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Long-time New Zealand chess identity Zygmunt Frankel has died at the age of 80. Zyg was a former New Zealand Championship player and NZ Chess Editor. A tribute to him will appear in the December NZ Chess.

British GM Tony Miles has passed away in his sleep, after battling a severe form of diabetes. Tony was Britain's first Grandmaster and a pre-eminent tournament player for many years.

The Onehunga Ancient Games Lightning Spectacular was won by FM Paul Garbett, with FM Alexei Kulashko a close second. Details in December's issue.

2002 New Zealand Chess Grand Prix \$3000 in prizes are anticipated in the first year of this competition which is being sponsored by Global Chess Enterprises. NZCF will be finalising details in December and will advise clubs as soon as possible. Organisers who want their events included in the Grand Prix should write to NZCF at P O Box 216 Shortland Street or e-mail NZCF President Bob Smith at bobviv@actrix.gen.nz in the first instance. There will be a levy involved, which should easily be recouped from extra entries! As well as overall prizes, the Grand Prix is expected to include prizes for juniors and rating divisions.

Cover photo

Participants in the 2001 New Zealand Women's Chess Championship

back row(1 to r) : Eleanora Mikhailik (champion), Edith Otene, Helen Courtney, Viv Smith, Samantha Wilson, Hannah Mason, Dinesha Samaradiwakara, Natasha Fairley. front row: Jacqui Bunn, Sue Maroroa, Serra Tang, Sharon Wu, Shirley Wu.

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BIRKENHEAD LICENSING TRUST OPEN

By Peter Stuart

This year's successful event, on 22/23 September, was the 28th annual edition of Auckland longest running weekender and the third under the generous sponsorship of the Birkenhead Licensing Trust.

It remains, as far as we know, the only New Zealand open tournament using a Fischer type time control. Players had 80 minutes for 40 moves plus 10 minutes to finish with 15 seconds added for every move played. Most of the time there is little difference from the standard guillotine time controls used in other events, e.g. players have 1½ hours for the first 40 moves, though they are forced to perhaps allocate their time a little better than usual. The North Shore club has been using similar time controls for most of its internal tournaments for several years. There were a few protests when they were first introduced but once players become accustomed to them they realise the advantages of virtually never needing to lose on time.

The number of advance entries was very disappointing in view of the healthy prize fund but another 30 players entered on the Saturday morning. The organisers' conscious decision to not discourage people who were unable to make a decision to play or not play until the last minute seems to have encouraged many others to enter on the day. Among them was Waitemata organiser Bob Smith who apparently signalled the withdrawal of his oft expressed disapproval of "late" entries. Processing these entries quickly and completing the draw for the first round was not really a problem but it sure makes for a nail-biting time for an organiser who doesn't know whether the event will lose heaps of money or not until half an hour before the first round!

An email message from Tony Dowden a few

days before the tournament pointed out an apparent clash with the South Island Championship which started in Dunedin the day after the BLT Open. I say "apparent" because Bill Forster of Wellington managed to play in both tournaments! We could certainly do with more like him.

An unfortunate mix-up over a withdrawal in the Open left an odd number of players and hence a bye in some rounds but with half-point byes available on the first day there is always going to be the possibility of occasional full-point byes.

The black players won the first round 6½-3½, there being three mini-upsets where the higher rated player drew with the white pieces. Indeed Michael Steadman and Antonio Krstev could well have lost to Prashant Mistry and Philip Hair respectively. Most of the other games were also closely fought with time pressure blunders deciding things in several games. The most consistent win came on top board:

Smith - Davies, Queen's Indian E16
 1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟f3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 ♟b7 5.♟g2 ♟b4+ 6.♟bd2 0-0 7.0-0 ♟xd2 8.♟xd2 c5 9.♟f4 d6 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.♟c2 ♟c8 12.♟ad1 ♟c6 13.a3 h6 14.e4 ♟d8 15.e5 ♟xd1 16.♟xd1 ♟d7

Had Black foreseen the use White would later make of the hole on d6 he might well have considered 16...♟e8 here. The knight does not have much of an attacking future either way.

17.h4 ♟c7 18.♟e2 ♟f8 19.h5 ♟d8 20.♟d6! ♟xd6 21.exd6 ♟d7

Better was 21...♟d8 22.♟d2 ♟d7.

22.♟d2 ♟h7 23.b4 cxb4 24.axb4 ♟f6

25.b5 ♟b8

25...♟a5!?

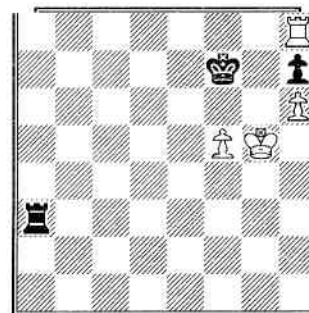
26.♟e5 ♟c8 27.♟xh6! ♟xg2 28.♟xg2

♟b7+?

There is certainly no defence for Black after this; the queen is simply out of play. Immediate acceptance of the sacrifice was the best choice: 28...gxf6 29.♟xh6 ♟h7 but after the further 30.g4! (30.♟f4 ♟b7+ 31.♟g1 f6 32.♟g4+ ♟g5 33.f4 ♟e4 34.fxc5 ♟e1+ 35.♟g2 f5 =) 30...♟f8 31.♟f4! White seems to be winning: 31...f6 32.d7! ♟g5 33.h6 ♟d8 34.♟c6 +.

29.f3 gxf6 30.♟xh6 ♟h7 31.g4 f6 32.d7 1-0.

In round 2 the game between Matthew McNabb and Bob Smith reached a drawn ending but the former, perhaps short of time, needlessly gave away a pawn and the game. The board two game Garbett-Giles also reached a drawn ending:



Paul has just played 52. ♟h8 and is winning the last black pawn. Play continued

52...♟a1?

Ben sets up checking distance but too late; it just loses the pawn with the black king cut off on the back rank, a win for White. Correct was 52...♟g3+ 53.♟f4 ♟g1 54.♟xh7+ ♟f6 and Black can win one of the white pawns, reaching a clearly drawn R+P v R ending: 55.♟h8 (55.♟a7 ♟f1+ 56.♟g4 ♟g1+ 57.♟f3 ♟xf5=) 55...♟f1+ 56.♟g3 ♟g1+ 57.♟h2 (57.♟f2 ♟h1 58.h7 ♟g7 59.♟g8+ ♟xh7 60.♟g5 ♟h6 61.♟g6+ ♟h7 62.♟e3 ♟h4=) 57...♟g5 58.h7 ♟h5+

59.♟g3 ♟g7 60.♟a8 (60.♟g4 ♟xh7 61.♟xh7+ ♟xh7=) 60...♟xh7 61.♟a7+ ♟g8 62.♟xh7 ♟xh7 63.♟f4 ♟g7 64.♟e5 ♟f7=.

53.♟xh7+ ♟g8 54.♟g7+ ♟h8

Or 54...♟f8 55.f6 ♟g1+ 56.♟f5 ♟f1+ 57.♟e5 ♟e1+ 58.♟d4+-.

55.f6?

The ending after 55.♟e7! (the ideal square for the rook) 55...♟g1+ (55...♟a6 56.f6 ♟a8 (56...♟a1 57.♟g6 ♟g1+ 58.♟f7 ♟a1 59.♟f8 ♟a8+ 60.♟e8 ♟a7 61.f7 ♟h7 62.♟d8+-) 57.♟g6 ♟g8+ 58.♟g7 +-) 56.♟f6 ♟a1 (56...♟h1 57.♟f7 ♟h7 58.f6 ♟a1 59.♟f8+ winning as in the main line) 57.♟f7 ♟h7 is well known and almost certain to arise after White's correct 55th. Were it Black to move now he could draw by 57...♟a8; the extra h-pawn is meaningless as the black king will, when forced to move on the h-file, head to h6 anyway. However, it is White to move and he can win thanks to being able to gain a tempo with a check: 58.♟f8+! ♟xh6 59.♟c6+! (59.f6? ♟g6 60.f7 ♟f6=) 59...♟h7 (59...♟g5 60.f6 ♟f5 61.♟b6 ♟g6 62.f7+ ♟h7 63.♟e7+-) 60.f6 ♟a2 (60...♟a8+ 61.♟e8 ♟a1 62.f7 ♟a7 63.♟d8+-) 61.f7 ♟a7 62.♟f6! ♟a8+ 63.♟e7 ♟a7+ 64.♟e6 ♟a6+ 65.♟e5 ♟a5+ 66.♟d4+-.

55...♟g1+ 56.♟h5 ♟h1+ 57.♟g4 ♟h4+.

The stalemate position of the black king allows this insolence but Black can also draw with the simple 57...♟xh6 **58.♟g5 ♟h5+ 59.♟f4 ♟f5+ ½-½.**

An instructive endgame.

Paul Beach blundered in an equal position allowing Leonard McLaren a winning combination, David Wood sacrificed a knight for two pawns and Bruce Watson was untroubled to win, and Antonio Krstev went to insane lengths to win an equal ending only to blunder on move 75 against Mistry. The players on 2 points were Smith, McLaren and Watson while Garbett, Steadman, Giles and Mistry had

1½.

Round 3, on the Saturday evening, is traditionally the one where a half-point bye is often taken. No fewer than 8 players had opted for the night off, including Garbett, McLaren and Watson. The decision to take a half-point bye must be taken before the start of the previous round else Garbett, who had already dropped half a point, might well have preferred to play rather than risk being a whole point off the lead.

Smith-Steadman was a Queen's Gambit Accepted in which Black equalised without trouble but a reluctance to exchange rooks on the only open file later gave Smith the chance to penetrate decisively and end the day with a perfect score. Mistry won a pawn versus Giles but a blocked position together with the presence of opposite colour bishops precluded a decisive result. Paul Beach beat Alan Dunn to join Garbett, Giles and Mistry on 2, a half-point behind McLaren and Watson.

On the Sunday morning McLaren gained the two bishops and a space advantage against Smith but probably made the wrong pawn break too early, allowing simplification to a drawn ending which allowed Smith to preserve his half-point lead going into the last round. Watson lost/sacrificed a pawn against Garbett and later a second to muddy the waters. Garbett was probably winning but the Burglar struck again to snatch a draw in an interesting game:

Watson – Garbett, Sicilian [B51]

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 d6 3.♁b5+ ♁d7 4.c4 a6 5.♁a4 g6 6.♁c3 ♁g7 7.0-0 ♁gf6 8.d3 0-0 9.♁g5 h6 10.♁h4 g5 11.♁g3 ♁h5 12.d4 This involves a pawn sacrifice. Probably better was the simple 12.♞c2. 12...g4 13.♁h4 cxd4 14.♁e2 ♁xg3 15.hxg3 ♁b6 16.♁b3 e5 17.♞c1 ♞e7 18.♁f5 ♁xf5

19.♁xf5 ♞g5 20.♞d3 ♁d7 21.f4 ♞e7 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.f6 ♁xf6 24.♞ecl

Perhaps Bruce had thought 24.♞c2 ♞ad8 25.♞xf6 was a threat but Black is just winning after 25... 25...e4 26.♞xe4 ♞xe4 27.♞xe4 ♁xf6.

24...♁h7 25.♁f4 ♞g5 26.♁d5 f5 27.♞xf5!?

27.♁c7 e4 28.c5+ ♁h8 29.♞c4 d3!?

30.♁xa8 ♞xa8 –+.

27...♞xf5 28.♞xf5 ♞xf5 29.♁e7+ ♁h8

30.♁xf5 ♞e8 31.♁d6 ♞e7 32.♁f5 ♞e8

33.♁xd4 e4 34.♁f5 ♁xb2 35.♁xh6 ♁d4+

36.♁f1 ♞f8+ 37.♁e2 ♞f2+ 38.♁d1 ♁f6

39.♁f7+ ♁g7 40.♁g5 ♁c3 41.♞e2 ♞xe2

42.♁xe2 ♁g6 43.♁xe4 ♁xe4 44.♞c2 ♁f5

45.♁e3 ♁e5 46.♞xe4 b6 47.♞b7 a5 ½-½.

South Island champion (for a few more days) Giles made the most of a Beach blue to join McLaren and Watson on 3 points while Hair, who had quietly been gathering half points hitherto, also came into the picture when Steadman blundered a piece in a pawn-up ending. Other round 4 winners included McNabb, Krstev and Paul Godfrey who joined Garbett, Hair and Mistry on 2½ points.

Beach – Giles, Scandinavian [B01]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♁f6 3.♁f3 ♁xd5 4.d4 g6

5.c4 ♁b6 6.♁c3 ♁g7 7.c5 ♁d5 8.♞c4 c6

9.♞b3 e6 10.0-0 0-0 11.♞e1 ♁d7 12.♁e4

♁7f6 13.♁d6 ♞c7 14.♁e5 ♁e8 15.♞xd5

exd5 16.♁xc8 ♞xc8 17.♞f4 ♁c7 18.♞ad1

♁e6 19.♁g3 ♞e8 20.♞f3? [20.♞c3 =] 20...f6

21.♁g4 ♁xd4! 22.♁xf6+ ♁f7!

22...♁xf6 23.♞xf6 ♁e2+ 24.♞xe2 ♞xe2

25.♞e5 ♞f8 26.♞h8+ ♁f7 27.♞xh7+ ♁e8

28.♞xg6+ ∞.

23.♞f4 ♞xe1+ 24.♞xe1 ♁xf6 25.♁h4 ♞d8

26.♞h6 ♁g8 27.♁g3 ♁g5 28.♞h3 ♞c8 0-1.

In the final round Watson looked to be getting on top with his queenside pawn majority ready to roll but he adopted a faulty plan of opening a file on the

kingside and the draw was agreed soon after. The post mortem suggested that Smith might well have had the better of it in the final position thanks to his kingside initiative.

Smith – Watson, Queen's Indian [E12]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.♁f3 b6 3.c4 e6 4.a3 ♞b7 5.♞c3 d5

6.♁g5 ♞e7 7.♞xf6 ♁xf6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.e3 0-0

10.♞d3 c5 11.0-0 ♁d7 12.♞c1 g6 13.♞d2 ♞c8

14.♞fd1 c4 15.♞f1 ♞c6 16.g3 b5 17.♁g2 ♞b6

18.♁e1 ♞b7 19.♁c2 ♁b6 20.♁b4 ♁g7 21.♞e2 a5

22.♁xc6 ♞xc6 23.♞f3 ♞ad8 24.♁e2 ♞f6 25.♞xf6

♁xf6 26.♞a1 ♞e7 27.h4 f5 28.♞dc1 ♁f7 29.♁f1

h6 30.♁e1 g5 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.♁d2 ♁f6 33.♞h1

♁a8 34.♞f3 g4 35.♁g2 ♁c7 36.♞h7+ ♁g7 37.♁f4

♞h8 38.♞ah1 ♞xh7 39.♞xh7 b4 40.♁xb4 ♁xb4

½-½.

The only other players with any interest in first prize were Giles and McLaren who met on board 2. The South Island (but former North Shore) player employed a rarely played move in a Four Pawns Attack against Leonard's King's Indian and soon had the third seed in trouble:

Giles – McLaren, King's Indian [E76]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 g6 3.♁c3 ♁g7 4.e4 d6 5.f4

0-0 6.♁f3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.e5.

8.♞e2 is standard.

8...♁e8

8...dxe5 9.fxe5 ♁g4 10.♁g5 ♞b6 is okay for Black.

9.♞e2 a6 10.0-0 exd5 11.cxd5 ♁g4?

11...♁d7 12.e6 fxe6 13.♁g5 ♁d4+ 14.♁h1

♁df6 with an unclear position.

