Guthrie 3, Smith 3, Saksena 1, Ilic ½.

Garbett - Wohl ½-½

Zhao - Watson 1-0

Ker - Lukey 1-0

Guthrie - Tindall 0-1



New IM Anthony Ker (right) and his best man, IM Russell Dive, on Anthony's wedding day last year.

Levi - Smith 1-0

Kulashko-Saksena 1-0

Dive - Ilic 1-0

Garbett-Wohl was a short draw which allowed Wohl a one-point lead going into the final round, but gave away any chance of an IM title for Garbett.

### Garbett, P - Wohl, A

Zonal, R 8 [A46] Q P Opening

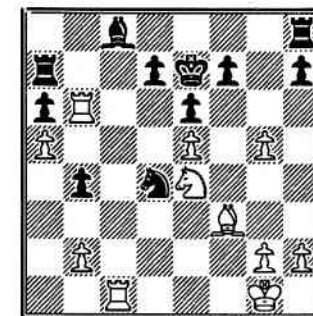
1.d4 2f6 2.2f3 e6 3.g3 c5 4.2g2 cxd4 5.2xd4 2c6 6.0-0 2b6 7.2xc6 bxc6 8.b3 d5 9.2b2 2e7 10.2d2 0-0 11.e4 a5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.2c4 2c7 14.2e5 2a7 15.2e3 2a6 ½-½

Against Zhao, Watson obtained a very passive position with numerous weaknesses which Zhao exploited very well to gain the IM title at the age of 13 with one round to go.

### Zhao, Z - Watson, B

Zonal R 8 [B47] Sicilian Def., Paulsen Var.

1.e4 c5 2.2f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.2xd4 2c6 5.2c3 2c7 6.2e2 a6 7.0-0 b5 8.2e3 2b7 9.f4 2c5 10.2d3 2b6 11.2fd1 2ge7 12.a4 b4 13.a5 2a7 14.2a4 2xd4 15.2xd4 2xd4+ 16.2xd4 2xd4 17.2xd4 2c6 18.2d6 2a7 19.2c5 2c8 20.e5 g5 21.2f3 2e7 22.fxg5 2f5 23.2b6 2e3 24.2e1 2xc2 25.2c1 2d4 26.2e4 2e7



27.2d6 2c6 28.2xc6 dxc6 29.2cxc6 2d7 30.2xa6 2xa6 31.2xa6 h6 32.gxh6 2hx6 33.2a7 2h4 34.a6 2d4 35.2b7 2d1+ 36.2f2 2d2+ 37.2e3 2xb2 38.a7 2a2 39.2c8+ 2d8 40.2xd7+ 2xc8 41.2xf7 b3 42.2d3 1-0

Ker-Lukey was a vital game for Ker, who sacrificed a piece for two pawns and pressure - and later rounded up a third. Both players took turns to sacrifice material in a complicated position. Eventually material equality was reached but Ker's initiative was too strong. This left Ker needing just a draw in the final round for the IM title.

### Ker, A - Lukey, S

Zonal R 8 [A46] Q P Opening

1.d4 2f6 2.2g5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.2xf6 2xf6 5.2f3 d6 6.2c3 2d7 7.2d2 a6 8.0-0-0 2d8 9.h4 b5 10.2e3 2b7 11.g3 2e7 12.2h3 b4 13.2e2 a5 14.2f4 2b8 15.g4 g6 16.g5 h5

17.♙e6 fxe6 18.♗xg6 ♖h7 19.♗f4 ♖f8  
20.♖hgl ♗d7 21.g6 ♖g7 22.♗g5 ♙xg5  
23.♖xg5 a4 24.♖dg1 b3 25.a3 ♙d8 26.♖xh5  
bxc2 27.♖hg5 ♙e7 28.h5 ♗h7 29.♖g2 ♖f6  
30.h6 ♙xe4 31.f3 ♙f5 32.hxg7 ♙xg7 33.♖g5  
♖b8 34.♖xf5 exf5 35.♙e6+ ♗c6 36.♗xc2 ♙h6  
37.♙xf5 ♙h4 38.♗b1 ♖b3 39.♗e6 ♗b7 40.♖c1  
c6 41.♗d8+ 1-0

Against Guthrie, Tindall gained absolute control of the only open file and eventually penetrated, winning pawns.

