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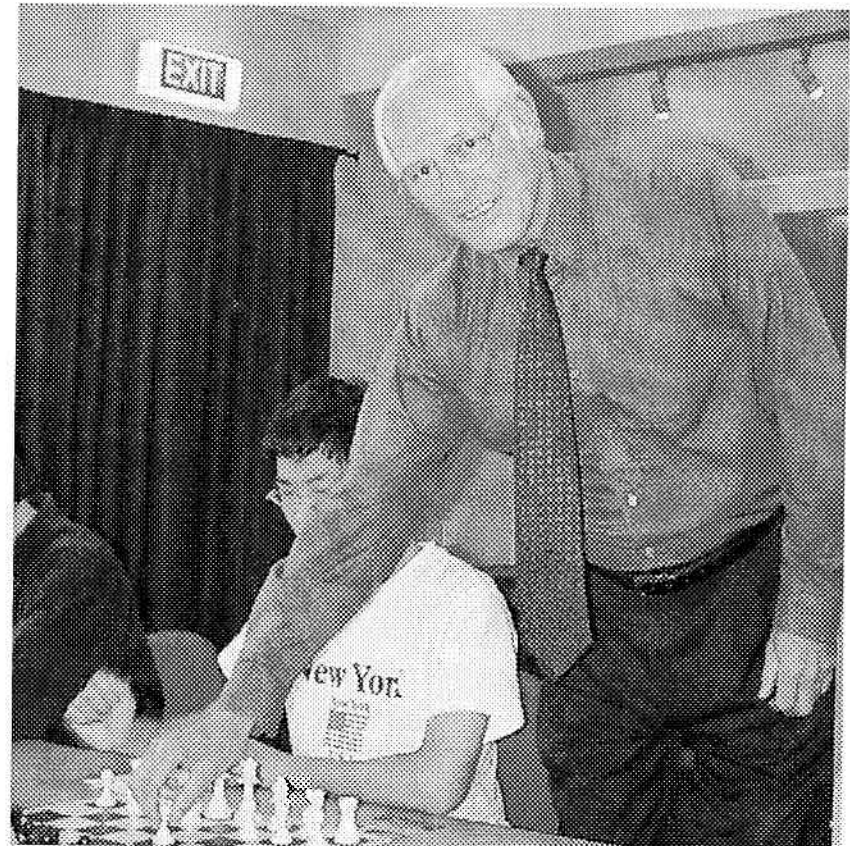
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Simultaneous record

An attempt on the world simultaneuous chess record was to be made on 27-28 February as part of a chess festival in Kalavrita, Greece. The attempt was bing made by WGM Anna-Maria Botsari. The record she was trying to break is held by the Chinese player, Ye, who managed 1004 chessboards! (1004, that's the figure).

Kasparov meets Karpov

The annual Linares tournament started late in February and in the fourth round Kasparov was drawn to meet Karpov. It was the first time they have met under regular tournament conditions in nearly 5 years - the last time was at Las Palmas, 1996. (Full report on the tournament, *NZ Chess* April).

COVER PICTURE: Sponsors are a valued part of most sporting scenes, and chess is no exception. Auckland clubs, in particular, have excellent relations with sponsors, and Waitemata CC has a close association with the Waitakere Licensing Trust. The trust gave strong support the 108th NZ Congress, and chess players were pleased to welcome the chairman of the trust, Ross Dallow, at the opening of the Congress. In our photograph Mr Dallow makes the first move, at the Congress, for Rong Wang.

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- 10 NZ-born GM Murray Chandler took time off from a New Zealand holiday to play in the Rapid Championship, and not surprisingly tied for first with Australian IM Sandler. As Murray remains a New Zealand citizen although living in Britain, he takes the title.
- 12 A pen-picture of our new national champion, and Scott Wastney has annotated a couple of his Congress games.
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- 21 Gordon Hoskyn updates correspondence play, and includes some international games played by top New Zealanders.
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NEXT ISSUE: Further round-by-round Congress reports and games; background piece on Ben Giles which was held over by pressure of space, a review of Averbakh's Selected Games by Jonathan Sarfati, plus usual overseas news and correspondence chess update and the latest from Council.

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108th New Zealand Chess Congress

by FM Bob Smith

The decision to organise a New Zealand Chess Congress was a natural progression for Waitemata Chess Club, following on from the success of our now well-established annual weekender, the Waitakere Licensing Trust Chess Open.

While we were aware that running the Congress would take a great deal of planning, preparation and energy, we were buoyed by the support of our sponsor, Waitakere Licensing Trust, and the availability of a first class venue, the Lincoln Green Motor Hotel in Waitakere City.

We had some concerns about the decrease in numbers at last year's Congress, and to try to reverse the trend we dropped the entry fees substantially, e.g. the Championship fee was dropped by a third, and the Major Open by nearly a third.

Whether that was the reason or not, numbers did rise significantly on last year with 11 more players in the Major Open and 16 more in the NZ Rapid.

While we did not have any Grandmasters in the NZ Championship, we did have visiting Australians International Master Leonid Sandler and FIDE Master Chris Depasquale.

Leonid's participation, combined with the entries of our local IM's Russell Dive and Anthony Ker, provided the possibility of an IM norm.

In fact the Championship field of 22 included most of New Zealand's top players – notable exceptions being Alexei Kulashko (relatives visiting) and myself (working and organising the tournament).

A welcome visitor to the NZ Rapid Championship was New Zealand-born Grandmaster, Murray Chandler, who agreed to compete while on a visit home.

More on that later, but first the main event – the 108th New Zealand Championship.

After a welcoming address by myself as Organiser, the Congress was officially opened by the Chairman of the Waitakere

Licensing Trust, Ross Dallow, who made the first move for Rong Wang on board one of the Championship – and then battle commenced.

Comments

Chris Depasquale was a deserving winner, losing just one game and playing some impressive fighting chess throughout. Congratulations are due to him on making an International Master Norm.

In second place, Scott Wastney was an equally deserving winner of the New Zealand title. Scott's play showed yet another marked improvement, and he was the steadiest of the Kiwis.

In third place, visiting Australian IM Leonid Sandler played very soundly and solidly, but couldn't quite get the wins he needed. Nevertheless, he could still have won the tournament except for the loss to Depasquale in round two.

Paul Garbett and Leonard McLaren also performed well. As usual Garbett punished those below him mercilessly, but couldn't hold the crucial game against Depasquale and would be regretting the missed win against Wang.

McLaren proved that he can be just as dangerous in a long tournament as he invariably is in weekenders.

Dive would be disappointed with his sixth placing, but he did play some good chess and may have done better except for a tendency to get into time trouble. He did, however, benefit from a gift point against Hart. Ker finished in seventh place – a testament to his fighting abilities.

With two points after five rounds and most of the top players still to come, Anthony looked as if he could be heading for disaster. But a determined finish saw him climb back to a respectable final placing.

Nicholas Croad also finished on six points, and would be well pleased with his performance in his first Championship. Nick

showed that he has a great deal of potential – in this tournament he played two IM's, beating one and drawing with the other.

Of the other players, Peter Green seemed a little below par, but finished on a solid 50%, Ralph Hart took some time to recover from the shock of his blunder against Dive, while Bruce Wheeler and John Robinson scored some good wins and should be relatively happy with their Championship debuts.

Nigel Metge and Antonio Krstev achieved some excellent positions, but did not get the points that they deserved.

Round by round

Round 1

R. Wang 0.5 0.5 D. Guthrie
N. Metge 0–1 L. Sandler
A. Ker 1–0 G. Spain
B. Wheeler 0–1 R. Dive
P. Garbett 1–0 M. Barlow
M. McNabb 0–1 C. Depasquale
L. McLaren 1–0 A. Krstev
D. Elliott 0–1 S. Wastney
P. Green 0–1 J. Robinson
M. Van der Hoorn 1–0 T. Hare
R. Hart 0.5 0.5 N. Croad

The upsets began early, with nominal top seed Rong Wang (2439 based on 5 games) only drawing with David Guthrie and Olympiad representative Peter Green faring even worse, losing to Championship tyro John

Robinson. Most of the other games went as expected.

Green,P – Robinson,J

[A42]

R 1 108th Championship New Zealand

1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♘g7 3.♗c3 d6 4.e4 ♗c6 5.♗e3 e5 6.♗ge2 exd4 7.♗xd4 ♗ge7 8.♗e2 0–0 9.0–0 f5 10.exf5 ♗xd4 11.♗xd4 ♗xf5 12.♗e3 ♗xe3 13.fxe3 ♗xf1+ 14.♗xf1 ♗e6 15.♗f4 ♗e7 16.♗f1 ♗e8 17.b3 ♗e5 18.c5 ♗f7 19.♗f3 dxc5 20.♗xb7 ♗d6 21.♗d5 ♗f5 22.g4 ♗g7 23.e4 ♗d7 24.♗d1 ♗f8 25.♗g3 c6 26.♗c4 ♗f7 27.♗f1 ♗e7 28.♗xf8+ ♗xf8 29.♗g2 ♗xc4 30.bxc4 ♗e6 31.h4 ♗f6 32.e5 ♗f4+ 33.♗f3 ♗xe5 34.♗xf4 ♗xc3+ 35.♗e3 ♗xc4 36.♗e8+ ♗g7 37.♗e7+ ♗f7+ 0–1

Round 2

L. Sandler 0–1 C. Depasquale
S. Wastney 1–0 A. Ker
R. Dive 0.5 L. McLaren
J. Robinson 0–1 P. Garbett
M. Van der Hoorn 1–0 R. Wang
D. Guthrie 0–1 R. Hart
N. Croad 0.5 P. Green
T. Hare 0–1 default M.McNabb
M. Barlow 0.5 N. Metge
G. Spain 0.5 D. Elliott
A. Krstev 0–1 B. Wheeler

Wang's misfortune's continued at the hands of Mark Van der Hoorn, who combined very nicely to win material. Green could only draw with the nominal bottom seed, Nick Croad, who was only playing in his first Championship by special exemption granted by NZCF Council.

One of the most interesting clashes was Sandler against Depasquale. Both had a point to prove: Sandler because he was selected for the Australian Olympiad team, and Depasquale because he wasn't. In the event, Depasquale had the moral victory in a well-played game.

Wastney showed signs of things to come with a surprising victory over Ker.

The most upsetting result of the round was

The NZ Major Open

The Major Open was hard fought throughout, with 36 players competing.

South Island Champion Ben Giles pulled away in the final rounds to win with 9/11 Runner-up on 8 was Auckland Phil Philip Hair, with Alan Winfield from Wellington and German visitor Jonas Blinn next on 7.5.

Ten year old Puchen Wang again showed his potential by scoring 7 points and sharing the first grade prize.

More on the Major Open in the April issue – including a selection of games.

108TH NEW ZEALAND CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

| Name | Rtg | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 | R11 | PI |
|--------------------|------|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----|
| 1 C. Depasquale FM | 2309 | b18 | 2 b3 | 3 w15 | 3.5 b6 | 4.5 w4 | 5.5 w5 | 5.5 b2 | 6 b7 | 7 b11 | 8 w8 | 8.5 b9 | 1 |
| 2 S. Wastney | 2210 | b17 | 2 w7 | 2.5 b4 | 3 w14 | 3 w6 | 4 b16 | 5 w1 | 5.5 b3 | 6 b5 | 7 w15 | 8 b13 | 2 |
| 3 L. Sandler IM | 2416 | b20 | 1 w1 | 1.5 b5 | 2.5 w15 | 3.5 b11 | 4.5 w6 | 5 b4 | 5.5 w2 | 6 b7 | 7 w13 | 8 b8 | 3 |
| 4 P. Garbett FM | 2351 | w19 | 2 b16 | 2.5 w2 | 3 b5 | 3 b1 | 4 w18 | 4.5 w3 | 5 b6 | 5.5 b9 | 6.5 w17 | 7.5 w14 | 4= |
| 5 L. McLaren | 2234 | w21 | 1.5 b6 | 2 w3 | 2.5 w4 | 3.5 b14 | 4.5 w10 | 5 b13 | 5.5 b13 | 6 w2 | 6.5 w7 | 7.5 b15 | 4= |
| 6 R. Dive IM | 2378 | b14 | 1.5 w5 | 2.5 b12 | 3 w1 | 4 b2 | 4 b3 | 5 w13 | 5.5 w4 | 5.5 b8 | 6.5 w18 | 7 b7 | 6 |
| 7 A. Ker IM | 2387 | w11 | 1 b2 | 1.5 w18 | 2 b13 | 2 b15 | 3 b19 | 4 w16 | 4.5 w1 | 5 w3 | 5.5 b5 | 6 w6 | 7 |
| 8 N. Croad | 1878 | b12 | 1 w10 | 1 b14 | 2 b19 | 2 w13 | 3 w20 | 4 b9 | 4.5 w18 | 5.5 w6 | 5.5 b1 | 6 w3 | 8 |
| 9 R. Wang | 2439 | w13 | 0.5 b15 | 1.5 w16 | 1.5 b11 | 2.5 w17 | 3 b14 | 3 w8 | 4 b21 | 4.5 w4 | 5 b10 | 5.5 w1 | 9 |
| 10 P. Green NM | 2199 | w16 | 0 b8 | 1 w19 | 2 b20 | 2.5 w18 | 3.5 w11 | 3.5 b5 | 4 b14 | 4 w15 | 4.5 w9 | 5.5 b21 | 10= |
| 11 G. Spain | 2097 | b7 | 0 w17 | 1.5 b20 | 2.5 w9 | 2.5 w3 | 2.5 b10 | 3.5 b15 | 4.5 w12 | 4.5 w1 | 4.5 b21 | 5.5 bye | 10= |
| 12 R. Hart | 2120 | w8 | 1.5 b13 | 1.5 w6 | 1.5 b18 | 1.5 w16 | 2.5 bye | 3 b17 | 3 b11 | 4 w21 | 4.5 b20 | 5.5 w19 | 12 |
| 13 D. Guthrie | 2113 | b9 | 0.5 w12 | 1.5 b17 | 2 w7 | 3 b8 | 4 w15 | 4 b6 | 4 w5 | 5 w14 | 5 b3 | 5 w2 | 13 |
| 14 B. Wheeler | 2094 | w6 | 0 b21 | 2 w8 | 2.5 b2 | 2.5 w5 | 3 w9 | 3.5 b18 | 4 w10 | 4 b13 | 5 bye | 5 b4 | 14 |

