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At right is International Arbiter Stewart Reuben, but who is on the left?

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### Wellington Easter

The revived Wellington Easter tournament attracted 20 players, including several from the South Island. NZ champion Scott Wastney ran out the winner on 5 points, ahead of Stephen Lukey 4.5 and Nic Croad, Ben Giles, David Guthrie and Paul Dunn on 4. Because of a surprising number of upsets in the early rounds which affected the draw, Wastney and Lukey did not meet. Details and games in the next issue of *NZ Chess*.

### Australasian challenge

An Australian internet chess tournament is under way, with teams from each Australian state and New Zealand North and South Islands taking part. The initiative in launching this event was taken by ACF, and NZCF has coordinated play from this end. Moves are decided by votes, with each team making a move every second day. In the first round the two New Zealand teams are playing each other. Any player with an email connection can take part. The place to look for details and to join is

[www.auschess.org.au](http://www.auschess.org.au)

A full report and games details in the next *NZ Chess*.

### Championship venues

The next national Congress will be held in Christchurch, with the North Island Championships in Hamilton and the South Island Championships in Dunedin and the NZ Junior and Age Group Championships at Auckland Chess Centre. Details on page 25.

*COVER PICTURE: The official at left of our cover picture is IM Robert G Wade, the first New Zealand International Master. Bob Wade was New Zealand champion and shortly after World War II he decided to make chess his career and has since lived in England, playing, writing, coaching and -as an International Arbiter - officiating at many tournaments. On this recent occasion he and Stewart Reuben were officiating at an extraordinary charity match. More about that in the next issue.*

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## N. Z. Junior and Age Group Championships

will be held at the Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell Street, Mt Eden, Auckland

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## North Island Championship, Hamilton, 9-14 July

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## Our new patron – Dr Ray Thomson

by NZCF President Bob Smith

I am pleased to introduce Dr Ray Thomson as our new Patron and sponsor. Ray is a very successful businessman and chess enthusiast.

Ray and I were initially introduced by NZCF Councillor Martin Dreyer, and after very cordial discussions reached an agreement.

The main points of this are:

Ray will –

- provide annual sponsorship of \$6000 for the NZ Chess Congress.
- give NZCF Council 18 months notice if he intends to end this association.

NZCF Council will –

- keep Ray informed of developments on the New Zealand chess scene.
- encourage clubs who organise Congress and other Federation events to strive for maximum publicity.
- provide Ray with publicity reports after each Congress.
- at least annually have a personal meeting with Ray to review this association.

Ray shares Council's enthusiasm for promoting chess and is keen to see the game achieve a higher profile in this country. I hope that clubs will help Council to make progress in this area and that Ray will gain a high level of satisfaction from his role as Patron.

### Chess is one of a wide range of interests

Ray Thomson is a chess enthusiast whose across-the board-activities have been curtailed in recent years by family and business commitments.

He is married with three children and over the past decade has served on the boards of a variety of companies, including Omnicorp Investments (Executive Director), Strathmore Group (Executive Chairman) and Tulamore Holdings.

Ray is currently Chairman of Wellington Drive Technologies Ltd, which is developing



Dr Ray Thomson

a brushless electronically controlled motor. The company is capitalised at \$75 million.

Ray was born and raised in Southland, where he was joint dux of Southland Boys High School and won a University Scholarship.

He was active and successful in junior chess, sharing the title of Otago-Southland Secondary Schools Champion in 1968, '69 and '70.

At Otago University (where he was awarded another scholarship) Ray was co-incidentally taught by the father of another prominent southerner, Tony Dowden. Tony tells me his father still remembers Ray as

one of the best students he ever had.

After gaining a Bachelor of Science degree in physics with first class honours, Ray went on to get his PhD. He then changed direction, getting an accounting degree at Wellington's Victoria University.

From then on Ray worked mainly as an investment analyst, investigating a wide range of companies and industries and enjoying a rapid rise to senior management positions.

One can easily see how he had little time to spare for chess over the years!

Nevertheless Ray has maintained an interest in the game. Through his sons he has also been involved in running an athletics club, a cub pack, and coaching rugby and soccer.

He has also played bridge to a high level and has a keen interest in horse racing, being a current board member of the Harness Racing National Executive.

### Girls' chess week

Vivian Smith, as a member of NZCF Council as well NZ women's champion, has taken a new initiative to try to build up women's and girls' chess. The federation has picked up the challenge by promoting a girls' chess week, which will be held at the end of May.

In the five days from May 28 to June 1, NZCF has invited all clubs to try to arrange a girls' chess tournament. NZCF has offered certificates to be presented to age group winners, and has asked clubs if they can provide some inexpensive chess books as prizes.

*Editor's note:* While early reactions reaching *NZ Chess* include encouraging signs, as expected the response is mixed. The chess community remains conservative, reluctant to accept change.

But a start has been made and every local tournament, regardless of the number of players, will be an achievement. Whatever the immediate result, this initial venture is a foundation for future growth.

Ray and his family now live on a ten-acre field in Karaka, south of Auckland.

### Selected game

Ray has nominated the following game, played in the 1970 Otago-Southland Secondary Schools Championship, as one of his best.

At the time Phillip Paris was the reigning Southland Champion and NZ Secondary Schools runner-up.

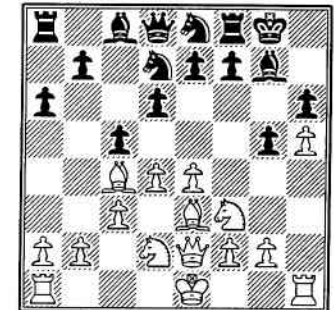
It certainly shows that our new Patron is no slouch across the board – and demonstrates the kind of drive that took him to the top in the business world.

#### Thomson, R – Paris, P

[A48] King's Indian Def.

Otago-Southland Sec Schools Ch, 1970

1.d4 2.f3 3.g6 3...g5 4.g7 4...bd2 0-0  
5.e4 d6 6.c4 6...bd7 7.♖e2 7...e8?? 8.h4 h6  
9.♗e3 c5 10.c3 a6 11.h5 g5



12.♗xg5! hxg5 13.♗xg5 e6

13...♗h6 14.♗xf7 ♗xf7 15.♗g4+ ♔f8  
16.♗xf7 ♗xd2+ 17.♔xd2 ♗xf7 18.♗g6+ ♔f8  
19.h6.

14.♗g4 ♖b6 15.h6 f5 16.♗h5 ♗f6 17.hxg7  
♗xg7 18.♗xe6+  
18.♗xe6.

18...♗xe6 19.♗xe6 ♔f6 20.♗xg7 ♖xh5  
21.♗xh5 cxd4 22.cxd4 fxe4 23.♗g3 d5  
24.♗c1 ♗ac8 25.♗e2 ♗xc1 26.♗xc1 ♗f7 27.b3  
♗g7 28.♗e3 ♗g6 29.♗e2 ♔f5 30.♗c5 ♗e6  
31.♗c3 ♗d6 32.♗a4 ♗a8 33.♗c8 1-0

# New Zealand Major Open, 2000–2001

by FM Bob Smith

36 players made the trek to Waitakere City for the 2000–2001 Major Open – a substantial increase on the field for the previous year.

Top seed at 1972 was Auckland Ian McNally, but he had played little serious chess in the preceding months and might have been a little rusty.

Other major contenders were expected to include Wellingtonians Gavin Marner, Jacek Wojnar and Alan Winfield, Aucklanders Philip Hair and Prashant Mistry and South Island Champion Ben Giles.

The showing of 10-year-old Puchen Wang was also awaited with interest, after his 5th equal at the World Under 10 Championships.

## Deserving winner

Ben Giles was a deserving winner; he proved the most consistent player in a hard-fought tournament of fluctuating fortunes. Runner-up Philip Hair has shown before that he is capable of quality chess; this time he took too long to warm up to really fight for first, but he impressed with a withering finish. Third place-getters Alan Winfield and Jonas Blinn reached their placing by very different routes. Winfield was always up with the pace and was sole leader with four rounds to go, before scoring just half a point from his last two games. Blinn stayed just behind the leaders for most of the tournament, emerging from the pack with two wins in the last two rounds.

Of the other players, Wang again showed that he is an exceptional talent. In finishing fifth equal and sharing the grade one prize, he lost only to the tournament winner and runner-up.

Prize-winners: B. Giles (9/11) 1, P. Hair (8) 2, A. Winfield, J. Blinn (7.5) 3–4. Grade One: P. Wang, H. Vital (7) 1–2. Grade Two A. Jones (5.5) 1, W. Alafa'apae, H. Courtney, M. Morrison, F. Tan (5) 2=.

## Round by round

### Round One

Fifth seed Nathan Goodhue was the victim of a huge upset, losing to the evergreen Julius Bojtor despite a rating advantage of nearly 400 points. Gavin Marner and Alan Winfield also started slowly, with draws against much lower rated players.

#### McNally, I – Gold, H

[B14] Caro–Kann, Panov Att.  
R 1, N Z Major Open 2000–2001

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 f6 5.♗c3 e6 6.♗f3 ♗c6 7.♗d3 dxc4 8.♗xc4 h6 9.0–0 a6 10.♗e1 ♗e7 11.♗f4 ♗h5 12.♗e3 ♗f6 13.♗c1 ♗g4 14.a3 ♗xe3 15.fxe3 0–0 16.♗a2 ♗a5 17.♗f1 ♗h5 18.♗e4 ♗a5 19.♗c5 ♗c7 20.♗b1 ♗d7 21.♗d3 g6 22.♗xd7 ♗xd7 23.a4 ♗ac8 24.♗xc6 ♗xc6 25.♗e5 ♗e8 26.♗xf7 ♗xf7 27.♗xg6+ ♗g7 28.♗xe6+ ♗h8 29.♗xh6+ ♗g8 30.♗a2+ 1–0

#### Wojnar, J – Voss, P

[B21] Sicilian Def, Morra Gambit  
R 1, N Z Major Open 2000–2001

1.e4 c5 2.f4 e6 3.♗f3 d5 4.♗c3 d4 5.♗b5+ ♗d7 6.♗e2 a6 7.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 8.d3 ♗f6 9.0–0 ♗e7 10.♗g3 0–0 11.♗g5 h6 12.e5 ♗d5 13.♗5e4 b5 14.f5 exf5 15.♗xf5 ♗h7 16.♗g4 ♗g8 17.♗h5 ♗f8 18.♗g5+ ♗h8 19.♗xf7+ ♗h7 20.♗7xh6 g6 21.♗h3 gxf5 22.♗xf5+ ♗g6 23.♗g4+ ♗f7 24.♗g7+ 1–0

### Round Two

Puchen Wang again showed his potential, beating third seed Wojnar, while McNally's rustiness showed in his loss to Hair.

#### Wang, P – Wojnar, J

[C40] Latvian Gambit  
R 2, N Z Major Open 2000–2001

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 f5 3.♗xe5 ♗f6 4.d4 d6 5.♗c4 fxe4 6.♗e3 ♗c6 7.d5 ♗e5 8.♗c3 ♗g6 9.♗d4 ♗f6 10.♗c4 ♗e7 11.♗b5 ♗d8 12.♗xa7 ♗c5 13.♗xc8 ♗xc8 14.b4 ♗cd7 15.♗b2 ♗g5

16.♗e3 ♗e5 17.c4 ♗xd4 18.♗xd4 g6 19.g3 ♗e5 20.♗e2 ♗g7 21.♗xe5 dxe5 22.a3 ♗f8 23.0–0 h5 24.♗fd1 c5 25.dxc6 bxc6 26.c5 ♗c7 27.♗f1 ♗g7 28.♗g2 ♗hd8 29.♗c4 g5 30.♗xd8 ♗xd8 31.♗d6 ♗f8 32.♗f7 ♗d2 33.♗xg5 ♗h6 34.♗xe4 ♗xe4 35.♗xe4 ♗d4 36.♗e1 ♗d2 37.♗d1 ♗c3 38.♗xd4 ♗xd4 39.h4 ♗b2 40.a4 ♗a3 41.b5 cxb5 42.axb5 ♗xc5 43.♗g6 ♗b6 44.♗e8 ♗c7 45.♗xh5 ♗d8 46.♗g2 ♗e7 47.♗f3 ♗f6 48.♗e4 ♗g7 49.f3 ♗h6 50.g4 ♗e3 51.♗f1 ♗g7 52.♗e2 ♗b6 53.♗d3 ♗f6 54.♗c4 ♗e6 55.g5 ♗e3 56.g6 1–0

### Round Three:

Bojtor struck again – this time beating top seed McNally despite a difference of nearly 500 points. Wang continued his good form, defeating German visitor Jonas Blinn, while Giles beat Hair. Only three players had perfect scores: Mistry, Giles and Wang.

#### Giles, B – Hair, P

[D20] Queen's Gambit Acc.  
R 3, N Z Major Open 2000–2001

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗d5 5.♗xc4 ♗b6 6.♗b3 c5 7.dxc5 ♗xd1+ 8.♗xd1 ♗d7 9.e6 fxe6 10.♗xe6 ♗a6 11.c6 bxc6 12.♗e3 ♗ac5 13.♗g4 e5 14.♗c3 ♗f6 15.♗xc8 ♗xc8 16.♗f3 ♗g4 17.♗e2 ♗xe3 18.♗xe3 ♗d6 19.♗e4 ♗xe4 20.♗xe4 ♗b8 21.b3 ♗b4+ 22.♗e3 ♗c5+ 23.♗e2 ♗e7 24.♗ac1 ♗d6 25.♗hd1+ ♗d4 26.♗g5 ♗f8 27.f3 c5 28.♗c2 a5 29.h3 h6 30.♗e4+ ♗c6 31.♗dc1 a4 32.♗xc5 ♗xc5 33.♗xc5+ ♗d6 34.♗c6+ ♗d7 35.♗6c4 ♗xc4 36.♗xc4 axb3 37.axb3 ♗a8 38.♗d3 ♗a2 39.♗c2 ♗a1 40.♗b2 ♗d6 41.b4 ♗c6 42.♗e4 1–0

#### Blinn, J – Wang, P

[B30] Sicilian Def, Rossolimo Var.  
R 3, N Z Major Open 2000–2001

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.b4 cxb4 4.d4 d5 5.exd5 ♗xd5 6.c4 bxc3 7.♗xc3 ♗a5 8.♗d2 ♗f6 9.♗c4 ♗d8 10.0–0 e6 11.♗f4 ♗d6 12.♗xd6 ♗xd6 13.d5 exd5 14.♗e1+ ♗e6 15.♗xd5 0–0–0 16.♗xf6 ♗xd1 17.♗xc6+ fxe6 18.♗axd1 ♗xd1 19.♗xd1 gxf6 20.♗f1 ♗c7 21.♗e2 ♗g8 22.g3 ♗g4 23.♗d3 e5 24.♗c3 ♗a4 25.a3 b5

26.h3 ♗b6 27.♗d2 ♗a5 28.♗d3 ♗d4+ 29.♗c2 ♗c4 30.♗f3 ♗d6 31.a4 e4 32.axb5 ♗xb5 33.♗b3+ ♗c5 0–1

### Round Four

The three leaders slowed down, Giles and Mistry drawing their game, while Wang drew with Winfield. Bojtor continued his unlikely run by beating Stracy, and was among those just half a point from the lead.

