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71st Championship: GA Hoskyn 3.5/7; M L
Dunwoody 2.5/3; H P Bennett 2/2; R J Weston
2/5; P B Goffin and W R Smillie 1/1; R E Gib-
bons and R S Mitchell 1/2; E G A Frost 1/3; P
J Voss and M. Wigbout 0.5/3.

Latest results: HOSKYN beat Mitchell; drew
Dunwoody, Weston, Frost, Voss, Wigbout.
DUNWOODY beat Weston. BENNETT beat
Hoskyn, Frost. WESTON beat Voss; drew Gib-
bons. GOFFIN beat Wigbout. SMILLIE beat
Voss. GIBBONS drew Frost. MITCHELL beat
Weston.

Reserve Championship: DE Dolejs, PE Ros-
siter and C Welsh 1/1; D I Bell 1/2; G D Putt
1/3. B J Edwards and G E Lovelock 0/1. Latest
results: DOLEJS beat Putt. ROSSITER beat
Bell. WELSH beat Putt. BELL beat Edwards.
PUTT beat Lovelock.

TT2: A W Hendry and S A Holdaway 1/1. S R
Chowdhury 0/2. Latest results: HENDRY beat
Chowdhury. HOLDAWAY beat Chowdhury.

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McLaren tied for first at the 2004 North Island
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North Island Championship 2004

by FM Bob Smith

With no sponsorship Waitemata Chess Club nevertheless took the plunge and made the 2004 North Island Championship a Class One event in the Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix.

To make the tournament as attractive as possible, we also paid the fee to make it FIDE-rated.

We were hopeful of a good turnout, and were reasonably happy with the 36 players who took a week off to compete.

The field was arguably a little stronger than recent North Island Championships.

Top seed was Paul Garbett, closely followed by Michael Steadman and Puchen Wang.

Other players rated over 2000 included Leonard McLaren, Graeme Spain Peter Stuart and Mark Van der Hoorn.

The tournament was held at Green Bay High School, which provided its carpeted library and adjacent analysis room at minimal cost.

Director of Play for the week was Waitemata's Bruce Pollard, who is by now among the country's most experienced arbiters, having directed several New Zealand Congresses and numerous Waitakere Licensing Trust Opens.

Round One:

The only shock of the round was that there were none! For once a perfect swiss result prevailed, with the top 18 players all winning.

Garbett's Sicilian worked a treat against Nyberg, who created some serious weaknesses and then fell for a tactic.

Steadman won a long manoeuvring game after Browne ran out of patience and sacked a piece.

Spain's win over Vosloo was a consistent effort, with his queen-side majority producing a decisive passed pawn.

Round Two

Garbett's simplifying approach against Krstev worked well. He showed excellent technique in making the most of a small ad-

vantage.

Steadman took the Wing Gambit pawn against Bennett and won after complications – though Fritz was unconvinced.

Wang's passed pawn combined with threats against the king proved too much for Mistry.

McLaren tried a well-known pawn sacrifice in the King's Indian Defence and eventually outplayed Gunn – though again Fritz was not impressed.

Spain's combination against Thornton was only good enough for a draw; he won Gino's queen but at the cost of three pieces.

Stuart offered Hair a draw after 19 moves after his early aggression came to nothing.

Barlow escaped a lost position after Eade went wrong in the tactics. At one stage Fritz gave the loser an advantage of +18!

Round Three

McLaren-Garbett was a balanced game, resulting in a short draw, as Leonard adopted a no-risk approach.

Steadman-Van der Hoorn was also a draw, but not before many adventures. Wild complications swung in Steadman's favour, but he misplayed his winning position and had to settle for a half.

Wang played the Benko Gambit and Barlow accepted his early draw offer.

Krstev's attempts to complicate against Spain did not compensate for the structural weaknesses he allowed in the opening.

Round Four

Garbett exploited a space advantage and the cumbersome placement of Barlow's pieces with a nice breakthrough.

Spain steadily built up pressure from the Morra Gambit and took full advantage of the lack of co-ordination of Steadman's pieces.

Wang was too tactically sharp for Van der Hoorn after the latter declined a draw offer.

McLaren took no chances with black against Cummings, simplifying quickly and agreeing a draw after 25 moves.

Further down the boards Natasha Fairley caused a major upset by beating Hair in a game in which she showed real grit.

Leading scores: Garbett, Wang, Spain 3.5; McLaren, Cummings, Gunn, Stuart, Mistry, N. Fairley 3.

Round Five

Garbett avoided the Morra Gambit and turned the opening against Spain into a c3 Sicilian. The endgame reached was equal and a draw the logical result.

McLaren-Wang was another c3 Sicilian. Wang's early draw offer was declined. He then tried swapping off pieces, but conceding the two bishops in an open position proved lethal, as McLaren racked up a good win.

Stuart beat Gunn from an equal ending after the latter got his knights tangled and lost a pawn.

Leaders: Garbett, McLaren, Cummings, Spain, Stuart 4, Wang, Steadman, Van der Hoorn, Barlow 3.5.

Round Six

Garbett had a comfortable win over Stuart. It was a nice combination to break through from a position where Garbett had more space and a connected passed pawn.

Cummings and Spain opted for a draw after 23 moves.

Van der Hoorn played "va banque" against McLaren's Sicilian, but only got a lost ending for his pawn sacrifices.

Steadman as white sacrificed to get a draw against Barlow.

Krstev played an interesting sacrifice against Wang, but the latter probably had the advantage after he played a nice combination. However Wang was unable to win the ending and had to split the point.

Leaders: Garbett, McLaren 5; Cummings, Spain 4.5, Steadman, Wang, Stuart, Barlow, Mistry, Rider 4.

Round Seven

Cummings' careful play against Garbett netted him half a point after 23 moves.

McLaren beat Spain after the latter allowed his king-side to be fractured. He then fell for a cheapo which won a pawn, and had little chance of holding the resulting endgame.

Stuart's combination backfired badly, allowing Steadman to seize the initiative and launch an overwhelming queen-side attack.

Barlow had his second lucky escape, winning against Mistry from a pawn down in an ending. Leaders: McLaren 6, Garbett 5.5, Wang, Steadman, Cummings, Barlow 5, Spain, Van der Hoorn, Krstev, Bennett 4.5.

Round Eight

McLaren agreed a draw against Steadman to assure himself of at least first equal.

Garbett seized on his chance to catch up, calmly queening a pawn while Wang's attacking gestures on the king-side got nowhere.

Barlow and Cummings grabbed a share of third place after an early swap of pieces led to an equal endgame. The draw was agreed on move 32.

Spain joined them in third place after coolly defending against Bennett's piece sacrifice in the exchange Ruy Lopez.

The other player to reach 5.5 was Krstev, who beat Van der Hoorn in a game that would horrify the purists. As white Mark played his patented "vandaliser" 1 f3?!, followed by 2Kf2?! and 3Kg3? Remarkably he didn't lose in the first dozen moves and, after a blunder by Krstev, even reached a won position. However some poor endgame play led to a complete reversal of fortunes and handed Krstev a crucial victory.

Conclusion:

The two steadiest players deservedly shared first place. Paul Garbett and Leonard McLaren once again demonstrated their class and were not in any real trouble in any of their games.

Of the players sharing third, Graeme Spain played some good chess and only a loss to McLaren stopped him from doing even better.

Nick Cummings took a practical approach to the tournament, and was content to draw with higher rated opponents. He achieved his aim of

getting another good FIDE rating block. Nick was one of the few players to go through undefeated.

Michael Steadman lost just one game, to Spain, but missed several opportunities to press his claims, notably against Van der Hoorn.

Matthew Barlow and Antonio Krstev had many adventures and were not always convincing. But they made took their chances when they came along.

Lower down, other players to make a real impression were Natasha Fairley and Brett Rider, who shared the grade two prize with 4.5. Both scored wins against much higher rated players and showed a level of ability and determination that belied ratings in the 1200s and 1300s.

Games Selection

Nyberg,M (1676) – Garbett,P (2254)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.Bg5 d4 7.Nce2 Be7 8.Nf3 e5 9.c3 dxc3 10.Nxc3 Be6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rc1 Qd7 13.Qa4 a6 14.Rcd1 b5 15.Qc2 Rac8 16.a3 Rfd8 17.Rd2 Qc7 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Ne2 Qd6 20.Rc1 Na5 21.Rf1 g6 22.Ne1 Bg7 23.f4 Nc4 24.fxe5 Bxe5 25.Nf4 Ne3 26.Qb1 Nxf1 27.Bxf1 Bxf4 28.gxf4 Qxf4 29.Rf2 Qg5+ 30.Ng2 c4 31.h4 Qg3 32.dxc4 Bxc4 33.Bxc4 Rxc4 34.Qf1 Qc7 35.Rf3 Rc1 36.Ne1 Rdd1 0-1

Vosloo,J (1551) – Spain,G (2133)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.e3 b5 5.a4 b4 6.Nce2 Nf6 7.Nf3 Ba6 8.Nf4 e6 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Nxc4 c5 11.b3 Be7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.d5 exd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Nf6 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Be2 Bxc4 18.Bxc4 Ne4 19.Be2 Nd2 20.Bd1 c4 21.bxc4 Nxc4 22.Bd4 Bf6 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.0-0 Nd2 25.Re1 b3 26.Bf3 Rab8 0-1

Bennett,H (1961) – Steadman,M (2240)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4 cxb4 5.a3 Nc6 6.d4 a6 7.axb4 Bxb4+ 8.c3 Be7 9.Bd3 Bd7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Bd2 Na5 12.Na3 h5 13.Ne1 Nh6 14.f4 g6 15.Nf3 Nf5 16.Qb1 Qc7 17.Rc1 Ba4 18.c4 Nb3 19.cxd5 Nxc1 20.d6 Qd7 21.Bxc1 Bd8 22.Bd2 Be6 23.Qb2 b5 24.Nc2 Qb7

25.Kf2 Bb6 26.Bc3 0-0 27.h3 Bxf3 28.gxf3 Rxc3 29.Be4 Qc8 30.Rd1 Qc4 0-1

Wang,P (2231) – Mistry,P (1908)

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.Nge2 e5 6.d3 h6 7.0-0 g5 8.Be3 Nd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.exd5 Nf5 11.c3 Be7 12.d4 cxd4 13.cxd4 0-0 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Nc3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Bc5 17.Qe2 Qb6 18.Rae1 f5 19.Na4 Qd6 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.Rc1 Qb6 22.Kh1 Bd7 23.Qd2 Bb5 24.Rfd1 Rad8 25.d6 Rf7 26.Bd5 Bc6 27.Rxc6 bxc6 28.Bxf7+ Kxf7 29.Qc2 e4 30.Qc4+ Kg7 31.Qc3+ Kg6 32.b4 Qb5 33.Qd2 Qe5 34.d7 Kf6 35.Qc2 Qe6 36.b5 cxb5 37.Qc7 Qe7 38.Rd6+ Kg7 39.Qc5 Qf7 40.Qxb5 Qe7 41.Qc5 Qf7 42.Qxa7 Qc4 43.Qd4+ Qxd4 44.Rxd4 Kf6 45.Kg2 Ke7 46.Kf2 Rxd7 47.Rxd7+ Kxd7 48.Ke2 Kc6 49.Kd2 Kc5 50.Kc3 h5 51.h4 gxh4 52.gxh4 Kd5 53.a4 Ke5 54.a5 f4 55.a6 fxe3 56.a7 1-0

Gunn,N (1881) – McLaren,L (2201)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bxc5 Nc6 10.Nd5 Rd7 11.0-0-0 b6 12.Ba3 e6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Rxd7 Bxd7 15.b3 a5 16.Ne2 Rd8 17.f4 [17.Bd6! / Bc7 +/-] 17...Nb4 18.e5 [18.Bxb4! ? axb4 19.e5] 18...Be7 19.Nc3 Bc6 20.Bb2 Bc5 21.Be2 Bxg2 22.Rd1 Be3+ 23.Kb1 Rxd1+ 24.Bxd1 Bxf4 25.Na4 Nd3 26.Bd4 Nxe5 27.Bxb6 Nc6 28.Bg1 e5 29.Nc3 f5 30.Nd5 Bg5 31.Kb2 Kf7 32.Kc3 Ke6 33.Ne3 Be4 34.a3 f4 35.Bg4+ Kd6 36.h4 Bxh4 37.c5+ Kc7 38.Nf1 Be1+ 39.Kc4 h5 40.Be6 Bg2 41.Nh2 f3 42.Nxf3 Bxf3 43.Bf7 g5 0-1

