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Olympiad Team Manager

NZCF Vice-President Hilton Bennett has been appointed 2002 Olympiad Team Manager and Men's Team Captain, following the withdrawal of Michael Freeman for health reasons. Hilton is an approximately

for health reasons. Hilton is an experienced administrator, official and player, and his input will be very valuable in Slovenia

Waikato Open

The 11th Waikato Open was held 16th - 18th August in Hamilton.

A full report plus games will appear in the next issue, but the final standings were:

1st D Guthrie; 2nd= A Kulashko, R Smith
4th= L McLaren, S Lukey, G Spain, P Hair, J
Browne, P Rossiter

Grade 1: 1st= P Hair, J Browne, P Rossiter Grade 2: 1st H Jacobs; 2nd= J Pocock, G Thornton, T Gothorp

Grade 3: 1st= B Rider, O Lynn
"Len Whitehouse Memorial Trophy" for top
Waikato players: G Spain, P Rossiter

Otago Spring Rapid results (8/9/02)

1st Tony Dowden 4½/5 2^{nd=} Luke Lambert & Francis Tan 3½ 4th Bill Petch 3 5^{th=} Hamish Gold, John van Zoomeren & Anthony Tan 2½

Seniors

The Seniors got off to a quiet start. It was very cold at that time of the year and only five players took part. Thus it became an eight round double round robin instead of the envisaged Swiss. It was narrowly won on the last game, by Victor Portougal of Waitemata CC playing Pat Young of Auckland CC.

Front Cover: Victor Portougal, winner of the inaugural New Zealand Senior Chess Championship.

New Zealand Chess

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North Island Championships 2002

by Hilton Bennett

The Hamilton Chess Club organized and hosted the North Island Championship and Rapid for the second successive year (and third occasion in the last four years) in the comfortable surroundings of Saint Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton. The support for chess from Saint Paul's Collegiate has allowed the Hamilton Club to organize a number of open and junior events at this venue over the last four years, which have received favourable response from players from all parts of the country. This year's Championship, a Class 1 Grand Prix event, started on the 8th July with a field of 33. up on the previous year but still short of the 40 to 50 players the tournament would have attracted some years ago.

The top seed Mark van der Hoorn of Wellington naturally started favourite, although strong competition was expected from Ralph Hart. Antonio Krstev, Brad Walsh, Ben Giles, and the fast improving junior Pu Chen Wang amongst others. The Major Open winner from Congress, Barry Martin-Buss, and the experienced trio of William Lynn, Peter Goffin, and Peter Fraemohs were also expected to do some damage along the way. The performances of a trio of in form juniors, Daniel Han, Euginia Sharomova, and Michael Zhang, were also being watched with interest. It was particularly encouraging to see the turnout of players from other parts of NZ, with four travelling from the South Island, and others from as far away as Wairoa, Wellington, and Dannievirke.

The results of Round 1 did not hold too many surprises apart from the draw conceded by Stephen Taylor to lower seeded junior, Glenn Parker of Hamilton. However the tough struggle put up by junior Michael Zhang against top seed Mark van der Hoorn served as a reminder of the potential of the younger players present. This was quickly reinforced in Round 2 as Daniel Han defeated the aggressive Antonio Krstev. The other result against seedings was Reedy's defeat of Goffin, after finding significant counterplay while several pawns down. Round 3 saw draws on the top boards van der Hoorn versus Wang, and Martin-Buss v Hart, while Han continued his strong showing with a victory over Giles. This left Han and Walsh as leaders on 3/3.

The key round 4 match up saw Han defeat Walsh to take sole lead on 4/4, while van der Hoorn and Martin-Buss both played aggressively to defeat Hart and Wang respectively. Ben Giles and Peter Goffin were held to draws by Sharomova and Otene respectively. Martin-Buss and van der Hoorn were now both on 3.5/4. Round 5 saw one of the critical games of the tournament end in a win for Daniel Han as van der Hoorn lost a piece and then the game on the black side of a Panov-Botvinnik Attack in the Caro Kann. Martin-Buss meanwhile lost to Krstev, and Peter Fraemohs recorded a good win against Walsh. Standings now had Han 5, Krstev, Lynn, and Fraemohs 4, van der Hoorn, Hart, Wang, and Martin-Buss 3.5.

In the major round 6 games Han continued his impressive winning streak with a win against Lynn, van der Hoorn closed the gap by beating Martin-Buss, Krstev beat Fraemohs, while Hart and Walsh drew with Wang and Giles respectively. This left Han on 6, Krstev on 5, and van der Hoorn 4.5.

Round 7 threw the final outcome into doubt just as it appeared that Daniel Han might be unstoppable. In a tense game with Ralph Hart, Daniel succumbed to the time problems he had occasionally shown in the tournament, as he lost on time making his final move before the control. Meanwhile van der Hoorn beat Krstev to close to within a half point and set up a tense final round. Rossiter and Fraemohs recorded good results in beating Walsh and Goffin respectively. Standings going into the final round were: Han 6, van der Hoorn 5.5, Hart, Krstev, Wang, Fraemohs, and Rossiter 5.

to guarantee at least a share of first place. Mark van der Hoorn eventually won his game with Fraemohs to become joint North Island Champion with Daniel Han. In other results Giles and Hart beat Martin-Buss and Krstev respectively in short games, to leave Hart clear 3rd, and give Giles a share of 4th along with Wang and Sharomova. This was an excellent result for Euginia Sharomova, who had beaten Rossiter in the final round to make up ground.

The result was a triumph for youth in NZ chess with half of the top six places going to juniors. Daniel Han's was a standout performance, and Mark van der Hoorn showed good composure in keeping up the pressure even after losing his critical round 5 game, Ralph Hart was aggressive as always and fully deserving of his 3rd placing.

Prize-winners:

1st = D Han, M van der Hoorn

3rd R Hart

B Giles, P Wang, E Sharomova

Grade 1 (under 1750):

E Sharomova:

P Fraemohs, P Rossiter

Grade 2 (under 1550):

G Thornton; 2nd C Riding: 3rd= B Kay, E Otene

Grade 3 (under 1200):

J Dhammi, B Robertson;

V Prinsloo, G Parker, O Lynn, L Wecke Qc5+0-1

M van der Hoorn - M Zhang (Round 1)

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 e6 4. Nf3 d6 5. Bc4 a6 1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 c6 3. Bg2 Bf5 4. O-O Nd7 5. 6. a4 Nf6 7. Ba2 Qc7 8. O-O Be7 9. d3 Bd7 10. Oe1 Nb4 11. Bb3 Ob6 12. a5 Bg6 9. e5 Ng8 10. Nb3 Bb6 11. Oe2 c5 12. c4 Qa7 13. Kh1 O-O 14. f5 exf5 15. exf5 Rae8 16. Ng5 Qb8 17. Qg3 d5 18. Bf4 Oc8 19. Be5 c4 20. dxc4 dxc4 21. Bxf6 Bxf6 22. Nge4 Be5 23. Oh4 cxb3 24. f6 Bf5 25. cxd5 exd5 22. Bxd5 Rd8 23. Bg2 O-O 24. f4 cxb3 Qe6 26. Nc5 Qc8 27. Oxb4 Bxf6 28. Nxb7 Be7 29. Ob6 Bd3 30. Rfd1 Of5 31. Nd6 Bxd6 32. Qxd6 Rd8 33. Qg3

In the final round Han agreed a draw with Wang Rfe8 34. h3 Re6 35. Re1 h6 36. Rxe6 Oxe6 37. b4 Qc4 38. Rd1 Rd7 39. Qe3 Kf8 40. Qc5+ Qxc5 41. bxc5 Bb5 42. Rxd7 Bxd7 43. Kg1 Ke8 44. Kf2 Kd8 45. Ke3 Kc7 46. Kd4 Kc6 47. b4 Bc8 48. Ne4 Be6 49. Nd6 h5 50. h4 Bd5 51. g3 Ba2 52. Ne8 g6 53. Nd6 Bb3 54. Ke5 Kd7 55. Kf6 Kc6 56. Nxf7 Kb5 57. Nd6+ 1-0

D Han - A Krstev

(Round 2)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 c5 3. d5 e6 4. Nc3 b5 5. Bg5 b4 6, Ne4 Bb7 7, c4 h6 8, Nxf6+ gxf6 9. Bh4 Bg7 10. e4 a5 11. Be2 a4 12. O-O a3 13. b3 Qb6 14. Qd2 e5 15. Bg3 d6 16. Nh4 Bc8 17. Rae1 Ra7 18. f4 Re7 19. Qd1 Kd8 20. Bg4 Bf8 21. fxe5 fxe5 22. Rf2 Bd7 23. Ref1 Be8 24. Bh5 Qa7 25. Rf6 Bg7 26. Rxd6+ Kc7 27. Nf5 Bd7 28. Nxe7 Kxd6 29. Rxf7 Rh7 30. Nf5+ Bxf5 31. Rxa7 Bxe4 32. Qg4 Bxd5 33. cxd5 Kxd5 34. Rxg7 1-0

P Goffin - B Reedy

(Round 2)

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 d5 4. Nxd5 e5 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. Bb5 exf4 7. Nxf4 Bd6 8. Nd5 Nf6 9. Nxf6+ Qxf6 10. O-O O-O 11. Bxc6 bxc6 12. c3 Qg6 13. d3 c4 14. Be3 cxd3 15. Qxd3 Rad8 16. Qc4 Rfe8 17. Ng5 Be6 18. Oxc6 h6 19. Nxe6 Rxe6 20. Ob7 Rxe4 21. Bxa7 Re7 22. Ob6 Rb8 23. Of2 Oh5 24. g3 Rxa7 25. b4 Rc7 26. Rad1 Be7 27. Qf4 Rbc8 28. b5 Rxc3 29. Rd7 Bf6 30. b6

B Martin-Buss - R Hart

(Round 3)

d3 Ngf6 6. Nbd2 e6 7. Qe1 Bc5 8. e4 Ne7 13. Bg5 Nb8 14. Nh4 Nbc6 15. Nxg6 hxg6 16. Rac1 Rc8 17. Rfd1 Qc7 18. Bxe7 Nxe7 19. d4 Qb8 20. dxc5 Bc7 21. g5 25. fxg5 Bxe5 26. Rxd8 Rxd8 27. Rf1 Nc6 28. Oc4 Oc7 29. g6 Bf6 30. Oxf7+ Oxf7 31. gxf7+ Kxf7 32. Re1 Bxb2 33.

Bf3 Nd4 34. Nxd4 Bxd4+ 35. Kg2 Bxc5 36. Rd1 Rxd1 37. Bxd1 Ke6 38. Kf3 Ke5 39. Bc2 Kd4 40. g4 g5 41. Bb3 Be7 42. Be6 Kc3 43. Bd7 Kb4 44. a4 Kc4 45. Ke4 Bd6 46. Kf5 Be7 47. Ke4 Bd8 48. Ke3 Bb6+ 49. Kd2 Kb3 50. Kc1 Bc7 51. h3 Bg3 52. Kb1 1/2-1/2

B Giles - D Han (Round 3)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f4 O-O 6. Nf3 c5 7. d5 e6 8. Be2 exd5 9. cxd5 Re8 10. e5 dxe5 11. fxe5 Ng4 12. Bg5 Qb6 13. Na4 Qa5+ 14. Bd2 Qd8 15. Qxe5 19. Bc3 Qf4 20. Rf1 Rxe2+ 21. Oxe2 Oxc1+22. Kf2 Of4+23. Kg1 Qxa4 24. Qd8 28. Qg5 Qf8 29. h4 Nd7 30. Rf3 f6 31. Qe3 Ne5 32. Rg3 Bf5 33, h5 Rd8 34. hxg6 hxg6 35. Qf4 Kf7 36. Rb3 b6 37. Qa4 hxg3 Rxf1 29. Rxf1 h5 30. Rf4 Qe1 31. Kg2 Ke7 38. Re3 Rxd5 39. g4 Bxg4 40. Rxe5+ Rxe5 41. Qxg4 Rg5 0-1

P Wang - B Martin-Buss (Round 4)