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|---------------------|------|-----|--------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|
| 15 M. Van der Hoorn | 1973 | w22 | 2 w9 | 2 b1 | 2 b3 | 3 w7 | 3 b13 | 3 w11 | 4 bye | 5 b10 | 5 b2 | 5 w5 | 15 |
| 16 J. Robinson | 2007 | b10 | 1 w4 | 1 b9 | 2 w21 | 3 b12 | 3 w2 | 3 b7 | 3 w20 | 4 bye | 4.5 b19 | 5 b17 | 16 |
| 17 D. Elliot | 2024 | w2 | 0 b11 | 0.5 w13 | 1.5 bye | 1.5 b9 | 2.5 w21 | 3 w12 | 3.5 b19 | 4.5 b20 | 4.5 b4 | 5 w16 | 17 |
| 18 M. McNabb | 2062 | w1 | 0 df22 | 1 b7 | 2.5 w12 | 3 b10 | 3 b4 | 3.5 w14 | 4 b8 | 4.5 w19 | 4.5 b6 | 4.5 w20 | 18 |
| 19 M. Barlow | 2065 | b4 | 0 w20 | 1 b10 | 1 w8 | 2 b21 | 2 b7 | 3 bye | 3.5 w17 | 4 b18 | 4.5 w16 | 4.5 b12 | 19 |
| 20 N. Metge | 2102 | w3 | 0 b19 | 0.5 w11 | 0.5 w10 | 1.5 bye | 1.5 b8 | 1.5 b21 | 2.5 b16 | 2.5 w17 | 3 w12 | 4 b18 | 20 |
| 21 A. Krstev | 2029 | b5 | 0 w14 | 1 bye | 1 b16 | 1 w19 | 1 b17 | 2 w20 | 2 w9 | 2 b12 | 3 w11 | 3 w10 | 21 |
| 22 T. Hare | 2135 | b15 | 0 df18 | WITHDRAWN | | | | | | | | | |

Tim Hare's default loss to Matthew McNabb and subsequent withdrawal for personal reasons. This left the tournament with a highly undesirable bye, but after two rounds of play neither the organisers nor the NZCF President could see any way round it.

Wastney, S - Ker, A [A41] Modern Def.

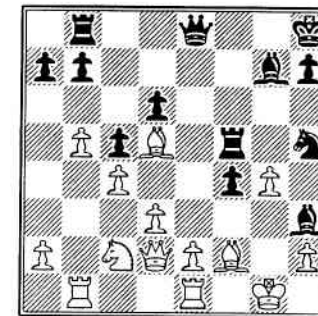
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1. d3 d6 2. d4 g4 3. c4 xxf3 4. exf3 g6
5. e3 g7 6. c3 f6 7. d5 0-0 8. e2 c6
9. 0-0 cxd5 10. xd5 c6 11. b1 d7 12. d2
f8 13. f1 d5 14. cxd5 e5 15. b3 a6
16. b1 xc1 17. xc1 e8 18. g5 f8
19. e3 f6 20. xc1 d8 21. b4 d7
22. e3 f6 23. c4 d7 24. d3 e8 25. b6
a4 26. g3 d1+ 27. g2 d2 28. b5 a5
29. e3 d1 30. b6 e6 31. dx6 fx6 32. c2
d5 33. c8 e7 34. b3 f5 35. xb7+ f8
36. e4 xe4 37. fx4 d5 38. b7 e5 39. f4
1-0

Sandler, L - Depasquale, C

[A10] Var. of Dutch and Indian systems
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1. c4 f5 2. c3 f6 3. g3 g6 4. g2 g7 5. f3
0-0 6. 0-0 c6 7. d3 d6 8. b1 h5 9. c2 e5
10. b4 d7 11. b5 c5 12. g5 d6 13. d2 e8
14. e1 b8 15. e2 h8 16. d5 xd5
17. xd5 f4 18. gxf4 exf4 19. f3 h3 20. fe1
f5 21. h4 g5 22. f2 g4 23. fxg4



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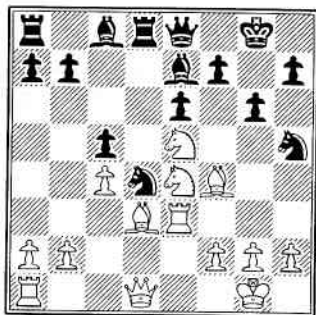
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 ♖xd3 47.a6 ♖b4 48.♞dc7 ♖d5 49.♞cb7 c4
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 60.♖e4 ♞a5 61.♞c8 ♞h5 62.♞c2 ♖e6 63.♖f4
 d5 64.♖g4 ♞h8 65.♞e2+ ♖d6 66.h4 d4 67.h5
 ♖d5 68.♖g5 d3 69.♞h2 d2 70.♞h1 ♖c4 71.h6
 ♖d3 72.♖g6 ♖c2 73.♖g7 ♕c3+ 0-1

Van der Hoorn,M – Wang,R

[B22] Sicilian Def, Alapin Var.

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1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♗xd5 4.d4 ♖f6 5.♖f3
 e6 6.♕d3 ♖c6 7.0-0 ♕e7 8.♞e1 0-0 9.♖f4
 ♞d8 10.c4 ♗d7 11.♖c3 ♖xd4 12.♖e5 ♗e8
 13.♞e3 g6 14.♖e4 ♖h5?



15.♗xh5! g5 16.♞g3+ ♕g5

16...♖h8 17.♖xf7+ ♗xf7 18.♕e5+ ♖f6
 19.♕xf6+ ♗xf6 20.♖xf6+-.

17.♕xg5 ♖f8 18.♖f6 ♗a4 19.♖xh7+ ♖e8
 20.♖f6 1-0

Round Three

Garbett 0.5 Wastney
 Depasquale 1-0 Van Der Hoorn
 Hart 0-1 Dive
 McLaren 0.5 Sandler
 Ker 0.5 McNabb
 Wheeler 1-0 Croad

Wang 1-0 Robinson
 P. Green 0.5 Barlow
 Elliot 0-1 Guthrie
 Metge 0-1 Spain
 Krstev Bye

Depasquale took the sole lead with a comfortable win over Van der Hoorn, while Dive and Hart provided the drama. Dive reached a lost position after being outplayed and was also in terrible time trouble. He made the first control by two seconds, with Hart still having three and a half minutes in hand. Rather than slow down and think after the control, Hart bashed out his 41st move .. and blundered the exchange. This had the drastic effect of changing the game from a winning ending to a lost one – which Dive duly converted. Wastney meanwhile drew with Garbett to stay just half a point behind the leader, while McLaren continued his good form with a draw against Sandler.

Wheeler,B – Croad,N

[C52] Evans Gambit

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1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 ♖c6 3.♕c4 ♕c5 4.b4 ♕xb4 5.c3
 ♕a5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 ♖ge7 8.♕a3 ♖b6 9.exd4
 d5 10.exd5 ♖xd5 11.♕xd5 ♗xd5 12.♖c3 ♗a5
 13.♗b3 ♖xd4 14.♞fe1+ ♕e6 15.♞xc6+ ♖xe6
 16.♗xe6+ ♖d8 17.♖xd4 ♗xc3 18.♖xc6+ 1-0

Round Four

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

Depasquale was slowed down by a draw with Dive, but no-one else could catch up. Garbett drew with McLaren, while Wastney could make no ground against Bruce

Wheeler.

Sandler came back into the frame with a win over Van der Hoorn. Hart was unrecognisable against McNabb after snatching defeat from the jaws of victory against Dive.

Sandler,L – Van der Hoorn,M

[E66] King's Indian Def, Fianchetto Var.

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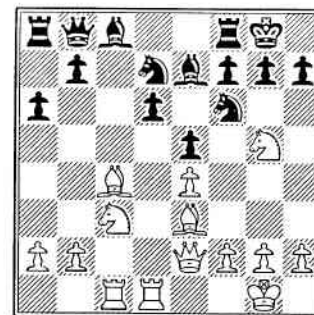
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 10.♗c2 ♞b8 11.b3 b5 12.♖b2 bxc4 13.bxc4
 e6 14.e4 exd5 15.exd5 ♖g4 16.♞ab1 ♖5 17.h3
 ♖c5 18.exf5 ♕xf5 19.♖ce4 ♗d7 20.♖h2 ♗c7
 21.f4 ♖cc4 22.♕xg7 ♖c3 23.♗c3 ♖xf1+
 24.♞xf1 ♗xg7 25.♗xa5 ♞b2 26.♖xd6 ♗d4
 27.♖6c4 ♞c2 28.♞c1 ♗f2 29.♞c7 ♞c1 30.♖f3
 ♞xc4 31.♗c7 ♞b2 32.♞c5 1-0

Spain,G – Wang,R

[B21] Sicilian Def, Morra Gambit

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1.e4 c5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.♖xc3 e6 5.♕c4
 d6 6.♖f3 ♕e7 7.0-0 ♖f6 8.♗e2 a6 9.♞d1 ♗c7
 10.♖f4 c5 11.♕c3 ♖bd7 12.♞ae1 ♗b8 13.♖g5
 0-0



14.♕xf7+ ♞f7 15.♗c4 d5 16.♖xd5 ♖xd5
 17.♖xf7 ♖xf7 18.♗xd5+ ♖f8 19.♞xc8+ ♗xc8
 20.♗xd7 ♗c2 21.♞c1 ♗xb2 22.♞c7 ♗b1+
 23.♕c1 ♗b4 24.h3 ♗d6 25.♗xd6 ♕xd6
 26.♞xb7 ♞c8 27.♕e3 ♕c5 28.♕xc5+ ♞xc5
 29.♞b2 ♞c4 30.f3 a5 31.♖f2 ♖f7 32.♖e2 ♖f6
 33.♖d3 ♞d4+ 34.♖c3 h5 35.h4 ♞d1 36.♞b6+
 ♖f7 37.♞b2 ♞d4 38.♞b5 ♖f6 39.♞xa5 ♞d1

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40.♞a6+ ♖f7 41.♞a5 ♖f6 42.♞d5 ♞c1+
 43.♖b2 ♞h1 44.a4 ♞xh4 45.a5 ♞f4 46.a6 ♖e6
 47.a7 ♞f8 48.♞a5 ♞a8 49.♖c3 ♖d6 50.♖c4
 ♖c6 51.♞a6+ ♖b7 52.♖b5 g5 53.♞b6+ ♖c7
 54.♖a6 g4 55.fxg4 hxg4 56.♞b8 1-0

McNabb,M – Hart,R

[C02] French Def, Advance Var.

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 f6 4.♕d3 ♖xe5 5.♗h5+
 ♖d7 6.♖f3 ♖c6 7.♖b5 ♕d6 8.dxe5 ♕c5 9.c4
 ♖ge7 10.♖c3 a6 11.exd5 axb5 12.dxe6+
 ♖xe6 13.♖g5+ ♖d7 14.e6+ ♖d6 15.♖f7+ 1-0

Robinson,J – Krstev,A

[A08] Barcza System

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1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.♖d2 c5 4.♖gf3 ♖c6 5.g3
 ♕d6 6.♕g2 ♖ge7 7.0-0 ♗c7 8.♞e1 ♕d7 9.c3
 0-0-0 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 f6 12.e5 ♖xc5
 13.dxe5 ♖xe5 14.♖xe5 ♕xe5 15.♖f3 ♕d6
 16.♖g5 c5 17.♖f7 h5 18.♖xd8 ♗xd8 19.♕g5
 ♕c6 20.♞c1 c4 21.a3 ♖b8 22.♗d2 h4 23.♖f4
 ♖f5 24.♕d6+ ♗xd6 25.♗g5 g6 26.♞cd1 ♞h5
 27.♗g4 ♕d7 28.♕xe4 hxg3 29.hxg3 ♖d4
 30.♗f4 ♗xf4 31.gxf4 ♕g4 32.♞xd4 dxe4
 33.♖g2 ♖f3+ 34.♖g3 g5 35.fxg5 ♞xg5+
 36.♖f4 ♞g2 37.♖c3 a5 38.♞c1 ♖a7 39.♞d7
 ♞g6 40.♞c5 ♖a6 41.♞dd5 b6 42.♞c7 ♞g1
 43.♞d2 ♖b5 44.♞c3 ♞e1+ 45.♖f4 ♖a4
 46.♞d4+ ♖b5 47.a4+ ♖a6 48.♞c7 ♞d1
 49.♞xd1 ♕xd1 50.♞c4 ♖f3 51.♞xe4 ♕xe4
 52.♖xe4 b5 53.♖d4 bxa4 54.♖c5 a3 55.bxa3
 a4 56.♖b4 1-0

Round Five

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

Depasquale scored a key win over Garbett, while Sandler demonstrated how to deal with Spain's Morra Gambit. Wastney was outplayed by Dive, who was making the most of his earlier good fortune. The upset of the round was Ker's loss to Van der Hoorn.

Depasquale, C – Garbett, P

[A45] QP Opening, Trompowski Var.
R 5 108th Championship New Zealand

1.d4 e2f6 2.g5 e6 3.e4 h6 4.0xf6 5.c3 d6 6.0d3 e5 7.e2 e2c6 8.0-0 g5 9.a3 0d7 10.d5 e2b8 11.0b3 b6 12.e2g3 13.e2c4 14.e2c3 h5 15.0d1 g4 16.e2g5 17.g3 a6 18.0e2 19.0ae1 20.e2xe3 21.h4 gxh3 22.0xh5 h2+ 23.0xh2 24.e2g2 25.e2h4 26.f3 27.0g2 28.e2f5 29.e2c3 30.0c2 0-0-0 31.b4 e2d7 32.f2 33.0h1 e2f6 34.0xh8 35.0h1 36.0h3+ 37.0h4

NZ Rapid Championship

As mentioned, the Rapid Championship featured New Zealand-born Grandmaster Murray Chandler. A good field of 53 players competed, including newly crowned New Zealand Champion, Scott Wastney.