Spain,G (2133) – Thornton,G (1865)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.c3 c5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Ng3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qd7 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.Ndf3 0-0 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qe2 a6 12.0-0 b5 13.Bb3 Bb7 14.Nxf7 Rxf7 15.Bxe6 Kh8 16.Bxf7 Qxf7 17.Be3 Bd6 18.Rfd1 Bc7 19.a4 bxa4 20.Ng5 Qg8 21.Bf4 Bxf4 22.Rd8 Bxg5 23.Rxg8+ Nxg8 24.Qe5 Bf6 25.Qc7 Bc6 26.Re1 h6 27.h3 a3 28.bxa3 Bxc3 29.Rb1 Bf6 30.Rxb8 Rxb8 31.Qxb8 Bb5 1/2-1/2

Eade,D (1683) – Barlow,M (2055)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 c5 6.Qc2 Nc6 7.Nf3 d6 8.e3 0-0 9.Bd3 b6 10.0-0 Ba6 11.e4 Ne8 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 Na5 14.e5 f5 15.Ng5 Qe7 16.d5 Nc7 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.dxe6 g6 19.Rad1 Qc6 20.Be2 Bxc4 21.Bf3 Nd5 22.Qd2 Rfd8 23.Rfe1 Nb3 24.Qb2 Re8 25.Bxd5 Bxd5 26.c4 Bxc4 27.Rd7 Nd4 28.Bxd4 Qxd7 29.Bh8 Qe7 30.Nf7 Qf8 31.Qf6 Rxe6 32.Rxe6 Bxe6 33.Nh6+ Qxh6 34.Qxe6+ Kxh8 35.Qf6+ Qg7 36.Qc6 Qa1# 0-1

McLaren,L (2201) – Garbett,P (2254)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 d6 7.exd6 Bxd6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 0-0 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Nd2 Rd8 13.Qc4 Rb8 14.Re1 Bd7 15.Qxc7 Bxc7 16.Nb3 h6 17.a3 Bb5 18.Nd4 Ba6 19.a4 Bd3 20.Rd1 Bc4 21.Bd2 Bb6 22.Be1 g6 23.a5 Bc5 24.Bf1 Bxf1 25.Kxf1 a6 26.Ke2 1/2-1/2

Steadman,M (2240) – Van der Hoorn,M (2087)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 d6 5.cxb5 a6 6.b6 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.e4 Nbd7 9.a4 Qxb6 10.Be2 0-0 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.0-0 Nb6 14.Ne3 Bb7 15.Qc2 e6 16.a5 Nbd7 17.Rd1 exd5 18.exd5 Rfe8 19.f4 c4 20.Bf3 Bc8 21.Qe2 Qa7 22.Qf2 Nc5 23.Nxc4 Ng4? 24.Bxg4 Bxg4 25.Nxd6± Qe7?! 26.Nxe8 Rxe8 27.d6 Qe6 28.Qxc5 Bxd1 29.Be3?! Bg4 30.Re1+- Qb3 31.h3 Bf5 32.Qc6 32...Rxe3?! 33.Rxe3 Bd4 34.Qe8+ Kg7 35.Kf2? 35...Qxb2+ 36.Kf3? 36...Bxc3 37.g4 37...Be6? 38.Rxe6!= fxe6? 39.Qe7+ Kg8 40.Qxe6+ 40...Kg7 41.Qe7+ Kg8± 1/2-1/2

Krstev,A (1984) – Spain,G (2133)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.a4 Nf6 5.e4 e5 6.dxe5 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1 Ng4 8.Be3 Nxe3+ 9.fxe3 Be6 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.Kc2 Bc5 12.Re1 a5 13.h3 0-0 14.g4 Rfe8 15.Rh2 Bb4 16.Ra1 Rac8 17.Ne2 g6 18.Ned4 Nb6 19.g5 Rcd8 20.Be2 Bc8 21.Rg1 Bf8 22.h4 Bg7 23.h5 Bxe5 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.hxg6 fxg6 26.Rh4 Rde8 27.Bf3 Nxa4 28.Rf4 Nc5 29.Kc3 Nxe4+ 30.Bxe4 Rxe4 31.Kxc4 Rxe3 32.Kc5 R3e4 33.Rxe4 Rxe4 34.Nb3 a4 35.Na5 Re5+ 36.Kb4 Rb5+ 37.Kxa4 Rxb2 38.Nc4 b5+ 39.Ka3 Rf2

40.Ne5 Be6 41.Nxc6 Rf4 42.Re1 Bf7 43.Re5 Ra4+ 44.Kb2 b4 45.Rb5 Ra2+ 46.Kb1 b3 47.Ne5 Be6 48.Rb8+ Kg7 49.Rb7+ Kf8 50.Rb8+ Ke7 51.Nd3 Bf5 52.Rxb3 Rd2 53.Rb7+ Kd6 54.Rxh7 Rxd3 55.Kc1 Rg3 56.Kd2 Rxg5 57.Kc3 Rg4 58.Ra7 Ke5 59.Kf3 Kf6 60.Rh7 Ra4 61.Rh6 Kg5 62.Rh8 Ra3+ 63.Ke2 Kg4 64.Rb8 g5 65.Kf2 Ra2+ 66.Kg1 Be4 67.Rg8 Kf4 68.Rc8 Kg3 69.Rc1 Bf3 70.Re1 Rd2 71.Ra1 Rd1+ 72.Rxd1 Bxd1 73.Kh1 Bf3+ 74.Kg1 g4 75.Kf1 Kh2 76.Kf2 g3+ 0-1

Nyberg,M (1676) – Rider,B (1374)

1.e4 c5 2.f4 a6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.c3 d6 5.d3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Qc2 0-0 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd7 12.0-0 Qc7 13.a4 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.d4 Rb8 17.d5 exd5 18.exd5 Nd8 19.Ne4 Nb6 20.Ng3 Nc4 21.Be1 b4 22.Qe4 bxc3 23.bxc3 Na5 24.Re1 Bf8 25.f5 f6 26.Qa4 Nf7 27.Re6 Nb3 28.Bf4 c4 29.Qc6 Qa7+ 30.Be3 Qa1+ 31.Kh2 Qxc3 32.Qc7 Ra8 33.Ne4 Qb4 34.Bh5 Ne5 35.Rxf6 c3 36.Rxf8+ Rxf8 37.Nxd6 c2 38.Qe7 Qc3 39.f6 gxf6 40.Bh6 Nf3+ 41.Bxf3 Qe5+ 42.Qxe5 fxe5 43.Nc4 Rf4 44.Bxf4 exf4 45.d6 Nc5 46.Nb6 c1Q 47.d7 Nxd7 48.Nxd7 Kg7 49.Ne5 Qe1 50.Nd7 h6 51.Nc5 Qe3 52.Ne4 h5 53.Nd6 Kg6 54.Be4+ Kf6 55.Bf3 h4 56.Ne4+ Ke5 57.Ng5 Kd4 58.Ne4 Kd3 59.Kh1 Qe1+ 60.Kh2 Ke3 61.Ng5? 61...Qg3+ 62.Kg1 Qxg5 63.Kf1 Qb5+ 64.Kg1 Qc4 65.Bg4 Qc1+ 66.Kh2 Kf2 67.Bd1 f3 0-1

Garbett,P (2254) – Barlow,M (2055)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Kh1 Be7 8.f4 d6 9.c4 0-0 10.b3 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bb2 Nd7 13.Qc2 h6 14.Nd2 Bf6 15.Rae1 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 e5 17.f5 f6 18.Nf3 Bb7 19.Rc1 c5 20.g4 Nb8 21.h4 Kf7 22.Kg2 Nc6 23.Kf2 Nd4 24.Nxd4 exd4 25.Kf3 Rae8 26.Qd2 Bc6 27.g5 Rh8 28.gxf6 Kxf6 29.Rg1 Qd7 30.Rg6+ Kf7 31.Qf4 Re5 32.Kf2 Rh7 33.Rcg1 Qd8 34.Qg4 Qf8 35.f6 gxf6 36.Rg8 Qe7 37.Rc8 Qd7 38.Qg8+ 1-0

Spain,G (2133) – Steadman,M (2240)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 b5 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Nd4 Be7 12.Qh5 0-0 13.Rad1 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Qe8 15.f4 Nh8 16.Qh3 Nf7 17.Be3 Rb8 18.f5 Bd6 19.Rxd6 Nxd6 20.Qg3 Nxf5 21.exf5 Rb7 22.Bc5 Rf7 23.Ne4 1-0

Wang,P (2231) – Van der Hoorn,M (2087)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 Nd7 9.Be3 Ne7 10.Be2 a6 11.h4 h5 12.gxh5 Bh7 13.Qd2 c5 14.0-0-0 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Nf5 16.Rdgl Qe7 17.Bg4 0-0-0 18.Bxf5 Bxf5 19.Qg5 Qe8 20.Qxg7 Rxb5 21.Qg3 Kb8 22.Qf3 Bg6 23.Qf4 Rc8 24.Rg5 Qh8 25.f3 Rc4 26.Rxb5 Qxh5 27.b3 Rc8 28.Rh2 Ka8 29.Kb2 Qh7 30.Be3 Qh8 31.h5 Bh7 32.Qd4 b6 33.Nxd5 exd5 34.Qxd5+ Kb8 35.Qxd7 Qxe5+ 36.Qd4 Qxh2 37.Qxb6+ Ka8 38.Qa7# 1-0

Hair,P (1854) – Fairley,N (1249)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.g3 d6 5.h3 Nf6 6.d3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Bd2 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bd6 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0 Be7 12.Re1 Bf6 13.Rb1 Re8 14.Nh2 Re6 15.Ng4 Bg5 16.f4 Bf6 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.Bf4 c6 20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Rb4 Rb8 22.Rxe5 Qxe5 23.Re4 Qc5+ 24.d4 Qf8 25.Kh2 Be6 26.Qb1 Bd5 27.Re5 Bxg2 28.Kxg2 b6 29.Qb4 Re8 30.Qa4 Rxe5 31.dxe5 Qa8 32.Qe4 Qe8 33.Qd4 c5 34.Qd5 h6 35.c4 Qc8 36.g4 g6 37.Kf3 h5 38.Kf4 Kg7 39.Kf3 Qe6 40.Qe4 hxg4+ 41.hxg4 a6 42.Kf4 Qd7 43.Qd3 Qc7 44.Qd6?? Qxd6 45.exd6 Kf6 46.d7 Ke7 47.Ke5 f6+ 48.Kd5 Kxd7 49.a4 a5 50.c3 g5 51.Ke4 Ke6 0-1

McLaren,L (2201) – Wang,P (2231)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.g3 g6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d6 10.exd6 Qxd6 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bf5 13.Bf4 Qa3 14.Qb3 Qxb3 15.axb3 Rfd8 16.Rfe1 Rac8 17.Ra2 a6 18.Nd2 Be6 19.Nc4 Bxc4 20.bxc4 e6 21.Bh3 Ne7 22.Bg5 Kf8 23.Rb1 Rxc4 24.Rxb7 Re8 25.Rxa6 Rxc3 26.Raa7 f6 27.Bd2 Rc4 28.Bxe6 Rxd4 29.Bb4 Rxb4 30.Rxb4 f5 31.g4 Bh6 32.gxf5 gxf5 33.Rh4 Kg7 34.Bxf5 1-0

Van der Hoorn,M (2087) – Bennett,H (1961)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Bc4 Nb6 5.Bb3 Nc6 6.Qh5 g6 7.Qf3 e6 8.Nge2 Bg7 9.d3 0-0 10.h4 Qf6 11.Qg3 e5 12.h5 Bf5 13.Bg5 Qd6 14.a4 Nb4 15.0-0-0 N6d5 16.Ne4 Qb6 17.hxg6 Qxg6 18.c3 Nxd3+ 19.Rxd3 Bxe4 20.Rxd5 Bxd5 21.Bxd5 c6 22.Bb3 a5 23.Qh4 b5 24.Ng3 bxa4 25.Nf5 Ra7 26.Bc2 1-0

Steadman,M (2240) – McLaren,L (2201)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 Ne8 8.h4 h6 9.h5 g5 10.Nd2 f5 11.Qc2 Na6 12.a3 Kh8 13.b4 c5 14.Rb1 f4 15.g3 fxg3 16.fxg3 cxb4 17.axb4 Qb6 18.Rf1 Bh3 19.Rxf8+ Bxf8 20.c5 Nxb4 21.cxb6 Nxc2+ 22.Kf2 Nd4 23.bxa7 Rxa7 24.Nb5 Nxb5 25.Rxb5 Nf6 26.Ke3 Bg4 27.Bxg4 Nxg4+ 28.Kf3 Nf6 29.g4 Ra2 30.Bb2 Ra7 31.Nc4 Ra4 32.Nd2 Ra7 33.Nc4 Ra4 34.Nd2 ½-½

