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New Zealand Champion IM Anthony Ker with his wife, Kathy

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## THANKS FROM THE EDITOR

Graeme would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who sent messages of support and condolences to his wife Sharon on the untimely death of her sister. Your kind words and thoughts are greatly appreciated.

### Front Cover:

*IM Anthony Ker receives the famous rook for his 6<sup>th</sup> NZ Championship Title. The support of his wife Kathy was a key ingredient in his victory.*

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## 109<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Chess Congress 2001/2002

by Chris Wright

### History

The origins of the Canterbury Chess Club date back to 1866 making it one of the oldest Chess Clubs in the world. Christchurch was the first Club to host the New Zealand Chess Championship. This was in 1879, making New Zealand one of the oldest National Chess Championships in the world. The first New Zealand Champion, Henry Hookham, came from Christchurch – the NZ Major Open Trophy bears his name.

Canterbury last held a New Zealand Congress in 1985/86. It was largely due to the efforts of Canterbury Chess Club Vice-President Chris Wright that the New Zealand Chess Congress was again held in Christchurch.

### Venue

The 109th New Zealand Chess Congress was held at the luxurious Millennium Hotel. To the right of the entrance foyer was a restaurant, bar, and lounge area, with a number of large chairs and tables. In this area was also a piano. The restaurant area was next to the bar, just under the playing room of the Congress.

Climbing the stairs from the foyer you reached the playing area. This included an analysis room to the left and an open lounge area leading to the playing room, in which there was about 10 big chairs, two tables and the coffee and tea corner. The playing hall itself included air conditioning, good lighting and enough space for players to walk around without disturbing others. All the games were played with digital clocks.

### Overseas Players

The Canterbury Chess Club was very pleased to have three overseas entries into the 109<sup>th</sup> NZ Championship. They were: Brian Jones (Australia), Martin Haag (Germany), and Piotr Litwak (Poland). In addition, we also had International Arbiter, Leon Muys (Netherlands).

### Chief Arbiter

Leon Muys has been a qualified National Arbiter in the Netherlands for 15 years. During this time he was an arbiter at over 130 team matches in the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium and Switzerland. In 2001 he was an arbiter at

the Basel Open, Lenk Open (135), Pfaffikon Open (286), Echternach Open (280), Ikaria Open (130), Bern Open, and at the European Youth Chess Championship (580).

### Organisation

During the opening of the tournament, the chief arbiter announced the tournament rules (FIDE rules) and house rules (no smoking, no alcohol, no use of cell phones, no hot food, no visits to the analysis room and/or bookstore during play).

Computer pairing software was used. The program used was "PairTwo", written by Belgian Bernard Malfliet. This pairing program was used at the Ikaria Open (Greece). This enabled pairings to be provided quickly and fairly. This was invaluable - providing timely information to interested players, and a time-saver to the officials. Fairness and speed was invaluable in the NZ Rapid Championship, where the time interval between rounds was thirty minutes. NZ Rapid results were entered, pairings were available for the next round, and printed in less than a minute.

Results, player standings, congress reports, and pairings were displayed on a large portable whiteboard.

### Media Coverage

The Press, Auckland Herald, TVNZ, and TV3 covered the congress event at various stages. A local newspaper, The Citizen, interviewed IM Anthony Ker the day after he won the 109<sup>th</sup> NZ Championship.

### Innovations

<http://nzchesscongress109.tripod.com/main.html>

The organiser produced a website especially for the Congress event. Players were able to check results for the current and previous rounds, pairings for the next round, and read a progressive crosstable and a daily congress report.

### Opening Ceremony

The Players' Meeting was officially opened by the Hon. Jim Anderton. The acting Prime Minister, a chess player himself, played a short

chess game with Canterbury President, Craig Hall. Hall won the match. TV One Network News and 'The Press' newspaper journalists were present.

The acting Prime Minister supports chess, and

acknowledges the decision of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to recognise Chess as a sport. It would be interesting to see the development of chess and its view to becoming a sport and gaining support in New Zealand.

## 109<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Chess Championship

### New Champion

International Master Anthony Ker of Wellington won the 109<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Chess Championship. This is the sixth time that Ker has won the New Zealand Championship title, second only to IM Ortvin Sarapu who won the New Zealand title twenty times. Ker has won the New Zealand Championship in 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, and now in 2002.

### The Championship Players

Runner-up was Martin Haag from Germany. His poor start (1/4) was attributed to jet lag. The German came close to making an IM-norm at the Arco Open 2000 in Italy. Haag proved his playing strength of FIDE 2317 by scoring a phenomenal 6 points in the remaining 7 rounds. Third place was tied between International Master Russell Dive and Candidate Master Anthony Dowden. Both finished on a +2 score (6.5/11). Dowden (2094) from Otago played well above his rating, his performance rating was 2265. Dowden's third equal place earned him 32 Master points, and brought him close to the New Zealand Master title. On the basis of his result the New Zealand Chess Federation has selected him for the NZ Men's Olympiad Chess Team for 2002.

Mark Van der Hoorn came to the tournament uncertain whether he was eligible for the NZ Championship. The November 2001 NZCF rating list showed that his NZCF rating was exactly the same as his FIDE, that of 2120. He surprised all by being the sole leader after the first 4 rounds, and joint leader after round 6 with IM Ker and NM\* Anderson. Taking the metaphor of a hungry pit-bull terrier, Van der Hoorn ate through the Polish Litwak, McNabb, IM Dive, and Bennett, playing some fine technical and tactical chess. Unfortunately, the pit-bull was castrated after round 8.

Candidate Master Graeme Spain was another player who impressed. Graeme had been in good form recently, coming second in the North Island Championship 2001. Consistency and winning key games when they mattered had him in 3<sup>rd</sup> equal place with NM\* Bruce Anderson after defeating him in round 8. Spain and Anderson finished in 5<sup>th</sup> equal place overall. Both performed above their ratings, 2217 for Spain and 2237 for Anderson respectively – a good effort.

It was good to have an Australian in the tournament – not only did this add to the international flavour of the Championship, but it also confirmed friendliness between the trans-Tasman countries. Brian Jones was difficult to beat, losing only two games throughout the eleven rounds. A consistent performance also earned Brian a share of 5<sup>th</sup> equal.

Hilton Bennett was another surprise in the NZ Championship. It was as if "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan (Hooooooooooooo!!!!) had entered the tournament, clobbering his opponents with his 2" by 4", Hilton had hit 2<sup>nd</sup> equal with Bruce Anderson after the first 4 rounds, close behind the mauling pit-bull terrier in first place.

The official bystander eating from his packet of jaffas could be forgiven for thinking that the 109<sup>th</sup> NZ Chess Championship was an extended version of the rock opera Jesus-Christ Superstar, after Bennett entered death itself via a sudden 4 match losing streak. However, not to be. He rose up from the grave to conquer the devil incarnate and finish with (2.5/3) from the last three rounds to put in a performance of 2159. Bennett was the bottom seed going into the NZ Championship (NZCF rating 1925). Clearly he played well and finished in 11<sup>th</sup> equal with Garrett and Smith.

FM Smith built a poor man's picket fence in the tournament; he came away with nine draws.

The loss in round 4 was unexpected for him, clearly he had not drunk from Getafix's cauldron providing a potion of magic coffee from Starbuck's.

Nic Croad also played strong chess, a performance of 2215 earned him a share of 5<sup>th</sup> equal.

With the unexpected achievements of those mentioned above, obviously there had to be those who did not perform so well. It was a surprise to see five time New Zealand Chess Champion FM Paul Garbett finish with an even score – this is not a bad result but is in reflection of the dominance that Paul has had in NZ Chess in previous years.

Defending NZ Champion FM Scott Wastney also managed an even score, but at the expense of his title. His performance was 2151. Leonard

McLaren had plenty to play for in this tournament, as he is nearing the FIDE 2300 qualification mark for the FIDE Master title. McLaren came close to performing at his NZCF rating, but was slightly below par as he lost games to those rated below him. McLaren finished 5<sup>th</sup> equal overall.

The lower seeded Championship players struggled somewhat but showed fighting spirit. Ben Giles proved that he was Championship material with a performance of 2016. Sutherland and McNabb performed below 2000 (1957 and 1932 respectively) and this is probably due to the large number of players tied for 5<sup>th</sup> equal and 11<sup>th</sup> equal. Litwak, not having a NZCF rating, is estimated to have performed close to his FIDE rating.

### 109<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Chess Championship

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
1	KER	IM	WE	D4	D13	W18	W9	W6	D5	W11	W3	W7	D2	D8	8.5
2	HAAG		GER	L9	W16	L4	L18	W10	D15	W13	W14	W5	D1	W6	7
3	DIVE	IM	WE	D7	W8	L6	W14	W4	D11	D5	L1	D10	D12	W15	6.5 65
4	DOWDEN	CM	OT	D1	D7	W2	D11	L3	D12	L8	W17	W15	W6	D5	6.5 63.5
5	ANDERSON	NM*	CA	W11	D12	W14	D6	W13	D1	D3	L7	L2	D9	D4	6 68.5
6	VAN DER HOORN		WE	W16	W18	W3	D5	L1	W13	D7	W8	L11	L4	L2	6 63.5
7	SPAIN	CM	GA	D3	D4	L11	W17	W9	D14	D6	W5	L1	D16	D10	6 63
8	JONES		AUS	D13	L3	D16	D10	W15	D9	W4	L6	D12	W18	D1	6 60
9	CROAD		WE	W2	D14	D12	L1	L7	D8	W15	L11	W18	D5	W17	6 59
10	McLAREN		NS	L18	W15	L13	D8	L2	W16	W17	D12	D3	W11	D7	6 54.5
11	GARBETT	FM	NS	L5	W17	W7	D4	D12	D3	L1	W9	W6	L10	L14	5.5 65.5
12	SMITH	FM	WT	W17	D5	D9	L13	D11	D4	D14	D10	D8	D3	D16	5.5 60
13	BENNETT		HA	D8	D1	W10	W12	L5	L6	L2	L16	W17	D15	W18	5.5 57.5
14	WASTNEY	FM	GA	W15	D9	L5	L3	W18	D7	D12	L2	D16	D17	W11	5.5 55
15	GILES		GA	L14	L10	D17	W16	L8	D2	L9	W18	L4	D13	L3	3.5 58
16	LITWAK		POL	L6	L2	D8	L15	L17	L10	D18	W13	D14	D7	D12	3.5 56.5
17	SUTHERLAND		OT	L12	L11	D15	L7	W16	W18	L10	L4	L13	D14	L9	3
18	McNABB		AC	W10	L6	L1	W2	L14	L17	D16	L15	L9	L8	L13	2.5

### Footnote: by NZCF President Bob Smith

I would like to personally add a big vote of thanks to NZCF Patron, Dr Ray Thomson, for his generous support for the 109th Congress.

Without Ray's contribution Congress would have been a much diminished affair. We are fortunate that he has also pledged his support for the 110th Congress in Wanganui in 2003.

### Nicest NZ Championship Games

There was a prize for the nicest game. To be eligible for the prize, the player had to mark their scoresheet with an "X". Factors for consideration were: nice combination, piece sacrifice, harmony of play, etc... The prize was won jointly by Mark Van der Hoorn and Anthony Ker. Each winner received a bottle of beer.

### Mark Van der Hoorn (2120) - Matthew McNabb (2031) [B90]

#### 109th NZ Championship (2.3)

Comments by Mark Van der Hoorn

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.g4 Bb7 9.Qd2 Nfd7 10.0-0 Nb6

Now then, up until a couple of moves ago I'd been following some Nic Croadius preparatious, but er, this wasn't how it was supposed to go. Ah well, it can hardly matter can it? When I'm playing, anything wins (this is the latest theory boys; remember it).

11.f4 A new and brilliant novelty! I'll just charge on up the guts; how come no one ever thought of this before? Hang on a second ... have I just lost a pawn? Time for plan b, maybe he won't see it.

11...b4 Time for plan c. 12.Nd5

Everything looks horrible. I'd best resign... Ah well, if I chuck it in there and look confident he might not take it! Cripes, move 12's a bit early to be relying on the Reputation Defence.

12...exd5 Hmmm, we are rapidly approaching plan z

13.exd5 Hey, 14. Nf5 could be a little annoying. What's he gonna do? He'll probably resign!

13...Bxd5 Or he could do that. Hmmm, I'm not

so sure about 14.Nf5 now. There seems to be a minor problem with it.

14.Bg2 Oh well, at least I've defended my rook. I wonder if he's considering 14. Qg5? Sigh, you'd have to be Hansie Cronje to play that move. I think I'll resign soon.

14...Nc4 15.Qe2

Brilliant! I wonder if he realises I'm threatening 16. Bg1 DISCOVERED CHECK ??