**Guthrie, D - Tindall, B**

Zonal R 8 [E14] Queen's Indian Def.

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 ♙b4+ 4.♗bd2 b6 5.e3  
♙b7 6.♙d3 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.b3 ♗e4 9.♙b2 ♗d7  
10.a3 ♙e7 11.♖c1 ♖c8 12.♙e2 f5 13.♗e5  
♗xe5 14.dxe5 ♗xd2 15.♙xd2 dxc4 16.♖xc4  
c5 17.♖d1 b5 18.♖c3 ♙b6 19.♙e2 ♖cd8  
20.♖dc1 a6 21.f4 ♖d7 22.♙c2 ♖c8 23.h3 ♙f8  
24.♗h2 ♙c6 25.♖e1 ♖cd8 26.♙c1 a5 27.e4  
fxe4 28.♙xe4 ♙xe4 29.♙xe4 ♙xe4 30.♖xe4  
b4 31.axb4 axb4 32.♖ce3 ♖d1 33.♖e1 ♖1d3  
34.♖4e3 ♖xe3 35.♖xe3 ♖d1 36.♙b2 ♖d2  
37.♙c1 ♖c2 38.♖e1 ♖c3 39.f5 exf5 40.♙g5 h6  
41.♙d8 ♖xb3 42.e6 ♙d6+ 43.♗g1 ♗f8 44.♖d1  
♙e7 45.♙b6 ♖e3 46.♖d5 ♖xe6 47.♙xc5  
♙xc5+ 48.♖xc5 ♖b6 49.♖xf5+ ♗e7 50.♖f2 b3  
51.♖b2 ♗d6 52.♗f2 ♗c5 53.♗e3 ♗b4 54.♗d2  
♗a3 55.♗c1 ♖c6+ 56.♗b1 ♖f6 57.♗a1 ♖f1+  
58.♖b1 b2# 0-1

Levi played a nice piece sacrifice which Smith refused. This left Levi a pawn up and eventually it became two when the win became clear.

**Levi, E - Smith, R**

Zonal R 8 [B10] Caro-Kann Def.

1.e4 c6 2.c4 e5 3.d4 ♙b4+ 4.♙d2 ♙xd2+  
5.♙xd2 d6 6.♗f3 ♗d7 7.♗c3 ♗gf6 8.0-0-0  
♙c7 9.♗h4 0-0 10.♗f5 g6 11.dxe5 dxe5  
12.♙g5 ♗h8 13.♗d6 ♗g8 14.g3 f6 15.♙e3 ♗g7  
16.h4 b6 17.♙h3 ♖d8 18.f4 exf4 19.gxf4 ♗e7  
20.e5 f5 21.♙xf5 ♗f8 22.♙c2 ♙e6 23.f5 ♗xf5  
24.♙xf5 ♙xf5 25.♗xf5+ gxf5 26.♙g5+ ♗f7  
27.♙xf5+ ♗e8 28.♗e4 ♖xd1+ 29.♖xd1 ♙g7

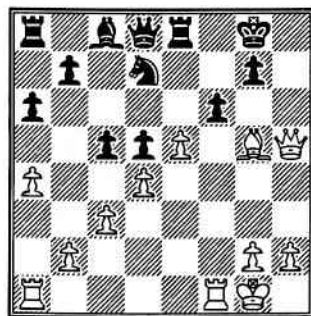
30.h5 ♖d8 31.♗d6+ ♗e7 32.♗b1 ♗e6 33.♙e4  
♗f8 34.a3 ♗g8 35.♙e3 ♗h8 36.♖g1 ♙e7 37.h6  
♖g8 38.♖f1 ♖f8 39.♖g1 ♖g8 40.♖xg8+ ♗xg8  
41.♙f3 ♗f8 42.♙xc6 ♙xe5 43.♙g2+ ♗g6  
44.♙a8+ ♗f8 45.♙xa7 ♙f6 46.♗a2 ♗e6  
47.♙xb6 ♙xh6 48.a4 ♙h5 49.a5 ♙d1 50.♗b5  
♙e2 51.♗a3 1-0

Kulashko sacrificed a bishop on h7 and quickly gained a winning attack.