Garbett,P (2254) – Stuart,P (2104)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Bd3 b6 5.c4 Bb7 6.Nc3 d6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d5 exd5 9.cxd5 0-0 10.e4 Nbd7 11.h3 Ne8 12.Bf4 Bf6 13.Qd2 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.f4 Qe7 17.Kh1 Nd6 18.Nb5 f6 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.f5 a5 21.a4 Ba6 22.Bxa6 Rxa6 23.Qd3 Raa8 24.Ra3 Rfc8 25.Rc1 Kf8 26.Qc4 Ra7 27.g4 h6 28.Kg2 Rcc7 29.Kf2 g5 30.fxg6 Rg7 31.Rb3 Rab7 32.Qb5 Rgc7 33.h4 Kg7 34.h5 Rb8 35.Ke2 Rcc8 36.Rf3 Rf8 37.Rcf1 Rbc8 38.b3 Rc7 39.Kd2 Rcc8 40.Rxf6 Rxf6 41.Rxf6 Kxf6 42.Qf1+ Kg5 43.Qf5+ Kh4 44.Qxc8 c4 45.Qxc4 Qf8 46.Qe2 Qb4+ 47.Kc2 Qa3 48.Qh2+ Kxg4 49.Qxe5 Qc5+ 50.Qc3 Qf2+ 51.Qd2 Qc5+ 52.Kb2 Kxh5 53.g7 Qg1 54.Qe2+ Kh4 55.g8Q 1-0

Van der Hoorn,M (2087) – McLaren,L (2201)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.d4 Ngf6 5.e5 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Ne4 7.e6 fxe6 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.Bxd7+ Bxd7 10.bxc3 cxd4 11.Rb1 dxc3 12.Be3 b6 13.Qd3 Rc8 14.Rfd1 Qf5 15.Qa6 Qxc2 16.Qxa7 Qa4 17.Qxa4 Bxa4 18.Rdc1 g6 19.Rxb6 Bg7 20.Ng5 Bd7 21.Rb7 d5 22.Re1 e5 23.Bc1 Bf6 24.Rd1 c2 25.Re1 h6 26.Nf7 Kxf7 27.Rxd7 Rhd8 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Bxh6 g5 30.h4 gxh4 31.Rc1 Rc8 32.Kf1 e4 33.Re1 Bb2 34.Bc1 Bxc1 35.Rxc1 d4 36.Ke2 d3+ 37.Kd2 Rg8 38.Rgl Ke6 39.g3 hxg3 40.Rxg3 Rxg3

41.fxg3 e3+ 0-1

Wang,P (2231) – Krstev,A (1984)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 d5 4.c3 e6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Qc7 7.Qe2 cxd4 8.exd4 Bd6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Re1 h6 11.Ne5 Ne7 12.Nf1 g6 13.Qf3 Bxe5 14.Rxe5 Nfg8 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Re2 Bb5 17.Bxb5+ Qxb5 18.a4 Qd7 19.Nd2 h5 20.c4 Nh6 21.Be5 Rh7 22.c5 Ng4 23.Bf4 Nf5 24.Qd3 Kf8 25.Nf3 f6 26.Rae1 Re8 27.Qb5 g5 28.Bd2 Qc8 29.Rc1 Qc6 30.Rce1 Rhe7 31.b4 a6 32.Qxc6 bxc6 33.Kf1 Nxb2+ 34.Nxb2 Nxd4 35.Rb1 Nxe2 36.Kxe2 Rb7 37.Nf1 Kf7 38.Bc3 e5 39.Nd2 d4 40.Nc4 Rd8 41.Bd2 Ke6 42.Kd3 f5 43.f3 Kf6 44.Re1 Re7 45.Nxe5 Rxe5 46.Bxg5+ Kxg5 47.Rxe5 Kf6 48.Re2 h4 49.f4 Rg8 50.Kxd4 Rg4 51.Rf2 Rg3 52.Kc4 Ra3 53.Rd2 Rxa4 54.Rd6+ Kf7 55.Rxc6 a5 56.Rb6 axb4 57.Rxb4 Ra2 58.Kd5 Rxg2 59.Rb7+ Kg6 60.c6 Rd2+ 61.Ke6 Rc2 62.Kd7 Rd2+ 63.Ke8 Kh5 64.Rh7+ Kg4 65.c7 Rc2 66.Kd8 Rd2+ 67.Rd7 Rc2 68.Rh7 Rd2+ 69.Ke7 ½-½

Rider,B (1374) – Thornton,G (1865)

1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Nge2 Nc6 6.Be3 Nge7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 cxd4 9.Bxd4 Nf5 10.Bb5 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Qc7 14.Na4 f6 15.f4 Ba6 16.Rfe1 Rae8 17.Nc5 Be8 18.b4 Re7 19.Re3 f5 20.Rg3 Qb6 21.h4 Ba6 22.Re1 Rb8 23.c3 Bc4 24.h5 a5 25.Rg5 axb4 26.axb4 Qb5 27.Qe3 Ra8 28.Qg3 d4 29.h6 Raa7 30.hxg7 dxc3 31.Qxc3 Bd5 32.Ra1 Qb8 33.Rxa7 Qxa7 34.Qh3 Rxg7 35.Qh6 Qf7 36.Nxe6! Rg6 37.Rxg6+ hxg6 38.Ng5+ Qg7 39.Qxg7+ Kxg7 40.Kf2 Kf8 41.g3 Ke7 42.Ke3 Bg2 43.Kd4 Bh1 44.Kc5 Bg2 45.b5 cxb5 46.Kxb5 Bh1 47.Kc5 Bg2 48.Kd4 Bb7 49.Ke3 Bd5 50.Nf3 Be4 51.Nh2 Ke6 52.g4 Bc6 53.gxf5+ Kxf5 54.Nf3 Be8 55.Nd4+ Kg4 56.Ke4 Ba4 57.e6 Be8 58.Ke5 Ba4 59.e7 Be8 60.Ne6 Ba4 61.Ng7 g5 62.f5 Kf3 63.f6 1-0

McLaren,L (2201) – Spain,G (2133)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.Bd2 e6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Re1 Be7 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Bf4 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Qd7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Rad1 Rfe8 15.h3 Bb4 16.Bxf6

gxf6 17.Qd2 Bf8 18.Ne2 Bg7 19.Ng3 Bg6 20.h4 h6 21.c3 Qc7 22.Re3 Qf4? 23.h5 Bh7 24.Rxe6 Qxd2 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Rxd2 Re1+ 27.Kh2 Rb1 28.d5 cxd5 29.Bxd5 f5 30.f4 Bf6 31.Bxb7 Bxc3 32.bxc3 Rxb7 33.Rd6 Rc7 34.Rxb6 Rxc3 35.Ra6 Rc4 36.Rxa7 Rxf4 37.Ra5 Kg7 38.Kh3 Kh6 39.Ra7 Kg5 40.Ne2 Rh4+ 41.Kg3 Rxh5 42.Rxf7 Bg6 43.Rg7 Rh7 44.Rxb7 Bxb7 45.a4 Bg8 46.a5 Bc4 47.Kf3 Kf6 48.Ke3 Ke5 49.g3 Ba6 50.Nd4 Bc8 51.Nb5 Kd5 52.a6 Kc5 53.a7 Bb7 54.Nc7 1-0

Stuart,P (2104) – Steadman,M (2240)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.d4 Nd7 4.Nf3 Ngf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 c6 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bh4 Re8 10.0-0-0 a6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxf6 Nxd3+ 14.Rxd3 Qa5 15.Bxe7 Rxe7 16.f3 Be6 17.b3 b5 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Kb1 c5 20.Qb2 c4 21.b4 Qa7 22.Rd4 Bf5+ 23.Ka1 Rxe3 24.Rhd1 Bd3 25.Rd5 Rae8 26.Rxb5 Re1 27.Qd2 R1e2 28.Qf4 Rc2 29.Ra5 Qf2 30.Re5 Ra8 31.Rd2 Rxd2 0-1

Garbett,P (2254) – Wang,P (2231)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Be2 Nxd5 5.d4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.c4 Nb6 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.h3 Bf6 12.Be3 h6 13.b4 e5 14.d5 e4 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 c6 17.Rc1 cxd5 18.c5 Nd7 19.Nxd5 Ne5 20.Ba1 Re8 21.Kh1 Bg5 22.Ne3 Qc8 23.Bxe5 Rxe5 24.Nxf5 Qxf5 25.Bg4 Qf4 26.Rc4 f5 27.Be2 Qh4 28.Qd7 Rf8 29.Qxb7 Kh7 30.c6 f4 31.c7 f3 32.Bxf3 Rxf3 33.c8Q Rxf2 34.Rg1 Rxg2 35.Rxg2 Qe1+ 36.Rg1 1-0

Spain,G (2133) – Bennett,H (1961)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.h3 h5 7.d3 Qf6 8.Nbd2 Ne7 9.Re1 Ng6 10.hxg4 hxg4 11.Nh2 Bc5 12.Nd3 gxf3 13.Nxf3 Nf4 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.d4 0-0-0 16.c3 g5 17.Nd2 Rh4 18.dxc5 Qh6 19.f3 Rd3 20.Kf2 Rh2 21.Rg1 g4 22.Qc2 Qh4+ 23.Kf1 Re3 24.Qd1 Rh1 25.fxg4 Qh2 26.Rxh1 Qxh1+ 27.Kf2 Qh4+ 28.Kg1 Rd3 29.Qe2 Qg3 30.Nf1 1-0

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		SOS
1	Garbett, Paul	24:W	7:W	2:D	6:W	3:D	11:W	4:D	8:W	6.5	41.5
2	McLaren, Leonard	31:W	14:W	1:D	4:D	8:W	10:W	3:W	5:D	6.5	39.5
3	Spain, Graeme	20:W	19:D	7:W	5:W	1:D	4:D	2:L	13:W	5.5	42
4	Cummings, Nick	15:W	29:W	11:D	2:D	16:W	3:D	1:D	6:D	5.5	40.5
5	Steadman, Michael	12:W	13:W	10:D	3:L	9:W	6:D	11:W	2:D	5.5	40.5
6	Barlow, Matthew	28:W	18:W	8:D	1:L	23:W	5:D	9:W	4:D	5.5	38.5
7	Krstev, Antonio	33:W	1:L	3:L	30:W	12:W	8:D	23:W	10:W	5.5	35
8	Wang, Puchen	27:W	9:W	6:D	10:W	2:L	7:D	15:W	1:L	5	41
9	Mistry, Prashant	26:W	8:L	12:W	15:W	5:L	21:W	6:L	20:W	5	36.5
10	Van der Hoorn, Mark	17:W	23:W	5:D	8:L	13:W	2:L	14:W	7:L	4.5	39.5
11	Stuart, Peter	22:W	21:D	4:D	28:W	14:W	1:L	5:L	12:D	4.5	37.5
12	Browne, Jeremy	5:L	30:W	9:L	20:W	7:L	17:W	19:W	11:D	4.5	36
13	Bennett, Hilton	30:W	5:L	27:D	17:W	10:L	16:W	24:W	3:L	4.5	34
14	Gunn, Neil	16:W	2:L	20:W	19:W	11:L	24:D	10:L	25:W	4.5	35
15	Rider, Brett	4:L	34:W	24:W	9:L	29:W	19:W	8:L	21:D	4.5	32
16	Fairley, Natasha	14:L	31:W	33:W	21:W	4:L	13:L	25:D	24:W	4.5	30.5
17	Riding, Christopher	10:L	35:W	18:D	13:L	31:W	12:L	32:W	23:W	4.5	27.5
18	Eade, Don	36:W	6:L	17:D	23:L	32:L	34:W	29:W	26:W	4.5	25
19	Thornton, Gino	25:W	3:D	21:D	14:L	22:W	15:L	12:L	28:W	4	33.5
20	Vosloo, Johan	3:L	25:W	14:L	12:L	30:W	28:W	22:W	9:L	4	33
21	Hair, Philip	32:W	11:D	19:D	16:L	27:W	9:L	26:D	15:D	4	31.5
22	Zhang, Michael	11:L	32:W	23:D	27:D	19:L	29:W	20:L	31:W	4	27
23	Dolejs, Dan	35:W	10:L	22:D	18:W	6:L	32:W	7:L	17:L	3.5	32
24	Nyberg, Michael	1:L	33:W	15:L	25:W	28:W	14:D	13:L	16:L	3.5	33.5
25	Wu, Michael	19:L	20:L	34:W	24:L	36:W	27:W	16:D	14:L	3.5	26
26	Yang, Steven	9:L	27:L	36:W	29:L	33:W	31:W	21:D	18:L	3.5	25
27	Cruden, Neil	8:L	26:W	13:D	22:D	21:L	25:L	28:L	32:W	3	30
28	Chen, Andy	6:L	36:W	29:W	11:L	24:L	20:L	27:W	19:L	3	28
29	Gold, Hamish	34:W	4:L	28:L	26:W	15:L	22:L	18:L	35:W	3	28
30	Smith, Devon	13:L	12:L	35:W	7:L	20:L	33:W	31:L	34:W	3	26.5
31	Mitchell, Bob	2:L	16:L	32:D	36:W	17:L	26:L	30:W	22:L	2.5	29
32	Chen, Eachen	21:L	22:L	31:D	35:W	18:W	23:L	17:L	27:L	2.5	27
33	Fairley, Don	7:L	24:L	16:L	34:W	26:L	30:L	35:D	36:W	2.5	23.5
34	Shingade, Balamohan	29:L	15:L	25:L	33:L	35:W	18:L	36:W	30:L	2	22.5
35	Fong, Jacqueline	23:L	17:L	30:L	32:L	34:L	36:D	33:D	29:L	1	21.5
36	Liu, Cecily	18:L	28:L	26:L	31:L	25:L	35:D	34:L	33:L	0.5	22.5

Waikato Open – 2004

by Hilton Bennett

This year's Waikato Open was once again held in the comfortable surroundings of St Paul's Collegiate Hamilton, as a six round Class 1 Grand Prix event in two sections. The time control of 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment per move, which is becoming something of a standard for events around the world, was again used successfully for a weekend event, with everything running smoothly and without problems. There were 34 players in total. The FIDE rated Open Section was expected to be dominated by top seeds Bob Smith, Michael Steadman, Graeme Spain, Matthew McNabb, Peter Stuart, and Ralph Hart.

