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Anthony Ker flanked by Alex Wohl (left) and Tim Reilly,  
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will next appear in April issue*

**Front Cover:** Alex Wohl (left) and Tim Reilly,  
Australian co-winners of the championship  
tournament, with 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Anthony Ker and  
the silver rook which he retained.

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## 110<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Chess Congress

by Ted Frost

As NZCF President Bob Smith says in his first newsletter of the year, Wanganui did a splendid job in hosting the 110<sup>th</sup> NZ Chess Congress. However, some policy changes also made positive contributions, not least being the upmarket move of holding the event in a hotel-motel with excellent accommodation and full cooperation in provision of playing facilities.

The Collegiate Hotel and Motor Inn fulfilled expectations, and testimony to success of the arrangements was that over the 11 days no fewer than 53 people associated with the Congress stayed in the hotel – not all at once, with some including a family group attending just for the rapid. But this level of support for the venue speaks for itself.

Also the post-New Year start appeared to find favour and attract support. While reservations had been expressed in some quarters before the event, comments at Congress were positive. Some players acknowledged that if the Congress had started on the traditional time between Christmas and New Year they would not have been there. While the initiative to make this change was taken by Wanganui, it was approved by the NZCF AGM so is effective until any further change is brought forward and adopted.

### Australians dominate

The hotel arranged for part of the dining area and an adjoining room to be used for play, which worked out well. The championship was dominated by the two Australian visitors, IM Alex Wohl and FM Tim Reilly, who see-sawed in the lead and tied for first. After a slow start (2 points after four rounds) national champion Anthony Ker worked up towards the lead and although he could not contend for top honours with the Australians eventually finished alone in third place and retained his title. He achieved the title in the last round, after no fewer than 8 New Zealand players were within half a point of each other with two rounds to go and were taking part in what effectively was a separate championship event within the main tourna-

ment.

Notable achievements in the course of play included Nic Croad's win over IM Wohl in round 2, Tony Dowden's win over Wohl in round 9 which clinched the NZ Master title for him, Anthony Ker's only loss (to Bob Smith in round 4), and Puchen Wang's win over Tony Dowden in the last round which kept Tony out of a share of the NZ title.

Once again there was some difficulty in filling the minimum field of 18 for a Swiss championship, with Wanganui players Chris Burns filling the last place and Martin Post agreeing to play when Fijian Manoj Kumar withdrew after three rounds.

Bruce Pollard was an efficient director of play. He used Swiss Perfect software to prepare the draws, but it encountered pairing problems in the last couple of rounds of the championship which probably would have caused difficulties for any computer or director of play dealing with 18 players in an 11-round event. In the last two rounds the Australian leaders were paired into the bottom half of the field and so were many of the pairings for NZ Championship contenders. This led to one protest, but the disputes committee decided to make no changes.

One other protest was lodged, on a point which might not be clearly understood by all players. Under the tournament rules, when there is a race against the clock (in particular, when approaching the 40<sup>th</sup> move), if the arbiter sees a flag fall before the 40<sup>th</sup> move, that ends the game. It doesn't matter if the flag fall is not observed by the players and no claim is made. In this case some extra moves were played after flag-fall and a draw offered and accepted, all in a few seconds. The rule does not state that the arbiter must inform the players immediately or as soon as practicable – it simply says "game over" and that was what the director of play ruled. The disputes committee upheld the director of play's ruling, but agreed that arbiters should declare the result as near to instantaneously as possible, although this is not stated in

the rule. Flag fall seen by the arbiter is absolute and anything that happens afterwards is irrelevant.

Unlike the Championship, the Major Open was a one-horse race. There were 44 starters, but John McDonald struck a purple patch and set up a picket fence which was a totally effective barrier which no-one in the field could cross. His 11-0 score put him a huge 3.5 points ahead of Nathan Goodhue, Bryan Latimer and Martin Lund.

### Team effort

Wanganui CC president Gordon Hoskyn was delighted with reactions from players, particularly the visitors, to the tournament arrangements, but acknowledged that it was the result of a year's preparations by a dedicated team. He had the assistance of Allan Short and Barry Williams on the match committee which took central responsibility. The first big job, six months ahead of the tournament was design, layout and printing of the brochures and entry forms, which was carried out by Ted Frost. Short, Frost, John Wilson and Kevin Yorston handled pre-Congress emailed enquiries.

At Congress time David Bell was busy meeting planes and buses and transporting players and officials on a daily basis. Rose Harris kept the players well fed and watered during the playing sessions, while Barry Williams burned the midnight oil recording all the games and producing daily bulletins. Ted Frost emailed daily results to the *Wanganui Chronicle* and to Michael Freeman for the NZ web page.

Finally, there was a tournament setup and breakdown crew consisting of the match committee plus Bell, Harris, Wilson and Ross Maxwell and Dan Hurley.

Gordon Hoskyn has extended his thanks to them all.

### Round 1

G Spain (Hamilton) 0, A Wohl (Australia) 1; T Reilly (Australia) 1, H Bennett (Hamilton) 0; A Ker (Wellington) .5, D Guthrie (Wellington) .5; M van der Hoorn (Wellington) 1, L McLaren (North Shore) 0; D Cooper

(Wanganui) 0, R Smith (Waitemata) 1; S Lukey (Wellington) 1, P Wang (Auckland) 0; M Turner (Wellington) 0, P W Stuart (North Shore) 1; N Croad (Wellington) 1, C Burns (Wanganui) 0; M Kumar (Fiji) 0, T Dowden (Otago) 1.

There were no surprises in round 1, all top players winning their games except defending champion Anthony Ker. However, Anthony's draw with David Guthrie was no surprise, as its not the first time Anthony has made a quiet start in a tournament.

### Reilly, T - Bennett, H

[A52] R 1

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 ♗g4 4.♙f4 ♘b4+ 5. ♗d2 d6 6.exd6 ♞f6 7.e3 ♗xf2 8.♗xf2 g5 9.♗e4 ♞xb2+ 10.♙e2 gxf4 11.exf4 ♗c6 12.♞b1 ♞g7 13.♗f3 ♙f5? 14.♞d5 ♙e6 15.♞b5 f5 16.♗eg5 ♙d7 17.♞xb4 h6 18.♞xb7 0-0 19.♗e6+— time 1-0

### Round 2

Wohl 0 Croad 1, Stuart 0 Reilly 1, Smith 1 van der Hoorn 0, Dowden 1 Lukey 0, McLaren 0 Ker 1, Guthrie .5 Spain .5, Bennett .5 Turner .5, Burns .5 Cooper .5, Wang .5, Kumar .5.

The first major upset of the championship occurred in this round, with defeat of top-seed Alex Wohl by the young Wellington player, Nic Croad.

### Wohl, A - Croad, N

[B57] R 2

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 ♗c6 6.♙c4 ♞b6 7.♗db5 a6 8.♙e3 ♞d8 9.♗d4 ♗e5 10.♗b3 ♞c7 11.♙e2 e6 12.f4 ♗c4 13.♙xc4 ♞xc4 14.♞f3 ♙e7 15.0-0-0 0-0 16.g4 ♞c7 17.g5 ♗d7 18.♞hg1 b5 19.♙d4 b4 20.♞d3 bxc3 21. ♙xc3 ♞b7 22.♗a5 ♞b5 23.♗c6 ♙e8 24.♙xg7 ♗xg7 25.f5 exf5 26.exf5 ♙b7 27.f6+ ♗h8 28.fxe7 ♙xc6 29.♙xc6 ♙ab8 30.♞c3+ ♞e5 31.♞xe5+ dxe5 32.♙xa6 ♙xe7 33.♙a7 ♙be8 34.a4 ♗g7 35. a5 e4 36.♙e1 ♗g6 37.b4 ♗xg5 38.♙c7 ♗b8 39. ♙c5+ f5 40.b5 ♙e5 41.♙g1+ ♗f6 42.♙xe5 ♙xe5 43.c4 ♙c5 44.♙g8 ♙xc4+ 45.♗d2 ♗d7 46.a6 ♙a4 47.♙d8 ♗e7 48.♙h8 f4 49.♙xh7+ ♗d6 50.♗c3 f3 51.♙f7 ♗e6 52.♙f4 ♗f6 53.♗b3 ♙a1 54.♗c4 ♗e5 0-1

Dowden, T – Lukey, S  
[B23] R 2

1.e4 c5 2.d3 c3 3.f4 g6 4.f3 g7 5.b5 d4 6.0-0 e6 7.dxd4 cxd4 8.e2 b6 9.d3 e7 10.h1 d5 11.c4 dxe4 12.e4 0-0 13.d3 c6 14.b1 a5 15.b3 d7 16.a3 f7e8 17.e1 e7 18.g1 f5 19.b4 e6 20.f3 axb4 21. b4 c7 22.e5 f7 23.dxc6 bxc6 24.b3 eb8 25.xb8 26.g4 e3 27.f3 b1 28. d2 xel+ 29.xe1 b6 30.f2 wb1+ 31.g1 xa3 32.f5 e5 33.fgx6 hgx6 34.g5 e7 35.g3 xc4 36.xc6 a5 37.d5 b8 38.f3 f8 39. e4 xg5 40.xg6+ 41. b6 e3 42. xe3 dxe3 43. d8+ 44. xa5 45. e4 46. e1 47. g1 48. xg5+ 49. f3 1-0

Smith, RW – van der Hoorn, M  
[B16] R 2

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.d3 dxe4 4.dxe4 f6 5. dxf6+ gxf6 6.e2 f5 7.g3 g6 8.h4 h5 9. e2 e6 10.c3 a5 11.a4 d6 12.b4 d5 13.0-0 14.fgx3 15.a5 a6 16.f4 e4 17.c4 f5 18.b3 g6 19.c3 g8 20.ae1 f5 21. g5 g7 22.f3 xf3 23.fxf3 xf8 24.d5 c8 25. e3 cxd5 26.cxd5 f6 27.dxe6 28.e7+ 29. e1 c6 30. xxc8+ 31. d4 f6 32. xf6 dxf6 33. xxf6 xxe7 34. fh8+ 35. d7 36. d1+ 1-0

Round 3

Reilly 1 Dowden 0, Croad 1 Smith 0, Ker .5 Wohl .5, Lukey .5 Guthrie .5, van der Hoorn 1 Stuart 0, Spain 1 Burns 0, Kumar 0 Bennett 1, Cooper .5 Wang .5, Turner 1 McLaren 0.

Croad continued on his winning way against another FIDE titled player, FM Bob Smith. He shared the lead on 3 with Reilly, who won from Dowden while Wohl stayed off the pace with a draw against Ker. After three rounds the joint leaders were a full point clear of Smith, Ker, Dowden and van der Hoorn.

Reilly, T – Dowden, T  
[A70] R 3

1.d4 f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.d3 g6 5.e4 g7 6. h3 e7 7.f3 exd5 8.cxd5 0-0 9.d3 b7 10.0-0 h5 11.g5 f6 12.h6 e8 13.d2 a6 14.

e2 g7 15.a4 b8 16.f4 e5 17.xe5 xe5 (=) 18.f4 d7 19.c4 b6 20.d2 f5 21.e5 xc4 22.xc4 dxe5 23.fxe5 24.f4 e8 25.d6+ h8 26.f7 g5 27. h2 xf7 28. xe5 d7 29. xc5 e8 30. e3 f4 31. e5 h6 32. ae1 e6 33. e7 xe7 34. dxe7 g8 35. e4 f5 36. f6+ f7 37. e8+ xe8 38. xe8 xe8 39. xe8 xe8 40. f2 e7 41. e1 d7 42. e5 d6 43. f3 b6 44. e2 b5 45. axb5 axb5 46. d4 c4 47. h5 e3 48. d2+ e6 49. d6 h6 d5 50. b4 g4 51. h5 g3 52. h4 e4 53. d5 g5 54. xg2 55. a2 g2 56. xg2 1-0

Croad, N – Smith, RW  
[A39] R 3

1.f3 f6 2.c4 c5 3.g3 g6 4.g2 g7 5.d3 c6 6.d4 cxd4 7.dxd4 0-0 8.0-0 d4 9.e3 d6 10. xc6 bxc6 11. dxc6 d7 12. d5 e8 13. f3 b7 14. d4 h5 15. e2 eac8 16. d2 e6 17. d3 a6 18. dcb5 d5 19. b3 e5 20. d3 dxc4 21. bxc4 e4 22. dfd4 e5 23. eac1 b7 24. fdl a6 25. d3 xxc4 26. e1 fh3 27. fl fl+ 28. dxf1 d3 29. b1 e8 30. dxe4 fh3+ 31. d g1 xxe4 32. xxd3 33. exd4 time 1-0 33. exd4 34. xxd4 35. fb8+ h7 played after flag-fall.

Turner, M – McLaren, L  
[B38] R 3

1.d4 f6 2.f3 g6 3.c4 g7 4.d3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6. e2 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8. dxd4 c6 9. e3 dxd4 10. xd4 d7 11. d5 a5 12. xg7 d7 13. c2 c5 14. ad1 e6 15. d3 e7 16. d2 e5 17. fdl e6 18. d5 g5 19. e3 d4 20. f4 d8 21. g3 f6 22. f5 g5 23. h4 h6 24. h5 d7 25. h2 e8 26. b3 b5 27. e3 e6 28. f3 fb6 29. d2 dxc2 30. xxc2 bxc4 31. xxc4 b5 32. e1 e3 33. xxc8 xxc8 34. a4 d3 35. g4 e3 36. fh5 gxh4 37. g6+ h8 38. xxf6+ d g8 39. e6+ h7 40. g6+ h8 41. f6+ h7 42. f7+ h8 43. fh8+ h7 44. h5 g3+ 45. h1 1-0

Round 4

Croad 0 Reilly 1, Smith 1 Ker 0, Dowden .5 van der Hoorn .5, Wohl 1 Bennett 0, Spain 0 Lukey 1, Guthrie 1 Turner 0, Stuart .5 Cooper, .5, Wang 1 Burns 0, McLaren 1 Post 0.

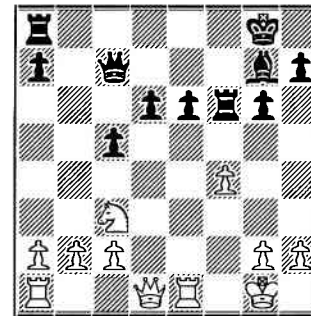
Reilly took the outright lead by beating Croad, who stayed in second place with Bob Smith, followed by a group on 2.5. The Fijian player, Manoj Kumar, withdrew after defaulting in round 3 and was replaced by Wanganui's Martin Post.