1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 d6 5. e4 O-O 6. Nge2 e5 7. O-O Be6 8. d3 Qd7 9. Re1 Bh3 10. Bh1 Nc6 11. Rb1 Ng4 12. f3 Nh6 13. Be3 f5 14. Qd2 f4 15. gxf4 Ng4 16. fxe5 Ncxe5 17. Bf4 Rxf4 18. Nxf4 Nxf3+ 19. Bxf3 Bd4+ 20. Kh1 Nf2+ 21. Qxf2 Bxf2 22. Re2 Bb6 23. e5 dxe5 24. Ncd5 Rf8 25. Rxe5 c6 26. Re7 Od6 27. Nxh3 Rxf3 28. Ng5 Rf8 29. Re6 Qd8 30. Ne7+ Kg7 31. Rbe1 Rf6 32. R6e2 Oxd3 33. Nc8 Oxc4 34. b3 Od5+ 35. Ne4 Re6 36. h3 Ba5 Ob5 36. Nc6 Qd5+ 37. Kh2 Kh7 38. Qxf8 Qxc6 37. Rf1 Rxe4 0-1

B Walsh - D Han (Round 4)

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 Bg4 4. c4 c6 5. Qb3 Qb6 6. Qxb6 axb6 7. Nc3 e6 8. cxd5 exd5 9. Ne5 Bf5 10. f3 h5 11. Bd3 Bxd3 12. Nxd3 Na6 13. O-O Nb4 14. Nxb4 Bxb4 15. Bd2 Kd7 16. a3 Bxc3 17. Bxc3 Rhe8 1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. Be3 Nf6 5. Qd2 18. Rae1 Re6 19. Re2 Rae8 20. Rfe1 Ng8 21. e4 dxe4 22. Rxe4 Nf6 23. Re5 Nd5 24. Nxd4 Re8 9. O-O-O Bh8 10. f3 Nc6 11. Bg5 Bd2 f6 25. Rxe6 Rxe6 26. Rxe6 Kxe6

27. Kf2 Ne7 28. Ke2 Kd5 29. g4 hxg4 30. fxg4 Ke4 31. g5 f5 32. h4 g6 33. Kf2 Nd5 34. Kg3 f4+ 35. Kf2 Kf5 36. Kf3 c5 37. dxc5 bxc5 38, b3 Nc7 39, a4 Ne6 40. Bc3 Nd8 41. b4 cxb4 42. Bxb4 Ne6 43. Bc3 b6 44. a5 bxa5 45. Bxa5 Nd4+ 46. Kg2 Kg4 47. Bb6 Nf5 48. Bd8 Nxh4+ 49, Kf2 Nf3 0 - 1

R Hart - M van der Hoorn (Round 4)

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. Bd3 Qc7 5. Nc3 Nf6 6. Bg5 Nc6 7. Nb5 Ob6 8. Bg5 Qa5+ 16. Bd2 Qc7 17. Rc1 Nxe5 18. Nxe5 Bf4 e5 9. dxe5 Ng4 10. Qe2 Bc5 11. Bg3 O-O 12. Nh3 Ngxe5 13. Bxe5 Nxe5 14. Qxe5 Bxh3 15. Qh5 Bxf2+ 16. Kf1 g6 17. Qxh3 Rfe8 18. Bxg7 Kxg7 25. Qe5+ Kg8 26. Rf4 Qd7 27. Rf6 Nc7 Qxc7 19. Kxf2 Qb6+ 20. Kf1 Re3 21. Qh4 Rae8 22. g3 Rf3+ 23. Kg2 Rf2+ 24. Kh3 Re5 25. Rhf1 Qe6+ 26, g4 Re3+ 27. Qg3 Rxg3+ 28. hxg4 32. Rxg4 Qd2+ 33. Kh3 Qc1 34. Rb4 f5

D Han - M van der Hoorn (Round 5)

1. e4 c6 2. c4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4, d4 e6 5, N13 Nf6 6. Nc3 Be7 7. Be2 O-O 8. O-O dxc4 9. Bxc4 Nc6 10. Bf4 b6 11. Re1 Bb7 12. a3 Na5 13. Ba2 Nd5 14. Bd2 Re8 15. Rc1 Nc4 16. Nxd5 Bxd5 17, Bxc4 Rxc4 18. Rxc4 Bxc4 19. Qa4 Qc7 20. Rc1 Rc8 21. b3 b5 22. Qa6 Qb8 23. bxc4 bxc4 24. Bf4 Qa8 25. Rxc4 Rxc4 26. Qxc4 Bxa3 27. Qb3 Qf8 28. Ne5 Bd6 29. g3 Qc8 30. Qc4 Qb7 31. Be3 h6 32. Qc6 Qb1+ 33. Kg2 Bf8 34. h4 a5 35. Qa8 39. Qc5 Qa8 40. Qc2+ f5 41. Qa4 Qd5 42. Bd2 e5 43. Qxa5 Qxd4 44. Be3 Qe4 45. Qd2 Qg4 46. Qd3 Kh8 47. Qd8+ Kh7 48. Qc8 Qc4 49. Qd7 Kh8 50. Qe8+ Kh7 51. Qe6 Kh8 52. Qe6 f4 53. Oxe4 1-0

M van der Hoorn - B Martin-Buss (Round 6)

O-O 6. Bh6 e5 7. Nf3 exd4 8. Nxd4 12. Qxd4 h6 13. Bh4 g5 14. Be1 Nxe4 15. Qc4 Nxc3 16. Bxc3 Bxc3 17. Qxc3 Qe7 18. Bd3 Be6 19. Kb1 c6 20. h4 g4 21. fxg4 Bxg4 22. Rde1 Qf8 23. Qb4 Qg7 24. Qxd6 Be6 25. Qf4 h5 26. b3 Bg4 27. Bc4 b5 28. Bd3 Qc3 29. Qg5+ Qg7 30. Qc5 Qh6 31. Rhf1 Qd2 32. Re5 Rxe5 33. Qxe5 Oxg2 34. Bh7+ Kf8 35. Oh8+ Ke7 36. Re1+ 1-0

D Han - K W Lvnn (Round 6)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 c5 5. e3 cxd4 6. exd4 dxc4 7. Bxc4 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Re1 Nc6 10. a3 Ob6 11. Be3 Rd8 12. d5 Qc7 13. Nb5 Qb8 14. dxc6 bxc6 15. Nbd4 c5 16. Qe2 cxd4 17. Bxd4 Qf4 18. Be5 Qh6 19. Rac1 Bb7 20. Bc7 Rd7 21. Ba6 Bd5 22. Bb5 Rxc7 23. Rxc7 Bd6 24. Rcc1 g5 25. Ne5 Rb8 26. Bc6 Be4 27. Bxe4 Bxe5 28. Bxh7+ Kxh7 29. Oxe5 Rb3 30. Rc3 Ng4 31. Qg3 Rxc3 32. bxc3 1-0

A Krstev - M van der Hoorn (Round 7)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. f3 e6 5. e4 bxc4 6. 21. h4 f5 22. Bb7 Rb8 23. h5 g5 24. Bc6 Bxc6 Bxc4 Ba6 7. b3 Nxe4 8. fxe4 Qf6 9. Qc2 Qxa1 10. Nc3 Bxc4 11. bxc4 Na6 12. Nge2 Nb4 13. Qd2 Nxa2 14. Nxa2 Qf6 15. Bb2 Qh4+ 16. Ng3 Bd6 17. e5 Bc7 18. Qe2 O-O 19. O-O Rab8 20. d6 Ba5 21 Ne4 Rxb2 22. Qxb2 Qxe4 23. Qb5 Bd2 24. Qxd7 Oxc4 25. Rb1 Oxa2 26. Ob7 Bb4 27. Rf1 Od5 28. Qxa7 Qxe5 29. Qb6 Qd4+ 30. Kh1 Qd3 31. Rg1 Bd2 32. Rb1 g6 33. h4 c4 34. Qb5 Qe4 35. d7 Oxh4+ 36. Kg1 Be3+ 0-1

R Hart - D Han

(Round 7) 1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 h6 3. Bxf6 exf6 4. e3 d5 5. c4 Bb4+ 6. Nc3 O-O 7. Ob3 Oe7 8. a3 Bxc3+ 9. bxc3 dxc4 10. Bxc4 c5 11. Nf3 exd4 12, exd4 Nc6 13, Qb2 Bg4 14, Nd2 f5 15. O-O Rad8 16. h3 Bh5 17. Rfe1 Rd6 18. Nf1 g5 19. Bb5 Nd8 20. Rac1 Rb6 21. g4 fxg4 22. Qe2 g3 23. f3 Qf6 24. Nxg3 Bxf3 25. Od3 g4 26. Nf5 gxh3 27. Kh2 Ne6 28. e4 Ng5 29. e5 Qe6 30. Bc4 Qd7 31. Nd6 Qg4 32. Qg6+ Kh8 33. Qxh6+ Kg8 34. Qg6+ Kh8 35. Qf6+ Kh7 36. Rc2 Ne4 37. Qf5+ Qxf5 38. Nxf5 Kh8 39. Bd3 Ng5 40. Rg1 Ne6 1-0

M van der Hoorn - P Fraemohs (Round 8)

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nf3 d6 6. cxd4 Nc6 7. Bc4 e6 8. O-O Be7 9. Re1 O-O 10. Nc3 Nxc3 11. bxc3 dxe5 12. Nxe5 Nxe5 13. Rxe5 Bf6 14. Re3 Bd7 15. Rb1 Rc8 16. Bd3 g6 17, Be4 b5 18. Qf3 Bg5 19. Re1 Bxc1 20. Rexc1 Qa5 25. Qxc6 Qb6 26. Qf3 h6 27. Re1 Qd6 28. Qe2 Rfc8 29. Rxb5 Rxb5 30. Qxb5 Rxc3 31. Qe8+ Kg7 32. Qg6+ Kf8 33. Qxh6+ Ke7 34. Qg7+ Kd8 35. h6 Qe7 36. Qg8+ Kd7 37. h7 Rc8 38. Qxc8+ Kxc8 39. h8=Q+ Kd7 40. d5 Qb4 41. dxe6+ 1-0

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North Island Rapid Championship – 13th July 2002

by Hilton Bennett

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Wellington Rapid Tournament

Saturday 12 October

Venue: Large Gallery, First Floor, Turnbull House

Bowen Street (opp. Beehive), Wellington

Tournament Director: Paul Dunn

Format: Six-round Swiss Tournament - 30 minutes per player to finish games

Entry Fee: \$30.00 (includes NZCF levy of \$2.50)

Juniors: \$20 (includes levy of \$1.50) School pupils \$15

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The North Island Rapid Championship for 2002 followed the week-long Championship event in the same venue, Saint Paul's Collegiate School Hamilton. The tournament was a six round 30/30 Swiss, which attracted a strong field of 50 with nine players having rapid ratings over 2000. The favourites were the regular rapid "specialists" from Auckland (and highest rated) Paul Garbett, Bob Smith, Peter Green, and Leonard McLaren, Mark van der Hoorn, Pu Chen Wang, Ralph Hart, and Ben Giles were also expected to be there at the finish. The form of Daniel Han in the rapid was also of great interest following his stunning result in the main Championship event.

Coming into the last round 6 players were in possible contention for top places. Garbett and Smith drew to take Garbett to 4.5 and Smith to 5 for a share of first. McLaren drew with Hart to join Smith on 5, while Hart finished on 4.5.

In the other match up Han defeated correspondence player Brian Millar, who had played very well to get near the lead with 4 points. Han finished on 5 to complete the three way tie for first. Wang and Giles were also winners in the last round to catch up to the players on 4.5.

Of the favourites Green's chances were ruined by a loss to Hart in round 3 and subsequent draws with Giles and Bennett, while several round 4 results were critical for the final outcome for other players. These were in particular McLaren 1 Garbett, Smith 1 Hart, and McNabb 1 Wang. Of the lower rated players the performances of Tokoroa's Graham Pocock and Hilton Jacobs, plus Jeun Gesmundo from Auckland in getting to 4 points was noteworthy, as well as the previously mentioned Brian Millar. Of the juniors Euginia Sharomova and Michael Zhang put in solid performances to reach 3.5.



"Tension at the Auckland Chess Centre: for a report on the Auckland Inter-schools Championship please turn to the Junior Pages (page 12)."