15...Bxg2 16.Qxg2

Hmmm, the discovered check was pretty cool, but I couldn't calculate through all the complications. Heeeeyyy!! I'm attacking his rook on the SLY diagonal!! Maybe he won't see it. He'll be resigning soon. 16...Ra7

Note to Black's move 16. Damn this guy's good! 17.Bf2 I think I'll just move that out of the way so I can check him. Check is always good. AND far out! If he tries to avoid check with 17. Be7, then I can play 18. Nc6. I might even survive! I wonder when he'll finally just flippin' well resign?

17...Qf6 Finally he's cracked under my immense pressure! I'll just play 18. Nc6, and I reckon we'll be straight off to the analysis room.

18.Qe4+ What a cheek! That would've been the analysis room alright. I reckon I must be playing Fritz; I shan't be shaking his hand. Anyway, my first instincts were right, you should always play a check. But... he might block it with his rook and attack my queen! No worries, I'll just move it to a8; I'd like to see him get it from there. Uh, though he might then take on f4 with check (check! bloody strong, that). Then he could take my bishop, or all sorts. Ah well, so long as I've still got my queen, I'm sure sommat will come up.

18...Be7 Hmmm, I guess he couldn't put his queen in the way, because then I might've attacked his knight with MY queen, AND threatened Rel. Damn, but I don't REALLY want to check him now. I think I'll settle for the next best thing, and go after his queen.

19.g5 Qg6 20.Nf5

Note to White's move 20. SHRIIEEEKK!! I went to play that Nc6 move, when I saw the bugger had trickily lined up a queen swap (horrible manoeuvre). Lucky I could save my-

self. Oooh look, I'm attacking his knight AND his Rook now. I expect he'll resign. I wonder if I should tell him it was all home prep?

**20...Rc7** Note to Black's move 20. Aaaaaahhh, best keep that one quiet for now.

**21.Rhe1 Nc6 22.Rd5**

Note to White's move 22. Hmmm, if I move my Rook around in a threatening manner, he may not notice that I can actually take his knight with my queen. I'm a tactical genius!

**22...N4a5 23.Rxa5**

Note to White's move 23. Brilliant, that worked a treat! NO WAIT!!! I said I'd take it with the QUEEN!!! Move in haste, repent in the analysis room. Now he can take it, and I think I'll resign.

**23...Nxa5** Siiigh, I'm a whole Rook down now; time to give up. Where's a good check when you need one? Hang on, there's one! Now let me seeeee.... I'll take his Rook in the corner, and he'll take my knight. Hmmm, I'm still lost, but you should never resign when you're only a piece down and you still have your queen.

**24.Qa8+ 1-0**

Final note. Whaaaaa....??? Hansie must've told him it had to be inside 25 moves or sommat. Oh well, I'll just pop it in for the best game prize for a laff, and see what happens :)

**Anthony Ker (2353) - Mark van der Hoorn (2120) [C54]**  
**109th NZ Championship (5.1)**

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3 Nf6 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Be7 10.d5 Nb8 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bd3 d6 13.Qc2 h6 14.Qe2 Bf6 15.Qe4 g6 16.Bxh6 Bg7 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Qc4 c6 19.Bxg6 cxd5 20.Qh4 fxd6 21.Re7 Qf5 22.Nd4 Qd3 23.Rxg7+ Kxg7 24.Bh6+ Kg8 25.Qe7 Rf7 26.Qe8+ Kh7 27.Qxf7+ Kxh6 28.Qf8+ Kh7 29.Qxc8 Nc6 30.Qxb7+ Kh6 31.Qxc6 1-0**

**Candidates for Nicest Game**

**Hilton Bennett (1925) - Robert Smith (2317)**  
**[B23]**

**109th NZ Championship (4.2)**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 a6 4.Nf3 d6 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.d3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Rb8 10.g4 b5 11.Bd2 Nd7 12.Ne2 b4 13.Ng3 Re8 14.g5 Bf8 15.h4 g6 16.h5 Bg7 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Rb1 d5 19.f5 Qc7 20.fxd6 fxd6 21.exd5 exd5 22.Ne2 Bb7 23.Nh4 Nce5 24.Nf4 Qd6 25.Nfxg6 Nfxg6 26.Qh5 Ndf8 27.Nf5 Qc7 28.Nh6+ Bxh6 29.gxh6 Qe5 30.h7+ Kh8 31.Bg5 Qd4+ 32.Kh1 Re6 33.Rf7 Rbe8 34.Rbf1 1-0**

**Scott Wastney (2262) - Bruce Anderson (2077) [E69]**

**109th NZ Championship (3.3)**

*Notes by NM\* Bruce Anderson*

**1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 g6**  
Black opts for a Kings Indian. In fact I wasn't really prepared for White's move order, so at the board I decided to resurrect an opening that I have not played as Black for about 20 years.

**3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 0-0 5 0-0 d6 6 d4 Nbd7 7 Nc3 e5 8 e4 c6 9 h3 ....**

I could remember this much; now I was on my own. I had a recollection of 9...a5, or 9... Qb6 being played. After some thought I decided to try and achieve an early ... d5, based on some tactical nuances. It has been tried before but neither player was aware of the theory, so the game soon became interesting.

**9... Exd4 10 Nxd4 Nb6**

**11 b3** There is no other way to protect the c pawn; if 11 Qe2 then 11.... Re8, threatening Nxe4, is good for black.

**11.... D5 12 exd5**

(12 cxd5 cxd5 13 exd5 ; Nf6xd5 gives black an easy game).

**12 .... Cxd5 13 c5**

Not the best; stronger is 13 Ba3 Re8 14 c5 Ne4 15 Rc1 Nxc3 16 Rxc3 Nd7 17 c6 Nf6 18 c7 Qd7 19 Qd3 with a plus for White.

**13 .... Ne4!** The White Knights are loose, giving Black active play i.e. 13 Nxe4 dxe4 14 Bb2 (14 Be3 Nd5 15 Bxe4 Nxe3 16 fxe3 Bxh3)

14 ....Nd7; (not 14 .... Nd5 15 Bxe4 Bxh3 16 Re1 Rc8 17 Rc1 Re8 18 a3 followed by b4 and White is better) 15 Rc1 (if 15 c6 Nc5, and the threat of .... Nd3 causes White problems) 15 .... Ne5 16 Bxe4 (16 Re1!?) Bxh3 17Bxb7 (17 Re1 is better) Bxf1 18 Bxa8 Nd3! are lines that indicate that Black has good chances.

**14 Nc2 Nd7 15 c6 Ne5 16 Ba3 Re8**

Blacks minor pieces are extremely active ; if 17 Rc1 then 17 .... Qa5 is strong ie. if 18 Bb2 Qa6! , threatening bxc6 and Nd3. Consequently White starts to push the Black Knights back. However, by doing so he weakens his position ,particularly the e3, g3 and e4 squares, and also his second rank. In time these weaknesses will prove fatal.

**17 f3 Nf6 18 exb7 Bxb7 19 f4 Nc6 20 Nxc6 Bxc6**

**21 Bb2 Bb5! 22 Re1 Qb6+ 23 Bd4 Qa6!**

By creating a battery of his Queen and White squared Bishop against the e2 square Black gains control of the e file and begins to infiltrate the White position.

**24 Nc3 Rx e1+ 25 Qxe1 Re8 26 Qd1 Bd3**

Black intends ... Ne4 , forcing the creation of a passed e pawn, as White could not allow the Black Knight to remain on such an active square. The strong passed pawn, combined with a weak king side, would make Whites position very difficult to defend.

**27 Bf1** White seeks salvation by simplifying the position. Unfortunately, however, the weaknesses in his position do not go away.

**27 .... Bxf1 28 Qxf1 Qe6 !**

*(Continued on page 20)*

**NZ Major Open**

**New Champion**

The defending Champion, Ben Giles of Maruia, took a well earned place in the 109<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Championship allowing for a new Henry Hookham Trophy champion. This year the trophy was won by Barry Martin-Buss from Waitemata. Barry became increasingly popular, not for winning first prize, but for allowing his cellphone to go off in the tournament hall during play. The innovative punishment for such a crime was for the offender to buy all players and officials at least one can of beer. This was a rather fitting and popular prize to all players during the prizegiving. The expense involved was perhaps a motivating factor for Barry to win the NZ Major Open!

Second place was shared between Nick Cummings of Canterbury and Michael Turner of Wellington. Cummings played a number of innovative and obscure openings during Congress, with great effect. Truth has it that Cummings defeated IM Michael Valvo of the USA over the Internet with his favoured 1...a6!

**Grade 1**

Arie Nijman was frequently in the top eight throughout the tournament. His consistency won him the Grade 1 prize, well ahead of other chess players in his grade.

Peter Fraemohs was one of the early leaders but had a relatively slow patch in the middle rounds. He picked up towards the final rounds to take 2<sup>nd</sup> equal place in Grade 1. Don Stracy of Wellington also came 2<sup>nd</sup> equal in Grade 1.

**Grade 2**

Restricted to players rated below 1477, Grade Two as shared between Brendan Reedy of Canterbury and Giovanni Thornton of North Shore. Thornton is one of New Zealand's developing junior chess players and is gaining valuable experience from playing club chess and tournament play. He has a sharp eye for tactics. Thornton had some good wins over Scarf, Bojtor, and Reedy.

Brendan Reedy is new to the tournament chess scene, hence his unratedness. Brendan plays solidly and has made an impressive start already.

**Junior Prize**

The junior prize was won by Marciej Wojnar from Wellington. He has played well over the last year and gained a rating of over 1800 prior to Congress. Marciej finished with a +1 score and won the Junior prize, a chess computer kindly donated by NZCF and sponsored by Business Distributors Limited.

New Zealand Major Open														
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
1	MARTIN-BUSS	WT	W23	W12	L6	W19	W5	W17	D3	W2	D7	W8	D4	8.5
2	CUMMINGS	CA	W13	D21	W4	W15	W14	W2	D1	D6	D5	D7	D8	8 75
3	TURNER	WE	W16	W14	W5	W6	W21	L3	W4	L1	L8	W12	W7	8 75
4	J WOJNAR	WE	W25	L6	L3	W28	W23	W12	L2	W20	W9	W13	D1	7.5
5	GOODHUE	WE	W33	W7	L2	W9	L1	W14	W17	L8	D3	D6	W13	7 72.5
6	NIJMAN	CA	W31	W4	W1	L2	D12	W10	W21	D3	L13	D5	D9	7 72
7	DONALDSON	CA	W20	L5	W13	L14	W22	W11	W18	W21	D1	D3	L2	7 71
8	SIMS	WE	W24	L10	W18	D12	W19	L21	W20	W5	W2	L1	D3	7 70.5
9	BOARDMAN	WE	W18	L15	W22	L5	W13	L20	W16	W10	L4	W21	D6	6.5 66.5
10	FRAEMOHS	CA	W27	W8	D17	L21	W15	L6	W26	L9	D12	D11	W19*	6.5 63.5
11	STRACY	WE	L35	L22	W27	W33	W34	L7	L32	W29	W15	D10	W21	6.5 50.5
12	FORSTER	WE	W28	L1	W31	D8	D6	L4	W22	W18	D10	L2	D15	6 68
13	PAKENHAM	AC	L3	W33	L7	W30	L9	W34	W14	W17	W6	L4	L5	6 64
14	M WOJNAR	WE	W29	L2	W32	W7	L3	L5	L13	D30	W22	D18	W24	6 64
15	ALDRIDGE	WE	W34	W9	D19	L3	L10	L26	W28	W32	L11	W20	D12	6 61
16	GOLD	OT	L2	L32	W29	W31	L18	W28	L9	W27	D17	D24	W22	6 56
17	MULLAN	WE	W32	D26	D10	W23	W20	L1	L5	L13	D16	D19	D18	5.5 65
18	PUTT	IN	L9	W30	L8	W27	W16	W19	L7	L12	D20	D14	D17	5.5 63
19	HALL	CA	W22	W35	D15	L1	L8	L18	W23	W26	D21	D17	L10*	5.5 60
20	SHATALIN	NS	L7	W29	W35	W26	L17	W9	L8	L4	D18	L15	W28	5.5 59
21	WOOD		W30	D3	W26	W10	L2	W8	L6	L7	D19	L9	L11	5 69.5
22	VOSS	GA	L19	W11	L9	W35	L7	W23	L12	W34	L14	W27	L16	5 58.5
23	BOAG		L1	W28	W34	L17	L4	L22	L19	L24	W35	W29	W26	5 54.5
24	SCARF	AS	L8	L27	L33	W25	L26	W31	D29	W23	W30	D16	L14	5 50
25	BOJTOR	HP	L4	L31	L28	L24	Bye	W33	L27	D35	D29	W34	W30	5 44
26	REEDY	CA	Bye	D17	L21	L20	W24	W15	L10	L19	L27	W33	L23	4.5 55
27	THORNTON	NS	L10	W24	L11	L18	L28	Bye	W25	L16	W26	L22	D35	4.5 53
28	ATKINSON	CA	L12	L23	W25	L4	W27	L30	L15	W31	D34	D30	L20	4 56.5
29	TRUNDLE	GA	L14	L20	L16	Bye	L30	W29	D24	L11	D25	L23	W33	4 54.5
30	FERNANDO	WE	L21	L18	Bye	L13	W29	L32	W33	D14	L24	D28	L25	4 51.5
31	STEVENSON	CA	L6	W25	L12	L16	L32	L24	Bye	L28	L33	W35	W34	4 51
32	RIDING	HA	L17	W16	L14	L34	W31	W30	W11	L15	-	-	-	4 50
33	KEELING	AS	L5	L13	W24	L11	D35	L25	L30	Bye	W31	L26	L29	3.5 51.5
34	WEBBER	UH	L15	Bye	L23	L32	L11	L13	W35	L22	D28	L25	L31	3.5 49
35	N HEREMAIA	CA	W11	L19	L20	L22	D33	L29	L34	D25	L23	L31	D27	2.5

### Nicest Major Open Games

Ngawati Heremaia began tournament chess only ten weeks ago. He played well to defeat the experienced Don Stracy of Wellington. Ngawati won a deserved bottle of Speight's beer.