Wohl, A – Bennett, H  
[A01] R 4

1.b3 d6 2. b2 e5 3. g3 f5 4. g2 f6 5. c4 g6 6. d4 e4 7. d3 g7 8.0-0 0-0 9. d3 c6 10. d5 e5 11. f3 exf3 12. exf3 a5 13. d2 a4 14. d2 b5 d7 15. d4 b5 16. cxb5 axb3 17. axb3 xa1 18. xa1 b8 19. f4 d6 20. d5 b6 21. h3 h6 22. d6 e6 23. dxe6 d4 24. e3 dxc3 25. e7 e8 26. d5+ h8 27. a8 d2+ 28. xe2 d4+ 29. h1 1-0

Smith, RW – Ker, A  
[B09] R 4

1.e4 d6 2.d4 f6 3.d3 g6 4.f4 g7 5.f3 c5 6.e5 f7 7.e6 fxe6 8.d5 f6 9.b5+ d6 10.dxc5 0-0 11.0-0 c7 12.cxd6 exd6 13.e1 d8 14.e3 f7 15.dxf7 xf7 16.e2 d7 17.f3 e6 18.xc6 bxc6 19.d4 c5 20.xf6 xf6



21. d22. xxd5+ h8 23. xa8+ f8 24. e8 d4+ 25. h1 xe8 26. d5 exd5 xe8+ g7 27. c3 f6 28. d1 b7 29. e2 d5 30. h3 d4 31. cxd4 cxd4 32. b3 c7 33. d2 h5 34. e1 d6 35. c2 h6 36. e4 d8 37. d1 d7 38. d3 h4 39. g4 hgx3 40. xg3 f7 41. f5 g5 42. h4 fh5 43. d2 g7 44. hgx5 xg5 45. xxd4+ d

Wang, P – Burns, C  
[C26] R 4

1.e4 e5 2.d3 c6 3. e4 c6 4.d4 exd4 5. xxd4 d6 6. g5 e7 7. f3 0-0 8.0-0 g4 9. xxf6 xxf6 10.e5 xf3 11. exf6 h5 12. fxg7 e8 13. fe1 d5 14. xe8+ xe8 15. xd5 cxd5 16. dxd5 d7 17. d7 c7 18. dxa8 c5 19. e5 g6 20. d7 e6 21. dxe6 xe6 22. xe6 fxe6 23. d1 xxc2 24. d7 e4 25. f4 d5 26. a3 a6 27. d2 h6 28. g3 e6 29. e7 d5 30. e3 b5 31. d4 h5 32. e5 e4 33. f6 e5 34. e8+ h7 35. e8# 1-0

Round 5

Reilly .5 Smith .5; Lukey 1, Croad 0; van der Hoorn 0, Wohl 1; Guthrie .5, Dowden .5; Ker 1, Wang 0; Bennett .5 Stuart .5; Turner .5, Spain .5; Cooper 0, McLaren 1; Burns 1 Post 0. Leading scores: Reilly 4.5; Wohl, Smith, Lukey 3.5; Ker, Croad, Dowden. Guthrie 3.

Reilly and Smith drew in round 5, but Reilly maintained a one-point margin over Wohl, Smith and Lukey.

Lukey, S – Croad, N  
[A57] R 5

1.d4 f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4. f3 d6 5. cxb5 a6 6. e3 g6 7. d3 g7 8.a4 0-0 9. d2 b7 10. h3 axb5 11. axb5 b7 12. e4 e6 13. dxe6 fxe6 14. g5 xa1 15. xa1 c7 16. d3 (=) 16...d5 17. exd5 exd5 18.0-0 d4 19. e4+ h8 20. xxf6 dxf6 21. e2 xf3 22. gxf3 d7 23. b6 d5 24. a7 fh3 25. c7 f5 26. d3 g5+ 27. d3 dxc3 28. xg3 e7 29. a1 e5 30. e1 xg3 31. xe7 f4 32. b7 b8 33. b3 h5 34. xg6 e8 35. e7# 1-0

Ker, A – Wang, P  
[C15] R 5

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. d3 b4 4. a3 xc3+ 5. bxc3 d7 6. g4 d6 7.e5 c5 8. d3 c4 9. xg6 hgx6 10. g5 a5 11. e2 d7 12. d2 a4 13. h4 c6 14. h5 gxh5 15. xh5 e8 16. e7 b6 17. c1 d7 18. b1 a6 19. h4 b3 20. xg7

♖xa3+ 21.♔d2 ♖af8 22.♔c1 ♔a5 23.♖g6 ♔e8 24.♖f6 b6 25.♖a1 25.♖d8# 1-0

**Burns,C – Post,M**  
[A00] R 5

1.b4 d5 2.♁b2 e6 3.e3 ♔f6 4.a3 c6 5.♔f3 ♁d6 6.c4 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♁e2 ♔bd7 9.♔c3 ♁b7 10.0-0 0-0 11.d3 ♖e8 12.♖c1 ♔e5 13.h3 ♖e7 14.♔d4 ♖d7 15.e4 ♔g6 16.♔f5 ♔f4 17.♁g4 ♖d8 18.exd5 cxd5 19.♔xd6 ♖xd6 20.♔b5 ♖d8 21.♔c7 d4 22.♔xe8 ♖xe8 23.♁xd4 ♔xg4 24.♖xg4 ♔e2+ 25.♔h1 ♔xd4 26.♖xd4 ♖d8 27.♖fe1 ♖f8 28.♖e5 ♖xd3 29.♖e7 ♁a6 30.♖xf8+ [30.b5] 30...♔xf8 31.b5 ♁b7 32.♖c7 ♖xh3+ 33.♔g1 ♖xa3 34.♖xb7 1-0

**Round 6**

Wohl 1 Reilly 0, Smith .5 Lukey .5, Dowden .5 Ker .5, Croad 1 Guthrie 0, Wang .5 van der Hoorn .5, McLaren .5 Bennett .5, Stuart .5 Spain .5, Burns 0 Turner 1, Post .5 Cooper .5.

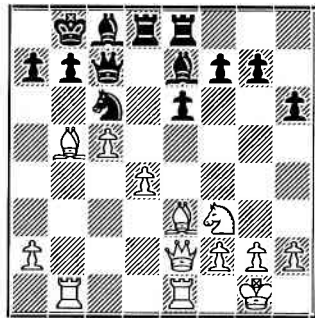
The field bunched and Wohl got back up to the top of the leader board with a win over Reilly, and on 4.5 they were only half a point ahead of Lukey and Croad, with Ker and Dowden another half-point back.

**Wohl,A – Reilly,T**  
[B07] R 6

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♔f6 3.♔c3 g6 4.♁g5 ♁g7 5.♖d2 c6 6.f4 0-0 7.♔f3 b5 8.♁d3 ♁g4 9.0-0 b4 10.♔e2 ♖b6 11.a3 c5 12.e5 dxe5 13.fxe5 ♔d5 14.♁e4 e6 15.♔f4 ♁xf3 16.♁xf3 bxa3 17.♁xd5 exd5 18.♔xd5 ♖xb2 19.♔c7 ♔c6 20.♔xa8 ♖xa8 21.♁f6 ♖xd4+ 22.♖xd4 cxd4 23.♖xa3 ♔xe5 24.♁xg7 ♔xg7 25.♖a5 ♔g4 26.♖f4 ♔e3 27.♖c5 ♖b8 28.♖xd4 ♖b2 29.♖d2 ♖b1+ 30.♔f2 ♔f1 31.♖d4 h5 32.h3 ♔h6 33.♖cd5 1-0

**Croad,N – Guthrie,D**  
[E97] R 6

1.♔f3 ♔f6 2.c4 g6 3.♔c3 ♁g7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.♁e2 e5 7.0-0 ♔c6 8.d5 ♔e7 9.b4 ♔h5 10.♖e1 h6 11.a4 f5 12.♔d2 ♔f4 13.♁f1 g5 14.g3 ♔f6 15.c5 ♖f6 16.♁a3 ♔h8 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.♖c1 ♔f7 19.♖c2 g4 20.♔b5 ♔g5 21.♖c7 ♖xc7 22.♖xc7 ♁f8 23.♁g2 a6 24.♔c3 f4 25.a5 fxg3 26.hxg3 ♔f3+ 27.♁xf3 gxf3 28.♔a4 ♁g4 29.♖xb7 18...f6 19.♁f4 ♖xf4



h5 30.♔b6 ♖d8 31.♔f1 ♔g6 32.b5 axb5 33.a6 h4 34.a7 hxg3 35.♔xg3 ♔f4 36.♖b8 1-0

**Round 7**

Smith 0 Wohl 1, Reilly .5 Lukey .5, Ker 1 Croad 0, Turner .5 Dowden .5, van der Hoorn .5 Guthrie .5, Bennett .5 P Wang .5, Spain .5 Cooper .5, McLaren 1 Burns 0, Post .5 Stuart .5.

Wohl took over the lead with 5.5, winning against Smith, while Reilly was held to a draw by Lukey and held second on 5. Ker and Lukey were half a point back on 4.5, with another half-point to Smith, Croad and Dowden.

**Smith,RW - Wohl,A**  
[A40] R 7

1.d4 e6 2.♔f3 b6 3.e4 ♁b7 4.♁d3 h6 5.0-0 ♔e7 6.c4 d6 7.♔c3 ♔d7 8.♖e1 g5 9.d5 ♁g7 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.♁c2 ♔g6 12.♔d4 ♖f6 13.♁e3 0-0 14.♖f1 ♔de5 15.b3 ♖ad8 16.f3 c5 17.♔de2 ♔f4 18.♖e1 d5 19.♁xf4 gxf4 20.exd5 exd5 21.♔xd5 ♁xd5 22.cxd5 ♖xd5 23.♔c3 ♔d3 24.♖e4?! [24.♔xd5 ♖d4+ 25.♖f2 ♔xe1 26.♔e7+=] 24...♖d4+ 25.♔h1 ♖xe4 26.fxe4 ♖dd8 27.♖ad1 ♔b4 0-1

**Ker,A – Croad,N**  
[B22] R 7

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♔f6 3.e5 ♔d5 4.d4 cxd4 5.♔f3 d6 6.cxd4 ♔c6 7.♔c3 ♔xc3 8.bxc3 e6 9.exd6 ♁xd6 10.♁d3 ♖c7 11.0-0 h6 12.♖e1 ♁d7 13.♖e2 0-0-0 14.♖b1 ♔b8 15.c4 ♁c8 16.♁e3 ♖he8 17.c5 ♁e7 18.♁b5

19...e5 20.dxe5 ♁xc5 21.♁xc6 ♖xc6 22.♖b5 ♖xb5 23.♖xb5± 20.♁xc6 1-0

**Round 8**

Lukey 0 Wohl 1, Ker .5 Reilly .5, Dowden .5 Croad .5, Guthrie .5 Smith .5, Turner 0 van der Hoorn 1, Wang 0 McLaren 1, Cooper .5 Bennett .5, Stuart 1 Burns 0, Spain 1 Post 0.

Wohl increased his lead by beating Lukey, while the other leadership contenders all drew. This put Wohl on 6.5, with Reilly 5.5, Ker 5 and Lukey, Croad, Dowden, Smith and van der Hoorn all on 4.5.

**Smith,RW – Wohl,A**  
[A40] R 8

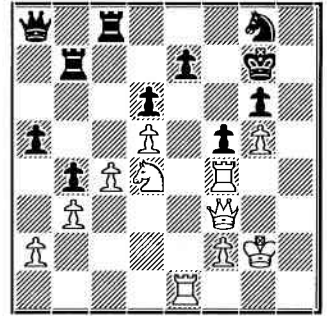
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**Turner,M – van der Hoorn,M**  
[A25] R 8

1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♔c6 3.♁g2 f5 4.♔c3 ♔f6 5.e3 ♁b4 6.♔d5 d6 7.a3 ♁a5 8.b4 ♁b6 9.♁b2 0-0 10.♔e2 f4 11.♔xb6 axb6 12.exf4 ♖e8 13.0-0 ♖h5 14.d4 e4 15.f5 ♁xf5 16.♔f4 ♖h6 17.f3 ♖ae8 18.♁c1 g5 19.♔d5 ♖g7 20.♔xf6+ ♖xf6 21.♁b2 e3 22.♖e1 ♖f7 23.♖b3 ♔xd4 24.♁xd4 ♖xd4 25.♖ad1 ♖e5 26.f4 gxf4 27.♖d5 ♖e6 28.♖d4 ♁h3 29.♖e4 ♖xe4 30.♁xe4 ♖xe4 31.♖c1 f3 32.c5 f2+ 33.♔h1 e2 0-1

**Stuart,P – Burns,C**  
[A39] R 8

1.c4 ♔f6 2.♔c3 c5 3.♔f3 ♔c6 4.g3 g6 5.♁g2 ♁g7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.♔xd4 ♔g4 9.e3 h5 [9...d6 Croad-Smith rd.3 1-0] 10.b3 ♖b8 11.♁b2 ♔xd4 12.exd4 b6 13.♖d2 ♁b7 14.♖fe1 ♁xg2 15.♔xg2 d6 16.h3 ♔f6 17.d5 ♖e8 18.♖e2 ♔h7 19.♖ae1 ♖b7 20.♔b5 a6 21.♔d4 ♔g8 22.♔c6 ♖a8 23.♁xg7 ♔xg7 24.♖c3+ ♔h6 25.♖f3



♔g7 26.g4 hxg4 27.hxg4 b5 28.g5 b4 29.♖e4 a5 30.♔d4 ♖c8 31.♖f4 f5

32.♖xf5 Mate in 7.  
32...gxf5 33.♖xf5 ♔f6 34.gxf6+ exf6 35.♔e6+ 1-0

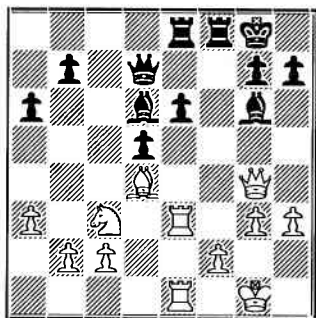
**Round 9**

Wohl 0 Dowden 1, Reilly 1 van der Hoorn 0, Lukey .5, Ker .5, Smith 1 Wang 0, Croad 1 Post 0, McLaren 0 Stuart 1, Bennett 0 Spain 1, Burns 0 Guthrie 1, Cooper .5 Turner .5.

After five successive wins to establish a clear lead, Wohl was brought back towards the pack by Dowden, whose win assured him of enough points to gain the NZ Master title. Reilly, Smith and Croad all posted wins, along with Spain, Guthrie and Stuart, so the leader board changed quite dramatically. The two Australians shared the lead on 6.5, still a point clear of Ker and Smith, with Lukey, Dowden, Stuart, Spain and Guthrie all on 5. So after 9 rounds, there were 8 players within half a point in contention for the silver rook.

**Wohl,A (2422) – Dowden,T**  
[C17] R 9

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♔c3 ♁b4 4.e5 c5 5.dxc5 ♔c6 6.♔f3 ♁xc5 7.♁d3 f6 8.exf6 ♔xf6 9.♁g5 0-0 10.0-0 ♁d7 11.♖e2 a6 12.♖ad1 ♁d6 13.a3 ♖c7 14.♖fe1 ♔g4 15.h3 ♔ge5 16.♔xe5 ♔xe5 17.♁e3 ♁e8 18.♁d4 ♔xd3 19.♖xd3 ♁f7 20.♖e3 ♖ae8 21.g3 ♖d7 22.♖g4 ♁g6



25.♖b3 b6 26.f4 ♜c8 27.c3 ♜c6 28.a4 ♙d8  
29.♗e2 f6 30.a5 0-0 31.axb6 ♙xb6 32.g5  
fxg5 33.fxg5 hxg5 34.♙xg5 e5 35.dxe5 ♖f5  
36.♙xb6 axb6 0-1

**Round 10**

Guthrie 0, Reilly 1; Wohl .5, McLaren .5;  
Dowden 1, Smith 0; Stuart 0, Ker  
1; Spain 0, Croad 1; Burns 0, Lukey 1; van  
der Hoorn 1, Cooper 0; Wang 1, Turner  
0; Post 0, Bennett 1. Leading scores: Reilly  
7.5; Wohl 7; Ker, Croad, Dowden 6.5; Lukey 6.  
Reilly crept ahead again with a win over  
Guthrie, while Wohl fought for 78 moves to  
try to win but was held to a draw by  
McLaren. As the two Australians were now  
being paired in mid-field, none of the cham-  
pionship contenders had to meet them in the  
final rounds. Dowden versus Smith was all or  
nothing for these contenders and Dowden  
came out the winner. The other contenders  
were also being paired down the field, and  
with all striving for wins there were few  
draws in this round. Ker and Croad kept the  
title in sight with wins. Lukey also stayed in  
contention with a win. So with a round to  
go, Reilly led with 7.5, ahead of Wohl 7,  
with Ker, Croad and Dowden all on 6.5 and  
Lukey on their heels with 6.