2nd Maruia Open

by Ben Giles

On a chilly winter's morning at the end of August, 18 chess players from Wellington to Ashburton gathered for the 2nd Maruia Open. Maruia is situated 230km North-West of Christchurch, 190km South of Nelson, and 164km by road from either Greymouth or Westport, making this possibly New Zealands remotest chess tournament. Numbers were up on the 16 contestants from last year, but would have been even higher if not for some late withdrawals due to illness and family reasons. Several of the players were returning from last year, indicating that 2001's tournament was a success. Some treated it as a holiday and not just a chess tournament, bringing partners and other family members taking the opportunity to get away from the city for a week-

The weather was a fair bit warmer than last year and the tournament was held in the local Maruia Hall rather than last years venue, Reid's Store, giving more space and better lighting. With digital clocks on all boards, conditions were markedly better overall than last year, however there is still room for improvement on the heating front. The tournament was part of the Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix, giving another reason to do well as well as rating points, prize money and trophies for the winner, under 1600 champion, and best junior.

Every game was played with a fighting spirit, shown by there being only one draw from 45 games. The top seed and clear tournament favourite was Roger Nokes. With nearly three hundred rating points over his nearest rivals, he proved to be a class above in winning with a picket fence 5/5. Second seed Peter Van Dijk showed no signs of rustiness after a lengthy absence from tournament play to finish 2nd= on 4/5 with Canterbury player Brendan Reedy. Brendan had perhaps his best result to date in winning the under 1600 grade, and also being clear 1st

in the under 2000 section for the grand prix, although he was slightly lucky not to have to play Nokes. There were also 6 juniors competing for the Best Junior trophy. Chris Wastney (second cousin of former NZ champ Scott Wastney), and Maruia local Claire McKinstry tied for 1st equal with 2/5. Chris took the Best Junior trophy on tiebreak, while Claire recieved a cup for being runner-up.

Our thanks go to Canterbury Chess Club for the use of sets and clocks, Coca-Cola for a donation of pens, and Reid's Store Maruia for low cost accomodation and great dinners thrown in.

Full results:

1 FM R. Nokes; 2-3 P. Van Dijk & B. Reedy; 4 B. Donaldson 3.5; 5-8 B. Giles, J. Van Ginkel, B. Gloistein & M. Rademacher 3; 9-10 A. Nijman & J. Nankivell 2.5; 11-14 E. Roughton, R. Keeling, C. Wastney & C. McKinstry 2; 15-18 R. Kemp, H. Dymock, D. Bruce & S. Bruce 1.

Giles, B (1996) - Reedy, B (1581) 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 Na6 7.Be2 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9. Oxd8 Rxd8 10.Nxe5 Nc5 11.Bf3 Be6 12.0-0 Nfd7 13.Nxd7 Rxd7 14.Nd5 c6 15. Ne3 Bd4 16.Kh1 Nd3 17.f5 Nxc1 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Ng4 Nd3 20.Rad1 Bxb2 21.e5 Kg7 22.Nf6 Rd4 23.Rd2 Rad8 24.Be4 Bc3 25. Rc2 Rxc4 (this is being too greedy. Nxe5 26.Rxc3 Rf8 is best for black, but other moves like Nc5 Bb4 or Ba5 still leave black clearly ahead) 26.Ne8+ Kh6 27.Nd6 Nxe5 28.Nxc4 Nxc4 29.Rxc3 Nd2 30.Rd1 Nxe4 31.Rh3+ Kg7 32.Rxd8 Nf2+ 33.Kg1 Nxh3+ 34.gxh3 Kf6 35.Rd7 b5 36. Rxa7 Ke5 37.Rxh7 Kd4 38.Rg7 c5 39. Rxg6 e5 40.h4 c4 41.h5 c3 42.Rc6 e4 43. h6 e3 44.h7 e2 45.h8=Q+ resigns 1-0

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4	GARBETT, PAUL A	235	8 NS	4.5						2:D
5	HART, RALPH		9 NS	4.5						1:D
6	GILES, BENJAMIN J	193	3 NS	4.5						16:W
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	RIDING, CHRISTOPHER L	1520	HA	3			44:W			
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	THORNTON, GINO	1427	NS	3			28:W			
	REEDY, BRENDON	1655	CA	3			27:L			
	MAROROA, SUE	1460	AC	3			50:W			
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7	MAXWELL-MANS, TOM	975	HA	1	17:L	36:T	48:W	35:T	41 · T.	40·T
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Junior Chess

by Felicity Timings

The Inter-schools Chess Team Competitions are continuing to be played throughout New Zealand. Regional Winners have been:

Secondary:

Auckland – Westlake Boys High School Central North Island – St Paul's Collegiate Wanganui – Wanganui High School Wellington – Tawa College South Island – no results yet

The Auckland winner will now play the Central winner in the next round, while Wanganui and Wellington will have a play-off. The winners of these matches will then play to decide the North Island champion. Then the North Island winner will play the South Island winner, for the title of NZ Secondary Champion.

Intermediate:

Auckland A regional final was held to get an overall winner, with the result that Remuera and Belmont Intermediates are joint champions, but Remuera won the play-off to go through to the next round.

CentralSouthwell IntermediateWanganuiKokohuia IntermediateWairarapaMasterton IntermediateWellingtonDiscovery IntermediateSouth Islandno results yet

Primary:

AucklandSt Helier's Primary won theAuckland Regional CompetitionCentralSouthwell PrimaryWanganuiSt George's PrimaryWairarapaCarterton PrimaryWellingtonEastern Hutt

South Island Ilam Primary

So far the only match between regions was the one between Wairarapa and Wellington. A report on this match was written by **Anthony Ker:** "Today we had the Primary and Intermediate Schools playoff matches between Wel-

lington and Wairarapa. In the Primary division Eastern Hutt faced Carterton and in the Intermediate section Discovery played Masterton. I used the Schveningen system in which each member of the team plays 4 games, one against each player in the opposing team. In the first round Eastern Hutt won 4-0 (playing White on all boards) but when they had the Black pieces in round 2 it was 4-0 the other way! They went on to win 3-1, 3-1 in the last two rounds to qualify.

Eastern Hutt Primary School: 10 Carterton Primary School: 6

Masterton began well with a 4-0 but Discovery caught up in the third round with a 4-0 of their own. At 6-all the last round was crucial for both sides - and ended in a tie 2-2! A special playoff round was needed, and Discovery triumphed 3-1.

Discovery Intermediate School: 8
(and 3-1 on playoff)
Masterton Intermediate School: 8

Clocks were used, with each player having 15 minutes to complete the game. This is a fast time limit but seemed to work OK. Only one game was decided by the clock."

Other Results:

The winner of the Auckland Junior Inter-Club competition held between four Auckland junior clubs (Waitemata, Papatoetoe, Howick-Pakuranga and North Harbour Juniors) was the Waitemata Chess Club.

Did vou know....?

One of the first two books to be printed in the English language, by the English printer William Caxton, was about chess. It was entitled "The Game and Play of Chess." The other book was the bible.

(Source: Chess for Children – Nottingham, Wade and Lawrence

Report on the Auckland Regional Intermediate and Primary Chess Finals

After the first round of Regional competitions throughout New Zealand the 5 Auckland areas (North, South, West, East and Central) had their own final to decide on the Auckland Champions and to select a school to go on to the North Island Final. In the intermediate section there were only 4 participating teams because there hadn't been enough teams for a competition in South Auckland – maybe next year?

The day dawned bright and clear on August 28 at the Auckland Chess Centre, where the event was held. (I could have said bright and 'clean' actually, since I spent the day before cleaning the place up in anticipation. That was a 3-vacuum-cleaner-bag day!) Shortly after 9am our nervous competitors started to show up and were shunted off into the analysis room to help set it up. ("Stop playing each other, you're about to have a match together you don't want to show each other all your secret plans!")

We started just after 9:30, as planned. As usual there was a speedy hitting of chess clocks as children not used to playing with them panicked by the sound of others in the room. Within 5 minutes the first game was over ("Tom, you were supposed to be playing SLOWLY; you've got 30 minutes each!")

But the intermediate group – who only had 3 rounds to play – were of a different calibre this year, playing much more slowly, and making the most of their time.

In the Primary section there were 5 rounds with a bye each round (which gave everyone one perfect round score – always nice!) After 3 rounds Everglade were looking good on 11 points, with St Heliers not far behind on 9.5). And after the 4th round there was no-one else in the race: Everglade on 14, St Heliers on 13.5, then Apple-Tree on 8.5, Pomaria on 8 and Westmere with 4. And to make it really exciting, the top 2 teams were matched against each other in the final round! Pretty nerve-wrecking stuff – for the parents and teachers, that is, the kids were looking fairly cool... But there was no question about the winner after the last round. St Heliers

4 – Everglade 0. Final result: 1st with 17,5 points: St Heliers, 2nd with 14 points: Everglade, 3rd with 12.5 points: AppleTree.

And there was a not too dissimilar story in the Intermediate section. With only 3 rounds there was a bit more pressure, and after 2 rounds Belmont and Remuera were both on 6 points - and playing each other in the final round! After a long struggle the result was a win and 2 draws for each team -2 points each. The tension was high. Bob announced that both teams were the joint Auckland Champions, but there would be a play-off to see who would make it into the North Island finals. Both teams reassembled, facing the same opponents but playing different colours. The games commenced. A win for Belmont... a win for Remuera... another win for Remuera.... The last game looking like a win for Belmont... a blunder... despair for one, relief for the other. Remuera victorious, and looking forward to the North Island final in October. Final result: 1st equal on 8 points each: Belmont and Remuera, 3rd with 6 points: Somerville.

As always the highlight of the day was the snack bar provided by Viv and the pool table inside. Thanks to the Auckland Chess Centre for allowing their rooms to be used.

Chess Puzzle:



White to play and win. (Source: 'How to Win at Chess', Daniel King)
Solution next issue.

With five months still to go, there is no question that the inaugural Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix is a great success.

Players have embraced the concept wholeheartedly and the sponsor is very happy with the response from the chess playing community. When planning the Grand Prix NZCF Council budgeted conservatively on 12 to 15 tournaments being involved; we have already reached 15 events and at this stage the final tally of Grand Prix events looks like being 21. The last events in the 2002 competition will be the NZ Championship, Major Open and Rapid Championship in Wanganui, from January 2 onwards.

With close races in many divisions, the results

at Congress could well decide several winners. At the conclusion of Congress, \$3500 in Grand Prix prize-money will be awarded, and the 2003 competition will officially start. The inaugural Grand Prix has reached an interesting stage, with the increased activity meaning that quite a few of the front-runners in each division have played their maximum four scoring events and will find it hard to increase their totals. But to maintain their positions they must keep playing anyway, not just for the enjoyment, but to try to stop their rivals from getting the GP points at stake.

The leaders in the Open, Under 2000, Under 1700, Under 1400 and Female divisions could all be said to be in that position, their points made up of four fairly good results. The junior front-runner, Daniel Han, is in a stronger position, with only three results making up his impressive tally.

The current leading scores are: Open – Bob Smith (50 pts) 1, Alexei Kulashko, David Guthrie (39.4) 2-3, Paul Garbett (37.9) 4, Peter Green (31.5) 5, Daniel Han (29.5) 6. Under 2000 – Puchen Wang (58.4) 1, Daniel Han (56.4) 2, Ben Giles (46.5) 3, Fuatai Fuatai (29.5) 4, Stuart East (25.5) 5, Maciej Wojnar (22.9) 6.

Under 1700 – Hilton Jacobs (42,4) 1, Brendan Reedy (40) 2, Evginia Charomova (36) 3,

Helmut Modlik, Aaron Cossey (34.9) 4-5, Jeremy Browne (32) 6. Under 1400 - Michael Zhang (57.5) 1. Giv

Under 1400 – Michael Zhang (57.5) 1, Gino Thornton (56) 2, Thomas Gothorp (36.5) 3, Temu Maroroa (28.67) 4, Sue Maroroa (26) 5, Roland Stierand (22.67) 6.