12.♞e1 ♁d7 13.e6! fxe6 14.♁g5 ♞xe2

15.♞xe2 ♞xc3?!

Not a pleasant position but the least evil

was probably the exchange sacrifice by

15...exd5 16.♞e6+ ♁h8 17.♁xd5 ♞a5

18.♞e3 ♁df6 19.♁f7+ ♞xf7 20.♞xf7 ♁xd5

21.♞xd5 and White is clearly better.

16.♞xe6+ ♁h8 17.bxc3 ♞ff6.

17...♞c8 18.♞e7 ♁g7 19.♁f7+ ♁g8 20.♁xd6

♞c7 21.c4 and 22.♞b2 is a terrible threat.

18.♞xd7 ♁g7 19.♞b2 ♞xf4 20.♞xg7+ ♁xg7

21.♁e6+ ♁g8 22.♁xf4 ♞xf4 23.♞e7 b5

24.♞f1 ♞af8 25.♞xf4 ♞xf4 26.♞e6 a5 27.♞xd6 b4 28.cxb4 ♁xb4 29.♞c1 ♞d4 30.♁h6 ♁f7 31.♁f2 c4 32.♁e3 ♞d3+ 33.♁e4 ♞a3 34.♁d4 c3 35.♁c4 ♞xa2 36.♁xb4 ♞xg2 37.♁xc3 ♞xh2 38.♞d7+ ♁g8 39.♁g5 ♞g2 40.♁f6 ♞f2 41.♁e5 ♞c2 42.♁d4 ♞d2+ 43.♁c5 ♞c2+ 44.♁d6 ♞a2 45.♁e7 ♞a8 46.♞d8+ ♞xd8 47.♁xd8 ♁f7 48.♁c7 1-0.

Garbett won against Krstev to join Watson in a share of third place and Hair made it a trio when he upset McNabb to also finish on 3½:

Hair – McNabb, Irregular [A00]

1.♁c3 d5 2.♁f3 ♁f6 3.d3 ♁f5 4.g3 ♁c6

5.♁g2 ♞d7 6.♁g5 0-0-0 7.e3 e5 8.a3 ♞e7

9.♞d2 ♞he8 10.0-0-0 d4 11.♁e2 ♞d5

12.♁fxd4? ♞a2?

12...♞xg2 13.♁xf5 ♁e4 turns the tables.

13.♁b3 ♞xa3!

The best chance.

14.bxa3 ♞xa3+ 15.♁b1 ♁b4?

15...♞xd3 16.cxd3 ♞xb3+ 17.♞b2 ♞xd3

re-establishes material equality although

White is still clearly better after 18.♞xb3

♞xb3+ 19.♁c2 ♞b6 20.♁xf6.

16.♞c3 ♞a2+ 17.♁c1 ♁xd3+ 18.cxd3 ♞xe2

19.♁c5! ♞d6

19...b6 20.♞d2 +.

20.♁xb7+ ♁d8 21.♞d2 ♞g4 22.♁xf6+ ♞xf6

23.d4 ♞b6 24.dxe5+ ♁e7 25.e4 1-0.

So Smith and Giles finished in a tie for first place and shared \$800. The top seed played soundly throughout and was never put under real pressure while Giles took all the chances that came his way with an astute tactical performance. His rating has climbed significantly over the last 18 months and will likely zoom above 2000 on the next list. When Ben won the South Island Championship last year in a not very strong tournament his success may have been undervalued by some but his latest result should disabuse anyone of that notion.

Of the trio sharing third place Garbett

and Watson may wish to revisit their decision to take a half-point bye in the third round; their play was certainly at least on a par with the winners but the voluntarily conceded half points made the difference. For Hair this was a very fine result even if, as Philip himself acknowledges, he had some assistance from a couple of his opponents; nevertheless he grabbed his chances when they came along and went through

undefeated.

Obviously, as always, some will be disappointed with their play or results and chief among this category would be Michael Steadman. Just as he could have lost in the first round he could just as easily have won that game, his loss to Smith was unnecessary and he was probably winning in the penultimate round before his losing blunder.

	Club	Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5Pts	TB	
1	Giles B.J.	-	1954	W17	D4	D10	W7	W64	14
2	Smith R.W.	WI	2363	W18	W11	W12	D6	D34	12½
3	Watson B.R.	AC	2204	W8	W19	hpb	D4	D23½	14
4	Garbett P.A.	NS	2335	W16	D1	hpb	D3	W133½	14
5	Hair P.I.	NS	1763	D13	D9	hpb	W12	W113½	12
6	McAren L.J.	NS	2245	W20	W7	hpb	D2	L13	14½
7	Beach P.K.	AC	1938	W21	L6	W16	L1	W143	12½
8	Gibbons R.E.	GA	1889	L3	W21	hpb	D9	W173	12
9	Bennett H.P.	HA	1951	D14	D5	hpb	D8	D102½	14
10	Mistry P.	NS	1819	D12	W13	D1	L11	D92½	13½
11	McNabb M.	AC	2057	W15	L2	D18	W10	L52½	13½
12	Steadman M.V.R.	AC	2109	D10	W22	L2	L5	W202½	13½
13	Krstev A.	NS	1980	D5	L10	W19	W18	L42½	12
14	Godfrey P.	WI	1748	D9	L18	W20	W16	L72½	9½
15	Wang P.	AC	1803	L11	L16	bye	D19	W182½	9
16	Dunn A.S.	-	1912	L4	W15	L7	L14	bye2	13½
17	Gunn N.J.	NS	1750	L1	D20	hpb	W21	L82	12
18	Davies R.E.	PT	1917	L2	W14	D11	L13	L151½	13½
19	Wood D.A.	-	1729	bye	L3	L13	D15	L211½	12
20	Martin-Buss B.	WI	1899	L6	D17	L14	bye	L121½	12
21	Eade D.	AC	1732	L7	L8	hpb	L17	W191½	11½
22	Johnson Q.J.	AC	1830	hpb	L12				

North Shore school boy Stanislav Shardin (15) won his first four games in the B-grade (under 1700) in fine style but fell at the final hurdle to Aaron Cossey who had drawn with Bill Farster (WE) in his previous game. Shardin was ranked 13th and Cossey only 17th with clearly understated ratings of 1400 and 1315 respectively.

Unrated 10 year-old David Xu from the Howick-Pakuranga club lost his first game to top seed Farster but won his four remaining games to share a fine second equid with Farster, Shardin, second seed Stewart East (PT) and fourth seed Daniel Johns (NS).

Then followed: 7-13 J.A.Browne, E. Charomova (NS), T.Evans (NS), R.

Jackson (HA), H.Modik (AC), C. Riding & A.Stone 3; 14-18 D. Charomov (NS), M.Catwathy, G.W. Pocock (GA), R.Price (PT) & D.J.W. Simpson (NS) 2½; 19-25 H.K.Courtney (GA), W.Gao, L.D.Hadkney, H.J. Jacobs, J.H.McRae (PT), M.K.Marrison (AC) & E.A.Otene 2; 26 C.Wilson (PT) 1½; 27-30 A.Arnet, G.L.Judkins (HA), T. A.Marara (AC) & G.T.hartton (NS) 1; 31 T.H.T.Gatharp (GA) 0.

NcNabb – Mistry, Modern [A42]

1.d4 g6 2.c4 g7 3.e3 d6 4.e4 c5 5.d5 f5 6. d3 fxe4 7. dxe4 d6 8. d5 e6 9. h4 e5 10. dxc6 e7 11. d1h3 0-0 12. 0-0 h6 13. dxc6 hxc5 14. hxc5 e6 15. gxf6 e6 16. e1 d7 17. h5 g4 18. d5+ d7 19. d4 e8 20. d5 e5 21. d2 d4 22. dxc4 cxb4 23. d3 dxc2 24. ead1 eac8 25. d5+ d7 26. e4 d6 27. g4 e6 28. dxe4 e5 29. d1 e8 30. dxe5 e5 31. dxe5 dxe5 32. dxd7 d5 33. d7+ d4 34. d3 d4 35. d5+ d3 36. d3 1-0.

Krstev – Davies, Nimzoindian [E27]

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e6 3. e3 e4 4. a3 e5 5. bxc3 0-0 6. e5 d5 7. exd6 cxd6 8. c4 e4 9. d3 d5 10. e3 b6 11. d3 a6 12. d2 d7 13. exd5 dxd3 14. dxd3 exd5 15. 0-0 e7 16. d5 d7 17. a4 a6 18. d3 e4 19. d2 e4 20. e4 e1 eac8 21. d1 b5 22. axb5 axb5 23. e5 e1 24. e1 e1 25. dxc1 d6 26. f3 d6 27. d5 d6 28. a3 h6 29. d4 f6 30. d6 d5 31. d7+ d3 32. d6 e6 33. h4 d7 34. d4 d5 =.

31.e4 d6

31... d6 32. dxd5+ dxd5 33. d7+ d7 34. d5 =.

32. d7+ d3 33. d7 h5 34. d8+ 1-0.

Godfrey – Dunn, Sicilian [D42]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 dxd5 4.d4 e6 5. d3 d6 6. d3 d6 7. 0-0 cxd4 8. cxd4 e7 9. e3 d8 10. a3 0-0 11. e1 g6 12. e2 a6 13. d3 a5 14. a2 b5 15. d5 d4 16. d6 e8 17. d4 d8 18. dxf8 dxf8 19. dxc4 bxc4 20. dxc4 exd5 21. d4 d7 22. ead1 d6 23. d5 d6 24. d3 d3 25. dxe8+ dxe8 26. d4 g5 27. d3 d4 28. d4 d6?

28... dxc3 29. bxc3 (29. dxc6 d2+ 30. d7 d4 31. dxd4) 29... d4 30. d6 g4 ±.

29. dxc5 d5 30. dxd5 dxd4 31. dxd4 d8 32. f3 d5 33. d6 e5 34. b4 d7 35. d2 d6 36. d6 d2 37. dxa6 h5 38. d1 d4 39. d2 a2 40. d4 d4 41. a7 g4? 42. d6 d8 43. d7+ d6 44. d4 g3 45. a4 h4 46. b5 d5 47. d4 a2 48. dxc3+ hxc3 49. b6 d2 50. a5 d5 51. a4 1-0.

Otene – Simpson, English [A10]

1. e4 g5 2. d3 d7 3. d4 h6 4. g3 c5 5. e3 d6 6. d2 d6 7. dge2 d5 8. d4 d7 9. d1 d6 10. 0-0 e8 11. b3 d3 12. d2 d2 13. d2 b6 14. d5 d5 15. h3 h5 16. f4 gxf4 17. d4 h4 18. d1 hxc3 19. dxc3 d7 20. d2 0-0 21. d2 d8 22. d1 d5 23. d1 d5 24. d1 d5+ 25. d2 d4+ 26. bxc4 dxc3+ 27. dxc3 dxc3 28. d1 d8 29. h4 d2+ 30. d3 d4+ 0-1.

Simpson – Riding, French [C03]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. d2 d6 4. c3 e7 5. d3 d6 6. e5 d7 7. d3 f6 8. e6 d6 9. e5 0-0 10. f4 dxe5 11. dxe5 d7 12. d3 d5 13. d2 b6 14. d4 d4 15. dxe4 dxe4 16. d2 e5 17. dxe4 Better 17. d3 d7 18. d3 =.

17... exd4! 18. dxa8 dxc3 19. bxc3

Better 19. d4 d7 20. d4 d5 21. b4 d4 22. d4 d4 23. d2 e2 24. d3 d4 25. d4 d4 d5 =.

19... d3 20. d3 d4+ 0-1.

Xu – Simpson, Alekhine [B03]

1.e4 d6 2.e5 d5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 d6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 d6 7. d3 d5 8. d3 e6 9. d3 d3 10. dxd3 d4 11. d2 e5 12. d3 d7 13. d1 a6? 13... cxd4 14. dxd4 d7 15. d5 0-0 16. d4 d6 17. d2 d2 18. 0-0 ±.

14.a3 dxc4

14... d6 15. d5 d4 16. dxd4 cxd4 17. d4 0-0 (17... exd5 18. d5) 18. d6 d4+ 19. g3 d5 20. c5 ±.

15.axb4 dxe3 16. dxc3 cxb4 17. d4 0-0

18. 0-0 b5 19. d1 d6 20. d3 a5 21. d6+! gxf6 22. exf6 dxf6 23. dxf6 d8 24. d5 a7 25. d1 d7 26. d7+ d7 27. d7 d7 28. d7 d7 29. dxe6 d7 30. d5 d6

South Island Championship, 2001

by Tony Dowden

In September, the Otago Chess Club hosted the 2001 South Island Championships in its clubrooms for the second year running. Happily it was an improvement on last year with a 50% increase in entries and, just for once, it was noticeably stronger than the North Island event. The red-hot favourites in the field of 21 were IM Ben Martin (2385) and current NZ champion, FM Scott Wastney (2230). Based in Australia for several years, Martin was visiting New Zealand for a few weeks before going to Israel to take an academic post in Mathematics at Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Charles Ker (2154) and Tony Dowden (2094), both currently living in Dunedin, were also contenders but their lack of recent tournament practice was expected to show. Long shots included Jacek Wojnar (1890) from Wellington and former SI champion Bruce Donaldson (1786) from Christchurch.

During the players meeting DOP Graham Haase set the scene for an eventful tournament by setting the players a couple of early morning chess problems before Round 1. A highly competitive atmosphere meant that there were no short draws - or even medium-sized draws - none that I saw anyway. Actually, from the point of view of one known to be partial to a 'rest day' or two, it was mildly irksome that everyone else was obviously out for blood!

Round 1

The top seeds all won without difficulty. Gold won a pawn from Wastney but soon succumbed when his position was put under pressure. Ker won a pretty sacrificial game against McKerras.

Gold,H (1536) – Wastney,S (2230)

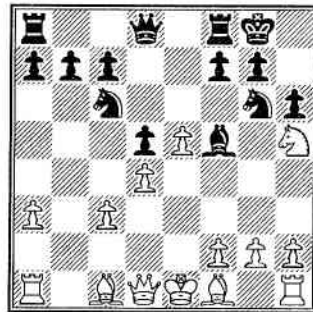
Sicilian Def. (Rd 1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 Bb4 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Qe2 e5 12.0-0-0 d4 13.Ne4 Bxd2+14.Rxd2 Rb8 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Re1 Bd7 17.Qe4 g6 18.Qd5 Rfd8 19.Rxe5 Bc6 20.Qa5 Bxg2 21.Bc4 Kg7 22.Rde2 Bf1 23.Re7 Rf8 24.Bxf7 Bxe2 25.Qxa7 Qg5+ 0-1

Ker,C (2145) – McKerras,R (1527)

Nimzowitsch Def. (Rd 1)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.c3 exd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.e5 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nge7 9.Ne2 h6 10.Nf4 Ng6 11.Nh5 0-0



12.Nxg7 Kxg7 13.Qh5 Qd7 14.g4 Bxg4 15.Qxh6+ Kg8 16.Bg5 Nce7 17.Bd3 f5 18.Rg1 Kf7 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.h3 Bf3 21.Rg3 Be4 22.Be2 Qc6 23.Bh5+ Ng6 24.Bxg6+ Ke6 25.Be8+ 1-0

Round 2

Most of the top seeds dominated but in the first upset of the tournament, Forster unhinged Wojnar.