23.♗xd5 ♙f5 24.♖g5 h6 25.♖h5 ♙xc2 26.  
♗b6 ♖f7 27.♖e2 ♙f5 28.♗c4 ♙b8 29.♙c5  
♙xh3 30.♙xf8 ♖xf8 31.g4 ♙xg4 32.♖xg4  
♖xf2+ 0-1

**Smith,RW – Wang,P**

[A07] R 9

1.♗f3 d5 2.g3 ♗f6 3.♙g2 e6 4.0-0 ♙d6 5.  
♗b6 6.♗bd2 c5 7.e4 ♗c6 8.♖e1 ♙c7 9.c3  
dxe4 10.dxe4 e5 11.♖e2 ♖e7 12.♗f1 ♖d8  
13.♙g5 h6 14.♙xf6 ♖xf6 15.♗e3 ♗e7 16.  
♗d2 ♙e6 17.a4 a6 18.a5 ♖g6 19.♗dc4 f6  
20.♖ed1 ♖f7 21.h4 ♙xc4 22.♗xc4 ♗c6 23.  
♖d5 ♖e7 24.♖g4 ♖f8 25.h5 ♗h8 26.♙h3  
♖xd5 27.exd5 ♗a7 28.♖g6 ♖d8 29.♙f5  
♖g8 30.♗e3 ♗c8 31.♙xc8 ♖xc8 32.♗f5  
♖d8 33.c4 ♖f8 34.♗g2 ♖d7 35.♗f3 ♖d8  
36.♗g2 ♙d6 37.♖g4 ♙f8 38.♗h4 ♖e8 39.  
♖e1 ♗g8 40.♗g6 ♖f7 41.♖f5 ♖d6 42.f4  
exf4 43.gxf4 b5 44.axb6 ♖xb6 45.♖c8  
♖xb2+ 46.♗g1 ♖b3 47.♖e8 ♖b1+ 48.♗g2  
♖b2+ 49.♗g3 ♖b3+ 50.♗h4 ♖h3+ 51.♗xh3  
1-0

**Bennett,H – Spain,G**

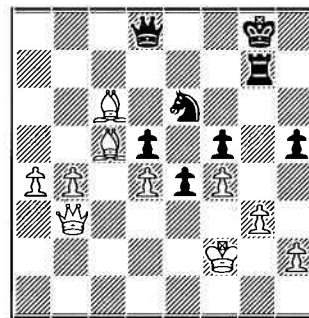
[B01] R 9

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♖xd5 3.♗c3 ♖a5 4.d4 ♗f6  
5.♙c4 c6 6.♗f3 ♙f5 7.♗e5 e6 8.g4 ♙g6 9.  
h4 ♗bd7 10.♗xd7 ♗xd7 11.h5 ♙e4 12.♖h3  
♙g2 13.♖e3 ♗b6 14.♙d3 ♙d5 15.♖e2 ♗a4  
16.♙d2 ♗xb2 17.♗d1 ♗xd3+ 18.♖xd3  
♖b5 19.♖f5 ♙e7 20.♖f4 h6 21.♗c3 ♖c4  
22.♗e4 ♙xe4 23.♖xe4 ♖d5 24.♖xd5 cxd5

**Stuart,P – Ker,A**

[A21] R 10

1.c4 e5 2.♗c3 f5 3.d4 e4 4.g3 ♗f6 5.f3  
♙b4 6.♙d2 ♖e7 7.e3 0-0 8.f4 c6 9.♗h3 ♗  
h8 10.♗f2 d5 11.♖b3 dxc4 12.♙xc4 b5 13.  
♙e2 ♙e6 14.♖c2 ♗bd7 15.0-0 ♗b6 16.b3  
♖ac8 17.a4 ♙xc3 18.♖xc3 ♗bd5 19.♖b2  
b4 20.♖fc1 ♗d7 21.♖c2 a5 22.♖ac1 ♖d6  
23.♗d1 g5 24.♖c5 ♗g8 25.♖xa5 ♖c7 26.  
♖xd5 ♙xd5 27.♙xb4 ♖f7 28.♗c3 ♖b7 29.  
♗xd5 cxd5 30.♙b5 gxf4 31.exf4 ♗f8 32.  
♖xc8 ♖xc8 33.♙c5 ♗e6 34.b4 ♖g7 35.♗f2  
h5 36.♖b3 ♖d8 37.♙c6



were tied for top place. The battle for the silver  
rook was decided when Ker won from van der  
Hoorn to finish on 7.5, while Puchen Wang gave  
Dowden his first loss since round 3 and Stuart  
held Croad to a draw. Lukey had another win  
and with Croad finished half a point behind Ker.

**Ker,A – van der Hoorn,M**

[A57] R 11

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.♗f3 d6 5.♖c2 b4 6.  
a4 g6 7.♗bd2 ♙g7 8.e4 ♗bd7 9.♖b1 a5 10.b3  
♖c7 11.♙b2 h6 12.♙d3 ♙b7 13.0-0 0-0 14.  
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18.♙xg6 ♗f8 19.♖c2 e6 20.♙e4 ♗b8 21.♖d3  
♗h5 22.dxe6 ♗f4 23.♖e3 ♗8xe6 24.g3 ♗h3+  
25.♗h1 ♖df8 26.♙xb7 ♖xb7 27.♖e4 ♗d4 28.  
♗xd4 cxd4 29.♖xb7+ ♗xb7 30.♗g2 ♗g5 31.f4  
exf4 32.gxf4 ♗f7 33.♖e7+ ♗b6 34.♖f3 ♗d8 35.  
♗e4 ♗b7 36.f5 ♖hg8+ 37.♗f2 ♗c6 38.♖c6 ♖g4  
39.h3 ♖h4 40.♗g3 ♖h5 41.♗g4 1-0

37...♗xf4 38.♗f1 ♗h7 39.a5 ♗d3 40.♙xd5 ♖g5  
41.♖c2 ♖e3 42.♖e2 ♖c1+ 43.♗g2 ♗f4+ 0-1

**Spain,G – Croad,N**

[C41] R 10

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♖xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3  
♙e7 6.♙g5 0-0 7.0-0-0 ♗c6 8.♖d2 a6 9.♗b1 b5  
10.♙xf6  
10.♙d3.  
10...♙xf6 11.♗d5 ♖e8 12.♗xf6+ ♖xf6 13.♗d4  
♖xd4 14.♖xd4 ♗xd4 15.♖xd4 ♙b7 16.♙d3  
♖ad8 17.b4 c5 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.♖xd8 ♖xd8 20.  
f3 ♗f8 21.♖d1 ♗e7 22.♙e2 ♖xd1+ 23.♙xd1 ♗  
d6 24.♗c1 b4 25.♙e2 ♗e5 26.♙c4 f6 27.♗d2  
♗d4 28.♙g8 h6 29.♙f7 ♙c6 30.h4 a5 31.h5 a4  
32.♙g6 ♙b5 33.♗c1 ♙c4 34.♙e8 a3 35.♗b1 ♗  
e3 36.♙g6 ♙f1 37.♙f7 ♙xg2 38.♙d5 ♙xf3 39.  
♙f7 ♙xe4 40.♗c1 f5 0-1

**Round 11**

Reilly .5, Spain .5, Guthrie 0 Wohl 1, Ker  
1 van der Hoorn 0, Croad .5 Stuart .5, Dow-  
den 0, Wang 1, Lukey 1 Cooper 0, Smith .5  
McLaren .5, Bennett .5 Burns .5, Turner  
1 Post 0. Final points: Wohl, Reilly 8; Ker  
7.5; Lukey, Croad 7; Dowden 6.5; Smith 6;  
Stuart, Spain, van der Hoorn, Wang 5.5;  
Bennett, McLaren, Turner, Guthrie 5; Coop-  
er 3.5; Burns 2; Post 1.  
With a reversal of results from the previous  
round – a win for Wohl and draw for Reilly, the  
two Australians once again and for the last time

**Lukey,S – Cooper,D**

[D09] R 11

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.♗f3 ♗c6 5.g3  
♙b4+ 6.♙d2 ♗ge7 7.♙g2 ♙g4 8.a3 ♙xd2+ 9.

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
1	Reilly, Tim	2266	+1 15	-1 10	+1 6	-1 5	+½ 7	-0 2	+½ 4	-½ 3	+1 8	-1 12	+½ 9	8.0 / 11
2	Wohl, Alex	2422	-1 9	+0 5	-½ 3	+1 15	-1 8	+1 1	-1 7	-1 4	+0 6	+½ 13	-1 12	8.0 / 11
3	Ker, Anthony	2336	+½ 12	-1 13	+½ 2	-0 7	+1 11	-½ 6	+1 5	+½ 1	-½ 4	-1 10	+1 8	7.5 / 11
4	Lukey, Stephen	2224	+1 11	-0 6	+½ 12	-1 9	+1 5	-½ 7	-½ 1	+0 2	+½ 3	-1 17	+1 16	7.0 / 11
5	Croad, Nic	2202	+1 17	-1 2	+1 7	+0 1	-0 4	+1 12	-0 3	-½ 6	+1 18	-1 9	+½ 10	7.0 / 11
5	Dowden, Tony	2191	-1 19	+1 4	-0 1	+½ 8	-½ 12	+½ 3	-½ 14	+½ 5	-1 2	+1 7	+0 11	6.5 / 11
7	Smith, Bob	2257	-1 16	+1 8	-0 5	+1 3	-½ 1	+½ 4	+0 2	-½ 12	+1 11	-0 6	+½ 13	6.0 / 11
8	van der Hoorn, Mark	2143	+1 13	-0 7	+1 10	-½ 6	+0 2	-½ 11	+½ 12	-1 14	-0 1	+1 16	-0 3	5.5 / 11
9	Spain, Graeme	2188	+0 2	-½ 12	+1 17	+0 4	-½ 14	-½ 10	+½ 16	+1 18	-1 15	+0 5	-½ 1	5.5 / 11
10	Stuart, Peter	2215	-1 14	+0 1	-0 8	+½ 16	-½ 15	+½ 9	-½ 18	+1 17	-1 13	+0 3	-½ 5	5.5 / 11
11	Wang, Puchen	2129	-0 4	+½ 19	-½ 16	+1 17	-0 3	+½ 8	-½ 15	+½ 13	-0 7	+1 14	-1 6	5.5 / 11
12	Guthrie, David	2160	-½ 3	+½ 9	-½ 4	+1 14	+½ 6	-0 5	-½ 8	+½ 7	-1 17	+0 1	+0 2	5.0 / 11
13	McLaren, Leonard	2274	-0 8	+0 3	-0 14	+1 18	-1 16	+½ 15	+1 17	-½ 11	+0 10	-½ 2	-½ 7	5.0 / 11
14	Turner, Michael	1999	+0 10	-½ 15	+1 13	-0 12	+½ 9	-1 17	+½ 6	+0 8	-½ 16	-0 11	+1 18	5.0 / 11
15	Bennett, Hilton	2074	-0 1	+½ 14	-1 19	-0 2	+½ 10	-½ 13	+½ 11	-½ 16	+0 9	-1 18	+½ 17	5.0 / 11
16	Cooper, David	2070	+0 7	-½ 17	+½ 11	-½ 10	+0 13	-½ 18	-½ 9	+½ 15	+½ 14	-0 8	-0 4	3.5 / 11
17	Burns, Chris	1966	-0 5	+½ 16	-0 9	-0 11	+1 18	+0 14	-0 13	-0 10	+0 12	+0 4	-½ 15	2.0 / 11
18	Post, Martin	2002				-0 13	-0 17	+½ 16	+½ 10	-0 9	-0 5	+0 15	-0 14	1.0 / 8
19	Kumar, Manoj	2100	+0 6	-½ 11	+0 15									0.5 / 3

NZ Chess

## Council Corner

by NZCF President Bob Smith

NZCF Council began the new season with a meeting which started at 7.30pm and ended at 12.25 a.m.! There was a lot to talk about, with another busy year ahead.

The workload has increased over the past few years with the introduction of such events as the New Zealand Inter-Schools Championships, the Grand Prix competition, and the Junior Badge Scheme, not to mention the Girls for Chess Week and the NZ Seniors Championship.

Council must also start planning for the Oceania Zonal Championship, which NZCF has agreed to hold in New Zealand next year.

To deal with all these matters specific committees have been established, and this year Council is looking to expand its base of workers by co-opting people from around the country onto these committees. Naturally, we are also seeking the support of clubs in many of these ventures, which are beneficial at all levels.

### Council Personnel

Some new names feature on Council this year. One key "newcomer" is NZCF Secretary, Bob Mitchell. Bob is a former police superintendent experienced in strategic planning and computing. He was previously NZCF Secretary in the 1980's when Council was based in Wellington. Another important addition is Sponsorship Convenor Jayne Richardson. She has a background in sales and marketing, and has previously been successful in major fund-raising projects for other community groups. A new Wellington Regional Councillor is Cedric Backhouse. Cedric is President of the Upper Hutt Chess Club and has a particular interest in junior chess, which remains a very important part of NZCF's programme.

Other key personnel include Junior Convenor Felicity Timings, Ratings Officer and Female Convenor Viv Smith, President and Grand Prix Administrator Bob Smith, Vice-President and Tournament Committee Convenor Hilton Bennett, Ratings Administrator Rowan Wood and Webmaster and FIDE delegate Michael Freeman.

Add to those, numerous administrators around the country who have agreed to lend their talents, and we have an excellent basis for more progress and consolidation this year.

### Rules Revision

With all the changes of recent years, Council has found that the NZCF rules also need changing to keep pace. There is also a feeling that at times the regulations can be too restrictive. Therefore a rules revision committee has been established to look at streamlining the regulations in some areas and extending them in others to cover new competitions. Tournament Convenor Hilton Bennett will shortly be surveying clubs and players on a wide range of issues to ensure your views are taken into account.

### Affiliations

Clubs will be aware that affiliation fees are now due (\$40 for full members, \$30 for associate clubs). Congratulations to Mount Maunganui RSA Chess Club, who was the first to pay up! Don't let them leave you too far behind, everyone.

### NZCF events

Confirmed venues and approximate dates for NZCF Tournaments this year are:  
North Island Championships and Rapid Championships – Waitemata, July 14-19.

This will be FIDE rated.

South Island Championships and Rapid Championships - Ashburton CC

September 29 to October 4

North Island Inter-schools Finals – Wanganui CC, in late September.

111<sup>th</sup> NZ Congress – Wellington, end of year or start of 2004.

Unfortunately Wanganui Chess Club is not now able to host the NZ Junior and Senior Championships. Therefore Waitemata Chess Club has offered to host the NZ Women's Championship and NZ Seniors Championship around Anzac Day (late April). The venue for the

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## The 2002 South Island Championships

by Craig Hall

The South Island Championships this year were organised by the Canterbury Chess Club, and held in Christchurch at the Canterbury Chess Club's clubrooms. 22 players attended the event, including 3 local school pupils, with the top seeds being Olympiad team member Tony Dowden, Graeme Spain, Hilton Bennett, Matthew McNabb and Ben Giles. After electing the tournament appeals committee (who weren't called into action all week), round one got underway, more or less on time, thanks to Swiss Perfect and Canterbury CC's computer.