#### Don Stracy (1697) – Ngawati Heremaia (unr) [C05]

##### NZ Major Open (1.17)

*Notes by Chris Wright*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6. c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qc7

Tarrasch Variation of the French Defence

8.Bd3 Be7 9.Ne2 Nf8 10.g3

Prevents intrusion on h4

10...Bd7 11.Kf2 0–0–0 12.Kg2 Be8

Preparing for an attack on the King-side.

13.Bd2 Perhaps 13.dxc5 is better since Black has to weaken his pawn structure via 13...f6 14. exf6 gxf6 fi he is to get anything going on the King-side. Therefore a slight advantage to White.

13...h6 14.dxc5 f6 15.Ned4

A good position for the Knight on d4

15...fxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Qxe5

I think it correct to take the central pawn since 17...Bxc5 18.Re1 is somewhat drawish.

18.Bf4 Qf6 19.b4??

A blunder, as it allows for the piece fork. 19.Rf1 is definitely the better move. If 19...Bxc5 then there is the threat of 20.Bc7!

19...e5 20.Be3 exd4 21.Bxd4 Qf7 22.Rf1 Bf6

23.Bf5+ Ne6 23...Bd7 might be a better move.

24.Qd3 24.Qe2 perhaps? The combination 24.. Bd7 25.c6 bxc6 26.Qa6+ Kc7 27.Qxa7+ should be investigated.

24...Bd7 25.Bg6 Qe7 26.Rae1 a6??

Black, being up material, should consolidate his advantage via exchanging the dark-squared the Bishops. 27.Rf2??

Some thought should be given to 27.c6 followed up by 28.Bf5 27...Rh8 28.Kg1

Another thought is 28.c6 Nf4+ 29.Rxf4 Qxe1 20.cxd7+ Kc7 28...Bg5

The following combinations win a pawn for

Black:

28...Bxd4 29.cxd4 Rxf2 30.Kxf2 Qf6+ 31.Kg2 Nxd4

28...Bxd4 29.cxd4 Rxf2 30.Kxf2 Qf6+ 31.Kg2 Qxd4?! 32.c6 bxc6 33.Qxa6+ Kb8

29.Rxf8 Rxf8 White is really in the poo.

30.Be5 Nf4 31.gxf4 Bxf4

A cunning bit of trickery.

32.Qe2 Qg5+ 33.Kh1

33.Qg2 doesn't do anything due to 33..Be3+ 34. Kh1 Qxe5 33...Qxg6

33...Bxe5 might be the better Bishop to take in view of the interesting play of: 34.Qxe5 Rf1+ 35.Rxf1 Qxe5 and 34.Rg1 Qf4 35.Bd3

34.Rg1 Qe6 35.Re1 d4 36.cxd4 Bc6+ 37.Kg1 Qg6+

and checkmate is inevitable 0–1

#### Brett Mullan (1837) – Peter Boag (1618) [C00]

*Notes by Chris Wright*

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Ng3 g6 6. g3 Bg7 7.Nb3

The Classical system of the Sicilian Defence with ...e6. 7...b6

Helps support the pawn at c5 and covers the a5 square at the same time.

8.Qc2 Nge7 9.Bg2 0–0 10.0–0 Bb7 11.Re1 Re8

12.Bd2 e5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Rad1 Qd7 15.a3

Covers the b4 square.

15...Rad8 16.Bc1 Qc8 17.Nbd2 Nc7 18.Nc4 Nb5 19.Qb3 White gains the initiative

19...Nd6 20.Nxd6 Rxd6 21.Ng5 Nd8 22.Ne4 Rde6 23.Bg5

23.Bh3 f5 24.Nd6 doesn't lead to much because of 24...Qc6 25.Nxb7 Nxb7.

23..Kh8

better would be 23..h6!? 24.Be3 Qc7 with equal chances. 24.Bxd8 Rxd8

White maintains his advantage.

25.Ng5 excellent move.

25...Bxg2? 25...Rf8 might be an idea to prevent the fork from the white Knight.

26.Nxf7+ 26.Kxg2 should not be played due to 26...Qb7+ 27.f3 Re7. 26...Kg8 27.Nxd8

and the game is clearly lost for Black.

1–0

## How IM Ker Won the Tournament

A Dowden (2353) - A Ker (2094)  
[B09]

109th NZ Championship (1.2)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 e5  
6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Qd3 Qxc5 8.Be3 Qa5 9.Qb5+  
Qxb5 10.Bxb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Nbx7 12.0-0  
0 Nb6 13.Bd4 0-0 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 e6 16.  
g3 Nbd5 17.Rhe1 Rfd8 18.Kb1 Nxc3+ 19.  
Bxc3 Nd5 20.Bd4 b5 21.c3 a6 22.Nf3 Rd7 23.  
Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Rd4 Rad8 25.Ne5 Rd6 26.  
Red1 f6 27.Ng4 Kf7 28.Re1 Nb6 29.Rxd6  
Rxd6 30.Kc2 Nc4 31.Re2 h5 32.Nf2 Rd5 33.  
b3 Nb6 34.Nd3 Rd6 35.Nc5 Nd5 36.Nb7 ½-½

A Ker (2353) - H Bennett (1925)  
[B01]

109th NZ Championship (2.5)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Nf3 Qxd5 5.  
Be2 Nc6 6.Nc3 Qd7 7.Ne5 Nxe5 8.dxe5  
Qxd1+ 9.Bxd1 Bxd1 10.Nxd1 Nd5 11.e6 fxe6  
12.Bd2 g6 13.c4 Nb6 14.Bc3 Rg8 15.Ne3 Bg7  
16.Bxg7 Rxg7 17.0-0-0 Rf7 18.f3 Rd8 19.  
Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.Rd1+ Ke8 21.Re1 Rf4 22.b3  
Nd7 23.Kc2 c6 24.Kc3 e5 25.Ng4 e4 26.Rxe4  
Rxe4 27.fxe4 Nf6 28.Nf2 e5 (=) ½-½

M McNabb (2031) - A Ker (2353)  
[B07]

109th NZ Championship (3.4)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f3 c6 5.Bc4 Bg7  
6.Be3 0-0 7.a3 Nbd7 8.Qd2 Qc7 9.Nge2 b5  
10.Bb3 Nb6 11.h4 Nc4 12.Bxc4 bxc4 13.h5  
Rb8 14.Rb1 Rd8 15.Bh6 Bh8 16.hxg6 fvg6  
17.Bf4 Nd7 18.Kf2 Nf8 19.d5 Bb7 20.Bh6  
cxd5 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Nf4 dxe4 23.Nxg6 Bxc3  
24.bxc3 Qc5+ 25.Kg3 hxg6 26.Rh8+ Kg7 27.  
Rxf8 Kxf8 28.Qh6+ Kf7 29.f4 Qh5 30.Qxh5  
gxh5 31.Kf2 Ke6 32.Ke3 Kd7 33.Kd4 Kc7  
34.Kxc4 0-1

A Ker (2353) - N Croad (2069)  
[C55]

109th NZ Championship (4.4)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.0-0

Bc5 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.fvg7 Rg8 9.Re1+  
Be7 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Bxe7 Kxe7 12.Re4 d3 13.  
Nc3 Rxg7 14.cxd3 Qxd3 15.Nd5+ Kd6 16.Nf4  
Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1+ Kc5 18.Rxe6 1-0

A Ker (2353) - M van der Hoorn (2120)  
[C54]

109th NZ Championship (5.1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3  
Nf6 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.  
bxc3 Be7 10.d5 Nb8 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bd3 d6  
13.Qc2 h6 14.Qe2 Bf6 15.Qe4 g6 16.Bxh6  
Bg7 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Qe4 c6 19.Bxg6 cxd5 20.  
Qh4 fvg6 21.Re7 Qf5 22.Nd4 Qd3 23.Rxg7+  
Kxg7 24.Bh6+ Kg8 25.Qe7 Rf7 26.Qe8+ Kh7  
27.Qxf7+ Kxh6 28.Qf8+ Kh7 29.Qxc8 Nc6  
30.Qxb7+ Kh6 31.Qxc6 1-0

B Anderson (2077) - A Ker (2353)  
[B07]

109th NZ Championship (6.1)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.f4 h6  
6.Bh4 Nh5 7.Qd2 Nxf4 8.Qxf4 g5 9.Qf3 gxh4  
10.Bc4 Rh7 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.Bb3 e6 13.0-0  
Bd7 14.a4 a5 15.Nf4 Qe7 16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.  
axb5 Bg7 18.c3 Nd7 ½-½

A Ker (2353) - P Garbett (2338)  
[B22]

109th NZ Championship (7.2)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d6  
6.Nf3 e6 7.a3 Bd7 8.Bd3 Bc6 9.0-0 Nd7 10.b4  
a6 11.Re1 Rc8 12.Bb2 dxe5 13.dxe5 Nf4 14.  
Bf1 Nb6 15.Qb3 Ba4 16.Qe3 Nbd5 17.Qd4  
Qb6 18.Qxb6 Nxb6 19.Nc3 Bd7 20.g3 Nfd5  
21.Ne4 Be7 22.Bd4 0-0 23.Bc5 Bxc5 24.Nxc5  
Rc7 25.Ng5 Na4 26.Nge4 Nxc5 27.Nxc5 Ra8  
28.Nxd7 Rxd7 29.Rac1 Kf8 30.Red1 Rad8  
31.Bg2 Ke7 32.Rd4 Nb6 33.Rxd7+ Rxd7 34.  
Kf1 Kd8 35.Ke2 h5 36.f4 Nd5 37.Rc5 Nb6  
38.Rc3 Rc7 39.Rxc7 Kxc7 40.Kd3 g6 41.Kd4  
Ne8 42.a4 Nb6 43.a5 Nc8 44.Kc5 Na7 45.Bf1  
Nc6 46.Bd3 Na7 47.Bc2 Nc6 48.Ba4 Ne7 49.  
Be8 h4 50.Bxf7 hxg3 51.hxg3 Nf5 52.g4 Ne3

53.Bxe6 Ng2 54.f5 1-0

R Dive (2368) - A Ker (2353)  
[A04]

109th NZ Championship (8.1)

1.Nf3 d6 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 f5 4.d4 e4 5.Ng5 Be7 6.  
h4 Nf6 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3 c6 9.0-0 Na6 10.a3 Nc7  
11.b4 h6 12.Nh3 Be6 13.c5 a5 14.Rb1 axb4 15.  
axb4 Qd7 16.Bf4 Ncd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qd2  
b5 19.Ra1 dxc5 20.bxc5 Bf6 21.Bd6 Rfd8 22.  
Rfd1 Qb7 23.Rxa8 Qxa8 24.Nf4 Nxf4 25.Qxf4  
Qa4 26.Rd2 b4 27.Bh3 b3 28.Be5 b2 29.Rxb2  
Qa1+ 30.Kg2 Qxb2 31.Bxf6 gxf6 32.e3 Qb7  
33.Bxf5 Bxf5 34.Qxf5 Qf7 35.Kh2 Re8 36.h5  
Kh8 37.Kg1 Qe6 38.Qf4 Kh7 39.Kg2 Rg8 40.  
Qc7+ Rg7 41.Qf4 Qg4 42.Qxf6 Qxh5 43.Qxc6  
Qf3+ 44.Kg1 Ra7 0-1

A Ker (2353) - G Spain (2100)  
[B01]

109th NZ Championship (9.1)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.  
Nf3 c6 6.Bc4 Bf5 7.Bd2 e6 8.Ne4 Qd8 9.Nxf6+  
Qxf6 10.Qe2 Bg4 11.d5 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Qxb2  
13.0-0 cxd5 14.Bxd5 Nc6 15.Rab1 Qd4 16.Be4  
Bd6 17.Rxb7 Re8 18.Bxc6+ Rxc6 19.Qb5 Qc4  
20.Qxc4 Rxc4 21.Be3 0-0 22.Rd1 Be5 23.Rxa7  
Rxc2 24.a4 h6 25.a5 Ra2 26.Bb6 Rc8 27.Rdd7  
Rc1+ 28.Kg2 Rca1 29.Rxf7 Ra4 30.f4 Bf6 31.  
Rfd7 R1a2 32.Rd6 Bc3 33.Rxe6 Bxa5 34.Re8+