#### Boardman, J – Goodhue, N

[B01] Center Counter  
R 4, N Z Major Open 2000–2001

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♗xd5 3.♗c3 ♗a5 4.d4 ♗f6 5.♗e2 ♗f5 6.♗f3 e6 7.♗d2 c6 8.♗e4 ♗d8 9.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 10.♗g5 ♗g6 11.♗d2 h6 12.♗h4 ♗d6 13.0–0–0 0–0 14.♗e5 ♗xe5 15.dxe5 c5 16.g4 ♗e4 17.f3 ♗d5 18.♗d3 f5 19.exf6 ♗f7 20.♗hg1 gxf6 21.g5 hxg5 22.♗xg5 f5 23.♗h6+ ♗h7 24.♗xf8 ♗xf8 25.♗g5 ♗h6 26.♗xh6+ ♗xh6 27.♗g8 b6 28.♗dg1 ♗d7 29.♗g3 ♗f6 30.♗g6+ ♗h7 31.♗xf6 ♗g8 32.♗f7+ ♗h8 33.♗xg8+ ♗xg8 34.♗xa7 ♗xf3 35.♗d2 e5 36.♗xf5 ♗f8 37.♗e3 ♗d5 38.♗e4 ♗c4 39.b3 1–0

### Round Five

Wang and Mistry drew; Giles gratefully accepted the chance to take the outright lead, by beating Tony Booth. McNally tripped up again, this time against Maciej Wojnar, and was on just 2/5. Winfield beat Gibson and Boardman stopped Bojtor's run. Leading scores: Giles 4.5; Winfield, Wang, Boardman 4.

#### Gibson, M – Winfield, A

[B23] Sicilian Def, Closed System  
R 5, N Z Major Open 2000–2001

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 e6 3.f4 d5 4.♗b5+ ♗c6 5.♗f3 a6 6.♗xc6+ bxc6 7.d3 d4 8.♗e2 ♗f6 9.♗e5 ♗c7 10.0–0 ♗d6 11.♗c4 ♗e7 12.♗h1 0–0 13.♗g1 a5 14.♗f3 ♗a6 15.♗fd2 ♗d7 16.g4 f5 17.gxf5 exf5 18.e5 g5 19.♗f3 g4 20.♗e1 a4 21.h3 h5 22.hxg4 fvg4 23.♗e2 ♗f5 24.♗e4 ♗af8 25.e6 ♗xc4 26.dxc4 ♗b6 27.b3 ♗d6 28.♗d3 ♗c7 29.♗d2 ♗h4+ 30.♗g1 g3 31.♗g2

♟g4 32.♞ae1 ♖c8 33.♟xc6 h4 34.e7 ♘xe7  
35.♟e6+ ♖h7 36.♖e5 ♟h5 37.♖f3 h3 38.♞e5  
g2 39.♞f2 ♖h4 40.♖hx4 ♟hx4 41.♞e1 ♟g3  
0-1

**Wood, D – Marner, G**

[B96] Sicilian Def, Najdorf Var.  
R 5, N Z Major Open 2000-2001

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6  
5.♖c3 a6 6.♖g5 e6 7.f4 ♖bd7 8.♟f3 ♟c7  
9.0-0-0 b5 10.♖d3 ♖c5 11.♖xf6 ♖xd3+  
12.♞xd3 gxf6 13.f5 b4 14.fxe6 bxc3 15.♟xf6  
cxb2+ 16.♖b1 ♞g8 17.♞f1 ♞g7 18.♖f5 fxe6  
19.♖xg7+ ♘xg7 20.♟g5 ♟a7 21.♟h5+ ♖d8  
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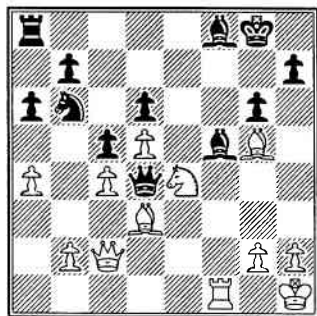
**Round Six**

Winfield toppled the leader to move into first equal with Wang, who beat David Wood, and Mistry, who defeated Boardman. After a slow start Blinn's win over McDonald took him to within half a point of the three leaders, along with Giles.

**Winfield, A – Giles, B**

[E70] King's Indian Def.  
R 6 N Z Major Open 2000-2001

1.d4 c5 2.d5 d6 3.c4 g6 4.♖c3 ♖g7 5.e4 ♖f6  
6.♖d3 0-0 7.♖ge2 e6 8.0-0 exd5 9.exd5 ♞e8  
10.♖g3 ♖bd7 11.f4 a6 12.a4 ♖f8 13.f5 ♖d8d7  
14.fxg6 fxg6 15.♖g5 ♟e7 16.♖ge4 ♟e5  
17.♖h1 ♖xe4 18.♖xe4 ♞f8 19.♞b1 ♖b6  
20.♞xf8+ ♘xf8 21.♖f6 ♟f4 22.♟c2 ♖f5  
23.♞f1 ♟e3 24.♖g5 ♟d4



25.♖f6+ ♖h8 26.♖xf5 ♟xc4 27.♟xc4 ♖xc4

28.b3 ♖e5 29.♖e6 ♖g7 30.♖e4 h6 31.♖e7 ♞e8  
32.♖xd6 1-0

**Mistry, P – Boardman, J**

[C00] French Def.  
R 6, N Z Major Open 2000-2001

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.♖d2 ♖c6 4.♖gf3 ♖e7 5.g3  
dxe4 6.dxe4 e5 7.♖b5 ♖g4 8.c3 ♖xf3 9.♟xf3  
♖f6 10.♖c4 0-0 11.0-0 ♞e8 12.♖e3 ♟d7  
13.♖f5 ♖f8 14.♖g5 ♟e6 15.b3 ♖d7 16.♖c4  
♟g6 17.♖h4 ♟xg5 18.♟xf7+ 1-0

**Wang, P – Wood, D**

[B96] Sicilian Def, Najdorf Var.  
R 6, N Z Major Open 2000-2001

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6  
5.♖c3 a6 6.♖g5 e6 7.f4 ♖c6 8.♖xc6 bxc6 9.e5  
h6 10.♖h4 g5 11.fxg5 ♖d5 12.♖e4 ♟b6  
13.♖d3 ♟xb2 14.0-0 ♟xe5 15.♟f3 ♞a7  
16.♞ae1 hxg5 17.♖g3 ♖f4 18.♖xg5 ♟xg5  
19.♖xf4 ♟h5 20.♟xc6+ ♖d7 21.♟e4 ♖e7  
22.♞b1 d5 23.♞b8+ ♖d8 24.♟d4 e5 25.♖xe5  
1-0

**Round Seven**

Winfield took the sole lead by beating Mistry. Giles showed his determination by handing Wang his first loss. Leading scores : Winfield 6, Giles 5.5, J. Wojnar, Mistry, Wang, Boardman, Vital 5.

**Giles, B – Wang, P**

[B14] Caro-Kann, Panov Att.  
R 7, N Z Major Open 2000-2001

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 e6  
6.e4 exd5 7.exd5 ♟e7+ 8.♖f2 ♟e5 9.♖c3 ♖b7  
10.♖c4 axb5 11.♖xb5 ♖a6 12.♖h3 ♖d8  
13.♖f4 ♟xb2+ 14.♖g1 ♟b4 15.♟e2 ♖xd5  
16.♖xd5 ♖xd5 17.♖d2 ♟a4 18.♖g3 ♞g8  
19.♖xf7+ ♖c8 20.♟e8+ ♖b7 21.♟xd7+ ♖c7  
22.♞b1 ♟c2 23.♖a3+ ♟xb1+ 24.♖xb1 ♞xa2  
25.♖d8+ ♖b8 26.♖e6 ♞b2 27.♖f2 c4 28.♖g3  
♖d6+ 29.♟xd6 ♞b6 30.♟c5 ♞xe6 31.♖c3 ♞d8  
32.♞b1+ ♖c8 33.♟xc4 ♖b6 34.♟a2 ♞g6+  
35.♖f2 ♖c4 36.♖f4 ♞c6 37.♟a4 ♞c5 38.♖e4  
1-0

**Round Eight**

Winfield's turn to stumble, as he was beaten by Wojnar. Giles took full advantage with a victory over Boardman. Wang bounced back with a win over Vital and Marner finally came into the picture by handing Mistry his second loss in a row. Leading scores : Giles 6.6; Wojnar, Winfield, Wang 6; Marner, Blinn 5.5.

**Wang, P – Vital, H**

[C97] Ruy Lopez  
R 8, N Z Major Open 2000-2001

1. 1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 ♖c6 3.♖b5 a6 4.♖a4 ♖f6  
5.0-0 ♖e7 6.♞e1 b5 7.♖b3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3  
♖a5 10.♖c2 c5 11.d4 ♟c7 12.d5 ♞b8 13.b3  
♖d7 14.♖bd2 c4 15.b4 ♖b7 16.a4 a5 17.♖a3  
♞fe8 18.axb5 ♖xb5 19.♖a4 ♖xa4 20.♟xa4  
axb4 21.♖xb4 ♞ec8 22.♟a7 h6 23.♞a6 ♞a8  
24.♟xa8 ♞xa8 25.♞xa8+ ♖h7 26.♞a6 ♖c5  
27.♞c6 ♟a7 28.♖xc5 dxc5 29.♖xc4 ♖h5  
30.♖xe5 ♖f6 31.c4 ♖f4 32.g3 ♖hx3+ 33.♖g2  
♖g5 34.♖xg5+ ♖xg5 35.♖d3 ♟a5 36.♞f1 ♟c3  
37.♖xc5 ♟xc4 38.d6 f5 39.d7 & white won  
1-0

**Round Nine**

Giles could only draw with Marner, while Winfield caught up again by beating Blinn. Booth did well to hold Wang to a draw. McDonald scored his third win in a row, at the expense of J. Wojnar. Leading scores: Winfield, Giles 7; Wang 6.5, Marner, Wojnar, McDonald, Hair, Vital 6.

**Round Ten**

Giles claimed a narrow lead going into the last round with his win over Wojnar. Winfield drew with Marner. Hair scored an important win over Wang to move into third place, along with McDonald who had his fourth win in a row, this time over Vital. Leading scores : Giles 8, Winfield 7.5, McDonald, Hair 7, Marner, Blinn, Wang, M. Wojnar 6.5.

**Vital, H – McDonald, J**

[B73] Sicilian Def, Dragon Var.  
R 10, N Z Major Open 2000-2001

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 ♖c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 g6  
5.♖c3 ♖g7 6.♖e3 d6 7.♖e2 ♖f6 8.♟d2 0-0  
9.0-0 d5 10.♖xc6 bxc6 11.♞ad1 ♖e6  
12.exd5 cxd5 13.♖d4 ♞b8 14.b3 ♞c8 15.a4  
♖f5 16.♖f3 e6 17.h3 h5 18.♖xa7 ♖g4 19.♖d4  
e5 20.♖xd5 ♞xc2 21.♟b4 exd4 22.♖e7+ ♖h7  
23.♖xf5 gxh5 24.hxg4 hxg4 25.♖b7 ♞h8  
26.♞c1 ♞c3 27.♞fd1 ♟g5 28.♞xc3 dxc3  
29.♟c5 ♖f6 30.♟e3 ♖g7 31.a5 ♟xe3 32.fxe3  
♞d8 33.♞c1 g3 34.♖f1 ♞d2 35.a6 ♞a2 36.b4  
f4 37.b5 ♖d8 38.♞xc3 ♞f2+ 39.♖g1 ♖b6  
40.♞c1 ♖xe3 41.♞f1 ♞b2+ 42.♖h1 ♞xb5  
43.♖c8 f5 44.♞a1 ♖f6 45.♖b7 ♖g5 46.a7 ♞b6  
47.♖c6 ♞xc6 48.♞a6 ♞c1# 0-1

**Round Eleven**

Giles made sure of the title by beating McDonald. Hair seemingly came out of nowhere to snatch second, capping a string of four consecutive victories with a key win over Winfield. This allowed Blinn to share third with Winfield, by beating M. Wojnar. Wang or Marner could have joined this group, but split the point in their clash. After a horror start McNally's final sprint of four wins lifted him to fifth equal with Marner, McDonald, Wang, and Vital.