Junior – Daniel Han (55) 1, Evginia Charomova (51) 2, Aaron Cossey (49.5) 3,

Puchen Wang (40.5) 4, Gino Thornton (34) 5, Michael Zhang (32) 6. Female – Evginia Charomova (67.5) 1, Viv

Smith (57) 2, Sue Maroroa (46.5) 3, Edith Otene (43.5) 4, Dorette Prinsloo (22) 5, Ella Mikhailik, Serra Tang (15) 6-7. GLOBAL CHESS ENTERPRISES GRAND PRIX EVENTS COMING UP:

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP (Canterbury CC, Class 3, Christchurch) SEP-TEMBER 23 TO 27. 8 round swiss, time control 40 in 1hr 45 plus 30 minutes guillotine. Entry fees: \$60 and \$30 juniors. Prizes dependent on entries

SOUTH ISLAND RAPID (Canterbury CC, Class 3, Christhchurch) Saturday, SEPTEM-BER 28. 6 round swiss, time control 30 minutes each. Entry fees \$30 and \$15 juniors Prizes dependent on entries. For both events contact Craig Hall chall@inet.net.nz or by phone (03)3858750 or (021) 1289543 29th NORTH SHORE OPEN (North Shore CC,

Class 1, Auckland) OCTOBER 5 & 6, 5 round swiss in 2 separate grades. Time control 40 in 1hr 20 plus 10 minutes guillotine, with an extra 15 seconds per move from the start. Half point byes available on any of the 3 Saturday rounds. Entry fees \$35, \$25 juniors. Prize-fund \$2400 (\$500 first in the Open, \$280 first in the B Grade). Contact Peter Stuart pstuart@xtra.co.nz or phone (09) 4456377

WELLINGTON RAPID TOURNAMENT (Wellington CC, Class 3, Wellington) Saturday, OCTOBER 12. 6 round swiss, time control 30 minutes each. Entry fees \$30, \$20 juniors, \$15 schoolpupils. Prizes: 1st \$160, others dependent on entries Contact Ross Jackson rosslin@paradise.net.nz ph (04)9021707

OLYMPIAD APPEAL 2002

by NZCF President Bob Smith

The New Zealand teams fly off to do battle in late October – but there is still time to contribute towards total travel costs of around \$32,000.

Two more donations have been received since the last "NZ Chess", both of which I heartily commend.

Otago Chess Club has raised \$600 through a special President's Olympiad Appeal – congratulations to the club and Tony Dowden in particular for their efforts.

Imagine if every other club did the same! And, all the way from Israel, International Master Ben Martin has contributed \$100. This is a particularly sporting gesture, as Ben missed out on selection this time round.

Those two donations bring the total fund so far to \$1130 – just short of \$100 for each of our twelve representatives. In comparison, in late August Australia's Olympiad appeal had reached \$3755, despite starting after ours.

Previously acknowledged donations: Ted Frost \$50 Quentin Johnson \$50 Thomas Gothorp \$5 Upper Hutt Chess Club \$100, R.J. Glass \$100, H. P. Bennett \$30, B. Millar \$25, B. Poole \$50, V Wang \$20.

It is always a shame when national representatives have to pay out of their own pockets to play for their country. I know that all the players and team officials really appreciate the donations so far to help them on their way. Please consider whether you could spare a few dollars. Olympiad donations can be sent to: NZCF, P.O. Box 216 Shortland St, Auckland 1.

The teams in board order are: Men - 1 FM Alexei Kulashko 2 IM Russell Dive 3 Igor Bjelobrk 4 FM Bob Smith 5 FM Scott Wastney 6 CM Tony Dowden

Women – 1 Viv Smith 2 Edith Otene 3 Evginia Charomova 4 Sue Maroroa Team Captain Mark Van der Hoorn Unfortunately due to unforseen circumstances Michael Freeman has had to withdraw as Team Manager and Men's Team Captain; several people are interested in taking his place and by the time this goes to print an appointment will have been made.

Inter-School Chess Champs

In the 2nd round of the National Primary and Intermediate School Chess Championships, Wanganui and Hamilton schools met in Taupo on Sunday 1 September, in a sunny classroom at Taupo Intermediate School. Sharon Trass kindly organised this venue. Many thanks to Principal Dave Whiteside for the use of his school.

In the Primary division Southwell School was represented by Martin de Lisle, Matthew Libby, James Carden and Terry Chao. The St. Georges team: Jack Smith, Angus Watson, Kararaina Ratana, Susan Campbell, substituted Ross Dickinson and Noah Bunkley on boards 3 and 4 in the second game.

At the Intermediate level, Te Kura a Kokohuia from Wanganui were represented by Madison Becker, Hone Joseph, Mahrvin Scanlon and Bronson-Wayne Kotuhi. The team from Southwell School was Alan Lin, Christopher de Lisle, David McCauley and Mitchell Round.

With up to six hours of travel for players it was decided that each board would play the opposing player once as black and once as white.

After the first round Kokohui and Southwell Primary were both ahead by 3-1. Kohukuia continued to play strongly in the second round and won 6-2.

St Georges rallied and after Round 2 in the Primary Division it was tied up at 4-4. St Georges went on to win all four games in the tiebreaker round.

Congratulations to Te Kura o Kokohuia and St Georges, who go on to the 3rd Round.

by Shaun Press

Australasian Internet Challenge

Obituary: Ken Williams 1931 - 2002

by Tony Booth

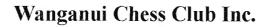
It is very sad to report the death of Ken, the current President of the Howick -Pakuranga Chess Club aged 71. His funeral at Purewa in Auckland on Sept 4th, attended by a good number of current chess players, included previous Remuera players Graham Law and Jack Finke (now 91). The service was conducted by Kees van den Bosch at the request of the family. Ken was a prominent member of the Remuera Chess Club until it closed in 1979 when he transferred to Howick-Pakuranga. He was the sixth President to hold the office of a club which was started initially by Richard Sutton in the late 1960's as the Cockle Bay Chess Club. Richard was followed by Bob Parrot in 1974, Tony Booth 1975-86, Charles Gentil 1986, Paul Spiller 1986 -99.

Ken's legacy to the H-P club is his wholehearted coaching over the past three years of the junior members of the club. Over 112 juniors aged 6-12 have passed through his hands and the current tally of over 40 is a testimony to Ken's hard work in instruction, junior tournament organisation and incentives of Crunchie bars for high achievers. His quiet discipline and fair but firm attitude earned him the respect, love and gratitude of the juniors, of the parents who are involved and of the senior members who recognised in Ken a worthy over-the board opponent and a real enthusiast for the game. After a painful last few months Ken passed away peacefully on Monday Sept 2nd in the knowledge that we will meet again sometime in the future.

An invitation to the family friendly

110th NEW ZEALAND CHESS CONGRESS

which will be hosted by



at the

Collegiate Hotel and Motor Inn 122 Liverpool Street, Wanganui

from 2nd to 12th January 2003

There will be several new features — the 11-round Championship and Major Open to be played in 9 days instead of 13, different time controls and spot prizes. It will be the final event of the 2002 Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix. The hospitable Wanganui C C is sparing no effort to make this a memorable and enjoyable event.

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ACF Web Master Paul Broekhuyse has always been on the lookout for opportunities to extend the reach of the Australian Chess Federation into cyberspace. One of his ideas was an email based interstate challenge. While the CCLA had run a number of email chess events on an individual basis, Paul's idea was to match teams of players against other states. Thus the Australasian Internet Challenge was born.

Such was the wisdom of the idea that before the competition had even started, the New Zealander's wanted in on the competition, so teams representing the North and South islands of New Zealand were added.

The format was simple. The teams would compete in a round robin, playing 1 or two games at a time. Each day a move would be posted, and a team would have 12 hours to vote on a reply. Team members chose a move and the most popular move was played. In the case of a tie, a coin toss would decide.

It quickly became clear that this format provided some unique challenges. The first was the rapid turn around time. Moves would be posted at midday and a response was required by midnight on the same day. This did not give a lot of time for in depth analysis, or reasoned consultation. The second problem was the curse of democracy, Just as the reality of the 21st century is that democracy is fine, as long as the right governments are elected, the reality of the competition was that the best moves would be chosen, as long as the right people voted. Often a team would be heading in a set direction and then suddenly veer off on a bizarre tangent. Some teams dealt with this by running discussive.

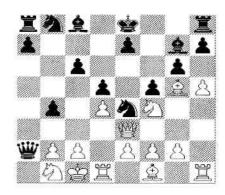
Some teams dealt with this by running discussion boards where ideas could be exchanged, others dealt with it by swearing a lot.

One of the first games to finish was this clash.

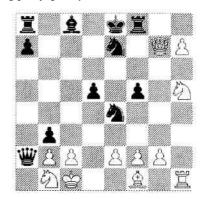
WA - SA [A80]

Australasian Internet Challenge Australasia (1) 1.d4 f5 2.Bg5 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Qd3 [4,h4!?] 4... c6 5.0–0–0 Bg7 6.h4 Nf6 7.Nh3 Qa5 8.Nf4 b5 9.Qe3 White decides that the attack in the centre is worth the pawn. 9...b4 10.Nb1 Oxa2 11.

h5 Ne4



12.hxg6! c5 [12...Nxg5 13.Nh5 Ne6 14.Nxg7+Nxg7 15.Qe5 leaves White in an overwhelming position. 15...Kf8 (15...0-0 16.Rxh7 mating) 16.Rxh7 Rg8 17.Qc7+-] 13.Nh5 [13.Rxh7 Rxh7 14.gxh7 Nxg5 15.Nh5 Bxd4 16.Qxd4! cxd4 17.h8Q+ is good, but not decisive.] 13... Bxd4 14.Rxd4! cxd4 15.Qxd4 Rf8 16.Bxe7!! [16.gxh7 seemed to be the more obvious move in this position, 16...Nxg5 17.h8Q Rxh8 18. Qxh8+ Kd7±] 16...Nc6 [16...Kxe7 17.Qg7+Ke8 18.gxh7+-] 17.Qg7 Nxe7 18.gxh7 b3 With the queen offside, White rounds up the Black king pretty quickly.



19.Qxf8+ Kxf8 20.h8Q+ Kf7 21.Nf4 Nf6 22. Rh6 Neg8 23.Rh7+# 1-0

A number of people queried how teams could be sure that other teams were not utilising "electronic" assistance. Usually these questions come from over-the-board players who have not played correspondence or email chess. I think the perception amongst OTB players is that if people can cheat they will cheat, with the tacit admission that they themselves would be tempted to receive some extra help,

Basically, however, it doesn't really happen. Having played email chess for the last 3 years I can count on 1 finger the number of players who I believed were using a computer. Almost all serious CC players play to improve their own game, and using a computer would hardly help in that endeavour. Even if you were able to win an important championship with electronic aids, the other competitors, if not most people following the tournament would know how hollow an achievement that would be

On a more practical note, just look at some of the blunders committed by the teams as evidence that these games were played by humans.

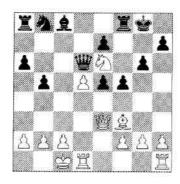
Queensland - ACT [B07]

Australasian Internet Challenge Australasia (4) 1.e4 g6?! It is not so much that this is a bad move, but to highlight the joys of democracy. At various times the ACT team consisted of two or three players, but usually it just consisted of me. Normally this wasn't a problem, but having some one lob in, vote once, and then disappear for 10 moves made keeping to a consistent plan difficult, 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nf6 5.Qd2 0-0 6.Bh6!? c5 7.Bxg7 Kxg7 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.d5 Nb8 Refer to note at move 1.

10.0-0-0 a6 11.Be2 b5



12.e5 White reacts to the wing attack with a blow in the centre. 12...Ng4 [12...dxe5 13.Nxe5 was a more circumspect choice.] 13.Ne4 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Nxc5 Ob6 [15...Nd7=] 16. Qc3 This move came as a surprise to Black. 16...f6 17.Qe3 Black expected this on move 16, although this position is half a pawn more favourable to White now 17...Qd6 18.Bf3 f5? Trying to sacrifice the exchange for some compensation in the centre. [18...Kh8 19.Ne4 Oc7 20 Nxf6!±1 19.Ne6+ Kg8

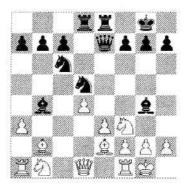


20.Qh6 [20.Nxf8 again looked obvious, but White prefers the mating attack. 20...Rf7 21. h4 e4 22.h5 g5 23.Qxg5+ Kh8 24.h6 The final winning move [24.h6 exf3 25.Qh5 Bxe6 26. dxe6 Qf4+ 27.Kb1 wins by force] 1-0

The teams that are doing best in this event are those who are playing as a team. Instead of analysing as individuals and firing off a vote, they are sharing analysis, comparing different ideas and then voting as a block. Both New Zealand teams are utilising this strategy effectively as is the Tasmanian team.