Kh7 35.Rea8 Rxf2+ 36.Bxf2 1-0

A Ker (2353) - M Haag (GER) (2317)  
[B22]

109th NZ Championship (10.1)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d6  
6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Bd7  
10.Nc3 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Bxb5 12.Nxb5 Qxd1+  
13.Kxd1 Nd5 14.Ke2 e6 15.Rd1 Be5 16.Rxd5  
exd5 17.Nc7+ Kd7 18.Nxa8 Rxa8 19.Be3 Bxe3  
20.Kxe3 Re8 21.Kd3 Ke6 22.f4 h5 23.g3 Rc6  
24.Rf1 Ra6 25.a3 Rc6 26.Rg1 (=) ½-½

B Jones (AUS) (2223) - A Ker (2353)  
[A57]

109th NZ Championship (11.1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.a4 bxc4 5.Nc3 d6 6.  
e4 g6 7.Bxc4 Bg7 8.Qd3 0-0 9.f4 Qa5 10.Bd2  
Na6 11.Na2 Qxa4 12.b3 Qa3 13.e5 dxe5 14.  
Be3 e4 15.Qd2 Nh5 16.Bxg7 Nxc7 17.Ne2 Nf5  
18.0-0 Nd6 19.Nac3 Nxc4 20.bxc4 Qb3 21.f5  
Qxc4 22.fvg6 fvg6 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8 24.Qh6+  
Kg8 25.Rf1 Bg4 26.Rf7 Kxf7 27.Qxh7+ Kf6  
28.Qh4+ Kg7 29.Qxe7+ Kg8 30.Nxe4 Rf8 31.  
Ng5 Rf1+ 32.Kxf1 Qxe2+ 33.Qxe2 Bxe2+ 34.  
Kxe2 Kg7 35.d6 Kf6 36.h4 Nb8 37.Kd3 Ke5  
38.Kc4 Kxd6 39.Ne4+ Ke5 40.Nxc5 Nc6 41.g3  
(=) 41...Kf5 42.Nd3 Ne5+ 43.Nxe5 Kxe5 44.g4  
Kf4 45.h5 gxh5 46.gxh5 Kg5 47.Kb5 Kxh5 48.  
Ka6 ½-½

## Rapid Play Chess Tournament

The *Kapiti Chess Club (Inc)* - Date: 4th May 2002

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparamu

Entry Fee: \$25.00

Times: 1st Round commences 0930 hours

Player briefing 0910 hours

Format: 6 round open Swiss tournament

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### 2002 Olympiad in Slovenia

The next Olympiad will be in Bled, Slovenia, 27<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2002.

**New Zealand Rapid Chess Championship**  
(10<sup>th</sup> January 2002 – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2002)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
1	DIVE	IM	WE	W0	W10	D2	W8	W15	W12	D6	L5	W9	7	
2	DOWDEN	CM	OT	W38	W27	D1	D7	W11	W5	D4	D3	D6	6.5	50
3	GUTHRIE		WE	W14	W25	D5	L15	W17	W10	D8	D2	W16	6.5	48.5
4	GARBETT	FM	NS	W18	L8	D19	W39	W16	W15	D2	D6	W5	6.5	47.5
5	LUKEY	FM	WE	W24	W21	D3	W9	D6	L2	W17	W1	L4	6	52
6	SMALL	IM	WE	D30	W23	W16	W11	D5	D7	D1	D4	D2	6	50.5
7	KER	IM	WE	W19	W17	D8	D2	D10	D6	D13	D16	L15	6	49
8	CUMMINGS		CA	W32	W4	D7	L1	D9	W27	D3	D21	L17	6	48.5
9	VAN DER HOORN		WE	W34	D44	W20	L5	D8	W18	W12	W13	L1	6	48.5
10	CROAD		WE	31	L1	W24	W27	D7	L3	L20	W29	W22	5.5	45.5
11	JONES		AUS	W33	W28	W12	L6	L2	D25	L16	W35	W24	5.5	45
12	SMITH	FM	WT	W37	W13	L11	W28	W21	L1	L9	D22	W23	5.5	43.5
13	ANDERSON	NM*	CA	W45	L12	L39	W0	W29	W30	D7	L9	W21	5.5	40
14	BENSON		CA	L3	L26	W37	D40	L23	W0	W36	W25	W28	5.5	38.5
15	WASTNEY	FM	GA	W29	D16	W22	W3	L1	L4	W21	D20	L7	5	49
16	McNABB		AC	W41	D15	L6	W20	L4	W28	W11	D7	L3	5	48
17	BAKER		CA	W40	L7	W29	W25	L3	W22	L5	W30	L8	5	44.5
18	NYBERG		WE	L4	W30	W26	L21	W31	L9	L29	W33	W27	5	41.5
19	GOODHUE		WE	L7	W31	D4	D22	W28	L21	L23	W42	W29	5	40.5
20	GILES		GA	W46	D22	L9	L16	W40	W39	W10	D15	-	5	38
21	SUTHERLAND		OT	W36	L5	W33	W18	L12	W19	L15	D8	L13	4.5	45
22	LOVE	FM	OT	W39	D20	L15	D19	W24	L17	W25	D12	L10	4.5	43.5
23	BOARDMAN		WE	L44	L6	L41	W42	W14	W34	W19	D24	L12	4.5	40.5
24	HUDSON		CA	L5	W36	L10	W45	L22	W31	W27	D23	L11	4.5	39.5
25	ALDRIDGE		WE	W43	L3	W32	L17	W38	D11	L22	L14	W30	4.5	39
26	REEDY		CA	L28	W14	L18	W34	L30	D37	W41	L27	W35	4.5	37
27	COATES		CA	W42	L2	W34	L10	W39	L8	L24	W26	L18	4	41.5
28	GOLD		OT	W26	L11	W38	L12	L19	L16	W32	W31	L14	4	41
29	FORSTER		WE	L15	W41	L17	W36	L13	W32	W18	L10	L19	4	40.5
30	WATTS		OT	D6	L18	D45	W32	W26	L13	W33	L17	L25	4	39.5
31	GOECKEL		GA	L10	L19	W46	W33	L18	L24	W37	L28	W38	4	34.5
32	GILLESPIE		WE	L8	Bye	L25	L30	W43	L29	L28	W41	W37	4	34
33	F TAN		OT	L11	W46	L21	L31	W45	W38	L30	L18	W36	4	32
34	JUDKINS		HA	L9	W43	L27	L26	L41	L23	W45	W46	W42	4	29
35	WRIGHT		CA	-	-	-	D37	W46	W40	W38	L11	L26	3.5	34.5
36	PHIPPS		OT	L21	L24	W43	L29	D37	W45	L14	W40	L33	3.5	32
37	SCARF		AS	L12	D45	L14	D35	D36	D26	L31	W39	L32	3	36
38	FERNANDO		WE	L2	W42	L28	W41	L25	L33	L35	W43	L31	3	35.5
39	GLOISTEIN		CA	L22	W40	W13	L4	L27	L20	L42	L37	W46	3	34.5
40	WEBBER		UH	L17	L39	W42	D14	L20	L35	W43	L36	D41	3	34.5
41	KAY		CA	L16	L29	W23	L38	W34	D43	L26	L32	D40	3	33.5
42	STRINGER			L27	L38	L40	L23	Bye	W46	W39	L19	L34	3	29.5
43	MASON		CA	L25	L34	L36	W46	L32	D41	L40	L38	Bye	2.5	
44	PIRWANI		PAK	W23	D9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	
45	SADLER		CA	L13	D37	D30	L24	L33	L36	L34	-	-	1	32
46	HEREMAIA		CA	L20	L33	L31	L43	L35	L42	Bye	L34	L39	1	30.5

## Council Corner

*by NZCF President Bob Smith*

### Council Changes

The NZCF Annual General Meeting saw some major changes in the personnel of the NZCF Council.

Long-standing Councillor and Vice-President Bob Gibbons is taking a break to concentrate on studies.

Also standing down were two other experienced Councillors, Martin Dreyer and Roger Perry (Treasurer).

However Bob has agreed to continue to help out in two key areas – ratings and as a selector, while Martin remains a member of the Sponsorship Committee. Roger is currently still handling the accounts, but hopefully will be freed from that task by the time this goes to print. My thanks to all the above for their work, on behalf of all NZ chessplayers.

Replacing Bob as Vice-President is Hilton Bennett, who is well known for his organising efforts, while I am sure two “new” faces will be valuable additions to Council: Bruce Wheeler is President of the Auckland Chess Centre, one of the country’s strongest and most prosperous clubs, while Felicity Timings’ special area of interest is junior chess. She established our newest club – the North Harbour Junior Chess Club, for which she has already gained substantial equipment funding – and last year organised a very successful weekend junior tournament, attracting over 100 children aged under 13. Felicity has been appointed Convenor of the Junior Committee, and will be co-ordinating this year’s National Inter-schools Competition. Regional Councillors are Michael Freeman and Russell Dive (Wellington), and Duncan Watts (Otago). Michael will be continuing his invaluable work as FIDE delegate and webpage master, while Russell will be working with Hilton and Bruce on developing an overall development plan for New Zealand chess. Duncan, as last year, will be a valuable liaison and sounding board for the Otago region.

Canterbury has not yet nominated a regional councillor, but is expected to do so in March. Other people working in an official capacity on

behalf of chess include Ewen Green (National Coach and member of the Junior Committee), Rowan Wood (Ratings Administrator), Paul Spiller (Sponsorship and Tournament Committees), Jacinta Buist (Junior and Female Chess Committees), Alan Short (Junior Committee), and Arthur Pomeroy (Selector). The full list of Council Committees can be found in NZCF Bulletin 8, on the NZ Chess webpage.

### Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix

The early leaders in this exciting new competition will be published in the next “New Zealand Chess”.

The first tournament registered in the year-long circuit is the Latvian Tournament, on 17 March.

Howick-Pakuranga has lifted its minimum prize-fund to make the event a Class One tournament – the top Grand Prix category. Clubs have been circulated with the details of the Grand Prix. There is more than \$3000 prize-money available in Open, Under 2000, under 1700, under 1400, junior and female categories. A player’s best 4 results will count towards the Grand Prix standings. Tournaments are classified from class 3 to class 1 (more than \$2000 prize-money), with more Grand Prix points available the higher category a tournament attains. At time of writing the Grand Prix encompasses 12 tournaments, with the expectation that this will rise to 15 to 20. As well as the Latvian Tournament, early confirmed inclusions in the Grand Prix are the Wellington Easter Open, 29 March to 1 April, Class 3, Enquiries: John Gillespie.j.c.gillespie@xtra.co.nz or Alan\_Aldridge@paradise.net.nz (Wellington Chess Club) and the 25th Waitakere Licensing Trust Open, 4 and 5 May, Class 1, West Auckland. Enquiries: Bob Smith bobviv@actrix.gen.nz phone (09)8172664 or (025)786282 (Waitemata Chess Club).

The Grand Prix Administrator for 2002 is NZCF President, Bob Smith.



## 2002 Olympiad

Council has selected IM Anthony Ker, IM Russell Dive and NM Tony Dowden for the NZ Open team to play at this year's Olympiad in Slovenia from 27 October to 13 November. Another three players will be selected after the Zonal Tournament in Fiji in May. Council also intends to send a NZ Women's Team of 4 players to the Olympiad. As usual, an appeal for funds is being launched (*see page 20*).

### Junior Chess

The Junior Chess Committee is currently drafting information for clubs regarding the second year of the National Inter-Schools Competition. The first stages are likely to be played towards the end of term 2, to accommodate high school exams.

### Senior Chess

Council is planning to introduce a NZ Senior Championship, with an anticipated qualification age of 60.

Auckland Chess Centre has offered to hold the inaugural Championship.

### Girls Chess

Last year's highly successful Girls' Chess Week will be repeated, towards the end of May.

Female Chess Convenor Viv Smith will be sending out details – and hoping for more club participation this year!

### Swiss Perfect and Tournament Results

Now that all clubs have the Swiss Perfect programme, sending tournament results in directly from Swiss Perfect will be the easiest method for everyone concerned. It will save the Ratings Officer (Viv Smith) many hours of typing and will mean organisers can get results in much quicker. Just attach the appropriate file and send it via e-mail to Viv at bobviv@actrix.gen.nz. Nothing could be easier!