**Giles, B – MacDonald, J**

[D10] Queen's Gambit, Slav Def.  
R 11, N Z Major Open 2000-2001

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♖c3 e5 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.dxe5  
d4 6.♟a4+ ♖c6 7.♖b5 ♖b4+ 8.♖d2 ♖xd2+  
9.♖xd2 ♖h6 10.♖d6+ ♖f8 11.f4 g5 12.g3  
gxf4 13.♟a3 ♟e7 14.♖xc8 ♟xa3 15.bxa3  
♞xc8 16.gxf4 ♞c7 17.♖h3 f5 18.♖f3 ♖g4  
19.♖xg4 fxg4 20.♖g5 ♖e8 21.♞ac1 ♞d7  
22.♖e4 ♖e7 23.♖f6 ♞dd8 24.♖xg4 ♞d5 draw  
offer 25.♞b1 b6 26.♞hc1 ♞c5 27.♞xc5 bxc5  
28.♖d3 ♞g8 29.♖f6 ♞g2 30.♞b7+ ♖e6  
31.♞xh7 a6 32.♖e4 c4+ 33.♖xc4 ♞xe2  
34.♞h6+ ♖d7 35.♖c5+ ♖c7 36.♖xa6+ ♖d7  
37.♖c5+ ♖c7 38.♞h7+ ♖c8 39.♖d5 ♞e3  
40.♖xc6 ♖d8 1-0

# New Zealand Rapid Championship, 2001

by FM Bob Smith

Fifty-three players competed in the 2001 New Zealand Rapid Championship.

The unbackable favourite was New Zealand-born Grandmaster Murray Chandler, who fitted the tournament in during a family visit home from England.

Chandler did justify his top billing, but not without a struggle. In the end he had to share first prize with Australian International Master Leonid Sandler, who proved to be just as solid in rapid play as he had been in the New Zealand Championship.

Most of the top seeds won fairly easily in the first round, the exceptions being Leonard McLaren, who lost to Jeff Boardman, and Paul Spiller, who went down to Genesis Potini.

In round two the only real upset was Rong Wang's draw with Nathan Goodhue.

Round three saw some tougher battles. Matthew Barlow surprisingly beat IM Russell Dive, and Rong Wang lost to Ralph Hart. Wastney and Smith drew a sharp game by repetition.

Round four produced a tense match on top board, with Anthony Ker having his chances against Chandler. But the Grandmaster proved too tough when it came down to the wire.

Sandler kept up with the pace by beating Spain, while Smith easily defeated Barlow and Dive beat Wastney. McLaren's suffering continued, with a loss to Godhue.

In round five Sandler played ultra solidly against Chandler and was rewarded with a draw. Smith drew with Ker when his extra pawn proved worthless, and Dive beat Mis-try.

Leading scores: Chandler, Sandler 4.5/5; Dive, Smith, Guthrie, Barlow, Van der Hoorn, McNabb, P. Wang 4.

In round six Dive held the draw against Chandler, while Sandler's strategy of playing solidly and waiting for a mistake worked well against Smith. Barlow drew with Van der Hoorn, Guthrie beat McNabb, Wastney

beat Puchen Wang and Ker beat Spain.

Leaders : Sandler 5.5; Chandler, Guthrie 5; Dive, Ker, Barlow, Wastney, Van der Hoorn 4.5.

Sandler retained the lead in round seven by despatching Guthrie, while Chandler beat Barlow. Ker defeated Dive, Wastney beat Van der Hoorn and Smith checkmated Mis-try with just seconds to spare.

Leaders: Sandler 6.5; Chandler 6; 5.5 Ker, Wastney; Smith, Guthrie, Hart, McNally, McNabb 5.

In round eight Sandler could make no impression against Ker, giving Chandler his chance to catch up by beating Wastney. Smith outplayed Hart and reached a won ending, only to blunder it all away in time trouble. Guthrie could only draw with McNally, while Dive and Barlow came back into the picture with wins over McNabb and Lynn. McLaren had also recovered after his terrible start to the tournament.

Leaders : Chandler, Sandler 7; Ker, Hart 6; Dive, McLaren, Barlow, Guthrie, Wastney, McNally 5.5.

Predictably both Chandler and Sandler won in the final round, Chandler beating Hart, while Sandler accounted for Dive. Ker climbed to clear third with a win over McLaren. Barlow nosed into clear fourth by beating McNally. Half a point further back were Smith, Guthrie, Wastney, Hart, McNabb and young Puchen Wang.

## Guthrie,D – McNabb,M

[A15] English Counter, King's Fianchetto  
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1.e3 d6 2.b3 ♀f6 3.♂b2 g6 4.c4 ♀g7 5.♂f3 0-0 6.d4 c6 7.♂e2 ♀c7 8.0-0 ♀g4 9.♂bd2 ♂bd7 10.h3 ♀xf3 11.♂xf3 ♀ad8 12.♀c2 e5 13.dxe5 ♂xe5 14.♀ad1 ♀d7 15.♀d2 ♀fd8 16.♀fd1 a6 17.b4 ♂e8 18.a4 f5 19.a5 ♂f6 20.♂g5 ♀e8 21.♂xe5 ♀xe5 22.♂d3 c5 23.e4 h6 24.♂f3 fxe4 25.♂xe5 exd3 26.♂xd3 cxb4 27.♂xb4 ♀xa5 28.♂d5 g5 1-0

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Johns,D – Wastney,S  
[B45] Sicilian Def, Paulsen Var.  
N Z Rapid 2001

1.e4 c5 2.♂f3 e6 3.♂c3 ♂c6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♂xd4 ♂f6 6.♂g5 ♀a5 7.♂xf6 gxf6 8.♂db5 ♂b4 9.a3 ♀xc3+ 10.♂xc3 a6 11.♀d6 ♀e5 12.0-0-0 ♀xd6 13.♀xd6 ♂e7 14.♀d2 b5 15.♂e2 ♂b7 16.f3 ♀hg8 17.♀hd1 ♀ad8 18.g3 ♀g5 19.f4 ♀c5 20.♂f3 ♂a5 21.♀d4 ♂c4 22.♂e2 ♂xa3 23.bxa3 ♀xc3 24.♂b2 ♀c5 25.♂d3 h6 26.a4 d5 27.exd5 ♀cxd5 28.♀xd5 ♀xd5 29.axb5 axb5 30.♀d2 e5 31.♀e2 ♀c5 32.♂b3 ♂d6 33.f5 ♂d5+ 34.♂b4 ♂c6 35.c3 e4 36.♂c2 ♀c4+ 37.♂b3 ♂c5 38.♂b2 b4 39.cxb4+ ♀xb4+ 40.♂c3 ♀c4+ 41.♂d2 ♂d4 42.g4 ♀b4 43.♂e1 e3 44.♂f1 ♂c4 1-0

## McDonald,P – McNabb,M

[E91] King's Indian Def, Classical System  
N Z Rapid 2001

1.d4 ♂f6 2.c4 g6 3.♂c3 ♀g7 4.e4 d6 5.♂e2 0-0 6.♂f3 c5 7.0-0 ♂a6 8.♂e3 ♀g4 9.♀d2 b6 10.♀ac1 ♂c7 11.♀fd1 ♂e6 12.d5 ♂c7 13.♂h6 ♀b8 14.♂xg7 ♂xg7 15.a4 a6 16.♂h4 ♂xe2 17.♀xe2 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.bxc4 ♀b4 20.f4 ♂a8 21.e5 ♂h5 22.♂f5+ ♂h8 23.♀f1 ♂b6 24.♂e3 ♂xa4 25.♂xa4 ♀xa4 26.f5 dxe5 27.g4 ♂f4 28.♀c2 ♀b4 29.♀ce1 g5 30.♀e4 f6 31.♂c2 ♀b2 32.♀b1 ♀b6 33.♂e3 ♂h3+ 34.♂h1 ♂f2+ 35.♀xf2 ♀xb1+ 36.♂g2 ♀b2 37.♀f3 ♂g7 38.♂g1 ♀xf2 39.♀xf2 ♀b8 40.h4 ♀b1+ 41.♂f1 ♀e4 42.♂e3 ♀b1+ 43.♂h2 ♀h1+ 44.♂g3 gxh4# 0-1

## Wastney,S – Smith,R

[E63] King's Indian Def.  
N Z Rapid 2001

1.♂f3 g6 2.c4 ♀g7 3.d4 d6 4.♂c3 ♂f6 5.g3 0-0 6.♂g2 ♂c6 7.0-0 a6 8.♀e1 ♀b8 9.♀b1 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♂g5 ♂f5 12.e4 ♀xd1 13.♀bxd1 ♀g4 14.h3 ♂xf3 15.♂xf3 ♂d4 16.♂g2 c6 17.b4 b5 18.c5 a5 19.bxa5 ♀a8 20.f4 ♂h5 21.fxe5 ♂xe5 22.♂f4 f6 23.♀d3 ♀xa5 24.♂xe5 fxe5 25.♂e2 ♀xa2 26.♂xd4 ♀ff2 27.♀e2 ♀fxe2 28.♂xe2 ♀xe2 29.♀d8+ ♂g7 30.♀d7+ ♂h6 31.♂f3 ♀c2 32.g4 ♂f4

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33.h4 ♂h3+ 34.♂h1 ♂f2+ 35.♂g1 ♂h3+ 36.♂h1 ♂f2+ ½-½

## McNabb,M – Spain,G

[B14] Caro-Kann, Panov Att.  
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1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♀xd5 3.♂c3 ♀a5 4.b4 ♀xb4 5.♀b1 ♀d6 6.d4 ♂f6 7.♂c4 a6 8.♂ge2 e6 9.♂f4 ♀d8 10.d5 b5 11.♂xb5+ axb5 12.♂xb5 ♂xd5 13.♂g3 c6 14.♂bd4 ♂b4+ 15.♂f1 ♂a6 16.♂xb8 ♂c3 17.♂xc6 ♀xd1+ 18.♀xd1 ♂xe2+ 1-0

## Millar,B – Smith,R

[A48] King's Indian Def.  
N Z Rapid 2001

1.d4 ♂f6 2.♂f3 g6 3.e3 ♀g7 4.♂d3 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 ♂bd7 7.b3 e5 8.♂c3 c6 9.♂b2 ♀e8 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.♂e4 ♂xe4 12.♂xe4 ♂c5 13.♂c2 ♀g4 14.♀c1 ♂xf3 15.gxf3 ♂d3 16.♂xd3 ♀xd3 17.♀d1 ♀e2 18.♂g2 e4 19.♂xg7 ♀xf3+ 20.♂g1 ♂xg7 21.♀b2+ ♂g8 22.♀d2 ♀e5 23.♀d7 ♀g5+ 24.♂f1 ♀f5 25.♀d2 ♀h3+ 26.♂e1 ♀xh2 27.♀e2 ♀g5 28.♂d2 ♀g2 29.♀f1 ♀d8+ 30.♂c2 ♀d3 31.♀ad1 ♀xd1 32.♂xd1 ♀d6+ 33.♂c2 ♀f6 34.♀e1 h5 35.♂b1 h4 36.c5 h3 37.♀h1 ♀xf2 38.♀xf2 ♀xf2 39.♀xh3 ♀f3 0-1

## Smith,R – Barlow,M

[B42] Sicilian Def, Paulsen Var.  
N Z Rapid 2001

1.e4 c5 2.♂f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♂xd4 a6 5.♂d3 ♀c7 6.0-0 g6 7.c4 ♀g7 8.♂e3 ♂c6 9.♂e2 ♂ge7 10.♂c3 0-0 11.♀d2 d6 12.♀fd1 ♀d8 13.♀ac1 ♂xd4 14.♂xd4 ♂xd4 15.♀xd4 ♂c6 16.♀f6 ♀a5 17.♀d2 ♀e5 18.♀h4 ♂d7 19.♀cd1 ♂e8 20.f4 ♀c5+ 21.♂h1 ♂a5 22.e5 ♂xc4 23.♂e4 ♀c7 24.♀h6 f5 25.♂f6+ ♂h8 1-0

## Latvian Gambit tournament

Paul Garbett went through unbeaten to win the 2001 Latvian Gambit open tournament by half a point from Bob Smith and Leonard McLaren. Paul drew with Leonard and Peter Green to score 5/6, while Bob lost to Paul and drew with Puchen Wang. In addition to drawing with Paul, Leonard lost to Bob.

Thus results at the top were much in line with ratings. Peter Green was fourth on 4, with Bruce Watson sharing 5th with Puchen Wang on 3. At 1732 Puchen was lowest-rated in the 10-player event and achieved his 50 per cent score with wins against Paul Spiller and Sriram Ramanakumar and draws with Bob Smith and Peter Green.

Other scores: S Ramanakumar 2.5, Hilton Bennett 2, Paul Spiller 1.5, Richard Taylor 0.

### Honours shared in Under-1700

Visitor from Wanganui, Barry Williams, shared top place in the 22-player Under-1700 section with Don Eade. They were the top-rated pair on 1698 and 1643, respectively, and did not meet until the final round as Don trailed by a point after losing to Paul Morten in round 2. Don's win enabled him to draw level with Barry and share top honours on 5/6.

Third-rated Graham Peacock shared third with Paul Morten on 4.5, followed by Kees van den Bosch and David Xu on 4.

Other leadings scores: 7= Clive Wilson & R Stierand 3.5; 9= Gary Judkins, Andrew Mayne, Peter Morten, Thomas Gothorp, Alshah Bajwa 3; 14= Ken Williams, C Philips, Navin Singh 2.5.

Here's the game between the runners-up in the main event:

### Smith,R (2286) – McLaren,L (2250)

[A49] King's Indian Def.