Donaldson,B (1786) – Martin,B (2385)

French Def. (Rd 2)

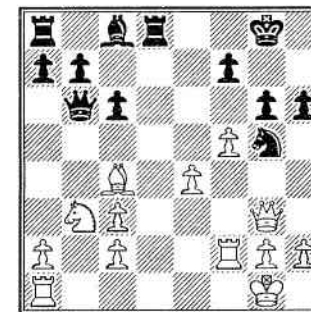
1.e4 e6 2.d4 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Be3 Bd7

6.Bd3 Qb6 7.Qd2 f6 8.Nf3 fxe5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qc7 11.0-0 Nh6 12.Na3 c4 13.Be2 Qxe5 14.Rae1 Bxa3 15.bxa3 0-0 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Bxc4 Qf4 18.Qxf4 Rxf4 19.Bd3 Rc8 20.Rb1 b6 21.Rf1 Ra4 22.Rb3 Ra5 23.Kf1 Rac5 24.Ke1 d4 25.c4 b5 26.Be2 bxc4 27.Rb7 Be8 28.Bg4 Re5+ 29.Kd2 c3+ 30.Kd3 Bg6+ 0-1

Forster,W (1661) – Wojnar,J (1890)

Philidor Def. (Rd 2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Bc4 Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 c6 10.Qd2 Nbd7 11.f4 Qb6 12.Bf2 Ng4 13.Nb3 Nxf2 14.Rxf2 Nc5 15.Qxd6 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Ne6 17.f5 Rd8 18.Qg3 Ng5



19.fxg6! Nxe4 20.gxf7+ Kf8 21.Qg8+ 1-0

Round 3

The top seeds started to square off in this round. Ker attacked and looked like having chances of breaking through but Wastney absorbed the pressure and a draw was finally agreed in a level queen ending. Martin looked every inch an IM as he elegantly punished Dowden's inaccuracies in one of the best performances of the tournament.

Ker,C (2145) – Wastney,S (2230)

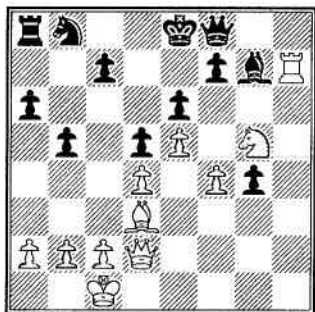
Sicilian Def. (Rd 3)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 e6 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Qc7 8.Bd2 d6 9.f4 Nd7 10.Bd3 b6 11.Nf3 Bb7 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qb3 0-0 14.Rae1 Rac8 15.f5 Bd5 16.Qc2 exf5 17.Bxf5 g6 18.Bg5 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 dxe5 20.dxe5 Rce8 21.e6 Nc5 22.exf7+ Bxf7 23.Nxf7 Rxe1 24.Nh6+ Kg7 25.Rxe1 Kxh6 26.Qd2+ Kg7 27.Qd4+ Kg8 28.Qd5+ Qf7 29.Qxc5 Qxf5 30.Qd4 Qf6 31.Qe3 Kg7 32.h3 Rf7 33.Kh1 Rc7 34.Rc1 Re7 35.Qd2 Qe5 36.Rd1 Rc7 37.Rc1 Qc5 38.Qd3 Re7 39.Rd1 Qf2 40.a4 Qc5 41.Rf1 Rc7 42.Qf3 Qe7 43.Qf4 Rd7 44.Rf3 Rd1+ 45.Rf1 Rxf1+ 46.Qxf1 a5 47.Qf2 Qf6 48.Qg3 h5 49.Qd3 Qf4 50.Qd7+ Kh6 51.Qc6 Qe3 52.Qf6 Qe1+ 53.Kh2 ½-½

Martin,B (2385) – Dowden,T (2094)

Trompovski Attack (Rd 3) (Notes by Martin)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bxf6 Qxf6 5.e4 d6 6.Nc3 a6!? 7.Bd3 g6 8.Qd2 Bg7 9.O-O-O b5 (Not necessarily bad but quite provocative. Less committal is 9...Nd7 which both develops and slows down White's e5 break) 10.e5 Qd8?! (10...Qe7 is better.) 11.h4 Bb7 12.Ne4 Bxe4 13.Bxe4 d5 14.Bd3 h5? (This natural move is bad because White can quickly break through on the kingside. 14...Nd7 keeps the kingside closed and later on Black can play ...Qe7, ...O-O-O or Kd7, Δc6) 15.Ng5 Bh6 (Tempting but bad. The pin doesn't slow White down.) 16.f4! Qe7 17.g4! hxg4 18.h5 gxh5? (The toughest defence is 18...Bxg5, meeting 19.hxg6 with Δ19Bh4! when White should continue the attack with 19.fxg5 gxh5 20.g6) 19.Rxh5 Bg7 20.Rxh8+ Bxh8 21.Rh1 Bg7 22.Rh7 Qf8 (22...Kf8 23.Qh2 Qd7 [23...Kg8 24.Rh8+!] 24.f5 exf5 25.Rxg7 Kxg7 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Bxf5 wins.)



23.Bg6! fxe6 24.Nxe6 Qg8 (24...Qe7 and 24...Qf7 are both met by 25.f5 gxf5 26.Nxg7+ Kd8 27.Qh6, with a crushing attack.) **25.Nxg7+ Kd7 26.Ne6+! Kxe6** (26...Qxh7 27.Nf8+ wins the Q) **27.f5+ Kxf5 28.Qf2+ Ke4 29.Rh1 1-0**

Round 4

The key match up between the top two seeds caused a minor sensation when Wastney seemingly effortlessly beat Martin. Dowden bounced back to beat Ker in a rather scrappy encounter. Gloistein handed Wojnar a second defeat in an interesting game where White's supposedly trapped rook delivered the final coup. Leading scores: Wastney 3½; Martin, Dowden & Gloistein 3.

Wastney,S (2230) – Martin,B (2385)

Bogo-Indian Def. (Rd 4)

(Notes by Wastney)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 b6 5.a3 Bxd2+ 5...Be7 allows 6.e4! with a strong pawn centre. **6.Qxd2** Planning b4 and Bb2. **6...Bb7 7.e3 0-0 8.Be2 c5 9.0-0 cxd4** This is a novelty according to my database **10.Nxd4 d5 11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.b4 Ne4 13.Qc2!** I was reluctant to play 13.Qd3 when 13...Nd7 (planning ...Ne5) is

unclear. Although Black can now seize the c-file, White is well positioned to wrestle it back. **13...Qc8** Other moves also seem to give White some advantage eg. 13...Nd7 14.Bb2 Rc8 15.Qa4 or 13...Qd7 14.Bb2 Rc8 15.Qd3 **14.Qxc8 Rxc8 15.Bb2 Nc6 16.Rac1 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Nd2?!** This loses control of the c-file. Better is 17...Nd6 18.Ba6 Bb7 19.Bxb7 Nxb7 when White is only slightly better. **18.Ba6! Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Bc4?** 19...Nb3 20.Rc7 Nxd4 21.exd4 is very unpleasant for Black, so he tries a radical way to prevent White's rook reaching c7. Unfortunately it just loses. **20.Rxc4 Nxc4 21.Bxc4 Rc8 22.Bf1 Rc2 23.a4** Black had expected to win one of the Q-side pawns but after 23...Ra2 24.Bb5 a6 25.Bxa6 Rxa4 26.b5 Black cannot mate with ...Ra1. Now the White bishops easily dominate the Black rook. **23...f6 24.a5 bxa5 25.bxa5 Rc7 26.e4 e5 27.Be3 Kf7 28.Ba6 g6 29.Kf1 f5 30.exf5 gxf5 31.g3 Ke6 32.Ke2 Kd5 33.Kd2 Ke6 34.Bf1 Kd5 35.Bg2+ e4 36.Bf1 Ke6 37.Bb5 Kd5 38.a6 Ke6 39.Ba4 Kf6 40.Bd4+ Kg5 41.h4+ Kg6 42.Ke3 Kh6 43.Bb5 Kh5 44.Kf4 1-0**

Dowden,T (2094) – Ker,C (2145)

French Def. (Rd 4)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 b6?! 4.exd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Ne5!? Bb7 7.Bd3?! Bd6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 c5! 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.Be2 cxd4 12.Qxd4 Bc5 13.Qd2 d4 14.Na4 Qd5 15.Bxf6 gxf6 (15...Qxg2) **16.Nf3 Nc6 17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.b3!?** (Afterwards Ben Martin suggested 18.0-0! but during the game I thought it was asking for trouble. The move played gives the bishop the c4 square and prepares to undermine Black's central pawns) **18...Re8 19.O-O-O Nb4 20.Bc4 Qd8 21.Kb2 Be4 22.c3 Nc6 23.Bb5 dxc3+ 24.Qxc3 Qe7 25.Rhe1 Rg8??** (A blunder but White is

considerably better) **26.Bxc6 Bxc6 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.Rd8+ Be8 29.Qxc5 Rxc2 30.Rxe8+ Kxe8 31.Qc8# 1-0**

Gloistein,B (1658) – Wojnar,J (1890)

Colle System (Rd 4)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 a6 4.Bd3 e6 5.0-0 c5 6.c3 Ne6 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.Re1 cxd5 9.exd5 0-0 10.Ne5 Ne8 11.Re3 f5 12.f4 Nf6 13.Rh3 Bd7 14.Ndf3 Be8 15.Ng5 Qe7 16.Qc2 Bh5 17.g4 Bxg4 18.Nxg4 Nxg4 19.Rxh7 Nh6 20.Qg2 Rf6 21.Bd2 Nd8 22.Re1 Rg6 23.h4 Ng4 24.Bxf5 Rxf5 25.hxg5 exf5 26.Rxe7 Bxe7 27.Qh1 Nf7 28.g6 Ngh6 29.Qxd5+ 1-0

Round 5

Martin bounced back with a vengeance using a Vienna with an early f4 to inflict a second defeat on Ker. Wastney steadily outplayed Dowden on the Black side of a Sicilian with a typical queenside initiative but missed a tactical trick allowing White back into the game. After earlier mutual draw offers were spurned, Dowden unwisely offered to split the point in a position where he thought his counter-attack had run its course (however during the post-mortem Martin pointed out that Black could have lost). In other games Donaldson ended Gloistein's run, while Forster and Watts both came into the reckoning with wins over veterans Nijman and Foord. Hamish Gold halted Wojnar's aspirations by handing him a third loss. Leading scores: Martin & Wastney 4; Dowden, Donaldson, Forster & Watts 3½.

Martin,B (2385) – Ker,C (2145)

Vienna Game (Rd 5)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f4 Bxc3 5.dxc3 exf4 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.Qe2+ Be6 9.fxg7 Rg8 10.Bxf4 Rxf7 11.Nf3 Rg4 12.Bg3 Qd5 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Rad1 Qa5 15.Rxd7 Kxd7 16.Ne5+ Ke7 17.Nxg4 Qh5 18.h3 Rg8 19.Qe5 1-0

Watts,D (1744) – Foord,M (1662)

Kings Indian Attack (Rd 5)

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.e4 Qc7 8.Re1 dxe4 9.dxe4 0-0 10.b3 e5 11.Bb2 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Rad8 14.Qe2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.a3 Rde8 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.h4 Qb6 19.Bh3 Rc6 20.b4 g6 21.Red1 a5 22.b5 Rc7 23.c4 Nh5 24.Rd3 Bc5 25.Kh2 Be7 26.Rc2 Rf8 27.Bc1 Ng7 28.Bh6 Rd8 29.a4 Ne6 30.h5 Nc5 31.hxg6 Qxg6 32.Bc1 Nxd3 33.Qxd3 Rd6 34.f4 Rd8 35.Bf5 Qh5+ 36.Kg1 f6 37.Rh2 Qe8 38.Bxh7+ Kf8 39.f5 Bb4 40.Bg6 1-0

Round 6

Martin beat Watts in a long game where Martin frittered away a winning advantage allowing Watts a chance to draw by sacrificing a bishop for a pawn in a B vs N ending. Unfortunately for Watts he chose to do so at the wrong moment so missed a chance to draw. Dowden eventually got dangerous piece activity and was able to repulse Forster's desperate king attack without difficulty. Wastney made little headway against an aggressive Donaldson, so amid complications played a drawing combination to ensure the half point. Leading scores: Martin 5; Wastney & Dowden 4½; Donaldson, Gold & Lambert 4.

Wastney,S (2230) – Donaldson,B (1786)

Kings Indian Def. (Rd 6)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.d4 Nbd7 7.0-0 c6 8.e4 e5 9.h3 Re8 10.Be3 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Rfe1 Nfd7 14.f4 Nf8 15.Rad1 Bd7 16.b4 Nce6 17.Nb3 Rad8 18.a4 f5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Bxa7 d5 21.cxd5 Qxb4 22.dxe6 Bxe6 23.Rxe6 Nxe6 24.Rc1 Bd4 25.Nxd4 Nxd4 26.Qa2+ Kg7 27.Rb1 Qxc3 28.Rxb7+ Kh6 29.Rxh7+ ½-½ (29ΔKxh7 30.Qf7+ with perpetual check)

Gold,H (1536) – Foord,M (1662)

Sicilian Def. (Rd 6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3 Bb4 7.Bd2 Nc6 8.Nb3 0-0
9.f4 d6 10.g4 d5 11.g5 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Nxe4
13.Qh5 g6 14.Qh6 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qd6
16.Rf1 Ne7 17.Rf3 Nf5 18.Bxf5 exf5
19.Rh3 Qe7+ 20.Kd2 f6 21.Re1 Qg7
22.Qxg7+ Kxg7 23.Re7+ Rf7 24.Rxh7+
Kxh7 25.Rxf7+ Kg8 26.Rxf6 Kg7 27.Rd6
Kf7 28.Nd4 b6 29.a3 a5 30.Rxb6 Ba6
31.Nf3 Bc4 32.Ne5+ Ke7 33.Nxg6+ Kd7
34.h4 Kc7 35.Rf6 Re8 36.Ne5 1-0

Round 7

Martin ground down a determined Gold in the ending while Wastney easily accounted for Lambert. Dowden looked OK playing Donaldson on the Black-side of the rather dubious Milner-Barry Gambit but causing a major upset, over-looked a mating combination. Ker defeated Watts rather brutally to come back into the picture with his second win in a row. Forster also joined those on 4½ by beating 10-year-old Francis Tan.

Leading scores: Martin 6; Wastney 5½; Donaldson 5; Ker, Dowden, Forster 4½; Wojnar, Gold & Lambert 4.