Chandler and IM Sandler dominated the event, although both had to work hard. They scored 8/9 to tie for first, but both commented later that New Zealand players appear to be somewhat under-rated. Anthony Ker bounced back from a relatively disappointing showing in the New Zealand Championship to head the resident Kiwis with 7, with Matthew Barlow in fourth place half a point further back.

Unfortunately for Anthony the rules state that a player has to be resident or have New Zealand citizenship to win the trophy, so Chandler (who remains a New Zealand citizen), took the title.

Incidentally Murray, who stayed two nights at the venue, commented very favourably on the facilities and the playing conditions.

The April issue will have more on the Rapid, plus some games.

0xh4 38.0xh4 b5 39.0h1 e2d7 40.a4 e2b6 41.axb5 axb5 42.0d3 c6 43.dxc6+ 44.0a1 d5 45.exd5+ e2c3 46.0xb5+ 47.0a5+ e2c6 48.0c5+ e2d6 49.0xd5+ e2e6 50.c4 0b8 51.c5 0b1 52.0d6+ e2e7 53.e2d5+ e2e8 54.b5 0a2 55.c6 1-0

Spain, G – Sandler, L

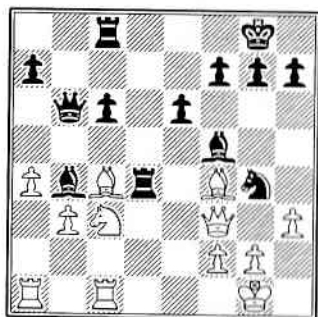
[B21] Sicilian Def, Morra Gambit
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1.e4 e5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.0xc3 e6 5.0c4 0c5 6.e2f3 e2e7 7.0f4 a6 8.e5 b5 9.0d3 e2g6 10.0g3 0b7 11.0-0 0-0 12.e2e4 13.0c1 0d5 14.0b1 e2c6 15.a3 16.0e8 17.0f1 f5 17.exf6 18.0d2 e2e7 19.0xf6+ 20.0xc8 21.e2e5 22.0xe5 23.0c1 0c6 24.0c3 0b7 25.0c2 e2g6 26.0d6 27.0g3 28.0b4 29.f3 30.0c3 0b6+ 31.0f2 0xf2+ 32.0xf2 33.0h3 0g8 34.0g3 0f7 35.0h3 0f8 36.0xh7 37.0b4 38.0g3 39.0h4 40.axb4 41.0xg6 42.0d4 e2e7 43.0d2 0f6 44.0f2 e2d5 45.0b2 e5 46.h4 47.0b1 e4 48.g3 e2d5 49.fxe4 e2c3 50.0g1 51.0a1 0b7 52.0a3 e2e4+ 53.0e3 54.0d4 e2f5+ 55.0c5 e2xh4 56.0b6 57.0xa6 e2g6 58.0c5 e2e5 59.0d6 0f5 60.0b6 e2c4+ 0-1

Wastney, S – Dive, R

[D17] Queen's Gambit, Slav Def.
R 5 108th Championship New Zealand

1.e2f3 d5 2.d4 e2f6 3.c4 c6 4.e2c3 dxc4 5.a4 6.e2e5 c5 7.e3 e2c6 8.e2xc6 bxc6 9.0xc4 cxd4 10.exd4 e6 11.0-0 0e7 12.0e1 0-0 13.0f4 0b6 14.b3 15.0fd8 16.0e5 17.0f3 18.0e4 19.h3



19...0xf4! 20.0xf4 e2xf2 21.0h2 0c5 22.0f1 0d8 23.g3 e2xh3 24.0f3 0d2+ 25.e2e2 g5 26.0f4 0c3 27.0e5 h6 28.0a6 0d8 0-1

Van der Hoorn, M – Ker, A

[B07] Pirc Defence
R 5 108th Championship New Zealand

1.e4 d6 2.d4 e2f6 3.e2c3 g6 4.0e3 c6 5.0d2 e2bd7 6.e2f3 b5 7.0d3 a6 8.e5 e2d5 9.exd6 10.0xe3 e6 11.e2e4 0g7 12.0f4 f5 13.e2c5 e2xc5 14.dxc5 0xb2 15.0d1 0c3+ 16.0f1 0f6 17.a4 0d7 18.h4 0-0 19.axb5 axb5 20.h5 e5 21.0c4+ 0g7 22.0e3 0d4 23.e2xd4 e2xd4 24.h6+ 0h8 25.0e7 0xe7 26.dxe7 0fe8 27.0b3 f4 28.0e1 0f5 29.0f7 0xc2 30.0xe8 0xe8 31.0e5 0g8 32.0e1 0f7 33.0d2 0f5 34.0a1 0f6 35.0e1 b4 36.0a6 0e6 37.0xc6 0xe7 38.0b6 b3 39.0d3 0f5 40.0xd4 0d7+ 41.0d6 0xd6+ 42.cxd6 0f6 43.0c3 0f7 44.0a1 1-0

Round Six

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

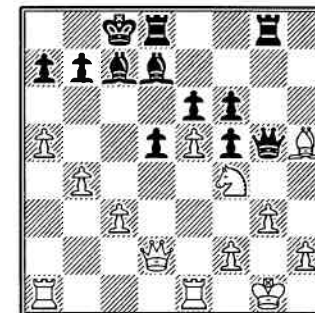
Depasquale marched on with a good win over McLaren. Sandler dealt another blow to Dive's Alekhine's Defence. Wastney and Garbett both bounced back with wins over Robinson and McNabb.

Depasquale, C – McLaren, L

[D00] Q P Game
R 6 108th Championship New Zealand

1.d4 e2f6 2.g5 d5 3.0xf6 gxf6 4.e3 c5 5.c3 e6 6.e2d2 e2c6 7.0d3 f5 8.e2e2 cxd4 9.exd4 0d6 10.0-0 0d7 11.e2f3 0f6 12.0d2 0g8

13.0fe1 0g7 14.g3 0-0-0 15.e2f4 0g4 16.e2e5 e2xe5 17.dxe5 0c5 18.b4 0b6 19.a4 h5 20.0e2 0g5 21.0xh5 f6 22.a5 0c7



23.0d4 fxe5 24.0xa7 e2xf4 25.0a8+ 0b8 26.a6 0c6 27.b5 fxe3 28.hxe3 0d7 29.bxc6+ bxc6 30.0b7+ 0c7 31.0f7 0b8 32.0a7 0a8 33.0xe6+ 0d6 34.0d4 f4 35.0xg8 0xg8 36.a7 fxe3 37.f4 0h6 38.0e5+ 0c5 39.0e3+ 0c4 40.0d4+ 0b3 41.0ab1+ 0c2 42.0ec1# 1-0

Sandler, L – Dive, R

[B04] Alekhine's Def, Modern Var.
R 6 108th Championship New Zealand

1.e4 e2f6 2.e5 e2d5 3.d4 d6 4.e2f3 e2b6 5.0e2 g6 6.0-0 0g7 7.exd6 cxd6 8.h3 0-0 9.a4 a5 10.e2c3 e2c6 11.0g5 h6 12.0e3 d5 13.e2b5 0f5 14.0f4 0c8 15.c3 0h7 16.0e1 0d7 17.0f1 0fe8 18.e2h4 e5 19.dxe5 e2xc5 20.e2xf5 0xf5 21.0g3 0d7 22.b3 e2c6 23.0d2 0xe1 24.0xe1 0e8 25.0d1 0c8 26.0e2 0e6 27.0f3 e2e7 28.0e1 0d7 29.0e5 e2f5 30.0xg7 0xg7 31.0g4 0e8 32.0xe8 0xe8 33.0xf5 1-0

Games from the other rounds and a report and games from the Major Open, in next issue.

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Scott Wastney, N.Z. champion

Scott Wastney's score of 6/9 at the Istanbul Olympiad late last year, although he was on board 6, threw out a strong indication of continuing improvement in his play. He confirmed that the rising trend continues with his achievement at the Auckland Congress.

To win his first New Zealand title, Scott beat the tournament winner (FM Depasquale), drew with IM Sandler, beat IM Anthony Ker, drew with FM Paul Garbett, and suffered his only loss to IM Russell Dive – an impressive result against the recognised players with titles and ratings of 2300+. Scott was seeded at a FIDE rating of 2210

NZ Lightning Championship

Although an unofficial tournament, this event attracted great interest when the organisers moved it from its usual New Year's Eve slot to the second rest day, 6 January.

It attracted 35 players in all – at least 20 more than it usually did on New Years Eve.

The field was exceptionally strong, featuring two IM's and most of New Zealand's top players, including last year's New Zealand Champion, Alexei Kulashko.

The players were divided into seeded groups, with the top two from each group qualifying for a round robin final.

The strength of the field can be judged by the fact that Championship players Croad and Van der Hoorn did not qualify, and nor did FM Bruce Watson.

In the event FM Kulashko and IM Sandler tied for first with 7.5/9, followed by Ker and McNabb on 5.5. The other finalists were: R. Hart and R. Cil (Argentinian visitor) 4.5, R. Smith 4, R. Dive 3.5, L. McLaren 1.5 and A. Krstev 1.

The remaining players (25) played a nine round swiss tournament, which was won jointly by Watson and Van der Hoorn with 7/9. Close behind were Croad and 10 year old Puchen Wang on 6.5.

for the championship, but a hefty rise is assured.

Scott's older brother, Simon, taught him to play chess when he was about 8 or 9, and Scott remembers that they only had a small red and black magnetic set with half the pieces missing. He was 11 when he played his first tournament – 'the prestigious Golden Bay High School form 1 competition' – which he won. He was enthusiastic after this early success, but lacked competition for the next two years.

He made up for that by making sure his mother bought the *Listener* every week so he could read Murray Chandler's chess column.

When his parents moved to Nelson, Scott (then 13) joined the Nelson Chess Club, but hardly played during his senior school years and first year at university.

At 19, Scott took up chess again in the Canterbury Chess Club, with a New Zealand rating of about 1550. Since then he has played and improved steadily (and says "hopefully this can continue").

Tournament successes

Some of Scott's tournament successes include:

Under 2200 tournament of the World Open (Philadelphia, 1997), 2nd with 7.5/9.

First (and only) win against a GM (R. Vera from Cuba) in a rapid tournament in Madrid, 1998.

Best individual score in the London League 1st Division, 1999, with 9.5/10. He was in the Wood Green team which finished first.

Scored 8/11 for Wood Green 2 in the Four Nations Chess League 1999 (2nd Division) in 1999. The team finished 2nd and won promotion to the 1st division the following year.

Scott has annotated two of his games from the recent Congress for *NZ Chess*. These notes, particularly for the last-round game against David Guthrie, reveal some of the care and depth of analysis required to reach

championship standard.

Sandler, L (2415) – Wastney, S (2215)

[A16] English Opening

R 8, 108th NZ Championship

Notes by Scott Wastney

1.c4 ♖f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.♗c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♖xd5 5.♣a4+ ♗d7 6.♣h4 ♖xc3 7.dxc3 ♗c6 8.e4 e5 9.♙g5 ♗e7 10.♗c4 h6 11.♗xe7 ♣xe7 12.♣g3 0-0-0 13.0-0 ♣hf8

Black's idea is to free up the Queen from the defence of f7, or if given the opportunity, to play f5. [13...g5 14.♣fd1 f6 15.♗d2 ♗e6 Kharitonov – Yandemirov, Moscow 1994 (drawn in 38 moves) 13...♣f6 14.♣ad1 ♣he8 15.♗d5 ♣e7 16.♗d2 ♣f7 17.♗c4 ♗g4?! (17...♣xg3 18.fxxg3 ♗e6 19.♣f6 ♗xd5 20.exd5 e4 and White's advantage is minimal according to Kramnik.) 18.♣d2 ♣ed7? 19.f3 ♣xg3 20.hxg3 ♗e6 21.♣fd1 Kramnik – Ivanchuk, Las Palmas 1996 (1-0 in 50 moves)].

14.♣fe1

14.♣ad1. White was worried about Black's activity after... 14...f5 15.♣xg6 ♣f6 16.♣h5 fxg4.

14...♣f6 15.♣ad1 ♣f4 16.♗d5 ♣xg3 17.hxg3

Kramnik's idea of taking with the f-pawn now makes no sense with the Rook on e1.

17...f6 18.♗d2 ♗e7 19.♗b3 ♗c6 20.f3 h5 21.♗f2 ♣h8 22.♣h1 g5 23.♗e3 h4 24.gxh4 gxh4 25.♗f7 ♗e8 26.♗b3 ♗c6 27.♗c4 ♗g6 28.♗a5 ♗f4 29.♖xc6 bxc6 30.♗f2 ♣xd1 31.♣xd1 ♣d8 32.♣xd8+ ♗xd8 33.♗c4 ♗h5 34.♗g1 ♗e7 35.♗h2 ♗f8 36.♗f1 ♗g3 37.♗a6 ♗h5 38.b4 ♗e7 39.♗h3 ♗f4+ 40.♗xh4 ♖xg2+ 41.♗g3 ♗f4 42.♗f2 ♗d6 43.♗c4 c5 44.b5 c6 45.bxc6 ♗xc6 46.♗g3 ♗d6 ½-½

Guthrie, D (2140) – Wastney, S (2215)

[D88] Grunfeld Def, Alekhine's Var.

R 11, 108th NZ Championship

Notes by Scott Wastney

1.d4

In last year's North Island Championship I met David in the final round when I was in

the joint lead. And I lost!

1...♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♖xd5 5.e4 ♖xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗c4

A surprise! The night before I had prepared thoroughly for both 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Rb1 and 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 lines against the Grunfeld, plus some lines I thought he might try against my Silician.

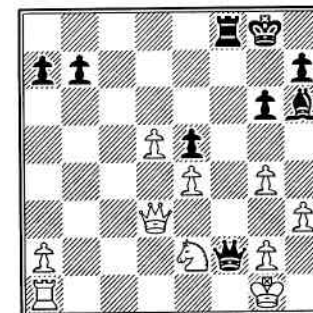
7...c5 8.♗e2 ♗c6 9.♗e3 0-0 10.0-0 ♗g4 11.f3 ♗a5 12.♣xf7+

The Seville variation, so named because Karpov used it against Kasparov in their 1987 World Championship match in the Spanish city Seville. Up until then this line was considered unpromising for White.