McNabb was the only one of the top seeds to take the optional half point bye in round 1, with most other games going according to seeding, although Smith could only manage to draw against Prashant Mistry. As expected the top seeds dominated again in round 2, but in the only clash between the leading players Hart defeated Steadman. Round 3 saw a succession of draws through the field with only one decisive result, although most games were hard fought. Amongst the top players Smith v Hart, Steadman v McNabb, Spain v Stuart were all drawn. Round 4 again saw a number of draws with Smith v McNabb, and Spain v Hart both drawn, Steadman beating Mistry, and Stuart taking the half point bye. Going into Sunday morning leading scores were Spain, Stuart, and Hart 3; Smith, Steadman, McNabb, and Kennedy Chibamba 2.5.

Round 4 saw Smith defeat Chibamba, Steadman v Spain, and Stuart v Hart were both drawn, while bottom seed Caleb Wright held McNabb to a draw. In the final round the top seeds once again struggled to get decisive results with Smith v Spain, and Steadman v Stuart ending in draws. Ralph Hart however did manage to break the deadlock and take first place outright with 4.5 points by beating McNabb. Caleb Wright of Mt Maunganui continued his excellent performance from bottom seeding to beat Mistry in the final round, thereby finishing on 3.5 with only one

loss. Promising local junior Blair Robertson also completed a good performance to finish on 3 points in the A section.

Three players completed FIDE rating blocks during the event. Blair Robertson had a 2092 performance which when combined with earlier results should complete his FIDE rating. Kennedy Chibamba and Prashant Mistry had 2081 and 2001 performances respectively. The final standings in the Open Section were:

1st = R Hart,
2nd = G Spain, R Smith, P Stuart
Grade Prizes 1st = C Wright,
2nd = R Gibbons, K Chibamba, B Robertson

The B Section, restricted to players under 1700, looked likely to be dominated by Jeremy Browne, Helmut Marko, NZ Women's Olympiad representative Vivian Smith, Neil Cruden, and Michael Zhang, although the addition of the USCF 1700 rated Lauren Goodkind from California added extra interest.

With top seed Browne taking the optional half point bye in round 1 most results went according to seedings with the top players taking the points. The exception to this was the defeat of Helmut Marko by promising Hamilton junior Alan Lin. Round 2 saw Lin continue his winning ways from 11th seed by beating Zhang. In other clashes on the top boards Neil Cruden was held to a draw by Gerald Shields, while Vivian Smith was defeated by Goodkind.

Browne and Marko both scored wins. Round 3 saw Browne and Marko winning again, while V Smith lost to Helen Courtney, and Lin continued on his winning way by defeating Cruden. Goodkind also scored a win to join Lin undefeated on 3/3. Round 4 saw the tournament surprise Lin go to 4/4 with an important win over Goodkind. Meanwhile Browne lost to Marko, and Cruden, Smith, and Zhang all had wins.

Sunday started with Lin 4, Marko, Zhang, and Goodkind 3. Marko took the optional half point bye on Sunday morning while Browne defeated Cruden, Smith lost to Shields, and

Zhang drew with Goodkind. Alan Lin meanwhile defeated Chris Riding to take an unbeatable 1.5 point lead going into the final round. The final round saw Lin draw with Browne, Marko defeat Goodkind, Cruden draw with Courtney, Smith defeat Richard Dare, and Zhang draw with Shields. This left Alan Lin as the outright leader by a point from Helmut Marko – a superb performance by a very promising junior. The final placings in the under 1700 Section were:

1st = A Lin, 2nd = H Marko,
3rd = J Browne, M Zhang, G Shields
Grade Prizes; 1st = H Courtney,
2nd = O Lynn, G Judkins, Y Hou

Rossiter,P - Hart,R

[A21] (1)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 Be7 4.g3 h5 5.d4 Bg4 6.dxe5 Bxf3 7.exf3 dxe5 8.Qxd8+ Bxd8 9.f4 Nd7 10.Be3 Ngf6 11.h3 c6 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0-0 Bb6 14.Bxb6 axb6 15.fxe5 Nxe5 16.f4 Ng6 17.Bd3 h4 18.Bxg6 fxg6 19.g4 Rfe8 20.Rhe1 Rad8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Kc2 Re7 23.Rd8+ Kf7 24.Rd1 g5 25.f5 g6 26.fxg6+ Kxg6 27.Rd4 Re3 28.Rd3 Rg3 29.Ne2 Rg2 30.Kd2 Kf7 31.Ke1 Rh2 32.Kf1 Ne4 33.b3 Ng3+ 34.Nxg3 hxg3 35.Rxg3 Rxa2 36.Rf3+ Ke6 37.Rf2 Ra3 38.Rf3 Ke5 39.Kg2 Ke4 40.Kg3 c5 41.Rc3 Ra8 42.Rf3 Rd8 43.Rc3 Rd2 44.Rf3 Rc2 45.Rf7 Rc3+ 46.Kg2 Rxb3 47.h4 gxh4 48.Rxb7 Rg3+ 49.Kh2 Rxg4 50.Kh3 Rf4 51.Rxb6 Kd4 0-1

Mistry,P - Smith,B

[A59] (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.Nge2 Bg7 10.g3 0-0 11.Kg2 Na6 12.Nf4 Qb6 13.Rb1 Nc7 14.Qe2 Nd7 15.Bd2 Rfb8 16.b3 Qa6 17.Qxa6 Rxa6 18.Nfe2 Ne5 19.Nc1 Nb5 20.Nxb5 Rxb5 21.Bc3 Nc4 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Ne2 Na3 24.Rbc1 Rb4 25.f3 c4 26.Rc3 Nb5 27.Rxc4 Rxc4 28.bxc4 Rxa2 29.cxb5 Rxe2+ 30.Kh3 Rb2 31.Ra1 Rxb5 32.Ra7 Kf6 33.f4 h5 34.g4 Rb3+ 35.Kh4 hxg4 36.Kxg4 Re3 37.Ra4 e6 38.dxe6 Kxe6 39.f5+ Ke5 40.fxg6 fxg6 41.Kg5 Rh3 42.Ra2 Kxe4 43.Kg4 Rh8 44.h4 d5 45.Re2+ Kd3 46.Re6 d4 47.Rxg6 Ke4 48.h5 d3

49.Re6+ Kd5 50.Re1 Kd4 51.Kg5 d2 52.Rd1 Ke3 53.h6 Ke2 54.Rxd2+ Kxd2 55.Kg6 Ke3 56.Kg7 Ra8 57.h7 Ra7+ ½-½

Hart,R - Steadman,M

[A55] (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.e4 e5 5.Nf3 Be7 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 c6 8.0-0 Qc7 9.a3 a5 10.Be3 b6 11.Nh4 Rd8 12.Rc1 Ba6 13.b3 d5 14.exd5 Bxa3 15.Rc2 cxd5 16.Bxd5 Rac8 17.Nf5 Bb4 18.Qf3 exd4 19.Bxd4 Ne5 20.Nh6+ Kf8 21.Bxe5 1-0

Robertson,B - Stuart,P

[B44] (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Nf6 7.N1c3 a6 8.Na3 Be7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Be2 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.f3 Ne5 13.Qd4 Ned7 14.Nc2 Qc7 15.Bf2 Rac8 16.Rac1 Rfd8 17.Bg3 Qc5 18.Qxc5 bxc5 19.Rfd1 Nb8 20.Rd2 Nc6 21.Rcd1 e5 22.Ne3 Nd4 23.Bd3 Nh5 24.Ned5 Bg5 25.Rf2 Kf8 26.f4 Bxd5 27.Nxd5 exf4 28.Bxf4 Nxf4 29.Nxf4 Bxf4 30.Rxf4 Nc6 31.g3 Ne5 32.Bf1 Ke7 33.Rf2 Rb8 34.Kg2 Rb4 35.b3 Rdb8 36.Rfd2 R8b6 37.Kf2 a5 38.Rd5 f6 39.Bh3 a4 40.Bf5 g6 41.Bc8 Rc6 42.Bh3 axb3 43.axb3 Ra6 44.Bc8 Ra8 45.Bh3 Rb6 46.R1d2 Ra3 47.b4 Nxc4 48.bxc5 Nxd2 49.cxb6 Nxe4+ 50.Kg2 Ra2+ 51.Kf1 Ra1+ 52.Kg2 Nc5 53.Rd2 Rb1 54.Ra2 Rxb6 55.Bc8 d5 56.Ra7+ Kd8 57.Bh3 Rb7 58.Ra8+ Ke7 59.Rh8 Kd6 60.Rf8 Ne4 61.Rd8+ Ke5 0-1

Mistry,P - Steadman,M [

A21] (4)

1.Nf3 d6 2.c4 e5 3.Nc3 f5 4.d4 e4 5.Bg5 Nf6 6.Nd2 Be7 7.e3 0-0 8.Be2 c6 9.Qb3 Qc7 10.Rc1 Be6 11.0-0 Qd7 12.Qc2 a6 13.Bf4 d5 14.Na4 Qd8 15.c5 Nbd7 16.b4 h6 17.Nb3 Nh7 18.Na5 Qc8 19.f3 Nhf6 20.Bd6 Rf7 21.Bxe7 Rxe7 22.fxe4 fxe4 23.h3 Qc7 24.Qd2 Rf8 25.Qe1 g5 26.g4 h5 27.Kg2 hxg4 28.hxg4 Nxg4 29.Rxf8+ Nxf8 30.Bxg4 Bxg4 31.Qg3 Bf3+ 32.Kf2 Qxg3+ 33.Kxg3 Ng6 34.Nb6 Nh4 35.Kf2 Nf5 36.Rg1 g4 37.a4 Rh7 38.b5 Rh2+ 39.Ke1 Nxe3 0-1

Smith,R - Chibamba,K

[B23] (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 e5 4.fxe5 dxe5 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.d3 h6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.Qe1 Bh5 10.Nh4 Nbd7 11.Qg3 Bf8 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Qh3 Bg4 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qxg4 g5 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Nxf6 Nxf6 18.Rxf6+ Qxf6 19.Rf1 gxh4 20.Qd7+ Kg6 21.Rxf6+ Kxf6 22.Qf5+ Kg7 23.Qxe5+ Kh7 24.Qf5+ Kg7 25.Qd7+ Kf6 26.Bf2 Kg6 27.Qxb7 Bg7 28.Bxc5 Rhd8 29.Qa6+ Kh7 30.d4 Rd7 31.Qe6 Rc7 32.c3 Rd8 33.Bd6 Rb7 34.b3 Rdd7 35.Qf5+ Kh8 36.e5 Rf7 37.Qc8+ Kh7 38.e6 Rfe7 39.Bxe7 Rxe7 40.d5 1-0

Spain,G - Smith,R

[B08] (6)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be3 c6 6.Qd2 Qa5 7.h3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 e5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Rfd1 Re8 11.a4 a6 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Nd5 Qxd2 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Nxd2 Be6 16.a5 Bf8 17.f3 Nd7 18.Bc4 Rad8 19.Bxe6 Rxe6 20.Nc4 Be7 21.Rd3 Kf8 22.Rad1 Ke8 23.Kf1 f5 24.exf5 gxf5 25.Rb3 f4 26.Bf2 e4 27.fxe4 Nf6 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8 29.e5 Ne4 30.Rxb7 Rg6 31.Rb3 Kd7 32.Rd3+ Ke6 33.c3 h5 34.b4 h4 35.Rf3 ½-½