Ker, C (2145) – D. Watts (1744)

Caro-Kann Def. (Rd 7)

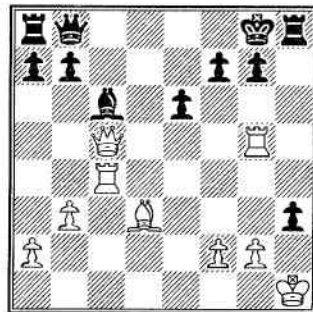
1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bg4
5.Bc4 e6 6. h3 Bh5 7.Ng3 Bg6 8.d4 Nd7
9.Bf4 Ngf6 10.h4 h6 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3
Nd5 13.Bd2 Bd6 14.0-0 Qc7 15.Ne4 Bf4
16.c4 Ndf6 17.Nc3 Bxd2 18.Qxd2 0-0-0
19.Rac1 g5 20.Nb5 Qb8 21.Qb4 c5 22.dxc5
Ne4 23.Nd6+ Nxd6 24.cxd6 Nf6 25.Rfd1
a6 26.Ne5 Rhf8 27.Qc5+ 1-0

Donaldson, B (1786) – Dowden, T (2094)

French Def. (Rd 7)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.
Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4
Qxd4 10.Nc3 Qxe5 11.Re1 Qb8 12.Nxd5
Bd6 13.Qg4 Kf8 14.Nf4?! (14.Bd2 is
theory) 14...h6 16.Nh5 Bxh2+ (Greedy but
it should give Black a winning advantage)

17.Kh1 Nxh5 18.Qxh5 Bf4?! (Black
underestimates White's attacking chances.
After the safer 19...Bd6 he can
consolidate.) 19.Re4! Bxc1 20.Qc5+ (I
missed this useful zwischenzug. Now
Black has to be careful.) 20...Kg8 21.Rxc1
Bc6?! (Continuing to play with fire. A
better defensive try is 21...Qf8 which puts
the onus on to White to find enough
compensation for the pawns.) 22.Rg4 h5?!
23.Rg5 h4 24.Rc4 (24.Rh5 looks more
incisive) 24...h3?? (Black is daydreaming
about his own attack and totally overlooks
White's lethal threat. 24...Bd5 seems to
defend eg 25.Rcg4 Qf8 26.Qd4 f6 27.
Rxd5?! exd5 28.Qxd5+ Qf7 29.Qc5 Rh5)



25.Rxg7+! Kxg7 26.Rg4+ 1-0

Round 8

In another upset Forster held Martin to a well-earned draw. However the other top seeds - Wastney, Dowden and Ker - improved their final positions by winning easily against Wojnar, Gold and Donaldson respectively. The result was that Ben Martin and Scott Wastney shared tournament honours. However Wastney took the title of South Island Champion on

his own due to Martin's Australian residency.

Forster, W (1661) – Martin, B (2385)

Queen's Pawn (Rd 8)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b5 3.e3 a6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0-0
e6 6.Nbd2 c5 7.c3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.b3 0-0
10.Bb2 d5 11.Ne5 Nbd7 12.Nxd7 Qxd7
13.Rc1 Ne4 14.f3 Nd6 15.Qe2 b4 16.Rfd1
Nb5 17.Nb1 Nd6 18.Nd2 a5 19.a4 Rfc8 20.
Qf1 Nf5 21.Qe2 Bd6 22.Nf1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1
Rc8 24.Rxd8+ Qxc8 25.Qc2 Qc2 26.Bxc2
Ba6 27.Bxf5 exf5 (Black has nothing but
Bill had to 'prove himself' for another
twenty moves before the draw was agreed
to.) 28.Nd2 Bd3 29.g3 f6 30.Kf2 Kf7 31.
Kg2 Ke6 32.f4 Kf7 33.h3 Bc2 34.Kh2 h6
35.Ba1 g5 36.Bb2 Kg6 37.Ba1 Bd1 38.Bb2
Kh5 39.Ba1 Bf8 40.Bb2 Kg6 41.Ba1 h5 42.
h4 Bc2 43.Bb2 Bd6 44.Ba1 Be4 45.Bb2
Bd3 46.Ba1 Bc2 ½-½

Donaldson, B (1786) – Ker, C (2154)

French Def. (Rd 8)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Be3 Bd7
6.Nf3 Qb6 7.Qd2 f6 8.Bd3 fxe5 9.Nxe5
Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qc7 11.Bf4 Nh6 12.0-0 Nf7
13.Re1 Be7 14.Na3 c4 15.Bf1 Bxa3
16.bxa3 0-0 17.Rab1 Rab8 18.Bg3 Nh8
19.h3 Ng6 20.Bh2 Rf7 21.f4 Qe5+ 22.Kh1
Bc6 23.g3 d4+ 24.Bg2 dxc3 25.Qxc3 Rd8
26.Red1 Rfd7 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.Bxc6
Qxc6+ 29.Kg1 Rd3 30.Qb4 c3 0-1

FM Scott Wastney was the only undefeated player in the tournament. His deceptively simple brand of positional chess was very effective and showed us why he is the current national champion. IM Ben Martin showed flashes of his undoubted class but seemed a little jaded towards the end. Charles Ker and Tony Dowden should both be reasonably happy to have secured third equal position after losing two games. Bruce Donaldson and Bill Forster thoroughly deserved to do well and were the only players to take points from the top four place-getters.

On behalf of all the players, I would like to thank NM Graham Haase for being Director of Play and, with the assistance of Dennis McCaughan, for organising four editions of a tournament bulletin. Special thanks too, all to the visitors for braving the cool Dunedin spring – after all, it wouldn't be the same without having ever-popular stalwarts like Arie Nijman present!

Final results:

1st Ben Martin & Scott Wastney 6½/8,
3rd Tony Dowden & Charles Ker 5½,
5th Bruce Donaldson & Bill Forster 5.
Grade 1: 1st Bill Forster 5.
Grade 2: 1st Roy Keeling 4½.
Best school pupil: Francis Tan 3½.

Hamilton 25/25 Rapid

Sunday December 2nd
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Nationally rated 6 round Swiss in two grades, Open and under 1350

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South Island Championship 2001 (Dunedin)												
Ran	Name	Ratin	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Rd8	Pts	Tie-break
1	B Martin IM	2385	W8	W5	W3	L2	W4	W7	W11	D6	6 ½	31 ½
2	S Wastney FM	2230	W11	W7	D4	W1	D3	D5	W13	W10	6 ½	31
3	T.Dowden CM	2094	W13	W14	L1	W4	D2	W6	L5	W11	5 ½	25 ¾
4	C.Ker	2145	W12	W15	D2	L3	L1	W8	W7	W5	5 ½	25 ¾
5	B Donaldson	1786	W16	L1	W6	D14	W8	D2	W3	L4	5	24 ¾
6	W.Forster	1661	W18	W10	L5	D7	W15	L3	W17	D1	5	20
7	D.Watts	1744	W17	L2	W9	D6	W14	L1	L4	W13	4 ½	18 ½
8	B.Gloistein	1658	L1	W16	W13	W10	L5	L4	D12	W17	4 ½	17
9	R.Keeling	1377	L10	W21	L7	W20	D16	L13	W18	Bye	4 ½	8
10	J.Wojnar	1890	W9	L6	W12	L8	L11	W15	W16	L2	4	16 ½
11	H.Gold	1536	L2	W17	W15	L12	W10	W14	L1	L3	4	15 ½
12	R.McKerras	1527	L4	W19	L10	W11	L13	W18	D8	D14	4	14 ¾
13	L.Lambert	1509	L3	W20	L8*	W21	W12	W9	L2	L7*	4	11 ½
14	M.Foord	1662	W20	L3	W18	D5	L7	L11	W21	D12	4	10 ½
15	A.Nijman	1692	W19	L4	L11	W18	L6	L10	Bye	W20	4	8
16	B.Clarkson	1314	L5	L8	W21	D17	D9	Bye	L10	W19	4	8
17	F.Tan j	1285	L7	L11	W19	D16	Bye	W20	L6	L8	3 ½	
18	A.Tan	924	L6	Bye	L14	L15	W19	L12	L9	W21	3	4
19	T.Moore	1105	L15	L12	L17	Bye	L18	W21	W20	L16	3	3
20	D.Standfield j	1000	L14	L13	Bye	L9	W21	L17	L19	L15	2	
21	S.Van Dyk j	900p	Bye	L9	L16	L13	L20	L19	L14	L18	1	

Australasian Internet Consultation State Challenge

by Tony Dowden

NZCF has accepted an invitation from the Australian Chess Federation to enter two teams into their Internet challenge. Organisers Bob Smith and Michael Freeman assembled: 'NZ North' (Russell Dive, Martin Dreyer, Bob Gibbons, Ewen Green, Peter Green, Anthony Ker, Alexei Kulashko, Martin Sims (junior) and Bob Smith) and 'NZ South' (Tony Dowden, Michael Freeman, Tony Love, Peter McKenzie, Roger Perry, Martin Sims (senior), Vernon Small and Duncan Watts) - no matter that some of the Southerners currently live in exile! [Interested readers should note that more players for the NZN & NZS teams are still very welcome. For instance, Ben Giles and Scott Wastney bolstered NZS for the second game. For information see the NZCF website.]

Opponent moves were posted on the Australian Chess Federation's website just after 2pm each day. During the evening teams would often generate frantic spates of emails while discussing their reply, then a team vote would be sent to Australia. Moves were made on three nights each week. To date NZ South has taken an early lead with wins against NZ North and South Australia. NZ North has also beaten Tasmania.

NZ North – NZ South
(Annotated by the Southerners with further comments by the Northerners in italics).

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5!?
The first surprise. We wondered out loud if Anthony Ker had voted more than once! At least three of us voted for 2.c4.
2...Ne4 3.Bh4 c5 4.f3 g5 5.fxe4 gxh4 6.e3 Bh6 7.Kf2 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.Nf3 e5 10. Nc3

Another minor surprise since Anthony had

previously played 10.c3. *The Trompovski players had vanished by now but a strong core of six remained*

10...exd4 11.Nd5 Be3+ 12.Nxe3
12.Ke1 must be better

12...dxe3+ 13.Kxe3 Qb6+ 14.Nd4

This caused the first big debate. Theory is 14...d6 but with little success – especially after 15.Bb5(!). Early discussion centred around 14...Qxb2 until Vernon Small convinced us it was simply bad.

Eventually, Michael Freeman's interesting novelty 14...a6!? won our vote. After the game Tony Love commented that Michael [and Vernon] had "bullied - with persuasive analysis – the rest of the team into making the right move".

14...a6!? **15.b3!?**

We thought this was a rather insipid reply. We expected 15.Bc4. A sample line is 15...d6 16.Rf1 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qh5+ Kd8 19.Qg5+ Kc8 20.Qg7 Rd8 21.Kd3 Ne5+ 22.Ke3 Kb8 23.Rad1 Ka7 24.Qxh7 Nc6 25.c3 e5 26.Qxh4. *After 15.Bc4 we were concerned about 15...Ne5 16.Bb3 Qh6+ 17.Kf2 Qf4+ 18.Nf3 Ng4+ But after 19.Ke1 Rg8 20.Qe2 we thought White was fine, maybe better! We were also concerned by 15.Bc4 Rg8 and if 16. Bxf7+?! Kxf7 17.Qh5+ Ke7! 18.Qxh7+ Kd6 19.Qxg8 Qxd4+ 20.Ke2 Qxe4+ 21. Kd2 Nd4.*

Here one of the vagaries of consultation struck: the dreaded coin toss to decide tied votes! Our vote was split over 15.Bc4, 15. Qd2 and 15.b3. The Aussie coin favoured 15.b3.

Bob Smith added "I argued strongly for 15.Bc4 and was sorely disappointed by 15. b3. But another team member suggested 'It's better to be a live chicken than a dead

duck, Conan!

15...d6 16.c3

We thought 16.Bc4 Be6 17.Bd5 was more testing. *But 16...Ne5 didn't look nice.* OK, we didn't think of that!

16...Be6 17.Rc1!?

In this position we were divided 3-3 on 17...0-0 and 17...Qc5. The toss of an Australian coin by the arbiter decided in favour of:

17...0-0-0

If the coin had favoured 17...Qc5, we had looked at 18.Qe1 Qg5+ 19.Kf2. In retrospect Tony Dowden wondered if the bizarre-looking 17...Kd7!? is better (this allows a quick ...Rag8 while avoiding the pin on the c-file)

18.Qh5

Here a second Aussie coin was required to decide between 18...Kb8 and 18...d5

18...d5

Damn, we lost the toss yet again! (18...Kb8 would have been more to our liking)

19.e5 Rhg8

We decided not to ride our luck with a third coin toss!

20.h3

A necessary evil since 20...Rg4 wins. By now we were down to two players (Bob G. & Martin Jr.)

20...Rg3+ 21.Kf2

If 21.Kd2, then 21...Nxd4 22.cxd4+ Kb8 23.Qxh4 Qa5+ 24.Kd1 Rdg8 25.Qxh7 Qb4 26.Qh4 Bg4+! (Vernon) 27.hxg4 Qxd4+ 28.Ke1 Qxe5+ winning. The team spent many nights prior to this discussing the merits of the following exchange sac or the quieter 21...Qc5. In the end, the late discovery of 24...Rg6! in the sac line swayed any pikers

21...Rxc3!?

The alternative was 21...Qc5 but after 22.Qxh4 Rxc3 23.Rxc3 Qxc3 24.Nxc6 Qxc6

25.Bd3 Qc3 26.Rd1 Qxe5 it isn't clear that Black is still winning

22.Rxc3 Qxd4+ 23.Re3 Rg8

At this stage Martin Sims (senior) stopped voting for the South. He quite reasonably commented that discovering 300+ emails in a special folder created especially for the game was "absurd"!

24.Qxh7 Rg6!

Tony Love's clever idea, temporarily cutting off White's queen

25.Be2 Qf4+!

Michael's late night discovery which came as a surprise to early evening voters within the team. The original plan was 25...Rxc2+ but 26.Kxg2 Qxe3 27.Qd3 Qxe5 is highly unclear. *Bob Gibbons grimly commented "Now we were on the ropes – clinging to the cliff edge and staring at a large pair of Southern boots"*

26.Rf3 Qg5 27.Rg1

Or 27.Rf1 Nxe5 28.Rc3+ Kb8 29.Ke1 d4 30.Rc5 Nf3+ 31.Rxf3 Qxc5 32.Qxh4 Rxc2 33.Kf1 Rg5 when Black keeps the advantage

27...Nxe5

In retrospect some of us claimed that 27...d4(!) was better. When we saw their next move we realized that a quick knockout had probably eluded us

28.Qh8+!

A bit of a surprise – since we hadn't given much thought to the idea of returning the exchange. *We got desperate when we saw 24...Rg6! coming, so we dug deep and found the only way to prolong the game*

28...Rg8

Other moves are too risky

29.Qf6 Nxf3 30.Qxf3

Here we had a bad moment when we realized that our original intention 30...Qe5 is met by Roger's reply 31.Qe3. Vernon convinced us that pushing the d pawn

immediately was the correct continuation **30...d4! 31.Rd1 Rd8 32.Qe4 Kb8 33.Bf3** A threat, a threat – our first of the game. Of course not 33.Rxd4? Qc5 35.Qf4+ Ka8 when Black wins material

33...Rd7 34.Re1 Qd8 35.Qf4+ Ka7

Inaccurate but it doesn't matter. 35...Ka8 was the correct continuation.

36.Be4 d3 37.Rd1 Ka8 38.Rd2 f5

By now we were down to three players – Dowden, Freeman & Small – but by now we realized we 'outnumbered' the Gibbons & Sims (Jr) team!

39.Bf3 Rd4 40.Qe5 Qb6 41.Kf1 Bd7 42. Qe7

Martin wanted to play 42.Bd5 as a waiting move. We probably shouldn't have allowed the bishop swap. After 42.Bd5 we can slowly improve our position eg 42...Qb4 43.Bf3Qc3 and ...Bc6 will follow

42...Bc6

What, they are giving us the f-pawn? Well we weren't falling for that! Critical is 43.Qf8+ Rd8 44.Qh6 but Martin found the powerful 44...Re8 before finding the antidote 45.Rd1. Then we were worried they would play 44...Rc8 giving us the d-pawn for a strong attack. So we meekly exchanged bishops. We only looked at 43.Qf8+ Rd8 44.Qf6 (which isn't as good as 44.Qh6 because it doesn't cover c1). Perhaps we were fortunate that White didn't manage to sustain their gritty defence!

43.Bxc6 Qxc6 44.Kg1 Qh6

Oops, that was a nasty shock!

45.Qe8+ Ka7 46.Qe5?!