Round one saw no upsets, as the higher-rated players duly despatched their opponents. Round two, however, saw the first upset, as Canterbury stalwart Arie Nijman held Graeme Spain to a draw. A draw at the bottom board also indicated that Stanislav Stashkevich's rating of 951\* was perhaps a little low.

Round three saw the first clashes of the top seeds, and the first real upsets, as McNabb upset Dowden and David Wood defeated Nijman. This result was no fluke, however, as David's strong showing indicated. In other results, Bennett beat Giles, and Spain beat Duncan Watts, while, at the lower boards, Chris Wright held Peter Fraemohs to a draw. Leading scores: 1-2 H. Bennett, M. McNabb (3), 3 G. Spain (2.5).

Round four saw the top seeds clashing again as Bennett drew with McNabb, and Spain drew with Dowden. Hamish Gold drew with Ben Giles in yet another upset of sorts, Brendon Reedy upset Arie Nijman, and at the lower boards, local school pupil Alexander Singer upset Roy Keeling. Leading scores: 1-2 H. Bennett, M. McNabb (3.5), 3-5 G. Spain, D. Wood, B. Reedy (3).

Round five saw McNabb take the outright lead by beating Reedy, as Bennett lost to Spain in time trouble. Wood continued his run by beating Fraemohs, while Dowden and Giles drew. Other notable results saw Peter Kay reach a

winning position against Watts, only to allow a perpetual check, and Alexander Singer upset Bruce Gloistein. Leading scores: 1 M. McNabb (4.5), 2-3 G. Spain, D. Wood (4).

The round six results were crucial to the final standings, as McNabb stumbled against Wood, while Spain beat Gold, and Dowden beat Bennett. Reedy continued his good showing by holding Giles to a draw, as Dowden started to catch up. Leading scores: 1-2 G. Spain, D. Wood (5), 3 M. McNabb, (4.5), 4 T. Dowden (4).

Round seven continued the good form of Wood, as Spain spent most of their game on the back foot, before eking out a crucial draw, allowing Dowden to draw closer with an excellent win against Nijman. McNabb beat Watts, Giles beat Fraemohs and Bennett got back on track with a win against Reedy. Leading scores: 1-2 G. Spain, D. Wood (5.5), 3 M. McNabb (5), T. Dowden (4.5).

The last round saw Dowden needing to beat Wood and Spain and McNabb to draw at the top board. Wood defaulted, fulfilling the first part, and Spain generously offered a draw to McNabb in a won position to fulfil the second part, thus allowing Tony to catch the leaders and clinch the title of South Island Champion. Further down, Reedy and Fraemohs won their games to take second in the Under 1800 grade, while Singer drew with Stashkevich to put himself into first equal with Peter Kay in the Under 1400 grade.

### McNabb (2005) – Spain (2156)

*South Island Championships - R8, 27/9/02*  
*Queen's Gambit Declined - Slav Defence*  
 1. d4 d4 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. a4 Bf5 6. e3 e6 7. Bxc4 Bb4 8. 0-0 9. Qe2 Bg6 10. Ne5 Nbd7 11. f3 Nxe5 12. dxe5 Nd5 13. Rd1 Bxc3 14. Bxd5 Bxe5 15. Bxe6 Qh4 16. Bh3 (=) Bf5 17. f4 Bxh3 18. gxh3 Bf6 19. Qg4 Rad8 20. Bd2 Qh6 21. Ra3 Qg6 22. Qxg6 hxg6 23. Ra2 Rd3 24. Kf1 Rdd8 25. Ke2 Be7 26. Rgd1 Bf6 27. Bc3 Rxd1 28. Rxd1 Rxd1 29. Kxd1

Bxc3 30. bxc3 f6 31. Kc2 Kf7 32. Kd3 Ke6 33. h4 f5 34. c4 Kd6 35. Kd4 c5+ 36. Kd3 b6 37. Kc3 Ke6 (=). ½ – ½

### Final Standings

Place	Name	Rating	Score
1st =	Tony Dowden (OT)	2164	6
	Matthew McNabb (AC)	2005	6
	Graeme Spain (GA)	2156	6
4th =	Hilton Bennett (HA)	2052	5.5
	David Wood (CA)	1741	5.5
	Ben Giles (CA)	1996	5.5
7th =	Brendon Reedy (CA)	1581*	4.5
	Peter Fraemohs (CA)	1702	4.5
9th =	Arie Nijman (CA)	1801	4
	Duncan Watts (OT)	1846	4
	Bruce Gloistein (CA)	1702	4
	Hamish Gold (OT)	1646	4
	Martin Rademacher (CA)	1500E	4
	Nigel Richardson (AS)	1525	4
15th =	Rex Scarf (AS)	1562	3.5
	Peter Kay (CA)	1350	3.5
	Chris Wright (CA)	1532	3.5
	Alexander Singer (CA, jun)	unrated	3.5
19th =	Yue Wu (CA, jun)	unrated	2.5
	Stanislav Stashkevich (CA)	951*	2.5
21st	Roy Keeling (AS)	1352	1.5
22nd	Leith Caldwell (CA, jun)	unrated	0.5

Thanks are due to Pub Charities Inc. and the Bard-On-Avon for a grant for the purchase of DGT's which were used in the event, and to the Lions Foundation Inc. and the Russley Hotel for a grant for the purchase of some high quality wooden chessboards and pieces which were also used in the event. The new equipment was very popular, as was another innovation: the purchase of a cheap second-hand computer. The computer allowed pairings to be done with Swiss Perfect, which meant the draw was made available within a minute or two of the round finishing. The computer also allowed the results and pairings to be made available online in almost real time, an innovation that went down well with the competitors.

Many thanks to the competitors for entering, particularly to the travellers. Meeting and playing against new people is one of the big attractions of an event like this one, and everyone enjoyed the experience.

### Tony Dowden (2164) – Arie Nijman (1801)

South Island Championship 2002

**1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 d5!?** Enterprising but risky **4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Re1 Qd6(!)** Best because Nxe5 was threatened **9.Bb5!?** GM John Emms suggests **9...f6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6** Not 10...Qxc6? 11.Nxe5! **11. Nbd2 0-0-0 12.Ne4 Qe7** If 12...Qd7 13.Nxe5! once more **13.Ng3 Bg6 14.a3 14.Qe2** is probably better **14...Qd7 15.Qe2 Bd6 16.d4!** This move frees up central squares for the White knights and gives the queen access to a6 **16... Rhe8 17.dxe5 fxe5 18.Ne4 Nf4!?** Black wants to attack but this looks too risky. 18...Kb7 is more stubborn **19.Qa6+ Kb8 20.Bxf4 Bxe4 21. Rxe4 exf4 22.Rxe8 Rxe8** Not 22...Qxc8? 23. Nd4 Bc5 24.Nxc6+ **23.Rd1!** The tempting 23. Nd4?! is unconvincing eg 23...Bc5 24.Nxc6+ Ka8 threatening a powerful counterattack after 25...f3 **23...Ka8 24.Rd4 c5 25.Ra4 c6 26.Qd3!** Now that Black's bishop is hemmed in by the c5 pawn White swings his major pieces back to the centre. Despite the reduced material Black is

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## Chess Book Reviews

by Michael Stevenson

Hello, I do hope you're all ready for another year of chess. A chess reviewer gets to observe some good - and some not so good chess books etc, and in this review I'll be concentrating on some books and cds that I'd highly recommend.

### The Reti Opening (cd) by Don Maddox (*Chessbase*)

The Reti Opening 1Nf3 d5 etc is a hypermodern opening that lets you take the battle to black when and how you wish. Don has written this cd with the one aim of teaching chess players how to play the Reti. Through about 32,000 games in which 1,000 have annotations as well as some well written text, he has written about the main ideas and principles of the Reti in plain English and then he moves right up to a section which is called Advanced Reti Praxis. The main variations on this cd are 1.Nf3 d5 2. c4 and there is also a line that white can use 2. b2 and then Bd2 is also covered.

### The King's Indian Attack (cd) by Don Maddox (*Chessbase*)

On this cd Maddox covers another opening that could be hypermodern in nature, 1.Nf3 etc, also KIA can be used as a way to fight against the French, Sicilian and the Caro-Kann when opening with 1.e4. Maddox covers the whole range of patterns that the white player needs know; as with the KIA patterns which are just as important as knowing the variations. Through the 28,000 games (over 741 annotated) you'll learn how to play this opening which can be used against most black defences. If you'll going to open the game by Nf3 then working through these two cds will give you a repertoire that will last for years.

### Fritz-Endgametrainer Pawn-Endings (cd) by Martin Weteschnik (*Chessbase*)

This cd is divided into many chapters that starts off with the easy Queen and King against King checkmates and moves up to the endgames where there are more pieces and pawns left on the board. At the start of most of the chapters

Martin shows through videos how to play the endings well, before moving on to some examples. There is also about 100 training positions that can be played against Fritz to see how much you've learnt. To work through this cd you'll need Fritz 6 or higher, so if you've not already joined the Fritz family, now might be the right time to join with Fritz 8! (more on Fritz 8 in the next review)

### Chess Endings Essential Knowledge (cd) by Yuri Averbakh (*Chess Multimedia*)

Most chess players have read or know about Yuri Averbakh's classic book Chess Endings essential knowledge. It's great to see it being made into a cd, so that the average player can once more read/listen or reread this classic book. "When it was suggested to me that a new edition on cd rom should be published, I at first wanted to write something new, and to expand it to take account of the achievements of modern theory. But on reflection I realized that the main virtue of this course is in fact that it is not overloaded with material, and that it gives only the most essential information, that which a chess enthusiast really needs." This is what Yuri wrote at the start, and I agree his quote best sums this cd up. With the new time controls that have now come about in tournament play it has become more important to learn and know your endgames. This cd and the previous one are a start in the right direction.

### The Complete Sveshnikov Sicilian by Yuri Yakovich (*Gambit*)

In his book GM Yakovich has followed the modern trend and called the whole 5...e5 complex the Sveshnikov, not just the line 5...e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bg5 a6 8Na3 b5 - which makes this book more useful as it gives a complete open sicilian defence against 1 e4 not just against one line. The Sveshnikov is one of the most exciting sicilian to play, which is probably why BGN World Champion Vladimir Kramnik played and relied on it against some of the greats of the chess world, eg Kasparov. If you

play this defence as black or play 1 e4 as white, this book will serve you well.

### 4 e3 The Nimzo-Indian by Carsten Hansen (*Gambit*)

Carsten Hansen has written the largest book I've seen to come out of Gambit (320 pages). When you realise that the simple move 4 Bxc3+ can transpose into the Hubner Variation covered in 13 pages or into one of the Modern Variations in which there are 33 pages, you start to realise that a book on the Rubinstein Variation of the Nimzo-Indian needs to be this big. Don't be mistaken though, this isn't a dry theory book but has a well-written interesting text with all the relative theory needed to start to play 4 e3 in the Nimzo-Indian, or if you play against this opening as black.

### Understanding The Leningrad Dutch by Valeri Beim (*Gambit*)

The sub title of this book reads "An experienced chess trainer's guide to a dynamic opening system". Beim, as well as being an experienced chess trainer, is a player who uses the Leningrad Dutch defence himself which is a big plus when writing a chess book. Through nine well-written chapters Valeri covers not only the Leningrad Dutch but also covers what to do if white plays a gambit or tries to deviate early. At the end of the book there is also homework in the form of exercises to do to see how much you've learned. If you wish to learn and understand how to play the Leningrad Dutch then this is the book for you.

In the next review there will be a book called 'PLAY THE CLASSICAL DUTCH' by Simon Williams. Check out Gambit's website at [www.gambitbooks.com](http://www.gambitbooks.com) to see a sample from the book.

### School of Chess Excellence 3 Strategic Play by Mark Dvoretsky (*Olms*)

Mark Dvoretsky is currently one of the most respected chess teachers around today and also a trainer of champions. This is his third book in a series that started with "School of Chess Ex-

cellence 1 - Endgame Analysis", followed by "School of Chess Excellence 2 - Tactical Play". We can look forward to Mark's "School of Chess Excellence 4 - Opening Developments" which is coming out soon. He has, in this his third book, covered the topic of positional play through a little over 30 chapters starting with a chapter that is called the 'Logic of a Positional Battle'. Once you've read it, you'll find it's well worth rereading. The book ends with lots of exercises for the reader to try and solve. Dvoretsky has used quite a few of his own games as well as those of some of his pupils, and the reader can't help but learn from his writings. (I'll also be trying to find out more info about the first two books in the series.)

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[A30] R 11

1.♗f3 c5 2.c4 ♗f6 3.g3 b6 4.♗g2 ♗b7 5.♗c3 g6 6.0-0 ♗g7 7.d4 cxd4 8.♖xd4 d6 9.♖d1 ♗bd7 10.b3 0-0 11.♗b2 ♗e4 12.♖d3 ♗xc3 13.♗xc3 ♗xc3 14.♖xc3 ♗f6 15.♖d4 ♖c7 16.♗e1 ♗xg2 (=) 17.♗xg2 ♖c5 18.♗e3 ♖xd4 19.♖xd4 ♖f8 20.f3 ♖c5 21.♗f2 ♗f8 22.g4 h6 23.h4 ♗g7 24.a4 a5 25.♖g1 ♖c6 26.h5 e6 27.hxg6 ♗xc6 28.♗g2 ♗h7 29.e4 ♗g7 30.♖g1 ♗e8 31.♗f4 ♗f6 32.♗e2 ♖c5 33.♖h1 ♗g7 34.♗c3 ♖d8 35.♗c3 ♗g6 36.♖d2 h5 37.gxh5+ ♖xh5 38.♖hd1 ♗f6 39.♗b5 ♗e7 40.♗c3 ♖c8 41.♖g2 ♖cc5 42.♖gd2 ♖c6 ½-½

## Olympiad Women's Team Report

by Mark van der Hoorn

It's fair to say that the Women's Team performance at Bled was mixed. Firstly, the team's result as a whole was disappointing. This came down to a combination of factors, not the least of which was many good positions being obtained, and then spoiled. On the other hand, there were many individual performances in the team to be satisfied with. Two of the team achieved their debut FIDE ratings, which isn't an easy thing to do. Still, looking back, for the women this Olympiad was very much a case of what might have been.

