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Whenever the national congress is held outside of Auckland, there is the natural concern on the part of the organisers regarding attendance. Yet in the case of the 2004 event, held in Wellington for the first time since 1996, the final field for the championship at least turned out to be an outstanding one. Although the event attracted only one player from overseas, it was in no way worse off for lacking the overly dominant presence of such players from previous years, allowing a genuine sporting event with a local winner. It will be noted that the British Chess Federation has finally decided to do away with its controversial policy of allowing players from throughout the Commonwealth to play in the British Championship. Perhaps the same needs to happen here. Just as the British is not the Indian Championship, so neither is ours the Australian Championship. At any rate, a last minute entry brought the field up to a record 26 . With the notable exception of Alexey Kulashko, almost all the country's strong, active players were present, with Olympiad selection no doubt a key factor as usual. The same time control was used as last year, 40 moves in 90 moves, plus 15 minutes at the end and a 30 second increment from move one. Fischer time controls have their pros and cons, are liked by some players and disliked by others; but they seem to be here to stay. Perhaps in the future, though, the official FIDE control, which has no time-check, will be preferred. As the tournament wound on, it became clear that the race was a tight one, with the Swiss system throwing up some surprises as usual. But in the end it was once again Anthony Ker who emerged triumphant, although not before surrendering the lead first to the remarkable Puchen Wang, who has clearly arrived at the top of the NZ scene, and then to the unheralded Matthew McNabb. With some of the other high seeds falling by the wayside, there was plenty of interest.

## Round 1

With such a field, upsets were inevitable and
began as early as Round One. Paul Garbett, in a sign of things to come, was unable to do anything with a blocked position against Nathan Goodhue. John McDonald also held Graeme Spain, but the surprise of the round was Scott Wastney's bad loss with White to Gavin Marner.
The other top players were relatively untroubled, although second seed Ker, reaching an ending with an extra piece but with some problems breaking through, took 101 moves to beat Peter Stuart.

Round 2
Things became a little harder this round. Top seed Russell Dive was unable to convert a bet ter ending against Leonard McLaren, the first of a number of frustrating endgames for Dive in this event. Nic Croad survived a worse position against Bob Smith.
Marner continued to prosper, soon reaching a drawn ending after surprising Stephen Lukey with the King's Gambit. Garbett, perhaps trying too hard to win a bishop vs. knight ending against Wang, overlooked a tactical possibility. Peter Green had a rather messy win over Michael Steadman, while German FM Oliver Koeller overstepped the time limit in an ending against Ker in which he only needed to find two accurate moves to ensure the draw Leading scores: Ker, Wang, Green 2

Round 3
Wang, a regular 1.e4 player, tried the Trompowsky against Ker; surely a pleasant surprise for Anthony, who has a good deal of experience himself on the White side. Ker quickly achieved a much better game and finished off with a simple mating combination. This left him as the only player on $100 \%$ as GreenMcLaren was drawn despite White having pressure for much of the game. Smith easily put a stop to Marner's run, while Lukey similarly had few problems with Steadman's dubious opening. Croad drew solidly with Dive. A resurgent Wastney tied Spain in knots, the
latter's beloved knights barely leaving the back rank. Koeller won material from Mark van der Hoorn, whose threats proved too vague. Leading scores: Ker 3, Smith, Green, Lukey 2.5

## Round 4

This was the least exciting round of the event. With all the top games drawn, the most significant game of the round was in hindsight per haps McNabb's win over Maciej Wojnar on one of the lower boards, a result that began his extraordinary rise to the top of the standings. Michael Turner's win over Goodhue pushed him up to the top boards.
Leading scores: Ker 3.5, Smith, Lukey, Green 3
Round 5
Lukey's pet line against Ker's Pirc led only to a quick draw, despite some advantage for White Dive was once again unable to break the resistance of his opponent, this time Turner, despite winning queen for rook and knight. Elsewhere events were more exciting: Wang destroyed Koeller in the c3 Sicilian and Wastney nicely created, then exploited some weaknesses around McLaren's king. Perhaps the most interesting game of the round was Stuart-Croad: in a typical King's Indian scenario, Black's queenside was on the verge of collapse when he whipped up a sudden and decisive attack on his opponent's king.
Leading scores: Ker 4, Smith, Lukey, Wastney, Croad, Green, Wang 3.5

## Round 6

Ker's run of short draws continued against Wastney, allowing Croad and Green to catch him. Croad beat Lukey after the latter threw away a big opening advantage and then played too ambitiously. Green outplayed Turner in the endgame. Dive extended his big plus over Gar bett, winning a pawn in the early middlegame and converting the ending to give the top seed a much-needed win. McNabb beat Goodhue for his third win in a row.
Leading scores: Ker, Croad, Green 4.5, Dive, Smith, Wastney, Wang, McNabb 4

Round 7
Croad's place at the top was short-lived as he was comprehensively and impressively outplayed by Wang, who replaced him as coleader with Ker and Green, after the latter pair drew with little incident. The round also featured two extremely long games and one (move- wise at least) extremely short one. At 101 moves, Dive-Wastney could be considered something of a marathon, but it was dwarfed by Smith-McNabb, which lasted no less than 156 moves. In both cases, the higher seed was desperate to win their drawn ending, but peace prevailed in both cases, although in the SmithMcNabb game it finally took the intervention of the 50 -move rule to settle the outcome. And that very short game? There is always at least one person who gets the schedule wrong at each congress. It is most unfortunate, however, that it was a game of such importance: Lukey defaulted to Koeller after arriving in time for an afternoon rather than a morning round. Finally, one might note the writer's win over M.Wojnar, for the same reason as McNabb's Round 4 win.
Leading scores: Ker, Green, Wang 5, Dive, Smith, Wastney, Koeller, Croad, McNabb 4.5

## Round 8

The clash of the top seeds saw Ker risking the main line of the Four Pawns Attack against Dive's habitual Alekhine's Defence. But in deciding to avoid a sharp, theoretical exchange sacrifice, he chose an insipid continuation that landed him in some difficulties. Eventually however, the game fizzled out into a drawn knight ending.
This allowed Wang to seize the lead by handing Green his only loss of the toumament, when Wang created strong pressure from a quiet opening, which he maintained well to win in the ending.
McNabb moved into equal second place with an easy win over Compton, who missed a tactic. Lukey started the long road back by beating Goodhue.
Leading scores: Wang 6, Ker, McNabb 5.5

## Round 9

Just as Wang threatened to run away with the tournament, disaster struck in the unassuming form of Matthew McNabb. Wang, with Black, gained a pleasant looking position from the opening with attacking chances. Unfortunately, he badly misplayed the middle-game, leaving himself with several weaknesses and a dreadful bishop. His subsequent piece sac suggested desperation more than inspiration, an attempt to confuse matters which was quite unsuccessful. Thus we had the amazing sight of NcNabb, the fourth lowest seed in the sole lead with two rounds to go. This was after Ker made his sixth consecutive draw, this time with Croad. Green bounced back with a win over Wastney, while Lukey put an end to Dive's chances by exploiting several loose pieces and finally winning one Koeller came close to beating Smith in the endgame, while further down, Steadman had a good win over McLaren and Dunn thrashed Goodhue. Leading scores: McNabb 6.5, Ker, Green, Wang 6, Smith, Lukey, Steadman, Koeller, Croad 5.5

## Round 10

Reality finally reasserted itself, with Ker putting an end to McNabb's dreams, comfortably enough albeit not entirely convincingly. Green was unable to make anything of the bishop pair in a typical Exchange Spanish endgame. Lukey completed a great comeback by making good use of his second White in a row; a textbook breakthrough in an IQP position leading to a crushing attack against Smith's king. Croad's toumament chances were put paid to even more quickly by Dunn: an opening error allowed a rather simple piece sacrifice leading to a mating attack. Dive's tournament was summed up by his game with Compton: not only was he unable to turn his slight advantage with White into anything tangible, both players overlooked a simple win of a piece for Black right at the end The real drama of the round, however, came in Steadman-Wang. Black was soon two pawns down, but White's weakened king position and
some well-placed pieces seemed to give some, if probably not enough, compensation. A further exchange sac led to a messy position:


White can repeat the position for the third time here with 37. Qh5+, but instead chose 37 Qxe6 which doesn't at any rate seem to lose. Black now played 37...Rxf2! 38. Kxf2 Qd2+ 39. R3e2 Nxe2 40. Rxe2 Qd4+ and now 41. Kel will be a perpetual, but Steadman (having already reached the time control), chose to die horribly with 41. Kg 3 ?? $\mathrm{Qg} 1+$ when 42 . $\mathrm{Kf} 4 \mathrm{~g} 5+43$. Ke5 Qa1+ mates. In the diagram position, $37 . \mathrm{Bg} 3$ !? maintains the perpetual, defends f 2 and threatens to push the c-pawn (37...f4 38.Bxf4 Rxf2 fails to 39.Kxf2 Qd2+ 40.R1e2 Nxe2 41. Qh5+). So Wang prevailed, setting up a tense last round Leading scores: Ker, Wang 7, Lukey, Green, McNabb 6.5, Koeller, Dunn 6.