**Kulashko, A - Saksena, K**

Zonal R 8 [B07] Pirc Def.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 e6 4.f4 ♙e7 5.♗f3 a6  
6.a4 0-0 7.♙d3 ♗bd7 8.0-0 c5 9.e5 dxe5  
10.fxe5 ♗d5 11.♗xd5 exd5 12.c3 ♖e8  
13.♙xh7+ ♗xh7 14.♗g5+ ♙xg5 15.♙h5+ ♙h6  
16.♙xh6 f6 17.♙g5+ ♗g8



18.exf6 ♗xf6 19.♙xf6 gxf6 20.♙g6+ ♗h8  
21.♙h6+ ♗g8 22.♖xf6 ♖e6 23.♙g5+ ♗h8  
24.♖h6+ ♖xh6 25.♙xd8+ ♗g7 26.♖f1 ♖e6  
27.♙f8+ ♗g6 28.♙g8+ ♗h6 29.♖f7 ♖g6  
30.♖h7+ ♗g5 31.♙d8+ ♗f4 32.♙xd5 ♙e6  
33.♙e5+ 1-0

Dive gained a positional advantage when Ilic blundered a pawn which soon became two pawns.

**Dive, R - Ilic, I**

Zonal R 8 [A49] King's Indian Def.

1.d4 d6 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.g3 g6 4.b3 ♙g7 5.♙b2

0-0 6.♗bd2 d5 7.c4 e6 8.♙c2 c6 9.♙g2 ♗bd7  
10.0-0 a5 11.a3 b5 12.♖fe1 ♙a6 13.c5 h6  
14.♗e5 ♗xe5 15.dxe5 ♗d7 16.f4 ♙c8 17.e4  
♗b8 18.♗f3 ♗a6 19.♗d4 ♙d7 20.♖ac1 ♗c7  
21.♙h3 dxe4 22.♙xe4 ♗d5 23.♙c2 ♙e7  
24.♗f3 ♗h7 25.♙g2 ♖g8 26.h4 ♙f8 27.♙d4  
♙e8 28.♙f1 ♖d8 29.♙f2 ♙d7 30.♖ed1 ♙e7  
31.♙d3 ♙c8 32.♙b1 ♖g7 33.♗d2 f5 34.exf6  
♙xf6 35.♗e4 ♙xd4 36.♙xd4 ♙c7 37.♖c2 ♙e7  
38.♗f6+ ♗h8 39.♖e2 ♙f7 40.b4 ♖a8 41.♗xd5  
cxd5 42.♙xd5 exd5 43.♖xe7 axb4 44.axb4  
♖a3 45.♙d3 ♖b3 46.c6 ♖c3 47.♙xb5 ♙g8  
48.♖xg7 ♗xg7 49.♖d3 ♖c1+ 50.♗f2 ♗f6  
51.♗e2 ♙e6 52.♗d2 ♖a1 53.c7 ♖a7 54.♖c3  
♙c8 55.♗e3 ♖a1 56.♗d4 ♖d1+ 57.♗c5 d4  
58.♖d3 ♖c1+ 59.♗d6 ♖c3 60.♖xd4 ♖xg3  
61.♙d7 1-0

**Round 9**

Scores after R 8: Wohl 7, Zhao 6, Ker 5½,  
Watson 4½, Garbett 4½, Kulashko 4½,  
Tindall 4½, Lukey 4, Dive 4, Levi 4, Guthrie  
3, Smith 3, Saksena 1, Ilic ½.

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

As often happens in international tournaments, with placings decided, and players tired, a feature of the last round is quick draws. In this event the two significant games were Tindall-Ker and Dive-Kulashko. Anthony Ker needed half a point to gain the IM title and took it at the earliest opportunity. Dive was fighting to regain form and gain a placing worthy of his rating, and gained advantage over Kulashko which made it worthwhile to play out for the full point.

**Wohl, A - Smith, R**

R9 [D46] Queen's Gambit, Semi-slav Def.