12...♣xf7 13.fxg4 ♣xf1+ 14.♗xf1 cxd4 15.cxd4 e5

This move was first introduced by Ivanchuk in 1989. At first sight it seems strange to allow White a protected passed pawn. But Black's pieces can become active "around" the pawn centre, and in the endgame he has chances with his 2 versus 1 Queen-side pawn majority.

16.d5 ♗c4 17.♣d3 ♖xc3+ 18.♣xe3 ♣h4 19.h3 ♗h6 20.♣d3 ♣f8+ 21.♗g1 ♣f2+



22.♗h2!?

After the game David told me this was the move he had prepared for me. Kramnik played 22.Kh1 here (1998 match versus Shirov). Scottish GM Jonathon Rowson wrote "22.Kh2!? may well be a significant improvement!" in his book "Understanding

the Grunfeld", 1998. However, Kramnik stuck with 22.Kh1 against Kasparov the following year. The King on h2 has the possibility of becoming active via g3. But there are drawbacks – for example Black has the resource of indirectly defending his e5 pawn due to the threat of a pin on the b8 – h2 diagonal. Since the theory of this line is based on the two Kramnik games mentioned above, I will digress for a moment to give these examples: 22.ϕh1 ♖e3 23.♗c4 (23.♗xe3 ♗xe3 24.♗d1 ♗/2 25.ϑg1 ϑ/7 Shirov thought for an hour on this move. Speelman, in his "The Independent" newspaper column praised this move (giving it an "!"). However Shirov in his video of the match called it a mistake and preferred 25.Rxa2 with the idea of giving up the Bishop for d-pawn while picking up the e4 pawn with the Rook. The resulting endgame, according to Shirov would be drawn. 26.♗d3 ♖b6 27.♗f3+ ϑe7 28.♗xf2 ♗xf2 29.ϑf3 ϑd6 30.g3 ♗xg3 31.ϑg2 ♗f4 32.ϑf2 ϑc5 33.ϑe2 b5 34.ϑd3 – Kramnik, Vladimir – Shirov, Alexey/WCC Cand final Cazor (3) 1998) 23...b5 24.♗xb5 ♗f2 25.♗e8+ ♗f8 26.♗c6+ ϑh8 27.d6 ♗xe2 28.♗xe5+ ♗g7 29.♗e8+ ♗f8 30.d7 ♗d3 31.e5 h6 32.e6 ϑh7 33.♗g1 ♗f3 34.♗b8 ♗xh3+ 35.gxh3 ♗c4+ – Kramnik, V. – Kasparov, G./Linares (11) 1999.

22...♗e3 23.♗xe3
23.♗c4 b5!

23...♗xe3 24.♗d1 ♗f2 25.ϑc3 ϑf8!

Last year I reached this position in a blitz game against former NZ Champion Roger Nokes. Later I spent several hours analysing this position and came to the conclusion that 25...Kf8 was Black's most accurate move.

26.ϑg3 ♗c2 27.♗d3

Simply retreating the Bishop to b6 transposes to lines I had considered at home and I had thought to be fine for Black. But now I was tempted with winning the a-pawn (for the cost of temporarily misplacing my pieces).

27...ϑd4!? 28.ϑb5 ♗f2+ 29.ϑh2!

Better than 29.Kf3 Bb6 when Black will gain a tempo returning his Rook to the f-file.

29...♗xa2 30.d6

In the post-mortem Leonid Sandler suggested 30.Rc3. [30.♗c3 ♗b2∞].

30...ϑb6

30...ϑe8!?

31.ϑc7 ♗f2 32.ϑc6+ ϑf7 33.ϑg5+ ϑe8
34.♗d5 ϑd7 35.ϑf3

Kramnik's original plan was to put pressure on the e5-pawn with Knight on f3 (via g1).

35...♗e2?

We had played the first 25 moves quickly, but now only 10 moves later, time was running short for both of us. 35...ϑd4 36.ϑxd4 exd4 37.♗xd4 ♗f8! Looks good for Black since White's King is cut off, and the Queen-side pawns are ready to advance.

36.ϑxe5+ ϑe6 37.ϑc4 ϑd8 38.♗d4 b5 39.ϑd2
ϑf6 40.♗d5

40.d7 ♗e5+! 41.ϑh1 (41.ϑg1 ♗xd4+--)
41...♗e1+--.

40...♗e5+ 41.ϑg1 ♗xd6 42.ϑb3??

As pointed out by Paul Garbett immediately after the game, White should play 42.ϑf1∞.

42...♗xe4 43.♗xb5 ♗b4!

Forcing the Rooks off to give a simple winning endgame. 43.Nc5+ loses to 43...Kd5 44.Rxb4 Bxc5+.

44.♗xb4 ♗xb4 45.ϑf2 a5 46.ϑe3 a4 47.ϑc1
ϑd5 48.ϑd3 a3 49.ϑa2 ♗c5 50.ϑc3+ ϑe5
51.ϑa2 ϑf4 52.ϑe2 ϑg3 53.ϑf1 ϑf4 54.ϑe2
ϑe4 55.ϑd2 ϑd5 56.ϑc1 ♖b4+ 57.ϑc2 ϑe4
58.h4 ♗e7 59.h5 g5 60.ϑc3 ϑf4 61.ϑd4 ϑxg4
62.ϑe5 ϑxh5 0-1

Overseas news

By NM Peter Stuart

FIDE World Championship

The Men's and Women's world championships were held in December with the preliminaries played in New Delhi and the two finals matches in Tehran. The event was played on a knock-out basis with matches of two standard time control games followed, in the case of a tie, by two rapid games (25 minutes per player plus 10 seconds per move), then another two rapid games (15 minutes per player plus 10 seconds per move). If a match was still tied then up to four sudden-death blitz games (White, 4 minutes plus 10 seconds per move; Black 5 minutes plus 10 seconds per move) would be played and if all four were drawn then one final blitz game would be played with White having 6 minutes and Black 5 minutes with Black having draw odds, i.e. White needs a win, Black only a draw. In the absence of Gary Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik the obvious favourite was Vishy Anand. The only other top 16 player missing was Anatoly Karpov whose suit against FIDE was recently settled with FIDE paying out US\$50,000 to buy the former champion's silence.

In the first round there were 72 players and the main upsets saw Jonathan Speelman and Joel Lautier eliminated. The 28 seeded players came in in round 2 and nine of them exited immediately: Vladimir Akopian (1999 beaten finalist), Zoltan Almasi, Vassily Ivanchuk, Mikhail Krasenkov, Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu (1999 semi-finalist), Sergei Rublevsky, Nigel Short, Ilya Smirin and Xu Jun.

The third round saw the field reduced to 16 players, the most notable departures this round being Alexander Belyavsky (1:3 versus Bartłomiej Macieja), Loek van Wely (½-1½ vs Alexei Dreev) and Peter Leko (3½-4½ vs Alexander Khalifman).

In round 4 Anand beat Polish GM Macieja 1½-½ while Alexei Shirov, after two draws, won the first tie-break rapid game and drew

the second without fuss against Boris Gelfand. Vladislav Tkachiev surprised by knocking out Alexander Morozevich 1½-½. The most entertaining match was that between Veselin Topalov and Dreev where all six games were decisive. In the third rapid game Dreev self-destructed in a winning position, letting the Bulgarian into the quarter-finals. In the other matches Michael Adams beat Peter Svidler 2½-1½, Alexander Grischuk beat Jaan Ehvest 2½-1½, Khalifman beat Rafael Leitao 1½-½ and Evgeny Bareev despatched Boris Gulko 2½-1½.

Now it was down to the last eight with defending champion Khalifman coming up against favourite Anand. This match was evenly fought, the Russian producing a novelty on the black side of a Marshall Gambit and drawing easily in the first game. The second game was fairly quiet, as was the first tie-break game but in game 4 Anand had to come back from a dicey position. The Indian GM won the fifth game and held the draw in the sixth to go through. Bareev won the first game against Shirov but the second seed was fully equal to the task of tying the match with his turn at the white pieces. Shirov took out the match with a win and a draw in the rapid games. Adams won a long first game against Topalov and easily drew the second while 17-year old Grischuk reached the semi-finals by winning the second rapid game.

The semi-final matches comprised four standard games before entering rapid games. Anand drew comfortably with the black pieces in the first game and won the second but Adams came close to winning the third. Anand had the better of game 4 before agreeing the draw to win 2½-1½. The other match between Shirov and Grischuk was more exciting. Shirov won the first game in style but blundered badly in the second. The third game looked like going similarly to the first but Grischuk found some great defensive tactics, only to blunder in a probably

drawn position. In game 4 Grischuk gained the advantage and it was Shirov's turn to pull off a fine tactical save – although Grischuk missed a better chance along the way. So, unlike last year, the top two seeds reached the final.

The scene now shifted to Tehran where the final was to be of six standard time control games before tie-break games. This match turned out to be very one-sided as, after a draw, Anand won three in a row to take the match 3½-½. In game 1 Shirov sacrificed a pawn and Anand defended fairly easily. Anand gained the initiative in the second game and eventually won in the endgame although Shirov missed a chance to draw along the way.

In his second try with the white pieces Shirov sacrificed the exchange in a Sicilian but failed to obtain sufficient compensation and was now down ½-2½. In a desperate effort to get back into the match Shirov sacrificed a piece for several pawns in game 4 but again Anand's defence was up to the task and he emerged with his third win. Thus the match was over on Christmas Eve with the last two games not needed.

There can be no doubt that the undefeated Anand deserved his victory and FIDE finally again has a credible champion, thus strengthening its hand as far as its rivalry with the Braingames championship is concerned. On the other hand FIDE's plans to speed up the games so as to be able to play two rounds per day in future championships is likely to reduce their credibility. Certainly Anand must be taken seriously and the chances of a title reunification match have perhaps improved.

Morozevich,A (2756) – Milos,G (2633)
[C02] French Def, Advance Var.
R 2, FIDE World Chp, New Delhi, 2000

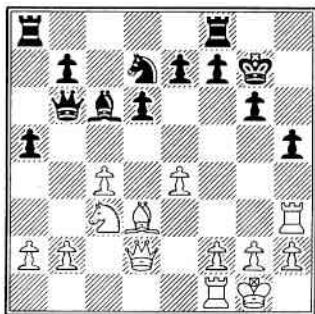
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big advantage.

17.♁b5 ♁xb5 18.axb5 f6 19.exf6 ♗xf6 20.♁g2 ♗c8 21.♖c2 ♁c8 22.h4 ♁d6 23.h5 ♗c8 24.♖e2 ♖d8 25.hxg6 hxg6 26.♗xa7 ♖e7 27.♁e5 ♗f1 28.♖xf1 ♁xe5 29.dxe5 ♁e4 30.♁xe4 dxe4 31.♖f6 ♖xf6 32.exf6 ♗c7 33.g5 ♁f7 34.♁g3 e5 35.b6 ♗d7 36.♁g4 ♁e6 37.♗a8 ♁d6 38.♗g8 1-0

Grischuk,A (2606) – Serper,G (2574)
B38] Sicilian Def, Maroczy Bind
R 3 FIDE World Chp, New Delhi, 2000

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 g6 5.c4 ♁g7 6.♁e3 ♁f6 7.♁c3 0-0 8.♁e2 d6 9.0-0 ♁d7 10.♖d2 ♁xd4 11.♁xd4 ♁c6 12.♁d3 a5 13.♗ae1 ♁d7 14.♁xg7 ♁xg7 15.♗e3 ♖b6 16.♗h3 h5



17.♗xh5! gxh5 18.♖g5+ ♁h8 19.♖xh5+ ♁g7 20.♖g5+ ♁h8 21.♗e1 ♁e5?

Correct was the less obvious 21...♖d4! 22.♖h6+ ♁g8 23.♗e3 ♁e5 giving Black reasonable defensive chances.

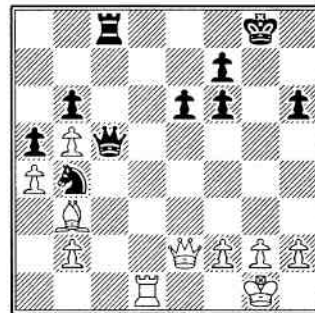
22.♗e3 ♖xe3

Now Black realises this is forced as 22...♁g6 23.♗h3+ ♁g7 24.♁d5 ♁xd5 25.♖h6+ ♁f6 26.exd5 gives White a winning attack.