## Round 11

And so, to the final round. The pairings at the top were as follows: Wang-Lukey, Ker-Dunn and McNabb-Green. Clearly, Ker and Green seemed to have the easier tasks, but WangLukey promised to be an uncompromising fight between two sharp players.
In the event, the games on boards two and three went pretty much as expected. Green made short work of McNabb's King's Gambit, while Ker, although getting nothing from the opening, was able to take advantage of his opponent's endgame errors. Meanwhile, on top board the ex pected dogfight was indeed taking place. Wang played the Milner-Barry Gambit in the Advance French and sacrificed a piece at move 13 . Regardless of the objective merits of this sac, it led
to a position that was very difficult to defend at the board, and Lukey, soon going wrong, was forced to give the piece back, leaving White with what should have been an easy win. Here, however, Wang seemed to show his relative inexperience. With a large time advantage, he should have had few problems in converting his position to a win. Instead, he threw out a few weak moves, allowing the black queen to seize a key diagonal and secure a perpetual check. Meanwhile, McLaren and Steadman finished with wins over Koeller and Croad respectively and Wastney played a sacrificial attack to beat Stuart.

## Conclusions

Anthony Ker, in winning the title for the third year running with $8 / 11$, was certainly deserving of his success. Those who have an abhorrence of the short draw might question his tournament strategy, which saw him taking advantage of the Swiss system by starting with three wins, then six draws against the strongest players and two more wins at the end against weaker opposition However, he could doubtless quite reasonably argue that his success justified such an approach. What impressed was the fact that with the exception of his game with Dive, he was barely ever in any trouble. While the opening is not and will surely never be the strongest part of his game, the days when he would regularly have to struggle in awful middlegames are long gone. A solidity born of experience was the hallmark of his tournament.
But despite Ker's success, the real talking point of the event was the performance of joint run-ner-up (on 7.5/11) Puchen Wang, who nearly caused a sensation. Had he won his final game he would have become, at 13 , the youngest ever NZ champion, inviting an obvious comparison with Murray Chandler, who famously won aged 15. Wang, whose rating, like most fast improving juniors, constantly struggles to keep up with his actual playing strength, will surely win the championship soon enough. His play is notably sharp, but already well rounded in positional and endgame skills. It was perhaps only youthful overzealousness and inexperience that held
him back in key games with McNabb and Lukey. Obviously by far this country's most exciting talent since Chandler, his future in the game will probably be determined by whether he decides, like Chandler, to seek his fortune overseas.
The other runner-up, Peter Green, is one of the veterans of the tournament scene. His play is well known for its solidity, but in fact several of his games, particularly when defending double king pawn openings, were of a lively nature which perhaps enabled him to win games more readily than some of his rivals.
It would, of course, be a platitude of the most trivial variety to point out that fourth-placed Stephen Lukey's defaulted game ruined his chances, but really what else could one say? The rest of his toumament indicated why some had considered him to be one of the big favourites. He was always particularly dangerous with the white pieces, as evidenced by crushing wins over Dive and Smith in consecutive rounds. The biggest surprise of the tournament was certainly Matthew McNabb, finished in equal fifth on 6.5 . While he was a beneficiary of the Swiss pairing system, which gave him a relatively easier ride in the middle rounds, he rode his luck and took his chances well. Of the others who ended on 6.5 , a special plaudit goes to Michael Steadman, who enlivened the tournament by drawing only one game. Leonard McLaren started well, and also finished strongly after a rough patch in the middle. Scott Wastney performed well, with some nice wins, after his first round disaster.
Russell Dive and Bob Smith had disappointing tournaments. Both had no fewer than eight draws and were cut down by Lukey in the vita closing stages. Dive, who was perhaps hampered by an unfavourable colour draw, could hardly be faulted for effort, but his play was uncharacteristically sluggish, with a strange inability to convert his endgames. Smith was also unable to win a game after round three. German FM Oliver Koeller, the only overseas player, had his moments, but never really looked like challenging for the top places. Alistair Compton could feel well satisfied with his
result as third lowest seed Nic Croad started off excellently and was even co-leader at one stage. His collapse in the later rounds is something that he might best be able to explain. Paul Garbett never got going and struggled to a $50 \%$ result. Happily, he recovered to be co-winner of the rapid champs, showing his true calibre. Likewise, Mark van der Hoorn, who was doing brilliantly eighteen months ago, but has drastically lost form, had an unmemorable performance in the main event, but a very good rapid result; equal third.
And what of the writer? Well, at the mid-point I was winless on $2 / 6$, having played that round on bottom board. To end up playing the winner on board two in the last round was scarcely believable. Still, a conscious decision to concentrate on development, which had been a problem, brought a dramatic reversal in fortune.
I do still have my doubts about running the event as a Swiss, however. One justification for this when it started up nearly ten years ago was partly to enable New Zealand players to gain IM norms. Yet in all that time there have only been norms for Garbett and Kulashko back in 1995/6. Some would argue that opening up the champi onship to players in the second tier gives them a good opportunity to compete at the higher level. This is true, but the new presence of the Auckland International fills both these roles. Meanwhile, the Major Open has been reduced to a poor event, while the Championship itself can be subjected to "wildcard" players such as McNabb and myself, having undue influence at the end of the tournament. I still believe the old twelve player round robin makes for the better event, providing there are sufficient sharp players to make it exciting.
Finally, one must make note of the efforts of the organisers, notably Ross Jackson and Alan Aldridge, who put in months of work. The event ran pretty smoothly, not least due to International Arbiter Leon Muys, here for the second time. There were no disputes and all the players behaved well. On the whole, it was a very good event, which the Wellington Chess Club could feel most satisfied with. The club has decided to use the surplus from the event to host a Class

One event at Easter, and we look forward to seeing as many players from Congress there as possible.

## NZ Championship Round 1 <br> R Dive - M Wojnar

 [D02]1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 c5 6.c4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Rc8 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Re1 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be4 11.e3 Be7 12.Bf1 Qa5 13.Nd2 Bg6 14.Bb2 0-0 15.h4 h6 16.a4 Rfd8 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.Qf3 e5 19.Rac1 e4 20.Qe2 Qd7 21.Kh2 Bf5 22.Bg2 Qe6 23.Qfl g5 24.h5 g4 25.Nd2 Bd6 26.Qc4 Qxc4 27.Nxc4 Bf8 28.Red1 Bg7 29.Ba3 Bf8 30.Bxc5 Bxc5 31.dxc5 1-0