R 2, Latvian Gambit Open 30–30

1.d4 e2 2.f3 g6 3.g3 g7 4.g2 0–0 5.0–0 c5 6.d5 d6 7.e3 a6 8.a4 e6d7 9.e2d2 f8b8 10.a5 b5 11.axb6 e6xb6 12.e4 f7c7 13.f2e2 f8e8 14.e4c4 e4xc4 15.f2xc4 f8b4 16.f2d3 e6

f8e8 14.e4c4 e4xc4 15.f2xc4 f8b4 16.f2d3 e6 17.dxe6 e4xe6 18.e2d5 e2xd5 19.e2d5 e2f5 20.f2xa6 f8b6 21.f2a4 f8e2 22.c3 d3d3 23.f2f3 f8xb2 24.f2xb2 e2xf1 25.f2e8+ f8f8 26.f2a8 f8g7 27.f2xf8+ f8f6 . . . . . 1–0

This is the decisive last-round game in the Under-1700 section:

### Williams,B (1698) – Eade,D (1643)

[A00] Irregular

R 6, Latvian Gambit Open 30–30, U–1700

1.b4 e6 2.f2b2 e2f6 3.a3 d5 4.e3 c5 5.bxc5 e4xc5 6.c4 d4 7.f2b3 e2c6 8.e2f3 e5 9.e2e2 d3 10.f2xd3 f2xd3 11.e4xd3 e4 12.e2xf6 e2xf3 13.f2xg7 f8g8 14.f2b2 f2xg2 15.f8g1 e2d6 16.f4 e7 17.e4 e4h3 18.e2f3 e2a5 19.d3 f8d8 20.f2e2 e2b3 21.f8a2 e2c5 22.e2d4 e2b3 23.f8b2 e2xd4+ 24.e2d4 f8xd4 25.f8xb7 e2c5 26.f8b8+ f8d8 27.e2c6+ e2e7 28.f8xd8 e2xd8 29.f2xg2 f8xg2+ 30.f8xg2 e2xg2 31.a4 e2b4 32.e2d2 e2c6 33.d4 e2xa4 34.c5 e2c6 35.f2d3 e2d5 36.e2c4 e2c7 37.e2d6 e2d7 38.e2b5 a5 39.e2c3 e2g2 40.f2c4 e2f1+ 41.f2b3 e2c6 42.e2a2 e2d5 43.f2xb4+ axb4 44.f5 e2xd4 45.f2xb4 e2h3 46.f6 e2e5 47.f2c3 e2d5 48.f2d3 e2xc5 49.f2e4 e2d6 50.f2f4 e2e6 51.f2g5 h6+ 52.f2h4 e2f5 53.f2h5 e2xf6 . . . . . 0–1

### Ramanakumar,S (1754) – Bennett,H (1985)

[B01] Nimzowitch Defence

R 3, Latvian Gambit

1.e4 d5 2.e2d5 e2f6 3.e2c3 e2xd5 4.e2xd5 f2xd5 5.e2f3 e2g4 6.e2e2 e2c6 7.0–0 e5 8.d3 0–0–0 9.e2g5 f6 10.e2h4 h5 11.h3 g5 12.e2xg5 f2xg5 13.h2xg4 h2xg4 14.e2xg5 g3 15.e2e4 g2xf2+ 16.f8xf2 e2c5 17.e2xc5 f2xc5 18.e2f3 f8df8 19.f2e2 f8xf3 20.g2xf3 e2d4 21.f2e3 f2d6 22.f8g2 e2f5 23.f2xa7 e2d7 24.d4 f2h6 25.f2f2 f2e3+ 0–1

## Overseas news

by NM Peter Stuart

### Linares

This year's super-GM tournament was a six-player double rounder. In the absence of Vladimir Kramnik and Vishy Anand a Gary Kasparov victory was predictable with only the margin in serious doubt. Arguably, indeed, nobody came second as the other five players all finished three points behind the former champion's 7½ points from 10 games. The table below tells the story rather well.

After three rounds all six players were tied on 1½ points, there not having been a single decisive game. Kasparov, however, won his next three games to lead by a point from Judit Polgar who came back to the field after her eighth round loss to Anatoly Karpov.

### Kasparov – Karpov

[B12] Caro-Kann

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 e2f5 4.e2c3 e6 5.g4 e2g6 6.e2g2 e2e7 7.e2f4 c5 8.dxc5 e2d7 9.h4 e2xe5 10.e2g2 h5 11.f2e2 e2c6 12.e2xg6 e2xg6 13.e2g5 e2e7 14.g2h5 e2f8?!

Black has two better tries according to Kasparov: 14...e2xb4 15.e2xb4 e2xb4 16.e2xd5 0–0 17.e2xc6 bxc6 18.f8d1 or 14...e2xg5 15.h2xg5 e2d4 16.f2d3 e2f4 17.f2xd4 e2xg2+ 18.f2f1 f2xg5 19.e2c2.

15.e2b5 e2d7 16.h6! e2xc5

Not to be considered was 16...g2h6 17.e2d6+ e2f8 18.f2h5 nor 16...g6 17.e2xe7 e2xe7 (17...e2xe7 18.0–0–0 e2f8 19.c4). 18.0–0–0 0–0 19.h5 g5 20.f4.

17.e2f4 e2f8?!

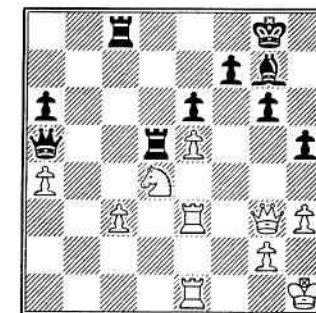
17...f2a5+ 18.c3 0–0–0 19.h2xg7 f8hg8 20.e2c7 f2a4 21.e2xd8 e2xd8 22.f8d1 f8xg7 was preferable but still clearly better for White.

18.h2xg7+ e2xg7 19.0–0–0 e2f8 20.f2b1 a6 21.e2c7 f8c8 22.e2xd5! e2xd5 23.f8xd5 f2xc7 24.e2xc7 f8xc7 25.f2f5 e2d7 26.c3 f6 27.f8g1 e2d8 28.f2g4 e2e8 29.f8h5 f8f8 30.f8xc5 e2xc5 31.f2h5+ 1–0.

### Grischuk – Polgar

[B47] Sicilian Def, Paulsen Var.

1.e4 c5 2.e2f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.e2xd4 e2c6 5.e2c3 f2c7 6.e2e2 a6 7.0–0 e2f6 8.f2h1 e2xd4 9.f2xd4 e2c5 10.f2d3 b5 11.f4 e2b7 12.e2f3 0–0 13.e5 e2e8 14.a4 b4 15.e2xb7 f2xb7 16.e2e4 e2e7 17.e2e3 f2c6 18.e2g5 g6 19.f8ad1 d6 20.e2d4 dxe5 21.e2xe5 e2f6 22.f2h3 h5 23.e2f3 e2g4 24.e2d4 f2c5 25.f2g3 f8ad8 26.c3 bxc3 27.bxc3 f8d5 28.f8de1 f8c8 29.f8f3 e2f8 30.h3 e2xe5 31.f2xe5 e2g7 32.f2fe3 f2a5?



32...f2c4 and Black is better, the sacrifice on e6 no longer working as Black has a useful zwischenzug: 33.e2xe6 h4 34.f2g5 f2xe6 35.f2xg6 f2c6.

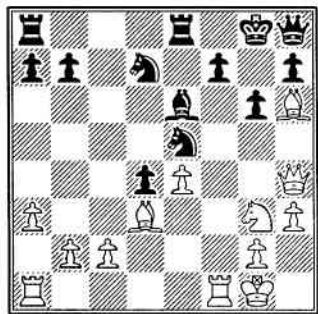
1	Kasparov G.	RUS g	2849	▲	▲	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	7½	1	
2	Polgar J.	HUN g	2676	½	½	▲	▲	½	0	1	0	½	½	½	½	4½	2-6	
3	Karpov A.	RUS g	2679	0	½	½	1	▲	▲	½	½	½	½	½	0	4½	2-6	
4	Shirov A.	ESP g	2718	½	0	0	1	½	½	▲	▲	½	½	1	0	4½	2-6	
5	Leko P.	HUN g	2745	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	▲	▲	½	½	4½	2-6
6	Grischuk A.	RUS g	2663	0	0	½	½	½	1	0	1	½	½	▲	▲	4½	2-6	

33.  $\text{cxe6! fxe6}$  34.  $\text{Wxg6 Wb6}$   
34...  $\text{Wxc3}$  35.  $\text{Wxe6+ Qh7}$  36.  $\text{Wf5+}$  with a draw by perpetual check was simpler.

35.  $\text{Wf3 Wf8}$  36.  $\text{Wxf8+ Qxf8}$  37.  $\text{Wf1+ Qg8}$  38.  $\text{We8+ Qh7}$  39.  $\text{Wxh5+ Qg8}$  40.  $\text{Wf7+ Qh7}$  41.  $\text{Wh5+ Qg8}$  42.  $\text{Wf4 Wb1+}$  43.  $\text{Qh2 Qxe5}$  44.  $\text{Wf7+ 1/2-1/2}$ .

#### Shirov – Grischuk, Sicilian [B45]

1.  $\text{e4 c5}$  2.  $\text{f3 c6}$  3.  $\text{d4 cxd4}$  4.  $\text{cxd4 f6}$  5.  $\text{c3 e6}$  6.  $\text{cxd5 Qb4}$  7.  $\text{a3 Qxc3+}$  8.  $\text{c3 d5}$  9.  $\text{Qd3 d4}$  10.  $\text{Qe2 e5}$  11.  $\text{0-0 0-0}$  12.  $\text{h3 We8}$  13.  $\text{g3 Qe6}$  14.  $\text{f4 exf4}$  15.  $\text{Qxf4 Qd7}$  16.  $\text{Wh5 g6}$  17.  $\text{Wh6 Wf6}$  18.  $\text{Qg5 Wg7}$  19.  $\text{Wh4 Qce5}$  20.  $\text{Qh6 Wh8}$



#### 21. $\text{Qf5! Qxf5}$

21...  $\text{gxf5}$  22.  $\text{exf5 Qf8}$  (22...  $\text{Qd5}$  23.  $\text{Wg5+ Qg6}$  24.  $\text{fxg6 hxg6}$  25.  $\text{Qxg6! +-}$ ) 23.  $\text{Qxf8 Qxf8}$  24.  $\text{fxe6 We6}$  25.  $\text{Wxh7 \pm}$ .

#### 22. $\text{exf5 Qxd3}$ 23. $\text{cxd3 We5}$ 24. $\text{Wf4 Qc5}$ 25. $\text{Waf1 Qxd3}$ 26. $\text{fxg6! fxg6}$

26...  $\text{Qxf4}$  27.  $\text{gxf7+ Qxf7}$  28.  $\text{Qxf4 +-}$ .

27.  $\text{Wf7 Qc5}$  28.  $\text{Wg7+ Qh8}$  29.  $\text{Wf7 Qe6}$  29...  $\text{We1+}$  30.  $\text{Wxe1 We1+}$  31.  $\text{Qf2 Qd3+}$  32.  $\text{Qg3 We3+}$  33.  $\text{Qh2}$  and White soon mates.

30.  $\text{Wxg6 d3}$  31.  $\text{Wg4! Wg8}$  32.  $\text{Wxh7+ 1-0}$ .

#### Kasparov – Leko

[C88] Ruy Lopez, Closed System

1.  $\text{e4 e5}$  2.  $\text{c3 c6}$  3.  $\text{Qb5 a6}$  4.  $\text{Qa4 Qf6}$  5.  $\text{0-0 Qe7}$  6.  $\text{We1 b5}$  7.  $\text{Qb3 0-0}$  8.  $\text{a4 Qb7}$  9.  $\text{d3 d6}$  10.  $\text{c3 Qd5}$  11.  $\text{Qa2 c5}$  12.  $\text{Qf1 We8}$  13.  $\text{Qe3}$

14.  $\text{Qd2 c4}$  15.  $\text{Qc3 Wb6}$  16.  $\text{Qd2 Qc6}$  17.  $\text{Qd5 Qxd5}$  18.  $\text{exd5 Qa5}$  19.  $\text{Qxa5 Wxa5}$  20.  $\text{dxc4 Wxa4?}$  [20...  $\text{b4}$ ] 21.  $\text{c5! Wb4}$  22.  $\text{Qe4 Wxb2}$  23.  $\text{cxd6 Qf8}$  24.  $\text{c3 f5}$  25.  $\text{d7 We8}$  26.  $\text{d6+ Qh8}$  27.  $\text{Qc5 Qc6}$  28.  $\text{Qd3 Wxc3}$  29.  $\text{Qxe5 Qe4}$  30.  $\text{Qf7+ Qh7}$

31.  $\text{Qg5+31... Qg6}$  32.  $\text{Qxe4 fxe4}$  33.  $\text{Qd5}$ ; 31...  $\text{Qh8}$  32.  $\text{Qxe4 fxe4}$  33.  $\text{Qd5 Qh7}$  34.  $\text{Qg8+ Qg6}$  35.  $\text{Qf7+ Qf6}$  36.  $\text{Qd5 +-}$ . 1-0.

#### Kasparov – Shirov

[C80] Ruy Lopez, Open Def.

1.  $\text{e4 e5}$  2.  $\text{c3 c6}$  3.  $\text{Qb5 a6}$  4.  $\text{Qa4 Qf6}$  5.  $\text{0-0 Qxe4}$  6.  $\text{d4 b5}$  7.  $\text{Qb3 d5}$  8.  $\text{dxc5 Qe6}$  9.  $\text{Qbd2 c5}$  10.  $\text{c3 d4}$  11.  $\text{Qg5 Wxg5}$  12.  $\text{Wf3 0-0-0}$  13.  $\text{Qxe6+ fxe6}$  14.  $\text{Wxc6 Wxe5}$  15.  $\text{b4 Qd5}$  16.  $\text{Wxd5 exd5}$  17.  $\text{bxc5 dxc3}$  18.  $\text{Qb3 d4}$  19.  $\text{Qa3 g6}$  20.  $\text{Qb4 Qg7}$  21.  $\text{a4 Qd7}$  22.  $\text{axb5 axb5}$  23.  $\text{Wfd1 Qe6}$  24.  $\text{Wac1 We8}$  25.  $\text{Qf1 Qf5}$  26.  $\text{c6 g5}$  27.  $\text{Qa5 Wd6}$  28.  $\text{Qb4 Wd8}$  29.  $\text{Wd3 g4}$  30.  $\text{Qc5 Qe4}$  31.  $\text{Wcd1 h5}$  32.  $\text{Qxd4 b4}$  33.  $\text{We3+ Qd5}$  34.  $\text{Qxb4 Qc4}$  35.  $\text{Qxc3 Wxe3}$  36.  $\text{fxe3 Wf8+}$  37.  $\text{Qe2 Qxc3}$  38.  $\text{Qe6 1-0}$ .