After the better 46.Qe1 Rd5 47.Rd1 Qf4 48.Qf2+ Qd4 49.Qxd4+ Rxd4 50.Kf2 f4 51.Ke1 we had doubts about winning the ending. *But after 46.Qe1 Black can play 46...Re4! eg 47.Qf2+ Kb8 and if 48.Rxd3? Qc1+ 49.Kh2 Re1 50.g3 Rf1 51.Qg2 Ka7!*

with zugzwang. Nice idea. To be honest, we didn't see it! Funny how no one owned up to voting for 46.Qe5?! – maybe a stray Aussie vote?!

46...Qb6 47.Qe3 Rd8 48.Qf2 f4

Black is slowly running White out of moves in order to swap off into a won rook and pawn ending

49.Rd1 Qe3 50.Kf1 Kb6 51.Qe1 a5 52. Rd2 Rd6 53.a3 Kb5 54.Qd1

After 54.a4+ Black could have sacrificed their queen in the line 54...Kb4 55. Re2+ d2 56.Rxe3 fxe3! 54.Qd1 Rc6 winning

54...f3 55.Qxf3 Qxf3+!

The tempting 55...Qxd2 also wins but simplifying into the rook ending avoids last minute accidents. *Very sensible. If the rook is snaffled the Black king eventually escapes but why take 20 moves to win when you can convince your opponent to resign in only 3 more moves?*

56.gxf3 a4 57.bxa4+ Kc4 58.Ke1 Kc3 0-1

All Canterbury Chess Championship 2001 (Labour Weekend)

by Chris Wright

Saturday morning was damp due to overnight rain. That meant that National Master Bruce Anderson was going to play in the All Canterbury Chess Championship instead of the planned round of golf! New Canterbury Chess Club member Ngawati Heremaia was enthusiastic and raring to go, looking forward to his first weekend chess tournament, and it was good to see a motivated group of Ashburton Chess Club players support the All Canterbury Chess tournament. The atmosphere that was generated with players coming from outside of the Christchurch region was inspiring, and this included Ben Giles from Maruia (who recently came 1st= in the Birkenhead Licensing Trust Open with FM Bob Smith) and Bruce Gloistein from Kakanui, Oamaru. 12 entries were received, up from 8 last year, so the change of date from early December to late October proved a popular move with the Ashburton chess players.

The players meeting, consisted of a warm welcome and an explanation of the necessary rules, tournament conditions, and provisions for the players. The time control was an experiment, 33 moves in 75 minutes plus 15 minutes to finish. The time control per move was calculated on a successful Maruia Open of 40 moves in 90 minutes plus 15 minutes to finish. The shortened time control was for the purpose of fitting in 3 rounds per day with a maximum of 3 hours per game. Round one began at 10:00 am.

Rex Scarf wasn't overly thrilled in being paired with NM* Bruce Anderson in the first round. His game was going reasonably well until he made a blunder which caused a premature end to that

match. The Giles-Urbanski match was the last to finish (the game played with Zig's very impressive Saitek Digital Clock masterpiece), Giles had a won position but was he going to lose on time? The arbiter recorded the moves in the last 5 minutes of Giles clock (who needs digital boards?). Giles played with great speed in his last 3 minutes. Most of his time was taken up working out his plan, the rest of the moves came rapidly. Urbanski resigned when Giles rook and passed pawn entered the 7th rank. Both players at that time were in serious time trouble, with only two minutes remaining.

After lunch and the joys of the atmosphere of a weekend tournament, round two began shortly after 2 p.m. NM* Bruce Anderson was bringing out his past playing some of the glorious chess that made him a multiple New Zealand Chess Champion many years ago. He defeated Craig Hall in efficient manner. Giles defeated Gloistein, and Nijman defeated former 1970 NZ Championship player, Peter Fraemohs, in the endgame via zugzwang and with being a pawn up. Round 3 saw Craig Hall and David Stafford take a ½ point bye, as they could not be present in the evening due to work commitments. Round 3 was reduced to 5 boards and the tournament was to have the number 1 and 2 ranked players play against one another. Ben Giles, playing White, played the Queens Gambit Orthodox and began to set up a minority attack and bind on the Queenside against Bruce Anderson's Modern Benoni. However, Bruce counterattacked on the Kingside, exchanged in the centre, and with some strategic weaknesses from Ben,

Bruce's counterattack was irresistible. The Roy Keeling-Rex Scarf encounter went right down to the wire, both players had equal material but Rex had a positional advantage. Since both players were in considerable time trouble, the arbiter watched the match closely. In a flurry of moves, Roy made an illegal move by moving his King into check. The attentive arbiter stopped the clock immediately whilst calling "illegal move", reset the position, and started the clock again. Rex managed to force zugzwang and checkmate a few moves later - with only one minute remaining on his clock!

Ngawati Heremaia showed his skill to defeat the young Kane Cockburn from Ashburton and put himself on the scoresheet.

The Gloistein-Nijman match also went down to the wire, Nijman was still able to put pressure on Gloistein after making a horrendous blunder earlier in the game and having to lose a piece due to an unsuspecting pin on Nijman's Queen. Gloistein began to grunt and chew (which is an indication that he is winning), and whilst much time was taken to realise the material advantage, time was counting down on his own clock. Both players could have lost on time in the remaining couple of minutes shown on each persons clock, but Bruce Gloistein was the deserved winner in the end.

All games in Round 3 were completed toward 9:00 p.m., and this ended the first and an exciting day of chess play, atmosphere, enjoyment, and much fun. Round 4 began on the morning of Sunday 21st October, the last day of the tournament. NM* Bruce Anderson was the clear leader with a +3 score, a full point ahead of a 5-way tie for second place.

Peter Fraemohs played a solid game against his old rival, scoring the ½ point. Ben Giles played a superb game of chess (see the game provided below) to outclass the wily Arie Nijman. Rex Scarf did well to defeat Bruce Gloistein, Rex summed up Gloistein's play as "you play like Arie!", which sent off a period of laughter around the room.

The youngster, Kane Cockburn from Ashburton did well to upset David Stafford, all other games going according to seeding with Craig Hall benefiting from a long-term strategic plan and Roy Keeling using his wealth of chess experience to overcome the quick improving newcomer Ngawati Heremaia.

Strangely, in Round 5 Arie Nijman had to play NM* Bruce Anderson after his loss to Ben Giles; this was because Bruce Anderson had defeated all the other players ranked ahead of him!

The Hall-Fraemohs match ended in a battled draw. Ben Giles saw much more in the position than did Rex Scarf, and Ben's threats and flexible plans were simply too strong. Bruce Gloistein defeated Roy Keeling and David Stafford used his experience to defeat the new Ngawati Heremaia. The Cockburn-Urbanski match saw the youngster take it to the big guy, pulling out the ½ point. NM* Bruce Anderson's positional play was too strong for Arie Nijman, resulting in a win for him. The final standings saw an outright win for NM* Bruce Anderson with an impressive +4 score from only 5 games, and a win of \$80 and the "All Canterbury Chess Champion" title. Close behind was Ben Giles on a +3 score, who proved that he is worthy NZ Championship material. There was a 4 way tie for 3rd place on a +1 score, going to Craig Hall, Bruce Gloistein (from

North Otago), Peter Fraemohs, and Rex Scarf (from Ashburton), a full point behind Giles. Further down the field was Arie Nijman on a -1 score (who was +2 in the tournament after the first 2 rounds), the 1999 South Island Champion coming 7th equal with Roy Keeling from Ashburton. At a -2 score and a share of 9th equal were Zig Urbanski, Kane Cockburn, and David Stafford, David only gaining 9th equal place due to a ½ point bye taken in round 3, otherwise he was likely to join Ngawati Heremaia at a -3 score, a player who gained experience, knowledge, and enjoyment from his first chess tournament.

Overall, the All Canterbury Chess

Championship for 2001 was enjoyed by all, and I look forward to the event in the coming year.

Nijman, A. (1692) – Giles, B. (1954)
All Canterbury Champs. 21/10/01
Scandinavian defence
 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Nxd5
 Qxd5 5.d4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 O–O–O
 8.c3 f6 9.O–O e5 10.Be3 e4 11.Nd2 h5
 12.Bxg4+ hxg4 13.Qxg4+ f5 14.Qg3 g5
 15.Bxg5 Bd6 16.Bf4 Rdg8 17.Qe3 Bxf4
 18.Qxf4 Rg4 19.Qe3 Qg8 20.g3 Rgh4
 21.Nf3 exf3 22.Qxf3 f4 23.Rfe1 Rxb2
 24.Qxf4 Rh1+ 25.Kg2 Qd5+ 26.Qe4
 Qxe4+
 0–1

Kapiti Chess Club

by Earl N Roberts

The 5th of September saw the final games of the Kapiti Chess Club Championships completed. The 10 round A Grade championships was taken out by Earl N Roberts with a score of 10. Second was achieved by a very busy John Whibley with 6. Third was Alister Mc Gown with 5.

The B Grade was unfortunately reduced to a 6 round competition due to the absence of John Holland, a good club man. Storming through to first was Clive Greenwood with 4. In second, playing club chess for only the second time, was Paul Tideswell with 3.5, a good effort. Third was Jo Claessen with 3.

The 10 round C Grade Championship was keenly contested by all those who played in it! A handsome first was achieved by young Zak Murray with a fine score of 6 (who incidentally lost only 2 games, one to his much younger brother). Second was Tim Bailey with 5, an exceedingly good

result. There was a tie for 3rd. The second Murray in the competition, the attacking Adam Murray and Hamish Gawn both on 4. Interesting to note the other player rounding out the grade is McKensie Gawn, brother of Hamish.

Other Championships to date:

10/10 (5 rounds) 1st= Earl Roberts 5
 1st= Jo Claessen 5
 3rd Mike O Rorke 4

30/30 (6 rounds) 1st Earl Roberts 6
 2nd John Whibley 5
 3rd= Clive Greenwood 4
 3rd= Mark Woodward 4
 3rd= Glenys Mills 4

60/60 (7 rounds) 1st Earl Roberts 7
 2nd John Whibley 5
 3rd= Mike O Rorke 4
 3rd= Guy Burns 4

NZ Women's Championship

by FM Bob Smith

It was clear last year after the NZ Women's Championship attracted only four players that it was time to do something about the lack of female chess players in New Zealand.

To try to promote the game amongst girls NZCF Council introduced a Girls Chess Week, followed by coaching days in Auckland and Christchurch.

Clearly, many of the girls who participated would not be ready to play in the Women's Championship, so this year a Reserve Championship was introduced to encourage more players to take part.

This had the desired effect; there were still just four players competing in the Women's Championship, but in addition nine girls fronted up for the Reserve Championship.

It is my hope that some of these players will be ready to take part in the Championship proper next year and may well be contenders for the New Zealand Olympiad team in the not so distant future.

The event was run over Labour Weekend at the Auckland Chess Centre, under the auspices of the Auckland Chess Association.

The Championship involved three of last year's New Zealand Women's Olympiad team plus several times representative Edith Otene.

The obvious favourite was defending champion Viv Smith, who had won the previous three years and was rated nearly two hundred points ahead of her nearest rival.

However, as an NZCF Councillor and Convenor of the Female Chess Committee, her organizational workload had been heavy, perhaps casting some doubts on

how prepared she was for the event.

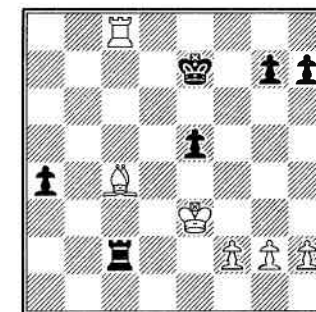
Of the others, Eleanora Mikhailik had been playing well at club level recently, Edith Otene could be counted on to fight to the end in each game, while Helen Courtney had performed well at last year's Olympiad.

The four Championship players contested a double round robin.

Round One

Courtney mixed up her move order and lost a pawn early on against Smith. However, she developed a healthy initiative, but then ruined her position with a blunder. The advantage swung wildly in Otene's game against Mikhailik Otene's made-up opening lost her two pawns, but then a major tactical oversight cost Mikhailik a piece. However, with some help from Otene she managed to activate her meagre remaining forces, reaching the following position:

Otene, E – Mikhailik, E



White can draw easily with 37.g3 a3 38.Ra8, but understandably wants more. So 37.♠d3 ♗xf2 38.♙d5 ♙d6 39.♙e4 a3 40.♙c3 ♗e2 41.♗c4?? Bf3. 41...a2 42.♗c6+ ♙d7 43.♗a6 ♗xc4 44.♗xa2 ♙e6

45.♔d3 ♔f5 46.g3 ♔d4+ 47.♕e3 g5 48.h3 ♔b4 49.g4+ ♕e6 50.♔a6+ ♔d5 51.♔h6 ♔b3+ 52.♔d2 ♔b7 53.♔a6?
Ke3=
53...♕e4 54.♔a4+ ♔f3 55.♔a3+ ♔f2 56.♔a2 e4 57.♔d1+ ♔f3 58.♕c2 e3 59.♔a3 ♔f2 60.♔d3 ♔d7+ 61.♕e4 ♔e7+ 62.♔d4 e2 0-1

Round Two

Smith gained a slight positional advantage against Mikhailik, but let it slip. The position was equal when a draw was agreed.

Courtney outplayed Otene to reach an overwhelming position, but then blundered horribly with the win in sight.

Smith, V – Mikhailik, E
[D02]

1.d4 ♔f6 2.♔f3 e6 3.♔f4 d5 4.e3 c5 5.c3 ♔c6 6.♔bd2 h6 7.h3 ♔d6 8.♔xd6 ♔xd6 9.♔d3 0-0 10.0-0 cxd4 11.exd4 ♔h5 12.♔e1 ♔f4 13.♔f1 ♔e7 14.g3 ♔g6 15.♔g2 ♔f6 16.♔f1 ♔ce7 17.♔e3 ♔f5 18.♔g4 ♔d8 19.♔ge5 ♔xe5 20.♔xe5 b6 21.♔d2 ♔b7 22.♔e2 ♔c8 23.♔g4 ♔c7 24.♔d3 ♔h7 25.♔e5 ♔f6 26.♔f1 g6 27.♔d3 h5 28.♔e2 Qf3 idea Bxf5+=
28...♔g7 29.♔f3 ♔e7 30.h4 ♔fe8 31.♔e5 ♔c7 32.♔f3 ♔h6 33.♔e2 ♔f5 34.♔d2 a6 35.♔e2 b5 36.a3 ♔a8 37.♔d2 ♔d6 38.♔e2 ♔c4 39.♔xc4?! bxc4 40.♔c2 ♔b8 41.♔d1 ♔c8 42.♔d2 ♔cb7 43.♔e2 ♔e7 44.♔c1 ♔d7 45.♔g2 ♔e8 46.f4 ♔a4 47.♔xa4 ♔xa4 48.♔c2 a5 49.♔f2 ♔c6 50.♔e2 a4 51.♔e3 ♔c7 52.♔fe2 ♔d7 ½-½

Courtney, H – Otene, E
[B09]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♔f6 3.♔c3 g6 4.f4 ♔g4?! 5.♔e2 ♔xe2 6.♔xe2 ♔g7 7.♔f3 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.e5 dx e5 10.fxe5 ♔d5 11.♔g5 h6 12.♔h4 ♔f4 13.♔d2 g5?! 14.♔g3 ♔h5 15.♔e4 ♔xg3 16.♔xg3 f6?! g4!? idea N moves Bxe5.
17.exf6 ♔xf6 18.♔ad1 ♔d5 19.b3 b5 20.c3 ♔a6?! 21.♔c2 ♔f7 22.♔e5 ♔e8 23.♔del ♔xe5 24.♔xf8+ ♔xf8 25.♔xe5 ♔f7 26.♔e4 26.Nf5+
26...♔f8 27.♔xe7??
27.Nf5+; 27.h3+-; 27.Rf5+-.
27...♔f2+ 0-1

Round Three

Otene missed a chance to win a pawn and at least draw when Smith captured a central pawn the wrong way. Smith then swapped to a winning ending and converted fairly easily. Courtney played a very passive French Defence against Mikhailik and was duly attacked. It should have been all over quickly, but Mikhailik loosened the stranglehold. However Courtney's position was beyond salvation.