## P Stuart - A Ker <br> [A27]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 f5 4.d4 e4 5.Ng5 Be7 6.Nh3 Nf6 7.Nf4 0-0 8.e3 Nb4 9.Qb3 Kh8 10.h4 g6 11.Bd2 a5 12.c5 d6 13.a3 Na6 14.cxd6 Bxd6 15.Ne6 Bxe6 16.Qxe6 c6 17.Be2 Nc7 18.Qb3 Qd7 19.g3 b5 20.Rc1 a4 21.Qc2 Rac8 22.Na2 Ncd5 23.Kf1 Qe7 24.Kg2 Kg7 25.Ne3 h6 26.Rcg1 Nxc3 27.Qxc3 Nd5 28.Qc1 Kf7 29.Kf1 Ke6 30.Kel Qd7 31.Bd1 c5 32.dxc5 Rxc5 33.Qb1 h5 34.Kf1 Rfc8 35.Kg2 Be5 36.b3 Kf6 37.bxa4 bxa4 38.Bb4 Rc1 39.Qa2 Nc3 40.Bxc3 R1xc3 41.Re1 Qd6 42.Qb1 Rb8 43.Qa2 Rxa3 44.Qe2 Rb2 45.Qc4 Qe6 46.Qc5 Bd6 47.Qa5 Raa2 48.Rhf1 a3 49.Ba4 Qe5 50.Qxe5+ Bxe5 51.Rb1 Rxb1 52.Rxb1 Rd2 53.Rb6+ Kg7 54.Bb3 a2 55.Bxa2 Rxa2 56.Rc6 Rd2 57.Ra6 Bc3 58.Rc6 Bb4 59.Rb6 Bd6 60.Ra6 Kf6 61.Ra8 Rc2 62.Ra6 Ke5 63.Ra5+ Bc5 64.Kf1 Kd5 65.Ra6 Rc1+ 66.Kg2 Rc2 67.Kf1 Rc1+ 68.Kg2 Bd6 69.Ra5+ Rc5 70.Ra8 Rc6 71.Rg8 Bb4 72.Kf1 Kc4 73.Ke2 Kc3 74.Rg7 Kc2 75.Rg8 Rd6 76.Rg7 Rd2+ 77.Kf1 Rd1+ 78.Kg2 Rd6 79.Kf1 Kd3 80.Rg8 Ra6 81.Rd8+ Bd6 82.Rd7 Kc2 83.Rg7 Bb4 84.Rg8 Rd6 85.Ke2 Bc3 86.Kf1 Kd3 87.Ra8 Bb4 88.Rg8 Bc5 89.Ra8 Rd5 90.Ra6 Bd6 91.Rb6 Bxg3 92.Rxg6 Bxh4 93.Rh6 f4 94.exf4 Be7 95.Kg2 h4 96.Ra6 Rf5 97.Re6 Bc5 98.Rc6 Bd4 99.Ra6 Rxf4 100.Ra3+ Ke2 101.Ra2+ Kel 0-1

R Smith - M van der Hoorn
[C45]

S Wastney - G Marner [A31]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Qh4 1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Ndb5 Qxe4+ 7.Be2 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d66.g3 Qb6 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Nd5 Bxd5 9.cxd5 Kd8 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Re1 a6 11.Bf3 Qg6 12.Nd4 Qb4+ 10.Bd2 Qe4 11.Rg1 Qxd5 12.Bg2 Qb5 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 d6 14.Bf4 Nc6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Nd4 Qa6 15.b4 Qb6 16.Nxc6 16.Re3 Re8 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Qh4+ g5 bxc6 17.Qa4 d5 18.Be3 Qb7 19.b5 cxb5 19.Qxg5+ f6 20.Rxe8+ Kxe8 21.Qg8+ Kd7 20.Rxc8+ Kd7 21.Qa5 Kxc8 22.Kd2 e6 22.Rel 1-0 23.Rc1+ Kd7 24.Bxa7 Bd6 25.Bb6 Rb8 26.Bc7 Bxc7 0-1

## N Goodhue - P Garbett

[B26]
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e5 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.Nge2 Nd4 9.0-0 0-0 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 10.Nd1 Rb8 11.c4 Be6 12.Ndc3 Qd7 13.Nd5 e6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Be2 Be7 8.Qd2 a6 9.0-0 0-0 Nxd5 14.exd5 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Bh3 16.Rae1 10.a4 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.a5 c5 13.f3 Bb7 Rfe8 17.Qc2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 b5 19.b3 f5 20.Bc1 14.g4 d5 15.exd5 Rad8 16.Bf4 e5 17.Bg3 Nxd5 f4 21.f3 g5 22.g4 Bf6 23.Bb2 Kg7 24.Bc3 Rh8 18.Nxd5 Rxd5 19.Qc3 Rfd8 20.Bc4 Rd4 25.Rh1 h5 26.h3 Rh6 27.a4 bxa4 28.bxa4 Rhh8 21.Rae1 Bd6 22.Re2 Kh8 23.Rfe1 f6 24.Qb3 29.Rb1 Qc7 30.Rxb8 Rxb8 31.Rb1 hxg4 Bxf3 25.Qxf3 Rxc4 26.b3 Rb4 27.g5 Rf8 28.c3 32.hxg4 Rb7 33.Rxb7 Qxb7 34.Qb2 Qxb2+ Rxb3 29.gxf6 gxf6 30.Re4 c4 31.Kh1 Qb7 35.Bxb2 Kf7 36.Kf1 Ke7 37.Ke2 Kd7 38.Bc1 32.Qd1 Bc5 33.Qf3 Rb1 34.Rxb1 Qxb1+ Kc7 39.Bd2 Kb6 40.Kd1 Ka6 41.Kc2 Bd8 35.Rel Qd3 36.Qc6 Qd6 37.Qf3 Rd8 38.Bh4 42.Kb3 Bc7 43.Bel 1/2-1/2 Rf8 39.Rd1 Qe6 40.Rfl f5 41.Rdl e4 42.Qf4 e3 43.Bg3 Qc6+ 0-1

## S Lukey - M Turner

[D26]
O Koeller - B Nijman
[C41]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 Be 7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qe2 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.a4 Nb6 1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Be4 10.Bb3 c5 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.a5 Nbd5 13.Nxd5 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 a6 8.a4 b6 9.b3 Bb7 Nxd5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.e4 Nf6 16.Be3 Qh5 10.Bb2 c5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qe2 Qc7 13.Radl 17.e5 Nd7 18.Bd4 Nc5 19.Bc2 Rb8 20.Qe3 Rfe8 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Qc4+ Kg6 16.Nh4+ Nd7 21.h3 h6 22.Kh2 f5 23.exf6 Nxf6 24.Kgl Kh5 17.Qf7+ g6 18.Nf5 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 Nd5 25.Qe4 Rf5 26.g4 Rg5 27.Qh7+ Kf7 20.Rxe4 Nf6 21.Ng3+ Kh6 22.Bc1+ g5 28.Ne5+ Ke8 29.Qg8+ Bf8 30.Ba4+ Ke7 23.Nf5\# 1-0 31.Bc5+ Kf6 32.Qxf8+ Kxe5 33.Rel + 1-0

## P Dunn - M Steadman

[B23]

## M McNabb - N Croad

[B12]
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Ne2 e6 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.h5 Bh7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.cxd3 Qb6 6.h4 h6 7.h5 Bh7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.cxd3 Qb6
10.Be3 Qxb2 11.Nd2 Qb6 12.0-0 Nd7 13.f4 f5 14.exf6 Ngxf6 15.f5 exf5 16.Rbl Qa6 17.Qb3 0-0-0 18.Bf4 Nb6 19.Rfe1 Rg8 20.Nxf5 Nxh5 21.Bh2 g5 22.Ne4 Nf4 23.Nc5 Qa5 24.Qc2 h5 25.Re7 Bxe7 26.Nxe7+ Kb8 27.Bg3 Rge8 28.Be1 Qa3 29.Bb4 Qxb4 30.Nxc6+ bxc6 31.Na6+ Kb7 32.Nxb4 Rd6 33.Rfl Re2 34.Qc5
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.0-0 a6 7.Bd3 d6 8.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 9.Khl b5 $10 . \mathrm{Ne} 2 \mathrm{Bg} 7$ 11.c3 Nf6 12.Bc2 Bb7 $13 . \mathrm{d} 3 \mathrm{c} 4$ 14.dxc4 Nxe4 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Be3 Qd7 17.Nd4 $\mathrm{Ng} 3+$ 18.Kg1 Nxf1 19.Qxf1 Ba6 20.Bd3 0-0 21.Bxb5 Bxb5 22.Qxb5 Qxb5 23.Nxb5 Rfb8 24.Nc7 Ra5 0-1