NSW - Tasmania [A00]

Australasian Internet Challenge Australasia (6) 1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.Nf3 0-0 5. e3 d5 6.c4 Nc6 Black is already starting to get on top. 7.Bb2 Re8 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bb5 Bg4 10.0-0 Od7 11.Be2 Rad8 Black has developed in a model fashion while White is still trying to get organised. 12.d4 Oe7 13.a3 [13.Ob3 Nf4 14.Bd1 Nxg2 15.Kxg2 Qe4]



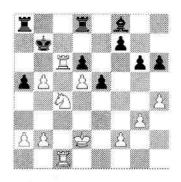
13...Nxe3!! Tearing White's position apart, 14. 25.Nb6 [25,Rb6+ is also good, but not as much fxe3 Oxe3+ 15.Rf2 Bxf3 16.gxf3 [16.Bxf3 as the text move.] 25...h5 26.Rc7+ Kb8 [26... Bel!] 16...Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Rxd4 18.Of1 Bc5 19. Kxb6 27.R1c6+ Kxb5 28.Rb7+ Ka4 29.Rc4#] Kh1 Ob3! 0-1

Queensland - South Australia [B32] Australasian Internet Challenge Australasia keeping up team numbers. The states with the

d6 The imaginatively named Kalashnikov seems that they have the least enthusiastic chess Variation, 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 b5 8.Nd5 Nce7!? 9. players. Of course people in glass house etc etc. Bg5 Be6 10.c4 h6 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.cxb5 Qa5+ and the ACT team has often had to labour under



13.Qd2 [13.Nc3 left White with a clear plus.] 13...Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 0-0-0? [14...Nxd5 15. exd5 Bxd5 16.bxa6±] 15.Bc4 a5 16.Rac1 Kb7 17.h4 An interesting diversion, possibly caused by conflicting choices amongst team members. 17...g6 18.Rc2 Bxd5 19.Bxd5+ Nxd5 20.exd5 Be7 21.Rc6 Rc8 22.Nc4! Ra8 23.Rc1 Rhd8 24. g3 Bf8



27.Nd7+ Rxd7 28.Rxd7 Bh6+ 29.f4 exf4 30. Rcc7 1-0

The only difficulty in the tournament so far is biggest problem in this regard is NSW and Vic-1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 toria. Despite having the largest populations it the control of a single brain. Some times this can be a good thing but other times less so.

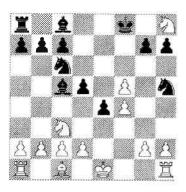
ACT - SA [C30]

Australasian Internet Challenge Australasia (5) 1.e4 e5 2.f4 Nc6 Joe Tanti (SA) and Shaun Press (ACT) had played a wild Kings Gambit Accepted in the Australian Email Championship previously, so a repeat of the opening wasn't a real surprise. 3.Nf3 f5 Although this did come as a shock. 4.exf5 e4 5.Ng5 Nf6 6.Be2 Bc5 7.Bh5+

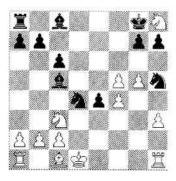


by Michael Freeman

8.Nc3 [8.Nf7 probably should have been played straight away. 8...Qe8 9.Nxh8 Nxh5 but White was worried about Black's lead in development.] 8...d5 9.Nf7 Qe8 10.Nxh8 Qxh5 [10....Nxh5 11.Nxd5+-] 11.Qxh5 Nxh5



12.g4 [Again the obvious move could have been chosen. 12.Nxd5 Bxf5 although White is still behind in development. 13.Nxc7 Nb4 14, Nxa8 Nxc2+ 15.Kd1 Nxa1 is one weird outcome.] 12...Nd4 13.Kd1 Nf6 14.h3 c6 The excitement seems to have died down, and White just needs to develop the rest of his pieces. 15. d3 Kg8 16.dxe4 dxe4 17.g5 Nh5

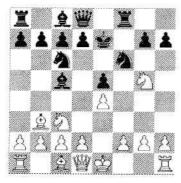


18.Nxe4 Nxc2!! An outstanding move which leads to a clear Black advantage. 19.Nxc5 [19. Kxc2 Bxf5µ] 19...Nxa1 20.Ne6 Kxh8 21.Re1 Bd7 White had hoped the kingside pawns would be enough compensation for the piece, but it was not to be. 22.Be3 Ng3 23.Bf2 Nxf5

24.Nc5 Rd8 25.Nxb7 Re8 26.Nc5 Rxe1+ 27. Bxe1 Be8 28.Kc1 Bg6 29.Nd7 Nd4 30.Ne5 Bf5 31.Bc3 Nac2 and the Knight escapes. 32. h4 c5 0-1

While I had a little help in the previous game, this effort is entirely mine.

NZ North - ACT [C57]
Australasian Internet Challenge Australasia
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5 5.
Bxf7+ Clearly White would rather try and score a point instead of going down to a spectacular defeat. [5.Nxf7 Bxf2+ is both a test of White's bravery and of Black's ability.] 5...Ke7 6.Bb3 [6.Bd5 was for a long time considered the best move, but theory has shifted back towards the text move.] 6...Rf8 7.Nc3 [7.d3 is more common, but given the unsoundness of Black's next move, probably leads to the same position as



Nc3, if Black plays sensibly.]

7...Bxf2+? Thematic with the variation as a whole, and just too tempting to pass up. Unfortunately this is bad. Searching Big Database 2001 found no examples of this move, and now I know why. [7...d6 transposes into more normal lines.] 8.Kxf2 Nxe4+ 9.Ke1 Nxg5 10.d4! and this is the problem for Black. Whites king is safe while the Black king is in the open and about to get chased over the board. 10...h6?? loses by force. [The only move was 10...Nf7 but 11.Qh5 h6 12.Rf1 is still much better for White]

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Welcome to my first chess column! The aim of this column is to be of help to players who are buying new chess books, software, audio tapes, magazines or videos. The biggest New Zealand chess store for most of us is via mail order, but it's not until the book etc is received that it's able to be viewed. So, if anyone has any thoughts, suggestions, criticisms or they wish to contribute to this column in some way, so that prospective buyers can be helped out, please drop me a line at "chessbooksnz@hotmail.com".

The first book reviewed is by BT Batsford, one of the world's top chess publishers, who has just reprinted the classic book "Learn Chess with Garry Kasparov". Garry takes you through 24 well-planned lessons. In the first lesson he tells how this book came about. It was a proposal by Sport in the USSR magazine to conduct a series of correspondence study sessions for USSR readers. Garry is one of the strongest players in the world, and he has written a book here that both adults and juniors of any standard can follow and learn from. The lessons in this book cover a lot of the aspects of the game namely, material balance, pawn structures, dynamism, initiative and tactical devices. Gary is an excellent teacher and player and if his advice is followed through all the lessons, any player's chess should improve. Similar books are "101 Tips to Improve your Chess" by Kosten and "Learn from the Grandmasters" by Raymond Keene (ed).

As well as Batsford, Gambit is one of the world's top chess publishers, and one of their new typical high quality books is "An Explosive Chess Opening Repertoire for Black" by Yrjola and Tella. This book is based on a complete system for black based on 1... d6!. The

main repertoire against 1e4 is the Pirc Defence and there's a small analysis of the Czech system as well. The authors offer more defenses against 1 d4. There's the variation 1d4 d6 2 c4 e4 and 1d4 d6 2 Nf3 Bg4. They also cover those lesser opening moves such as 1 b3, 1 f4 and 1 c4. This book is ideal for any player who hasn't much time to study, or for anyone who would like to play one or two defenses well.

Next time I plan to review one of the best books to come out of Gambit - "The Dynamic English". The aggressive player's guide to a traditional chess opening, by Tony Kosten.

One of the most interesting new aspects of chess publishing is on the internet, and one of the top webpages is "Chesspublishing.com". On its webpage there are 12 sites covering different chess openings in which each is authored by a GM or an IM. These authors are all well known and have excellent writing reputations, eg Kosten, Ward and Martin. Each month the writers analyse ten or more games in chessbase format, but don't worry if you don't have chessbase as Chessbase Light can be downloaded free of charge. Most of chess publishing isn't free, but your sub will cover monthly updates. (Chesspub lets you download all the games on the site at once.) This site can be found at www.ChessPublishing.com. And before purchasing you can download free games and an e-book for free. These e-books are a new idea in which all the authors write small books on their site openings. Could be the way of the future!

Game one sees Reserve Championship player Rod Weston annotating one of his wins en route to taking out the 2001-2002 TT2 title.

Game two features championship player Brian Millar in winning form against a Latvian opponent in an e-mail game.

(4)Weston,R - Rossiter,P [C09] NZCCA TT2, 2001

This game follows the Karpov-Korchnoi World Championship match, 1974, to move 9. At move 10 Karpov played c3 but I thought that could wait. At move 12 Black probably came to the end of his "book opening" and played this move to allow his light square bishop to retreat here via h5. However, at move 13 he plays Bd7, so why f6 at move 12? It destabilises the king's position. 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.2 d2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5. 2gf3 2c6 6. 2b5 2d6 7.0-0 cxd4 8. 2b3 2ge7 9.2bxd4 0-0 10. Ee1 a6 11. 2e2 2g4 12. åe3 f6 13.h3 åd7 14.c4 åh8 15. åxc6 bxc6 16. **43 45** 17. **44 47** avoiding 18. Bxf5 Nxf5 19.Ne6! 18. 2xf5 2xf5 19. 2g4 This is the key move in the game, which further upsets the king's fortress. 19...g6 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.\(\hat{1}\)d4 **Bad8** Black's rooks need to defend their king and this move does not achieve this. 22.2xf5 gxf5 23. g5 White is maintaining his 2-piece attacks on weak squares in Black's camp. 23... de7 24. de2 df7 Black reorganises his rooks. but its too late. 25. Hae1 Hg8 26. Hxe7 White wins a Bishop. If 26... \(\text{Zxg5} \) 27.\(\text{Zxd7} \) \(\text{Zxd7} \) \(\text{Zxd7} \) 28. \$xf6+ \$\dot\dot\g8 29.\$xg5 Black is a pawn and bishop down, has an open position, and all of his 4 pawns are isolated and he resigned. 1-0

Dumins,I - Millar,B [C89] IECG. 2001

1.e4 e5 2.句f3 包c6 3.处b5 a6 4.处a4 包f6 5.0-0 处e7 6.至e1 b5 7.处b3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 包xd5 10.包xe5 包xe5 11.置xe5 c6 12.d4 处d6 13.至e1 營h4 14.g3 營h3 15.处e3 处g4 16.營d3 至ae8 17. 包d2 f5 18.營币 營h5 19.a4 bxa4 20.至xa4 f4 21. 处xf4 至xe1 22.營xe1 处xf4 23.gxf4 至e8 24.包e4 处h3 25.營d1 至xe4 0-1

by Gordon Hoskyn TT fields 2002-2003

Championship: Tim Doyle 2125 (Wellington), Murray Dunwoody 2120 (Te Awamutu), Peter Goffin 2120 (Auckland), Allan Short 2045 (Wanganui), Jeff Rapp 1950 (Wellington), Hilton Bennett (1945) Hamilton, Ted Frost 1900 (Wanganui), Brian Millar 1890 (Auckland), Earl Roberts 1890 (Levin), Peter Voss 1815 (Kaiteriteri), Gordon Hoskyn 1780 (Wanganui), Brad Walsh - (Wairoa).

Reserve Championship: Bevan Edwards 1685 (Auckland), Garry Putt 1660 (Invercargill), Ken Reed 1615 (Christchurch), Rod Weston 1605 (Lower Hutt), Barry Williams 1520 (Wanganui), Dan Dolejs 1510 (Nelson), Graham Lovelock 1480 (Wellington).

TT2: Bill Smillies 2250 (Waiuku), David Bell 1625 (Wanganui), Philip Rossiter 1545 (Hamilton), Peter King 1500 (Wellington), Bill Anderson 1490 (Rotorua).

TT3: Stuart Mannix 1655 (Christchurch), John Atkinson 1440 (Christchurch), Tony Hendry 1415 (Westport), Glenys Mills 1395 (Waikanae), Len Purvis 995 (Warkworth).