Otene, E – Smith, V
[A29]

1.c4 e5 2.♔c3 ♔f6 3.♔f3 ♔c6 4.g3 ♔b4 5.♔g2 0-0 6.0-0 ♔e8 7.a3 ♔xc3 8.dxc3 d6 9.♔c2 ♔e7 9...h6 10.♔e1 ♔g6 11.e4 ♔e6 12.♔e2 b6 13.b4 a5 14.a4 ♔d7 15.b5 15.Qc2 15...h6 16.♔d2 ♔b8 17.♔f1 ♔e6 18.♔e3 ♔c8 19.♔d5 ♔d8 20.h3 ♔d7 21.♔f3 ♔f8 22.♔e3 ♔c5 23.♔d1 ♔c8 24.♔h2 ♔e7 25.♔d5 ♔xd5 26.cxd5 f5 27.c4? 27.exf5 27...fxe4?! 27...Nxe4 -+
28.♔e3 ♔d3 29.♔f1 ♔f5 30.♔e2 ♔g6 31.♔d2 31.♔xb6! cxb6 32.♔xe4 ♔f6 33.♔xd3 ♔bc8.
31...♔c5 32.♔a3 ♔f6 33.♔c3 ♔bf8 34.♔e1 ♔f7 35.♔xe4 ♔xe4 36.♔xc4 ♔f3 37.♔c3 ♔xe3 38.♔xe3 ♔f3 39.♔g1 ♔f5 40.♔e2? ♔xh3 41.♔e4 ♔f5 42.f3 ♔xe4 43.fxe4 ♔xf1+ 44.♔xf1 ♔f7 45.♔g2 ♔g8 46.♔h3? ♔f6 47.♔g2 ♔xe4 48.♔f3? ♔c5 49.♔c3 ♔xa4 50.♔a1 ♔c5 51.♔e3 ♔g6 52.♔b2 h5 53.♔f3 ♔f5 54.♔c3 g5 55.♔e3 h4 56.gxh4 gxh4 57.♔f3 h3 58.♔g3 ♔c4+ 0-1

Mikhailik, E – Courtney, H
[C05]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♔d2 ♔f6 4.e5 ♔fd7 5.♔d3 ♔e7?! 5...c5 6.♔e2 0-0 7.0-0 f6 8.f4 f5 9.♔g3 c5 10.c3 cxd4 11.cxd4 ♔c6 12.♔f3 ♔f7 13.♔e3 ♔f8 14.♔e2 h6 15.♔h1 ♔d7 16.♔g1 ♔g6 17.g4 ♔h4 18.♔xh4 ♔xh4 19.gxf5 exf5 20.♔g3 ♔xg3 21.♔xg3 ♔e7 22.♔h5 ♔e6? 23.♔g6 ♔e8 24.♔xh6 ♔e7 25.♔g3 ♔f8 26.♔h8+ ♔g8 27.♔ag1 ♔e7 28.♔d2 a5 29.h4 29.Be2 idea Bh5 +-.
29...b6 30.♔h5?
30.Rg5+- idea h5, Be1, h6.
30...♔h6 31.♔g5 ♔a7 32.♔d1 ♔c7 33.♔b3 ♔c6

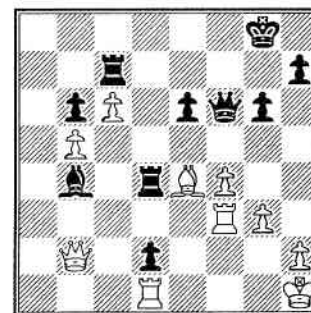
34.♔xd5 ♔c8 35.♔b3 ♔e6 36.d5 ♔d7 37.♔xb6 ♔g4 38.e6 1-0

Round Four

Courtney needlessly gave Smith a pawn and duly lost the ending. The shock of the round was Otene's win over Mikhailik in a wild game.

Mikhailik, E – Otene, E
[B09]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♔f6 3.♔c3 g6 4.♔d3 ♔g7 5.f4 0-0 6.♔f3 c5 7.e5 dx e5 8.dxe5 ♔d5 9.♔e4 ♔b6 10.c4 ♔b4 11.♔b1 ♔d8 12.♔e2 ♔8c6 13.a3 ♔a6 14.♔c3 ♔g4 15.0-0 ♔xf3 16.♔xf3 ♔d4 17.♔xd4 cxd4 18.♔d3 ♔c5 19.♔xc5 ♔xc5 20.b4 ♔c7 21.c5 b6 22.♔e4 ♔ac8 23.c6 e6 24.b5 ♔e7 25.♔c4 ♔f8 26.♔d3 ♔c7 27.♔h1 ♔c5 28.a4 ♔e7 29.a5 f6 30.axb6 axb6 31.exf6 ♔xf6 32.g3 ♔c7 33.♔f3 d3 34.♔d1 ♔d4 35.♔c3 ♔b4 36.♔b2 d2



37.♔c2

Here Mikhailik missed the winning blow 37.♔d3 e5 (37...♔xe4 38.♔xf6 ♔e1+ 39.♔g2+- ♔xd1 40.♔d8+) 38.♔xd4 cxd4 39.♔xb4. The game continued:

37...e5 38.♔b3+ ♔g7 39.fxe5 ♔xe5 40.♔df1 ♔d5 41.♔xd5 ♔xd5 42.♔d3 ♔e5 43.♔d1 ♔ce7 44.♔ff1 ♔e1 45.♔g2 ♔xf1 46.♔xf1?
46.♔xf1 ♔e1 47.♔c2.
46...♔e1 47.c7 ♔e8 48.♔f2 ♔c8 49.♔e2 ♔xc7 50.♔g2 ♔e7+ 51.♔d3 ♔e1 52.♔c2?
52.♔f3.
52...♔f6 53.g4? ♔e2 0-1

This appeared to all but hand the Championship

to Smith, who had a clear point lead with two rounds to play.

Scores after 4 rounds: V. Smith 3.5; E. Mikhailik 2.5; E. Otene 2; H. Courtney 0.

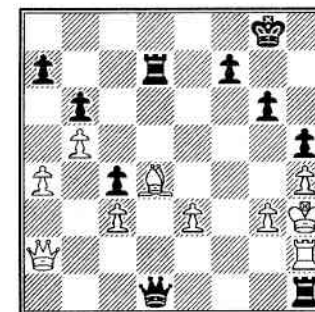
Round Five:

Mikhailik convincingly beat Smith, who played without much conviction, blundering several pawns.

Courtney again reached a winning position against Otene.

Otene, E – Courtney, H
[A29]

1.c4 ♔f6 2.♔c3 e5 3.♔f3 ♔c6 4.g3 ♔b4 5.♔g2 0-0 6.0-0 ♔xc3 7.dxc3 d6 8.b4 ♔e6 9.c5?! ♔c4 9...dxc5!? 10.b5 e4 11.bxc6 exf3 12.♔xf3 b6. 10.cxd6 cxd6 11.♔d2 ♔e6 12.a4 ♔c8 13.♔a3 b6 14.♔e4 ♔xe4 15.♔xe4 ♔e8 16.♔c2 g6 17.♔ad1 d5 18.♔b2 ♔e7 19.♔d2 ♔c7 20.♔d3 ♔b7 20...♔xc3 21.♔xc3 ♔xc3 22.♔b2 ♔b3+-.
21.f3 e4 22.♔b5 ♔ed8 23.e3 ♔f5 24.♔e1 exf3 25.♔f2 ♔d6 26.♔f1 ♔c4 27.♔xc4 dxc4 28.♔c1 ♔e4 29.b5 ♔d3 30.♔e7 ♔c7 31.♔f6 ♔cd7 32.♔d4 h5 33.h4 ♔h3 34.♔h2 ♔g2 35.♔g1 ♔g4 36.♔xg2 fxe2 37.♔xg2 ♔d1 38.♔c2 ♔f1 39.♔a2 ♔d1 40.♔h3 ♔h1+ 41.♔h2



41...♔g4+ 42.♔g2 ♔xh2+ 43.♔xh2 ♔e6 44.♔g2 ♔d5 45.♔f2 f5?
45...♔c6 46.♔g2 f6 47.♔a8+ ♔g7.
46.♔f4 ♔a8 47.♔h6 ♔d5
47...♔f3 48.♔h8+ ♔f7 49.♔g7+ ♔c8 50.♔xg6+ (50.♔g8+ ♔e7) 50...♔f7.
48.♔h8+ ♔f7 49.♔g7+ ♔e8 50.♔xg6+ ♔f7

51.♖h6 ♗h7 52.♜e6+ and black lost on time 1-0

This set the scene for a crunch last round, with Smith and Mikhailik on 3.5 and Otene on 3. Despite having several winning positions, Courtney was still to score.

Round Six

Mikhailik easily beat Courtney, who got nothing for her sacrificed pawn and followed up with a dreadful blunder.

Smith overpressed against Otene and got an awful position; however Otene lost a pawn and swapped off into what should have been a lost pawn ending. The win was difficult to see, and a tired Smith chose a drawing line instead.

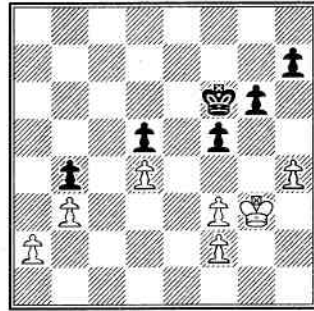
Smith, V – Otene, E

[A48]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.♗f4 ♙g7 4.e3 c5 5.c3 cxd4 6.exd4 d6 7.♗e2 ♗d5 8.♙g3 ♗d7 9.0-0 0-0 10.♗e1 ♗c7 11.♗bd2 a6 12.c4 ♗5f6 13.c5 ♗e8 14.♗c4 b5 15.cxd6 exd6 16.♗e3 ♗b6 17.♗c1 ♗d7 18.♗d3 ♗b7 19.♗b1 ♗c8 20.♗xc8 ♗xc8 21.b3 ♗d7 22.♗e2 ♗c7 23.♗d2 ♗bd5 24.♗xd5 ♗xd5 25.♗e4 ♗d8 26.♗c1 ♗f8 27.♗d3 ♗c8 28.♗xc8 ♗xc8 29.h3 b4 30.♗e4 a5 31.♗xd5 ♗xd5 32.♗g5 ♗c6 33.♗f6 ♗xf3 34.gxf3 ♗d7 35.♗g2 d5 36.♗b6 f5 37.♗xa5 ♗f7 38.♗c7?! 38.♗e5!
38...♗xc7 39.♗xc7 ♗f7 40.♗e5 ♗e6 41.h4 ♗e7 42.♗g3 ♗f6? 43.♗xf6 ♗xf6

Otago Championships

John Sutherland won the first two rounds of the Senior championship but Tony Dowden, who shifted to Dunedin in May, has made up the ground to win the next two rounds. Going into the final round Sutherland and Watts are tied for first equal with Duncan Watts and Luke Lambert lying in third and fourth positions. A feature of the event this year has been the meteoric rise of Luke Lambert from relative obscurity last year to a serious contender this year. Recent Malaysian immi-



44.f4?!

44.♗f4 h6 45.♗e3 ♗e6 (45...g5 46.h5 f4+ 47.♗d3 ♗f5 48.a4 bxa3 49.♗c3 g4 50.fxcg4+ ♗xcg4 51.b4 ♗f3 52.b5 ♗xf2 53.b6 f3 54.b7 ♗g2 55.b8♗f2 56.♗g8+ ♗h2 57.♗f7 ♗g2 58.♗g6+ ♗h2 59.♗f5 ♗g1 60.♗g4+ ♗h2 61.♗f3 ♗g1 62.♗g3+ ♗f1 63.♗d2 a2 64.♗e3) 46.♗d3 f4 47.a3+-.

44...h6 45.f3?

45.♗f3 g5 46.h5 ♗e6 47.♗e3 ♗f6 48.♗d3 gxf4 49.a4 bxa3 50.♗c3+-
45...g5 46.fxcg5+ 46.h5 ♗e6 47.♗f2
46...hxcg5 47.hxcg5+ ♗xcg5 48.f4+ ♗h5 49.♗h3 ♗h6 ½-½

grant (via Waitemata Chess Club) Francis Tan (10) has also impressed.

Results to date:

Round 1

A Grade: 1st J. Sutherland 5/5,

2nd G. Haase 3½, 3rd D. Watts 3.

B Grade: 1st J. McIntosh 4/5,

2nd D. Heperi 3½.

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Correspondence chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

The 2000-01 handicap tourney was won narrowly by Phil Coghini in a photo-finish with the previous year's winner, Michael Whaley. Murray Dunwoody and Ted Frost were the other prizewinners from a field of 29. The results:

1 Phil Coghini, played 8, won 6, drew 2, lost 0, points 44, average 5.50.

2 Michael Whaley, p 13, w 9, d 4, 10, p 71, a 5.46.

3 Murray Dunwoody, p 18, w 12, d 5, 1 1, p 96, a 5.31.

4 Ted Frost, p 17, w 12, d 2, 1 3, p 71, a 4.18.

5 Gordon Hoskyn, p 38, w 25, d 6, 1 7, p 137, a 3.61.

6 Philip Rossiter, p 18, w 9, d 2, 1 7, p 52, a 2.89.

Here are games supplied by the four major placegetters:

Coghini, P – Anderson, B [A10]

N Z C C A Handicap, 2000
Notes by Phil Coghini

1.c4 e5 2.♗c3 ♗f6 3.g3 ♗c5

Different and not playing to the book.

3.♗g2 d6 5.e3 0-0 6.d4 ♗b6 7.♗ge2 a6 8.0-0 ♗bd7 9.b3 e6 10.d5 c5

Not expected. c5 appears to block in and reduce the scope of Bb6 – thanks very much!

11.♗b2 ♗c7 12.♗c2 ♗e8 13.e4

Hard move for me to make, but who said chess was easy. Needed to cement the centre.

13...♗f8

Easy to predict what Black is planning next – the good old f5 push.

14.♗ae1 ♗h5 15.♗c1

Bishop doing nothing on b2.

15...♗g6 16.♗d1

A paradox. In order to go forward you

need to go backwards.

16...♗a5 17.♗ec3 ♗d7 18.♗e3 ♗e7 19.f3 Reinforce the centre e4, a Botvinnik idea in this sort of position.

19...♗f8 20.g4

Prevent f5 and also prepare for Black's next move, Nf4 – I knew my opponent must be well versed in Nimzovitch ideas of blockading squares.

20...♗f4

Surprise surprise!

21.♗f5 ♗xcg2

Thanks very much, Bishop isn't doing anything on g2. Exchanging his good knight for my bad bishop – good deal.

22.♗xcg2 ♗xf5 23.gxf5

Thought hard about this move – Morphy loves open and semi-open lines against kings. My dilemma was whose king is relatively weakest and less exposed, or whose king can muster up the quickest attack – I thought my rooks were better coordinated.

23...f6 24.f4 ♗e7 25.♗f3 ♗f7

...exf4 has interesting possibilities.

26.♗ef1 ♗h8 27.h4 ♗ag8 28.fxe5 ♗xe5

29.♗e2 g6 30.♗g3 gxf5 31.♗b2 ♗e7

32.♗h2 ♗g4

I didn't anticipate this!