## N Croad - R Smith

 [D15]1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 a6 5.Nf3 b5 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.h3 Bf5 8.g4 Bc8 9.Bg2 e6 10.Bd2 Bd6 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Ne1 b4 13.Ne2 a5 14.f4 0-0 15.Ng3 Ba6 16.Rf2 Rc8 17.Nf3 Nb6 18.b3 Ne8 19.a4 f6 20.Rc1 Rf7 21.Be1 Rxcl 22.Qxc1 Rc7 23.Rc2 Bd3 24.Rxc7 Qxc7 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { 22.Qxc1 } & \mathrm{Rc} 7 & \text { 23.Rc2 } & \mathrm{Bd} 3 & \text { 24.Rxc7 } & \text { Qxc7 } \\ \text { 25.Qxc7 } & \mathrm{Bxc} 7 & \text { 26.Nf1 } & \mathrm{Bc} 2 & \text { 27.N1d2 } & \text { Nxa4 }\end{array}$ 28.bxa4 b3 29.Bf2 b2 30.Nel blQ 31.Nxb1 Bxb1 32.Bf1 Nd6 33.Nd3 Kf7 34.Nc5 Ne4 35.Nxe $41 / 2^{-1 / 2}$

## G Marner - S Lukey [C33]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.d4 Nxe4 6.Nxe4 d5 7.Qe2 dxe4 8.Qxe4+ Be7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Bxf4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Qd3 Nd5 13.Bg3 Be6 14.Rae1 c5 15.c3 Rc8 16.Bxd5 Bxd5 17.b3 c4 18.Qe2 Bf6 19.b4 Bxf3 20.Rxf3 Re8 21.Qxe8+ Qxe8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Kf2 Re6 24.Re3 Kf8 25.Rxe6 fxe6 26.Bf4 b5 27.Kf3 Ke7 28.Ke4 g6 29.Bd2 Kd6 30.Bf4+ Kc6 31.Bd2 Kd7 32.Bf4 Bg7 33.Bd2 Bf8 34.h3 Be7 35.Be3 Bh4 36.Bd2 a6 37.Ke5 Bd8 38.Ke4 Bf6 39.Bf4 Bh4 40.g3 Bf6 41.h4 Bg7 42.Be5 ${ }^{1 / 2}-1 / 2$

## M Steadman - P Green <br> [C24]

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Ne6 6.Qe2 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nf6 9.c3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rel a6 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.Nf1 Rad8 14.a4 Nd5 15.a5 Kh8 16.Ne3 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 f5 18.b4 e4 19.dxe4 Ne5 20.Qe2 f4 21.Bd4 f3 22.Qa2 Nxc4 23.Qxc4 fxg2 24.Kxg2 Bh4 25.Re2 Rf3 26.Rh1 Rdf8 27.Qd5 Qe8 28.Qxb7 Qg6+ 29.Kf1 Qg3 30.Qa7 h6 31.Rg1 Qxh3+ 32.Kel R8f7 33.Qa8+ Kh7 34.Qxa6

A Ker - O Koeller [B22]

Z Championship Round 2 Rxc3 35 Qg6 $+\mathrm{Kg} 836.36 \mathrm{Rc} 1+37 \mathrm{Kd} 2 \mathrm{Rxg} 1$ 1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Bc4 Qc7 Rxc3 10.Qd2 Nc6 11.a3 Rc8 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.cxd4 41.Kel Qf8 42.Qa4 Rd8 43.Qc4+ Kh8
 Rfc8 18.Nb1 Qa4 19.Rc3 Rxc3 20.Nxc3 Qb3 47.Qxd8+ Qxd8 48.e6 Qa5+ 49.Kfl Qa1+ 21.Rcl Bf8 22.Nd1 Rxcl 23.Qxcl Qd3 24.Qd2 50.Kg2 Qxa6 51.Re3 Qb7+ 52.Kg3 Qe7 53.f4 Qxd2+ 25.Bxd2 Be7 26.f4 Kf8 27.Ne3 Bb7 g6 54.Re5 Kg7 0-1
28.g4 Ke8 29.Bb4 Bxb4 30.axb4 g6 31.f5 Ke7 32. Kg 3 d 6 33.fxg6 fxg6 34.Kf4 h6 35.h4 1-0

## PGarbett - P Wang

[A80]
1.d4 f5 2.Bg5 Nf6 3.Bxf6 exf6 4.e3 d5 5.Bd3 Be6 6.Qf3 Qd7 7.Ne2 Nc6 8.a3 g6 9.Nd2 Nd8 10.Nf4 Nf7 11.Nxe6 Qxe6 12.c4 c6 13.cxd5 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 cxd5 15.Bb5+ Ke7 16.Rc1 Nd6 17.Be2 Rc8 18.Rxc8 Nxc8 19.Bf3 Ke6 20.Ke2 Bd6 21.Rc1 Ne7 22.Nb1 Rc8 23.Rxc8 Nxc8 24.Nc3 Ne7 25.g3 a6 26.Kd3 Bc7 27.Bd1 Bd8 $28 . f 3$ b5 29.b4 Kd6 30.Bb3 Bb6 31.Ba2 g5 32.g4 fxg4 33.fxg4 h6 34.h3 Ba 7 35.a4 bxa4 36.b5 axb5 37.Nxb5+ Kc6 38.Nxa7+ Kb6 39.Nc8+ Nxc8 40.Bxd5 Ne7 41.Be6 Kc6 42.Bf7 Kd7 43.e4 Nc6 44.Kc3 Ke7 45.Bd5 Na7 46.Kb4 a3 47.Kc5 Kd7 48.e5 fxe5 49.dxe5 Nc8 $50 . \mathrm{Bc} 4 \mathrm{Ne} 751 . \mathrm{e} 6+\mathrm{Kc} 7$ 52.Bb3 Ng6 53.Kd5 Kd8 54.Ke4 Ke7 55.Kf5 Nf4 56.h4 Nxe6 57.Bxe6 gxh4 58.Bd5 h3 59.Kg6 h2 60.Kxh6 a2 0-1

## G Spain - N Goodhue

[B01]
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 a6 6.Be3 Bg4 7.h3 Bf5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.Bg2 Nd7 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Rb8 $13 . \mathrm{f} 4 \mathrm{f} 514 . \mathrm{g} 5 \mathrm{Rxb} 2$ 15.Qd3 c5 $16 . \mathrm{d} 5 \mathrm{Bf} 7$ 17.Rabl Rxb1 18.Rxbl g6 19.Rb7 Bg 7 20.Ra7 0-0 21.Rxa6 Nb6 22.Nb5 Qd7 23.c4 e5 24.Bxc5 e4 25.Qe2 Rb8 26.Bf1 c6 27.Ra7 Rb7 28.Rxb7 Qxb7 29.Nd6 Qe7 30.Bxb6 Qxd6 31.Be3 cxd5 32.cxd5 Qxd5 33.a4 Bc3 34.Qf2 Be8 35.Qc2 Qa5 36.Bc4+ Kf8 37.Bb3 Qb4 38.Qd1 Qe7 39.Qd5 Bf7 40.Qxf7+ Qxf7 41.Bxf7 Kxf7 42.Bb6 Ke6 43.a5 Kd7 44.a6 Kc6 45.a7 Kb7 46.Be3 Bg7 47.Kf2 h6 48.h4 h5 49.Ke2 Bc 3 50.Kd1 Bb 4 51.Ke2 Bc 3 52.Bf2 Bb4 53.Kd1 Ka8 54.Kc2 Kb7 55.Kd1 $1 / 2-1 / 2$

## M Wojnar - J McDonald

 [C22]1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Oe3 Nf6 5.Bd2 Bb 4 6. Nc 3 0-0 7.0-0-0 Re8 8. Bc 4 Na 5 9.Be2 b6 10.Qg3 Bb7 11.f3 Bd6 12.Qh3 Be5 13.g4 g6 14.Bg5 Qe7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.Rxd5 Qe6 17.Rxe5 Qxe5 18.Bd2 d5 19.Bd3 c5 20.f4 Qe7 21.e5 Ne4 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Ne2