#### Bermuda

Polish GM Bartolomiej Macieja won the double round-robin all-GM event with 7/10 with Brazil's Giovanni Vescovi a half point behind. Then followed: 3-4 Shabalov (USA) & Stefansson (ISL) 5; 5 Gershon (ISR) 3½; 6 Lesiège (CAN) 3.

#### Vescovi – Gershon

[A33] English Opening, Symmetrical Var.

1.  $\text{c3 c6}$  2.  $\text{c4 e6}$  3.  $\text{g3 c5}$  4.  $\text{Qg2 Qc6}$  5.  $\text{0-0 Qe7}$  6.  $\text{Qc3 0-0}$  7.  $\text{d4 cxd4}$  8.  $\text{Qxd4 a6}$  9.  $\text{b3 Wb6}$  10.  $\text{e3 d6}$  11.  $\text{Qb2 Qd7}$  12.  $\text{Wd2 Wfd8}$  13.  $\text{Wfd1 Wac8}$  14.  $\text{Wac1 Wa7}$  15.  $\text{Qe4 Qxe4}$  16.  $\text{Qxe4 Qe5}$  17.  $\text{a4 Qg4}$  18.  $\text{Qg2 e5}$  19.  $\text{Qc2 Qc6}$  20.  $\text{Qb4 Qg5}$  21.  $\text{Qxc6 bxc6}$  22.  $\text{c5! dxc5}$  23.  $\text{We2 Qf6}$  24.  $\text{h4 Qh6}$  25.  $\text{Wxd8+!}$

White is heading for a winning endgame.

25...  $\text{Wxd8}$  26.  $\text{Wd1 Wxd1+}$  27.  $\text{Wxd1 Wc7}$  28.  $\text{Wd3 a5}$  29.  $\text{Wa6 g6}$  30.  $\text{Wxc6 Wd8}$  31.  $\text{Wa8 Wxa8}$  32.  $\text{Qxa8 Qg7}$  33.  $\text{Qc3 Qf8}$  34.  $\text{Qxa5 Qe7}$  35.  $\text{Qc3 Qe8}$  36.  $\text{Qd5 Qc7}$  37.  $\text{Qc4 f6}$  38.  $\text{e4 Qd6}$

39.  $\text{Qf1 Qf8}$  40.  $\text{Qe2 Qe7}$  41.  $\text{Qg8 h6}$  42.  $\text{Qc4 g5}$  43.  $\text{h5 Qe8}$  44.  $\text{Qf7 Qg7 1-0}$ .

#### Saint Vincent

The Italian alpine town hosted its 9th Valle d'Aosta Open in February. The 9-round Swiss featured 29 GMs in a field of 130 and was jointly won by Cuban GM Walter Arencibia and Russian IM Dmitri Jakovenko with 7 points. Another six GMs tied for third place on 6½: Eingorn (UKR), Lputyan (ARM), Milov (SWI), Polak (CZE), Rogers (AUS) and Sermek (SLO).

#### San Francisco

GMs Yuri Shulman (BLR) and Alexander Wojtkiewicz (POL) tied for first with an undefeated 7/9. Irish GM Alexander Baburin shared third place with American FM Gregory Shahade who made an IM norm.

#### Cappella La Gramnde

The 17th version of this northern France Open tournament had more than 700 players including 92 grandmasters and 72 international masters. Surprisingly, given the huge field and only nine rounds, only two players featured in the tie for first place: GMs Vladimir Chuchelov (BEL) and Einar Gausel (NOR) finished with 7½ points. Among the nine players on 7 points were GMs Aronian (ARM), Ibragimov (RUS), Luther (GER), P.H.Nielsen (DEN) and Savchenko (UKR).

#### Calcutta

The 12th Goodricke International Open was won by GMs Joe Gallagher (SWI) and Andrei Kharlov (RUS) with 8/11. There was an excellent spread of nationalities among the prize winners, the group on 7½ points comprising IM Ghaem Maghami (IRI), GM Mikhalevsky (ISR), IM Rahman (BAN), IM Sandipan (IND), GM Sorokin (ARG) and GM Vladimirov (KAZ).

#### Monaco

The 10th Amber tournament was held in March at the Hotel Metropole Palace in Monte Carlo with a similar field to that of the last few years. As usual each round

comprised two games, one rapid and the other blindfold rapid.

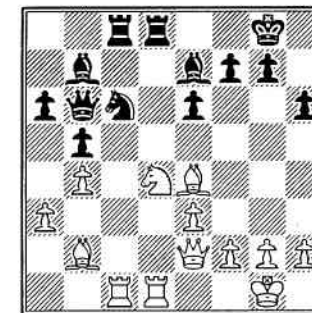
Vladimir Kramnik and Veselin Topalov headed the combined score table with 15/22 while Vishy Anand finished third on 13½. A further two points back was Alexei Shirov and then followed: 5-6 Boris Gelfand and Peter Leko 11; 7 Jeroen Piket 10½; 8-9 Zoltan Almasi and Ljubomir Ljubojevic 9½; 10-11 Vassily Ivanchuk and Anatoly Karpov 9; 12 Loek van Wely 7½.

Gelfand and Topalov topped the rapid table with 7½/11, Topalov coming next on 7, while in the blindfold games Topalov top scored with 8 followed by Kramnik on 7½ and then Anand and Shirov on 7.

#### Gelfand – Ljubojevic

Rapid, [D27] Queen's Gambit Accepted

1.  $\text{d4 d5}$  2.  $\text{c4 dxc4}$  3.  $\text{Qf3 Qf6}$  4.  $\text{e3 e6}$  5.  $\text{Qxc4 c5}$  6.  $\text{0-0 a6}$  7.  $\text{Qd3 Qc6}$  8.  $\text{Qc3 b6}$  9.  $\text{dxc5 Qxc5}$  10.  $\text{a3 Qb7}$  11.  $\text{b4 Qe7}$  12.  $\text{Qb2 0-0}$  13.  $\text{Wc1 h6}$  14.  $\text{We2 b5}$  15.  $\text{Wfd1 Wb6}$  16.  $\text{Qe4 Qxe4}$  17.  $\text{Qxe4 Wfd8}$  18.  $\text{Qd4 Wac8}$



#### 19. $\text{Qxe6! fxe6}$ 20. $\text{Wg4 e5}$

20...  $\text{Qf8}$  21.  $\text{Wxe6+ Qh8}$  22.  $\text{Wxb6+ Qg8}$  23.  $\text{Wh7+ Qf7}$  24.  $\text{Qg6+ Qe7}$  25.  $\text{Wh4+ Qe6}$  26.  $\text{We4+ Qc5}$  27.  $\text{Wxe5 mate}$ .

#### 21. $\text{We6+ Qh8}$ 22. $\text{Wg6 Qg8}$ 23. $\text{Qxe5!}$

23...  $\text{Qf8}$  24.  $\text{We6+ Qh8}$  25.  $\text{Wxb6+}$ ; 23...  $\text{Qxe5}$  24.  $\text{Wxb6 Wxc1}$  25.  $\text{Wxc1 Qxc4}$  26.  $\text{We6+}$ . 1-0.



## FIDE rating list, April 2001

Results of the latest New Zealand Championship are included in the April rating list released by FIDE. Needless to say, New Zealand champion Scott Wastney jumps 34 points to 2276, and other players to score above their rating and record healthy gains are Nicolas Croad, up 35 to 2201, and Leonard McLaren, up 27 to 2277.

IMs Russell Dive and Anthony Ker lost a few points, as did Paul Garbett and several of the lower-placed players.

Championship players such as McNabb and Wheeler, who have played less than 8 games against rated players, have had their results recorded, but are required to play the minimum eight games before a rating is published.

In this table, the new ratings are given in column 2, followed by number of games against rated players in the rating period, and the rating change.

Abrahamson, Philip	2085	0	
Anderson, Bruce R	2215	0	
Barlow, Matthew	2149	7	-17.4
Bennett, Hilton	2088	0	
Bjelobrk, Igor	2181	7	+40.05
Boyd, Kendall	2216	0	
Compton, Alistair	2066	0	
Cooper, David	2070	0	
Courtney, Helen	2050	0	
Croad, Nicolas	2201	7	+35.25
Dive, Russell John	2405	7	-6.2
Dowden, R. Anthony	2167	0	
Dreyer, Martin	2275	0	
Evans, C A	2300	0	
Foster, Fenella	2020	0	
Freeman, Michael	2205	0	
Garbett, Paul A	2359	6	-9.0
Gibbons, Robert	2121		
Goffin, Peter	2175		
Green, Ewen M	2258	0	
Green, Peter	2247	6	-1.5
Guthrie, David	2139	6	-4.5
Haase, Graham	2155	0	
Hare, Tim	2165	1	-14.75
Hart, Ralph	2130	11	0

Hawkes, Peter D	2170	0	
Ker, Anthony F	2320	9	-12.6
Krstev, Antonio	2144	5	-2.25
Kulashko, Aleksei	2400	0	
Levene, Mark	2225	0	
Love, Anthony J	2235	0	
Lukey, Stephen G	2234		
Martin, Benjamin	2358	0	
Mastilovich, Rajko	2055	0	
McLaren, Leonard	2277	10	+27
McKenzie, Peter	2265	0	
Metge, J. Nigel	2130	5	-21.7
Metge, Katrine	2005	0	

Noble, Mark F	2240	0	
Nokes, Roger I	2310	0	
Perry, Roger	2194	0	
Pomeroy, Arthur	2180	0	
Sarfati, Jonathan D	2278	0	
Sheehan, Teresa	2033	0	
Sinclair, Mark	2245	0	
Small, Vernon A	2335	0	
Smith, Robert W	2282	0	
Spain, Graeme	2167	7	-13.05
Spiller, Paul	2095	0	
Steadman, Michael	2090	0	
Stuart, Peter	2215	0	
Sutherland, John	2054	4	-2.5
Sutton, Richard J	2275	0	
Van Der Hoorn, Mark	2120	9	+5.25
Wastney, Scott	2276	8	+34.5
Watson, Bruce R	2266	0	

### Junior player of the year, 2000

The New Zealand Chess Federation Council has endorsed the selection of Wang Puchen as New Zealand Junior Player of the Year for 2000. Puchen scored 8/11 in last year's World Under-10 Championship.

The Council has decided to offer a place in the World Junior Championships to the winner of the forthcoming NZ Junior and Age Group Championships. If the winner declines the place will be offered to the runner-up.

The World Junior event will be held in Athens, Greece, from August 16 to 29.

## 108th New Zealand Chess Championship (continued)

by FM Bob Smith

### Round 7

Round Seven	
Wastney 1-0 Depasquale	
Sandler 0.5-0.5 Garbett	
Dive 1-0 Guthrie	
McLaren 1-0 Green	
Wang 0-1 Croad	
Ker 1-0 Robinson	
McNabb 0.5-0.5 Wheeler	
Van Der Hoorn 0-1 Spain	
Elliot 0.5-0.5 Hart	
Krstev 1-0 Metge	
Barlow bye	

The Depasquale steamroller was halted by Wastney in a well-controlled game. But he retained the tournament lead by a half a point, as Sandler could not break Garbett's defences. Dive beat Guthrie to also close within half a point, and McLaren recovered with a win over Green. Nick Croad came into the picture with a win over Wang.

### Wastney, S - Depasquale, C

[E69] K Indian Def, Fianchetto Var.  
R 7, 108th Championship New Zealand

1. d1f3 d1f6 2. c4 g6 3. g3 g3 g7 4. g2 0-0 5. d1c3 d6 6. d4 d1bd7 7. 0-0 c6 8. e4 e5 9. h3 b6 10. e1 exd4 11. d1xd4 d1g4 12. d1ce2 d1ge5 13. b3 d1c5 14. e3 a5 15. b1 b1 e8 16. d1c3 b7c7 17. e2 d1ed7 18. f4 d1f6 19. d1f2 d1e6 20. d1d2 d1h5 21. d1xe6 d1xe6 22. e1c1 e1ad8 23. d1a4 b6b8 24. c5 b5 25. cxb6 c5 26. b7 d1d7 27. d1xc5 d1c6 28. d1e6 fxe6 29. e1xc6 d1f8 30. e1a6 b6xb7 31. e1xa5 b7c7 32. e1a7 b6b8 33. d1h2 d1f6 34. a4 d1d7 35. e1xd7 d1xd7 36. d1f1 d1f6 37. b7f3 b6b7 38. d1g2 b6b8 39. d1d3 d1d7 40. b7g4 d1f7 41. b7d1 b7a6 42. e1c3 b7a5 43. e1c4 d1c5 44. d1e1 b7a6 45. e1c3 b6b6 46. d1f2 b6b4 47. b7d4 b7xd4 48. d1xd4 d1xb3 49. e1c7+ d1e7 50. d1e3 b6b4 51. f5 d1f6 52. h4 d1f8 53. d1g5+ d1e5 54. e1f7 e1xf5 55. e1xf8 fxe4 56. d1f4+ d1d5 57. e1a8 d1c5 58. d1d8 d1b7 59. e1b8 d1c6 60. a5 d1c7 61. e1a8 e1a4 62. a6 d1c5 63. a7 d1d7 64. e1e8 e1xa7 65. e1xe4 e1a2 66. e1c4+ d1d8 67. d1d4 d1e7 68. d1xd6+ d1e6 69. d1b4 d1f6 70. d1g1 e1a1+

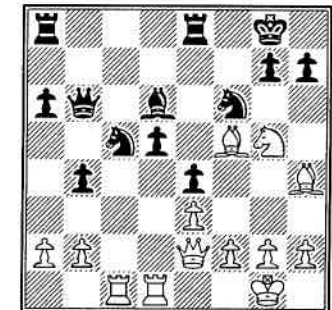
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### Dive, R - Guthrie, D

[D14] Q Gambit, Slav Def, Exchange Var.