Vivian Smith playing on Board One spearheaded the team. By and large she played well, although perhaps a little cautiously. With a little more luck she would have regained her FIDE rating, but it was not to be. In the first round, New Zealand was paired against the strong Argentinean team. Vivian comprehensively outplayed her much stronger opponent, at one stage even missing the forced win of a rook. Shortly after Vivian was offered a draw, which her captain firmly suggested she turn down. Although I considered her position to still be virtually winning, sadly Vivian went wrong under pressure and eventually lost. This was the sort of bad luck that plagued her throughout the Olympiad. Vivian's personal result definitely didn't reflect her level of play. Edith Otene's Olympiad was definitely a game of two halves! Although she lost her first two games (as did the whole team), she then stormed on to obtain her FIDE rating by the halfway stage of the Olympiad. Edith managed this by basically going for the throat of every woman who sat down opposite her. On several occasions I'd examine her position with despair, only to return shortly after to hear a literal gurgling from across the board as the blood spurted out of the opponent's jugular! Interestingly, Edith's fearless style was in direct contrast with the more cautious style of some of her teammates, and it quickly brought in the re-

sults. However, she faded in the second half of the Olympiad, losing at least two won positions. Tragically, she even contrived to blunder her queen when she had mated in two on the board! In essence, Edith bamboozled everybody. This included herself, her opponents, her captain, and anyone else who lives on Earth. A thoroughly entertaining performance. Evginia Charomova's Olympiad debut could probably be considered as satisfactory, but only just. In hindsight, I guess she had more pressure on her than the rest of the team, and before the Olympiad there was even talk of a possible board prize. I suspect though, that Evginia found aspects of the event rather overwhelming, and this was reflected in her performance. Overall, her play seemed very cautious, almost to the point of being insipid. And she constantly found herself in time trouble, which is a severe difficulty to have when your positions aren't the best. To her credit though, Evginia never crumbled, no matter how bad her positions were, and saved many positions that I'd believed were on the verge of collapse. In the end, her tenacity paid off, and she secured her FIDE rating with a win in the last round. Evginia has proved that she is hard to beat, and once her play becomes a little more active, I'm convinced good results will follow. Not too much was expected of Sue Maroroa before the Olympiad. She is a vastly inexperienced player, and she was always going to find this level of competition just beyond her abilities. However, I found much to admire about her performance too. Noticeably, Sue's approach to the Olympiad was extremely positive. When she was selected to play, she paid close attention to everything her captain told her, and once obtained a position similar to one we'd examined in her preparation. This led to a quick win for Sue, which thrilled us both no end. Also pleasing to me was Sue's attitude when she lost, or wasn't selected to play. Although she was always disappointed, she never got

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## More Bled Games

by Hilton Bennett

### Round 1

**Bjelobrk,I (2285) - Degraeve,JM (2575),**  
Bled (1) [A04]

1. Nf3 c5 2. b3 Nc6 3. Bb2 Nf6 4. e3 g6 5. Bxf6 exf6 6. c4 Bg7 7. Nc3 f5 8. g3 b6 9. Bg2 Bb7 10. O-O O-O 11. Rc1 d6 12. Ne1 a6 13. Nd3 b5 14. Nf4 Qa5 15. a4 bxc4 16. bxc4 Rab8 17. Ncd5 Ba8 18. Nd3 Rfe8 19. Qc2 Ne5 20. Rb1 Kf8 21. N3f4 Bc6 22. Nc3 Bd7 23. Bd5 Nc6 24. Bxc6 Bxc6 25. Nfd5 Rec8 26. h3 Qd8 27. Kh2 Be5 28. f4 Bg7 29. Qd3 Rxb1 30. Rxb1 Rb8 31. a5 Rxb1 32. Qxb1 Bxc3 33. Nxc3 Qxa5 34. Qb8+ Kc7 35. g4 fxc4 36. hxg4 Qd8 37. Qa7+ Ke8 38. Kg3 Qc8 39. g5 Qb7 40. Qxb7 Bxb7 41. d4 a5 42. Nb5 Ke7 43. d5 Ba6 44. Na3 f6 45. e4 Kf7 46. Kf3 Kg7 47. e5 dxe5 48. fxe5 fxc5 49. Nb5 a4 50. Ke4 g4 51. d6 Bb7+ 52. Kf4 Bc8 0-1

**Bauer,Ch (2562) - Smith,Ro (2257),**  
Bled (1) [A55]

e4 c6 2. c4 e5 3. Nf3 d6 4. d4 Nd7 5. Nc3 Ngf6 6. Be2 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. Re1 Re8 9. Bf1 Qc7 10. Bg5 h6 11. Bh4 Nf8 12. Bg3 Ng6 13. h3 Nh7 14. c5 Ng5 15. cxd6 Nxf3+ 16. Qxf3 Bxd6 17. Rac1 Qe7 18. d5 c5 19. Nb5 Bd7 20. h4 a6 21. Nxd6 Qxd6 22. h5 Nh8 23. Qe3 b6 24. f4 f6 25. fxe5 fxe5 26. Be2 a5 27. Rf1 Rf8 28. Qc3 Rxf1+ 29. Rxf1 Re8 30. Qf3 Qe7 31. b3 Nf7 32. Bh4 Ng5 33. Bxg5 hxg5 34. d6 g4 35. Qf2 g3 36. Qxg3 Qxd6 37. Bc4+ Be6 38. h6 Re7 39. Qg6 0-1

### Round 2

**Fulton Anthony (2208) - Kulashko Aleksei (2400),**  
Bled (2)

1. Nf3 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. d4 g6 4. Bg5 Bg7 5. e3 O-O 6. Bd3 d6 7. O-O Nc6 8. h3 Qc7 9. Re1 e5 10. dxe5 dxe5 11. e4 Be6 12. Qe2 Nh5 13. Qe3 b6 14. Bh6 f6 15. Bxg7 Kxg7 16. Nbd2 Rad8 17. Bc4 Nf4 18. Bxe6 Rd3 19. Qxd3 Nxd3 20. Re3 Nf4 21. Bb3 Rd8 22. Bc2 b5 23. Kh2 Rd6 24. g3 Ne6 25. a4 a6 26. axb5 axb5 27. Ree1 Qb7 28. Nf1 Ne7 29. Ne3 c4 30. Red1 Rxd1 31. Rxd1 Nc5 32. Nd5 Nxd5 33. exd5 e4 34. Ne1 Nd3 35. Nxd3 exd3 36. Bxd3 cxd3 37.

Rxd3 Qb6 38. Kg2 Qd6 39. b3 Kf7 40. c4 bxc4 41. bxc4 Qc5 42. Rc3 Qd4 43. Rc1 f5 44. Kg1 Qb2 45. Re1 Qc3 46. Rb1 Qxc4 47. Rb7+ Kf6 48. d6 Qc1+ 49. Kh2 Qf1 50. d7 Qxf2+ 51. Kh1 Qf3+ 52. Kh2 Qf2+ 53. Kh1 Ke7 54. d8=Q+ Kxd8 55. Rxh7 Qxg3 0-1

**Dowden Anthony (2191) - Hill Christopher,**  
Bled (2)

e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nc6 3. Nc3 Bc5 4. d3 d6 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Nd5 h6 7. a3 a5 8. c3 Nxd5 9. Bxd5 Ne7 10. Ba2 O-O 11. O-O Bg4 12. Be3 Ba7 13. h3 Be6 14. Bxe6 fxe6 15. Qb3 Qc8 16. Bxa7 Rxa7 17. d4 Ng6 18. dxe5 dxe5 19. Qb5 c5 20. Rfd1 Rf7 21. Rd6 Re7 22. Rad1 Qc7 23. h4 Kh7 24. g3 a4 25. Rd7 Qc6 26. Qxc6 bxc6 27. Rxa7 Rxa7 28. h5 Ne7 29. Nxe5 Rb7 30. Rd7 1-0

### Round 3

**Gentilleau,JP (2224) - Dive,RJ (2388),**  
Bled (3) [B04]

e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 dxe5 5. Nxe5 c6 6. Bc4 Be6 7. Bb3 Nd7 8. Nd3 Nc7 9. O-O Bxb3 10. axb3 g6 11. Re1 Bg7 12. c3 O-O 13. Nd2 Re8 14. Nc4 Ne6 15. b4 Nb6 16. Nce5 Nd5 17. Qe2 Qc8 18. Bd2 a6 19. h4 Nf6 20. Qf3 Rf8 21. Nc4 Qd8 22. Nf4 Nxf4 23. Bxf4 Qd5 24. Qxd5 Nxd5 25. Bg3 Rad8 26. Na5 Rd7 27. Nb3 e6 28. Nc5 Rfd8 29. Nxd7 Rxd7 30. Be5 Bf8 31. g4 h6 32. Kg2 Be7 33. Bg3 Bd8 34. f4 h5 35. gxh5 gxh5 36. Re5 Bc7 37. Rg5+ Kf8 38. Rxh5 Nxf4+ 39. Bxf4 Bxf4 40. Kf3 Bc7 41. Rg1 Bd8 42. Rh8+ Ke7 43. h5 Rd5 44. h6 Rf5+ 45. Ke4 Rh5 46. h7 Bc7 47. Rc8 Rh3 48. Rxc7+ Kd6 49. Rxf7 1-0

### Round 4

**Espinosa,Ra MEX (2414) - Smith,Ro (2257),**  
Bled (4) [B12]

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nf3 e6 5. Be2 c5 6. O-O Nc6 7. Be3 Bg4 8. dxc5 Bxf3 9. Bxf3 Nge7 10. e4 Nxe5 11. cxd5 Nxf3+ 12. Qxf3 Qxd5 13. Qe2 Qc6 14. Nc3 Nf5 15. b4 Be7 16. Rac1 a6 17. Bf4 O-O 18. Rfd1 Rfd8 19. Qe4 Rxd1+ 20. Rxd1 Qxe4 21. Nxe4 Rd8 22.

Rxd8+ Bxd8 23. Kf1 f6 24. Ke2 e5 25. Be3 Bc7 26. Kd3 Kf7 27. a4 Ne7 28. Kc4 Ke6 29. b5 axb5+ 30. axb5 h6 31. Nd2 f5 32. Nb3 Bd8 33. Bd2 Kd7 34. Bc3 Ke6 35. Ba5 Kd7 36. Bc3 Ke6 37. f4 exf4 38. Bxg7 h5 39. Nd4+ Kd7 40. Bf6 Ng6 41. Bxd8 Kxd8 42. Kd5 Nh4 43. Ne6+ 1-0

**Wastney,S (2266) - Garmendez,F (2408),**  
Bled (4) [A39]

Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. O-O c5 6. Nc3 Nc6 7. d4 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Nxd4 9. Qxd4 d6 10. Qd3 Bf5 11. e4 Be6 12. Bd2 Nd7 13. b3 a5 14. a4 Nc5 15. Qc2 Rc8 16. Rac1 Bd7 17. Nd5 e6 18. Nf4 Bc6 19. Rfd1 Qb6 20. Rb1 e5 21. Nd5 Bxd5 22. cxd5 Ne6 23. Qd3 Nd4 24. b4 axb4 25. Rxb4 Qa7 26. Rdb1 Rc7 27. Bh3 f5 28. exf5 Nxf5 29. Bxf5 gxf5 30. Be3 Qa8 31. Qb3 Rf7 32. Bb6 Rcd7 33. Rc4 Qe8 34. Rbc1 Bf8 35. a5 Rfe7 36. Rc7 Qf7 37. Rxd7 Rxd7 38. Rc8 h5 39. Qe3 Kh7 40. Qc3 Bg7 41. Qc4 Qg6 42. Qb5 Qf7 43. Qc4 Qg6 44. Qb5 Rf7 45. Qe8 f4 46. Qb5 h4 47. Qf1 fxg3 48. hxg3 hxg3 49. Qh3+ Bh6 50. fxg3 Qe4 51. Rc7 Qb1+ 52. Kh2 Rxc7 53. Bxc7 Qc2+ 0-1

#### Round 5

**Wastney,S (2266) - Elbaruni,Mohamed,**  
Bled (5) [E05]

1. Nf3 d5 2. d4 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. g3 Be7 5. Bg2 O-O 6. O-O dxc4 7. Ne5 c5 8. dxc5 Bxc5 9. Nc3 Qc7 10. Nxc4 Bxf2+ 11. Rxf2 Qxc4 12. Rxf6 gxf6 13. Bh6 Re8 14. e3 f5 15. Ne4 Qb5 16. Nd6 Qd7 17. Nxe8 Qxe8 18. Qd4 e5 19. Qh4 1-0

**Elhaj,Nizar - Dowden,A (2191),**  
Bled (5) [A75]

d4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. Nc3 g6 7. e4 a6 8. a4 Bg4 9. Be2 Bxf3 10. Bxf3 Bg7 11. Bf4 Qe7 12. O-O O-O 13. Qc2 Nbd7 14. h3 Rfe8 15. Rfe1 Rab8 16. Kh1 h5 17.

a5 Nh7 18. Bh2 Ng5 19. Be2 Be5 20. Bxe5 Qxe5 21. Bf1 Nf6 22. f3 h4 23. Qf2 Nh5 24. Qxh4 Ng3+ 25. Kg1 Kg7 26. Ne2 Nxe2+ 27. Rxe2 Nh7 28. f4 Qd4+ 29. Qf2 Rxe4 30. Rxe4 Qxc4 31. Qf3 Qxf3 32. gxf3 Nf6 33. Bc4 b5 34. axb6 Rxb6 35. b3 Nh5 36. f5 g5 37. Kf2 Kf6 38. Ke3 Kxf5 39. Rxa6 Rxa6 40. Bxa6 Nf4 41. Bb7 Ke5 42. b4 cxb4 0-1

#### Round 6

**Alvarez,Joh (2382) - Kulashko,A (2400),**  
Bled (6) [A40]

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 f5 6. h4 Nf6 7. h5 Rg8 8. hxg6 hxg6 9. e4 Nxe4 10. Bd3 d6 11. Bxe4 fxe4 12. Rh7 Nd7 13. Qa4 b5 14. Qxb5 Rb8 15. Qa4 Qb6 16. Bg5 Qb2 17. Rc1 e3 18. Ne2 exf2+ 19. Kf1 Rb6 20. Rxe7+ Kf8 21. Rxd7 Ra6 22. Rd8+ Kf7 23. Qc2 Rxa2 24. Qe4 Rxd8 25. Qe7+ Kg8 26. Qxd8+ Kh7 27. Qe7+ Kg8 28. Bf6 1-0

**Rohl,J (2379) - Bjelobrk,I (2285),**  
Bled (6) [B22]

e4 c5 2. c3 d5 3. exd5 Qxd5 4. d4 Nc6 5. Nf3 cxd4 6. cxd4 e5 7. Nc3 Bb4 8. Be2 e4 9. O-O Bxc3 10. bxc3 exf3 11. Bxf3 Qd6 12. Re1+ Nge7 13. a4 O-O 14. Ba3 Qf6 15. Bxc6 Nxc6 16. Bxf8 Kxf8 17. Qh5 Qf5 18. Qe2 Bd7 19. Qb2 g6 20. Qxb7 Rb8 21. Qc7 Rb2 22. Qg3 Be6 23. h3 Kg8 24. Re3 Bd5 25. Rae1 Ra2 26. R3e2 Rxa4 27. Re8+ Kg7 28. Qd6 g5 29. Qf8+ Kg6 30. Qh8 f6 31. Rg8+ Bxg8 32. Qxg8+ Kh6 33. Qf8+ Kg6 34. Qe8+ Kh6 35. Qxc6 Ra2 36. Rf1 Rd2 37. Qd6 Rc2 38. c4 a5 39. c5 Kg6 40. c6 a4 41. Qd7 a3 42. Qe8+ Kh6 43. Qf8+ Kg6 44. Qxa3 Rxc6 45. Rc1 Rb6 46. Rd1 Qd5 47. Qd3+ f5 48. Rc1 Rd6 49. g4 Qe4 50. Qxe4 fxe4 51. Rc4 Kf6 52. Kf1 Ke6 53. Ke2 Kd5 54. Rc5+ Kxd4 55. Rxc5 Rh6 1/2

## North Island Championships 2003

Waitemata

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## Chess Friends

by Ted Frost, chairman of the trust

### Chess Friends Coaching Programme

Substantial progress has been made by the Chess Friends of New Zealand Trust towards launching an ongoing coaching programme for junior players, with strong support from the New Zealand Chess Federation. The move from low-key fund-raising to a programme of action flows from a favourable reception to the Chess Friends report to the federation's AGM at the Wanganui Congress, including offers of practical support. While the trustees had set a target of \$20,000 capital before launching into action, and now has \$13,211.34 in hand, the fresh developments have led to a proposal to start a programme of coaching workshops, initially at the end of major junior events such as the New Zealand Junior Championship. A further refinement has been a suggestion that the programme start with a pilot workshop after this year's New Zealand Junior, which is to be held in Hamilton.