Qe6 24.Nc3 Rad8 25.Qh6 f5 26.exf6 Qxf6 27.Re1 Nc4 28.Be3 Rd7 29.f5 Rf7 30.Bg5 Qd4 31.fxg6 Rg7 32.gxh7+ Kh8 33.Bf6 Qd7 34.Qxg7+ Qxg7 35.Bxg7+ Kxg7 36.Rxe4 Rxe4 37.Nxe4 Kxh7 38.b3 Ne3 39.h3 Kg6 40.Kd2 Nd5 41.h4 Nb4 42.a3 Nc6 43.c3 Ne5 44.h5+ Kh6 45.Nf2 Kg5 46.Ke3 Nc6 47.b4 cxb4 48.cxb4 a6 49.Ke4 Na7 50.Kd5 Nb5 51.Kc6 Nxa3 52.Kxb6 Nc2 53.Ka5 1-0

## A Compton - P Stuart

 [B40]1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 d3 5.Bxd3 d6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c4 Nf6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Rd1 Bd7 11.h3 a6 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Rac1 Rc8 15.f4 Qc7 16.Rf1 Bc5 1/2-1/2

## M van der Hoorn - D Lean <br> [B22]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 d6 6.cxd4 Ne6 7.Bc4 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.exd6 Qxd6 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 0-0 12.Re1 Bf6 13.Bd3 g6 14.Ng5 Bg7 15.Qf3 Qd8 16.Ne4 h6 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Nd6 Re7 19.Nxc8 Rxc8 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Be4 b6 22.g3 Qd6 23.a4 Rc7 24.a5 b5 25.Rab1 a6 26.Rec1 Qa3 27.Ral Qd6 28.Qd3 f5 29.Bf3 e5 $30 . \mathrm{Bd} 1$ exd4 $31 . \mathrm{Bb} 3+\mathrm{Kh} 7$ 32.cxd4 Bxd4 33.Rxc7 Bxf2+ 34.Kxf2 Qxd3 35.Rxe7+ Kh8 36.Rd1 1-0

## J Wilson - P Dunn

[C05]
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.0-0 g6 10.Nb3 Bg7 11.Bf4 a5 12.a4 h6 13.Bb5 Bf8 14.Rc1 Na7 15.Bd3 Bb4 16.Qc2 g5 17.Be3 Nc6 $18 . \mathrm{Bb} 5 \mathrm{Na} 71 / 2-1 / 2$

## B Nijman - S Wastney

[D01]
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Bf5 4.e3 c6 5.Bxf6 exf6 6.Bd3 Bg6 7.Nge2 Nd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.Ng3 $0-0$ 10.Nf5 Bxf5 11.Bxf5 Re8 12.Of3 Nf8 13.Rad1 Qb6 14.b3 Rad8 15.Ne2 g6 16.Bd3 Ne6 17.c4 Kg7 18.h4 f5 19.g3 Bf6 20.Kg2 Qa5 21.Bb1 Rd7 22.Rc1 Qd8 23.Rfd1 Qe7 24.Bd3 Qa3 25.Rc2 dxc4 26.Bxc4 Qd6 27.d5 Nc5 28.Nf4 Ne4 29.Rdc1 c5 30.Bb5 Rde7 31.Bxe8

Rxe8 32.Rd1 b5 33.Qe2 a6 34.Od3 Be5 35.a4 4 36.Oc4 Nc3 37.Rd3 Bf6 38 Ne 2 Re 4 39.Rdxc3 Rxc4 40.Rxc4 Qxd5+ 41.Kh2 Qd1 42.Nc1 Bc3 43.R2xc3 bxc3 44.Rxc3 Qd2 45.Rxc5 Qxf2+ 46.Kh3 Qg1 0-1

## L McLaren - R Dive <br> [B02]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 $4 . \mathrm{d} 4$ d6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.h3 Bf5 10.b3 Nc6 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 d5 13.c5 Nd7 14.Rd1 e6 15.0-0 b6 16.cxb6 Nxb6 17.Qd2 Re8 18.Rfe1 Rc8 19.Bg5 Qd7 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Rc7 22.Qe3 Qc6 23.Rcl Rec8 24.Bf6 Qc5 25.Qxc5 Rxc5 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Ne2 Rc2 28.Rxc2 Rxc2 29.a4 Rd2 30.Nc3 Nd7 31.Nb5 a5 32.Nd6 Rd3 33.Rcl g5 34.h4 h6 35.Nb7 Rxb3 36.Nxa5 Ra3 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Nc6 Rxa4 39.f3 Ra2 40.Rbl Rc2 41.Nd4 Rc7 42.Re1 Rc4 43.Nb5 Nc5 44.Rd1 Kg6 45.g3 Rb4 46.Nd4 Nb3 47.Nc6 Rc4 48.Nd8 Rc8 49.Nb7 Rc2 50.Nd6 Rc1 51.Rxc1 Nxc1 52.Nc8 Kg7 53.Ne7 Kf8 54.Nc6 Ke8 55.Nb4 Kd7 56.Kf2 Kc7 57.f4 gxf4 58.gxf4 Kb6 59.Ke3 Kb5 60.Nc2 Kc4 61.Nd4 Nb3 62.Nf3 d4+ 63.Ke2 d3+ 64.Kdl Nd4 65.Ng5 Ne2 66.Nxf7 Nxf4 67.Kd2 Kd4 68.Ng5 Kxe5 69.Ke3 Kf5 70.Ne4 e5 71.Nf2 Ke6 72.Nxd3 Nxd3 73.Kxd3 Kf5 74.Ke3 e4 75.Ke2 Kf4 76.Kf2 e3+ 77.Ke2 Ke4 78.Ke1 Kd4 79.Ke2 Ke4 80.Ke1 Kd3 81.Kd1 Kc3 82.Ke1 Kd4 83.Ke2 Ke4 84.Ke1 1/2-1/2

## M Turner - M McNabb

[A25]

## Smith - G Marner

 [B30]1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 Be6 5.d3 g6 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qc7 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Nc3 6.Nd5 Bg 7 7.e4 Qd 7 8.Ne2 Nd8 9.0-0 c6 a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Bg4 9.Nxc5 e6 10.Ndc3 Bh3 11.Be3 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Nf6 13.f3 10.Nd3 c5 11.c4 Nb4 12.Nxb4 cxb4 13.Qa4+ b5 $0-0$ 14.d4 exd4 15.Nxd4 Re8 16.Qb3 d5 17.cxd5 14.cxb5 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qd7 16.d4 Be7 17.a3 0-0 cxd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 b6 20.Racl Nb7 18.axb4 axb5 19.Qxa8 Rxa8 20.Rxa8+ Bf8 21.Bf2 Bxd4 22.Bxd4 Na5 23.Qdl Qxd5 24.b3 21.Kg2 Qb7 22.Re8 Qd7 23.Rb8 h6 24.Be3 Qc7 Qb5 25.Rf2 Rad8 26.Rd2 Rd6 27.Rcc2 Nc6 25.Ra8 Qb7 26.Rfa1 g5 27.d5 Kg7 28.dxe6 g4 28.Bb2 Rde6 29.Qf1 Qf5 30.f4 Nb4 31.Rc4 Nd5 29.R8a7 Qxf3+ 30.Kg1 Qd5 31.e7 Bxe7 32.Bd4 Ne3+ 33.Bxe3 Rxe3 34.Qf2 Kg7 32.Rxe7 h5 33.e6 Kf6 34.Rxf7+ Kxe6 35.Rh7 35.Rcd4 Qb5 36.Rc4 Qh5 37.Rcc2 Qg4 38.h3 Qf5 36.Rg7 Qf8 37.Ra6+ Kd5 38.Rg5+ Kc4 Qe6 39.Rc4 b5 40.Rc1 a6 41.Kh2 a5 42.Rc5 39.Rc6+ Kb3 40.Rxh5 Of3 41.Rd6 Kxb4 $\operatorname{Re} 21 / 2-1 / 2$
$\begin{array}{rlllll}\text { 39.Rc6+ } & \mathrm{Kb} 3 & 40 . \mathrm{Rxh5} & \text { Qf3 } & \text { 41.Rd6 } & \text { Kxb4 } \\ \text { 42.Rdd5 } & \mathrm{Ka} 4 & \text { 43.Rhf5 } & \mathrm{Qe} 2 & \text { 44.Rd2 } & \text { Qel }+\end{array}$ 45.Kg2 1-0