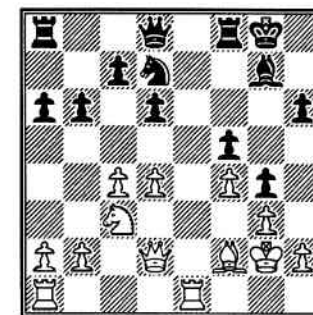
1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.♗c3 ♙d6  
6.♙d3 ♗bd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e4 ½-½

**Tindall, B - Ker, A**  
Zonal R 9 [B07] Pirc Def.

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♙e3 c6 5.♙d2 b5  
6.♙d3 ♙g7 7.f3 ♗bd7 8.0-0-0 ♗b6 9.♙h6  
♙xh6 10.♙xh6 ♙c7 11.♗h3 ½-½

**Dive, R - Kulashko, A**  
Zonal R 9 [A41] Modern Def.

1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♙g7 3.♗c3 d6 4.g3 a6 5.♙g2  
♗d7 6.♗f3 e6 7.e4 ♗e7 8.0-0 b6 9.♙g5 h6  
10.♙e3 ♙b7 11.♙d2 f5 12.exf5 ♗xf5 13.♖fe1  
0-0 14.♗h4 ♙xg2 15.♗xf5 exf5 16.♗xg2 g5  
17.f4 g4 18.♙f2



18...b5 19.cxb5 axb5 20.♗xb5 ♗f6 21.d5  
♗e4 22.♙c2 ♗xf2 23.♗xf2 c6 24.♙xc6 ♖c8  
25.♙xd6 ♖c2+ 26.♖e2 ♖xe2+ 27.♗xe2 ♖e8+  
28.♗f1 ♙a5 29.♙c6 ♖e3 30.♖d1 ♙b4 31.d6  
♗h7 32.♙d5 ♖f3+ 33.♗g1 ♖e3 34.♙xf5+ ♗h8  
35.♙c8+ ♗h7 36.♙c2+ ♗h8 37.d7 ♖e1+  
38.♖xe1 ♙xe1+ 39.♗g2 ♙e7 40.♙d3 ♙d8  
41.♙d5 ♙f6 42.♗d6 ♙b6 43.♗c4 ♙d8 44.♗e5  
♙c7 45.d8♙+ ♙xd8 46.♙xd8+ 1-0

**Watson, B - Ilic, I**  
Zonal R 9 2000 [A26] English Opening

1.♗f3 d6 2.g3 g6 3.♙g2 ♙g7 4.0-0 ♗f6 5.c4  
0-0 6.♗c3 ♗c6 7.♖b1 e5 8.d3 h6 9.b4 a6  
10.a4 ♗d4 11.e3 ♗e6 12.♙c2 c6 13.b5 ♙d7  
14.♙a3 c5 15.bxa6 bxa6 16.♗d2 ♖a7 17.♙b3  
♙c7 18.♙b6 ♖c8 19.♙xc7 ♖xc7 20.♖b6 ♙f8  
21.♖fb1 ♗g7 22.a5 ♗d8 23.♗de4 ♗xe4  
24.♙xe4 ♗c6 25.♗d5 ♖c8 26.♙b2 ♗xa5  
27.♖a1 ♗c6 28.♖xa6 ♖xa6 29.♖xa6 ♖b8

30.Ĥb6 Ĥxb6 31.Ĥxb6 32.f4 f6 33.f5  
 34.Ĥf2 35.Ĥxc6 36.e4 h5  
 37.Ĥd5 g5 38.g4 h4 39.Ĥe2 40.Ĥd2 41.h3  
 42.Ĥc2 43.Ĥb3 44.cxd5 45.Ĥa4 46.Ĥc3 47.Ĥe7 1/2-1/2

**Lukey, S - Guthrie, D**

Zonal R 9[E92]

King's Indian Def., Classical System

1.d4 2.f6 3.e4 g6 4.Ĥc3 5.g7 6.e4 d6 7.Ĥf3  
 8-0 9.Ĥe2 e5 10.Ĥxe5 11.Ĥxe5 12.Ĥxd8 13.Ĥxd8  
 14.Ĥd5 15.Ĥxd5 16.Ĥxd5 1/2-1/2

**Saksena, K - Levi, E**

Zonal R 9 [C42] Petroff's Def.