It has been emphasised that the system must operate with close cooperation between the federation and the trustees. It has been proposed that the programme be a three-way joint venture, with

- Chess Friends funding fees for qualified coaches at a professional level and assisting fund venues and accommodation where necessary;
- NZCF overseeing chess matters such as approval of venues, appointment of coaches, and oversight of course content and participants;
- Clubs wishing to host courses/workshops submitting proposals and making the physical arrangements.

The general thrust of the programme has been endorsed by the NZCF Council and setting it up is being referred to the junior development committee for discussion with the trust.

The trust is about to launch a major appeal through clubs and to individuals for donations to the capital fund. Other sources of

revenue include an offer from William Lynn, of Hamilton, who said he would add \$1 to entries for junior competitions run by Wai-kato CC. Otago CC president Tony Dowden immediately supported this proposal and said he would support its introduction by Otago CC.

A newsletter being sent to clubs, with brochures inviting individual contributions, will include a suggestion that early in each season clubs conduct a fund-raising evening to support the trust. It is proposed that funds from the junior competition levy and club evenings be used to supplement other resources for immediate use. While contributions from tournament dollars and club functions need not be substantial, they will add up to a very useful supplement to funds.

As the programme develops, and Chess Friends produces a consolidated balance sheet which will show the trust's position at the end of this financial year (31 August), applications will be made to various trusts and other potential sponsors for contributions to the ongoing programme. Support for the capital fund and other contributions to annual costs above will be invaluable in making the case to potential sponsors.

Since the last acknowledgements were published in NZ Chess, another \$703.00 has been donated to the Chess Trust capital fund.

### Recent donors are:

Wanganui CC	\$100.00
Hamilton CC	\$ 50.00
William Lynn	\$100.00
A L Aldridge	\$300.00
T Gothorp	\$ 3.00
EGA Frost (books)	\$100.00
JW & CP Wayman	\$ 50.00

*Donations can be sent to the trust chairman, Ted Frost, at 103 Koromiko Road, Gonville, Wanganui.*

## New Zealand News

**FIDE-rated events in the South Island**

Come and obtain a FIDE rating on the Mainland! The "Malcolm Foord Memorial" tournament (6 or 7 rounds) will be held in Dunedin over Queens' Birthday weekend (June 1-3) and the All-Canterbury Championship (6 rounds) will be held in Christchurch over Labour weekend (October 25-27).

These two events will feature a FIDE-rated 'A tournament', thus ensuring unrated players will get the chance to meet plenty of rated players and obtain 'blocks' of 4 or 5 rated games (a total of nine rated games are required for a FIDE rating). Both events will have a non FIDE-rated 'B tournament' (the Dunedin 'B' event will be restricted to under 1700 players). For further information contact the club secretaries at Canterbury and Otago Chess Clubs - or simply watch this space.

**Wanganui CC:**

A grade rapid, President's Shield: 1 Chris Burns 6/8, 2 Martin Post 4, 3 Barry Williams 1. A reserve rapid, Club Captain's Shield: 1 David Bell 8.5/10, 2-3 Ted Frost and Waata Hipango 5, 4 Gordon Hoskyn 4, 5 John Wilson 3.5, 6 Bill Maddren 3. B grade rapid, Life Members' Shield: 1 Ivan de Farias 6.5/8, 2 Kelly Forrest 5, 3, Anaru Brooks 1.5, 4 Ahmed Al-Hindawi 1, 5 Ross Maxwell 0. C grade rapid, Committee members' Shield: 1 Graham Kane 5.5/6, 2 Dan Hurley 4.5, 3 Madison Becker 4, 4 Hone Joseph 3, 5-6 Mahrvin Scanlon and Jeffrey /Stuart 1. D grade rapid, Patron's Shield: 1 James Williams 7/5/10, 2 Cathy Williams 6.5, 3 Evan Williams 6, 4 Margaret Tauri 4.5, 5 Thomas Stratton 2.5, 6 Chris Walden 1.

Remuera Junior Chess Club (RJCC) had its first prizegiving in Dec last year. The results were as follows:

**Club Championship**

1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Chan – The Ken Williams Championship Cup  
2<sup>nd</sup> Harry Bong – The Lee Family Champion-

ship Cup  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alex Pan

**Blitz Championship**

1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Chan – The Chess For Success Lightning Championship Trophy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Julian Spring and Alex Pan

**Most Improved**

Kieran McEntegart

**Sportsmanship Award**

Lance Green

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NZ Junior Championship (July 7-11) will be finalised shortly.

**Junior Badge Scheme**

This has been received very well, with over 500 children completing the first level (pawn) test so far. The level two "knight" test is also now available, along with the badge and certificate. The tests for levels three and four are currently being finalised, with two more levels to be developed after that.

**New Zealand Inter-schools Competition**

This year the North Island primary, intermediate and secondary titles will be decided by an all-play-all final in Wanganui between the winners of the regional contests, with the exception that from Auckland the winners and runners-up will be eligible (due to size and numbers competing). The South Island primary, intermediate and secondary finals will also be held at the end of term 3, in Christchurch (many thanks to Jacinta Buist).

Clubs planning to hold inter-schools competitions should advise Junior Convenor Felicity Timings [ftimings@clear.net.nz](mailto:ftimings@clear.net.nz), so these can be integrated into the national competition.

## Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

**Rossiter,P – Hoskyn,G**

[A10]

NZCCA Handicap, 1998

1.c4 c5 2.♘c3 ♟f6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 ♟xd5 5. ♟g2 ♟c7 6.b3 ♟c6

In my analysis of this opening I became interested in the game Hodgson-Izeta, European Teams Championship 1997. In that game Black developed his knight at d7, why?  
7.♟xc6+!? bxc6 8.♟a3!?

It was this plan that intrigued me. White mixes it tactically and Black will have to worry about the c-file and lagging development.

8...e5 9.♟f3 f6 10.♟c1

White's plan isn't exactly subtle – gang up on c5.

10...♟a6 11.♟c2 ♟b4

Black solves the problem of his doubled pawns, but his position remains inferior.

12.♟xb4 cxb4 13.♟a4 ♟b7 14.♟c5 ♟xc5 15.

♟xc5 ♟b6 16.d4 exd4 17.♟xd4 ♟xc5 18.

♟xc5 0-0

18...♟d7 19.0-0 ♟hc8 20.♟fc1 leaves Black horribly tied up while White takes his time wondering how to finish him off, so Black decides to abandon the pawn. This does not, however, save the game.

19.0-0 a5 20.♟xc6 ♟xc6 21.♟xc6 ♟fc8 22.

♟fc1 ♟xc6 23.♟xc6 h6 24.♟c5 ♟f7 25.♟g2

♟a7 26.♟b5 ♟e6 27.f4 ♟d6 28.e4 ♟c6 29.♟b8

♟c5 30.♟d8 1-0

A bit premature, but I figured that Gordon may have been busy with championship games.

**Bell,D – Rossiter,P**

[A40]

NZCCA TT2, 2002

1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 g6 3.♟c3 d5 4.♟f3 ♟g7 5.♟f4 0-0

Inviting the Grunfeld Gambit.

6.h3?!

6.Rc1 and 6.e3 are the main moves. If White is going to decline the gambit he should really get on with his development.

6...c5 7.e3 cxd4 8.exd4 ♟c6 9.c5?

An error from which White never recovers, as Black now unleashes a flurry of tactics. 9.Be2

A feature of the recent Wanganui Congress was the gathering of a large number of current and former correspondence players. It was particularly pleasing to meet in the flesh, for the first time, Ken Reed from Christchurch and Philip Rossiter from Hamilton. I asked Philip for a contribution and he kindly supplied me with the following article and games.

"I learned to play chess at around seven. I remember being a keen reader of Murray Chandler's column in the *Listener*. I also keenly watched the weekly programme on the Karpov-Korchnoi match in 1978 that was broadcast on TV1. Shortly afterwards I was given a copy of *Korchnoi's 400 Best Games* for my birthday. Although I admire all the great players, "Victor the Terrible" remains my favourite.

I was champion at Cambridge High School in my last two years there. I started playing at the Hamilton club around 1988 and have been a member since, although recently work and study commitments mean that I don't get to the club much now. In 1991 was joint club champion with Hilton Bennett and William Lynn. In 2002 I was official joint Waikato champion with Graeme Spain when I scored 4/6 in the Waikato Open.

I took up corry chess in 1997, simply in order to play more chess. I enjoy playing, getting to know new people and getting more mail than everyone else! I was first equal in TT3 a couple of years ago and now play in TT2.

Last year I coached two primary school children, one of whom played in the Waikato schoolpupils' tournament in October 2002. Fortunately, I had taught him how to checkmate with King +Rook v King, as he had to do it in the first round!

I have to admit, though, that I am still a better OTB player, but I'm not really sure why that is. Having said that, I have played many corry games that I'm very proud of. One of the great things about going to the recent Congress in Wanganui was to catch up with corry players and put faces to names".

or 9.cxd5 were better, but Black is clearly OK. The text wastes a valuable tempo.

**9...d5 10.h2 e5!**

A temporary sacrifice to open up the centre.

**11.dxe5** If he doesn't take, then ...c4 looks very inviting. **11...e8 12.h2**

White tries to get his king out of the line of fire. But, as the game goes, the monarch isn't safe castled either. **12...dxe5 13.dxe5 h2**

**14.h2 e5 15.0-0 d4**

This position had to be seen at move 9. Suddenly moves like Bxh3 followed by Qg5 are in the air. White tries to stop this, but runs into more tactics. Now 16.Kh2 was worth considering, though 16...Qh4 is a problem. Perhaps White is already lost. **16.g4 d4 17.d4** **17...xc8 xc8 18.a4** was White's last chance, although after 18...Qh4 he can only pray. **17...xg4 18.xg4 d2!** In a position like this, such moves are always possible.

**19.f4 e3 20.f3 h5 21.f2 d7 22.b3 xh3 0-1**

#### Trophy tourney progress

As at 4 February, 2003.

69<sup>th</sup> Championship: M L Dunwoody 8/9, A J Short 7/11, G A Hoskyn 6/11, T J Doyle 5.5/8, P B Goffin 4.5/8, J C Rapp 4.5/9, H P Bennett 4/7, E G A Frost 4/11, P J Voss 3.5/6, B G Walsh 3/9, B W Millar and E N Roberts 3/11. Latest results: DUNWOODY beat Doyle, Frost, Roberts. DOYLE beat Rapp, drew Roberts. GOFFIN beat Frost, Millar, drew Voss, Walsh. BENNETT beat Roberts, drew Walsh. FROST drew Voss. Millar beat Roberts.

Reserve Championship: R J Weston 11/11, B J Edwards 5.5/7, G D Putt 4/8, D E Dolejs and B M Williams 2/9, K G Reed 1.5/5, G E Lovelock 0/3. Latest results: WESTON beat Reed (2). EDWARDS beat Williams, drew Putt. PUTT beat Dolejs. DOLEJS beat Lovelock. WILLIAMS drew Reed.

TT2: W R Smillie 8/8, P E Rossiter 4/8. W Anderson 3/6, P C King 1/6, D I Bell 0/4. Latest results: SMILLIE beat King, Bell. ROSSITER beat Anderson. ANDERSON beat King.

TT3: S J Mannix 5/8, G H Mills 4/5, A W Hendry 4/7, J W H Atkinson 3/7, L I Purvis 0/5. Latest results: MILLS beat Mannix (2), Hendry.

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unable to neutralize White's activity **26...g5**

**27.Re4 Rg8 28.Ne5** Now White's knight runs rings around the weak bishop **28...**

**Qc7 29.Nc4 Rd8 30.Qe2 f3** Trying to give the bishop some air **31.Qxf3 Rf8 32.Qe2**

**Rf7 33.a4!** The advance of this pawn decides the issue **33...Bf4 34.a5 a6 35.Re8+ 1-0** Black has had enough. A plausible finish might be **35...Kb7 36.g3 Bc1 37.Qb3+! Ka7 38.Nd6! Rg7 (38...Rf6 39.Re7!) 39.Nc8+ Ka8 40.Ne7+ Ka7 41.Nxc6+ Qxc6 42.Qb8 mate**

**Hilton Bennett (2052) - Tony Dowden (2164)** South Island Championship 2002

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 e5 4.dxc5** White's idea is to 'strongpoint' e5 with pieces, however Black is able to develop rapidly **4...Nc6** Avoiding **4...Bxc5 5.Qg4 5.Nf3 Bxc5 6.Bd3 f6(!)** The thematic antidote to Nimzowitsch's idea **7.Qe2 fxe5 8.Nxe5 9.Qxe5 Nf6?!** Safer is **9...Qf6(!)**. After **10.Qe2 Ne7 11.Nd2 0-0** Black is comfortable **10.0-0?!** **10.Bb5+** is more testing. Surprisingly, **10...Kf7 (10...Bd7? 11.Qxe6+)** **11.0-0 Rf8!?** **12.Bd3 Kg8** transposes back to the game. Less convincing is **11...Qb6?!** **12.Nc3** as played in Nimzowitsch-Bogoljubow, Stockholm, 1920. However, White might gain the advantage after **11...Rf8 12.Ng5+ 10...0-0 11.Bg5** White would like to play **11.Bf4** but after **11...Ng4!** both **12.Qh5 Rxf4!** and **12.Qg5 Nxf2!** are good for Black **11...Bd6 12.Qd4 Qc7 13.Qh4 h6 14.Bxf6?!** For better or worse White should play **14.Bd2 14...Rxf6** Now Black has a sizable advantage **15.Nc3 Bd7 16.Rac1?! a6 17.Ne2 b5 18.c3 Raf8** Black increases his advantage with simple moves. It is difficult for White to find constructive play. Perhaps White should play **19.f3 19.a4 Bc5 20.Nd4 bxa4 21.Bxa6 e5 22.Be2 Rf4 23.Qg3 Qa7 23...exd4? 24.cxd4** quite unnecessarily gives White chances **24.Nf3 Bd6 25.Red1?** In severe time trouble White misses Black's main threat **25...Rg4 26.Rxd5 26.Qh3 Re4** wins a piece **Rxg3 27.hxg3 Bb8 28.Bc4 Be6 0-1**

## Overseas News

by Peter Stuart

### KARPOV v KASPAROV

Anatoly Karpov came from behind to win a four-game match against Garry Kasparov played a few days before Christmas in New York's Times Square. The rapid time control was 25 minutes for the game plus 10 seconds per move.