S Lukey - M Steadman
[D07]

M McNabb - P Garbett
[B44]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nc3 e6 5.cxd5 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.c4 exd5 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bxe7 Ngxe 7 8.e3 Qd6 9.Be2 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.f3 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bb5 $0-0$ 10.0-0 a6 11.a3 f5 12.b4 Kh8 13.Na4 b6 Bd7 10.Bxe6 bxc6 $11 . e 5$ Ng8 12.0-0 Ne7 14.Nb2 Rf6 15.Nd3 Ng6 16.Rc1 f4 17.Nfe5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Qb8 15.Bg3 Qb7 16.Kh1 Bxe2 18.Nxg6+ Rxg6 19.Qxe2 Re6 20.Nxf4 Nf5 17.Nce2 Ne3 18.Qd3 Nxf1 19.Rxf1 c5 Nxd4 21.Qd3 Re4 22.f3 Rxf4 23.exf4 c5 20.e6 Bxe6 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Nf4 0-0 23.Nxe6 24.Rfe1 Kg8 25.Qe3 Rc8 26.Qe5 Qd7 27.Qg5 Rf6 24.Nf4 Rd8 25.Rd1 Kh8 26.Ng6+ Rxg6 h6 28.Qg6 Qb5 29.Re7 1-0

## S Wastney - G Spain

 [D94]Be5 38 Bd6 Kf6 $39 \mathrm{Bb4} 4 \mathrm{Bx} 440$ axb4 R
1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 41.Ke2 Ke5 42.Ke3 g5 43.g3 h5 44.Kd3 Rf8 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Qb3 Bxb5 9.Qxb5+ 45.Ke3 Rc8 46.Kd3 Rf8 1/2-1/2

Qd7 10 Ne5 Qxb5 11Nxb5 Na6 $12 \mathrm{b3}$ Nd7 13.Nd3 0-0 14.Ba3 Rfe8 15.Rc1 Nf8 16.0-0 Ne6 17.Rc2 Bf6 18.Rfc1 h5 19.Kf1 Kg7 $20 . f 4$ Red8 21.g3 Rd7 22.h3 b6 23.g4 hxg4 24.hxg4 g5 25.f5 Nf8 26.Rc8 Rxc8 27.Rxc8 Rb7 28.Bb2 Nb8 29.Nc7 Nh7 30.Ne8+ Kh6 31.Rc2 1-0

## O Koeller - M van der Hoorn

[C45]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Ba6 9.Nd2 g6 10.Qe4 Nb6 11.b3 Bg7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.f4 Rab8 14.c5 Bxf1 15.cxb6 Ва6 16.bxc7 Rb4 17.Qe3 Qh4+ 18.g3 Qh5 19.Ba3 Rb5 20.Bxf8 Bxf8 21.Ne4 Bb4+ 22.Kf2 Qf5 23.Rac1 Ba3 24.Rcdl Rd5 25.Nf6+ Kg7 26.Nxd5 cxd5 27.Qc3 Qh5 28.Rd2 d4 29.Qxd4 Bb7 30.Rf1 Qxh2+ 31.Ke1 Qxg3+ 32.Kd1 Qg4+ 33.Kc2 Qe6 34.f5 Qa6 35.e6+ f6 36.Qxd7+ Kh8 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qd7+ Kh8 39.Qe8+ Kg7 40.Rd7+ Kh6 41.Rxh7+ Kxh7 42.Qxg6+Kh8 43.Qh6+ 1-0

## N Goodhue - M Wojnar

[C40]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.exf5 e4 4.Ne5 Nf6 5.Be2 d6 6.Bh5+ Ke7 7.Nf7 Qe8 8.Nxh8 Qxh5 9.Qxh5 Nxh5 10.g4 Nf6 11.h3 Nc6 12.d3 Nd4 13.Kd1 d5 14.Nc3 c6 15.dxe4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Ke8 17.Nxf6 + gxf6 18.Re1+ Be7 19.Bh6 Bxf5 20.gxf5 Nxf5 21.Be3 Kf8 22.Rgl Nxe3+ 23.fxe3 f5 24.Ke2 1-0

## P Stuart - J Wilson [A18]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Na6 5.Nf3 c5 6.Be2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Be7 8.Be3 Nc5 9.f3 a6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qd2 Qc7 12.Racl b6 13.Rfd1 Bb7 14.Bf1 Rac8 15.Qf2 Ba8 16.g4 Qb8 17.g5 Ne8 18.b4 Nd7 19.f4 Nc7 20.Bh3 Rcd8 21.f5 d5 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.Qg3 Kh8 24.Nxe6 Nxe6 25.Bxe6 Bd6 26.Qh3 Ne5 27.g6 Nxg6 28.Bf5 Rf6 29.Nxd5 Bxd5 30.Rxd5 Bxb4 31.Bg5 Rxd5 32.cxd5 Bc5+ 33.Rxc5 bxc5 34.Bxf6 gxf6 35.Bxg6 Qb1+ 36.Qf1 Qb2 37.Bf5 Qd4+ 38.Qf2 Qd1+ 39.Qf1 Qd4+ 40.Qf2 Qdl+ 41.Kg2 c4 42.Qb2 Kg7 43.Qb7+ Kf8 44.Qc8+ Kg7 45.Qc7+ Kf8 46.Qxc4 Qd2+ 47.Kf1 Qxh2 48.Qc8+ Kf7 49.Qd7+ Kf8 50.Qd8+ 1-0

## McDonald - M Turne

[B01]
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Bc4 Bf5 7.0-0 e6 8.Qe2 Bb4 9.Bd2 0-0 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Qc7 12.Ne5 Nbd7 13.b4 b5 14.Bb3 Nb6 15.Bb2 Be4 16.c4 bxc4 17.Bxc4 Nxc4 18.Qxc4 Bd5 19.Qc3 Ne4 20.Qc2 Nd6 21.Racl Rfc8 2.Qd3 Rab8 23.Rc5 a5 24.Rfc1 axb4 25.axb4 Qb7 26.h3 Ra8 27.Bc3 f6 28. Ng4 Nb5 29.Qg3 Kh8 30.Bb2 Ra2 31.R1c2 Rca8 32.Qf4 Qf7 33.Ne5 Qh5 34.Nxc6 Na3 35.Ne7 Nxc2 36.g4 Qxh3 37.Nxd5 exd5 38.Rxc2 Rxb2 39.Rc1 0-1

## P Dunn - A Compton

 [A06]18.Nb5 Nxb4 19.axb4 Qb6 20.Qd3 Nd4 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Qd2 Rxal 23.Rxal f5 24.exf5 1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Bb5 f6 5.c4 a6 Rxf5 25.Ra8+ Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Bd3 Qc7 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.d3 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nc3 e5 28.Qf4+ Kg8 29.c5 Be5 30.Qe4 dxc5 31.Qd5+ 10.e4 d4 11.Na4 Bd6 12.Kd2 Ne7 13.Kc2 Bxf3 Kg7 32.bxe5 Qe7 33.Be4 Kh6 34.g3 Bf6 14.Qxf3 0-0 15.g4 g6 16.Qg3 Nc8 17.Bd2 a5 35.Kg2 Qc7 36.Kf3 Be7 37.Qxd4 Bxc5 18.f3 Nb6 19.Rab1 Rf7 20.Qe1 Nd7 21.Rg1 38.Qd2+Kg7 39.Qb2+ Kh6 40.Bxb7 Qf7+ Kh8 22.Qe2 Nf8 23.Rbf1 Ne6 24.Qe1 Bc7 41.Kg2 Bxf2 42.Qd2+ Kg7 43.Bd5 Be1 25.h4 Qe7 $1 / 2-1 / 2$
44.Qd4+ Qf6 45.Qxf6+1/2-1/2