33.♗xf5 ♗xf5 34.♗xf5 ♗xh4+ 35.♗g3 ♗h6

36.♗xf6+ ♗e8

If ... 36...♗xf6 Black loses to 37.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 38.♗xf6 ♗g8+ 39.♗f3 ♗xf6 40.♗h2 with huge advantage to White.

37.♗xh6 ♗g5+ 38.♗f3 ♗f8+ 39.♗f6

Feeling the worst I could do is draw.

39...♗xf6+ 40.♗xf6 ♗xf6+ 41.♗e2 ♗e5

42.♗d3 ♗b2+ 43.♗f3 ♗h2 44.♗e3 ♗d2

45.♗g1 ♗f4+?

Mind you, most other moves lose.

46.♗e2 ♗g5 47.♗f2 ♗f4

...Qh6 was an interesting alternative..

48. ♖xf4 I thank Bill for a very interesting game with lots of ideas (mostly rehashed old ones, but still interesting). 1-0

Dunwoody, M - Whaley, M [C00]
NZCCA Handicap, 2000
Notes by Michael Whaley
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♖c6 5.♗f3 ♖b6 6.a3 ♗h6 7.b4 cxd4 8.♗xh6

Black obtains the bishop pair as compensation for the weakened K-side pawns.

8...gxf6 9.cxd4 ♗g8?!

Recommended by John Watson. However, Black has to be prepared to sacrifice the exchange. 9...Bd7 with the idea of ...Bg7 and ...0-0 is an alternative.

10. ♖c3 ♖d7

Mixing variations. 10...Rg4 is more consistent - I chickened out and as a result obtained a poor position.

11. ♗a4 ♖d8

I wanted to be able to contest the c-file by playing ...Rc8 and ...Ne7.

12. ♗c1 ♗c8 13. ♖c5 ♖xe5

So much for the two Bishop compensation.

14. ♗xc5 ♖e7 15. ♖c2 ♗xc5 16. ♖xc5 b6 17. ♖c1

Switching to the weak K-side pawns.

17... ♗f5 18. h3

With the idea of g4 and a very strong position.

18... ♗h4

Seeking compensation for the pawn loss in the open g-file and White's inability to castle.

19. ♖xh6 ♗xf3+ 20. gxf3 ♗g6 21. ♖h5

Not 21.Qxh7 Qg5 giving Black compensation for the pawn.

21... a5

I wanted to open another file on the Q-side for my queen to use.

22. ♖d3 ♖c7 23. ♖d2

If 23. ♖xg6 ♖c1+ 24. ♖e2 ♖b5+ 25. ♖d3

♖xd3+ 26. ♖xd3 ♖xh1 I felt was o.k. for Black.

23... ♗g2 24. ♗f1 axb4 25. axb4 ♖a7 26. ♖xh7 ♖a2+ 27. ♖e3 ♖a3

Pinning the bishop and preventing the Black rook entering the game via c1 and the open c file.

28. ♖h8+ ♖e7 29. ♗d1 ♖b5

The French bishop joins proceedings.

30. ♖c8 ♖c4!

Not 30...♖xd3 31. ♗xd3 ♖b2 32. ♗d2 ♖b3+ 33. ♖e2 ♖c4+ 34. ♖xc4 dxc4 and the ending is hopeless for Black. 30...Be4 cuts the board in half and prevents White's pieces from coordinating. The queen cannot get back to consolidate White's position and convert the material advantage.

31. f4

Looking to break through with f5 ... but

31... ♖xd3

Now this capture is o.k. as Black can use the third rank and a pin on the f2 pawn to hold the balance.

32. ♗xd3 ♖b2 33. ♗d2 ♖b3+ 34. ♖e2 ♖g3

35. ♖c7+ ♖e8 36. ♖d1 ♗g1+ 37. ♖c2 ♖a3

And now it is White who must take the draw by perpetual.

38. ♖b8+ 1/2-1/2

Dunwoody, M - Whaley, M [B02]
NZCCA T T Champ, 2001
Notes by Murray Dunwoody

1.e4 ♗f6 2.e5 ♗d5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 ♗b6 5.♗f3 ♖g4 6.exd6 exd6 7.♗c3 ♖e7 8.h3 ♖h5 9.♖d3 ♖c6 10.♖e3 0-0 11.0-0 f5 12.♖e2 f4?!

No need for f4 at the moment.

13. ♖d2 a5

Not good for Black.

14. ♗e1 a4 15. ♗b5 d5 16. c5 ♖c4 17. ♖c3 ♖f6

18. b3 ♖4a5 19. bxa4 ♖c4 20. ♗b1 ♖g6

21. ♗c1 ♖f7

White has now gained a very good position.

22. ♖d3 ♖e7 23. ♖e5 ♖xe5 24. dxe5 f3?!

25. ♖xc4 dxc4 26. ♖xf3 ♗d5 27. ♖g4 ♖xc3 28. ♖xc3 ♖d2 29. e6 ♖g6 30. ♖g3 ♖d4 31. e7 ♗fc8 32. ♗e5 ♖d7 33. ♖f3 c6

White has now got a totally won game.

34. ♖f4 ♖d3 35. ♗d1 ♗cb8 36. ♖xc4+ ♖xc4

37. ♗xd7 ♖f7 38. ♖c4 ♖e8 39. ♗d4 h6 40. ♗d6

♗h7 41. a5! ♖g6 42. f4 1-0

Frost, T - Coghini, P [A06]
NZCCA Handicap, 2000

1.♗f3 d5 2.e3 ♖g4 3.♖e2 ♖c6 4.d4 ♗f6 5.b3 e6 6.0-0 ♖e7 7.♖b2 0-0 8.h3 ♖h5 9.♗bd2

♗d7 10.c4 ♖g6 11.a3 a6 12.♗c1 ♗e8 13.b4

♗b6 14.♗e1 ♖f6 15.b5 axb5 16.cxb5 ♖e7

17.♖b3 ♖a4 18.♖a1 c5 19.dxc5 ♖xa1

20.♗xa1 ♖xc5 21.♖b4 b6 22.a4 ♗a5 23.♗b3

♗xb3 24.♖xb3 ♖d6 25.♗ec1 ♖h5 26.g4 ♖g6

27.♖c3 f6 28.♖c7 ♖xc7 29.♗xc7 ♖c8

30.♗d4 e5 31.♖c6 ♗a8 32.♖f3 e4 33.♖d1

♗d6 34.♖e7+ ♖f8 35.♖xd5 ♖xb5 36.♗cc1

♗ad8 37.♖xb6 ♗d6 38.♗c7 ♗e7 39.♗xe7

♖xe7 40.a5 ♖b5 41.♖e2 ♖c3 42.♖c4 ♖e8

43.a6 ♖d6 44.a7 1-0

Trophy tourney progress

Progress scores in the 2001-2002 Trophy

Tourneys are (as at 31-10-01):

68th NZCCA Championship: J C Rapp 4/6,

G A Hoskyn 4/7, H P Bennett 3.5/6, A J

Short 3/5, M G Whaley 2.5/4, T J Doyle

1.5/2, P B Goffin 1/1, K W Lynn 1/4, M L

Dunwoody .5/2, P J Voss 0/2, P A R

Vetharanim 0/3.

Latest results: RAPP beat Hoskyn, Lynn,

Vetharanim; drew Short, Whaley.

HOSKYN beat Lynn, Voss, Vetharanim;

drew Bennett, Doyle. BENNETT beat

Voss, Vetharanim; drew Short, Whaley.

SHORT beat Hoskyn, drew Whaley, Dun-

woody. WHALEY beat Lynn. DOYLE beat

Rapp. GOFFIN beat Bennett. LYNN beat

Dunwoody.

Reserve Championship: E G A Frost 5/6, D

E Dolejs 3/7, P G Coghini 2/4, D R

Whitlock 1/2, B J Edwards 1/3, B M Williams 1/4. Latest results: FROST beat Dolejs (2), Williams (2), Coghini. DOLEJS beat Whitlock, Williams, Coghini.

COGHINI beat Edwards. WHITLOCK beat Edwards. EDWARDS beat Frost. WILIAMS beat Dolejs.

TT2: R J Weston 4/4, P E Rossiter 3/7, G

Putt 2/3, P C King 2/5, W Anderson 1/5.

Latest results: WESTON beat Rossiter (2),

King, Anderson. ROSSITER beat Ander-

son (2), Putt. PUTT beat Rossiter, King.

KING beat Rossiter, Anderson. ANDER-

SON beat King.

TT3: G Potter 7/7, A W Hendry 5/8, R R

Trevis 4.5/5, G H Mills 4.5/7, J W H Atkin-

son 3/8, R G A Taylor 3/10, L I Purvis 0/9.

Latest results: POTTER beat Hendry (2),

Atkinson (2), Taylor (2), Purvis. HENDRY

beat Atkinson (2), Purvis (2), Mills. TRE-

VIS beat Taylor (2), Mills (1.5), Purvis.

MILLS beat Taylor (2), Atkinson, Purvis.

ATKINSON beat Purvis (2), Taylor. TAY-

LOR beat Purvis (2), Hendry.

OVERSEAS NEWS

by Peter Stuart

BRITISH CH'P, Scarborough

Swiss registered but British born GM Joe Gallagher won this 11-round Swiss with 8 points, a half-point ahead of defending champion and top seed Julian Hodgson who shared second place with six others: GM Arkell, GM Emms, IM Gormally, GM Hebden, GM Lalic and GM Wells (all England).

GM Murray Chandler finished on 6½ (14th equal) while New Zealand's Michael Steadman scored 4½.

WORLD JUNIOR CH'P, Athens

Hungarian GM Peter Acs won the Boys event with 10/13 while IM Merab Gagumashvili (GEO) and GM Levon Aronian (ARM) shared second place on 9½. Clear fourth was China's Ni Hua while 15-year old GM Bu Xiangzhi (also CHN) was among seven players finishing on 8½.

The Girls' event saw a tie between India's 14-year old Humpy Koneru and Chinese WGM Zhao Xue who scored 9½ from 13 games. The title went to Koneru by virtue of her better tie-break score.

AMERICAN ZONAL, Cali

The Colombian city of Cali hosted the American Zonal with seven places in the FIDE knock-out World Championship up for grabs. The winner was GM Alex Yermolinsky (USA) with 8½/11. There was a seven-way tie for second place on 8 points involving GMs Campora (ARG), Goldin (USA), Gulko (USA), Hoffman (ARG) and Zapata (COL) plus IMs Cabrera (CUB) and L.Dominguez (CUB). As Dominguez and Zapata had already qualified this left one place at stake for the eleven players on 7½; this was won, after a play-off, by GM Alexander Ivanov (USA).

EUROPE v ASIA

This event, in the Georgian resort of Batumi, pitted two teams of six men and two women's teams of four in double-round Scheveningen matches with a rapid time control (25 minutes per player). The presence of Gary Kasparov added interest.

The Asian women won seven of their eight rounds for an overall score of 21½-10½ but the European men dealt to their Asian opponents to the tune of 47½-24½ to win the combined event with a 58-46 scoreline.

Kasparov top scored with 11/12 with Loek van Wely contributing 8 and Etienne Bacrot 7½. Rustam Kazimdzhanov was best of the Asian men with 7½. For the Asian women Xu Yuhua scored 6½/8 while Nana Ioseliani top scored for Europe with 4½.

RUSSIA v CHINA

A similar Scheveningen event in Shanghai had teams of 6 men, 3 women and 3 juniors. The Russians won the men's match 21½-14½ and the juniors 11-7 while the women's match was drawn 9-9. The Russian men's team comprised Motilev, Khalifman, Grischuk, Dreev, Svidler and Rublevsky.

BUENOS AIRES

Former world champion Anatoly Karpov (RUS) made a come-back in winning the category 14 Najdorf Memorial tournament with an undefeated 6½/9. Irrepressible old rival GM Viktor Korchnoi (SWI) finished second equal, a half point behind, with 14-year old GM Teimour Radjabov (AZE). Then came: 4 GM Short (ENG) 5; 5-6 GM J.Polgar (HUN) & GM Xie Jun

(CHN) 4½; 7 IM Felgaer (ARG) 4; 8-9 GM Mecking (BRA) & GM Ricardi (ARG) 3½; 10 GM Milos (BRA) 1½.

Karpov - Polgar
Queen's Indian [E15]

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 e6 3.♠f3 b6 4.g3 ♠a6 5.♣a4 ♣b7 6.♠g2 c5 7.dxc5 bxc5 8.0-0 ♠e7 9.♠c3 0-0 10.♠f4 ♣b6 11.♠fd1 ♠d8 12.♣b3 d6 13.♠d2 ♠a6 14.♣xb6 axb6 15.♠ad1 ♠e8 16.h4 h6 17.♠h2 ♠xg2 18.♠xg2 ♠ac7 18...♠b4! 19.a3 ♠c6 intending ♠a5.
19.e4 ♠f8 20.b3 ♠db8 21.e5 d5 22.cxd5 exd5 23.♠xd5 ♠xd5 24.♠xd5 ♠xa2 25.♠d7 ♠aa8 26.♠g4 ♠d8 27.♠e3 ♠ac8 27...g5 28.♠f5! gxf4 29.♠xe7 ♠xd7 30.♠xd7 fxc3 31.♠f5! h5 (31...♠c8 32.♠xh6 ♠c7 33.♠xc7 ♠xc7 34.♠xg3 ±) 32.♠xg3 ♠c8 33.♠f4 ±.
28.♠f5 ♠xd7 29.♠xd7 ♠d8 29...♠c7? 30.e6 ♠xd7 31.exd7 ♠f6 32.♠d6! +.
30.♠b7 ♠c7 31.h5 ♠d8 32.♠e3 ♠d3 33.e6! fxe6
33...♠xf4 34.♠xf7+ ♠g8 35.♠xf4 and 35...♠xb3? is no good because of 36.e7 +.
34.♠xc7 ♠d7 35.♠xb6 ♠xc7 35...♠xc7 36.♠c6.
36.♠xe6 ♠b7 37.♠e5 ♠xb3 38.♠xc5 ♠f6 39.g4 ♠a3
Maybe Polgar would draw this position against most opposition but Karpov's ability to extract full points from the slightest of endgame advantages makes playing such positions against him very unpleasant indeed.
40.♠c8+ ♠f7 41.♠c4 ♠a7 42.f3 ♠e6 43.♠c5 ♠d5 44.♠c6+ ♠e7 45.♠e5 ♠f4+ 46.♠g3 ♠a4 47.♠c2 ♠f6 48.♠d7+ ♠e7 49.♠e5 ♠d4 50.♠a2 ♠f7 51.♠a7+ ♠f8 52.♠e4 ♠e6 53.♠a6 ♠e7 54.♠f2 ♠c4 55.♠e3 ♠c1 56.♠a7+ ♠c7 57.♠a4 ♠b7 58.♠a3 ♠c7 59.♠g3 ♠f6 60.♠e4+ ♠e7 61.♠c3 ♠d7 62.f4 ♠c5 63.♠e2 ♠f7 64.♠d4 ♠e6 65.♠f3 ♠b7

66.♠e5+ ♠f6 67.♠d3 ♠e7 68.♠e4 Hoping for 68...♠f6? 69.♠a6 winning since a king move allows 70.♠xe6 followed by a knight fork on c5 while 69...♠e7 allows White to win with 70.f5.

68...♠d7 69.♠f5 ♠d6 70.♠a7+ ♠f8 71.♠e5 ♠d4+ 72.♠e4 ♠e6 73.♠g6+ ♠g8 74.♠e5 ♠b6 75.♠e7

Black resigns as White can force a won pawn ending after 75...♠f8 76.♠e8. 1-0.