Kasparov took the first game but Karpov won the next two before a final game draw gave him the match 2½-1½. The quality of play was poor, the first game being a good example:

#### Karpov - Kasparov (1)

Grünfeld [D92]

**1.d4 d6 2.c4 g6 3.dxc3 d5 4.dxf3 g7 5. f4 0-0 6.xc1 dxc4 7.e3 e6 8.dg5 dg4 9.f3 xc8 10.xc4 c6 11.xb3 e6 12.dg4 d5 13.xd5 exd5 14.d6 dxc6 15.dxb7 xh4+ 16.g3 xh6 17.d2 [17.f4? dx4d4! 18.d1 xh4+ 19.g3 xg5 20.exd4 xxb7 and Black has the bishop pair and better pawn structure] 17...xb7 18.xb7 a5 19.xb4 dxc4 20.xc4!?** [20.f4 g5 21.b3 gxf4 22.bxc4 fxe3 ∞; 20.e4 xd4 ∞] **20...dxc4 21.f2 ffc8 22.xc1 f8 23.xa4 xg5 24.xc4 d5 25.b3 xb7 26.e5 e7 27.dxc3 f6 28.g3 a6 29.h3 f7 30.g1 g5 31.h2 h5 32.h4 gxh4 33.f4 xc4 34.xc4 xc8 35.d3 f5 36.d5 d7 37.e4 f6?** [better was **37...e8**] **38.d4?** [38.dxe6+! xxe6 39.exf5 xc6 40.d4 is much better for White] **38...fxe4 39.fxe4 e5?** [39...exd5 40.dxb6 xg4 41.dxd5 dg5 gives Black plenty of counterplay] **40.d2?** [Now the fork works as the white pawn centre is solid: **40.dxb6 xg4 41.dxc8 xxf4+ 42.g3! hxg3+ 43.xg3** and the white e-pawn is taboo. Black is okay after the text but White goes down the gurgler surprisingly quickly] **40...xg4 41.dxb6 xg8 42.f3?!** [42.f1!?] **42...xf3 43.gxf3 xg3 44.f4** [44.dxc4 xxf3 45.e3 xg3 46.b4 xg4 47.a4 xg6 48.d2 dg5 and the black king will invade] **44...exf4 45.fxf4 xg4 46.e3 xxe4 47.dxc4 xg4 48.a4 xg3 49.a5**

**x8 50.b4 xg4 51.b5 xxc4 52.bxa6 xc8 0-1.**

### WARSAW

More than 300 players, including 50 grandmasters, competed in a knock-out rapid tournament played at the end of December. The final sixteen players were split into four groups with the group winners proceeding to the semifinals. Evgeny Bareev (RUS) went on to beat Sergei Tiviakov (NED) while 16-year old Andrei Volokitin (UKR) beat Vladimir Malaniuk (UKR) in the other semi-final. Both matches were 1-1 after the two rapid games with a single blitz game decider. The final went the same way with Bareev winning the blitz game to take first place.

### WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, GOA

GM Levon Aronian (ARM) won the 13-round Swiss with 10 points. GM Luke McShane (ENG) took clear second place on 9½ while IMs Ganguly (IND) and Timofeev (RUS) shared third place on 9 points. Australian IM David Smerdon finished in a tie for 17<sup>th</sup> place on 7½.

### Kosmo-Smerdon

Scandinavian [B01]

**1.e4 d5 2.exd5 d6 3.c4 e6 4.dxe6 xe6 5. d3 xe7 6.xe2 dxc6 7.d4 dg4 8.e3 0-0-0 9.d5 d2 10.dxc3 d7 11.h3 dxf3+ 12.gxf3 h5 13.0-0-0 d2 14.dg2 xb4 15.d4 [15.c5!?] 15...c5 16.xh4 xe3+ 17.xe3 xe8! 18.xh5?** [18.xxa7! d3+ 19.d2 dxf2 is unclear] **18...dxc4 19. d4 c5! 20.xg4+ d7 21.d1 [21.d1 was the only move when 21...dxb2+ 22.d c2 dxc4 23.d3 d2+ is a draw, but 21... b5!? might be considered] 21...e2 22.f4 da3! 23.f5 [23.xxb4 xc2#] 23...d2# 0-1.**

### PAMPLONA

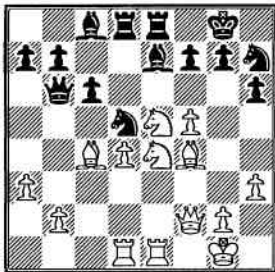
This late December event was a category 16 double round-robin which was jointly won by

GMs Rustam Kasimdzhanov (UZB) and Viktor Bologan (MDA) with 3½/6. GM Francisco Vallejo (ESP) was third on 3 points and GM Ivan Sokolov (NED) brought up the rear on 2.

### Bologan–Kasimdzhanov

Petroff [C42]

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁f6 3.♁xe5 d6 4.♁f3 ♁xe4 5. d4 d5 6.♁d3 ♁c6 7.0-0 ♁e7 8.c4 ♁f6 9.h3 ♁b4 10.♁e2 dxc4 11.♁xc4 0-0 12.♁c3 ♁bd5 13.♁e1 c6 14.♁b3 ♁b6 15.♁d3 ♁e6 16.♁c2 h6 17.a3 ♁bd5 18.♁a4 ♁d7 19.♁d2 ♁e8 20. ♁ad1 ♁f6 21.♁e5 ♁c7 22.f4 ♁f8 23.♁c5 ♁ad8 24.♁c1 ♁c8 25.♁f2 ♁e6 26.♁e4 ♁e7 27.♁c4 ♁f8 28.f5 ♁h7 29.♁f4 ♁b6



30.♁xh6! gxh6 31.♁g3+ ♁g5 [No better was 31...♁f8 32.♁xf7! ♁xf7 33.♁g6+ ♁f8 34.♁xh7 or 31...♁g5 32.h4 ♁xf5 33.hxg5 ♁xe4 34.gxh6+] 32.h4 f6 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.♁g6 ♁f7 35.♁h3 ♁g7 36.♁xd5 cxd5 37.♁f2 ♁d6 38.♁xe8 ♁xe8 39.♁g4 ♁xf5 40.♁h6+ ♁f7 41.♁h8+ [41.♁h8+ ♁xh8 42.♁xf6+ ♁e8 43.♁xh8+ +-] 1-0.

### HASTINGS

The 78<sup>th</sup> edition of this New Year tournament was won by Danish GM Peter-Heine Nielsen with 6/9. Sharing second place were GMs Keith Arkell (ENG) and Pentala Harikrishna (IND) on 5½ and then came: 4-5 GM Barsov (UZB) & IM Karjakin (UKR) 5; 6-7 GM McShane (ENG) & GM Sasikiran (IND) 4½; 8 GM Flear (ENG) 4; 9 WGM Kosteniuk (RUS) 3; 10 GM Tsheshkovsky (RUS) 2.

Sergei Karjakin turned 13 just a few days after the tournament finished.

### McShane–Nielsen

Ruy Lopez [C67]

1.e4 e5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.♁b5 ♁f6 4.0-0 ♁xe4 5. ♁e1 ♁d6 6.♁xe5 ♁e7 7.♁d3 0-0 8.♁c3 ♁xe5 9.♁xe5 ♁f6 10.♁e3 ♁e8 11.♁d5 ♁g5 12.f4 ♁h6 13.♁h3 c6 14.♁e3 ♁e4 15.♁xe4 ♁xe4 16. ♁f5 ♁b6+ [16...♁xf4! 17.d3 ♁e5 18.♁h5 ♁b6+ 19.♁f1 ♁e1+! 20.♁xe1 ♁g1+ 21.♁e2 ♁xg2+ is a draw] 17.d4 ♁xf4? [17...d5 18.♁b3 ♁c7 19.♁xh6+ gxh6 is undoubtedly better for White but the text allows a quick win] 18.♁h5 h6 19.♁xf4 ♁xf4 20.♁e1 [20.♁c1 ♁f8 (20... ♁d8 21.♁xh6+! gxh6 22.♁xh6 and mate is unavoidable) 21.♁e2 ♁d8 22.♁e3 +-] 1-0.

### STOCKHOLM

The 38<sup>th</sup> Rilton Cup tournament, a 9-round Swiss, featured a surprise winner in Swedish IM Jonas Barkhagen who scored 7½ points. Top seed GM Artur Yusupov (GER) shared second place, a half-point back, with IM Nyback (FIN) and GM Wedberg (SWE). There were 121 players.

### BASEL

The ITAG Masters was a four-player round-robin won by GM Viktor Korchnoi (SUI) with 2½/3. He was followed by GM Pelletier (SUI) 2, GM Hort (GER) 1½ and GM Nemet (SUI) 0. The same four players also played a similar rapid tournament and this time it was Vlastimil Hort taking first place with 3 points after defeating Korchnoi in the final round. Korchnoi was second on 2 while Nemet and Pelletier had to be content with half a point each in third equal place.

The concurrent Hilton Open was won by Vladimir Tukmakov (UKR) with 6/7. On 5½ points were IM Balogh (HUN), GM Pikula (YUG), GM Rausis (LAT), GM A. Sokolov (FRA) and IM Solomunovic (BIH). There were 86 players.

### REGGIO EMILIA

The category 8 GM event was won by GMs

Jean-Luc Chabanon (FRA) and Mladen Palac (CRO) with 7/9. Also undefeated were third-placed IM Tomescu (ROM) on 6½ and fourth-placed GM Miso Cebalo (CRO) on 6. Then came: 5 GM Romanishin (UKR) 5½; 6-7 IM Mrdja (CRO) & IM Vezzosi (ITA) 3½; 8 Castaldo (ITA) 3; 9-10 Iotti (ITA) & Scalcione (ITA) 1½.

### US CHAMPIONSHIP

Played in mid-January at Seattle, this was a 9-round Swiss with 58 players including 19 grandmasters; the US Women's Championship was incorporated within the main event. Going into the final round eight players were tied on 5½ points. GM Alexander Shabalov was the only one to win, against Akobian, so he took the title with 6½. The other six penultimate round leaders finished on 6: GMs Benjamin, Fedorowicz, Gulko, A.Ivanov, Kaidanov and Stripunsky; they were joined by GM Goldin who won his last game to also finish on 6 points.

### SADVAKASOV v KORCHNOI

Darmen Sadvakasov won an 8-game match at Astana (capital of Kazakhstan) in January. After two draws Sadvakasov won games 3 and 4 and the remaining games were all drawn. Game 4 was perhaps the most interesting:

### Sadvakasov–Korchnoi (4)

Caro–Kann [B18]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♁d2 dxe4 4.♁xe4 ♁f5 5. ♁g3 ♁g6 6.♁c4 e6 7.♁1e2 ♁d6 8.h4 h6 9. ♁f4 ♁xf4 10.♁xf4 ♁f6 11.♁d2 ♁d5 12.♁e2 ♁d7 13.0-0 b5 14.♁d3 ♁xd3 15.♁xd3 ♁xf4 16.♁xf4 ♁c7 17.♁f3 0-0 18.g4 g6 19. ♁e3 ♁fe8 20.♁h3 ♁g7 21.h5 g5 22.f4 gxf4 23.♁xf4 e5 24.♁h3 exd4 25.♁xd4+ ♁e5 26. g5 hxg5 27.♁xg5 ♁ad8 28.h6+ ♁g8 29.♁c3 [Missing 29.h7+! ♁h8 (29... ♁g7 30.♁e6+ fxe6 31.h8♁+) 30.♁xc5+! ♁xe5 (30... ♁xe5 31.♁xf7+ ♁g7 32.♁xe5 +-) 31.♁xd8+ ♁xd8 32.♁xf7+ ♁g7 33.♁xd8 +-] 29... ♁xd1+ 30.♁xd1 ♁e7 31.♁g1 f6 32.♁e4+ ♁h8 33.♁g7 [33.♁g3 ♁h7 (33... ♁d7 34.♁d6 ♁d8 35.♁f5 ♁f7 36.♁g7+ ♁xg7 37.hxg7+

♁g8 38.♁h6+) 34.♁d6 ♁d8 35.♁g2! and 36.♁e4+ will decide] 33...♁f8 34.♁d4 ♁f3 35.♁d3 ♁e5? [35...♁b4! 36.♁xf3 ♁e1+ 37. ♁d1 ♁xe4 and Black should be able to hold] 36.♁e3 f5 37.♁g5 f4 38.♁e4 1-0.

### GAUSDAL

Lithuanian GM Eduardas Rozentalis won the Gausdal Troll Masters tournament in January with an undefeated 8/10, a half-point ahead of fellow Baltic state GM Normunds Miezis (LAT). Those on 7 points included 12-year old Magnus Carleson (NOR) who gained his first IM norm.

### WIJK AAN ZEE

The 65<sup>th</sup> Corus tournament in January featured seven of the top ten on the January FIDE rating list, including both current world champions, Vladimir Kramnik and Ruslan Ponomarev. The event was category 19 – average rating 2701.

Vishy Anand, a joint winner of this tournament on two occasions previously, this year went one better by taking an undivided first prize with an undefeated 8½/13. The Indian GM emerged in the joint lead after the fifth round, had it to himself after round 8, and remained in front to the end. Judit Polgar maintained station just half a point back for most of the tournament. She also went through without a loss in what was possibly her best ever result. Last year's winner, Evgeny Bareev, took clear third place.

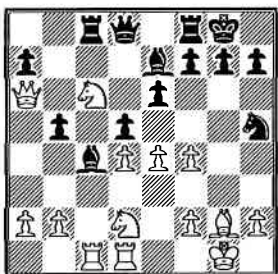
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The category 11 GM Group B saw Chinese GM Zhang Zhong outclass the field in scoring 11/13, losing only to Australian GM Ian Rogers and conceding just two draws. Dutch FM Daniel Stellwagen surprised by sharing second place with German GM Arkadij Naiditsch with 8 points. Then followed: 4 GM Nijboer (NED) 7½; 5 IM Karjakin (UKR) 7; 6 GM De Vreugt (NED) 6½; 7-9 GM Acs (HUN), WGM Koneru (IND) & GM Van de Wiel 6; 10-11 GM Hector (SWE) & GM

Rogers (AUS) 5½; 12-13 GM Jonkman (NED) & WGM Kosteniuk (RUS) 5; 14 WGM Cmilyte (LTU) 4.

**Radjabov–Topalov**  
Catalan [E06]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 d5 4.g3 ♖b4+ 5.♙d2 ♙e7 6.♙g2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.♙c2 b6 9.♙f4 ♙a6 10.♗bd2 ♗bd7 11.♙fd1 ♙c8 12.♙ac1 ♗h5 13.e4 ♗xf4 14.gxf4 ♗f6 15.♗e5 ♗h5 16.♙a4 ♙xc4 17.♗xc6 b5 18.♙a6



18...♙xc6! 19.♙xc6 ♗xf4 20.♗xc4 bxc4! [20...♗e2+ 21.♗f1 ♗xc1 22.exd5 ♗xa2 23.♙xb5 and White has nothing to fear] 21.exd5 exd5 22.♙c3 ♖h4 23.♙g3 [23.♗f1 ♗xg2 24.♗xg2 ♙g5+ 25.♗f1 ♙f4 26.♙c2 ♙f3! and Black's attack rolls on] 23...♙e8!? [23...♙xg3 24.hxg3 ♗xg2 25.♗xg2 leaves Black a pawn up but with much work still to do, so Topalov prefers to retain the initiative] 24.♙g4 ♙e6 25.♙c5 ♗xg2 26.♙xg2 a6 27.♙a3 g6 28.♙c3 ♙c7 29.b3 ♙a3 30.♙c2 ♙e7 31.♗f1 cxb3 32.♙xb3 ♙d6 33.♙d3 ♙f4 34.♙d2 ♙f5 35.♙d3 ♙e4 36.♙b3 ♗g7 37.♙d3 h5 38.♙b3 ♙f6 39.♙g3 ♙f4 40.♙e3 h4 41.♙g2 ♙f3 42.♙e2 a5 43.♗g1 ♙f4 44.♗h1 ♙e4 45.♙f1 a4 46.♙d2 ♙xd4 47.♙d1 ♙e5 48.f3 ♙b4 49.♙d3 h3 50.♙e2 d4 51.♙f2 ♙f4 52.♙e2 ♙b1+ 53.♙d1 d3 54.♙f1 ♙xd1 55.♙xd1 d2 56.♙e2 ♙d3 57.♙f2 ♙e3 58.♙f1 ♙d4 59.a3 ♗g8 60.f4 [60.♙b1 ♙c2] 60...♙e4+ 61.♙f3 ♙f2 0-1.