## D Lean - B Nijman

[B15]

## O Koeller - R Dive

[B03]
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Bd3 1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 Nxe4 6.Bxe4 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.0-0 Nd7 9.Rel cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Rc1 0-0 9.b3 e5 Nf6 10.Bd3 Bg4 11.c3 0-0 12.h3 Bf5 13.Bxf5 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Be2 Bg4 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qxd8 gxf5 14.Qc2 e6 15.Bf4 Qb6 16.Ne5 Rad8 Rfxd8 14.c5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Rxd5 16.h3 Bf5 17.Bg5 Rd5 18.Rad1 Ne4 19.Bf4 Rfd8 20.f3 17.Bc4 Rd7 18.0-0 h6 19.Rfd1 Rad8 20.Rxd7 Nf6 21.Be3 Qc7 22.Qcl Nh5 23.Bh6 Bf6 Rxd7 21.Kf1 a6 22.g4 Bd3+23.Bxd3 Rxd3 24.Nd3 Kh8 25.Nf4 Nxf4 26.Bxf4 Qe7 27.Be5 24.Ke2 e4 25.Nel Rd5 26.Rc4 f5 27.gxf5 gxf5 Bxe5 28.Rxe5 Rxe5 29.dxe5 Qc5+ 30.Kh1 Rg8 28.b4 Kf7 29.a4 Nd4+ 30.Bxd4 Rxd4 31.Rxd4 31.f4 Qf2 32.Qd2 Qg3 33.Rf1 h6 34.Rf3 Qh4 Bxd4 32.Nc2 Bc3 33.b5 axb5 34.axb5 Ke6 35.Rd3 Rg4 36.Rf3 Rg3 37.Qf2 Rg4 38.Kg1 35.c6 bxc6 36.bxc6 Kd6 37.c7 Kxc7 38.Ne3 Qxf2+ 39.Kxf2 Rg7 40.Rd3 Kh7 41.Rd7 f6 Be5 39.Nxf5 Bf4 40.Ng3 1/2-1/2 42.Rd6 fxe5 43.fxe5 Re7 44.Kf3 Kg7 45.b4 Kf7 46.a4 Rc7 47.c4 Ke7 48.g4 fxg4+ 49.Kxg4 Rc8 50.Kh5 Rf8 51.Kxh6 Rh8+ 52.Kg5 Rxh3

## L McLaren - P Wang

[B01]
53.Rd4 Ra3 54.a5 c5 55.Rh4 cxb4 56.Rh7+ Kd8 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Be2 Nxd5 4.d4 Bf5 5.Nf3 57.Rxb7 Rxa5 58.Kf6 Rc5 59.Rxb4 Rc6 60.Rb7 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Rel 0-0 8.c3 c5 9.Nbd2 Nc6 a5 61.Ra7 Rxc4 62.Rxa5 Rc6 63.Ra7 Rb6 10.Nb3 cxd4 11.Nfxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Bg6 64.Re7 Ra6 65.Kf7 Ra1 66.Kxe6 Ra6+ 67.Kf7 13.Bf3 Bf6 14.Qb3 Qa5 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Qb5 Rb6 68.Re8+ Kd7 69.e6+ Kd6 70.Rd8+ Kc7 Qxb5 17.Nxb5 a6 18.Nd4 1/2-1/2
71.e7 Rh6 72.Kg7 1-0

## NZ Championship Round 4

A Ker - R Smith
[B13]
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Qc7 6.h3 e6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.0-0 h6 9.Re1 Nf6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Nbd2 a6 12.Ne5 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Nf3 b6 15.Bf4 Nc5 16.Bg3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 a5 18.Nd4 Nxd4 $1 / 2-1 / 2$

P Green - S Lukey [E97]
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.Ba3 Nh5 11.Re1 Nf4 12.Bfl axb4 13.Bxb4 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 c5 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.a3 Ne6

## M Turner - $\mathbf{N}$ Goodhue

 [A25]1.c4 e5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 h5 7.h4 Be6 8.d3 Qd7 9.Nd5 Nh6 10.Rb1 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nf4 0-0 13.Nxe6 Qxe6 14.Bh3 Qe7 15.0-0 Kh7 16.Kh2 f5 17.Bxh6 Kxh6 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Re1 Qf7 20.f4 Qd7 21.Qd2 b6 22.Re2 Rae8 23.Rbe1 Kg6 24.Bg2 c6 25.Bf3 Bf6 26.Qd1 Rxe2+ 27.Qxe2 Rg8 28.Qe6 Qg7 29.Qe2 Qd7 30.Qg2 Rc8 31.Re2 Rc7 32.Qh1 Rc8 33.Qe1 Rh8 34.Kg2 Rf8 35.Re6 Rh8 36.Qe2 Kg7 37.Kh3 Be5 38.Rxe5 dxe5 39.Qxe5+ Kh7 40.Bxh5 Rf8 41.b4 a5 42.bxa5 bxa5 43.Qxa5 Kh6 44.Bf3 Rg8 45.Qe5 Kh7 46.h5 Re8 47.Qf6 c5 48.Qg6+ Rg8 45.Qe5 Kh7
Kh8 49.Be6 1-0

G Marner - P Stuart
[B48]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.a3 b5 8.f4 Bb7 9.Qd2 Nf6 14.Q12 Rc8 15.Bd3 Bc5 1/2-1/2

## P Garbett - M van der Hoorn

 [A47]1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0-0 Ne4 6.c4 Be7 7.Qc2 f5 8.Nfd2 Nf6 9.a3 c5 10.Nc3 cxd4 11.exd4 0-0 $12 . \mathrm{d} 5$ exd5 13.cxd5 Kh8 14.Bxf5 Na6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.d6 Nc5 18.Qg3 Nh5 19.dxe7 Qxe7 20.Qe3 Rae8 21.b4 Qg7 22.Qh3 Kg8 23.bxc5 Nf4 24.Qg3 Qxc3 25.Qxc3 Ne2+ 26.Kh1 Nxc3 27.cxb6 Ba6 28.Bb2 Na4 29.Bd4 Bxf1 30.Rxf1 Nxb6 31.Nf3 Re4 32.Rd1 Rfe8 33.g3 Re2 34.Kg2 Ra2 35.Ne5 Re6 36.Ng4 Rxa3 37.Nh6+ Kh7 38.Nf7 Re8 39.h4 Ra2 40. $\mathrm{Ng} 5+\mathrm{Kg} 8$ 41.Bxb6 axb6 42.Rd6 Rb8 43.Rxg6+ Kh8 44.h5 b5 45.Nf7+ Kh7 46.Ne5 Rd2 47.Nf3 Rd5 48.Ng5+ Kh8 49.f4 b4 50.Rh6+ Kg7 51.Rg6+ Kh8 52.Rh6+ Kg7 53.Rg6+1/2-1/2

## M Steadman - D Lean

[A20]
1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nc3 Be6 6.Qa4+ c6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.d4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 e4 11.Nd2 Nb6 12.Qc2 f5 13.f3 exf3 14.Nxf3 0-0 $15 . \mathrm{Bf} 4 \mathrm{Nc} 416$.Ne5 Bd6 17.Nxc4 Bxc4 18.Rab1 Bxf4 19.Rxf4 Qe7 20.Rel Qe3+ 21.Kh1 Rae8 22.Rf3 Qe6 23.Rf2 Qe3 24.Rf3 Qe6 25.Rf4 g5 26.Rf2 Bxa2 27.Ra1 Bc4 28.Rxa7 Ba6 29.Qd2 h6 30.d5 Qd6 31.e3 c5 32.Bf1 Qb6 33.Bxa6 Qxa7 34.Bb5 Re5 35.d6 Rd8 36.c4 Qa3 37.d7 Qxe3 38.Qxe3 Rxe3 39.Rxf5 Rd3 40.Rxc5 R3xd7 41.Bxd7 Rxd7 1/2-1/2