23.♖xe3 ♁xd3 24.♖xd3 ♗g8 25.♁d5 ♁xd5 26.♖xd5 ♁g7 27.♖xb7 ♗gb8 28.♖d5 a4 29.h4 f6 30.h5 ♗a7 31.♖f5 ♗ab7 32.♖g6+ ♁h8 33.♖f7 ♗xb2 34.♖xe7 ♗xa2 35.♖xf6+ ♁g8 36.h6 ♗b7 37.c5 ♗c2 38.cxd6 a3 39.♖g6+ ♁f8 40.h7 ♗xh7 41.♖xh7 a2 42.♖h8+ ♁f7 43.d7 1-0

Anand,V (2762) – Macieja,B (2536)
[B17] Caro-Kann
R 4 FIDE World Chp, New Delhi, 2000

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♁c3 dxe4 4.♁xe4 ♁d7 5.♁c4 ♁gf6 6.♁g5 e6 7.♖e2 ♁b6 8.♁b3 h6 9.♁5f3 a5 10.a4 c5 11.♁f4 ♁d6 12.♁e5 0-0 13.♁gf3 ♁bd5 14.♁g3 ♖c7 15.dxc5 ♖xc5 16.0-0 b6 17.♗f1 ♗a6 18.c4 ♗ad8 19.♁d4 ♁xe5 20.♁xe5 ♁b4 21.♁b5 ♁xb5 22.cxb5 ♗xd1+ 23.♗xd1 ♗c8 24.♁xf6 gxf6



25.♁xe6! fxe6 26.♖xe6+ ♁h8 27.♖xf6+ ♁g8 28.♖e6+ ♁h8 29.♖xh6+ ♁g8 30.♖e6+ ♁h8 31.h3 ♗f8 32.♖h6+ ♁g8 33.♖g6+ ♁h8 34.♖g3 ♖c2 35.♗d4 1-0

Topalov,V (2707) – Dreev,A (2676)
[D43] Queen's Gambit, Botvinnik Var.
R 4 FIDE World Chp, New Delhi, 2000

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♁f3 ♁f6 4.♁c3 e6 5.♁g5 h6 6.♁h4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.♁g3 b5 9.♁e2 ♁b7 10.♁e5 ♁g7 11.h4 ♁bd7 12.♖c2 c5 13.hxg5 cxd4 14.♁xb5 ♁xe4 15.♁xc4 ♁xg3 16.♁bd6+ ♁f8 17.♁xb7 ♖c7 18.fxg3 ♖xb7 19.0-0 d3 20.♖xd3 ♁e5 21.♁xe5 ♖b6+ 22.♗f2 ♁xe5 23.♖f3 f5 24.♖xa8+ ♁e7 25.♖f3 hxg5 26.♗d1 ♁f6 27.♁c4 g4 28.♖d3 ♁g5 29.♗e1 ♖c5 30.b4 ♖d4 31.♗xe5 ♖a1+ 32.♗f1 ♖xe5 33.♖d2+ ♁g6 34.♗e1 1-0

Shirov,A (2746) – Grischuk,A (2606)
[C65] Ruy Lopez, Berlin Def.
R 6 FIDE World Chp, New Delhi, 2000

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♁b5 ♁f6 4.0-0 ♁c5 5.♁xe5 ♁xe4 6.♖e2 ♁xe5 7.d4 ♁e7 8.♖xe4

♁g6 9.f4 c6 10.♁d3 d5 11.♖e2 f5 12.♁d2 0-0 13.♁f3 ♁h8 14.♁d2 a5 15.c4 ♁f7 16.cxd5 cxd5 17.♗ac1 ♁f6 18.b4 a4 19.b5 ♗e8 20.♁e5 ♁d6 21.♁b4 ♁e4 22.♁xe4 dxe4 23.♗fd1 ♁e6 24.d5 ♁d7? [24...♗c8 was a better defence, e.g. 25.dxe6 ♗xc1 26.♗xc1 ♖d4+ 27.♁h1 ♖xb4 but 28.♖h5 g6 29.♁xg6 ♖b2 30.♗g1 gives White good attacking chances with g2-g4 looming] 25.♁c6! ♖c8 26.♁e7+ ♁xe7 27.♗xc8 ♗axc8 28.♁xe7 ♗xe7 29.d6 ♗f7 30.♗d5 ♗c1+ 31.♁f2 ♗f8 32.♗e5 ♗fc8 33.♗e7 ♗1c2 34.♗xd7 ♗xe2+ 35.♁xe2 b6 36.♗b7 ♗c2+ 37.♁e3 ♗c3+ 38.♁d4 ♗d3+ 39.♁e5 e3 40.♁e6 h6 41.♗e7 ♗d4 42.♁d7 ♗e4 43.♗xe4 fxe4 44.♁e7 [44.♁e7 e2 45.d7 e1 ♖ 46.d8 ♖+ ♁h7 47.♁f7 with mate in 2] 1-0

Anand,V (2762) – Adams,M (2755)
[C78] Ruy Lopes, Archangel/Moller Def
R 6 FIDE World Chp, New Delhi, 2000

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♁b5 a6 4.♁a4 ♁f6 5.0-0 ♁c5 6.c3 b5 7.♁c2 d6 8.a4 ♁g4 9.h3 ♁h5 10.d3 0-0 11.♁bd2 b4 12.a5 ♗b8 13.g4 ♁g6 14.♁c4 bxc3 15.bxc3 ♖c8 16.♁a4 ♁a7 17.♁e3 ♁xe3 18.♁xe3 c6 19.♖d2 ♖c7 20.c4 c5? 21.♁h4 ♁h8?!

21...♁c6 22.♁xc6 ♖xc6 23.f4 exf4 24.♗xf4 was better though White is still much better.

22.g5 ♁h5 23.♁d5 ♖d8 24.♗fb1 ♁f4 25.♁xf4 ♖xg5+ 26.♁hg2 exf4 27.♗b6 ♗bd8 28.♖xf4 ♖e7 29.♗ab1 ♁c8 30.♗b7 ♖e6 31.♖g5 h6 32.♖g3 ♖f6 33.♁f4 ♁e7 34.♁g2 ♁g8 35.♁d5 ♖e6 36.♁d1 1-0

Grischuk,A (2606) – Shirov,A (2746)
[B90] Sicilian Def, Najdork Var.
R 6 FIDE World Chp, New Delhi, 2000

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♁c3 a6 6.f3 ♖b6 7.♁b3 ♁c6 8.♖e2 e6 9.♁e3 ♖c7 10.g4 b5 11.0-0-0 ♁b7 12.h4 ♗c8 13.♁b1 ♁d7 14.♗g1 ♁ce5 15.♖f2 b4 16.♁a4 ♁xf3! 17.♖xf3 ♖c6

Not 17...♖xc2+? 18.♁a1 ♁xe4 19.♖e2 and Black will be hard pressed to maintain even material equivalence for the sacrificed piece.

8.♁ac5 ♁xe5 19.♁xc5 dxc5 20.♁a5 ♖c7

Again an obvious pawn grab is too dang-

erous: 20...♟xe4? 21.♟g3 ♟f3 22.♟e1 and Black has major problems.

21.♟xb7 ♟xb7 22.♟c4 ♟e7 23.♟e2 ♟c6 24.g5 0-0 25.h5 ♟cd8 26.g6 ♟xd1+ 27.♟xd1 fxg6 28.hxg6 ♟f4??

28...hxg6 and Black has little to fear.

29.♟h2

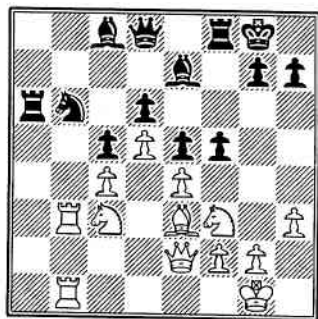
29.♟h2 ♟h4 30.♟b8+ ♟f8 31.♟f1 ♟d6 32.♟xe6+-, 1-0

Shirov,A (2746) – Grischuk,A (2606)

[C96] Ruy Lopez

R 6 FIDE World Chp, New Delhi, 2000

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 ♟b7 12.d5 ♟c4 13.a4 ♟b6 14.♟e2 ♟xa4 15.♟xa4 bxa4 16.c4 ♟d7 17.♟xa4 ♟b6 18.♟a3 a5 19.♟c3 a4 20.♟e3 ♟c8 21.b3 axb3 22.♟xb3 ♟a6 23.♟eb1 f5



24.♟xc5!? dxc5 25.♟xe5 ♟a4 26.♟xa4 ♟xa4 27.♟c6 ♟c7 28.e5 ♟a6 29.♟f3 f4 30.♟e1 ♟f5 31.♟b5 ♟c2 32.♟b2 ♟g6 33.♟d2 ♟e8 34.♟xe7+ ♟xe7 35.d6 ♟c6 36.♟b7 ♟c6

The point behind Black's 33rd move. Instead 36...♟xc4 37.d7 ♟xd7 38.♟xd7 ♟g6 39.♟f3 ♟e8 40.♟e4 with good winning chances for White.

37.♟xa6 ♟xg2 38.f3!

38.♟xg2 f3+ 39.♟h2 ♟f5 40.♟b7 ♟f4+ 41.♟h1 ♟f5 and a draw by repetition results.

38...♟xf3 39.♟h2 ♟g4! 40.♟b7 ♟h6 41.♟d5+ ♟f7!

41...♟h8 42.♟g2 f3 43.♟f2 puts an end to

Black's counterplay.

42.♟g1 ♟xb3 43.♟g2 ♟h4 44.♟f2 f3?

44...♟h3! Presumably overlooking Shirov's fine reply. Instead 45.♟h2 (45.♟f3 ♟g5+ 46.♟h1 ♟h4) 45...f3 46.e6 ♟f6 47.d7 ♟g6+ 48.♟h1 ♟g2+ 49.♟g1 ♟h3+ draws.

45.e6! ♟f8 46.e7 ♟e8 47.d7 ♟xd7 48.♟xf3 ♟g5+ 49.♟f1 1-0

Shirov,A (2746) – Anand,V (2762)

[C02] French Def, Advance Var.

R 7 FIDE World Chp Final, Tehran, 2000

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♟c6 5.♟f3 ♟b6 6.a3 a5 7.♟d3 ♟d7 8.0-0 cxd4 9.cxd4 ♟xd4 10.♟xd4 ♟xd4 11.♟c3 ♟b6 12.♟g4 g6 13.♟e3 ♟c5 14.♟a4

Better was 14.♟f4.

14...♟xa4 15.♟xa4+ ♟f8 16.♟xc5+ ♟xc5 17.♟ac1 ♟b6 18.♟d7 ♟d8 19.♟c7 ♟xc7 20.♟xc7 ♟b8 21.♟fc1 ♟e7 22.f4 ♟c6 23.♟c5 ♟g7 24.♟b5 g5 25.g3 h5 26.♟xb7 ♟xb7 27.♟xb7 h4 28.♟g2 hxg3 29.hxg3 gxf4 30.gxf4 ♟h4 31.♟g3 ♟h1 32.♟g2 ♟h4 33.♟g3 ♟h1 34.♟g2 ½-½

Anand,V (2762) – Shirov,A (2746)

[C78] Ruy Lopez, Archangel/Moller def.

R 7 FIDE World Chp Final, Tehran, 2000

1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♟c6 3.♟b5 a6 4.♟a4 ♟f6 5.0-0 ♟c5 6.c3 b5 7.♟c2 d5 8.a4 dxe4 9.axb5 ♟g4 10.♟xe4 ♟xe4 11.bxc6 0-0 12.d4 exd4 13.cxd4 ♟b6 14.♟c3 ♟e8 15.♟e3 ♟d6 16.d5 ♟xe3 17.fxe3 ♟ad8 18.♟xa6 ♟xc3 19.bxc3 ♟xd5 20.♟xd5 ♟xd5 21.♟d4 g6 22.♟f4 ♟f5 23.♟a7 ♟xe3 24.c4 ♟c5 25.♟xc7 ♟e4 26.♟xe4 ♟xe4 27.♟e7 ♟f5 28.c7 ♟f8?

28...♟g7 29.♟b5 (29.♟xf5+ gxf5 30.♟f2 ♟f6 draws) 29...♟f8 30.♟e3 ♟xc4 31.♟a3 ♟c5=

29.♟xf5 gxf5 30.♟d7 ♟g7 31.♟d4 ♟xc7 32.♟f2 ♟f6 33.♟e3 ♟e6 34.g3 f6 35.♟d3 ♟a7 36.♟c3 ♟e5 37.♟h4 ♟b7 38.♟f4 ♟b1 39.♟f2 ♟c1+ 40.♟b4 ♟e6 41.♟b5 ♟d6 42.♟xf5 ♟b1+ 43.♟a4 ♟b2 44.♟xf6+ ♟c5 45.♟h6 ♟xc4 46.♟h4+ ♟d5 47.♟xh7 ♟e5 48.♟a3 ♟b8 49.♟h5+ ♟f6

50.♟h4 ♟g5 51.♟b4 ♟h8 52.h4+ ♟h5 53.♟b5+ ♟h6 54.g4 ♟e8 55.♟b4 ♟g6 56.♟b6+ ♟f7 57.♟b7+ ♟e6 58.♟h7 ♟b8 59.g5 ♟f5 60.♟h6 ♟e5 61.h5 ♟f5 62.g6 ♟f6 63.♟h7 ♟g8 64.♟b3 1-0

Shirov,A (2746) – Anand,V (2762)

[B49] Sicilian Def, Paulsen Var.

R 7 FIDE World Chp Final, Tehran, 2000

1.e4 c5 2.♟f3 ♟c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♟xd4 ♟c7 5.♟c3 e6 6.♟e2 a6 7.0-0 ♟f6 8.♟c3 ♟b4 9.♟a4 ♟d6 10.g3 b5 11.♟b6 ♟b8 12.♟xc8 ♟xc8 13.a4 ♟xd4 14.♟xd4 e5 15.♟e3 ♟c5 16.axb5 ♟xe3 17.fxe3 axb5 18.♟xb5 0-0 19.♟xf6 gxf6 20.♟xd7 ♟a8 21.♟g4+ ♟h8 22.♟f1 ♟g8 23.♟h3 ♟c5 24.♟f5 ♟xe3+ 25.♟g2 h6 26.♟h5 ♟g7 27.♟g4+ ♟g5 28.♟f3 ♟gd8 29.h4 ♟d2+ 30.♟h3 ♟d6 31.♟f2 ♟d1 32.♟g4 ♟a2 33.♟xd1 ♟xd1 34.c4 ♟b1 35.♟d2 ♟axb2 36.♟d7 ♟b7 37.♟d6 ♟c7 38.♟h5 ♟c1 39.g4 ♟7xc4 40.♟d7 ♟c7 41.♟d8 ♟h1 0-1

Anand,V (2762) – Shirov,A (2746)

[C11] French Def.