R 7, 108th Championship New Zealand

1. d1f3 d1f6 2. c4 c6 3. d1c3 d5 4. cxd5 cxd5 5. d4 d1c6 6. d1f4 d1f5 7. b6b3 d1a5 8. b7a4+ d1d7 9. b7d1 e6 10. e3 a6 11. d1d3 d1e7 12. 0-0 0-0 13. b7e2 b5 14. d1e5 b4 15. d1b1 b6b6 16. d1xd7 d1xd7 17. d1d2 d1b7 18. e1ac1 d1d6 19. d1g5 e1fe8 20. d1f3 f6 21. d1h4 e5 22. d1xe5 fxe5 23. d1f5 d1bc5 24. e1fd1 e4 25. d1g5 d1f6



26. e1xd5 d1d3

26... d1xd5 27. d1xh7+ d1f8 (27... d1h8 28. b7h5) 28. b7h5 e1c7 (28... b7b7 29. d1g6 d1f6 30. b7h8+ d1g8 31. d1h7#) 29. d1xe4 d1f6 30. b7h8+ d1g8 31. d1d5.

27. e1xd3 exd3 28. b7xd3 h6 29. b7c4+ 1-0

### McLaren, L - Green, P

[C22] Center Gambit

R 7, 108th Championship New Zealand (7)

1. e4 e5 2. d4 exd4 3. b7xd4 d1c6 4. b7e3 g6 5. d1c3 d1g7 6. d1d2 d6 7. 0-0-0 d1ge7 8. h4 d1e6 9. d1h3 b7d7 10. d1f4 0-0-0 11. d1cd5 d1b8

12.♖c8 13.♗a3 a6 14.♙e2 ♖he8 15.♙e3  
 ♙xd5 16.♙d5 ♗e5 17.♙d4 ♗f5 18.♙b4 ♗xe3  
 19.♙xa6 ♗xc2 20.♗xc2 ♗f5+ 21.♗d3 b6  
 22.♙f4 ♗d7 23.♗b4 c5 24.♙xc6 25.♗b1  
 ♗d4 26.♙c1 ♗b5 1-0

**Wang,R – Croad,N**

[A68] Benoni, Three Pawns' System  
 R 7 108th Championship New Zealand

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0  
 6.♗f3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.♙e2 exd5 9.cxd5 ♗g4  
 10.0-0 ♗bd7 11.h3 ♙xf3 12.♙xf3 ♖b8 13.a4  
 a6 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 ♗xb6 16.g4 c4+ 17.♗h1  
 ♗c5 18.♗a4 ♗xa4 19.♗xa4 ♗c5 20.g5 ♗h5  
 21.♙xh5 gxf5 22.♗c2 ♖b3 23.♖xa6 ♗c8  
 24.♖a3 ♗xh3+ 25.♗g1 ♗d4+ 26.♙f2 ♖g3+  
 27.♙xg3 ♗xg3+ 28.♗f1 ♙xf2 29.♗xf2 ♗d3+  
 30.♗e2 h4 31.♗f2 h3 32.♗xd3 cxd3 33.e5 h2  
 0-1

**Round Eight**

- Ker 0.5-0.5 Despasquale
- Sandler 0.5-0.5 Wastney
- Dive 0.5-0.5 Garbett
- Guthrie 0-1 McLaren
- Croad 0.5-0.5 McNabb
- Wheeler 0.5-0.5 Green
- Spain 1-0 Hart
- Barlow 0.5-0.5 Elliot
- Krystev 0-1 Wang
- Robinson 0-1 Metge
- Van der Hoorn bye

Depasquale could only draw with a deter-  
 mined Ker, but again the chasing pack were  
 unable to catch up. Sandler drew with Wast-  
 ney, while Dive and Garbett also split the  
 point.

McLaren moved to within half a point of  
 the leader by beating Guthrie.

**Guthrie,D – McLaren,L**

[A70] Benoni  
 R 8 108th Championship New Zealand

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗f3  
 0-0 6.h3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.♙d3 exd5 9.cxd5 ♖e8  
 10.0-0 c4 11.♙xc4 ♗xe4 12.♗xe4 ♖xe4

13.♗g5 ♙f6 14.♙d3 ♖e8 15.♙xf6 ♗xf6 16.♖e1  
 ♖xe1+ 17.♗xe1 ♗d7 18.♖c1 ♗c5 19.♗c8+  
 ♗g7 20.♙f1 a5 21.♗d2 b6 22.♗c6 ♗b7  
 23.♗xb6 ♙xd5 24.♗c4 ♖a6 25.♗b8 ♗e4  
 26.♖c2 ♖c6 27.b3 ♗g5 28.♙e2 ♗a1+ 29.♗h2  
 ♗e1 30.♗a7 ♖c5 31.♗g4 ♗e4 0-1

**Spain,G – Hart,R**

[C06] French Def, Tarrasch Var.  
 R 8 108th Championship New Zealand

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗d2 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗fd7 5.♙d3  
 c5 6.c3 ♗c6 7.♗e2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.♗f4  
 ♗xd4 10.♗h5+ ♗e7 11.exf6+ ♗d6 12.fxf6  
 ♙xg7 13.♗e2 ♗c5 14.♗b1 ♗b6 15.0-0 ♗d7  
 16.♗xd4 ♙xd4 17.♗f3 ♗e8 18.♗g5 ♙xb2  
 19.♙f4+ ♗c6 20.♗e5+ ♗b5 21.♙d3+ ♗xd3  
 22.♖ab1 ♗d4 23.♗xd3 ♗xd3 24.♖xb2+ ♗a6  
 25.♖b3 ♗c4 26.♖c1 ♗e4 27.♗e7 ♗b5 28.a4  
 ♙c6 29.♖xc6+ bxc6 30.♗b7+ ♗a5 31.♙d2+  
 ♗xa4 32.♖b4+ 1-0

**Round Nine**

- Spain 0-1 Depasquale
- McLaren 0.5-0.5 Wastney
- Ker 0.5-0.5 Sandler
- Croad 1-0 Dive
- Wang 0.5-0.5 Garbett
- Green 0-1 Van der Hoorn
- Guthrie 1-0 Wheeler
- McNabb 0.5-0.5 Barlow
- Metge 0-1 Elliot
- Hart 1-0 Krstev
- Robinson bye

Depasquale again stretched his lead to a  
 point, after his doubled rooks on the seventh  
 proved decisive against Spain.

This win gave Depasquale an IM Norm.  
 Sandler could only draw with Ker. Wastney  
 and McLaren also drew.

The shock of the round was Croad's win  
 over Dive, who again became very short of  
 time and lost several pawns.

Garbett missed a subtle win in an ending  
 against Wang and had to settle for a draw.

**Spain,G – Depasquale,C**

[B22] Sicilian Def, Alalpin Var.  
 R 9 108th Championship New Zealand

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♗xd5 4.d4 g6 5.♗f3  
 ♗g7 6.♙e2 ♗h6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 ♗d6 9.dxc5  
 ♗xc5 10.♗c3 ♗c6 11.♗e4 ♗b6 12.♗g3 ♗f5  
 13.♗xf5 ♙xf5 14.♗h4 ♖fd8 15.♗a4 ♗d4  
 16.♙d1 ♙d3 17.♖e1 ♖ac8 18.♗a3 ♙xc4  
 19.♗xe7 ♙f6 20.♗e4 ♙d5 21.♗g4 ♙xh4  
 22.♗xh4 ♗b4 23.♗e7 ♗b5 24.♗a3

Draw offer.

♗c6 25.f3 ♗f5 26.♗xa7 b6 27.♗a3 ♗f6  
 28.♗h1 ♗h4 29.♙d2 ♙xf3 30.♙xf3 ♖xd2  
 31.♙b7 ♖cd8 32.♙e4 ♖e8 33.♗c3 ♗g3+  
 34.♗xg3 ♖xe4 35.♗xh4 ♖xh4 36.♖e8+ ♗g7  
 37.♖b1 ♖g4 38.g3 ♖c4 39.♖b8 ♖cc2 40.♖xb6  
 ♖xh2+ 41.♗g1 ♖cg2+ 42.♗f1 ♖xg3 43.♖b8  
 ♖g5 0-1

**Croad,N – Dive,R**

[B04] Alekhine's Def, Modern Var.  
 R 9 108th Championship New Zealand

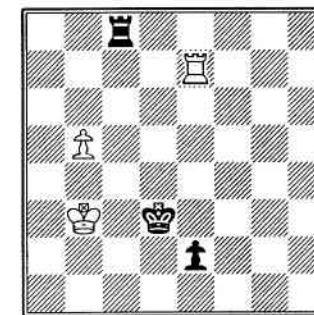
1.e4 ♗f6 2.e5 ♗d5 3.d4 d6 4.♗f3 c6 5.♙e2  
 ♗g4 6.h3 ♙xf3 7.♙xf3 dxe5 8.dxe5 e6 9.0-0  
 ♗d7 10.♗e2 ♗c7 11.♖e1 ♙c5 12.c3 a5 13.♗d2  
 ♗f4 14.♗e4 ♗g6 15.♗c4 0-0 16.h4 f5 17.exf6  
 ♗xf6 18.♗xe6+ ♗h8 19.♗g5 ♗d5 20.♗e5 ♗g7  
 21.♙xf4 ♗xf4 22.♗c4 ♙d6 23.♗g4 ♖ae8  
 24.♖ad1 h5 25.♗c3 ♙e5 26.♗c2 ♗e7 27.g3  
 ♗h3+ 28.♗g2 ♗f6 29.♖d3 g5 30.♗xh3 g4+  
 31.♙xg4 hxg4+ 32.♗xg4 ♗h6 33.♖de3 ♗g7  
 34.♖xe8 1-0

**Wang,R – Garbett,P**

[A53] Old Indian Def.  
 R 9 108th Championship New Zealand

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 d6 3.♗c3 e5 4.dxe5 dxe5  
 5.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 6.♗g5 c6 7.0-0-0+ ♗c7 8.♗e4  
 ♗fd7 9.♗f3 f6 10.♙h4 ♗a6 11.e3 ♗ac5  
 12.♗c3 ♗b6 13.b3 ♙f5 14.♗b2 a5 15.♙e2 ♗e4  
 16.♗xe4 ♙xe4 17.♗e1 ♙d6 18.f3 ♗g6 19.♙d3  
 e4 20.♙xe4 ♙xe4 21.fxe4 ♖ae8 22.♗d3 ♗d7  
 23.♗f2 ♗c5 24.♗g3 ♙xg3 25.hxg3 ♗xe4  
 26.♗xe4 ♖xe4 27.♖d3 h6 28.♖f1 ♖he8  
 29.♖f3 ♖he5 30.♗c3 c5 31.♗d2 ♖g4 32.♗e2  
 ♖eg5 33.♗f2 b6 34.♖d1 a4 35.♖h1 axb3  
 36.axb3 ♗d6 37.♖d1+ ♗c6 38.♖d8 b5

39.cxb5+ ♗xb5 40.♖b8+ ♗c6 41.♖c8+ ♗b7  
 42.♖d8 h5 43.♖d2 ♗c7 44.♖e2 ♗c6 45.e4 h4  
 46.gxh4 ♖xg2+ 47.♗f1 ♖g1+ 48.♗f2 ♖5g2+  
 49.♗e3 ♖xe2+ 50.♗xe2 ♖g4 51.♗d3 ♖xh4  
 52.♖g3 g5 53.e5 fxe5 54.♖xg5 ♗d5 55.♖g8  
 e4+ 56.♗c2 ♖h2+ 57.♗c3 ♖h3+ 58.♗c2 ♖h6  
 59.♗c3 ♖h3+ 60.♗c2 ♗d4 61.♖d8+ ♗e3  
 62.♖d5 ♖h2+ 63.♗c3 ♖h1 64.♗c2 ♖h2+  
 65.♗c3 ♖h3 66.♗c2 ♗f2 67.♖xc5 e3 68.♖e5  
 ♖h8 69.♖f5+ ♗e1 70.b4 e2 71.b5 ♖c8+  
 72.♗b3 ♗d2 73.♖d5+ ♗e3 74.♖e5+ ♗d3  
 75.♖e7



75...♖c5?

75...♖c3+! 76.♗b4 ♖c4+ and ♖d5+ Sandler.

76.♖xe2 ♗xe2 77.♗b4 ♖c1 78.b6 ♗d3 79.♗b5  
 ♗d4 80.b7 ♗d5 81.♗b6 ♖b1+ 82.♗c7 ♖c1+  
 83.♗d7 ♖b1 ½-½

**Round 10**

- Depasquale 1-0 Croad
- Sandler 1-0 Guthrie
- McLaren 0.5-0.5 Ker
- Wastney 1-0 Van der Hoorn
- Dive 1-0 McNabb
- Garbett 1-0 Elliot
- Green 0.5-0.5 Wang
- Krstev 1-0 Spain
- Barlow 0.5-0.5 Robinson
- Metge 0.5-0.5 Hart
- Wheeler Bye

Depasquale played an impressive posi-  
 tional game against Croad to maintain his  
 lead. Sandler scored a sharp win over Guth-

rie to maintain his challenge, while Wastney joined him in second place with an easy win over Van der Hoorn. Dive, McLaren and Garbett were all still lurking half a point behind Wastney.

#### Depasquale, C – Croad, N

[A45] Q P, Trompowski Var.

R 10 108th Championship New Zealand

1.d4 2.f6 2.g5 2.e4 3.f4 c5 4.f3 ♖a5+ 5.c3 2.f6 6.d2 cxd4 7.2.b3 ♜b6 8.♗xd4 2.c6 9.♗xb6 axb6 10.2.d4 2.xd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.e3 13.2.e2 e6 14.2.c3 2.c6 15.2.d3 2.e7 16.2.f2 2.d7 17.g4 h5 18.g5 2.e8 19.a3 2.d6 20.2xd6 2xd6 21.e4 g6 22.h4 2.c7 23.2he1 2.a7 24.2ac1 2.a8 25.2c2 2hc8 26.2ec1 2ab8 27.2e3 2.a8 28.2f1 2.d7 29.e5+ 2.e7 30.2.a4 2xa4 31.2xc7+ 2.d8 32.2xc8+ 2xc8 33.2xc8+ 2xc8 34.2.d2 2.d8 35.2.e2 2.c7 36.2.c3 2.d8 37.2.b4 2.c2 38.2.b5 2.d1 39.f4 2.c2 40.a4 2.b1 41.a5 2.c2 42.axb6 2.b1 43.2.c5 2.a2 44.2.d6 2.c4 45.2.d7 2.d3 46.b4

Idea 46...B any and 47.b5 ...B any 48.2.c6! 2.c8 49.2.e8+- (or even 49.2.e7) 1-0

#### Sandler, L – Guthrie, D

[B80] Sicilian Def, Scheveningen Var.