Hart ,R - McNabbb,M

[D15] (6)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.a4 e6 8.axb5 Nxc3 9.bxc3 cxb5 10.Ng5 Bb7 11.Qh5 g6 12.Qg4 Be7 13.Be2 Nd7 14.Bf3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 0-0 16.Ne4 f6 17.exf6 Nxf6 18.Bh6 Re8 19.0-0 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 Qd5 21.Qf4 Bf8 22.Rfe1 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 a6 24.Re5 Qd7 25.Qe3 a5 26.h4 Re7 27.h5 gxh5 28.d5 Rg7 29.dxe6 Qe8 30.Qe4 Raa7 31.Qd5 a4 32.e7+ Kh8 33.Qd8 Rg8 34.Rd1 Ra8 35.Qd4 Rg7 36.Qe4 Rg8 37.Red5 1-0

Mistry,P - Wright,C

[B24] (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.h3 Qc7 6.Nge2 a6 7.d3 e6 8.f4 b6 9.e5 Nd7 10.exd6 Bxd6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.f5 e5 13.N2c3 Bb7 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Qg4 g6 16.Bh6 Nd4 17.fxg6 hxg6 18.Nxe7 Qxe7 19.Bg5 f5 20.Bxe7 fxg4

21.Bf6 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 Nxf6 23.Bxa8 Nxc2+ 24.Kf2 Nxa1 25.Rxa1 gxh3 26.Bf3 g5 27.g4 Ke7 28.Kg3 h2 29.Rh1 Kd6 30.Rxh2 Rxh2 31.Kxh2 Nd5 32.a3 b5 33.Kg3 c4 34.dxc4 bxc4 35.Kf2 Kc5 36.Be4 Kd4 37.Bc2 Ne3 38.Ba4 Nxg4+ 39.Kg3 Nf6 40.Bc6 e4 41.Bb7 a5 42.Ba6 e3 43.Kf3 g4+ 44.Ke2 Nd5 45.Bc8 Nf4+ 46.Kf1 g3 47.Bg4 Kd3 0-1

Marko,H - Lin,A

[B22] (1)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Bc5 12.Nb5 Rc8 13.Rd1 Qe5 14.Qf3 0-0 15.N1a3 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Qxe3 17.fxe3 Rfd8 18.Kf1 Ne4 19.Ke2 e5 20.Nc4 Kf8 21.Ned6 Nxd6 22.Nxd6 Rc7 23.Ne4 Rcd7 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.a3 Na5 26.Nd2 Rxd2+ 27.Kxd2 Nb3+ 28.Kd3 Nxa1 29.c4 Nb3 30.Ke4 f6 31.Kd5 Ke7 32.c5 Kd7 33.g4 g5 34.Kc4 Na5+ 35.Kd5 Nc6 36.b4 a6 37.e4 h6 38.Kc4 Nd4 39.a4 Kc6 40.Kd3 b6 41.cxb6 Kxb6 42.Kc4 Kc6 43.Kd3 Nf3 44.Kc4 Ng1 45.b5+ axb5+ 46.axb5+ Kb6 47.Kd5 Nhx3 48.Ke6 Nf2 49.Kxf6 Nxg4+ 50.Kf5 Ne3+ 51.Kxe5 h5 52.Kd4 Ng2 53.e5 Nf4 54.Ke4 h4 55.Kf5 h3 56.Kxg5 Nd5 57.Kf5 h2 58.Ke6 h1Q 59.Kd6 Nc7 0-1

Smith,V - Goodkind,L

[A08] (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Qc7 9.Nf1 d4 10.h3 Rb8 11.N1h2 b5 12.Qe2 e5 13.Nh4 Ba6 14.Nf5 c4 15.h4 cxd3 16.cxd3 Nb4 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.a3 Nbc6 19.b4 Bc8 20.Bd2 Be6 21.f4 f6 22.f5 Bd7 23.g4 a5 24.Rab1 axb4 25.axb4 Ra8 26.Rb2 Ra4 27.Reb1 Rfa8 28.g5 Ra1 29.Ng4 Rxb1+ 30.Rxb1 fxg5 31.hxg5 Ra4 32.Qe1 Ng6 33.fxg6 Bxg4 34.gxh7+ Kh8 35.Qf2 Qe6 36.Qf8+ Kxh7 37.Kf2 Ra7 38.Qc5 Rf7+ 39.Kg3 Bh5 40.Qc1 Qg4+ 41.Kh2 Rf2 42.g6+ Kh8 43.Qf1 Rxf1 44.Rxf1 Bxg6 0-1

Lin,A - Zhang,M [D73] (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.0-0 Rd8 10.e3 Qd6 11.Bd2 Bg4 12.h3 Bf5 13.Re1 Be4

National Junior Championships

by Hilton Bennett

The Hamilton Chess Club and St Paul's Collegiate School played host to the National Junior Championship week for 2004, with tournament organizers Gary Judkins and William Lynn coordinating a highly successful event. The tournament attracted players from throughout the North Island as well as a small South Island group. This year saw a change in the format of the event with the addition of an extra tournament, the NZ Junior Rapid as well as a coaching day between the two events.

NZ Junior Championship

It would have been almost impossible to get odds against top junior Pu Chen Wang winning this year's junior championship. This year's NZ Olympiad representative in Mallorca was clearly in a different class from the rest of the field, and his dominance was no surprise. Rapidly improving Gino Thornton was expected to provide some stiff opposition and possibly run Pu Chen close if things ran his way. A lot of the remaining interest centred on the performance of a number of younger juniors who had been performing well in grade and club tournaments.

After Gino stumbled in round 2 against Steven Yang, when he became engrossed in his own queenside attack and forgot about a sacrificial attack down the h file against his king, Pu Chen set the pace with five wins to be a point clear after 5 rounds. He drew with Gino in round 6 to be in an unbeatable position going into the last round, where he drew quickly with Andy Chen to seal his overall victory with 6 points. Recovering well Gino came through to justify his seeding by finishing clear second on 5.5.

The especially encouraging part of the event from the wider perspective of the future of NZ chess was the age of the players filling the next six places. The five players finishing on 5 points were all under 14 years, with two being under 10. The next player on 4.5 was under 12. This means that seven of the top eight places were filled by players under 14! It would ap-

pear that the efforts being put into junior chess around the country are starting to show rewards. When we put this together with the number of junior players representing NZ at overseas events, the success of juniors in open and grade events around the country, and junior representation in Grand Prix standings, I believe that we are starting to see some real momentum in junior chess development.

Final Placings:

1 st overall	Pu Chen Wang (u14) 6 points
2 nd overall	Gino Thornton (u20) 5.5 points
under 20	1 st G. Thornton (5.5), 2 nd R. Peng (3)
under 16	1 st = B. Robertson, D. Smith, A. Lin, S. Yang, N. Fairley (4)
under 14	1 st P. Wang (6), 2 nd = M. Zhang, R. Dare (5)
under 12	1 st J. Watson (5), 2 nd Jason Wu (4.5)
under 10	1 st = D. Baider, A. Chen (5)
under 8	1 st B. Cheng (4)
Girls	1 st = N. Fairley, E. Chen (4)

The coaching workshops run immediately after the main Championship event were well attended with nearly 30 juniors, and were conducted by Peter Stuart and William Lynn, with organizational assistance from Gary Judkins. Generous support from Chess Friends and the Hamilton Chess Club made this possible, and hopefully it will be a concept that is developed further in the future.

NZ Junior Rapid

The final day of the "Junior Congress" saw the innovation of Junior Rapid tournaments, which were run as separate Junior Open and a Junior u1400 events. In the Junior Open (16 players) a similar pattern developed to the main Championship event. Pu Chen defeated Gino in round 4 in the decisive game and was able to take a draw against Hamilton's Alan Lin in the final round to seal his victory on 5.5 / 6. Gino

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won all his other games to finish on 5 / 6. Steven Yang finished 3rd on 4, with a group of players 4th = on 3.5 points (M Zhang, J Lei, J Watson, A Lin, D Smith).

The u1400 Junior event (46 players) was won by A Chen (under 10 years!) with 5.5 points, ahead of Tom Sellars on 5, ahead of D Baider, Y Hou, T Chao, R Dare, and O Lynn on 4.5. Notable on 4 points was under 8 Bobby Cheng of Auckland. Once again the pattern of strong performances from the very young juniors was continued.

Games from NZ Juniors

Lin, A - Wang, P

[D10] (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 g6 6.e3 Bg7 7.Be2 e6 8.a3 Nge7 9.b4 0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Rc1 Nf5 13.Qd2 Nd6 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Bd3 f5 16.Qe2 Ne4 17.Nd2 Kh8 18.Nf1 Qe7 19.f3 Nxd4 20.exd4 Bxd4+ 21.Kh1 Nxc3 22.Qd2 Qg7 23.Be2 Nxe2 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Bxd4 Nxd4 26.Qxd4 Qxd4 27.Rxd4 Rc1 28.Kg1 Ba6 0-1

Thornton, G - Yang, S

[D15] (2)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.Nh4 Bg6 6.Nxg6 hxg6 7.Bf4 e6 8.g3 dxc4 9.Bg2 Bd6 10.Bg5 Qa5 11.Qd2 Nbd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.e4 Bb4 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Rh5 16.h4 Rdh8 17.Bf3 R5h7 18.Rfb1 Nb6 19.Rb4 Nfd7 20.Rab1 f6 21.Be3 Qxa3 22.d5 exd5 23.exd5 c5 24.R4b2 Ne5 25.Bg2 Qa4 26.Ra2 Qd7 27.Bxc5 Qf5 28.Rba1 Nf3+ 29.Bxf3 Qxf3 30.Bxb6 Rxh4 0-1

Yang, S - Watson, J

[C42] (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Bc4 d5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.d3 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 Bg4 10.Bg5 c6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nbd7 13.d4 h6 14.Bd2 Re8 15.Ne2 Qb6 16.c3 Ne4 17.Bc1 Bd6 18.Ng3 Bxg3 19.fxg3 Ndf6 20.Bc2 Re7 21.Kh2 Rae8 22.b3 Qa5 23.b4 Qc7 24.Bf4 Qd7 25.Rae1 Ng5 26.Qf2 Nfe4 27.Bxe4 Nxe4 28.Qc2 f6 29.c4 g5 30.Bd2 Kg7 31.Qc1 Qd6 32.Rf3 Re6 33.cxd5 Qxd5 34.h4

Nxd2 35.Qxd2 Rxe1 36.Qd3 Qe4 37.Qc3 Qb1 38.Kh3 Rh1+ 39.Kg4 Qe4+ 40.Kh5 Qg6+ 0-1

Wang, P - Baider, D

[C02] (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Ng5 h6 10.Qh5 g6 11.Bxg6 fxg6 12.Qxg6+ Kd8 13.Nf7+ Kc7 14.Nxh8 Ne7 15.Qh7 Bb5 16.Re1 Ne2+ 17.Rxe2 Bxe2 18.Nc3 Bg4 19.Bxh6 Bf5 20.Qf7 Qxb2 21.Rf1 Bxh6 22.Qxe7+ Kb6 23.Na4+ 1-0

Lynn, O - Smith, D

[C11] (5)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.d4 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Bf4 0-0 9.Bxh7+ Kxh7 10.Ng5+ Kg8 11.Qh5 Re8 12.Qxf7+ Kh8 13.Qh5+ Kg8 14.Qh7+ Kf8 15.Qh8+ Ke7 16.Qxg7# 1-0

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there is a picture of Philip Gelman '102 years young' and still playing and enjoying his chess, so there is a lot more chess left in all of us! But seriously it features an interesting article on Philip and his chess story. GM Daniel King asks 'How good is your Chess?' once again and invites his readers to play through one of Kovalevskaya's games from the FIDE Women's championship. IM Richard Palliser rounds up the 4NL season in his usual high standard. An interesting issue, which is well worth the price of the subscription! On the back of 'Chess' you will see that ChessMaster 10th edition is coming out soon, but more on that in the next column.

Also in the next column there will be more information on GM Daniel King's new book - and here's what he has to say in a recent email - as a taster. "... here's a brief description: 20 test games, thoroughly annotated with clear explanations. I feature most of the top players in the world, describing their playing style, personalities, and how the two are linked. The games are great, but it's a good read too (I think!). I took a lot of trouble over it, so I will be interested to see what the reaction will be."

North Island and National Chess Inter-Schools Tournaments

by Felicity Timings

This year these two competition finals were held in the same town on consecutive days, in a bid to make travelling easier for the majority of students and life in general easier for the organisers. This time it was Auckland's turn to host the national event, so we held the North Island Championship on Saturday 18 September and the national final the following day. The morning of the North Island final dawned fine and clear (although there were variations on this throughout the day) and clearly some competitors hadn't slept terribly well the night before because when Viv Smith and I turned up at host school St Helier's Primary,

we were one of the last to arrive! But that suited us fine as we had plenty of willing helpers to lug trestle tables and set up chess sets. An extra big thank you should go to the wonderful boys from Kerikeri High School who now know everything there is to know about setting up for a chess tournament. And what a lovely job they did too....