R 7 FIDE World Chp Final, Tehran, 2000

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♟c3 ♟f6 4.e5 ♟fd7 5.♟ce2 c5 6.f4 ♟c6 7.c3 ♟b6 8.♟f3 f6 9.a3 ♟e7 10.h4 0-0 11.♟h3 a5 12.b3 ♟c7 13.♟eg1 a4 14.b4 fxe5 15.fxe5 ♟dx5 16.dxe5 ♟xe5 17.♟xe5 ♟xe5+ 18.♟e2 ♟xh4+ 19.♟d1 ♟f6 20.♟f3 ♟xc3 21.♟b2 ♟b3+ 22.♟c1 e5 23.♟xh4 ♟f5 24.♟d1 e4 25.♟xb3 axb3 26.♟d2 e3 27.♟f3 ♟ae8 28.♟d1 c4 29.♟e2 ♟e4 30.♟c1 ♟e6 31.♟c3 ♟g6 32.♟h2 ♟d3 33.♟xd3 cxd3 34.♟b2 d2 35.♟xb3 ♟g3 36.♟b2 g5 37.♟c2 ♟c8 38.♟d3 g4 39.♟e5 ♟c1 40.♟h1 ♟xg2 41.♟h4 1-0

FIDE Women's Championship

There was one fewer round in the concurrent Women's Championship so the final was played in New Delhi. In the semi-finals Xie Jun (CHN) beat Ekaterina Kovalevskaya (RUS) 2½-1½ while Qin Kanying won 1½-½ against Alisa Maric (YUG). In the four-game final Xie won the first game and drew the remaining three to deservedly retain her title with a 2½-1½ margin. Xie first won the

title in 1991 from Maya Chiburdanidze. Later she lost it to Szusza Polgar but regained it in the 1999 match versus Alisa Galliamova.

Kramnik v Leko

Vladimir Kramnik defeated Peter Leko in a 12-game rapid match played in Budapest early in January. The Braingames world champion won games 1 and 4 to take a 3-1 lead but Leko came back to win games 5 and 8 and level the score. Kramnik, however, then won the next two games to regain his two point lead which he maintained with draws in the last two games.

Hastings

The annual New Year Congress featured a category 12 event jointly won by GMs Stuart Conquest (ENG) and Krishnan Sasikiran (IND) with 6/9. Sharing third place were GM Lubomir Ftacnik (SVK) and IM Matthew Turner (ENG) on 5½ and then came: 5 GM Aronian (ARM) 5; 6-7 IM Gormally (ENG) & GM Speelman (ENG) 4½; 8 GM Bischoff (GER) 3; 9-10 GM Beshukov (RUS) & GM Plaskett (ENG) 2½.

FIDE rating list

The 1 January 2001 FIDE rating list still has Gary Kasparov (RUS) firmly in first place with an unchanged rating of 2849. The Kramnik-Kasparov match was not rated though there seems to be no reason why it shouldn't have been since, even if FIDE did not receive the official results, it still has the power to rate any top level event it chooses.

Vishy Anand (IND) is second on 2790 and Vladimir Kramnik (RUS) third on 2772. Then come 4 Adams (ENG) 2746, 5-6 Leko (HUN) & Morosevich (RUS) 2745, 7-8 Shirov (ESP) & Topalov (BUL) 2718, 9 Ivanchuk (UKR) 2717, 10 Gelfand 2712, 11 Bareev 2709, 12 van Wely 2700.

On the Women's list Judit Polgar (HUN) is way ahead at 2676, followed by world champion Xie Jun (CHN) 2557, Alisa Galliamova (RUS) 2554, Zhu Chen (CHN) 2538, Maya Chiburdanidze (GEO) 2525, Wang Pin (CHN) 2506, Xu Yuhua (CHN)

2500, Nana Ioseliani (GEO) 2499, Pia Cramling (SWE) 2492, Qin Kanying (CHN) 2489, Ekaterina Kovalevskaya (RUS) 2486 and Antoaneta Stefanova (BUL) 2479.

Wijk aan Zee

The first super-GM tournament of 2001 was the category 19 Corus tournament played in January which featured the top nine players on the new rating list.

Although Gary Kasparov won his first two games, Alexei Shirov and Vladimir Kramnik caught up to him in round 4. It was Shirov who then raced away with 3½ points in his next four games to lead by a point from the other two after round 8. That was to be the high point for Shirov, however, as he crashed rather badly after this, managing only two draws in his last five games. Admittedly his last five opponents were Kasparov, Anand, Ivanchuk, Kramnik and Morosevich!

Kasparov caught up to the lead with his round 9 victory over Shirov and, given the lower quality of his opposition over the last few rounds, it was probably just a matter of who would come second. Indeed he coasted home with draws against van Wely and Adams though the latter game was certainly sharp enough.

Vishy Anand put on a spurt in winning his last three games to finish clear second a half point behind Kasparov. Vassily Ivanchuk and Kramnik both scored steadily, losing one game each to finish tied for third while the

hapless Shirov ended in a tie with Michael Adams and Alexander Morosevich for the fifth place. The latter was tied for second with two rounds to go but, like Shirov, managed only another half point.

Shirov,A (2718) – Topalov,V (2718)

[B81] Sicilian Def, Keres Att.

R 1 Wijk aan Zee (Corus), 2001

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♖f6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♙e3 e6 7.g4 e5 8.♗f5 g6 9.g5 gxf5 10.exf5 d5 11.♗f3 d4 12.0-0-0 ♖bd7 13.♗d2 ♗c7 14.gxf6 dxc3 15.♙xc3 ♗c6 16.♗g3 ♗h6+

16...♗xh1 was tried by van Wely against the same opponent at the Istanbul Olympiad – and with the same result!.

17.♖b1 ♙f4 18.♗d3 ♖g8

18...0-0 19.♖g1+ ♖h8 20.♙b4 ♖g8 21.♖xg8+ ♖xg8 22.♙c7 was another Schirov-van Wely game played last year, also won by White.

19.♙h3 ♖d8?

19...♗xf6.

20.♙b4 ♗xf6 21.♗c4 ♖g5 22.♗d6 ♗g7 23.f6 ♖g1+ 24.♙f1

24.♙f1 ♗g2 25.♖xg1 ♗xg1 26.♙a5+ ♖e8 27.♖e6+! and mates in a few moves. 1-0

| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | | |
|----|---------------|-----|---|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|-----|
| 1 | Kasparov G. | RUS | g | 2849 | ♠ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| 2 | Anand V. | IND | g | 2790 | ♠ | ½ | ♠ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8½ | 2 | |
| 3 | Kramnik V. | RUS | g | 2772 | ♠ | ½ | ♠ | 1 | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 8 | 3-4 |
| 4 | Ivanchuk V. | UKR | g | 2717 | ♠ | ½ | ♠ | 0 | ♠ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 8 | 3-4 |
| 5 | Adams M. | ENG | g | 2746 | ♠ | ½ | ♠ | ½ | ♠ | ½ | ♠ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 7½ | 5-7 |
| 6 | Morosevich A. | RUS | g | 2745 | ♠ | ½ | ♠ | 1 | 0 | 0 | ♠ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7½ | 5-7 |
| 7 | Shirov A. | ESP | g | 2718 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ¼ | ♠ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7½ | 5-7 |
| 8 | Leko P. | HUN | g | 2745 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ♠ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6½ | 8 |
| 9 | Topalov V. | BUL | g | 2718 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ♠ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 0 | 5½ | 9 | |
| 10 | Fedorov A. | RUS | g | 2575 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ♠ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 10-11 | |
| 11 | van Wely L. | NED | g | 2700 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ½ | ♠ | 1 | ½ | ½ | 5 | 10-11 | |
| 12 | Piket J. | NED | g | 2632 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 1 | 0 | ♠ | ½ | 4½ | 12-13 | |
| 13 | Tiviakov S. | NED | g | 2597 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ♠ | 4½ | 12-13 | |
| 14 | Timman J. | NED | g | 2629 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ♠ | 4 | 14 | |

Correspondence chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

This issue we present games by three players prominent on the correspondence chess scene.

Game 1 features ICM Roger Chapman, a member since 1980, and winner of the Anglo-Pacific Correspondence Tournament, 1982-88. Roger

Kasparov games from Wijk aan Zee

Tiviakov,S (2597) – Kasparov,G (2849)

[B23] Sicilian Def, Closed System

R 1 Wijk aan Zee (Corus), 2001

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.♗f3 ♙g7 5.♙c4 ♗c6 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 ♗g7 8.♗e1 0-0 9.♙b3 ♗a5 10.♙e3 b6 11.♙f2 ♗b7 12.♙h4 ♗xb3 13.axb3 ♗d7 14.♗g3 f5 15.♗e1 ♗c6 16.exf5 gxf5 17.♖e2 ♖ae8 18.♖fe1 ♖h8 19.♗h3 ♗d4 20.♗xd4 ♗xd4+ 21.♖h1 ♖g8 22.♗d1 ♖g6 23.c3 ♙g7 24.♗e3 ♖f8 25.♙g5 h6 26.♙h4 b5 27.♗f1 b4 28.cxb4 cxb4 29.♗e3 ♖g8 30.♙g3 ♗d4 31.♗c4 ♖g7 32.♗h5 ♖h7 33.♗e3 ♗b5 34.♖d2 a6 35.♗h3 h5 36.♖ee2 h4 37.♙e1 ♙xc3 38.♗xe3 ♗c6 39.♗h3 ♗c1 40.♗xh4+ ♖h6 41.♖c2 ♗d1 42.♖cd2 ♗b1 43.♗f2 ♖xg2 44.♗xg2 ♙xg2+ 45.♖xg2 ♗a2 46.♖c2 ♖g6+ 47.♙g3 ♗xb3 48.♖ed2 a5 49.♖f2 a4 50.♖c6 a3 51.bxa3 bxa3 52.♖e2 e5 53.fxe5 f4 0-1

Fedorov,A (2575) – Kasparov,G (2849)

[B20] Sicilian Def, Wing Gambit

R 2 Wijk aan Zee (Corus), 2001

1.e4 c5 2.d3 ♗c6 3.g3 g6 4.♙g2 ♙g7 5.f4 d6 6.♗f3 ♗f6 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 b5 9.g4 a5 10.f5 b4 11.♗e1 ♙a6 12.♗h4 c4 13.♙h6 cxd3 14.cxd3 ♗xd3 15.♖e1 ♗xh6 16.♗xh6 ♗b6+ 17.♖h1 ♗e5 18.♗bd2 ♖ac8 19.♗g5 ♖c2 20.♖f1 ♗xf1 21.♖xf1 ♖fc8 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.♗b3

23.♖xf6 exf6 24.♗h7+ ♖f8 gives White nothing; while 23.♗xf7 ♖xf7 24.g5 ♗e3 25.♗h7+ ♖e6 26.gxf6 exf6 27.♗g7 ♗g5 28.h4 ♗xh4+ 29.♖g1 ♗g4 30.♗f3 ♖xg2+! 31.♖xg2 ♖c2+ is mate in a few.

23...♖xg2! 24.♖xg2 ♖c2+ 25.♖g3 ♗e3+ 26.Kh4 Rg2! → 0-1

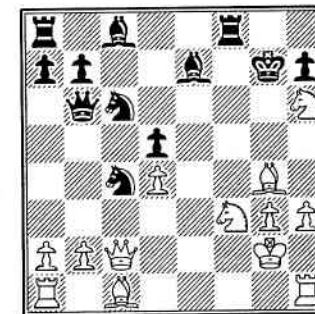
has just retired after 12 years as NZCCA chairman.

Eisen,D – Chapman,R

[C05] French Def, Tarrasch Var.

Anglo-Pacific Correspondence Invitational

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗d2 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗fd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 ♗c6 7.♗df3 ♗b6 8.g3 cxd4 9.cxd4 ♗b4+ 10.♖f2 g5 11.♙e3 f6 12.♙h3 fxe5 13.fxe5 0-0 14.♙xe6+ ♖h8 15.♖g2 g4 16.♗g5 ♗dxe5 17.♗c2 ♗g6 18.h3 ♗e7 19.♗f7+ ♖g8 20.♗h6+ ♖g7 21.♙xg4 ♗ge5 22.♗f3 ♗c4 23.♙c1



23...♖xf3! 24.♙xf3 ♗xd4 25.♗c3 ♗b4 26.♗d3 ♗c5 27.♗d1 ♗exf3 28.♖f1 ♗e6 29.♖xf3 ♗xh3+ 30.♖g1 ♗xf3+ 31.♗xf3 ♗e6 32.♗e3 ♗e7 33.♗d2 d4 34.♗e5+ ♙f6 35.♗c7+ ♖g6 36.♖f1 ♖f8 37.♖f2 ♗d5 38.♗c2+ ♖g7 39.♗f5+ ♖h8 40.♖h2 ♗g4 41.♙f4 d3 42.♗xd3 ♗xf5 0-1

Game 2 won the 1987 best game award in a correspondence match between France and New Zealand. The game is annotated by the judge, Paul Garbett.

Lambin,A – Sinclair,B

[A19] English Opening

Correspondence match, France v NZ, best game, 1997

Notes by Paul Garbett

1.e4 ♗f6 2.♗c3 e6 3.e4 c5 4.e5 ♗g8 5.♗f3 ♗c6 6.d4 cxd4 7.♗xd4 ♗xe5 8.♗d3

Usual is 8.Ndb5, when White gets pressure on d6 in compensation for the pawn. With the move played, White is aiming for a substantial lead in development.

8...dxf6 9.0-0 Qe7 10.Ke1 Qc6 11.f3 0-0 12.a3 d5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.ψc2 Qg4 15.Qe5 Qxe5 16.Ke5 Ec8 17.Qf5 ψd6

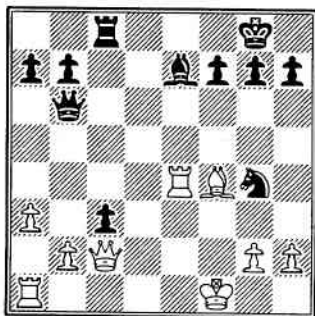
After 17...Bxf5 18.Qxf5 White has the better position.

18.Qf4 d4!

18...Bxf5 19.Qxf5 leaves White with a significant advantage.

19.Qxc8 Kxc8 20.f3 dxc3! 21.fxg4 Qxg4 22.Ke4 ψb6+ 23.Qf1

23.Kh1 Nf2+ returns the rook with advantage to Black.



23...cxb2!! 24.ψxc8+ Qf8 25.ψxg4 bxa1ψ+ 26.Ke1

The only other move, 26.Ke2 loses to 26...Qbg1.

26...ψg1+!

Played with great verve by Black and of course move 23 is a beauty. 0-1

Game 3 was played by NZCCA's newest life member, Bruce Barnard. Bruce is back in New Zealand, but work commitments keep him out of competition for the near future, at least.