Korchnoi - Felgaer
Benko Gambit [A57]

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.♠f3 g6 5.cxb5 a6 6.♣c2 d6 7.e4 ♠g7 8.♠c3 0-0 9.a4 axb5 10.♠xb5 ♠a6 11.0-0 ♠b4 12.♣e2 ♠e8 13.h3 ♠c7 14.♠g5 h6 15.♠d2 ♠c2 16.♠ac1 ♠d4 17.♠xd4 cxd4 18.♠b1 ♠xb5 19.axb5 ♠d7 20.♣d3 ♣b6 21.♠a3 ♠fb8 22.♠c4 ♣d8 23.♠b4 ♠b6 24.♠c2 ♠h7 25.♠xd4 cxd4 26.♣xd4 ♠xb5 27.♠xb5 ♠xb5 28.♣e3 ♣f8 28...♠xf1 29.♣xh6+ ♠g8 30.♠c3 f6 31.♣xg6+ ♠h8 32.♠xf1 and White has three pawns for the exchange.
29.♠c1 ♠b8 30.♠c7 ♠a6 31.♠a7 ♠c4 32.♣d4 ♠b3 33.♠c3 ♠c8 34.f4 ♠c2 35.e5 ♠d8 36.exd6
36...♠xd6 37.♠a8; 36...exd6 37.♣f6. 1-0.

Milos - Radjabov, Sicilian [B32]

1.e4 c5 2.♠f3 ♠c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♠xd4 e5 5.♠b5 d6 6.c4 ♠e7 7.♠e2 ♠e6 8.0-0 ♠f6 9.♠1c3 a6 10.♠a3 ♠d4 11.♠e3 ♠xe2+ 12.♣xe2 0-0 13.f3 ♠c8 14.♠fc1 ♠d7 15.♠d1 ♠c6 16.♠d5 ♠g5 17.♠f2 ♣b8 18.b4 ♠xd5 19.♠xd5 ♠fc8 20.♠ad1 ♠e7 21.♠5d3 ♠f8 22.♣b2 ♠e6 23.b5 axb5 24.cxb5 ♠6c7 25.♠b6 ♠d7 26.♣b3 ♠f4 27.♠3d2 d5! Threatening 28...♣d6.
28.♠e3 ♠dc7 29.♠b1 dxe4 30.fxe4 ♠c5 31.b6
31.♠xc5 ♠xc5 32.♠d7 =.
31...♠xe3+ 32.♣xe3 ♠c6 33.♠d7 ♠c2

34.♖1d2?

34.♖7d2 ♖a8 35.a3 is slightly better for Black (better knight).

34...♖c1+ 35.♖d1 ♖xd1+ 36.♖xd1 ♖c2 37.♖d2 ♖d6 38.g3?!

38.a3 ♖c3 39.♖f2 ♖xa3 40.♖c4 ♖c1 41.♖xa3 ♖xd1+ 42.♖f1 ♖e2+ 43.♖f2 ♖xf1+ 44.♖xf1 ♖c3 and the ending is probably winning for Black.

38...♖c3 0-1.

Short – Polgar, Sicilian [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.♖c3 e6 3.f4 ♖c6 4.♖f3 a6 5.g3 d5 6.d3 ♖f6 7.♖g2 ♖e7 8.0-0 0-0 9.♖e5 ♖d4 10.exd5 ♖xd5 11.♖xd5 exd5 12.♖e3 f6 13.♖f3 ♖c6 14.d4 c4 15.♖h4 ♖e6 16.f5 ♖f7 17.c3 ♖e8 18.♖d2 b5 19.♖f3 b4 20.♖f4 a5 21.♖fe1 a4 22.a3 bxa3 23.bxa3 ♖f8 24.♖xe8 ♖xe8 25.♖g2 ♖a5 26.♖a2 ♖b5 27.♖e3 ♖e8 28.♖f2 ♖b3 29.♖c2 ♖a5 30.h4 ♖d8 31.♖d1 ♖a5 32.♖e1 ♖d8 33.g4 ♖e8 34.g5 ♖d8 35.♖g1 ♖h8 36.♖g4? 36.gxf6 gxf6 37.♖h1 ♖d6! 38.♖xd6 ♖xd6 and Black has counterplay thanks to the exposed white king.

36...♖e5! 37.♖g2

37.dxc5 ♖xc5+ 38.♖e3 ♖xe3! and Black wins material.

37...♖d3 38.♖g3 ♖d6

The simple 38...fxg5 39.hxg5 ♖xg5 is winning.

39.♖xd6 ♖xd6 40.gxf6 ♖e1+! 41.♖f2 ♖xf3

42.fxg7+ ♖xg7 43.♖xf3 ♖h5

As someone once said, the pin is mightier than the sword.

44.♖h2 ♖e7 45.♖f4 ♖f7 46.♖g2

46.♖g3 ♖g8.

46...♖e1 0-1.

WORLD TEAM CH'P

The combined African team failed to turn up in Yerevan (Armenia) in October so there were only nine teams. Additionally Cuba replaced the United States as the

American representative.

Going into the final round Russia had 19½ points with Ukraine on 19 and Armenia on 18½. Ukraine won their first major team title when they scored a 2½-1½ victory over neighbours (and favourites) Russia while the Armenians (who beat Russia 3-1 in round 4) succumbed 1½-2½ to Hungary but still finished comfortably in third place. In the critical match three of the games were drawn while Ruslan Ponomariov won with the black pieces on board 2 against Alexei Dreev. Ponomariov was top scorer overall with 5½/7.

Clearly the Russian team could have been much stronger, lacking all the K's: Svidler, Dreev, Grischuk, Rublevsky, Sakaev and Motilev. The Ukrainian team was Ivanchuk, Ponomariov, Baklan, Eingorn, Romanishin and Malachatko.

Final scores: 1 Ukraine 21½, 2 Russia 21, 3 Armenia 20, 4 Germany 18½, 5 Hungary 16½, 6 Uzbekistan 15½, 7 Cuba 14½, 8 FYROM (Macedonia) 9½, 9 Iran 7.

Grishuk – Graf, Scotch [C45]

1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 ♖c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♖xd4 ♖c5 5.♖xc6 ♖f6 6.♖d2 ♖xc6 7.♖d3 ♖e7 8.0-0 0-0 9.b4 ♖d4 10.c3 ♖f6 11.♖c2 ♖e6 12.f4 d6 13.♖c2 ♖c6 14.a3 a5 15.b5 ♖b8 16.♖e3 g6 17.♖d2 ♖d7 18.♖ae1 ♖e7 19.e5 dxe5 20.♖e4 exf4 21.♖xf4 ♖e5 22.♖f6+! ♖xf6 23.♖xe5 ♖xa3?

23...♖d6 is better though White, with the bishop pair and better development, has fine compensation for the pawn deficit.

24.♖g5 ♖e8 25.♖e7 ♖d6 26.♖d2

26.b6 is also strong; 26.♖xf8 ♖xf8.

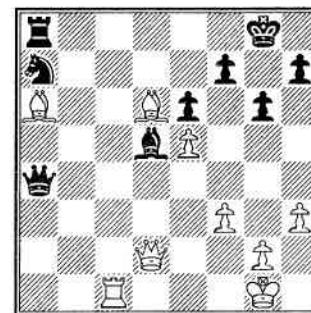
26...♖g4 27.♖h6 f5 28.♖c4+ ♖f7

28...♖xc4 29.♖xa3 ♖xe5 30.♖xf8 is no improvement.

29.♖xd6 ♖xd6 30.♖xf7+ ♖xf7 31.♖xh7+ ♖f6 32.♖fe1 ♖f8 33.♖e7 ♖g5 34.h4+ ♖f4 35.♖h6+ ♖g3 36.♖e3+ 1-0.

Eingorn – Ruck, Queen's Gambit [D40]

1.♖f3 c5 2.c4 ♖c6 3.e3 ♖f6 4.♖c3 e6 5.d4 d5 6.a3 a6 7.b3 ♖e7 8.♖b2 0-0 9.♖d3 ♖e8 10.0-0 ♖f8 11.♖c1 dxc4 12.bxc4 exd4 13.exd4 g6 14.♖e4 ♖g7 15.♖e1 ♖xe4 16.♖xe4 ♖d7 17.♖c3 ♖a5 18.♖e5 ♖xe5 19.dxe5 ♖xc4 20.♖xb7 ♖b8 21.♖xa6 ♖xa3 22.♖a1 ♖b5 23.♖a5 ♖e7 24.♖d2 ♖c6 25.♖ec1 ♖d5 26.♖ab1 ♖a7 27.♖xb8 ♖xb8 28.♖c7 ♖a8 29.♖d6 ♖h4 30.h3 ♖e4 31.f3 ♖a4



32.♖c7! ♖c6

32...♖xa6 33.♖f4 ♖f8 34.♖h6 ♖c8

35.♖xf7!+.

33.♖b7 ♖d8 34.♖xc6 ♖xc6 35.♖h2 ♖a8?

35...♖d5 36.♖g5 ♖a8 37.♖f6 ♖e8 38.♖e7 ♖f8 39.♖xe6 ♖g7 gives some chances of holding.

36.♖h6

The threat is 37.♖xf7! and there is no defence as 36...♖d7 is met by 37.♖xc6 and 36...♖d7 by 37.♖c7. 1-0.

Sakaev – Abreu Semi-Slav [D44]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♖f3 ♖f6 4.♖c3 e6 5.♖g5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.♖h4 g5 9.♖xg5 hxg5 10.♖xg5 ♖bd7 11.g3 ♖b7 12.♖g2 ♖b6 13.exf6 0-0-0 14.0-0 c5 15.d5 b4 16.♖a4 ♖a6 17.a3 ♖xd5 18.♖xd5 ♖e5 19.axb4 ♖xd5 20.♖e2 cxb4 21.♖c3 ♖a5 22.♖xa5

♖xa5 23.♖c4 ♖d3 24.♖e3

Up to here all is known theory; 24...♖b7 and 24...♖h5 have both been tried and found better for White.

24...♖d5 25.♖g5 e5 26.♖a1 a5 27.♖g4+ ♖b7 28.♖xf7! ♖h7

28...♖xf7 29.♖xa5 and the black king is hopelessly exposed.

29.♖g5 ♖d7

29...♖h8 30.♖e6 ♖c6 31.f7! and White has too many threats.

30.♖xa5 1-0.

KRAMATORSK

Young GM Ruslan Ponomariov scored another major success in taking out the category 15 Governor's Cup tournament with a 1½ point margin over second placed Alexei Alexandrov.

Scores: 1 GM Ponomariov (UKR) 7; 2 GM Alexandrov (BLA) 5½; 3-4 GM Baklan (UKR) & GM Ehlvest (EST) 5; 5 GM Moiseenko (UKR) 4½; 6 IM Borovikov (UKR) 3.

Borovikov – Ponomariov King's Indian [E63]

1.c4 ♖f6 2.♖f3 g6 3.d4 ♖g7 4.g3 0-0 5.♖g2 d6 6.0-0 ♖c6 7.♖c3 a6 8.♖d3 ♖d7 9.d5 ♖b4 10.♖d2 a5 11.♖d4 ♖g4 12.♖b1 c5 13.dxc6 ♖xc6 14.♖xc6 bxc6 15.b3 ♖f5 16.e4 ♖e6 17.♖b2 ♖b8

The idea of 17...a4 18.♖xa4 ♖xb2 19.♖xb2 ♖xc4 is unsound as White a piece after the further 20.bxc4 ♖xa4 21.♖d1.

18.♖e2 ♖xb2 19.♖xb2 ♖b6 20.♖c2 a4 21.c5 dxc5 22.bxa4 ♖fd8 23.♖c1 c4 24.♖f4 ♖c8 25.♖xc4 ♖a6! 26.♖xc6 ♖a7 27.♖c7 ♖d4 28.♖e1 ♖xf2+ 29.♖h1 ♖bc8 30.♖xc8 ♖xc8 31.♖a1 ♖c2 32.♖d1 e5 33.a5 ♖b2 34.♖c1 exf4 35.♖d8+ ♖g7 36.♖c3+ ♖h6 0-1.

HOOGEVEEN

A small double round tournament in

October was jointly won by GMs Judit Polgar (HUN) and Loek van Wely (NED) with 3½/6. GM Viktor Korchnoi (SWI) won his first two games but could only add two draws to finish on 3 points. Cuban GM Lazaro Bruzon rounded out the field with 2 points.

KASPAROV v CZECH REPUBLIC

In October Gary Kasparov played a double round simul against the Czech national team in Prague, beating them 2½-1½ in the first round and 3-1 in the second. The average rating of the Czech team (Movsesian, Hracek, Babula and Oral) was 2585.

VETERANS v LADIES

Amsterdam was the venue for this year's event, played in October-November and sponsored again by J.J. van Oosterom.

The Veterans ran out the winners by 26-24. Lajos Portisch top scored for the veterans with 6½/10, followed by Vlastimil Hort and Viktor Korchnoi on 5½, Vassily Smyslov on 5 and Mark Taimanov on 3½. Zhu Chen was best of the ladies with 6 points with Xie Jun 5½, Nana Ioseliani 5, Alisa Galliamova 4 and Sofis Polgar 3½.

FIDE WORLD CH'P

A recently held FIDE press conference in London announced details of the forthcoming FIDE World Championships being held in Moscow from 25th November to 14th December with the final from 16th to 26th January 2002. The official site for the championships is:

<http://wcc2001.fide.com>

The pairings for the first round of the knock-out event were also announced. Anatoly Karpov, boosted by his result at Buenos Aires seems to consider himself a good chance "to bring the title back to Mother Russia". He is, however, seeded only 16th of the 128 players. The top ten seeds in the Men's championship are Anand (IND), Adams (ENG), Morosevich (RUS),

Ivanchuk (UKR), Leko (HUN), Bareev (RUS), Gelfand (ISR), Topalov (BUL), Shirov (ESP) and Kazimdzhanov (UZB). Former world champion Alexander Khalifman (RUS) is ranked 12th, Judit Polgar (HUN) 18th and Ruslan Ponomarev (UKR) 19th.

The Women's seedings are headed by Alisa Galliamova (RUS), Maya Chiburdanidze (GEO), Ekaterina Kovalevskaya (RUS), Wang Pin (CHN), Xu Hua (CHN), Zhu Chen (CHN) and Nana Ioseliani (GEO).

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C Grade: 1st M. St Joseph & B. Freeman 4½/5.

Round 2

A Grade: 1st J. Sutherland 4/5, 2nd R. Sutherland 3½, 3rd T. Dowden 3.

B Grade: 1st M. Foord 3½/4, 2nd L. Lambert & M. St Joseph 2½.

C Grade: 1st B. Southgate 3½/5, 2nd B. Clarkson & R. Stone 3.

Round 3

A Grade: 1st T. Dowden 3½/4, 2nd D. Watts, J. Sutherland, L. Lambert 2.

B Grade: 1st H. Gold 4/5, 2nd P. Harris 3½, 3rd G. Haase 3.

C Grade: 1st J. Armstrong 5/6, 2nd F. Tan 4.

Round 4

A Grade: 1st T. Dowden 4½/5, 2nd P. Harris, J. Sutherland 3.

B Grade: 1st M. Foord, A. Ritchie, A. Newbould 3/4.

C Grade: 1st D. Reid 5/6, D. Eades 4.

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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 (09)817-2664; email: bobviv@atrix.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, John Gillespie, 1 Wavell St, Wellington 5. (04) 476-3729/ e-mail: j.c.gillespie@xtra.co.nz).

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