Twenty one teams came from seven North Island regions – the biggest turnout so far. In the secondary division the finalists were Auckland Grammar (reigning national champions) and St Kentigern's College from Auckland, Bethlehem College (Tauranga), St Paul's Collegiate (Hamilton), Palmerston North Boys High (representing Wellington) and Kerikeri HS. We offered the teams the chance to play either 30 or 45 minute games but after some indecision they all opted for the shorter game. Auckland Grammar

School sat solidly on their perch all day, losing only 1 of their team's 20 games. But the competition between Palmerston North, St Kentigern's and St Paul's was quite fierce – although terribly well-mannered – and resulted in St Kentigern's coming 2nd and Palmerston North 3rd. The standard of play was very high and it was a pleasure to watch these delightful young men offering such appropriate role models to the younger players.

In the intermediate section were finalists St Helier's School (these were the children who



Don Eade (Auckland) on the phone with Jacinta Buist, with four helpful runners moving the pieces during the national primary interschools final, which was a phone match between Epsom Normal (Auckland) and Ilam Christchurch. Ilam eventually won the championship.

won the national primary section last year) and Papatoetoe Intermediate from Auckland, Kamo Intermediate, Peterhead School (from Hawke's Bay but representing the Central region), Mt Maunganui Intermediate, Carterton Intermediate (Wairarapa), Wanganui Intermediate and Wellesley College, Wellington. St Helier's School looked likely from midway through the competition but Peterhead School were nibbling at their toes throughout. Jason Wu, 1st board for St Helier's, played confidently all day, although suffering a painful loss to Peterhead's Chaz Johnson. (Someone to watch?) Hopefully Hawke's Bay will start their own competition next year, and show us what else they are producing down there! Congratulations to winning St Helier's team Jason Wu, Joseph Wu, James Lo and Caleb Lo; runners up Peterhead School and 3rd place-getters Papa-

toetoe Central.

And in the primary section were Epsom Normal and Papatoetoe Central from Auckland, Southwell Primary from Hamilton, Otumoetai Primary (Tauranga), Hadlow (Wairarapa), Gonville (Wanganui) and Waterloo (Wellington). These games had the most excitement as there was not a clear winner until after the very last round – when the two top teams (Epsom Normal and Papatoetoe Central) played each other. Coaches Edith Otene and Don Eade hovered anxiously by their protégées, Epsom Normal, and were clearly relieved by the result. But I suspect that Papatoetoe will be back next year, as their team is very young and full of potential. (Is the Papatoetoe Chess Club reading this? It

could be time you started running an inter-school chess competition in South Auckland and fostering some of this talent!) Congratulations to North Island Primary Champions Epsom Normal: Philip Chien, Chandula Medagoda, Pasangi Wickramarachchi, Jerry Gao and Gopal Galgali. 2nd place: Papatoetoe Central, 3rd equal: Southwell and Waterloo Primaries.

Hosts St Helier's won us all over with their marvellous facilities and the warmth and hospitality of Deputy Principal Gordie Palmer. A festive atmosphere prevailed with outdoor tables and a very professional café run by parents from the school. I've never seen such a turnout of parents before, which I think I can attribute to the excellence of the cappuccinos! In between rounds there was a keen interest in handball (by both children and parents) and the well-stocked analysis room.

The next day some of us met up again at Auckland Grammar School for the National Final. This was being competed face-to-face by the intermediate and secondary teams, thanks to

Cobham Intermediate and Riccarton High Schools for finding the money to travel up to Auckland at short notice. But the primary match was run over the phone this year, as has been done successfully in previous years. The facilities at the AGS library were perfect for this – a big thank you goes to Bob Grover at AGS for arranging these, and to Jacinta Buist, Craig Hall and Brendan Reedy from the Canterbury Chess Club who ran things at the Christchurch end. Thanks also to Devon Smith, James Danaher and Mark van der Horn who were the board runners at the Auckland end. This year the phone match (which was just one round) was not quite as successful, possibly due to an early (mistaken) decision not to use clocks



NZCF Councillor Paul Spiller with National Intermediate winners St Heliers (in front), and South Island winners Cobham Intermediate.

and also because of some premature anxiety over the possibility of a drawn result, which led to a great deal of discussion – unnecessarily, as it turned out. The last game took far too long and poor little Pasangi Wickramachchi (in Auckland) spent 3 hours at her board before her game was drawn. The match was won 2 ½ to 1 ½ by South Island champions Ilam Primary, who have been national finalists in the primary division for the last 4 years and so deserved to finally win. Congratulations to national primary champions Ilam Primary and team members Timothy Wu, Kandarp Shrivastava, Peter Kim and Alexander Liebert.

The intermediate and secondary division matches were competed face-to-face with each player facing their corresponding team member in 2 matches, one as white and one as black. We had discussed the possibility of using a scheveningen system for these matches, but the players wouldn't have a bar of it. Cobham Intermediate South Island champions Chris Read, Manu Somerville, Ananthan Yugarja

and Mladen Vukovic scored a win (Manu) and a draw (Ananthan) in the 1st round, making the score 1 ½ - 2 ½, but only Manu scored in the 2nd round (with a draw) resulting in the final score of 6-2 to St Helier's, our new national intermediate champions.

The intermediate teams finished their two matches in the time the secondary teams took to play just the one, so Viv and I bundled the children and their teachers into our cars and dispatched them to Rainbow's End while Bob Grover took the secondary competitors out to lunch, and we all reconvened later for round 2. There was plenty of excitement in the secondary division, with Riccarton High South Island Champions Terence Goh, Joey Scarr and Tim Kershaw winning their 1st round games against Auckland Grammar – only Puchen Wang managed to (just!) win his game against Sam McChesney. But Auckland Grammar came back after lunch with a vengeance, winning the 2nd round 4-0. Final score: 5-3 to AGS, National champions for the 2nd year in a row. Congratulations to team members Puchen Wang, Daniel Ashrafi, Charlie Liu and Fei Meng.

Thanks also to Bob Smith who, despite having a heavy work schedule, managed to make appearances during both days, and to Paul Spiller who did the same, as well as presenting the intermediate prize. As always, Viv did a sterling job of keeping a soothing eye on proceedings and making many friends in the process. I think we would all agree that it was a successful, enjoyable weekend.

Here are a couple of games from the secondary finals between Ashrafi of Auckland Grammar and Goh of Riccarton. The first was a game of changing fortunes. Goh got the advantage out of the opening but let it slip. Then Black was clearly winning but went astray in time trouble and eventually his flag fell in a lost position. White had offered a couple of draws before the end but as AGS was already 2 games down at that point, Daniel was trying desperately to get the whole point. In the second round AGS was 1-3 down, so had to go out all guns blazing if

they were to retain the trophy. This time Daniel lifted his play and scored a convincing win.

T Goh (Riccarton High)

- D Ashrafi (Auckland Grammar)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.cxd5 Qxd5 4.Nc3 Qf5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 e6 7.Bg2 Bb4 8.0-0 Bd7 9.a3 Ba5 10.b4 Bb6 11.Bb2 0-0 12.Nh4 Qh5 13.Bf3 Qh6 14.e3 Rad8 15.Bc1 g5 16.Ng2 e5 17.d5 g4 18.e4 Qh5 19.Be2 Nd4 20.Nh4 c6 21.Kg2 cxd5 22.f3 dxe4 23.fxg4 Bxg4 24.Bxg4 Nxb4 25.Nxe4 f5 26.Nf2 Qe8 27.Nxg4 Qc6+ 28.Kh3 Nc2 29.Qe2 Nd4 30.Qa2+ Rd5 31.Ne3 Ne6 32.Qxd5 and Black lost on time.

D Ashrafi (Auckland Grammar)

- T Goh (Riccarton High)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 Ne7 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bh4 b6 8.0-0-0 Bb7 9.Bb5+ c6 10.Be2 0-0 11.e5 d5 12.g4 Qc7 13.Bf6 c5 14.Nb5 Qd7 15.h4 Nbc6 16.Qf4 cxd4 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.h5 Rh8 19.Qf6+ Kg8 20.Nd6 Rf8 21.g5 Rh7 22.gxh6 Rxh6 23.Ng5 Nxe5 24.Qxe5 f6 25.Qxe6+ Qxe6 26.Nxe6 Rb8 27.Nxb7 Rxb7 28.Nxd4 g5 29.Rhg1 f5 30.Rxg5+ Kh7 31.Nxf5 Nxf5 32.Rxf5 Re7 33.Bd3 Kh8 34.Rg1 Re8 35.Rxd5 Rf6 36.Rd7 Rxf2 37.Rh7#

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47. ♖xe4 ♗b4.
47... ♗f5 48.f3 ♗b4 49. ♖f1
49.g4 ♗g6 50. ♗d3 ♗xa5 51. ♗xa6 ♗xe4
52.fxe4 ♖xe4.
49... ♗xa5 50. ♗d3
50.g4 ♗g6 51. ♗d3 ♖f4 52. ♖e2 ♗d8
(52... ♗xe4 53. ♗xe4 ♗c3) 53. ♖c5 ♗xd3+
54. ♖xd3 ♖xf3 55. ♗xa6 ♖g3.
50... h5 51.g4
51. ♖e2 ♗xe4 52.fxe4 ♗d8.
51... ♗xe4 52.fxe4 ½-½

Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

Lower Hutt's Jeff Rapp has kindly supplied the following autobiography. For the last dozen years he has been a backbone member of the Trophy Tourneys, and has compiled an excellent record, too.

Rapp began in TT4 in 1992-93, finishing 2nd, and came 3rd the following year. Then a three-year stint in TT2 saw him climb from 3rd to 2nd to 1st. This earned promotion to TT Reserve, where he again flourished, finishing 2nd, 2nd, 3rd and 1st. For the past three years Jeff has played in Championship, and has results of 5th, 7th and 5th. He is having a spell from TT this year, but is keeping his hand in by playing in the Handicap Tourney.

Here is the Jeff C. Rapp story, as seen through his own eyes.

Chess at school:

I started playing chess at High School when I was about 13. The reason was the Fischer-Spassky match in the newspapers. There were a few kids at school who played but it was a lunch time thing. I seem to recall being moderately good at it until I beat one of the local bullies in front of his friends. The damage put me off chess for quite a while. I next picked it up when I joined the Air Force. A few of us found it a great way to fill a lot of boring time. The one and only time I was (sort of) paid to play chess!

Chess in Australia:

At this time I really came to like the game. Mainly for its need for deep analysis. I hadn't seen Blitz at that stage. While at a less isolated posting (Sydney) I joined the local Chess Club which held club nights at the local RSL club (Casino Bar) once a fortnight. I was about 23 at the time and the combination of alcohol, loud music and sweaty girls dancing on the floor about a metre away gave a whole new meaning to the idea of 'Focus'. I was an average club player but gained my first adrenaline rush playing chess when I played in a Blitz match. 5min, old style mechanical clock, one hand only for pieces and clock. Good fun.

Chess in Queenstown:

Left that to be a Ski Bum in New Zealand and started out by joining the Queenstown Chess Club which was mainly inhabited by European ski instructors and bums like me. Boy, could they play! But it was a lot of fun and I beat the guy who gave me my first instructor's job. I think it was because of the respect I earned but it might have been the considerable Tequila we drank that night. Around this time I started playing CC as the club folded up when the ski season got fully underway. I found I preferred CC because I could do as much deep analysis as I liked.

Chess in Dunedin:

Came to live in Dunedin and joined the local club. Arthur Patton, the local Chess notary at the time took me under his wing as I showed some promise on club nights, stretching some of the club champions and top players. I gave Anthony Ker a fright one night but my endgame let me down. He showed me how I could have wiped him if only I had known some fundamental endgame ideas.

I played in a local club competition on Arthur's team as board 1 and it was a lot of fun, but then kids invaded our comfortable home and all that fell apart. From then on (about 1989) I have only played CC with the addition in the last two or three years of Internet blitz. I was enthusiastic early on to win the NZ CC Champs but family life goes on and now I understand the time, focus and commitment required to win. Maybe when the kids are older.

Goffin, P – Rapp, J

[A00]

69th NZCCA Championship, 2002

Notes by Jeff Rapp

1.d3 e5 2. ♖f3 c6 3.g3
3. ♗bd2 ♖c7 TWIC 4.e4 ♗f6 5. ♗e2 d5.
3... ♖c7 4. ♗g2 d5 5.0-0 ♗e6 6.c3 ♗f6 7. ♖c2
7.d4 e4 8. ♗f4 ♖b6 9. ♗g5 ♗f5 10. ♖b3 ♗e7
11. ♗d2 ♗h5 12. ♗e3 h6 13. ♗h3.
7... ♗d6 8.e4 h6 9. ♗bd2

9.d4 0-0 10.dxe5 ♗xe5 11.♖xe5 ♜xe5 12.♙f4 ♜h5.

9...0-0 10.♙e1

10.d4 ♖bd7.

10...♖bd7 11.♖h4

11.exd5 cxd5 12.a4 d4.