R 10 108th Championship New Zealand

1.e4 c5 2.2.f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.2xd4 2.f6 5.2.c3 d6 6.2.b5+ 2.bd7 7.2.e2 a6 8.2xd7+ 2xd7 9.2.e3 2.e7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.f4 ♗c7 12.g4 b5 13.f5 2.c5 14.a3 2.b8 15.g5 b4 16.axb4 2xb4 17.f6 gxf6 18.gxf6 2xf6 19.2hg1+ 2h8 20.2.h6 ♖a5 21.2g4 ♖a1+ 22.2.d2 2xe4+ 23.2.e1 ♗xd1+ 24.2xd1 2g5 25.2.xg5 2xd4 26.2xd4+ 1-0

#### Krstev, A – Spain, G

[D20] Queen's Gambit Acc.

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.2.c3 2.f6 4.e4 2.c6 5.e5 2.d5 6.2xc4 2db4 7.2.f3 2xd4 8.0-0 2.b6 9.2xd4 ♗xd4 10.2.d5 2.d8 11.2xd4 2xd4 12.2.d1 c5 13.2.e3 e6 14.2.g5+ f6 15.2xf6 2.d7 16.2.c3 2.c6 17.b4 h6 18.fxg7 2xg7 19.2.e7 2.f5 20.2.b5+ 2.c7 21.2xc5 b6 22.2.e3 2xe3 23.fxe3 a6 24.2.a4 b5 25.2.b3 2.d8

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26.2xd8 2xd8 27.2.d1+ 2.e7 28.2.e4 a5 29.2.bxa5 2xa5 30.2.c1 2.d8 31.2.d6 2.a6 32.2.f1 b4 33.2.f7 2.c3 34.2.xe6 2.b5 35.2.b7+ 1-0

#### Round Eleven

Wang 0.5-0.5 Depasquale

Croad 0.5-0.5 Sandler

Guthrie 0-1 Wastney

Ker 0.5-0.5 Dive

Garbett 1-0 Wheeler

Van der Hoorn 0-1 McLaren

Hart 1-0 Barlow

Elliot 0.5-0.5 Robinson

Krtsev 0-1 Green

McNabb 0-1 Metge

Spain bye

Wang made Depasquale work for the draw he needed for outright first, but once rook and bishop pawn against rook was reached the result was obvious. Wastney grabbed his chance with a win over Guthrie in a complex game in which his bishop and outside passed pawn eventually proved decisive. Sandler tried hard in a slightly better ending against Croad, but eventually had to concede the draw. Garbett joined him in third place by beating Wheeler, as did McLaren with an easy win over Van der Hoorn. Dive fought long and hard against Ker in an effort to join them, but to no avail.

#### Guthrie, D – Wastney, S

[D88] Grunfeld Def, Botvinnik Var.

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1.d4 2.c4 g6 3.2.c3 d5 4.cxd5 2xd5 5.e4 2xc3 6.bxc3 2g7 7.2.c4 c5 8.2.e2 2.c6 9.2.e3 0-0 10.0-0 2.g4 11.f3 2.a5 12.2xf7+ 2xf7 13.fxg4 2xf1+ 14.2xf1 cxd4 15.cxd4 e5 16.d5 2.c4 17.2d3 2xe3+ 18.2xe3 ♗h4 19.h3 2.h6 20.2d3 2f8+ 21.2.g1 ♗f2+ 22.2.h2 ♗e3 23.2xe3 2xe3 24.2.d1 2f2 25.2.c3 2.f8 26.2.g3 2.c2 27.2.d3 2.d4 28.2.b5 2.f2+ 29.2.h2 2xa2 30.d6 2.b6 31.2.c7 2f2 32.2.e6+ 2.f7 33.2.g5+ 2.e8 34.2.d5 2.d7 35.2.f3 2.e2 36.2xe5+ 2.e6 37.2.c4 2.d8 38.2.d4 b5 39.2.d2

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## Correspondence chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

L B (Jack) Frost is a real chess enthusiast. The current N.Z. Chess Federation secretary, he is also deeply involved with international email chess, both as a player and administrator. Jack is a top correspondence player as well, finishing second in the 1998-99 Championship, only half a point behind the winner, with whom he drew. He went through the 10 rounds unbeaten, the only player to do so.

I asked Jack for a couple of games and he supplied the following two fine wins, one against the writer and the other against a former C.C. champion.

#### Frost, L – Hoskyn, G

[B90] Sicilian Def, Najdorf Var.

NZCCA Handicap, 1999

Notes by Jack Frost

Unusual Sicilian Najdorf. I have played the Najdorf against Gordon many times

#### NZ Championship games (cont.)

2f6 40.2.d5 2.e5+ 41.2.g1 2xd6 42.2.b3 2xe4 43.2xb5 2b4 44.2xb4 2xb4 45.2.f2 a5 46.2.e3 a4 47.2.c1 2.d5 48.2.d3 a3 49.2.a2 2.c5 50.2.c3+ 2.e5 51.2.a2 2.f4 52.2.e2 2.g3 53.2.f1 2.f4 54.2.e2 2.e4 55.2.d2 2.d5 56.2.c1 2.b4+ 57.2.c2 2.e4 58.h4 2.e7 59.h5 g5 60.2.c3 2.f4 61.2.d4 2xg4 62.2.e5 2xh5 0-1

#### McNabb, M – Metge, J

[C02] French Def, Advance Var.

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 2.c6 5.2.f3 ♗b6 6.a3 2.h6 7.b4 cxd4 8.cxd4 2.f5 9.2.b2 2.d7 10.2.e2 2.c8 11.0-0 2.e7 12.2.h1 0-0 13.g4 2.h4 14.2.xh4 2.xh4 15.f4 2.a5 16.2.d2 2.c4 17.2xc4 dxc4 18.2.c3 2.e7 19.h4 ♗c6+ 20.2.h2 2.d5 21.2.e2 b5 22.2.ae1 2.xh4 23.2.d1 2.e7 24.2.f3 f5 25.2.g1 2.c6 26.2.fg3 g6 27.2.f1 fxg4 28.2.xg4 2.f5 29.2.h3 2.f8 30.2.f1 ♗f3 31.2.g3 ♗f2+ 32.2.g2 2xg2 33.2.xg2 2xf4 34.2xf4 ♗xf4 35.2.b7 2.e8 36.2xa7 2.e7 37.2.b6 2.f7 38.2xe6 ♗c1 39.d5 ♗xc3 40.d6 2.d2+ 0-1

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before, so just to make a change I though I'd vary a little.

1.e4 c5 2.2.f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.2xd4 2.f6 5.2.c3 a6 6.2.g1

I could see Gordon raise his eyebrows! But it's not such a crazy move as it seems. A good line is for White to play his Bishop to g5 before advancing his f-pawn. This almost forces Q-side castling – so why not prepare for a K-side push early?

6...2.c6 7.g4

Not for me the much tamer Bg5, Bc4 or Be2. So what if I lose the pawn?

7...2xd4 8.2xd4 2xg4

8...e5 9.2.d1 2.c6 10.g5 2.d7 11.2.f3 2.c8 12.2.h3 2.e7 13.2.e3 2xc3 14.bxc3 ♗c7 15.2xe6 ♗xc3+ 16.2.f1 fxe6 17.2.g2 ♗c4 18.a4 2.f8 19.2g4 d5 20.c3 2.c5 21.2xc5 2.f4 22.2.h5+ g6 23.2.h3 Zvjaginsev, V – Ivan-chuk, V. Elista 1998 1-0.

9.2.e2 h5

Not 9...Nxb2 10.Rg2+.

10.2.g2 e6

Covers d5.

11.h3 2.e5 12.2.g5 ♖a5

An unnecessary excursion. Qc7 warranted consideration.

13.2.d2 2.c6 14.2.e3 2.d8 15.0-0-0 b5

Black is way behind in development.

16.f4 2.b7 17.f5 2.e5 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.2.g5 g6

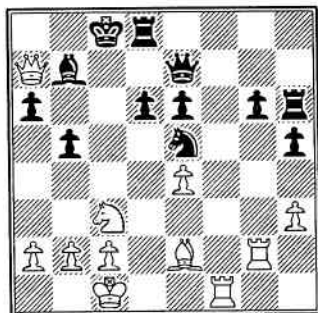
20.2.g1 ♗e7 21.2.f1

Plenty of compensation for the pawn now.

21...0-0-0

21...2.h7 22.2xb5 axb5 23.2xe5 dxe5 24.2.b6 and Black's position simply falls apart, e.g., 24...2.c8 25.2xb5+ 2.d7 26.2xe6+ 2.e7 27.2xd7+ 2.d8 28.2.c6.

22.2.g2 2.h6 23.2.xh6 2.xh6 24.2.a7!



24...g5 25.fg1 g4 26.hxg4 ♖g5+ 27.♔b1 h4 28.a4

The point. The action on the K-side is just a side show.

28...h3 29.♞h2 ♗c4 30.axb5 ♗d2+

Attacking the isolani on e4.

31.♕a2 ♜e5

Increasing the pressure on isolated pawn, but White's Q-side attack needed urgent attention.

32.bxa6 ♗xe4 33.♜b6 ♜xh2

The exchange doesn't matter any more.

34.♗xe4 ♗d7 35.♗b5

And its goodnight Gordon. 1-0

### Dive, R – Frost, L

[E53] Nimzo-Indian Def.

NZCCA 66th Championship [1999

Notes by Jack Frost

The Nimzo-Indian, Rubinstein main line, not the strongest opening for White and I was very surprised that Russell adopted it. Black is known to be able to gain early equality and continues with a lasting initiative. The strategy flows around White's e3 square – and as this game show this is dangerously close to the White king.

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♗b4 4.e3 0-0 5.♗d3 c5 6.♗f3 d5 7.0-0 b6

Rarely played. Much more usual is dxc4.

8.cxd5 exd5

Creating a half-open e-file which eventually proves fatal for White.

9.a3

Safer was dxc5.

9...♗xc3 10.bxc3 ♗a6

Eliminating White's good bishop.

11.♗xa6 ♗xa6 12.♗b2

Definitely not the best post for a bishop. Black's next move cements it in place. 12.♗d3 ♜c8 13.♗b2 c4 14.♗c2 ♞e8 15.♞fe1 ♜b7 16.♗d2 ♞e6 17.♞e2 ♞ae8 18.♞ae1 ♗e4 19.♗f1 f5 20.f3 ♗d6 21.a4 b5 22.axb5 ♗c7 23.♗a3 ♗dxb5 24.♗b4 ♗a6 25.♗a5 g6 26.♞b1 ♗b8 Salov, V–Hjartarson, J, Reykjavik 1991. 1-0; 12.a4 ♞e8 13.♗e5 ♜c7 14.♗a3 ♞ac8 15.♗d3 ♜b7 16.♞fc1 c4 17.♗c2 ♞e6 18.♞e1 ♗b8 19.f3 ♗c6 20.♗xc6 ♜xc6 21.♞e2 ♞ce8 22.♞ae1 h5 23.♗c1 ♜b7 24.♗h1 ♜c7 25.♗g1 a6 26.♜b1 ♜b7 ½-½ Muir, A–Bogdanovski, V. Pula, 1997. ½-½

12...c4 13.♗d2

Ne5 was worth a try.

13...♞e8 14.♞e1

14.♜e2 ♞e6 15.♞fe1 ♜e7 16.♗f1 b5 17.♗c1 ♗c7 18.f3 a5 19.g4 b4 20.axb4 axb4 21.♞xa8+ ♗xa8 22.cxb4 ♜xb4 23.♗g3 ♗c7 24.g5 ♗fe8 25.e4 ♗d6 26.♜f2 ♗cb5 27.♞f1 c3 28.e5 ♗c8 29.♗e3 ♞a6 30.f4 ♜b3 31.f5 ♞a2 32.♜f4 ♜c2 33.♞f2 ♗d1+ 34.♗g2 ♞xf2+ 35.♗xf2 c2 ½-½ Padevsky, N–Szabo, L, Moscow 1956.

14...♞e6 15.♗f1 ♗c7 16.f3

Secures e4 and g4 but further weakens White's e3 pawn. White's position is already beginning to look horrible.

16...♜e7 17.a4

Trying to activate the bishop, but Bc1 was essential for the e3 pawn's survival.

17...♞e8

Pawn e3, live or die!

18.♗a3 ♗d7 19.♞a2

Trying to support the e3 pawn with Re2, but too slow! Too slow!

19...♗h5 20.♞ae2 f5 21.♜c2 ♜f7 22.g3

Trying to hinder the advance of Black's

f-pawn, but creating further and eventually fatal weaknesses in his pawn shield.

22...a6

Qg6 is also very strong.

23.h3 ♞f6

Black prepares for the f4 push.

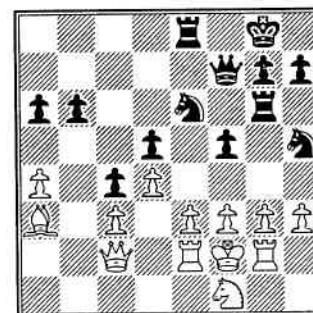
24.♞g2

Unexpected. Much better was Kh2.

24...♞g6 25.♞ee2

There was still time for Kh2.

25...♗e6 26.♗f2



Disaster strikes.. Kh2 had become essential to White's survival.

26...f4 27.g4

Activating the bishop was a possibility – 27.♗d6 fxe3+ 28.♞xe3 ♗xd4 29.cxd4 ♞xd6 30.♞xe8+ ♜xe8 is still winning for Black.

27...fxe3+

Finally realising the long-time threat on White's e3.