Barnard, B - Steadman, M

[C24] Bishop's Opening
NZCCA 64th NZCCA Championship, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Qc4 Qf6 3.d4 exd4 4.Qf3 Qxe4 5.ψxd4 Qf6 6.Qg5 Qe7 7.Qc3 c6 8.0-0 d5

9.Ke1 Qe6 10.ψh4 Qbd7 11.Qd3 Qc5 12.Qd4 Qg8 13.Qxe7 Qxe7 14.Qxe6 Qxe6 15.f4 ψd6 16.g3 h6 17.f5 Qg5 18.ψg4 ψf6 19.h4 Qh7 20.ψb4 b6 21.Qxd5 exd5 22.Qb5+ Qf8 23.Ke5 a6 24.Qd6 1-0

Trophy tourney progress

Congratulations to Rod Weston, who has taken out TT3. Rod has completed all his games and has a picket fence with 8/8.

Jeff Rapp and Phil Coghini are the leaders and likely winners of the Reserve Championship and TT2, respectively.

But it is the 67th Championship that hold the most interest. Allan Short is finished with 7 points, a score that Peter Goffin has a good chance of equalling.

The only player who can top these two is Earl Roberts, who can go to 7.5, but to do so must win his last two games, against Murray Dunwoody and Tim Doyle.

Gordon Hoskyn has played out, and has 6.5, a score Bob Smith expects to equal. So, one point or less could separate the first five finishers.

Progress scores in the 2000-2001 Trohy Topurneys are (as at 31-01-01):

67th NZCCA Championship: A J Short 7/10, G A Hoskyn 6.5/10, E N Roberts 5.5/8, R W Smith 4.5/7, M L Dunwoody 4/6, P B Goffin 4/6, P J Voss 3/8, H P Bennett 2/6, B W Millar 1.5/9, T J Doyle 1/4, P A R Vetharanim 1/6. Latest results: HOSKYN drew Dunwoody, DOYLE drew Vetharanim, MILLAR drew Voss.

Reserve Championship: J C Rapp 8/8, E G A Frost 7.5/10, B J Edwards 5/8, V J Smith 4.5/6, K G Reed 4/6, D R Whitlock 2.5/7, C A Mold 2/8, B M Williams 1.5/8, B N Gloistein 1/4, G E Lovelock 1/4, D E Dolejs 0/5.

TT2: P G Coghini 9/10, P King 8/10, H Goeckel 6.5/11, Z H Kingston 6/10, W Anderson 6/11, A N Hignett 2/12, A Clark 0/12.

TT3: R J Weston 8/8, SM Cameron 5/6, A W Hendry 4/7, P E Rossiter 3.5/5, S A Holdaway 3/6, G H Mills 2.5/7, J A Clarke 2/6, L I Purvis 2/6, S R C Chowdhury 0/8.

Ash Koia

We record with regret the untimely and tragic death of Ash Koia in a fall in Te Papa late last year. Mark van der Hoorn records this tribute to a unique personality

Ash Bash, Ash Crash, Special K, Action; Ashley Koia was a man known by many different nicknames. It's not all that surprising really, because with him one name would never have been enough. Ash first showed up on the chess scene about fifteen years ago. A regular at the Hutt Valley Chess Club, he was a pretty quiet, unassuming guy. His style of play was patient and thoughtful, sometimes to the point where he could lose a game on time before he'd realised what had happened.

However, he was well capable of unleashing a vicious attack from time to time.

At first Ash was quite shy, but once he got to know you he was one of the friendliest guys you could ever meet. His natural disposition was one of humour, and this was often manifested in a huge booming laugh (that would shake his whole body) and a delightful ability to contort the English language through abbreviation.

One of Ash's chess specialties was his "home brew", which led to the nickname of the Ash Bash. Hours would be spent on his opening preparations; generally investigating any possibility of advancing his queen on you by move five. The Ash Bash would often be accompanied by a cheeky grin, and the statement, "Aw, just brewing it brother", and if you looked particularly astonished you'd probably also get the Ash giggle.

He was a pretty sociable sort of guy, and in the weekend he liked nothing better than to get together with a few of the guys to "chuck some bits around", or to "biff some cards around". Ash was also pretty big on the food and drink aspects; he knew the phone number of every pizza home delivery service by heart, and was often quick to suggest that we "deal to a few brews".

Transfer was a particular favourite pastime, and it was while playing this that his language mutilation reached its zenith. The nickname Action was short for "Transaction"

which in turn was Ash speak for "Transfer action". Ash was actually pretty good at transfer, probably because most of his opponents would lose on time trying to figure out what the hell he'd just said.

Another of Ash's special talents was the ability to sleep just about anywhere anytime. On more than one occasion he'd ring me to ask me something or other, and before the sentence was complete he'd be snoring at me. And like his laugh, this was something to behold. Once at Mike Turners, we thought a motorcycle gang had just pulled up into the driveway. In reality, Ash had just popped downstairs for a kip, after having a couple of pizzas and a few cans. At polytech he'd often crash out on the couch at the Student's Association, and thus another nickname was born.

I guess you could say the guy was a pretty laid back sorta fellow. Very reflective, and never in a hurry. I recall travelling to the Kapiti 30-30 with him and John MacDonald in 1999. We were running slightly late (as was the style of the players involved) and we realised that the first round had commenced as we passed over the summit of the Paekakariki hill. It was rather a nice morning though, so Ash suggested we have a brief stop at the lookout to enjoy the magnificent view. Some tourists had stopped there at the same time, and they took a picture of us using John's camera. It's a great photo, that; and Ash looks like the sort of guy who hasn't got a care in the world. And yes, we did make it in time to play in the first round (but, uh, Ash lost on time).

One final little known fact about Ash. He had an uncanny ability of defeating players rated lower than me who had recently beaten me. After he beat Jeff Boardman in the club champs from a hopelessly lost position, Jeff accused him of being my enforcer. (And yes, I had actually lost to Boardman, but we're here to talk about Ash, not me.) For those

of you who are regular readers of the magazine, you may have seen Ash's victory over Ross Jackson, which if it didn't win the upset prize, must have come close. You may also have noticed that Ross had beaten me a couple of rounds previously, and that was his big mistake. I lost one other game to a lower rated opponent in the North Islands, to David Wood. Shortly after, David was drawn to play Ash.

Unlucky.

Wood, D – Koia, A

[B02] Alekhine's Def, Two Pawns Att.
North Island Championship

1.e4 ♖f6 2.♗c3 d5 3.exd5 ♗xd5 4.♗c4 e6 5.♗f3

Blinicy, that's an Ash Bash move if ever I saw one. Hmmm, provocative!

5...♗b6 6.♗b3 ♗d7 7.♗ge2 ♗e6 8.♗h3 e5 9.d3 ♗a6

Ash was always well aware of the value of a knight on the edge of the board.

10.♗e3 ♗e5 11.♗xe5 ♗xe5 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.♗g3 ♗e7 14.♗e4 ♗xe4 15.dxe4 a5 16.a3

And now comes some classic Ash prophylaxis.

16...♗e8 17.♗c3 c6 18.h4 ♗c8

That should cover it (whatever it was).

19.h5 h6 20.♗h4

White decides that subtlety is required, and launches into the "Caveman Attack."

20...♗e7 21.♗g4 ♗g5+ 22.♗xg5

White decides that the "Caveman Attack" was in fact too subtle, and thus transposes into the "Super Caveman Attack."

22...hxg5 23.♗xg5 ♗c7

Quite obviously, Ash foresaw this possibility when he played his deep 18th.

24.♗xe7 ♗xc7 25.♗d7 ♗c8

The knight returns to its natural outpost.

26.♗xb7 ♗d6 27.♗b6 ♗fc8 28.♗d2 ♗c7 29.♗c3 ♗c8

The Enforcer strikes again, for the last time. We're all gonna miss him. 0-1

New Zealand news

Wanganui

Results of the Wanganui CC rapid championships are:

A Reserve, Club Captain's Shield: Barry Williams 5.5/8, Ted Frost and Allan Short 4.5, John Wilson 3.5, David Bell 2.

B Grade, Life Members' Shield: Milan Palevich 7/8, Andrew Kuhn 4, Joe Ryland 3.5, Kelly Forrest 3, Denis McQueen 2.5.

C Grade, Committee Members' Shield: Thomas Kuhn 21/23, Ahmed Hindawi 17/23, Waata Hipango 15/20, Neil Fleet 12/24, Jeffrey Stuart 10.5/18, Dennis Haxton 9.5/19, Ravith Fonseka 8/17, Olmer Bollinger 6.5/16, Dan Hurley 6/19, Joseph Neilson 5/11, Graham Kane 4.5/15, John Fergusson 2/21, Daniel Blackman 1/10.

Otago CC

Otago CC's AGM was held on 7th February. Graham Haase was elected President and other office bearers are: Hamish Gold (Senior Vice President), Philip Hall (Junior Vice President), John Sutherland (Treasurer), Thomas Moore (Director of Junior Play), Duncan Watts (Secretary). Other members of the committee are Alistair Newbould, John McIntosh and Michael St Joseph.

In view of declining patronage of the Saturday session, it was decided that the Club would no longer open for play on a Saturday evenings. Instead, the Club will be open on a Monday evening from 7 pm for social chess and some coaching. Club championship (serious) games are prohibited during the Monday evening session. The club will continue to be open on Wednesday evening when the various club competitions will be played.

Coming events

See the Council Corner (page 29) for latest information on arrangements for this year's NZCF tournaments.

Becoming a New Zealand I.A.

In January FIDE confirmed that Peter Stuart has been awarded the title International Arbiter – doubling the size of New Zealand's panel of officially recognised IAs. A number of other officials carry out these duties, but Bob Gibbons, our sole IA for a number of years, backgrounds the latest award and explains why getting it is so difficult.

The problem of achieving recognition as an International Arbiter is a difficult one for New Zealand officials. FIDE has recently eased the requirements a little by dropping the requirement for knowledge of a second official language and by reducing the number of events involved to four. However, unless one is prepared to travel overseas as an official (which as a typical catch 22 usually requires an IA title) getting the title is still a formidable hurdle.

The sticking point is section 2.14 of the FIDE handbook:

Experience as chief or deputy arbiter in at least four FIDE rated events such as the following:

- *The final of the National Individual Adult Championship (not more than two).*
- *All official FIDE tournaments and matches.*
- *International title tournaments and matches.*
- *International chess festivals with at least 100 contestants.*

These four events now need to be completed within a five-year period. In New Zealand the only events, apart from the National Championship, which are likely to have been accepted for qualification purposes were the 1988 Plaza International, the 1992 Netway tournament and more recently the Fencible Masters and last year's Zonal. Opportunities to qualify are limited and Peter Stuart is to be congratulated for seizing the chance to qualify.

There are other requirements as well:

Thorough knowledge of the Laws of Chess and the FIDE Regulations for chess competitions.

Absolute objectivity, demonstrated at all times during his activity as an arbiter.

These are by no means a given. The FIDE titles commission frequently rejects applications for this title, and it must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of both FIDE and the National Association.

The road to the title is not easy so it gives me great pleasure to welcome Peter to the fraternity of International Arbiters.

(New Zealand's previous applications, for Ortvin Sarapu and Chris Bell, were declined. – Editor)

Basis of application

Title norms submitted in support of the application for Peter Stuart were:

104th NZ Ch'p, North Shore 1996/97.

Fencible Masters International, Auckland 1997.

105th NZ Ch'p, Hamilton 1997/98.

106th NZ Ch'p, Dunedin 1998/99.

107th NZ Ch'p, Auckland 1999/2000.

Australasian Zonal (Zone 3.2b), Auckland 2000.

Peter says the problem was getting the two non-NZ Championship events, which can be big international Swisses, official FIDE events, or round-robin title tournaments; we do not have many of these in NZ so the zonal was a bit of luck.

The title application was made mid-year (2000) and should have been approved at Istanbul but FIDE managed to lose some of the application details so the title was awarded conditionally upon their receiving the FIDE rating list data which was emailed during the Olympiad. Confirmation of the award came through early in January.

Peter says he has been directing tournaments since school days and has probably directed well over 300 individual tournaments or matches.

100 Correspondence Miniatures

Over-the-board players who think correspondence chess is drawn-out and dull will have their illusions shattered by "100 Chess Miniatures", by Tim Harding, reviewed here by Michael Whaley.

Tim Harding has long been an advocate of correspondence play. In this, the first of several proposed books to be published by Chess Mail featuring correspondence games, he has selected 100 Miniatures all of which are under 25 moves.

For most of us correspondence chess does not seem to capture our imagination. Perhaps this is due more to the lack of player profile than the actual quality of game between top players. When one adds to this the perception that miniatures are usually the consequence of a strong player taking apart someone rated several 100 points lower or a horrible blunder deciding the game, Startling Correspondence Chess Miniatures is at first glance a title that perhaps many of us would pass over.

However, such thoughts will be quickly dispelled. Tim Harding has put together a very interesting publication of games from highly rated players both past and present including the likes of Alekhine, Purdy, Keres, Barcza, Leko, Oim and Ulf Andersson. Many have not previously been published nor can they be found in modern databases.

Insight into errors of judgment

Whilst a percentage of the games open with the more cut and thrust openings such as the King's/Evans Gambit, and the Two Knights Defence, etc, more "normal" openings such as the Queen's Gambit, Sicilian Defence, Ruy Lopez etc are also well covered. But it is not the opening that is the underlying theme in this book. It is divided into ten chapters none of which try to show you "how to beat your opponent in the opening". What it does offer is an insight into errors of judgement that we all make from time to time and what can and should

occur when such opportunities present themselves.

In this title you will see a player introducing an improvement in a well-known line or trying (usually in vain) to breathe new life into an old, unfashionable variation. Believe it or not there are also games where an inferior line has been followed simply due to a lack of knowledge of recent developments. One might ask how can this be, wouldn't everyone at this level have access to modern Databases and hot-off-the-press books? Well no, there are still highly rated international players who either do not rely on such material or simply do not have access to it!!

A good example of this being two games in Chapter eight (entitled "Twins") where Janos Keszi cost the Hungarian team two valuable points in the 1992 Correspondence Olympiad by twice playing down a known inferior line in the Najdorf Sicilian. The fact that the games may be very instructive to many readers, will I am sure be of little consolation to Keszi!