### Registrations, Affiliations

All clubs should have received affiliation and registration forms. These are due back (with payments) by 31 March. Please return the necessary forms as soon as possible to The Secretary NZCF, Jack Frost, P.O. Box 216 Shortland St Auckland 1. A reminder: Affiliation fees are \$40 for full members and \$30 for as-

sociates. The registration fees are \$13 for seniors and \$6.50 for juniors. Please register as many members as possible! (hopefully all of them). And if you have junior members who do not play outside the club, they can also be registered as junior exempt players and do not pay a registration fee until they play in an NZCF rated tournament. Just send a list of your juniors with birthdates and other details to the NZCF Secretary, Jack Frost, at lbfrost@xtra.co.nz or post them to NZCF, P. O. Box 216 Shortland St, Auckland 1. This will be sufficient to register junior exempt players. If you need more registration cards for other players, use either of the above contact methods.

### Tournament Guidelines

NZCF's Tournament Committee is drafting a set of standing guidelines for clubs organising Congress and other NZCF events. The intention is to ensure organisers are well aware beforehand of the requirements and how to avoid potential pitfalls.

### Australasian Chess Online

This new on-line playing service is now available. It is a joint initiative between the Australian Chess Federation, NZCF and US company Games Parlor. There are over 20,000 US Chess players registered for this service. New Zealand players are invited to take part in a free, three-month trial.

Interested players should go to [www.auschess.org](http://www.auschess.org) and follow the instructions. At this stage you should skip the registration stage and log on as guests. NZCF Council would appreciate comment from players who try this service.

### Participation

Finally, I believe another year of progress lies ahead of us. But the limited number of volunteers on NZCF Council can not do it all alone. We need the backing of all clubs and players throughout the country to properly promote our favourite game; to get more people playing it and to do the important groundwork for the future. I hope we can rely on you all for the support that is so essential.

## 2002 FIJI ZONAL

The 2002 Men's and Women's Oceania Zonal Tournament will be held at The Warwick hotel/resort from Monday 6 May to Saturday 11 May. The event is open to all players from the members of Zone 3.2b (Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and PNG).

The Fiji Chess Federation will provide free twin-share accommodation with full buffet breakfast from 5 May (arrival) to 11 May to seeded players chosen by their national chess federation with free entry into the Zonal Championship, as follows:

	Men	Women
Australia	2	2
New Zealand	1	1
Fiji	1	1
PNG	1	1

Special rates for other players, dependents, friends or supporters have been heavily discounted: Twin-share room at F\$67.50 per day (F\$135 for double bed room) or single room at F\$125 inclusive of full buffet breakfast. Advance bookings will have to be made through the Fiji Chess Federation to avail of these special rates.

Names of selected players with brief chess biodata and two photographs should be received by the Fiji Chess Federation through the Zonal President by Friday 12 April 2002. Closing date for entries for non-selected players is 19 April 2002. The Zonal President, in consultation with the President of the Fiji Chess Federation, may at his discretion accept late entries.

### Entry fees for non-seeded players:

FIDE Rating	Men	Women
2300+	Free entry	Free entry
2200+	F\$100	F\$50
2100+	F\$200	F\$100
2000+	F\$250	F\$150
Unrated	F\$300	F\$200

### Minimum guaranteed prizes (Fiji Dollars):

Men	Women
1st	\$1000 \$400
2nd	\$ 600 \$200
3rd	\$ 400 \$100
4th	\$ 200
5th	\$ 100
Best local player \$ 200 \$100	

### Format:

Men- 9 round Swiss (18 to 30 players)  
Women - 10 player Round Robin  
(or 6 player Double Round Robin)

### Start Times:

Monday 6 May  
Round 1 - 10 am Round 2 - 5 pm  
Tuesday 7 May  
Round 3 - 10 am Round 4 - 5 pm  
Wednesday 8 May  
Round 5 - 10 am Round 6 - 5 pm  
Thursday 9 May Rest Day  
Friday 10 May  
Round 7 - 10 am Round 8 - 5 pm  
Saturday 11 May  
Round 9 - 10 am Play Off - 4 pm  
Presentations - 6.30 pm  
FIDE Time Control: All moves in 90 minutes plus 30 seconds per move from the start.

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## EVGINIA ANNOTATES

As noted in the December "New Zealand Chess", 12-year-old Evginia Sharamova finished a creditable 33<sup>rd</sup> equal in the Girls Under 12 section of the World Youth Championships in Spain in October.

She annotates one of her wins below, which I think readers will agree shows remarkable positional understanding for one so young!

**Steil-Antoni (LUX) - Sharamova (NZL)  
World Youth Championships,  
Girls U-12, 2001.**

**Rnd 10**

*Notes by Evginia Sharamova*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 O-O 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.O-O-O Nxd4 (9...d5 is more common, but my opponent was likely to be well-prepared for that, and the move I played is just as good) 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.g4?! (More accurate is 11.Kb1; now black's queen gets to a5 in a single move) 11... Qa5 12. a3 Rab8 13. h4 b5 14. Ne2 ( White often avoids the sharp attacks in this variation by exchanging the queens, but usually does that with Nd5. Here black already threatened b4 because of the saved tempo, so white tries to make her K-side space advantage work in the queenless middlegame.) 14. ... Qxd2+ 15.Rxd2 a6 16.Ng3 Nd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rdh2 Ne5 19.Be2 Rh8!? 20.h5 f6!? (This holds up white's advance nicely. The dark squares can often become a source of trouble for white if too many pieces are exchanged.) 21.Nf1 Rbc8 22.Ne3 g5 23.Rf2 Rb8 24.f4?! (Maybe this is not the best - but white wishes to play actively) 24...gxf4 25.Rxf4 Kh6!? (A strange place for a king to hide - but it holds up g5 until my rooks get in position) 26.Rf2 Rhg8 27.Rg1 Rg5 28.Rfg2 Rbg8 29.b3 Kg7 30.Kd2 Kf7 31.Bd1 R5g7 32.Be2 Rg5 33.Bd1 Ke8 34. Be2 Kf7 35.Bd1 (Here my opponent could have claimed a draw by repetition, but did not know or understand the rules of how to claim it!) 35... Rc8 36.Be2 Rcg8 37.Bd1 (Here again a draw by repetition claim would have succeeded - we both misunderstood the

rules) 37...Ke8 38.Be2 R5g7 39.Bd1 Nf7 40. Be2 Ng5 41.Kd3 Kd7 42.Nf5 (Is this good? The battleground moves to the q-side now, where white's pawn majority gives her some hopes of progress) 42...Bxf5 43.exf5 Nf7 44.c4 Ne5+ 45.Kd4 bxc4 46.Bxc4 Nxc4 47.Kxc4 Rc8+ 48.Kb4 Rc5 (A good square for the rook. Now white gets tangled up, and starts to play passively.) 49.a4 Rg8 50.Re2 Rb8+ 51.Ka3 Rc3 52.Rb2 (White's last chance for active play for her Rooks is Rge1, but it does not look good for the white king then, and black will have a draw in hand.) h6 53.R1g2 a5 54.Rb1 Rb4 55. R1b2 d5 56.Rgd2 d4 57.Rg2 d3 ( Is white in zugzwang here?) 58.Rgd2 Rxc4 59.Rb1 Rf4 60.Kb2 Rc2+ 61.Rxc2 dxc2 62.Kxc2 Rxf5 63. Kd3 Rf4 64.Kc3 Ke6 0-1

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Goffin, on the other hand, has a theoretical chance of reaching 7.5, provided he beats Rapp, Prince Vetharaniam and Tim Doyle.

So an exciting finish is in store. Play ceases on March 31, 2002, with unfinished games going to adjudication.

Progress scores as at 25-01-02:

**Championship: M G Whaley 6.5/10, A J Short 5.5/8, M L Dunwoody 5/7, J C Rapp 5/7, P B Goffin 4.5/7, H P Bennett 4.5/8, G A Hoskyn 4.5/9, T J Doyle 2.5/6, K W Lynn 1.5/8, P J Voss 1.5/9, P A R Vetharaniam 1/5. Latest results: WHALEY beat Voss, Vetharaniam. SHORT beat Lynn, drew Goffin. RAPP beat Voss.**

Reserve Championship: E G A FROST 7.5/9, B J Edwards 5/7, D R Whitlock 4/7, D E Dolejs 3/10, P G Coghini 2/4, B M Williams 1.5/7, G E Lovelock 0/2. Latest results: Frost beat Lovelock (2), drew Whitlock. EDWARDS beat Whitlock, Williams. WHITLOCK drew Williams. TT2: R J Weston 5/5, P E Rossiter 3/7, G Putt 2/3, P C King 2/6, W Anderson 1/5. Latest result: WESTON beat King.

TT3: G Potter 8/8, R R Trevis 5.5/6, G H Mills 5.5/9, A W Hendry 5/9, J W H Atkinson 4/9, R G A Taylor 3/10, L I Purvis 0/11. Latest result: Mills beat Hendry.

## Correspondence Chess

*by Gordon Hoskyn*

Barry Williams is the new Handicap Tourney and Certificate Tourney Director of Play. He picks up the reins with the above tourneys in severe disarray, after no August and November 2001 handicap pairings were done.

Keen to revive the situation, Barry can be contacted at P.O. Box 4200, Mid-Avenue, Wanganui.

Williams took up C.C. in 1990, debuting in TT5, and worked his way up the grades to Reserve Championship, where he currently resides. A prolific player, this time last year he was playing over 100 games at once, with a mixture of trophy, handicap and certificate tourney games, plus a heap of overseas games as well.

The following two games are by Barry Williams. The first features a good recovery after blundering a pawn on the third move against the man from whom he takes over as handicap D.O. P., Phil Coghini. The second sees him using the book to advantage against long-time Reserve contender, Graham Lovelock.

**Coghini, P – Williams, B**

[A09]

NZCCA Handicap, 2000

*Analysis by Fritz 4*

1.♁f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.e3 e5

Misreading ECO, which gives 3...c5.

4.♁xe5 ♁f6 5.♁d3 h5 6.f4 ♁g4 7.♁xg4 ♁xg4 8.♣b3 ♁c6 9.♁f2

9.♣xb7 ♁d7 10.♁c4 ♣b8 11.♣a6 ♣b6 12.♣a4±

9...dxe3+ 10.dxe3 ♁b4 11.♁e4 f5 12.a3

12.♁xb7 ♣b8 13.♣a4+ ♣d7 14.♣xa7 ♁d3+ 15.♁f1 ♣xb7 16.♣a8+ ♁f7 17.♣xb7 ♁xc1 18.♣d5+ ♣xd5 19.cxd5 h4±

12...fxe4 13.axb4 ♣h4+ 14.♁f1 ♁d8 15.♁d2

15.♁c3 a6 (15...♁xb4 16.♣xb4 ♁d1+ 17.♁xd1 ♁xd1 18.♣xb7 ♣g4 19.♣xe4+ ♁f7 20.♣d5+ ♁e7 21.♁d2 ♣e2+ 22.♁g1 An interesting try, but Black loses.) 16.b5 ♣h6 17.bxa6 bxa6 18.♣a5±

15...♁d3 16.♣c2 c6

16...a6 17.♣a5 ♁f7 18.♁d5 ♣xd5 19.cxd5 ♣c7 20.♣c4 b5 21.♣b3±

17.♣xa7 ♁c8 18.♁c3?!

18.c5±

18...♁xb4 19.♁xe4 ♁xd2 20.♁xd2 ♣xe3 21.♣g6+ 21.♁f3 ♣xf4+

21...♁f8 22.♣d6+ ♁f7 23.♣xb7+ ♁xb7 24.♁f3 ♣xf3+

Also wins is 24...♁d8 25.♁xh4 ♣xd6 26.♁f5 ♣d1+ 27.♁f2 ♣xh1 28.♁xe3 ♁a6

25.gxf3 ♣e8

Immediate threat of 26...Re1+ 27.Kg2 Re2+ 28. K moves Qf2# 0-1

**Williams, B – Lovelock, G**

[C54]

NZCCA Handicap, 2001

*Notes by Gordon Hoskyn*

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♁c4 ♁c5 4.c3 ♁f6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 ♁b4+ 7.♁c3 ♁xe4 8.0-0 ♁xc3 9.d5 ♁f6 10.♣e1 ♁e7 11.♣xe4 d6 12.♁g5 ♁xg5 13.♁xg5 0-0 14.♁xh7 ♁xh7 15.♣h5+ ♁g8 16.♣h4 f5 17.♣h7+ ♁f7 18.♣h6 ♣g8 19.♣e1

The moves to date appear in Andrew Soltis's book *Winning with the Giuoco Piano and the Max Lange Attack*. The book says he cannot defend with 19...Bd7 since then 20.Ree6! is strong because of its threat of a check on f6. 19...Kf8 has been suggested as the best move - in fact, the best chance for Black to win. Actually, Black should start thinking about drawing. Black's best may be 19...Qf8 so that 20.Be2 is met by 20...Ke8 21.Bh5+ Kd8. Better is 20.Bb5, cutting off the king's escape. Black must meet 20.Bb5 with 20...Rh8! 21.Qxh8 gxh6 22.Qh7+ Kf6 and White can take a draw with 23.Rxe7 Qxe7 24.Qxh6+ and a perpetual check. 19...♁d7 20.♣e6 ♁xe6 21.dxe6+ ♁e8 22.♣g6 ♣c8 23.♣xg7 1-0

**Trophy Tourney progress**

The 68<sup>th</sup> Championship is headed for another close finish. Michael Whaley is finished on 6.5, a score Allan Short should equal.