Trophy Tourney progress As at 25 August 2002.

69th Championship: G A Hoskyn 4.5/8, A J Short 4/7, T J Doyle 2.5/3, M L Dunwoody 1.5/2, E G A Frost 1.5/3, P J Voss 1/1, P B Goffin 1/2, H P Bennett .5/1, E N Roberts .5/3, J C Rappand B G Walsh 0/1, B W Millar 0/2. Latest results: HOSKYN beat Roberts, Rapp; drew Short, Dunwoody, Goffin, Bennett, Frost. SHORT beat Frost, Millar, drew Doyle, Goffin, Roberts. DOYLE beat Hoskyn, Millar, drew Frost. VOSS beat Roberts. FROST beat Walsh. Reserve Championship: R J Weston 3/3; K G Reed 1/1, D E Dolejs and G D Putt 0/1. Latest results: REED beat Dolejs, WESTON beat Putt, Williams (2).

TT2: WR Smillie 2/2, P C King 1/1, W Anderson 1/2, D I Bell 0/1, P E Rossiter 0/2. Latest results: SMILLIE beat Anderson, Bell. KING beat Rossiter. ANDERSON beat Rossiter.

TT3: S J Mannix 5/5, J W H Atkinson 1/2, A W Hendry 0/2, L I Purvis 0/3. Latest results: MANNIX beat Atkinson, Hendry (2), Purvis (2). ATKINSON beat Purvis

After 10 years spent locating funds held for chess development and setting up the Chess Friends of New Zealand Trust, the trustees of the NZ Chess Foundation Trust and Chess Friends are putting into place a term investment policy.

Funds in hand now total over \$12,500 and the trustees' goal is to bring the capital funds up to \$20,000 before considering an ongoing policy of support for junior chess development, NZCF's AGM in 1998 decided to set up the Chess Friends Trust. Getting a trust with workable rules was found to be necessary because while the Foundation was still in existence, its trust deed was out of date. In care of Michael Whaley, of Auckland, the Foundation's funds have doubled and now stand at just over \$5,000, including a donation of \$50 this year from M Wylie, of Invercargill.

Arrangements concerning interest on the Foundation's funds are under discussion between NZCF and the trustees. This trust could be wound up, at considerable legal cost, so a basis for ongoing investment of the fund is under consideration.

Chess Friends funds have grown steadily, with contributions totally more than \$2000 from the proceeds of a library donated anonymously, \$500 last year from the estate of CB Newick, and \$3472 from the defunct Tawa Chess Club. Following circulation of a brochure about the trusts early this year, donations totalling \$1080 have been received, from the following:

B F Barnard \$50.00 J B Kay \$30.00 C Jardine \$50.00 R Jackson \$200.00 R J Glass \$250.00 R J Dive \$500.00 The funds held by

The funds held by Chess Friends now exceed \$7500, which is being invested to achieve a useful return.

The trustees of both trusts appointed when Chess Friends was incorporated were Richard Sutton, Peter Weir and Ted Frost, with Ted as chairman. This year Richard has retired, but has continued to give valuable legal advice to the trustees. He has been replaced by Graham Haase, who was one of the Foundation's trustees in earlier years.

Fund-raising for the trusts has been held deferred while NZCF has been raising funds for this year's Olympiad, but will resume later in the year.

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11.Bxg5+ hxg5 12.Nd5+ Kd6 13.dxe5+ Kxe5 14.Qe2+ Kd6 [14...Kf5 15.g4+ Kg6 16.Qd3+ Kf7 (16...Kh6 17.Qh3+ Kg6 18.Qh5#) 17.Rf1+ Kg8 18.Nf6+ Kh8 19.Qh7#] 15.Rd1 and the king perishes in the middle of the board. 1-0

by Peter Stuart

Although widespread use of the Internet is less than a decade old, already it is one of the things that chess players take for granted. Instantaneous coverage of chess events from around the world, and the chance to play anyone anywhere at anytime is something that the modern player has at the end of the phone line. Of course this wasn't always so, but even back in the 1940's Australia was showing the way of the future.

Overcoming the vast distances that Australian's needed to travel to be part of the chess world was a difficult task, but via the not so new technology of telex Australia played a number of matches against other countries soon after the Second World War. Even then this wasn't the first instance of this happening with a telex match between the Parliaments of Australia and Great Britain being held as part of the opening of Parliament House in Canberra, way back in 1927. Unfortunately the 1920's equivalent of 'lag' caused the match to be abandoned after a few moves.

The first match that Australia played was against France in 1946. It came about at the suggestion of Dr Boris Eliacheff, the French Consul-General in Sydney, who was a chess enthusiast. The Australian end of the match was sponsored by Sir Keith Murdoch (father of Rupert) through the Melbourne Herald, and the Sydney Sun.

As with the sponsorship the Australian team was split between Sydney and Melbourne (5 players each), while the French had a similar arrangement, with 5 players from Paris and 5 players from Marseillaise. The Sydeny players were matched with Paris, and the Melbourne team with Marseillaise.

The match was played in two sessions over consecutive days and took 20 hours of playing time.

At the end of play the Paris team proved superior to their Sydney counterparts winning 3.5 to

1.5. It was left to Melbourne to turn it around for Australia, defeating Marseillaise 4-1 to give Australia overall victory by 5.5-4.5.

The two outstanding match ups of the match were Lajos Steiner against Dr Osip Bernstein and Cecil Purdy against Savilley Tartakower. While Steiner lost his game against Bernstein (adjudicated by Znosko-Borovsky), Purdy held Tartakower to a draw.

Purdy,C - Tartakover,S [E43]

Australia-France Telex, 1946

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.Nf3 Ne4 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Nxc3 9. bxc3 f5N [9...Qe7 10.0-0 d6 11.e4 e5 12.Qe2 Nc6 13.Rfd1 Nb8 14.Nd2 Nd7 15.Bc2 0-0-0 16.Nb3 Rdf8 17.Rab1 g6 18.a4 a5 19.c5 dxc5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.Bd3 f5 23.Ba6 fxe4 24.Bxb7+ Kxb7 25.Qxe4+ 1/2-1/2 Glenzer, A-Wiedemeyer, D/Neuwied op 1993/GER 09 (25); 9...0-0 10.h4 f5 11.Qe2 c5 12.Ng5 h6 13. Nf3 Nc6 14.0-0-0 Qf6 15.h5 d6 16.Rh3 Ne7 17.Nh4 e5 18.g4 e4 19.Bc2 fxg4 20.Qxg4 Bc8 21.Qxe4 Bxh3 22.Qh7+ Kf7 23.dxc5 Qxh4 24. Rd4 Qxh5 25.cxd6 Nf5 26.Rf4 Rh8 27.Bxf5 Rxh7 28.Bg4+ Kg6 0-1 Calvo A-Galliamova A/Oviedo rapid 1993/EXP 38 (28); 9...d6 10.0-0 Nd7 11 Nd2 e5 12 f4 Qe7 13 e4 0-0 14 Qe2 f6 15.Rf3 Rae8 16.Raf1 c5 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.f5 Nb8 19.Rh3 g5 20.Rff3 Rf7 21.Nf1 Nc6 22. Ne3 Na5 23.Ng4 Rg7 24,Rh6 Short,P-Arkell,S/ Dublin Telecom 1991/TD 91\08/\frac{1}{2} (76)] 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe2 Qf6 12.e4 fxe4 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.Qxe4 Nc6 15.Rad1 Of4 16.Rfe1 Rae8 17. Oxf4 Rxf4 18.d5 White wins space 18...Na5± [18...Nd8 19.c5±] 19.dxe6= [19.c5 Rf5±] 19...dxe6 20.Ng5 [20.c5 Rc4 21.cxb6 axb6=| 20...e5 21.c5 h6

22.Ne4 The knight is well placed on e4 22... Nc6 23.f3 Rff8 24.Rd7 Rf7 25.Red1 Rxd7 26. Rxd7 Re7 27.Rd1 Kf7 28.Kf2 Ke6 29.Ke3 Rd7 30.Rxd7 Kxd7 31.cxb6 cxb6 32.h4 ½-½

MALMO

The Sigeman & Co tournament in June was won by English GM Nigel Short with an undefeated 6/9. Runner-up in the category 13 event was Denmark's GM Peter-Heine Nielsen on 5½ points and then came: 3-4 GM Hector (SWE) & IM Johannessen (NOR) 5; 5-6 GM Epishin (RUS) & GM Timman (NED) 4½; 7-8 IM Berg (SWE) & GM Luther (GER) 4; 9 GM Stefansson (ISL) 3½; 10 GM Wedberg (SWE) 3

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The European individual championship at Batumi (Georgia) was a 13-round Swiss with 101 players. Although there were 40 grandmasters competing, most of the top GMs were absent. Top seed was Aleksei Aleksandrov (2654) and there were only another seven players rated over 2600.

No play-off was necessary as Polish GM Bartolomiej Macieja took sole first place, and the title, with 9½ points. Two rounds before the end Belgian GM Michail Gurevich was tied with Macieja but finished with two draws and was caught by GM Sergei Volkov (RUS) and IMs Merab Gagunashvili (GEO) and Gabriel Sargissian (ARM) on 9 points. Play-offs were held to determine an exact finishing order with Gurevich taking second place, Gagunashvili third and Sargissian fourth. All five qualify for the next FIDE World Championship.

KRAMNIK v ANAND, LEON

A six-game "advanced chess" match in June was won by Vladimir Kramnik 3½-2½. The players had access to Fritz plus an electronic games database and the time control was 45 minutes per player plus 15 seconds per move.

The only decisive game was the third, given below:

Kramnik - Anand, Queen's Gambit Accepted [D27] 1.₺f3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 dxc4 4.e3 c5 5.₺xc4 ₺f6 6.0-0 a6 7.₺b3 cxd4 8.exd4 ₺c6 9.₺c3

鱼e7 10.鱼g5 0-0 11.曾d2 a5 12.鱼c2 b5 13. 国ad1 包c4 14.曾f4 国a7 [14...包xb2?? 15. axf6 [16... \(\pi xc4 \) 17.\(\dagge b3 \) \(\pi c7 \) 18.\(d5!? \) 17.\(\dagge xf6 \) \(\dagge xf6 \) 18.d5 e5 [18...\(\delta\)xc3 19.d6] 19.\(\delta\)f3 \(\bar{\text{\\delta}}\)b7 20. 豐e4 g6 21.豐xc4 Exb2 22.臭b3 臭g5 23.d6 臭e6 營xb3? 27.營xg5 營xc3 28.d7 f6 29.營g4 罩bb8 30.營e6+ 查g7 31.d8營 +-] 27.包d5 營d8 [27... 31. ②c6 +-] 28. ②xf4 exf4 29.d7 ∃xb3 30. ∰xf4 型b8 31.目fe1 智b6 32.h4 h5 33.目d6 智c5 34. 營c1+ 36. 含h2 營c7 37. 營e5 營b8 38.g3 含h7 39. 豐xf5 gxf5 36. Exa6 Efd8 37. Ed6 1-0.

DUTCH CHAMPIONSHIP

Sergei Tiviakov and Loek van Wely shared first place in the 10-player roundrobin with 7 points, a full point ahead of Ivan Sokolov. With two rounds to go van Wely led by a full point but a draw in the penultimate round allowed Tiviakov to come within half a point. In the final round Tiviakov drew with Ernst while van Wely lost to van den Doel. The play-off for the title was won by van Wely 3-1.

PARIS

The third Grand Prix du Sénat featured Vladimir Kramnik and three of the top French players. Kramnik beat Etienne Bacrot 1½-½ while Laurent Fressinet and Joel Lautier drew their mini-match 1-1 with Fressinet taking the play-off 2-1. As expected Kramnik won the final, 2-0.

SLOVAKIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was "open" in the sense that players from other countries competed but it was a round-robin, so limited to the invitees. Israeli GM Emil Sutovsky took first place with 81/11

with Konstantin Lander (RUS) second on 8. Oleg Romanishin (UKR) was third on 7½ while three more GMs in Ljubomir Ftacnik (SVK), Igor Khenkin (GER) and Sergei Movsesian (CZE) tied for fourth place on 6½ points.