1.e4 e5 2.Ĥf3 3.f6 4.Ĥc3 5.b4 6.d3 7.Ĥc6 1/2-1/2

## NZCF Council report

An increase in club affiliation fees and a change in the basis of assessing tournament levies are among changes in NZCF regulations proposed by council for consideration at the coming annual meeting.

The proposed affiliation fee increase is from \$20 to \$40 for affiliated clubs and from \$10 to \$30 for associate members.

For tournament levies, the council proposed that instead of basing them on percentages of entry fees, the rates should be fixed sums, which would be as follows (the rates being per player entered):

NZ Championship, \$20.

NZ Major Open, \$12.

NZ Women's Championship, nil.

NZ Rapid Championship, \$10.

North Island Championship, \$10.

South Island Championship, \$10.

North Island Rapid Championship, \$5.

South Island Rapid Championship, \$5.

Other open tournaments, \$3.

A number of other changes in the rules and regulations are proposed by Council, and NZCF's October bulletin says these are mainly aimed at streamlining or rescinding rules or regulations which have either proved unpopular or difficult to administer.

It states that the increase in affiliation fees

## Olympiad appeal

	\$
Prev acknowledged	300.00
Bill Poole	100.00
Anton Reid	100.00
Ted Frost	50.00
Thomas Gothorp	5.00
Total to date	\$ 550.00

will do no more than cover the costs of providing information to members, and the change in tournament levies will put a cap the amounts and make them easier to calculate.

Council is also concerned at the time available for affiliates to consider matters coming before the annual meeting, and for this reason circulated the proposed amendments in the October bulletin, before the deadline for remits which is October 31. This deadline applies to remits, and also to amendments which might be proposed, and which affiliates should have time to consider before giving delegates voting instructions.

Council has also adopted some minor amendments to the Swiss rules, and these are incorporated in copies of the rules which have been printed on pink paper. Old copies on white paper are outdated and should be destroyed.

### Eastern Knights affiliate

The Eastern Knights Chess Club in Gisborne has affiliated with NZCF. The club is an incorporated society and meets on Tuesday evenings. Their postal address is 22 Einstein Street, Gisborne 3801, and the contact is Genesis Potini, tel 06 868 1280.

## Affiliated clubs

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

**Ashburton** PO Box 204, Ashburton. Meets Monday 7.15pm (Feb-Oct), the Admin Building, Ashburton Hospital, Elizabeth St. Contact, Ken Pow (03) 352-4851.

**Auckland Chess Centre** Meets Monday 7.30 & Thursday (social) 7.30pm, 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden, Auckland 1003. Tel (09)630-2042 clubroom. Contact, Bruce Wheeler (09)623-0109.

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

**Eastern Knights**, Gisborne, meet Tuesday evenings. Contact, Genesis Potini (06) 868-1280.

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

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

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

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

**Invercargill** Wednesday 8pm, staff room, South School, Ness St. Contact, John Preston (03) 216-4920.

**North Shore** P.O. Box 33-587, Takapuna, Auckland 9. Wednesday 7.30pm, Northcote Community Centre, cnr College Rd/Ernie Mays St. Club capt, Peter Stuart

**Otago** 7 Maitland St, Dunedin. Wednesday and Saturday, 7.30pm. Tel (03)477-6919 clubroom. Pres, Trevor Rowell, (03)455-1441.(09)445-6377.

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

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

**Wanganui** Mondays 7pm, 1st floor, Commercial Club, St Hill St. Pres, Gordon Hoskyn, 7 Pehi St (06)343-6101; sec, K Yorston, 5 Mitchell St (06)343-7166.

**Wellington** (now merged with Civic) Tuesday 7.30pm, Museum Room, Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington 1. Contact, Alan Aldridge (04) 477-4874.

### Associate members

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

New Plymouth 11 Gilbert St, New Plymouth. Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Pres, R P Bowler, 17a Hori St (06)753-6282. Contact, Bob Bowler.

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

### District Associations

Auckland Chess Assn, Sec, Kees van den Bosch, 61A St Johns Road, Auckland 1005 (09)521-5828.

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