Whilst all ten chapters have individual appeal Chapters one, four, five eight and ten were my favourites. To me there is nothing more interesting than a "bolt from the blue" and chapter one provides a number of these. Resignation is something every chess player dreads but there is nothing worse than doing so when there is still life!! (chapter four). Similarly there is nothing more exciting (or concerting if on the receiving end) than springing a TN and chapter five highlights how deadly these can be even in correspondence where time is not as great a factor as it is in over the board play. Chapter eight is entitled "Twins" as in which more than one game may relate to the same tactical or opening theme as per the Kesi example mentioned in the previous paragraph. The

final chapter features quality games with one highlighting the perhaps "lesser known" talents of GM Ulf Andersson.

Although not heavily annotated, Harding has done a good job in blending suggested improvements/alternatives whilst at the same time supporting the combinations at the heart of the game with the appropriate amount of analysis.

Despite the odd typo that seem to have occurred more in the later chapters this book is easy reading and well laid out with each game having at least one diagram, many having two or three. I am sure that the reader will also find the games, combinations and themes very interesting. So for those of you

who like a good king hunt, or a more subtle combination ending in a fork, pin or skewer which wins material, you will enjoy this book. The fact that it is played by correspondence players is a plus in that the combinations are generally well calculated and less speculative.

In conclusion, if you often feel that you miss those early chances in your games then the study of this book will, I am sure, heighten your awareness in future!! All in all a good first up by Chess Mail.

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South Island champion annotates one of his games

Boyd,K - Giles,B

[B01] Centre Counter

R 3, South Island Ch, .2000

Notes by Ben Giles

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖f6 3.d4 ♗xd5 4.♗f3 g6 5.♗e2 ♗g7 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 ♗b6 8.h3 ♗c6 9.♗e3 e5 10.d5 ♗e7 11.♗c3 ♗f5 12.♗g5

This was played to weaken Black's king-side pawns and dark-squared bishop, but White's bishop must retreat afterwards. I see nothing wrong with 12.Qd2, where after the bishop is exchanged White maintains a slight advantage in space and development. The text allows Black to break up White's centre.

12...f6 13.♗d2 c6 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.♗e4 ♗d4 16.♗b4 ♖f7 17.♗xd4 ♗xd4 18.♗xd4 exd4 19.♗c5 f5

White has good control of the queenside, but Black's dark-squared bishop is getting stronger.

20.♖ac1 ♗d7 21.♖fd1 a5 22.♗a3 ♗xc5 23.♗xc5 d3 24.♖xd3 ♗xb2 25.♖d8+ ♗g7 26.♖cd1 ♗b7 27.♖8d7 ♖e8 28.♗f1

After 28.Rxf7+ Kxf7 29.Rd7+ Kf6, Black has counterplay.

28...♗c8 29.♖7d6 ♖fe7 30.♗f3 ♗c3 31.♗e3

If 31.Kg1 Re1+ 32.Rxe1 (32.Kh2 Be5+) Rxe1+ 33.Kh2 Be5+ wins material. Possibly 31.Bd4+ is better, exchanging off Black's

strong bishop.

31...c5 32.♗g1 ♖e6 33.♖d8 ♗b4 34.h4 ♗a6 35.♖xe8 ♖xe8 36.♖d7+ ♗f6 37.♗d5 ♗c8 38.♖xh7 ♗c6 39.♗c6 ♗g8 40.♖h8

Exchanging rooks also makes it hard to win for White, but the opposite bishops should make it easy for Black to hold the draw.

40...♖xe3 41.♖xg8 ♖e1+ 42.♗h2 ♖e2 43.a4 ♖xf2 44.♗e8 ♖f4 45.♖xg6+ ♗e7 46.♗b5 ♖xh4+ 47.♗g3 ♖g4+

A simple draw from here against the clear pre-tournament favourite.

48.♖xg4 fxg4 49.♗xg4 ♗f6 50.♗h5 ♗g7 51.g4 ♗c3 52.g5 ♗d2 53.♗g4 ♗c3 54.♗f5 ♗d2 55.g6 ♗c3 56.♗e8 ♗d2 57.♗e6 ♗c3 ½-½

Foord,M - Gloistein,B

[E91] King's Indian Def, Classical System

R 5, SI Champ, 2000

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗f3 0-0 6.♗e2 ♗bd7 7.0-0 ♖e8 8.h3 e5 9.d5 ♗h5 10.♗h2 ♗f4 11.♗g4 h5 12.♗xd7 ♗xd7 13.♗f3 ♗h6 14.♗h1 ♗g5 15.♗xf4 exf4 16.♗e2 ♗f6 17.♖ab1 ♖e7 18.♗c3 ♖ae8 19.♗d3 ♗h6 20.♗f3 g5 21.♗d4 g4 22.♗f5 ♗xf5 23.exf5 ♗h4 24.♗g1 f6 25.♗d2 ♗g7 26.♖be1 f3 27.♖xe7+ ♖xe7 28.♗d3 ♗f4 29.♗d4 fxg2 30.♗xf4 gxf1♗+ 31.♗xf1 ♗xh3+ 0-1

New officers take over at NZCF headquarters

Two key changes have taken place in the NZCF leadership team – Bob Smith is president and L B (Jack) Frost is secretary.

Briefly, incumbent president Peter Stuart and Bob Smith were nominated for president, Jack Frost and Neil Gunn as secretary, and Bruce Wheeler as treasurer.

At the meeting, elections of president and secretary were carried out at the same time. The results declared were: For secretary, Frost 13, Gunn 8, 1 abstention; for president, Stuart 11, Smith 10.

On the announcement that Peter Stuart had been president, Jack Frost indicated that he would not take up office as secretary and Neil Gunn was declared elected; and Bruce Wheeler indicated that he would not take office as treasurer.

Subsequent inquiries indicated that the vote for president did not truly reflect the wishes of member clubs. A consequence was that before the first meeting of Council, on 23 January, Peter Stuart and Neil Gunn handed letters of resignation to Vice-President Bob Gibbons and these were received.

After discussion on the procedure to be followed, it was agreed that, subject to their acceptance, Bob Smith be co-opted as president, Jack Frost as secretary, and Roger Perry as treasurer. This has been done, and the new team has started work, as outlined in the report from Bob Smith which follows.

Other officers elected unopposed at the annual meeting were: Vice-president, Bob Gibbons; councillors, Hilton Bennett, Martin Dreyer, Daniel Johns, Vivian Smith, with Ted Frost and Michael Freeman as regional councillors. Ted Frost was reappointed a trustee of Chess Friends of New Zealand Trust. Trotman Rust was appointed auditor for 2001.

Remits

A number of remits submitted by Council were dealt with by the meeting.

Supplementary regulation 4, on advance notice of open rated tournaments, was re-

pealed. Requirements that federation officers and non-playing officials be registered were repealed.

Affiliation fees for affiliated clubs were increased to \$40 and for associate members to \$30.

The tournament levies for players in federation tournaments were changed to flat rates, which are as follows: NZ Championship, \$20; NZ Major Open \$12; NZ Women's Championship, nil; NZ Rapid Championship \$10; North Island and South Island Championships, \$5; North Island and South Island Rapid Championships, \$5; other open tournaments, \$3.

A Wellington remit requiring player registration fees to be paid by the end of March was lost, delegates lauding the goal of this remit but arguing that it would be impractical.

Representatives fund

Auckland Chess Centre submitted a remit for establishment of a "representatives fund" to assist travel expenses of NZCF Olympiad team members and NZCF junior and youth representatives, the fund to be achieved by a "representatives' levy" to be added to affiliation fees. The levy would be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for juniors.

The remit proposed that the levy be separately identified in federation accounts, and be distributed evenly among the representatives in each two-year cycle, with a limit of two "shares" for any representative.

After full discussion, the remit was carried. This means that total registration fees are increased from \$10 to \$13 per player, and from \$5 to \$6.50 for juniors.

A remit from Waitemata CC that potential members visiting a club be permitted to play in one rated tournament without having to pay a registration was lost. Also lost was a remit requiring clubs to register all members, not just those playing in rated tournaments.

No bids were submitted for any federation tournaments for 2001.

Council Corner

By NZCF President Bob Smith

will be in primary, intermediate and secondary divisions. To succeed this competition will need club support. NZCF Council will be sending out information and a "how to do it" kit to all clubs in due course. The competition will probably be scheduled for the third school term.

The Tournament Committee is looking at introducing a nationwide Grand Prix Competition next year.

There will be overall prizes for the best scorers over a series of "Grand Prix" Tournaments.

The idea is to encourage more people to play in tournaments outside their club night and to increase the level of interest.

The Tournament Committee will also be trialling the "Swiss Perfect" computer pairing system with a view to making it available to clubs. It could make an arbiter's job much easier! It is already in wide use in Australia.

The Sponsorship Committee is investigating the possibility of a national raffle to raise funds for our overseas representatives and will, of course, generally investigate sponsorship possibilities for projects being looked at by other committees.

The Ratings Committee will be aiming to make the national ratings available more frequently.

They will still be provided to clubs every six months in booklet form, but are soon likely to be accessible far more often on the "NZ Chess" website – ourworld.com-puserve.com/homepages/nzchess

Promotion and Publicity – I will be compiling a data base of information and photographs of our top men, women and junior players, available to any club running a chess event. I will be aiming to liaise with club publicity officers to offer and share ideas.

The Planning Committee will prepare an overview of where NZCF is heading. Its brief is to come up with a guideline of our objectives and priorities over the next two years and even up to five years from now.

First Meeting

NZCF Councillors went to work the next day somewhat sleepy after the first full meeting of the new Council earlier this month. Discussions began at 7.30 p.m. and did not finish until midnight! But the time was far from wasted. Councillors discussed a wide range of issues and set up the following committees:

Sponsorship – Bob Smith (convenor), Martin Dreyer, Bruce Wheeler

Junior Development – Jack Frost (convenor), Ted Frost, Ewen Green

Ratings – Bob Gibbons (convenor), Daniel Johns, Rowan Wood

Selectors – Bob Gibbons (convenor), Michael Freeman, Arthur Pomeroy

FIDE matters – Michael Freeman

Promotion and Publicity – Bob Smith

Female Chess – Viv Smith (others to be co-opted)

Tournament Committee – Hilton Bennett (convenor), Bob Gibbons

Planning Committee – Hilton Bennett (convenor), Bruce Wheeler, one other to be confirmed

Magazine – Ted Frost

National Coach – Ewen Green

Registrar of Master Points – to be confirmed

Members of all committees are aware that there is much work to do and are immediately pursuing some definite ideas.

Proposals Under Investigation

The Junior Development Committee is finalising plans for a national inter-schools teams competition this year. This aims to co-ordinate existing school teams events held by clubs, plus add more. The winners of suburban contests in each region will play off to find regional winners, who will then play each other to find

North and South Island winners and, finally, New Zealand Champions. The contest

Tournament Venues

Most of the Federation Tournaments for this year have now been finalised.

Otago is to organise the **South Island Championships**, while **Hamilton** will almost certainly host the **North Island Championships**. The **New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships** will be held at the **Auckland Chess Centre**.

The **NZ Women's Championships** are likely to be held in **Auckland** at **Queen's Birthday Weekend**. The **Female Chess Committee** will be finalising the details.

The glaring omission in this year's tournament calendar at the moment is the **2001-2 New Zealand Congress**.

I am hopeful that by the time you read this (or soon after), the venue for the **109th NZ Chess Congress** will have been finalised.

In addition, Council would like to confirm venues for the next year's Federation tournaments as soon as possible.

Any club wishing to make a proposal to hold any of the above events in 2002 should write to

The Federation Secretary, Jack Frost, at P.O. Box 216 Shortland St, Auckland or e-mail Jack at lbffrost@xtra.co.nz, or contact myself by e-mail as below.

President's E-mail Bulletin

Council has agreed that future bulletins will be sent to clubs by e-mail, where possible.

I'm aiming to produce monthly bulletins and need e-mail contacts for all clubs please.

Feedback will be welcome and any thoughts may be included in future bulletins to prompt discussion and reaction. My e-mail contact is bobviv@actrix.gen.nz

Regional Councillors

Duncan Watts, Otago Chess Club Secretary, has been co-opted as Otago Regional Councillor.

He joins Wellington regional councillors Ted Frost and Michael Freeman.

We hope to have also appointed a Canterbury regional councillor before you read this.

Alexei Kulashko, NZ Master

The annual meeting of the NZ Chess Federation confirmed, with applause, the award of the Zealand Master title to Alexei Kulashko.

To achieve this award, points are awarded to placegetters at NZCF tournaments, with 100 points required to become a New Zealand Master, and 40 points for the title of Candidate Master.

Alexei has now reached 135 points on the list of masters. Others at the top of the list of active players include:

P A Garbett 665, AF Ker 515, R J Sutton 429, V A Small 328, R J Dive 319, J D Sarfati 290, D I Lynch 281, B R Anderson 256, A Feneridis 250, R W Smith 233, B M S Martin 181, P W Stuart 174, E M Green 150, G G Haase 148, S G Lukey 126, M P Dreyer 118, M Sinclair 112, P R Green 107, R I Nokes 107.

A J Love 77, Z Frankel 72, L I Aptekar 67, G A Spain 57, R A Dowden 57, P D McKenzie 42.

K M Boyd 39, S C Wastney 36, I Bjelobrck 36, J N Metge 32,, R Wansink 31, D W Guthrie 30, B R Watson 29.

Cecil Purdy's chess articles are still being published

The late Cecil Purdy, Australian champion and world correspondence champion, and editor and proprietor of "Chess World", has long been regarded as an eminent teacher of the fundamental principles of chess.

Cecil Purdy wrote innumerable articles, and these are republished in a series of books published in Iowa. Cecil's son-in-law, Frank Hutchings, a Wellingtonian who settled in Sydney after marrying Diana Purdy, edits and analyses and has been associated with the publication of the Purdy books for a number of years. The books continue to sell well and two are due to be reprinted.

Cecil Purdy's work has also been recognised by the establishment of a Purdy Library in Massachusetts.

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.

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.

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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