Both, however, can be overtaken. Murray Dunwoody may well reach seven points.

Jeff Rapp and Peter Goffin are chances, but much depends on their game with each other. A win to Rapp could see him equal with Dunwoody.

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## OLYMPIAD APPEAL

by NZCF President Bob Smith

NZCF Council is launching a nationwide appeal to help meet the costs of sending New Zealand Men's and Women's Teams to this year's Chess Olympiad in Bled, Slovenia, from 27 October to 13 November.

Three players have been selected following the 109<sup>th</sup> NZ Championship: IM's Anthony Ker and Russell Dive, and CM Tony Dowden.

Three more players will be chosen for the Men's Team after the Oceania Zonal in Fiji in May. Four women will be selected for the Women's team.

NZCF Council regards New Zealand's participation in the Olympiad as vital: it provides invaluable experience for our top players, gives up and coming players something to aspire to, helps to increase the number of New Zealanders on the international rating list, and provides one of the few opportunities our players have to gain title norms. The more rated and titled players we have in this country the easier it is to organise

FIDE rated tournaments.

I would urge chessplayers throughout the country to support our Olympiad teams. Donations to the Olympiad appeal can be sent to: NZCF, P.O. Box 216 Shortland St, Auckland 1. All contributions will be acknowledged in the NZCF Bulletin and in "NZ Chess" magazine.

## OCEANIA ZONAL

Why not combine a pleasant holiday in a picturesque setting with some chess? This year's Zonal is being held at the Warwick Fiji Hotel Resort on the Coral Coast of Viti Levu from 6 to 11 May. NZ Champion Anthony Ker is New Zealand's official Men's representative, while NZ Women's Champion Eleanora Mikhailik has been offered the Women's spot. The Zonal is however, open to other players. Go to [www.auschess.org.au/oceania/fzt.htm](http://www.auschess.org.au/oceania/fzt.htm) for more information

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**29 Rd1 Ne4! 30 Bxg7 Kxg7**  
**31 Ne2 ?** If 31 Nxd5 Nxb3 32 Qg2 Ne4 the weak king side should tell against White in the long run. Nonetheless, 31 Nxd5 was the better chance as passive defence soon fails against Blacks well co-ordinated pieces and the weak squares in Whites position.

**31.... Qb6+ 32 Kg2 Rc8!**

33 Nd4 (33 Rxd5 Qc6 wins)

**33..... Qa5 34 Qe2 Rc3**

**35 Nf3 Qc5**

White now has too many weaknesses to defend; the immediate threat is 36 .... Rc2

**36 b4 Qc6 37 Rd4 Rc2**

**38 Nd2 Qc5**

and **White resigned**. If 39 Rd3 Rxd2.

A thematic game; Black was able to exploit the weaknesses in the White position efficiently. No doubt it was my best game of the tournament

## Leaders in the Global Chess

## Enterprises Grand Prix at the end of March:

Open – R. Smith 27.5, P. Garbett 23, A.

Kulashko, P. Green 16.5, B. Watson 13.5

Under 2000 – P. Wang 31, S. East 25.5,

F. Fuatai 17.5, B. Giles 12

Under 1700 – H. Modlik, A. Cossey 24.4,

M. Zhang, H. Jacobs 17.4

Under 1400 – M. Zhang 35, S. Maroroa 13,

T. Maroroa, T. Gothorp 10.5

Junior – M. Zhang 27, E. Charomova 24,

D. Han 20, S. Maroroa 18

Female – E. Charomova 28.5, S. Maroroa

25.5, V. Smith 20, S. Tang 15

## OVERSEAS NEWS

by Peter Stuart

## FIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The semi-finals at Moscow in December saw Vassily Ivanchuk eliminate the favourite, Vishy Anand, 2½–1½ while Ruslan Ponomariov won by the same score against Peter Svidler to set up an all-Ukrainian final in the New Year. In these matches four games were played at the normal time control, rather than the two of earlier rounds so neither match required rapid tie-breaks.

In the third game, after two draws, Ponomariov sacrificed the exchange for lasting pressure and Svidler eventually bailed out into a bad rook versus queen ending which he was unable to hold. This left Svidler needing to win with the black pieces to force the match into extra time; after a speculative piece sacrifice by the Russian the game was agreed drawn on move 18 when Ponomariov had good winning chances.

In the other match the first three games were drawn and in game 4 Ivanchuk sacrificed a pawn for the initiative. On move 29 Anand made the fateful decision to keep a pair of rooks on the board and was forced to return the pawn in more unfavourable circumstances than might have been the case with correct play.

## Svidler – Ponomariov, Petroff

[C43]

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁f6 3.♁xe5 d6 4.♁f3 ♁xe4 5.d4 d5 6.♁d3 ♁c6 7.0–0 ♁e7 8.c4 ♁b4 9.♁e2 0–0 10.♁c3 ♁f5 11.a3 ♁xc3 12.bxc3 ♁c6 13.♁e1 ♁e6 14.cxd5 ♁xd5 15.♁e3 ♁a5 16.♁e5 ♁d6 17.c4 ♁e6 18.♁c2 e5 19.♁d3 h6 20.♁ad1 ♁c7 21.♁c3 ♁fd8 22.h3 ♁xe5 23.dxe5 ♁d7 24.♁f1 b6 25.♁f4 ♁ad8 26.♁d6 ♁b7 27.♁g3 ♁f8 [27...♁xd6 28.exd6 ♁xd6 29.♁xb6 (29.♁d1? ♁xd1 30.♁xc7 ♁d7 31.♁e5 f6 32.♁xf6 ♁xc4 –)] 29...g6 (29...f6? 30.♁xe6) 30.♁g5 ♁f5 (30...♁e8? 31.♁f6 –) 31.♁f4 =] 28.♁d3 ♁g8 29.♁g3 ♁h8! [Avoiding the draw by repetition] 30.♁xd7 ♁xd7 31.♁e3! ♁d8 [31...♁g8? 32.♁xb6! gxb6 33.♁xb6 ♁f5 34.♁g5+ ♁g6 35.e6 ♁e7 (35...♁d8 36.e7!) 36.f4 with attack; 31...♁a5! 32.♁xb6! ♁xc4 (32...gxb6? 33.♁xb6+ ♁g8 34.♁e3 –)]

33.♁xg7+ ♁xg7 34.♁g5+ with perpetual check] 32.♁xb6! ♁d1 [32...gxb6? 33.♁xb6+ ♁g8 34.♁e3 ♁f5 35.e6 ♁d6 36.♁g3+ ♁g6 37.♁xg6+! fxg6 38.♁xg6+ ♁h8 39.♁h5+ ♁g7 40.♁f7+ ♁h6 41.e7 +] 33.♁f4 ♁a5 34.♁xd1 ♁xd1 35.♁d2 [35...♁xd2 36.♁xd2 ♁xc4 37.♁xc4 ♁xc4 =] ½–½.

## Svidler – Ponomariov,

Petroff [C43]

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁f6 3.d4 ♁xe4 4.♁d3 d5 5.♁xe5 ♁d7 6.♁xd7 ♁xd7 7.0–0 ♁d6 8.c4 e6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.♁c3 ♁xc3 11.bxc3 0–0 12.♁h5 f5 13.♁e1 ♁c7 14.♁d2 ♁ae8 15.♁c2 g6 16.♁f3 ♁e4! [16...♁xh2+? 17.♁h1 ♁d6 (else 18.g3 traps the bishop) 18.♁xd5+] 17.g3 [17.♁xe4 fxe4 18.♁e2 ♁xh2+ 19.♁h1 (19.♁f1 ♁g3 20.♁e3 ♁xf2 21.♁xf2 ♁h2 22.♁b2 ♁h1+ 23.♁e2 ♁g4+ 24.♁e3 ♁h6 mate) 19...♁f5 20.g4 ♁f3 21.c4 ♁xg4 –] 17...♁b5 18.♁f4 [18.♁xe4 fxe4 19.♁e3 ♁d7 and Black's white square control gives fine compensation for the exchange] 18...♁xf4 19.gxf4 ♁d6! [19...♁xf4?? 20.♁xd5+; 19...♁xf4? 20.♁xe4 fxe4 21.♁xf4 ♁xf4 and White is okay] 20.♁xe4 fxe4 21.♁g3 ♁xf4 22.♁ab1 ♁d7 23.f3 b6 [23...exf3? 24.♁f2] 24.♁e3 ♁f6 25.♁f1? [25.♁f2 h5 is not pleasant for White but it is better than the ending White bails out into] 25...♁g4! 26.♁xg4 ♁xg4+ 27.fxg4 ♁g5 28.♁g3 b5 29.♁f2 ♁g7 30.♁g2 a5 31.♁b2 [31.h3 ♁c1] 31...b4! 32.cxb4 axb4 33.h3 ♁c1 34.♁g3 ♁h6! [The king attacks!] 35.♁xb4 ♁d1 36.♁f2 ♁g5 37.♁e2 ♁f4 [zugzwang] 38.♁b3 ♁xd4+ 39.♁g2 ♁c4 40.♁f2+ ♁g5 41.♁f7 d4 42.h4+ ♁xh4 43.♁xh7+ ♁xg4 44.♁g3+ ♁f5 0–1.

## Anand – Ivanchuk,

Sicilian [B30]

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♁c3 e5 4.♁c4 d6 5.d3 ♁e7 6.♁d2 ♁f6 7.♁f1 ♁d7 8.♁d5 ♁b6 9.♁xb6 axb6 10.c3 0–0 11.♁c3 ♁g5 12.0–0 ♁h8 13.♁d2 ♁xc3 14.fxe3 ♁e7 15.♁d5 ♁c6 16.♁b3 ♁a5 17.♁c2 [17.♁xb6? ♁a6 18.♁b5 ♁d7 wins the queen] 17...♁c7 18.h3 h6 19.c4 ♁c6 20.♁d1 ♁xd5 21.exd5 ♁e7 22.a4 f5 23.♁c3 ♁f7 24.♁b3 ♁g6

25.xf2 f8 26.faf1 f4 27.d2 f3!? 28.fxf3  
 fxf3 29.gxf3? [29.fxf3 fxf3 30.gxf3 f3  
 31.f3d1 (31.f3h2? f3f5→) 31...f3h3 32.f3f1 and  
 White has nothing to fear] 29...f3e8 30.f3h2 f3f5!  
 31.f4 [31.f3xb6 f3h5 32.f3g1 f3h3 33.f3f2 f3h2+  
 34.f3e1 f3g3+ 35.f3d1 f3g2 36.f3e1 f3h2 and  
 Black mates] 31...f3h5 32.f5 [32.f3f3 f3g4  
 33.f3g3 (33.f3d1 f3h3+!) 33...f3e2+ 34.f3g2 f3f3  
 35.f3g3 (or 35.f3g1 f3h3 and 36...f3h4 wins)  
 35...f3f2+ 36.f3g2 f3h3+! 37.f3h3 f3h4mate]  
 32...f3xf5 33.f3d1 f3f8 34.f3xf5 f3xf5 35.f3e2 e4!  
 36.f3g4 [36.f3xe4 f3e5+ 37.f3g1 f3xb2 followed  
 by 38...f3e5 is also winning] 36...f3xg4 37.f3xg4  
 f3e5 38.f3g3 exd3 39.b3 g6 40.e4 h5 41.g3h5  
 g3h5 42.f3f2 h4 [43.f3c3 h3! 44.f3g3 h2 45.f3h2+  
 (there is nothing better) 45...d2 46.f3xd2 f3f3+  
 47.f3g3 f3xd2 →] 0-1.

Thus the final, played in January after a  
 break of a few weeks but also in Moscow, was  
 between 18-year old Ruslan Ponomarev and  
 fellow Ukrainian Vassily Ivanchuk. The  
 8-game match was really quite one-sided,  
 Ivanchuk's mercurial temperament proving  
 once again not to be ideally suited to  
 one-on-one match play.

In the first game the older player was close to  
 equal on the black side of a French Defence but  
 blundered horribly to go down in a miniature.  
 Ivanchuk did come close to winning game 2 but  
 somehow Ponomarev emerged unscathed. The  
 next two games were also drawn and then  
 Ivanchuk again built up a winning position in  
 game 5, only to miss his way and then blunder  
 in a now equal position.

At this point, two games down with three to  
 play, Ivanchuk gave up the fight and the last  
 two games were agreed drawn fairly quickly.  
 Ponomarev thus reached the target of 4½  
 points with a game to spare and became the  
 youngest ever World Champion.