11...♙fe8 12.♖f1

12.♖f5 ♗xf5 13.exf5 ♖b6 14.c4 ♗c5 15.♖b3 ♗b4 16.♗d2 ♗xd2 17.♖xd2 ♜d7.

12...♙ad8 13.♖e3 ♗c5 14.exd5 cxd5 15.d4

15.♖f3.

15...exd4 16.exd4 ♗b6 17.♜xc7 ♗xc7 18.♗d2

♖e4 19.♗b4 a5 20.♗a3 b5 21.b3

21.b4.

21...♖df6 22.♙ac1 ♙c8 23.♖hf5 b4 24.♗b2 ♖

h7 25.♙e2 ♗b6 26.♙ec2 ♙xc2 27.♙xc2 ♗d7

28.f3

28.♙c1 g6 29.♖h4 a4 30.bxa4 ♗xa4 31.♖f3 ♖g7 32.♙b1 ♗c7.

28...♖c3 29.♗xc3 bxc3 30.♙xc3 g6 31.♖d6

31.♖xh6 ♗xd4 32.♙d3 ♗xc3+, 31.♖h4 ♗xd4.

31...♙e6 32.♖xf7 ♗xd4 0-1

Rapp,J – Weston,R

[B23]

70th NZCCA Championship, 2003

[Jeff Rapp]

1.e4 c5 2.♖c3 ♖c6 3.f4 g6 4.♖f3 ♗g7 5.♗b5

♖d4 6.0-0 ♖xb5 7.♖xb5 d5 8.e5 d4 9.c3 a6

10.♖a3 ♗g4 11.♖c2!? dxc3

11...d3 12.♖e3 ♗d7 13.♖g5 ♖h6 (13...f6)

14.♙f3 ♗c6 15.♙g3 b5 16.b3 (16.f5 ♜c7

17.♖f3 0-0 18.f6 exf6 19.exf6 ♜xc3 20.fxg7

♜d6 21.gxf8 ♜+ ♙xf8 22.b3 f5 23.♗b2) 16...e6

17.♗a3.

12.bxc3 ♜d3? 13.♖e3 ♗d7 14.a4 c4 15.♖d4

♙c8 16.♙e1 ♖h6 17.♗a3 ♜e4 18.f5! ♗xe5

19.♗xe7 ♗e6? 20.fxe6 ♗xd4 21.♗g5 ♗g7

22.♗xh6 ♗xh6 23.♖g4 ♙f4 24.♖xh6 ♜xh6

25.exf7+ ♖f8

25...♖xf7 26.♙f3+ ♖g8 27.♙d5+ ♖f8

28.♙f1+ ♖e8 29.♙ae1+ ♙e3+ 30.♙xe3#.

26.♙g4 ♗d8 27.♙e6 ♜h4

27...♙g5 28.♙e5 ♜h4 29.g3.

28.g3 ♙g5 29.♙e5 ♜xd2 30.♙e7+ ♖g7

31.f8♙# 1-0

Voss,P – Rapp,J

[A70]

70th NZCCA Championship, 2003

Notes by Jeff Rapp

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♖f3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5

d6 6.♖c3 g6 7.e4 a6 8.h3 b5 9.♗d3 ♗g7 10.0-

0 ♖bd7 11.♗f4 ♜c7 12.♙e1 ♖e5 13.♖xe5 dxe5

14.♗e3 c4 15.♗c2 ♗d7 16.a3

16.b3 ♙c8.

16...0-0 17.♙d2

17.b4 cxb3 18.d6 ♜e8 19.♗xb3 ♗c6.

17...♙d6 18.b3 ♙fc8 19.bxc4 bxc4

19...♙xc4 20.♗d3 ♙c7 21.♖e2 ♙b8

(21...♙ac8).

20.a4

20.♙cb1 ♙cb8 21.a4 ♜c7 22.♖e2 a5.

20...♙ab8 21.♙eb1 ♖h5 22.♗a7

22.a5 f5 23.exf5 gxf5.

22...♙xb1+ 23.♙xb1 ♙a8 24.♗e3 ♙b8

25.♙xb8+ ♜xb8 26.♖e2 f5 27.♙a5 ♜c8

28.exf5 gxf5 29.d6 ♗e6 30.♗c1

30.f4 ♖xf4 31.♖xf4 exf4 32.♗xf4 ♗d4+ 33.♖

h2 ♖f8 34.♗e5 ♗xe5+ 35.♜xe5 ♖f7.

30...♙c6

30...♙b7 31.♙d8+ ♖f7 32.♜h4 ♖f6 33.♗g5

♙d7.

31.♙d8+

31.♗a3 ♖f7 (31...♗f6 32.♜c7 ♙d7) 32.g4

♖f6 33.gxf5 ♗d5 34.♜c7+.

31...♗f8 32.♗a3 ♙d7

32...♜c8 33.♙g5+ ♖g7 34.♙f6 e4 35.♖f4

♗d7 36.♖d5.

33.♙g5+

33.♙b6 ♖f6 34.♙xa6 ♖e8 35.a5 ♖xd6.

33...♖g7 34.♖g3 ♖f7 35.♙d2 ♙c6

35...e4 36.♙f4 ♖e8; 35...♖e8 36.♖xf5 ♗xf5

37.♗xf5 ♜xf5 38.d7 ♗xa3.

36.♙b4

36.♙h6 ♗xd6 37.♗b2 c3 38.♗c1 e4 39.♖h5

♖xh5 40.♙xh5+ ♖e7 41.♙xh7+ ♖d8 42.♗g5+

♖c8 43.h4 ♗e5 44.h5.

36...e4 37.a5

37.♙b8 ♖e8.

37...♗d7 38.♙b6 ♖e6 39.♙xc6 ♗xc6 40.d7

♗e7 41.♗b2 ♖f7 42.♗xg7 ♖xg7 43.♖xf5+ ♖f6

44.♖e3 c3 45.♖d1 ♖e5 46.♖xc3 ♗xd7

47.♖xe4

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New Zealand News

Otago Spring Rapid - 28 August 2004

NM Tony Dowden took out this Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix class 3 event undefeated on 4.5/5 ahead of NM Richard Sutton on 4. Dowden's crucial win over Sutton in the penultimate round allowed him to win outright despite a draw in the last round against Quentin Johnson, who finished 3rd= with strong junior

Andrew Stone on 3.5. The under 1500 prize was shared by tournament newcomers Geoff Dembo of Riverton and Kevin Peng of Otago University on 3 points, while the under 1500 junior prize was a three-way tie between Josie Burrows, Muhammad Saib and Cameron Vercoe-Groenen on 2.5.

No	Name	Loc	Club	Total	1	2	3	4	5
1	DOWDEN, R ANTHONY	2252	OT	4.5	14W	6W	5W	2W	3D
2	SUTTON, RICHARD J	2214	OT	4	9W	4W	3W	1L	5W
3	JOHNSON, QUENTIN J F	1912	OT	3.5	12W	17W	2L	6W	1D
4	STONE, ANDREW	1712	NS	3.5	13W	2L	8W	12W	7D
5	HEPERI, DALLIN J N	1755	OT	3	10W	7W	1L	9W	2L
6	PENG, TING-CHUN (KEVIN)	OU		3	16W	1L	10W	3L	13W
7	DEMBO, GEOFF P			3	15W	5L	16W	8D	4D
8	ROWELL, TREVOR	1591	OT	3	11D	14W	4L	7D	12W
9	BURROWS, JOSIE	1325	OT	2.5	2L	13W	17W	5L	10D
10	SAIB, MUHAMMAD	1259	OT	2.5	5L	15W	6L	16W	9D
11	VERCOE-GROENEN, CAMERON	OT		2.5	8D	12L	13L	17W	0W
12	EBELING, TERRY	OT		2	3L	11W	14W	4L	8L
13	BAIRD, VIOLET	OT		2	4L	9L	11W	15W	6L
14	BURGESS, MATTHEW	1326	OT	2	1L	8L	12L	0W	16W
15	TOWNSHEND, ALANNAH	OT		2	7L	10L	0W	13L	17W
16	SIVAPALAN, PRAVEEN			1	6L	0W	7L	10L	14L
17	WILSON, JEN	OT		1	0W	3L	9L	11L	15L

Wanganui CC

Chris Burns confirmed his status of Wanganui's top player, by taking out the 2004 A-Grade Championship. Burns has now won the historic 104 years old G.F. Francis Trophy three years in a row. Burns was undefeated in his six games, conceding just one draw to Gordon Hoskyn in a game in which both players missed a win. Results, A-Grade, G.F. Francis Trophy. Chris Burns 5.5/6, Martin Post 4/6, Gordon Hoskyn 1/5, John Wilson 0.5/1, Prince Vetharanian 0/4. The improving Ivan de Farias took out the A-Reserve Championship by a whopping three and a half points, and has been promoted to the A-Grade. de Farias had just one loss, to veteran player Ted Frost, and drew with Dilbagh Sangha in the last round to clinch the title.

Results, A-Reserve, Archie Ives Memorial Trophy. Ivan de Farias 6.5/8, Waata Hipango 3/5, Ted Frost 2/4, Dilbagh Sangha 2/6, Kelly Forrest 0.5/4. Octogenarian Bernard Nicholson returned to the club after a gap of 13 years to win the B-Grade for a fourth time. Nicholson was unbeaten despite tight games. Results, B-Grade, Alf Ratliff Memorial Shield. Bernard Nicholson 5.5/6, Ross Maxwell 4.5/6, Graham Kane 2/6, Dan Hurley 0/6. New member Naamen Winduss won the C-Grade from an all-junior field. Trailing after the first round Winduss won all his round two games to take out his first club title. Results, C-Grade, Frank Jacobs Memorial Shield. Naamen Winduss 6.5/8, Michael Campbell 5.5/8, Thomas Stratton 0/8.

Wanganui Chess Club Vice-President, David Bell, who has featured on the local and national chess circuit for 30 years, is on the sick list after undergoing surgery at the Wanganui hospital. Best wishes to David from chess players everywhere for a speedy recovery and a rapid return to the chess board.



Wanganui Interschools Chess Tournament 22-08-04, Gonville School, winners Primary Schools section'. Pictured left to right, Denis Mckenna, Edward Lee, Riccardo Kara, Tyrone Kemp. Rear Ross Maxwell and Gordon Hoskyn

Upcoming GP Events

112th New Zealand Championship, Class 1, January 2-10, 2005. Wanganui CC. 11-round Swiss for players rated 2000+. 90 minutes each plus 30 seconds a move. Minimum prize-fund \$4000. The tournament will be FIDE-rated. NZ Master points will also be at stake. Entry fee \$110. Juniors \$55. GMs and IMs free.

New Zealand Major Open Championship, Class 1, January 2-10, 2005. Wanganui CC. 11 round swiss for players rated under 2000. 90 minutes each plus 30 seconds a move. Minimum prize-fund \$1700. Entry fee \$80. Juniors \$40.

New Zealand Rapid Championship, Class 2, January 11-12, 2005. Wanganui CC. 9 round swiss. 30 minutes each. Minimum prize-fund \$1200. Entry fee \$40. Juniors \$20.

The three tournaments above are all part of the 112th NZ Congress in Wanganui. Enquiries to Gordon Hoskyn hoskyn@ihug.co.nz



2004 North Island co-champion Paul Garbett in action against Nick Cummings

Tony Dowden takes the 2004 South Island Rapid Championship

by Quentin Johnson

This year the Rapid Championship was held at the Otago Chess Club as a 6-round event on the Friday of 24 September, just before the Standard championship giving players the option of playing in either or both with the minimum of disruption to their work schedule. While the pre-tournament registration system appeared to indicate a field as large as 31, in the event a number of these entries were not realised. However the final field of 23 was still good, including a pleasing number of junior players (11) and girls (4), and ranked as a class 3 Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix event. The outstanding favourite was local NM Tony Dowden, who at 2252 was rated over 300 points ahead of the 2nd seed Hilton Bennett of Hamilton. Other competition, if any, could be expected from Quentin Johnson, Alan Aldridge, Duncan Watts, and never to be dismissed lightly at this time limit, Hamish Gold. Dowden duly dispatched his first four oppo-

ponents including Watts and Bennett in round 3 and 4 to look set to coast home. Aldridge had dropped quickly from contention with a round 1 loss to dangerous Canterbury junior Guy Mulinder, while Johnson had let a win turn to a loss under time pressure at the hands of Gold in round 3. This was the second lucky escape for Gold, who had won from a Rook down against Mulinder in round 2, but his fluent and aggressive style lends itself to this kind of turnaround on many occasions. In round 5 Gold held Dowden to a draw, leaving both in the lead on 4½. Half a point behind was Bennett, who had stopped Ashburton's Allan Mulligan strong run (he had just caused Aldridge's second loss), and Watts whose kingside attack against Johnson culminated in a thematic N sacrifice on g7. Next in the prize-hunt was Rex Scarf of Ashburton on 3½ ahead of a pack on 3 including Mulinder and South Island Junior champion, Leo Ding of Otago.