**Karpov–Polgar**  
Queen's Indian

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.a3 ♖b7 5.♗c3 d5 6.exd5 ♗xd5 7.♙c2 ♗xc3 8.♙xc3 h6 9.e3 ♗d7 10.b4 ♙e7 11.♙b2 0-0 12.♙d1 a5 13.b5

♙c8 14.♙b3 c6 15.bxc6 ♙xc6 16.♙b5? [An unfortunate square as it allows a petite combination which keeps the white king trapped in the centre] 16...♙b4+! 17.axb4 ♙xb5 18.bxa5 ♙c4 19.♙a3 [19.♙a4 bxa5 20.♙c3 was better and Polgar suggested after the game that 20...♙f6! 21.♙xd7 ♙g6 was good for Black] 19...bxa5 20.♙d6 ♙b5 21.d5 ♙c2 22.♙d2 ♙c8 23.♙a3 ♙xd2 24.♗xd2 [24.♗xd2 ♗c5] 24...♗b6 25.♙c3 ♗c4+ 26.♗c2 e5 27.♗b1 ♙g4 28.♙c1 [28.♙g1 ♙b8] 28...♙b8 29.♙c2 f6 30.d6 ♙xg2 31.♗d2 ♙h1+ 32.♗a2 ♗xd6 33.♙c5 ♙c8 0-1.

**Ponomariov–Shirov**  
Semi-Slav [D44]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.♗c3 e6 5.♙g5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.♙h4 g5 9.♗xg5 hxg5 10.♙xg5 ♗bd7 11.g3 ♗g7 12.♙g2 ♙b6 13.exf6 0-0-0 14.0-0 c5 15.d5 b4 16.♗a4 ♙b5 17.a3 exd5 18.axb4 cxb4 19.♙e3 ♗c5 20.♙g4+ ♙d7 21.♙g7 ♙xg7 22.fxg7 ♙g8 23.♗xc5 ♙xg7! [The queen sacrifice 21.♙g7 was first seen in the game Ivanchuk–Shirov, Wijk aan Zee 1996 which continued 23...d4 24.♙xb7+ ♙xb7 25.♗xb7 ♙b6 26.♙xd4! ♙xd4 27.♙fd1 ♙xb2 28.♗d6+ ♗b8 29.♙db1 ♙xg7 30.♙xb4+ ♗c7 31.♙a6 ♙b8 32.♙xa7+ ♗xd6 33.♙xb8 ♙g4 34.♙d8+ ♗c5 35.♙a1 1-0] 24.♗xd7 ♙xd7 25.♙xa7 ♙g6 26.♙fa1 ♙e6! 27.♙d4 ♙e2 28.h4? [28.♙d1] 28...♙d2! 29.♙e3 [29.♙a8+ ♙xa8 30.♙xa8+ ♗b7 31.♙a7+ ♗c6 32.♙xd7 ♗xd7 33.♙e3 ♙d1+ 34.♗h2 c3 35.bxc3 bxc3 36.♙h3+ ♗e7 37.♙f5 d4 38.♙g5+ f6 39.♙f4 d3 +-] 29...♙xb2 30.♙1a5 b3 31.♙c5+ ♗d8 32.♙xb7 ♙xb7 33.♙xd5+ ♙xd5 34.♙xd5 ♙b1+ 35.♗g2 b2 36.♙e4 ♙d1 37.♙g5+ ♗e8 38.♙f6 b1 ♙39.♙xb1 ♙xb1 40.h5 ♗f8 41.g4 ♙d1 42.♙b2 ♗g8 0-1.

**Anand–Karpov**  
Caro-Kann [B12]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♙f5 4.♗c3 e6 5.g4 ♙g6 6.♗ge2 ♗e7 7.f4 c5 8.♗g3 cxd4 9.♗b5 ♗ec6!? 10.f5 ♙c5 11.♗d6+ ♙xd6 12.exd6 ♙xd6 13.♙g2 f6 14.fxg6 hxg6 15.0-0 ♗d7 16.♙f2 0-0-0 17.c3 dxc3 18.bxc3 ♗b6 19.♗f1 ♙d7 20.h3 f5 21.♙b1 ♙f8 22.♙b3 ♙f7

23.♙c2 ♙c7 24.♙d3 ♗a4 25.♙f4 e5 26.♙h2 f4 27.♙xd5 ♙xd5 28.♙xd5 ♙fe7? [28...♗xc3! 29.♙xf7 ♗xb1 30.♙xg6 ♗c3 and White's advantage is minimal] 29.c4 ♗d4 30.♗d2 ♗c3 31.♙e1 b5 32.♗e4 ♗xe4 33.♙xe4 g5 [34.♙xf4 was threatened] 34.cxb5 ♗xb5 35.♙e1 ♗c3 36.♙b3 a5 37.♗f1 a4 38.♙c2 ♗b7 39.♙f5 a3 40.♙c2 ♙c6 41.♙g1 ♙c4 42.♙f2 e4 43.♙ec1 ♙ec7 44.♙e1 [44.♙e1 ♗d5 45.♙xc4 ♗e3+ 46.♗e2 ♗xc4 47.♙xc4+ +-] 1-0.

**Timman–Topalov**  
Sicilian [B53]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♙b5 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♙xd4 ♙d7 6.♙xc6 ♙xc6 7.♗c3 ♗f6 8.♙g5 e6 9.0-0-0 ♙e7 10.♙he1 0-0 11.♗b1 h6 12.♙h4 ♙a5 13.♙d2 ♙h5 14.h3 g5 15.♙g3 e5 16.♙d3 ♙ad8 17.♗d2 d5 18.♙xe5 dxe4 19.♙e3 ♗d5 20.♗xd5 ♙xd5 21.♙d4? [21.g4 ♙g6 22.♙d4 is better for White] 21...f5 22.f3 ♙fd8 23.c3 ♙xd4!? 24.cxd4 f4 25.♙b3+ ♙d5 26.♙c2 e3 27.♗e4 ♙f7 28.♗c3 ♙e6 29.d5 ♙f5 30.♗e4 ♙xd5 31.♙xd5 ♙xd5 32.♙d1 ♙e6 33.♗a1 h5 34.a3 ♗f7 35.♙a4 ♙xe4 36.fxe4 ♙f6 37.♙c2 ♙c6 38.♗b1 g4 39.hxg4 hxg4 40.♙d3 ♙e6 41.g3! f3?! [41...♙e5! 42.♙d7+ (42.♙b3+? ♗g6 43.♙xb7 f3 44.♙h1 ♗g5 is hopeless for White) 42...♗g6 43.♙xg4+ ♗f7 44.♙d7+ (44.♙e2?? f3) 44...♗g6 with a draw by repetition] 42.♙xe3 ♙e5 43.♙g5 ♙xg3 44.♙h5+ ♗g7 45.♙g5+ ♗f7 46.♙h5+ ♗g7 47.♗a1 f2 48.♙g5+ ♗f7 49.♙h5+ ♗g7 50.♙h1 ♙e5 51.♙h7+ ♗f8 52.♙xb7 g3 53.♙c1 [This allows Black to force resignation almost immediately, but he can also escape the checks after the better 53.♙d1 e.g. 53...♙f6 54.♙c8+ ♗g7 55.♙g4+ ♗f7 56.♙d7+ ♗g6 57.♙g4+ ♙g5 58.♙e6+ ♙f6 59.♙e8+ ♗h6 60.♙h1+ ♗g7 61.♙h8+ ♗f7 62.♙h7+ ♙g7 63.♙xg7+ ♙xg7 64.♙h5+ ♙g6 65.♙d5+ ♗g7 66.♙e5+ ♗h6 67.♙f4+ ♙g5 68.♙f8+ ♗h5 69.♙f3+ ♙g4 70.♙f7+ ♗h4 71.♙h7+ ♙h5 72.♙e7+ ♗h3 etc] 53...♙c4! 54.♙a8+ ♗e7 55.♙xa7+ ♙c7 0-1.

**Shirov–Bareev**  
French [C11]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♗f3 ♗c6 7.♙e3 cxd4 8.♗xd4 ♙c5 9.♙d2

♙xd4 10.♙xd4 ♗xd4 11.♙xd4 ♙b6 12.♙d2 ♙xb2 13.♙b1 ♙a3 14.♗b5 ♙xa2 15.♗d6+ ♗f8 16.♙d1 ♙b2 17.♙e2 ♙b6 18.c4 d4 19.♙f3 a5 20.0-0 d3+ 21.♗h1 ♙d6 22.♗b5 ♙c5 23.♙xd3 g6 24.♗d6 ♗b6 25.♙b1 ♗g7 26.♙b5 ♙c7 27.♙d4 ♗d7 28.f5! gxf5 29.♗xf5+ exf5 30.e6+ ♗e5 [or 30...♗f6 31.♙xf5 ♙e7 32.♙d5 +-] 31.♙xe5 f6 32.♙xf5 ♙f8 33.♙d5 ♙e7 34.♙h5 ♗h8 [34...♙a6 35.♙h4 ♙h8 (35...♗h8 36.♙e4) 36.♙xf6 ♙xf6 37.♙g5+ ♗f8 38.♙g8+ ♗xg8 39.♙xf6 +-] 35.♙e4 ♙xe6 36.♙xh7+ ♙xh7 37.♙xh7 ♗xh7 38.♙e4+ 1-0.

**Shirov–Grischuk**  
Sicilian [B33]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 e5 6.♗db5 d6 7.♙g5 a6 8.♗a3 b5 9.♙xf6 gxf6 10.♗d5 f5 11.♙d3 ♙c6 12.0-0 ♙xd5 13.exd5 ♗e7 14.c3 ♙g7 15.♙h5 e4 16.♙c2 ♙c8 17.♙ae1 0-0 18.♙b3 a5 19.♙g5 ♙b7 20.f3 h6 21.♙f4 a4 22.♙c2 b4 23.cxb4 ♙xb4 24.fxe4 ♗g6!? [24...♙xb2 25.♙g3+ ♗h8 26.exf5 ♗xd5 27.♙e4 ♙xa3 28.♙xa3 ♙xa3 29.♙xd5 is about equal] 25.♙xf5 ♙xb2 26.e5!? ♙xe5 [26...♙xa3? 27.e6] 27.♗b1 ♙ac8 28.♙c4? [Black was threatening 28...♙d4+ winning and 28.♗h1? is not a sufficient defence, e.g. 28...♙h4 29.♙h3 ♙xh3 30.gxh3 ♙b8 and 31...♙b2; correct was 28.♙e4 ♙c5+ 29.♙f2 ♙xd5 30.♙xa4 ♙c5=] 28...♙f4! 29.g3 ♙e5 30.♙g4 ♙xe4 31.♙xe4 ♙xe4 32.gxf4 ♙b8 [32...♙b8 33.♗d2 ♙d4+ 34.♙f2 ♙b2 35.♙e2 ♙xa2 and White remains helpless] 0-1.

**Ponomariov–Radjabov**  
King's Indian [E97]

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.♙e2 e5 7.0-0 ♗c6 8.d5 ♗e7 9.b4 ♗h5 10.♙e1 f5 11.♗g5 ♗f6 12.f3 ♗h8 13.♙b1 h6 14.♗e6 ♙xe6 15.dxe6 fxe4 16.fxe4 ♗c6 17.♗d5 ♗g8 18.♙d3 ♗d4 19.♙g4 g5 20.♙h3 c6 21.♗e3 ♙f6 22.♗d4 ♙e7 [22...♙xc6? 23.♙xg5] 23.♙e3 ♗xe6 24.g3 ♙d7 25.♙f1 d5 26.♙f5?! [26.exd5 exd5 27.♙f5 ♙f5! (27...d4 28.♗xe5 ♙xe5 29.♙xe6 regains the pawn with the initiative; 27...♙ae8 28.♙h5 dxc4 29.♙g6 ♙xf5 30.♙xf5 and White is still in the game) 28.♙f5 ♗f4 and Black is well on top] 26...dxc4 27.♙xc4 ♗d4 28.♙xf8 ♙xf8 29.♙h5 ♙d6 30.♗g2 b5 31.♙f7 ♗c2! 32.♙c5 ♙d2+ 33.♗f2 [33.♗h3 ♗e1 34.♙f2 ♗f6! +-; 33.♗g1 ♗c1 34.♗f2 ♗f6 35.♙g6 ♗g4 +-] 33...♗f6 34.♙g6 ♗d4 35.♗g1 ♗c3 36.♙xe3 ♗xe3 37.h4 ♙e2! 38.♙h5 g4 0-1.



65<sup>th</sup> Corus Tournament

					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
1	Anand V.	IND	g	2753	♦	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	½	½	8½	1
2	Polgar J.	HUN	g	2700	½	♦	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	8	2
3	Bareev E.	RUS	g	2729	½	½	♦	0	0	1	0	1	1	½	½	1	½	1	7½	3
4	Shirov A.	ESP	g	2723	0	½	1	♦	1	0	1	½	½	½	½	1	0	½	7	4-8
5	Van Wely L.	NED	g	2668	½	½	1	0	♦	½	1	½	½	1	0	0	½	1	7	4-8
6	Grischuk A.	RUS	g	2712	½	0	0	1	½	♦	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	7	4-8
7	Kramnik V.	RUS	g	2807	½	½	1	0	0	½	♦	½	½	1	½	0	1	1	7	4-8
8	Ivanchuk V.	UKR	g	2699	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	♦	½	½	½	1	½	1	7	4-8
9	Radjabov T.	AZE	g	2624	½	½	0	½	½	0	½	½	♦	0	½	1	1	1	6½	9-10
10	Topalov V.	BUL	g	2743	0	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	1	♦	½	½	1	1	6½	9-10
11	Karpov A.	RUS	g	2688	0	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	♦	0	1	½	6	11-12
12	Ponomarev R	UKR	g	2734	0	½	0	0	1	½	1	0	0	½	1	♦	½	1	6	11-12
13	Krasenkov M	POL	g	2633	½	½	½	1	½	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	♦	½	4½	13
14	Timman J.	NED	g	2594	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	♦	2½	14

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down about it, and I thought she showed an admirable team spirit. The two main areas of improvement for Sue are concentration at the board, and a better utilization of the time resources available. However, I thought that for a player of only eleven years old, she could be happy with her performance.

Well, one other member of the Women's Team that should probably be mentioned is me! Like two of my teammates this was also my first Olympiad. Although I sort of knew what to expect, these things are never quite the same as one imagines. I felt I learnt a lot, and there are definitely some things I'd do differently if I were to go to an Olympiad in the capacity of Women's Team captain again. The most difficult thing is to adjust to the ability of your individual team members. With hindsight, I can see that often I expected too much of them. This was highlighted as early as the first round, when I urged Vivian to

play on after she'd been offered a draw. Also, I would often find opening preparation frustrating, as it can be difficult to get concepts across to players who have no idea what you're on about. To be blunt, it is pretty pointless trying to blindly follow advice that you don't understand. And as a captain, there is no use in getting upset about watching good positions being systematically destroyed. Only once did I feel that I had a direct hand in a victory for the team through opening preparation, and that was with Sue's sole win. It's all well and good to offer post mortem advice, but hindsight is never going to change a result. On the other hand, when things don't go your way it's easy to become hypercritical. All in all, although I was disappointed with the team's result, I am well aware that with just a bit of luck, and a few different moves, the result could have been a very good one. Considering the make up, and inexperience of the team, I think they can be reasonably happy.

## 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. (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. (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. c/- 51 Ames Street, Paekakariki Contact, Guy Burns Tel (04) 904-2002.

**New Plymouth** 11 Gilbert St, New Plymouth. Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Pres; D M'Ewen.

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.

Club Captain Roger Smith (04) 971-6528

**Waitemata** Thursday 7.45pm, Kelston Comm Centre, cnr Great North Rd and Awaroa Rd, Kelston; jun 6.15-7.15, Mondays, schooldays.

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**Wanganui** Mondays 7pm,

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**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, 86B The Esplanade, Raumati South, (04) 902-1707, rosslin@paradise.net.nz

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