Once again the new (faster) FIDE time  
 control has come under considerable criticism  
 because of the perceived lower standard of play  
 and Gary Kasparov has been a leading critic,  
 rubbishising Ponomarev's play and title.  
 However, unlike the two previous FIDE  
 champions, Ponomarev is still at an age where  
 marked improvement is possible so he could be  
 around for a while.

### Ponomarev – Ivanchuk

#### (1), French [C11]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.f3c3 f3f6 4.f3g5 dxe4 5.f3xe4  
 f3e7 6.f3xf6 f3xf6 7.f3f3 0-0 8.f3d2 f3e7 9.0-0-0  
 f3d5 10.f3c3 f3a5 11.a3 f3d7 12.f3b1 f3b6 13.f3e3  
 f3f6 14.f3e5 f3d8 15.f3c4 f3d7 16.f3b3 f3e8  
 17.f3he1 f3f8 18.g4 f3d5 19.f3f3 c6 20.f3e4 f3c7  
 21.e4 f3e7?? [21...f3b6 is only marginally better  
 for White] 22.f3g5 f3c8 23.e5 and the simple  
 threat of 24.f3xe6 can only be parried by giving  
 up the exchange by 23...f3d5, so ... 1-0.

### Ivanchuk – Ponomarev

#### (2), QGA [D20]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 f3f6 4.e5 f3d5 5.f3xc4  
 f3b6 6.f3d3 f3c6 7.f3e2 f3g4 8.f3f5 f3e6 9.f3bc3 f3c4  
 10.f3xc4 f3xc4 11.0-0 e6 12.a3 f3d7 13.f3h1 f3e7  
 14.f3b3 f3b6 15.f3c3 0-0 16.f3ac1 a5 17.f3fd1 a4  
 18.f3c2 f3fd8 19.f3f4 f3a5 20.f3e4 g6 21.f3c2 f3e8  
 22.f3e2 f3d7 23.f3c2 f3d5 24.f3cxd5 exd5  
 25.f3dc1 f6 26.f3d3 f3e5 27.f3xe5 d4 28.f3h6  
 g5?! 29.f3xc6! bxc6 30.f3xc6 f3d6 31.f4 f3f7  
 32.f3c1 f3xf4 33.f3xf4 f3xe5 34.f3c4+ f3f7 35.f3d3  
 f3f5 36.f3xf7+ f3xf7 37.h4 g3h4 38.f3g1 f3e6  
 39.f3c4 h3 40.g3h3 f3d5 41.f3xa4 f3e4 42.f3f2+  
 f3f3 43.f3xd4 f3c5 44.f3d2 f3f6 [White also has  
 good winning chances after 44...f3g3 45.f3d3+  
 f3f3 46.f3xf3+ f3xf3 47.f3g7 f3xf2+ 48.f3f1]  
 45.f3g5 f3g6 46.f3f1? [White's best winning  
 chance was Kasparov's suggestion of 46.h4 h6  
 47.f3f1 h3g5 48.f3d3+ f3f4 49.f3h3+ f3e4 50.f3c3]  
 46...f3xg5 47.f3d3+ f3f4 48.f3c3 f3b6 49.b4 f3d5  
 50.f3d3 f3f5 51.f3d1 c5 52.f3c3 cxb4 53.f3xb4  
 f3e5+ 54.f3e1 f3f4 55.f3d5+ f3e6 56.f3b5 f3c7  
 57.f3d5 f3e4+ 58.f3f2 f3d6 ½-½.

### Ponomarev – Ivanchuk

#### (3), Sicilian [B47]

1.e4 c5 2.f3f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.f3xd4 f3c6 5.f3c3  
 f3c7 6.g3 a6 7.f3g2 d6 8.0-0 f3d7 9.f3xc6 f3xc6  
 10.f3e1 f3e7 11.f3g4 h5 12.f3e2 h4 13.a4 h3g3  
 14.h3g3 f3c8 15.a5 f3f8 16.f3c3 f3f6 17.f3b6 f3b8  
 18.f3f3 f3d7 19.f3d4 f3f6 20.f3xf6 g3f6 21.f3g2  
 f3e5 22.f4 f3a7+ 23.f3f1 f3g6 24.f3f2 f3xf2+  
 25.f3xf2 f3h5 26.f3h1 f3c5 27.f3h7 f3e7 28.f3f1  
 f3f8 29.f3h8 f3b5 30.f3d3 f3xd3 31.f3xd3 f3d7  
 32.f3xc8 f3xc8 33.d4 f3c4 34.f3a4 f3xa4 35.f3xa4  
 f5 36.f3xf5 exf5 37.f3c3 f3f6 38.d5 f3d7 39.b4  
 f3f6 40.f3c3 f3d7 41.f3d4 f3h5 42.f3e2 f3f6 43.f3c4

f3e4 44.b5 axb5+ 45.f3xb5 f3c7 46.f3c4 f3b8  
 47.f3b4 ½-½.

### Ivanchuk – Ponomarev

#### (4), QGA [D20]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 f3f6 4.e5 f3d5 5.f3xc4  
 f3b6 6.f3b3 f3c6 7.f3e2 f3f5 8.f3bc3 e6 9.0-0 f3d7  
 10.f3c3 0-0-0 11.f3c1 f3b4 12.f3d1 f3b8 13.f3f4  
 c6 14.f3d2 h5 15.f3e2 h4 16.f3ac1 f3e7 17.a3  
 f3d4d5 18.f3d3 f6 19.f3d2 f3xd3 20.f3xd3 f5  
 21.f3e2 g5 22.f3c2 g4 23.b4 f3df8 24.f3f1 f3d8  
 25.f4 g3f3 26.g3f3 f3f8g8+ 27.f3h1 h3 28.f4 f3g2  
 29.f3f3 f3g8 30.f3g3 f3xg3 31.f3xg3 h2 32.f3f1  
 f3g4 33.f3f2 f3h5 34.f3b3 f3c7 35.f3f3 f3h3 36.f3g2  
 f3hd5 37.f3f2 f3b5 38.f3xd5 cxd5 39.a4 f3a3  
 40.f3xh2 f3xh2+ 41.f3xh2 f3xh2+ 42.f3xh2 f3c4  
 43.f3c3 f3c7 44.f3h3 b5 45.f3xb5 f3b6 46.f3e1 f3c3  
 47.f3d2 f3c4 48.f3e1 f3e3 49.f3d2 f3c4 50.f3e1 f3e3  
 ½-½.

### Ponomarev – Ivanchuk

#### (5), Ruy Lopez [C88]

1.e4 e5 2.f3f3 f3c6 3.f3b5 a6 4.f3a4 f3f6 5.0-0  
 f3e7 6.f3e1 b5 7.f3b3 0-0 8.h3 f3b7 9.d3 d6  
 10.a3 f3b8 11.f3bd2 f3bd7 12.f3f1 f3e8 13.f3g3  
 c6 14.f3h2 d5 15.f3f3 g6 16.f3a2 f3f8 17.f3g5 h6  
 18.f3d2 f3g7 19.f3g4 f3xg4 20.f3xg4 f3c5 21.f3ad1  
 f3c8 22.f3f1 f3e6 23.f3g3 f3h7 24.f3h2 f6 25.f3f3  
 c5 26.f3h2 f3d4 27.f3xd4 cxd4 28.c3 dxc3  
 29.bxc3 dxe4 30.dxe4 f3e7 31.a4 bxa4 32.f3h3  
 f3ed8 33.f3f3 f3c7 34.f3c1 f3cd7 35.f3b1 f3e6  
 36.f3xd7 f3xd7 37.f3c2 f3c6 38.f3d1 f3a2  
 39.f3xd7 f3xd7 40.f3d1 f3b5 41.f3e3 f3c4 42.f3h2  
 f3c6 43.f3a1 f3f8 44.f3b1 a3? [44...f3xe4 was the  
 clearest win] 45.f3 f3b3 46.f3a2 f3a4 47.f3g3  
 f3g7 48.f3d2 g5 49.f3a2 f3b7 50.f3d3 f3e8 51.f3d5  
 f3xd5 52.f3xd5 a5 53.c4 f3b4 54.c5 f3f8 55.f3f2  
 f3b5 56.c6 f3e7 57.f3a7 f3d8 58.f3b6+ f3c8  
 59.f3c3 a4? [59...f3f1 60.f3f2 f3b5 =] 60.f3e4 f3e2  
 [Already White is winning, it is now too late  
 for 60...f3f1 61.f3f5! f3xg2 62.f3c4 f3d6 63.f3e6  
 f3c7 64.f3xc7 f3xc7 65.d6+ f3xc6 66.d7 f3c7  
 67.f3e7 →] 61.f3f5 e4 [61...f3d1 62.f3c4 f3d6  
 63.f3e6 →] 62.f3e6 exf3 63.d6 f3xd6 64.f3xd6  
 1-0.

### Ivanchuk – Ponomarev

#### (6), Petroff [C42]

1.e4 e5 2.f3f3 f3f6 3.f3xe5 d6 4.f3f3 f3xe4 5.d4  
 d5 6.f3d3 f3c6 7.0-0 f3e7 8.c4 f3b4 9.f3e2 0-0  
 10.f3c3 f3e6 11.f3e5 f6 12.f3f3 f3h8 13.h3 f5  
 14.a3 f3c6 15.f3xd5 f3xd5 16.f3xd5 f3xd5 17.f3a4  
 f3f6 18.f3d1 f3ad8 19.f3c3 f4 20.f3xf4 f3xd4  
 21.f3xd4 f3xd4 22.f3e3 c5 23.f3xd4 cxd4 24.f3  
 d3 25.f3xe4 f3xe4 26.f3xe4 dxe2 27.f3d5 ½-½.

### Ponomarev – Ivanchuk

#### (7), Alekhine [B04]

1.e4 f3f6 2.e5 f3d5 3.d4 d6 4.f3f3 f3c6 5.c4 f3b6  
 6.e6 f3xe6 7.f3c3 g6 8.f3e3 f3g7 9.h4 0-0 10.h5  
 e5 11.d5 f3d4 12.f3xd4 exd4 13.f3xd4 g5  
 14.f3xg7 f3xg7 15.h6+ f3g8 16.f3d2 e5 17.f3h5  
 g4 18.f3g5+ f3xg5 19.f3xg5+ f3h8 20.f3g7 f3f6  
 21.f3xc7 f3xh6 22.b4 ½-½.

### WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

As reported in December the first two games of  
 the Women's final between China's Zhu Chen  
 (25) and Russian Alexandra Kosteniuk (17)  
 went with the white pieces. Zhu then won game  
 3 with the black pieces but Kosteniuk broke  
 back, winning in turn with black to tie the  
 match at the end of the normal time control  
 games. Zhu won both rapid games to take the  
 match 4-2.

### Zhu Chen – Kosteniuk

#### (2), Slav [D31]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.f3c3 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.f3xe4  
 f3b4+ 6.f3d2 f3xd4 7.f3xb4 f3xe4+ 8.f3e2 f3a6  
 9.f3c3 f6 10.f3f3 f3e7 11.f3d2 f3f4 12.g3 f3c7  
 13.f3h5+ f3g6 14.f4 0-0 15.f3e2 f3e7 16.f3f3 f3f5  
 17.0-0-0 f3b8 18.f3b3 c5 19.f3d2 f3b4 20.f3b1  
 b6 21.f3hd1 a5 22.a4 f3c6 23.g4 f3f7 24.g5  
 f3xg5 25.f3g2 e5 26.f3xe5 f3f5+ 27.f3a1 f3xe5  
 28.f3xg5 f3g6 29.f3g3 f3e7 30.f3d5+ f3h8  
 31.f3c1 f3be8 32.f3e1 f3c7? [32...f3d7! 33.f3xe5  
 f3xa4+ 34.f3a2 f3xe5 35.f3xe5 f3xe5 36.f3xe5  
 f3d3! 37.f3f7! (37.f3xd3? f3f7+; 37.f3e1 f3xc4  
 38.f3xc4 f3xc4 =) 37...f3xc4 38.f3xc4 f3xc4  
 39.f3d1 f3a4 with about equal chances] 33.f3e2  
 f3d7 34.f3xe5 f3xe5 35.f3xe5 f3xa4+ 36.f3a2  
 f3xe5 37.f3xe5 f3g6 38.f3d6 f3e8 39.f3xe8+ f3xe8  
 40.f3c3 h5 41.f3xb6 a4 42.f3e6 1-0.