FIDE RATINGS, 1 July

Gary Kasparov's 2838 rating is unchanged since January while Vladimir Kramnik dropped two points to 2807. Vishy Anand retains third slot on 2755 but England's Michael Adams closed to within 2 points, rising to fourth place on the list. The rest of the top 20 are: 5 V. Topalov (BUL) 2745, 6 R Ponomariov (UKR) 2743, 7 E.Bareev (RUS) 2726, 8 P.Leko (HUN) 2717, 9 A. Morozevich (RUS) 2716, 10 V.Ivanchuk (UKR) 2711, 11 B.Gelfand (ISR) 2710, 12 A.Grischuk (RUS) 2702, 13 A.Shirov (ESP) 2697, 14-15 P.Svidler (RUS) & A. Khalifman (RUS) 2690, 16 V. Akopian (ARM) 2689, 17 A.Karpov (RUS) 2687, 18 N.Short (ENG) 2682, 19 J.Polgar (HUN) 2681, 20 I. Sokolov (BIH) 2677.

Although the top 100 lists were not affected, players from many countries were omitted from the main lists because of unpaid fees. Among these was Russia whose players were included only on an updated list issued a few days after the initial list. Other countries missing included such chess powers as Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Georgia, Latvia, Slovakia and Yugoslavia.

ESBJERG

The category 14 Nordsee-Cup tournament was a Cuban triumph with GMs Lazaro Bruzon and Lenier Dominguez sharing first place with 6/8. Ukrainian 16-year old GM Andrei Volokitin was third on 5½ points and then came: 4-5 GM S.Hansen (DEN) & GM P.Nielsen (DEN) 5; 6-7 GM Glek (GER) & GM Tiviakov (NED) 4; 8-9 GM C.Hansen (DEN) & GM Stefansson (ISL) 3½.

PHILADELPHIA

The 30th World Open (June-July) saw a 9-way tie for first place in the 9-round 200-player Swiss: GM Smirin (ISR), GM Onischuk

(USA), GM Yusupov (GER), GM Ehlvest (EST), GM Wojtkiewicz (POL), IM Finegold (USA), GM Rowson (SCO), IM Akobian (USA) and IM Miton (POL) all scored 7 points.

DORTMUND

The Dortmund Sparkassen Chess Meeting in July featured a knock-out Candidates Tournament to find a challenger for Vladimir Kramnik's title. Just eight players competed, starting in two groups of four playing double roundrobins with the top two qualifying for semifinal matches. The time control was 40 moves in 2 hours, followed by 20 moves in one hour and then 30 minutes to finish though if one was asked to guess the time control after playing over the games it would be easy to conclude that the much faster FIDE time control was being used. Originally it was hoped that Gary Kasparov would play but, in his absence, German GM Christopher Lutz filled in.

In Group 1 Veselin Topalov (BUL) and Alexei Shirov (ESP) both scored 4/6 while Boris Gelfand (ISR) finished on 2½ and Lutz on 1½. Things were not quite as clear cut as the scores might suggest as Gelfand went into the final round just half a point behind his opponent, Shirov. Playing the black pieces in a must win situation, however, proved too much for the Israeli GM as he over-reached and lost. A play-off was necessary to decide which of the winners got top ranking. The loser of this match would meet Bareev and there were suggestions that Topalov may have been happy to come second – which he did, Shirov winning the match 1½-½.

Michael Adams (ENG) was the highest ranked player after taking over the number four ranking on the July FIDE rating list but was unable to win even one game in Group 2. Evgeny Bareev rode his luck very well to take first place with 4 points while Peter Leko and Michael Adams were tied on 2½ going into their final round clash. The Hungarian, playing with much more determination and aggression of late, won against Adams's Petroff Defence to take second place without a rapid chess playoff.

Adams came in third on 2½, followed by Alexander Morozevich on 2. The young Russian could, however, have won the group if he had made the most of his chances – he lost both games to Bareev from arguably winning positions and fell into a threefold repetition in a winning position against Adams!

So it was Shirov v Leko and Topalov v Bareev in the four game semi-finals. The first match was over surprisingly quickly as Leko won games 1 and 3 with the black pieces and drew with white in game 2. Leko 2½, Shirov ½

The black pieces also worked well in the other match as Topalov won the first game with black only to lose the second with white. Bareev "held service" in game 3 leaving Topalov in a must-win situation in the final game. The Bulgarian completed his come-back by taking that game to tie the scores at 2-2 and then the tie-break match by 1½-½.

In the final match Leko took the first two games although Topalov passed up a drawing chance in the second game. Topalov won the third game with the black pieces but Leko held on for the draw in game 4 to take the match 2½-1½. All four games went to more than 60 moves.

I don't think many people would have picked Peter Leko to emerge as the challenger for Kramnik's Einstein Group world title. As a teenage grandmaster he looked to have the goods but then failed to live up to his potential, becoming instead a run of the mill super GM, if there is such a player. Recently, however, he seems to have developed a much greater hunger for success and we can look forward to a very interesting match against Kramnik next year.

Topalov – Lutz, Sicilian [B48]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.0-0-0 Bb4 9.f3 Ne5 10.Nb3 b5 11.Kb1 Nc4 12.Bxc4 bxc4 13. Nc1 Qb7 14.N1e2 Rb8 15.b3 0-0 16.Bf4 Ra8 17.Bd6 Bxd6 18.Qxd6 cxb3 19.axb3 a5 20. Rd4 Ra6 21.Qa3 d5 22.exd5 exd5 23.Nf4 Be6 24.Rhd1 h6 25.Ncxd5 Nxd5 26.Nxd5

Rb8



27.Nf6+! gxf6 **28.Rd8+** Rxd8 **29.Rxd8+** Kh7 **30.Qf8** Kg6 [30...h5 31.g4! hxg4 32. fxg4 Ra8 (32...Bxg4 33.Qg8+ Kh6 34. Qxg4 +-; 32...f5 33.Qh8+ Kg6 34.Rg8 mate) 33.Rxa8 Bxg4 34.Rxa5+-] **31.Qg8+** Kh5 **32.Qg7** f5 **33.Rd4** Bc8 **34.g3** 1–0.

Morozevich – Bareev, Caro–Kann [B14]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.c5 Be7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.b4 b6 9.Rb1 bxc5 10. bxc5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Ne5 Oc7 13.Bf4 **Rd8** 14.Qa4 [14.Ng6 Qa5+ 15.Bd2 Qc7 16. Nxe7+ Oxe7 17.Ba5 Rd7 18.Bb5 was the way to advantage] 14...g5! [After an indifferently played opening Bareev seizes the chance to complicate matters | 15.Bd2 Bd7 16.Bb5 Bxb5 17.Oxb5 Rxd4 18.Qe8+ Bf8 19.Bc3?! [19. Ng4! Rxd2! 20.Nf6+! Kg7 21.Nh5+ draws as 21...Kg6?? allows White a winning attack after 22.Qxf8 Kxh5 23.Qg7 h6 24.Rg1 g4 25.h3!] 19...Oxe5 20.0-0? [20.Rb7 Nd7 21.Qxa8 Qxc5 22.Bxd4 Oc1+ and Black has perpetual check] 20...Od5 21.c6 [21.Bxd4 Nd7] 21...Qd8 22. Oxd8 Rxd8 23.c7 Rc8 24.cxb8Q Raxb8 25. Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Bd4 a6 27.g3 h6 28.Rc1 Rb4 29.Be3 Bg7 30.h4 Bd4 31.Bxd4 Rxd4 32. hxg5 hxg5 33.Rc5 Rd5 34.Rc4 Re5 35.Kf1 Kg7 36.Ke2 f5 37.a4 Kf6 38.Ke3 Rd5 39.g4 Rd3+ 40.Ke2 Ke5 0-1.

Bareev – Morozevich, Queen's Pawn [A40]

1.d4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 c5 4.c3 Qa5 5.Nd2 cxd4 6.Nb3 Qb6 7.cxd4 Nf6 8.d5 d6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Na6 11.Nfd4 Bd7 12.Bd2 Nc5 13. Ba5 Qa6 14.Qd2 Rfc8 15.Nxc5 Rxc5 16.Nb3

Rc4 17.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 18.Nxc1 Ng4 19.Nd3 Rc8 20.h3 Ne5 21.Bc3 Nc4 [21...Nxd3!? 22.exd3 Bf5 is a little better for Black] 22.Qg5! Bxc3 23.Qxe7 Nxb2 24.Qxd7 Rf8 25.Rc1? [25. Nxb2 Qxe2 26.Qxb7 would have given Bareev the comfortable draw he needed] 25...Nxd3 26. Rxc3 Ne5 27.Qc7 Qxe2 28.Re3 Qxa2 29.Bf1? [Simply overlooking the d-pawn is en pris; Bareev was doubtless not a happy man at this stage.] 29...Qxd5 30.Bg2 Qd1+ 31.Kh2 Qd2 32.Kg1 Nd3 33.Rf3 Ne1 34.Rf6 Qd1 [Bareev said after the game that he would have resigned after 34...Nxg2; nevertheless the move played is also winning.] 35.Bxb7 d5 36.Kh2



36...Kg7?? [36...Nf3+!? 37.Kg2 Qg1+! 38. Kxf3 Qh1+ 39.Kg4 (39.Ke3 Re8+ 40.Kd4 Re4+) 39...Qe4+ 40.Qf4 (40.f4 Qe2+ 41.Kg5 Qh5 mate; 40.Rf4 Qe2+ 41.f3 Qe6+ 42.Kg5 Kg7) 40...Qe2+ 41.Qf3 Qe7 42.Bxd5 Kg7 43. Rxf7+ Rxf7 44.Qxf7+ Qxf7 45.Bxf7 Kxf7 46. Kf4 Ke6 47.Ke4 a5 is winning for Black] 37. Qe5! Kg8 [37...Kh6 38.Bxd5 Qh5 (38...Nd3 39.Qe7 Kg7 40.Rxf7+ Rxf7 41.Qxf7+ Kh6 42. Qf8+ Kg5 43.h4+ and mate is not far off) 39. Qe3+ Kg7 40.Qd4 Kg8 (40...Kh6 41.Rf4+-) 41.Qe4 Qd1 42.Rxf7! +-] 38.Bxd5 Nd3 39. Qe7 Qe1 40.Bxf7+ 1-0.

Bareev - Topalov (SF-1), Benoni [A67]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nfd7 9.a4 0-0 10. Nf3 Na6 11.0-0 Nb4 12.h3 a6 13.Bc4 f5 14. Ng5 Nb6 15.Bb3 a5 16.Be3 fxe4 17.Kh1 Nd3 18.Qd2 Re8 19.Rab1 Bf5 20.g4 h6 21.gxf5 hxg5 22.fxg5 gxf5 23.Rxf5 Qd7 24.Rbf1 Re5 25.Rf7 Qxh3+ 26.Qh2 Qxh2+ 27.Kxh2 Rf8 28.Rxf8+ Bxf8 29.Rf6 c4 30.Bd1 Nd7 31. Rg6+ Kh7 32.Re6 N7c5 33.Rf6 Kg8 34.Bh5

Be7 35.Rh6 Kf8 36.Rh8+ Kg7 37.Re8? [37. Rh6 Nxb2 38.Bd4 Nbxa4 39.Nxa4 Nxa4 40. Re6 Kf8 41.Bxe5 dxe5 42.g6 Bg5 43.g7+ Kg8 44.Rg6 Bf4+ is unclear] 37...Bxg5! 38.Rxe5 Bxe3 39.Re7+ Kf6 40.Rf7+ Kg5 41.Bd1 Bd4 42.Kg2 Nxb2 43.Nb5 Be5 44.Bc2 Nbd3 45. Kf1 Nb4 46.Bb1 Nxd5 0-1.