28.♞xe3 ♗ef4 29.♞h2 ♞xe3 30.♗xe3 ♗d3+ 31.♗g1 ♞e6 32.gxh5 ♞xe3 33.♞e2 ♗e1 34.♜b2 ♗xf3+ 35.♗f2 ♗d2+

Mate in two. 0-1

### Trophy tourney results

The 2000-2001 Trophy Tourneys are over, and four outright winners have been found: Allan Short (Championship), Jeff Rapp (Reserve Championship), Phil Coghini (TT2) and Rod Weston (TT3).

The last-named three had clear-cut wins, but the championship was very close with only half a point separating the first five finishers.

Short's early posted score of 7 points proved enough to head off a quartet comprising Peter Goffin, Gordon Hoskyn, Earl Roberts and Bob Smith.

Short now has two wins from two attempts. He also took out the previous year's Reserve Championship, by the same margin, half a point.

Approximately 15 unfinished games have gone to the adjudicator, I.C.M. Michael Freeman, roughly the same number as last year.

Progress scores in the 2000-01 Trophy Tourneys are (as at 12-04-01):

**67th NZCCA Championship:** A J Short 7/10; P B Goffin, G A Hoskyn, E N Roberts, R W Smith 6.5/10; T J Doyle 5/10; M L Dunwoody 4.5/9; P J Voss 3.5/10; P A R Vetharanim 3/9; H P Bennett 3/10; B W Millar, 2/10. Adjudication, 1. Latest results: GOFFIN beat Dunwoody, Vetharanim; drew Bennett. SMITH beat Goffin, Bennett. DOYLE beat Dunwoody, Smith; drew Roberts, Voss, Bennett, Millar. DUNWOODY drew Roberts. VETHARANIAM beat Voss, Bennett.

**Reserve Championship:** J C Rapp 9.5/10; E G A Frost 7.5/10; V J Smith 6/8; B J Edwards 5/9; D R Whitlock 4.5/9; K G Reed 4/7; B N Gloistein 3/8; D E Dolejs 2/8; C A Mold 2/10; B M Williams 1.5/8; G E Lovelock 1/5. Adjudications, 9.

**TT2:** P G Coghini 10/11; W Anderson, P C King 8/11; Z H Kingston 7/12; H Goeckel 6.5/11; A N Hignett 2/12; A Clark .5/12. Adjudications 2.

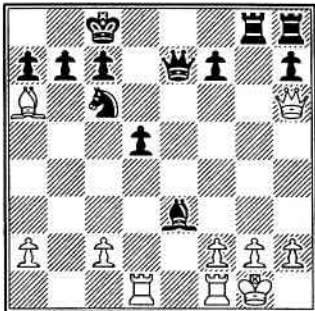
**TT3:** R J Weston 8/8; S M Cameron 6/7; P E Rossiter 5.5/7; S A Holdaway 4/7; A W Hendry 4/8; G H Mills 2.5/8; J A Clarke, L I Purvis 2/7; S R C Chowdhury 0/8. Adjudications 3.

## Games

McNabb, M – Wheeler, B

[C01] French Def, Exchange Var.  
Auckland CC Championship, 2000

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♖b4 4.exd5 exd5  
5.♟f3 ♗c6 6.♗e3 ♗f6 7.♗d3 ♟e7 8.♗ge2 ♗g4  
9.♟g3 ♗xe2 10.♗xe2 ♗e4 11.♟xg7 0-0-0  
12.0-0 ♗d8 13.♟h6 ♗xc3 14.bxc3 ♗xc3  
15.♗ad1 ♗xd4 16.♗a6 ♗xe3



17.♗xb7+

If 17.♟xc6 ♗xg2+ 18.♗xg2 ♟e4+ 19.f3  
♗g8+ 20.♗h1 ♗g1+ 21.♗xg1 ♟xf3+ 22.♗g2  
♟xd1+ 23.♗g1 ♟xg1#

17...♗xb7 18.♗b1+ ♖b6 0-1

Beach, P – Watson, B

[B47] Sicilian Def, Paulsen Var.  
Auckland CC Championship, 2000

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗c6  
5.♗c3 ♟c7 6.♗db5 ♟b8 7.a4 ♗f6 8.♗d3 ♗e7  
9.f4 d6 10.♗e3 0-0 11.0-0 b6 12.♟e2 ♗b7  
13.♗ae1 ♗b4 14.♗d4 d5 15.e5 ♗e4 16.♟h5  
♗c8 17.♗f3 g6 18.♟h3 ♗xc3 19.bxc3 ♗xd3  
20.cxd3 ♗f8 21.f5 exf5 22.e6 ♟c7 23.♗f4  
♟xc3 24.exf7+ ♗xf7 25.♟xh7+ ♗g7 26.♗e7+  
1-0

### Addition to female committee

NZCF Council has decided to co-opt Jacinta Buist, of Christchurch, to its Female Chess Committee, which is headed by Viv Smith.

## New Zealand news

### Papatoetoe

The clubs which have paid full affiliation fees for this year include Papatoetoe. This is a change of status, bringing Papatoetoe up to full affiliation from associate membership.

### Wanganui

The management team of Gordon Hoskyn as president (in his 10th year) and Kevin Yorston as secretary-treasurer (in his 9th year) remain at the helm of Wanganui CC. Other officers elected for this year are: Patron, Chas Ward; vice-presidents, Dave Cooper, Ted Frost, Prince Vetharaniam and Barry Williams; club captain, Allan Short; librarian, John Wilson; publicity officer, Gordon Hoskyn; financial reviewer, Nigel Hurley. The committee includes officers and David Bell, Rose Harris, Milan Palevich and Barry Williams.

John Wilson stepped down as club captain and Bill Maddren as librarian after several years' service.

### Wellington

Ross Jackson, who was instrumental in bringing together the Civic and Wellington Chess Clubs under one banner, has been elected president of the combined Wellington CC. John Gillespie, past president, has been elected secretary and Alan Winfield is treasurer. Paul Dunn has been elected club captain.

### Correspondence miniatures

The correct title of the book of correspondence miniatures which was reviewed in the February issue of New Zealand Chess is *Startling Correspondence Chess Miniatures* – an appropriate title for a volume recommended either for instruction or for browsing.

*Startling Correspondence Chess Miniatures* is available from New Zealand Chess Supplies at PO Box 42090, Wainuiomata, or by email at

chess.chesssupply@xtra.co.nz

## Oceania zonal championships

N.Z. champions Scott Wastney and Vivian Smith represented New Zealand in the Zone 3.2b Oceania zonal championships held on Australia's Gold Coast, and Stephen Lukey and Alan Dunn also played, as individual entrants.

Australia's IM Mikhail Gluzman 2400 and FM Mark Chapman 2338 finished equal first, and Gluzman won the play-off match to qualify for the FIDE World Championships. Mark Chapman gained the IM title, and Scott Wastney and Lee Jones gained the FM title.

Alan Dunn scored a noteworthy 5 points, but was unlucky because the tournament started with 21 players, which meant a bye in the previous round. This meant that he scored an excellent 4/8 from games played, including a win over Stephen Lukey, and 4.5 out of 9 played would have given him the FM title!

Ngan Phan-Koshnitsky won the Women's Zonal Championship and qualified for the World Women's Championship. She gained the WIM title. Vivian Smith scored 2.5 – all from draws.

Gluzman and Chapman finished on 7/9, and other scores were: 3-4, IM L.Sandler AUS 2400 and FM M.Rujevic AUS 2332, 6.0; 5 S.Wastney NZL 2276 5.5; 6-12 IM

6.0; 5 S.Wastney NZL 2276 5.5; 6-12 IM Z-Y.Zhao AUS 2390, IM V.Feldman AUS 2369, A.Allen AUS 2255, FM B.Tindall AUS 2225, K.Stead AUS 2135, A.Dunn NZL 2000, L.Jones AUS 2000, 5.0; 13-14 IM J-P.Wallace AUS 2388, B.Jones AUS 2215, 4.5.....S G Lukey NZL 2234 3.5.

Leaders of the women's event were: 1 N.Phan-Koshnitsky AUS 2156, 7.0/9; 2 IM I.Berezina-Feldman AUS 2295, 6.5; 3 WFM N.Szuveges AUS 2078, 4.5.

*Further report and games in next issue.*

### Man v Machine again

Brain Games plc have announced the signing of a contract with the state of Bahrain for a million-dollar prize fund plus a further million dollars in back-up for a Man v Machine Challenge in October. The main Bahrain figure involved is His Excellency Yousuf Shirawi, former Bahrain chess champion and member of the government.

The match will be between Vladimir Kramnik and Deep Fritz. Grandmaster Ray Keene will be Match Director and Enrique Irazoqui will be invited as chief arbiter.

Deep Fritz was chosen to play, after beating Deep Junior. They drew a 24-game match, and Deep Fritz won two playoff games.

## Coming events

NZ Chess has not received notification of any Queen's Birthday weekend events. Notice of Labour weekend or other events in the second half of the year should reach the editor by the first week in June (Saturday, June 9) for inclusion in the June issue. Confirmed events are:

**North Island Championship**, Hamilton, 9-14 July. Contact Hilton Bennett:

hiltonb@wave.co.nz

**South Island Championship**, Dunedin, 24-29 September. Contact Duncan Watts:

trewern@ihug.co.nz

**NZ Junior and Age Group Championships**, Auckland Chess Centre, 2-6 July. Contact Bruce Wheeler: prez@i4free.co.nz

**NZ Women's Championship**, Labour Weekend, venue still being finalised.

**2001-2002 N Z Championship Congress**, Christchurch, 28 December – 11 January. The NZ Championship will be an important factor in selecting the NZ Open team for next year's Olympiad in Slovenia.

## Council Corner

By NZCF President Bob Smith

### Junior Chess

Two other projects that Council has approved are under way, with information being sent to all clubs regarding the National Inter-schools Championship and the Girls Chess Week.

The Girls Week has been designated as 28 May to 1 June. During this school week selected clubs around the country have been asked to organise individual "girls only" tournaments. The idea is to encourage this under-represented group to play chess in a less threatening environment. Council is hopeful that this will draw out many more girls and boost the numbers in the NZ Junior Championship in July and the NZ Women's Championship, which is now scheduled for Labour Weekend.

The regional tournaments of the National Inter-Schools Championship are due to be run in the third school term. The success of this tournament depends largely on clubs being willing to run an inter-schools teams tournament in their area. I hope everyone will get behind this concept, which is a chance to get many more juniors involved in the game.

### New Workers

Council has co-opted several valuable people since the last issue of NZ Chess.

Canterbury Chess Club President Craig Hall has joined us as Canterbury Regional Councillor. IM Russell Dive has come on board the Planning Committee, while Paul Spiller has added his considerable expertise to the sponsorship committee.

### Ratings

Updated NZ ratings are to be posted monthly on the "NZ Chess" website - [our-world.compuserve.com/homepages/nzchess](http://our-world.compuserve.com/homepages/nzchess).

Tournament results can now be sent to Ratings Officer Daniel Johns by e-mail, providing they are in the correct format. Daniel's e-mail address is: [daniel@pharos.co.nz](mailto:daniel@pharos.co.nz)

### Tournament Venues

By the time you read this, the venue for the 109th NZ Chess Congress will be confirmed.

There are strong indications that it will be held in Christchurch this year.

The NZ Championship will be an important factor in selecting the NZ Open team for next year's Olympiad in Slovenia.

The North Island Championship has been confirmed for Hamilton, with the likely dates being 9-14 July. Contact Hilton Bennett [hiltonb@wave.co.nz](mailto:hiltonb@wave.co.nz)

As previously mentioned, the South Island Championship will be in Dunedin, probably from 24-29 September. Contact Duncan Watts [trewern@ihug.co.nz](mailto:trewern@ihug.co.nz)

The NZ Junior and Age Group Championships are at the Auckland Chess Centre, anticipated dates 2-6 July. Contact Bruce Wheeler [prez@i4free.co.nz](mailto:prez@i4free.co.nz)

And as mentioned the NZ Women's Championship will be held at Labour Weekend. The venue is still being finalised.

### Registrations, Affiliations

Clubs who have not returned their affiliation forms and fees are now late. Player registrations and fees are also overdue.

Please send these in urgently to: NZCF, P.O. Box 216 Shortland St Auckland.

Affiliation fees are \$40 for full members and \$30 for associates. The registration fees are \$13 for seniors and \$6.50 for juniors.

Remember, the more members we have the more chance we have to promote chess and to gain government and private backing.

### FIDE titles

NZCF has noted the absence of response from FIDE to applications for the Fide Master titles for Alexei Kulshko and Pauk Garbett. FIDE takes a long time to handle these matters, but in the April FIDE rating list Kulshko is listed as FM.

## 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) 308-3655.

**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.

**Kapiti** Wednesday, 7.30pm, Salvation Army Hall, Bluegum Road, Paraparaumu Beach. Contact, Guy Burns (04)904-2002.

**New Plymouth** 11 Gilbert St, New Plymouth. Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Pres, E Tuffery. Contact, Alan Jury, sec, 06 757-9090.

**North Shore** P.O. Box 33-587, Takapuna, Auckland 9. Wednesday 7.30pm, Northcote Community Centre, cnr College Rd/Ernie Mays St. Club captain, Peter Stuart (09)445-6377.

**Otago** 7 Maitland St, Dunedin. Monday 7.30pm (social chess only, coaching at 7pm), Wednesday 7.30pm. Contacts: Graham (president) (03)453-6472, Duncan Watts (secretary) (03)477-5226.

**Papatoetoe** Wednesday 7.30pm Papatoetoe RSA Bowling Club, Cambridge Tce, Papatoetoe. Postal address: c/- Katrine Metge, 21 Cambridge Tce, Papatoetoe. Contact John McRae 278-4520, Katrine Metge 278-7173.

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

**Waitemata** Thursday 7.45pm, Kelston Comm Centre, cnr Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd, Kelston; jun 6.15-7.15, Mondays, schooldays. Postal address: PO Box 21478, Henderson, Auckland 1008. Contact Bob or Viv Smith 817-2664; email: [bobviv@actrix.gen.nz](mailto:bobviv@actrix.gen.nz)

**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.

**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.

**Wellington District Chess Assn Inc**,