## Zhu Chen – Kosteniuk

(4), Dutch [A90]

1.d4 f5 2.♁f3 ♁f6 3.g3 e6 4.♁g2 d5 5.0–0 ♁d6  
6.b3 ♖e7 7.c4 c6 8.♁b2 0–0 9.♖c1 a5 10.♁a3  
♁a6 11.♁xd6 ♖xd6 12.c5 ♖e7 13.♁c5 ♁d7  
14.♁xd7 ♁xd7 15.f4 b6 16.cxb6 ♖b4 17.♖c3  
♖xb6 18.♁d2 ♁fc8 19.♁fc1 c5 20.♁f3 ♁c7 21.e3  
♖ac8 22.♖d2 a4 23.♁e5 ♁e8 24.dxc5 ♁xc5  
25.bxa4 ♁xa4 26.♖ab1 ♖a7 27.♖d4 ♁e8 28.♁c2  
♖a3 29.♖c3 ♖a4 30.♖b2 ♖a6 31.♁f1 ♖a7  
32.♖d4 ♖a3 33.♖c3 ♖a4 34.♖b2 ♖e4 35.♁e1 g5  
36.♁g2 ♖a4 37.♁ec1 ♖a5 38.♖c3 ♖a7 39.♖d4  
♖a3 40.♖c3? ♁b3! 41.♖xb3? [41.♖d3 ♖xc1+  
42.♖xc1 ♖xc1+ 43.♁f1 ♁c5 44.♖a3 ♁e4 is much  
better for Black but after the text White is  
simply lost] 41...♖xb3 42.axb3 ♁xc2 43.♁xc2  
♁xc2 44.fxg5 ♁e2 45.♁f3 ♁xe3 46.♁d4 ♁f7  
47.♁f1 ♁d7 48.♁f2 ♁c3 49.b4 e5 50.♁f3 ♁e6  
51.♁h4 e4 52.g6 hxg6 53.♁xg6 d4 54.h4 ♁c2+  
55.♁e1 ♁c1+ 56.♁f2 e3+ 57.♁g1 ♁b5 0–1.

## PAMPLONA

The category 14 New Year tournament was convincingly won by Moldovan GM Viktor Bologan with 7/9. Sharing second place were 14-year old Azerbaijani GM Teimour Radjabov, GM Zoltan Almasi (HUN) and GM Ulf Andersson (SWE) on 5½. Then followed: 5 GM Fressinet (FRA) 5; 6 GM Leitao (BRA) 4½; 7–8 GM Conquest (ENG) & IM De la Riva (ESP) 3½; 9 IM Moreno (ESP) 3; 10 IM Narciso (ESP) 2.

## HASTINGS

Asian players dominated the 77th edition of the Hastings Premier with GMs Barsov (UZB), Harikrishna (IND) and Sasikiran (IND) sharing first place with 6½/9; all were undefeated. Then followed: 4 GM Hebden (ENG) 5; 5–6 GM Kiriakov (RUS) & GM Zhang Zhong (CHN) 4½; 7 GM Gallagher (SUI) 4; 8 IM Pert (ENG) 3½; 9 GM Wells (ENG) 3; 10 WGM Krush (USA) 1.

## STOCKHOLM

The 31st New Year Rilton Cup event, a 9-round Swiss with 131 players, was jointly won by GMs Agrest (SWE), Lalic (ENG), V.Popov (RUS) and Wedberg (SWE) with 7

points. Young English GM Luke McShane was among the nine players on 6½.

## TALLINN

The annual Keres Memorial was a round-robin rapid tournament of 8 players which would have attained category 14 if played at a standard time control. Viktor Gavrikov (LIT) and Evgeni Sveshnikov (RUS) tied for first place on 5 points with Joel Lautier (FRA) alone in third place on 4½. The other players were: 4–5 GM Khalifman (RUS) & GM Richagov (EST) 4; 6 GM Ehlvest (EST) 3; 7 IM Seeman (EST) 1½; 8 GM van Wely (NED) 1.

## U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

In a return to the Swiss system this event, played at Seattle in January, boasted 56 players including 12 women playing for the female title. There was a two-way tie for first place between Nick De Firmian and Larry Christiansen who contested a blitz play-off for the title. After four draws Christiansen won the single game decider.

## WIJK AAN ZEE

The category 18 Corus tournament in January saw a hard fought victory for Evgeny Bareev, possibly a career best result for the Russian GM. From round 5 on Bareev was always at least sharing the lead with 18-year old Alexander Grischuk shadowing him most of the way. When Bareev had his only loss, in round 11, Grischuk as well as Michael Adams and Alexander Khalifman caught up; the third Alexander, former FIDE world champion Khalifman, was then a half-point behind on 6½. In the penultimate round Grischuk beat Khalifman while Bareev also won so, going into the final round these two shared the lead with Adams and Morosevich a half-point behind.

Bareev made hard work of his last game, coming back from an inferior position to beat Rustam Kasimdzhanov, while Grischuk was unable to overcome Jan Timman. Adams and Morosevich drew against Jan Timman and Alexei Dreev respectively to tie for third place. The scores:

					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
1	Bareev E.	RUS	g	2707		½	½	½	0	1	1	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	9	1
2	Grischuk A.	RUS	g	2671	½		0	1	1	0	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	8½	2
3	Adams M.	EN	g	2742	½	1		½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	8	3-4
4	Morosevich A.	RUS	g	2742	½	0	½		½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	1	8	3-4
5	Khalifman A.	RUS	g	2688	1	0	½	½		½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	7½	5
6	Leko P.	HU	g	2713	0	1	½	½	½		½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	7	6
7	Dreev A.	RUS	g	2683	0	½	½	½	½	½		½	1	½	½	½	0	½	6	7-11
8	Gelfand B.	ISR	g	2703	½	½	0	½	½	½	½		0	1	0	1	½	½	6	7-11
9	Piket J.	NE	g	2659	½	0	½	0	½	½	0	1		½	½	1	½	½	6	7-11
10	Lautier J.	FRA	g	2687	0	½	½	0	½	½	½	0	½		1	½	1	½	6	7-11
11	Timman J.	NE	g	2605	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	0		½	½	1	6	7-11
12	Gurevich M.	BEL	g	2641	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	0	0	½	½		1	½	5½	12
13	Kasimdzhanov R.	UZ	g	2695	0	0	½	0	0	½	1	½	½	0	½	0		1	4½	13
14	Van Wely L.	NE	g	2697	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	0		3	14

## Van Wely – Timman, Benoni [A64]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6  
6.♁c3 g6 7.♁g2 ♁g7 8.♁f3 0–0 9.0–0 a6 10.a4 ♁e8  
11.♁d2 ♁bd7 12.h3 ♁b8 13.♁c4 ♁e5 14.♁a3 ♁h5  
15.e4 ♁f8 16.♁h2 f5 17.f4 b5 18.axb5 axb5  
19.fxe5 ♁xg3! 20.♁f3 [20.♁xg3 ♁xe5+ 21.♁f2 b4  
22.♁ab5 bxc3 23.♁xc3 ♖h4+ 24.♁g1 ♖g3 25.♁f3  
♖h2+ 26.♁f1 ♁d7 27.♖c2 fxe4 28.♖xe4 ♁xh3+] ]  
20...♁xe5 21.♁axb5 [21.♁xg3 b4 22.♁e2 bxa3  
23.♁axa3 ♖h4+] 21...♖h4 22.exf5 ♁xf5 23.♁a4  
♁e4 [23...c4! 24.♁a3 ♁g4 +] 24.♁xf8+? [After  
this Black wins by force; instead, after 24.♁xe4  
♁xe4+ 25.♁g1 ♁xf3 26.♖xf3 ♖c1+ 27.♖f1 ♖g3  
28.♁xe4 ♖h2+ 29.♁f2 ♁f8+ 30.♁c2 ♁xf1 31.♁xf1  
♖g3 32.♁c3 ♁xc3 33.bxc3 ♖d3+ 34.♁e2 ♖d1+  
35.♁e1 ♖d3+ and Black can draw but that is all]  
24...♁xf8 25.♁g1 ♁e2+! 26.♖xe2 [26.♁xe2 ♖f2+  
27.♁h1 ♖xg2 mate] 26...♖g3 27.♁f4 ♖xf4 28.♁xe4  
♖g3+ 29.♁h1 ♁f1+! 0–1.

## Bareev – Leko, Queen's Indian [E14]

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 e6 3.♁f3 b6 4.e3 ♁b7 5.♁d3 d5 6.b3  
♁bd7 7.0–0 ♁d6 8.♁c3 0–0 9.♁b2 c5 10.cxd5  
exd5 11.♁c1 ♁e8 12.♁f5 ♖e7 13.♖c2 ♁e4 14.♁fd1  
♁ad8 15.dxc5 ♁dxc5 16.b4 ♁a6 17.a3 ♁c7  
18.♁d4 g6 19.♁xe4 dxe4 20.g3 ♁d5 [20...gxf5?

21.♁xf5 ♖e6 22.♁xd6 ♁xd6 23.♁xd6 ♖xd6 24.♖c3  
f6 25.♖xc7 +] 21.♁h3 ♁e5 22.b5 ♖g5 23.♖b3 ♁f6  
24.♖a4 ♖h5 25.♁g2 ♁c8 26.♁xc8 ♁xc8 27.h3  
♖g5?? 28.♁xc8 ♁xc8 29.♁c6 + ♁xb2 30.♁e7+  
♁g7 31.♁xc8 ♖f5 32.♁d6 ♖f3+ 33.♁g1 ♁e5 34.♖c2  
h5 35.h4 ♖g4 36.♁g2 ♖f3+ 37.♁g1 ♖g4 38.♖b3  
♁xg3 39.♖xf7+ ♁h6 40.♖f8+ ♁h7 41.♖e7+ 1–0.

## Timman – Bareev, English [A29]

1.c4 e5 2.♁c3 ♁f6 3.♁f3 ♁c6 4.g3 ♁c5 5.♁g2 0–0  
6.♁xe5 ♁xf2+ 7.♁xf2 ♁xe5 8.b3 ♁e8 9.♁f1 d5  
10.d4 ♁eg4+ 11.♁g1 dxc4 12.bxc4 ♁e3 13.♁xe3  
♁xe3 14.♖d2 ♁e8 15.♁ad1 c6 16.♖f4 ♁g4 17.♁f2  
♁h5 18.d5 cxd5 19.♁xd5 ♁g4 20.♁ff1 ♁e5 21.♖c1  
♁xe2 22.♁f6+ gxf6 23.♁xd8 ♁axd8 24.♁xb7 ♁g7  
25.♁d5 ♁xf1 26.♖xf1 ♁b8 27.♖f2 ♁d3 28.♖xa7  
♁e1+ 29.♁g2 ♁b2+ 30.♁h3 ♁e5 31.g4 ♁ee2  
32.♁g3 ♁xa2 33.♖c5 ♁ad2 0–1.

## Kasimdzhanov – Bareev, Semi-Slav [D45]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♁c3 ♁f6 4.e3 e6 5.♁f3 ♁bd7  
6.♖c2 ♁d6 7.g4 h6 8.♁d2 ♖e7 9.♁g1 e5 10.cxd5  
♁xd5 11.♁e4 ♁b4 12.0–0–0 exd4 13.♁xd4 ♁xd2+  
14.♁xd2 g6 15.♁c4 ♁b4 16.♖b3 0–0 17.♁f5 gxf5  
18.gxf5+ ♁h7 19.♁d6 ♁d5 20.♁xd5 cxd5 21.♖xd5  
♁f6 22.♖d4 ♁d7 23.e4 ♁g8 24.♁gd1 ♁c6 25.e5 ♁e8

26. 2c4 2c8 27. 2b1 2g5 28. 2e3 2g7 29. 2h4 2h5  
30. 2f4 2f3 31. 2d4 2xf4 32. 2xf4 2ce8 33. 2f6 2h5  
0-1.

### FIDE Rating List

The 1 January rating list shows Gary Kasparov with an unchanged 2838 on top while Vladimir Kramnik gained 7 points since the previous six-monthly list. Vishy Anand retains his third ranking despite losing 37 points. The big mover was new FIDE world champion Ruslan Ponomarev who gained 43 points, taking him from 21st place to 7th.

The top 32:

1	Kasparov G.	RUS	2838
2	Kramnik V.	RUS	2709
3	Anand V.	IND	2757
4	Adams M.	ENG	2742
5	Morosevich A.	RUS	2742
6	Topalov V.	BUL	2739
7	Ponomarev R.	UKR	2727
8	Ivanchuk V.	UKR	2717
9	Shirov A.	ESP	2715
10	Leko P.	HUN	2713
11	Bareev E.	RUS	2707
12	Gelfand B.	ISR	2703
13	Smirin I.	ISR	1702
14	Van Wely L.	NED	2697
15	Kasimdzhanov R.	UZB	2695
16	Karpov A.	RUS	2693
17	Svidler P.	RUS	2688
18	Khalifman A.	RUS	2688
19	Lautier J.	FRA	2687
20	Dreev A.	RUS	2683
21	Akopian V.	ARM	2680
22	Polgar J.	HUN	2677
23	Azmaiparashvili Z.	GEO	2676

24	Ye Jiangchuan	CHN	2676
25	Grischuk A.	RUS	2671
26	Short N.	ENG	2663
27	Vaganian R.	ARM	2662
28	Sokolov I.	BIH	2659
29	Piket J.	NED	2659
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