Leko - Topalov (1), Sicilian [B45]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Bb7 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Nd6+ Bxd6 12.exd6 Qc6 13.f3 c4 14.Qd4 0-0 15.Bxc4 Rfc8 16.b3 Qxd6 17.Rf2 Qb6 18.Bb2 Qxd4 19.Bxd4 Nb4 20.c3 d5 21.Bf1 Nc6 22.Be3 Ne7 23.Rc1 a5 24.Rfc2 e5 25.c4 f6 26.cxd5 Rxc2 27.Rxc2 Nxd5 28.Bd2 a4 29.bxa4 Rxa4 30.Bb5 Ra8 31.a4 Kf8 32.a5 Ba6 33.Ba4 Rb8 34.Kf2 Rb1 35.Rc1 Rb2 36.Rc2 Rb1 37.Kg3 Ne7 38.Bd7 Kf7 39.Rc7 Rb2 40.Bc3 Ra2 41.Bh3 Ra4 42. Ra7 Bb5 43.Bf5 h5 44.h4 Kf8 45.Ra8+ Kf7 46.Bc2 Rf4 47.a6 Bc6 48.Rd8 Nf5+ 49.Bxf5 Rxf5 50.Rc8 Bd5 51.a7 Rf4 52.a80 Bxa8 53. Rxa8 Rc4 54.Bd2 Kg6 55.Ra7 Rd4 56.Be3 Rc4 57.Rb7 Rc3 58.Bd2 Rc2 59.Ba5 Ra2 60. Bd8 Ra8 61.Bb6 Rc8 62.Rc7 Rb8 63.Bc5 Re8 64.Kf2 Rh8 65.Ke3 Ra8 66.Kd3 Ra4 67. g3 Ra8 68.Ke4 Rh8 69.Kd5 Rd8+ 70.Ke6 Ra8 71.Bd6 Re8+ 72.Be7 Ra8 73.Rb7 Ra6+ 74.Bd6 Ra8 75.f4 exf4 76.gxf4 Ra6 77.Rd7 Ra8 78.f5+ Kh7 79.Kf7 Ra4 80.Bf8 Rg4 81. Bxg7! [81.Bxg7 Rxg7+ 82.Ke6 Rxd7 83.Kxd7 Kg8 84.Ke6 Kg7 85.Ke7 +-] 1-0.

Topalov – Leko (2), Sicilian [B33]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3 Be6 12.0-0 Bxd5 13. exd5 Nc7 14.c3 Bg7 15.Qh5 e4 16.Bc2 0-0 17. Rae1 Qc8 18.Kh1 Rb8 19.g4 b4 20.cxb4 Nxd5 21.gxf5 [21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.Qxd5 Rxb4 ∞] 21...Kh8 22.Rg1 [22.Bxe4 Nf6 23.Qf3 Rxb4 ∞] 22...Bxb2 23.Qh6 Qc3! 24.Rxe4 Qf6 [24... Bxa3?? 25.Qxh7+!] 25.Qh3 Rg8 26.Rf1 Bxa3 27.Qxa3 Rbc8 28.Bd1 Nc3 29.Re3 d5 30.Rg3 d4 31.Bf3 d3 32.Qb2 Qd4 33.Rd1 Rxg3 34.

hxg3 Rc4 35.Rf1 d2 36.f6 Qxf6?! [36...Rxb4! was stronger] 37.Kg2 Qd4 38.Qc2 Rc7 [White was planning \(\text{E}\)h1 but 38...Rxb4 was also still possible] 39.Qf5 [39.Rh1 f6 40.a3 Rd7 41.Bd1 Qd5+ 42.Kh2] 39...f6 40.Rh1 d1Q 41.Bxd1 Nxd1 42.Rh4 Qd8 43.Rh6 Rf7 44.Qe6 Rf8 45.Qe4 Qd7 46.Qf3 Kg7 47.Rh5 Nb2 48.Rd5 Qe6 49.Rd4 Rc8 50.Re4 Qc6 51.Kh2 Kf8? [51...h5! wins, e.g. 52.Qf5 Rf8 53.Re7+ Rf7 54.Rxf7+ Kxf7 55.Qxh5+ Kf8 56.Qh6+ Ke7 57.Qg7+ Ke8 and the king can hide on the queenside; after the text White has enough counterplay to force a draw.] 52.Qf4 Kf7 53. Qf5 Rg8 54.Qxh7+ Rg7 55.Qh5+ Kf8



56.Qf5? [56.Qh8+ Rg8 (or 56...Kf7 57.Qh5+) 57.Qh6+ Kf7 58.Qh7+ and White has perpetual check] 56...Nc4 57.Re2 [Perhaps Topalov intended 57.Re6 when playing his previous move but it loses after 57... 57...Rh7+! 58. Qxh7 Qxe6] 57...Rg5 58.Qh7 Ne5 59.Qh6+ Kg8 60.Qxg5+ [A last try – but White does not have time to set up a fortress] 60...fxg5 61. Rxe5 Qf6 62.Re2 Qf3 63.Rd2 Kf7 64.a4 Qb3 65.Rd6 [65.b5 a5] 65...Qxa4 66.Rb6 Qa2 0-1.

Leko – Topalov (3), Sicilian [B42]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3
Bc5 6.Nb3 Bc7 7.0-0 d6 8.c4 b6 9.Nc3 Bf6
10.Qc2 Nc7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Rfd1 Nd7 13.Qd2
Bb7 14.Be2 Be5 [14...Bxc3 15.Qxc3 Bxc4 16.
f3 Bg6 17.Qxg7 ∞] 15.Bd4 [15.f4? Bxc3 16.
Qxc3 Bxc4 ∓] 15...Rd8 16.Rac1 Bxd4 17.
Qxd4 Nf6 18.Na4 Nc8 19.e5 dxc5 20.Qxd8+
Qxd8 21.Rxd8+ Kxd8 22.c5 b5 23.c6 Ba8 24.
Nac5 Kc7 25.Nxa6+ Kb6 26.Bxb5 Nd6
[Naturally 26...Kxb5 27.Nc7+ Kb6 28.Nxa8+
Ka7 29.Nc7 Kb6 with a draw by repetition was
not an option for Topalov] 27.Be2 Bxc6 28.

Nb4 Bd5 29.Nd2 Nf5 30.Nc4+ Bxc4 31.Rxc4 Nd4 32.Bf1 Rd8 33.Nd3 Nc6 34.a4 e4 35.Nc5 Na5 36.Rb4+ Kxc5 37.Rb5+ Kc6 38.Rxa5 Nd5 39.Rb5 Nf4 40.Rb4 f5 41.Rc4+ Kb7 42. g3 Nd3 43.a5 g5 44.Be2 Rd5 45.b4 Ne5 46. a6+ Kb8 47.Rc2 g4 48.Rc5 Nf3+ 49.Kf1 Nxh2+ 50.Ke1 Nf3+ 51.Bxf3 exf3 52.Rc6 Re5+ 53.Kd1 h5 54.b5 Rxb5 55.Rxe6 Rb2 56.Ke1 Rb1+ 57.Kd2 Rf1 58.Re5 f4 59.gxf4 Rxf2+ 60.Ke3 Re2+ 61.Kd3 Ra2 0-1.

BELFORT

A category 14 double round-robin was won by Moroccan GM Hichem Hamdouchi with 6½/10. Russia's Pavel Tregubov was second on 5½ followed by GMs Christian Bauer (FRA) and Viktor Bologan (MDA) on 5. Tying for fifth place were GM Degraeve (FRA) and IM Koch (FRA) with 4 points. The winner played the following nice attacking game:

Hamdouchi - Bologan, Sicilian [B97]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 9.Nb3 Qa3 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Be2 Bg7 12.0-0 Qb4 13. Rf3 Nd7 14.Rd1 Qb6+ 15.Kh1 Qc7 16.Rg3 Bf8 17.Bh5 Nc5 18.Nxc5 Qxc5



19.e5! Qa5 [19...fxe5? 20.Ne4 Qd4 21.Qe2 Qb2 22.Bxf7+! Kxf7 23.Qh5+ Ke7 24.Nxd6 with a winning attack] 20.Qe2! dxe5 21. Bxf7+! Kxf7 22.Qh5+ Ke7 23.Ne4 Bd7 [Or 23...Qb4 24.Rc3! and Black has to surrender his lady] 24.Qh4 exf4 25.Qxf6+ Ke8 26.Rg7! 1-0.

COPENHAGEN

The Politiken Cup tournament in July/August was an 11-round swiss with 197 players. There was a three-way tie for first place between Sergei Tiviakov (NED), Alexander Belyavsky (SLO) and IM Ruben Felgaer (ARG) who scored 8½ points. Tiviakov won the trophy on Buchholz tie-break points, Among those on 8 points were GMs De Firmian (USA), Dominguez (CUB) and Epishin (RUS).

AMSTERDAM

The "Lost Boys" open (99 players, 9 rounds) was won by Dutch GM Loek van Wely with an

impressive 8½ points, Sharing second on 7 points were IM Handke (GER), GM Nijboer (NED) and GM I Sokolov (NED).

BIEL The c

The category 16 GM tournament at the annual Biel festival was the now usual 6-player double round-robin. Ilya Smirin took the sole lead in round 3 and held it to the end, never leading by more than half a point. Viktor Korchnoi (71) held second place until losing in round 9 to Vladislav Tkachiev who went on to share second place with Russian GM Alexei Dreey. The scores:

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1	Smirin, I.	ISR	g 2676	0	©	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2 1/2	6	1
2	Tkachiev, V.	FRA	g 2625	1/2	1/2	©	©	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	0 ½	51/2	2-3
3	Dreev, AS.	RUS	g 2676	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	©	©	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1 1/2	51/2	2-3
4	Korchnoi, V.	SUI	g 2626	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	©	©	1/2	1/2	1 1	5	4
5	Pelletier, Y.	SUI	g 2571	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	©	©	1/2 1	41/2	5
6	Vallejo, F.	ESP	g 2648	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	0	1/2	0	© ©	31/2	6

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Smith & Williamson British Chess Championship was held in the south coast resort Torquay in July/August. The 11-round Swiss was open to British and Commonwealth players and saw an invasion by a large contingent from India among the field of 97. The subcontinental visitors were very successful indeed with IM R.B.Ramesh winning the championship with 8½/11 while pre-tournament favour-

ite Krishnan Sasikiran had to settle for a share of second place with defending champion Joe Gallagher on 8 points. Five players tied for fourth place on 7½: Haslinger (ENG), GM McShane (ENG), GM Kunte (IND), GM Flear (ENG) and GM Barua (IND).

Sasikiran's result was enough for the Under-21 title while India's 15-year old Humpy Koneru finished in the 9th place tie and took the Women's title.

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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 19-997, Christchurch. Meets Wednesday, 7.30pm., 227 Bealey Avenue; Tel (03)366-3935 clubroom. Pres, Craig Hall (021) 1289-543, Sec Mark Sadler (03) 942 5560

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

Gambit Sec, Ted Frost, 103 Koromiko Rd,
Gonville, Wanganui. Tel (06) 348-4266

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)577-5285, 021 2627079

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 Tel (04)904-2002.

New Plymouth 11 Gilbert St, New Plymouth. Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Pres, D McEwen. Contact, Alan Jury, sec. 06 757-9090.

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

Otago 7 Maitland St, Dunedin. Wednesday 7.30pm. (03) 477-6919 Tony Dowden (President) (03) 4730664, Duncan Watts (Secretary) (03)477-5226. Papatoetoe Wednesday 7,30pm Papatoetoe RSA Bowling Club, Cambridge Tce, Papatoetoe. Postal address: c/- Katrine Metge, 21 Cambridge Tce, Papatoetoe. Contact John McRae 278-4520, Katrine Metge 278-7173.

Upper Hutt Monday 7.30pm, Hapai Club, 879 Fergusson Drive. Sec, Clarry Webber (04)234-7458

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@actrix.gen.nz Wanganui Mondays 7pm, 1st floor, Commercial Club, St Hill St. Pres, Gordon Hoskyn, 7

Pehi St (06)343-6101; sec, K Yorston, 5 Mitchell St (06)343-7166. Wellington (now merged with Civic) Tuesday 7.30pm, Museum Room, Turnbull House, Bowen Street, Wellington 1. Pres, John Cook,

29 Ascot St, Thorndon, Wellington, (04) 472-8151 Sec, Ross Jackson,

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(04) 902-1707, rosslin@paradise.net.nz

Associate members

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NZ Correspondence Chess Assn, P.O. Box

3278, Wellington. Sec, J W (Sandy) Maxwell, (04)237-4753.
Mount Maunganui RSA,

10 Maranui St, Mt Maunganui, (07)5756835, Email:rick-m@wxc.net.nz

North Harbour Junior Thursday 6pm-7.30pm Northcote Community Centre, cnr College Rd/ Ernie Mays St, c/- Felicity Timings 13 Macky Ave Devonport, (09)4453729

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District Associations

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