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1	DOWDEN, R ANTHONY	2252	OT	5.5	6W	13W	3W	2W	4D	8W
2	BENNETT, HILTON P	1929	HA	5	14W	16W	10W	1L	9W	4W
3	WATTS, DUNCAN	1829	OT	5	21W	9W	1L	11W	5W	12W
4	GOLD, HAMISH R	1740	OT	4.5	20W	7W	5W	10W	1D	2L
5	JOHNSON, QUENTIN J F	1912	OT	4	11W	8W	4L	6W	3L	9W
6	DING, LEO	1330	OT	4	1L	15W	22W	5L	11W	10W
7	MULINDER, GUY	1178	CA	4	12W	4L	8L	23W	13W	16W
8	SCARF, REX	1577	AS	3.5	23W	5L	7W	16D	14W	1L
9	MULLIGAN, ALLAN W	1559	AS	3	22W	3L	18W	12W	2L	5L
10	DOLEJS, DAN E	1646	GA	3	15W	18W	2L	4L	21W	6L
11	STEVENSON, MICHAEL	1240	CA	3	5L	19W	13W	3L	6L	20W
12	ALDRIDGE, ALAN L	1836	WE	3	7L	20W	14W	9L	16W	3L
13	BOURNE, CRAIG	1151	OT	3	19W	1L	11L	20W	7L	21W
14	SATB, MUHAMMAD	1259	OT	3	2L	17W	12L	15W	8L	19W
15	SATB, NABEELAH		OT	3	10L	6L	17W	14L	22W	0W
16	TAYLOR, STEPHEN	1592	AS	2.5	17W	2L	21W	8D	12L	7L
17	DOWDEN, R BENJAMIN			2.5	16L	14L	15L	0W	18D	23W
18	BREWER, ASLEIGH		OT	2.5	0W	10L	9L	19L	17D	22W
19	BURROWS, LILY		OT	2	13L	11L	20L	18W	0W	14L
20	BURGESS, MATTHEW		OT	2	4L	12L	19W	13L	23W	11L
21	BURROWS, JOSIE		OT	2	3L	23W	16L	22W	10L	13L
22	WATTS, BENJAMIN			1	9L	0W	6L	21L	15L	18L
23	SMITH, JOEL			1	8L	21L	0W	7L	20L	17L

The final round saw Gold on top board with white against Bennett, while Dowden had white against Scarf. Dowden quickly won to secure at least 1st equal, but the top board game went right to the wire, with Bennett eventually getting home on the board just before his clock fell. Watts joined Bennett in 2nd place on 5 points with a win over Aldridge. Gold was left alone in 4th on 4½, while last round winners Johnson, Ding and Mulinder finished 5th on 4, a result which netted the two juniors the 1-2 under 1600 grade prizes. In the unrated section, 1st prize went to 11 year old Nabeelah Saib, whose 3 points represent great potential. Second equal was a very pleasing result for another local girl, 12 year old Ashleigh Brewer, along with the other Dowden in this tournament, 8 year old Ben, both acquitting themselves very well on 2½. The tournament

was (perhaps unwisely since he also played, after a fashion) directed by Quentin Johnson with assistance from an elected disputes committee, and generally went very smoothly.

Watts, D - Johnson, Q,
Round 5

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 b6 5 a3
Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 Bb7 7 Nf3 O-O
8 Bd3 d6 9 Qc2 Nbd7 10 O-O e5 11 e4 Re8 12
Re1 Nf8 13 c5 Ne6 14 cxd6
cxd6 15 d5 Nc5 16 Bb5 Re7 17 Bg5 Rc7 18
Nh4 a6 19 Bd3 Bc8 20 Re3 Bd7
21 Rf3 Ba4 22 Qe2 Ncd7 23 Nf5 Qf8 24 Rg3
Kh8 25 Qe3 Rxc3 26 Nxc7 Rxd3
27 Qxd3 Qxg7 28 Qe3 Ne8 29 Be7 f6 30 Rxc7
Kxg7 31 Qh3 Nc5 32 Re1
(And White eventually won)
1-0

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Chess Book Reviews

by Michael Stevenson

Hello again, and before we move onto the review component of the column I would like to first share some information on some new world-class chess publishers that will feature in this and future columns. Firstly, 'New in Chess' who are publishers of books, yearbooks and their magazine also entitled 'New in Chess'. Secondly, 'Chess Informant' who publish language-less monographs on different openings in CD-Rom and book form, plus general chess publications. Brian Foster of NZ Chess Supplies can help you with a subscription to these or any other chess books, magazines etc. E-mail NZ Chess Supplies at chess.chesssupply@xtra.co.nz

New in Chess magazine (New in Chess)

In the latest issue of this magazine there are many articles, such as "Kasimdzhanov KOs Top Seeds". This article goes in depth about Kasundzhanov winning the FIDE world championship. The "Petrosian memorial" event in which the 'The rest of the world' team, led by Vishy Anand, bet Garry Kasparov's led team 'Armenia', 18.5 to 17.5. However, I found the articles on the photogenic cover girl new FIDE world champion Antoaneta Stefanove to be the most interesting. The first article has the players in the championship annotating some of their own games, and then in the following article, Antoaneta is interviewed about her chess and related topics.

New in Chess Yearbook (New in Chess)

NIC Yearbook appears four times a year, and comes out in both hardback and paperback. In the latest number, 71, the first chapter is called 'Forum' and is full of readers' letters to the editor, with names like Jacob Aagaard, also John Watson who tosses in a few comments and his opinion on his new book "Play the French 3". The second part of this yearbook is the 'meat' of the book and is called 'Surveys', featuring 33 new and established opening variations. To give an example, there is GM Alexander Morozevich playing the black side

of the Albin counter-gambit 5...Nge7. Raetsky and Chetverik cover this interesting variation featuring around five pages and there are 32 more of these opening variations written by top players. A great buy for all chess players.

Chess Informant (Chess Informant)

Most Grandmasters and chess professionals use and recommend CI. The following is some information taken off their website: "Playing at tournaments with the leading Soviet chess players, I realized that one of the reasons for their absolute supremacy in the world was that they had better information. The powerful Soviet Chess Federation provided them with all the necessary information. What and how their opponents played what they did or what they did not know, these were no secrets for them. Such conditions were unequal for the rest of us. Thus, something had to be done! The most valuable from all the important competitions in the world had to be selected, systematized and made accessible to chess players. That was how it all started. Chess Informant was to be born in 1966." My aim in future columns is to bring you upto-date news and reviews with what's new in Chess Informant.

ChessBase Magazine (ChessBase)

Regular readers of this column will remember that in the past I've written enthusiastically about the ChessBase magazine. CBM is published every two months and is on CD-Rom format as well as a printed magazine. In CBM 100, there are the usual sections on tactics, strategy, endgames and extensive theory articles. As this is the 100th issue of CBM, as a bonus, ChessBase has included a second CD which features some of the video highlights taken from past magazines. There are also insightful videos with players like Kasparov, Karpov, Adams and Anand talking on chess and other subjects.

To give you an example of one of the games on the CD, here is a short game taken off CBM 100:

Meister, Y (2488) - Smirnov, P (2609) [B30]
Moscow Aeroflot op Moscow (4), 20.02.2004
[Oratovsky, M]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 Be7 5.d3
Nf6 6.Ng5 0-0 7.f4 d5 A quite new and very
risky move. Black sacrifices the central pawn to
gain some tempi after Bg4 and Nd4. The main
line with 7...exf4 is much safer for black. 8.exd5
Nd4 [8...Na5? 9.fxe5 b5 10.Nxb5 (10.exf6
Bxf6 11.Bxb5 Bxg5 12.0-0+) 10...Nxd5 11.0-0
Bxg5 12.Bxg5 Qxg5 13.Bxd5+- Rb8 14.Nd6
Qxe5 15.Bxf7+ Kh8 16.Nxc8+- 1-0 Zimina, O-
Shumiakina, T/Rethymno 2003/CBM 96 ext
(23). (22); Another possibility to develop an
initiative for the sacrificed pawn :-) you can find
in the commented game Kulaots, K-Fedorov, A
Aeroflot 2004. 8...Bg4 9.Qd2 Nd4 etc] 9.0-0
Bg4 10.Qe1! N Unusual and very strong! Black
could prevent this move by playing Bg4 one
move earlier, but this is another story... (Kulaots,
K-Fedorov, A) [10.Nf3 Bd6 11.fxe5
Bxe5© 12.Bg5 Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Bh3 14.Re1
Bd4+ 15.Kh1 Ng4! 16.Qd2 Qxg5 17.Qxg5
Nf2+ 18.Kg1 Nxd3+ 19.Kh1 (19.Re3 h6!
20.Qh4 Bxe3+ 21.Kh1 g5 22.Qh5 Nf4+-)
19...Nf2+ 20.Kg1 Ne4+ 21.Qe3 Nd2! 22.Bb5 a6
23.Bd3 Rae8 24.Kf2 Rxe3 25.Rxe3 Re8 26.Nd1
c4! 27.Be2 f5µ 0-1 Philippe, C-
Sveshnikov, E/Cap d'Agde 2003/EXT 2004 (54).
(54); 10.Qd2 exf4 11.Rxf4 Bd6©] 10...exf4 [
Another opportunity was capturing on c2 right
now, but it looks like white gets a dangerous
initiative in all the lines. For example: 10...Nxc2
11.Qh4 I don't know what was the idea of GM
Y. Meister during the game (or may be, it is
homework?!), but I am considering this move
like a main line. Also interesting is (11.Qg3!?
exf4 12.Bxf4 Nxa1 13.d6 Nc2 14.dxe7 Qxc7
15.Be5 (15.Nce4!?) 15...Rae8 16.Bxf6 Qe3+
17.Qxe3 Nxe3 18.Nge4 Nxf1 19.Kxf1÷ Here I
do not agree with my iron helper (according to
Fritz is -0.6 here!) and prefer the white side.)
11...exf4 (even more dangerous for black is
11...Nxa1 12.fxe5 h6 (12...h5 13.exf6 Bxf6
14.h3! b5™ (14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Be2 16.Qe4+-)
15.Nxb5 Be2 16.Qe4! Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Qxg5 (
17...Re8 18.Qf5+-) 18.Qxe2±) 13.d6! A strange
position: black is a full rook up but I do not see

any defence here! (or even simple 13.exf6!?
Bxf6 14.Qxg4 hxg5 15.Ne4±) 13...Bxd6 (
13...hxg5 14.Bxg5+-) 14.exf6,] 12.Bxf4 Nxa1
13.d6! Bxd6 14.Nce4!, h6 15.Nxf7 Rxf7
16.Nxd6± and white continues the attack but
now in the position with material balance!]
11.Bxf4 h6 [Here probably was the best mo-
ment for black to capture this "poisoned" pawn
11...Nxc2 12.Qh4 (12.Qg3 Nh5!?) 13.Qxg4
Nxf4 14.Nxf7 (14.Nce4!?) 14...Rxf7 15.d6
Bxd6 16.Bxf7+ Kh8!?) 12...h6 13.Rac1 (13.d6)
13...hxg5 14.Bxg5 Nxd5 15.Ne4,] 12.Nge4 Nh5
[12...Nxc2 13.Qg3 Nxa1 14.d6 Nxe4™
15.Nxe4 (15.dxe4 Bg5 16.Qxg4±) 15...Bf6
16.Qxg4 Bxb2 17.Bxh6+-] 13.Qd2± that's it.
Pawn up and better position. [13.d6! ? Bh4
14.Qd2±] 13...b5 14.d6 Bh4 15.Nxb5 [Stronger
was 15.Bxb5! Rb8 16.Ba4 Rxb2 17.Bb3±]
15...Ne2+ 16.Kh1 Nxf4 17.Rxf4 Bg5 18.Nxg5
Qxg5 19.Raf1 Rae8?? losing at once. After [
19...Nxf4 20.Qxf4 Qxf4 21.Rxf4 Bd7 22.Nc3
Rab8 23.b3² black could continue the fight.]
20.Rxf7!+- Qxd2 21.Rxf8+ Kh7 22.Bg8+ Kg6
23.Bf7+ Kg5 24.Bxe8 Qxc2 25.d4 Nxd4 1-0

Bashing the Sicilian with Bb5 volume 1 & 2
by Murray Chandler
(Bad Bishop Chess Video/DVDs)
New Zealand born Grandmaster Murray Chan-
dler has carried on the fine example that was
laid down by the first Bad Bishop videos.
Through his easy to understand style, Murray
shows the viewer a powerful attacking system
for white that can be used when the player of
the black pieces chooses to play the Sicilian. As
Murray points out at the start of the DVD, he
would be more than happy to play any of the
white variations against players of any standard.
Therefore the repertoire that he has chosen
should service the average club player well. As
mentioned in the last column, Bad Bishop vid-
eos and DVDs have quickly become world lead-
ers in this form of chess media.

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