## G Spain - P Dunn <br> [B18]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Qc7 9.0-0 e6 10.c4 Ngf6 11.b3 Be7 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Radl Rab8 14.Qc2 Rfc8 15.Qe2 Bf8 16.Ne5 b5 17.Bal a5 18. Ne4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Rd8 21.Rc1 Qb6 22.Qe2 b4 23.Rcd1

Bc5 24.g3 h6 25.Kg2 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Rd8 27.f4 Qc7 28.Rd3 Ba7 29.f5 Rxd3 30.Qxd3 Qb6 31.fxe6 fxe6 32.Qg6 Qg1+ 33.Kh3 Qf1+ 34.Kh4 Qxal 1⁄2—1/2

## M Wojnar - M McNabb

[B21]
1.e4 c5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nxd5 5.Nxd5 Qxd5 6.Qf3 Qxf3 7.Nxf3 Nc6 8.b3 Bf5 9.d3 e6 10.Bb2 Nb4 11.Kd2 Bd6 12.g3 0-0 13.Bg2 Rac8 14.Nh4 b5 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.a3 Ne6 17.a4 b4 18.Bxc6 Rxc6 19.Rael f6 20.Re6 Bxf4+ 0-1

## A Compton - J McDonald

[B02]
1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e5 d4 4.exf6 dxc3 5.fxg7 cxd2+6.Qxd2 Qxd2+7.Bxd2 Bxg7 8.0-0-0 Nc6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Nf3 0-0-0 11.Rhel Bf6 12.Bf4 Rhg8 13.g3 a6 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Ne5 Bd5 16.c4 Be6 17.b3 c5 18.Bd2 b5 19.Ba5 Rxdl+ 20.Kxdl Kb7 21.Nd3 Bd4 22.f4 bxe4 23.bxc4 Re8 24.Kd2 Bxc4 25.Nxc5+ Bxc5 26.Rc1 Bxa2 $1 / 2-1 / 2$

## J Wilson - B Nijman

[D41]
1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bc4 e6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Ne4 Nf6 11.Rel Nxe4 12.Rxe4 Bf6 13.Bf4 Qb6 14.Bg5 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 h6 16.Nf3 Rd8 17.Bd3 e5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Rxe5 Be6 20.d5 Qxb2 21.Re2 Qf6 22.dxe6 Rxd3 23.exf7+ Kxf7 24.Qel Rad8 25.Rcl R8d7 26.Re3 Qd6 27.g3 Rxe $3^{1 / 2-1 / 2}$

## N Croad - S Wastney

[D35]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 Re8 9.0-0 c6 10.Qb1 Nf8 11.b4 Ng6 12.Rc1 Bd6 13.a4 h6 14.Bxg6 fxg6 15.Bh4 Bf5 16.Qb2 g5 17.Bg3 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Ng4 19.b5 Qe7 20.Nd1 Rac8 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Ra3 Qd6 23.Rac3 Rb8 24.Qe2 Qb4 25.Rxc6 Qxa4 26.Ra6 Qb3 27.Qa2 Qxa2 28.Rxa2 Rec8 29.Rcal Rb1 30.Rxbl Bxb1 31.Rd2 Rc1 32.Ne1 a5 33.f3 Nf6 34.Kf2 a4 35.Nb2 a3 36.Nbd3 Rc4 37.Nc5 Rc3 38.Na4 Rb3 39.Nc2 Bxc2 40.Rxc2 Rb4 41.Nc3 Rc4 42.Rc1 Kf7 43.Ke2 g4 44.Kd2 Rb4 45.Rc2 Ke6
46.Ra2 Nh5 47.Rxa3 Rb2+ 48.Kd3 Rxg2 49.Ra6+ Kf7 50.Ra7+ Kf8 51.fxg4 Nf6 52.g5 hxg5 53.Ne2 Kg8 54.Ne3 Rxg3 55.Ra5 Nh5 56.Nxd5 Nf4+ 57.Ke4 Nxd5 58.Rxd5 Kf7 59.Rd7+ Kf6 60.d5 Rg4+ 61.Kf3 Ra4 62.e4 g4+ 63.Ke3 g5 64.Rd6+ Kf7 65.e5 g3 66.Kf3 $\mathrm{Ra} 3+67 . \mathrm{Kg} 2 \mathrm{Re} 3$ 68.e6+Ke7 69.Rd7+Ke8 70.Ra7 Rd3 71.Ra5 Ke7 72.Rb5 Ke8 73.Rb8+ Ke7 74.Rb7+ Ke8 75.Rd7 Re3 76.Kh3 g4+ 77.Kg2 Kf8 78.Rf7+ Ke8 79.Rf4 Rd3 80.Rf5 Ke7 81.Re5 Kd8 82.Rh5 Ke7 83.Rf5 Ke8 84.Rg5 Ke7 85.Re5 Kd8 86.Rg5 Ke7 87.Rg7+ Ke8 88.Rd7 Re3 89.Kf1 Re5 90.Kg2 $1 / 2-1 / 2$ International Master Anthony Ker
(Wellington) claimed his eighth national title in winning the New Zealand Championship in Wellington last month.
Veteran player, FIDE Master Peter Green (Auckland) and gifted teenager, Pu Chen Wang (Auckland) were second equal. Impressive as his personal record is, $\operatorname{Ker~(36)~}$ who has played in 25 consecutive NZ Congresses, has some way to go before he matches the late Ortvin Sarapu's amazing national and world record of 20 national titles.
Today's game features Ker's key Championship win against Wang.
Annotations by Tony Dowden kindly assisted by Ker

1. d4

Nf6 2. Bg5!? ---
The Trompovsky Opening. An interesting psychological choice by Wang as this is well known as Ker's favourite choice as White.
2. --- c5 3.d5 Qb6
4. Nc3

| c 5 |
| :--- |
| h 6 |

4. Nc3 h6

Black declines White's dangerous gambit popularised by Armenian grandmaster, Rafael Vaganian. After 4---Qxb2 5.Bd2 Qb6 6.e4 White has the initiative.
5. Bd2 e5 6. dxe6 $\qquad$
6.e4 offered more chances of an advantage out of the opening but Wang evidently wants an open position
6. --- dxe6

6---fxe6 weakens the g6 square.
7. e4 Ne6 8.f4
9. e5

Nd5

White's energetic pawn moves carry aggressive intent but his development is lagging.

| 10. Bc4 | Nxe3 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 11. Bxc3 | Bd7 |
| 12. Nf3 | $0-0-0!$ |

12. Nf3 0-0-0!

White was well positioned for a kingside assault so Black castles queenside. White unwisely chooses to castle on the opposite flank.
13. 0-0?! g5

Black wastes no time in opening lines to White's king.
14. fxg5
14.f5 was a better try.
14. --- hxg5 15. Nd2

The knight is heading for d 6 .
15. ---

Be8
This protects $\mathbf{f} 7$ and pins the knight
16. Qe1 Nd4 17. Rc1 Qc7

Here the queen eyes $h 2$ and can reply to
18. Ne4 with 18.---Qxe5
18. Bd3
f5!
Black gets rid of his backward pawn, controls e4 and frees up the bishop on e8. Now Black is better.
19. Nb3 $\qquad$
White is trying to exchange pieces, often a wise approach when on the defensive. Of course not 19.exf6? Qxh2+
19. --- Bc6 20. Bxd4 cxd4
21. Na5 Kb8 22. Nxc6+ Qxc6 Despite the exchange of material Black has increased his advantage. His bishop can penetrate to e 3 via g 5 and the h -file is a beckoning highway for his rooks. White tries to distract Black but to no avail.
23. c3 dxc3 24. Qxc3

This leads to a spectacular refutation but
White also loses after 24.Rxc3 Bc5+ 25.Kh1 f 4 ! with similar intentions to the game continuation.
24. --- Qb6+ 25. Kh1

Or 25.Rf2 Rc8! 26.Qe1 Rxcl 27.Qxc1 Bc winning
25. .-- Rxh2+!! 26. Kxh2 Rh8+ 27. Kg3 Qe3+ 0-1
28. Rf3 $\mathrm{f} 4+29 \mathrm{Kg} 4 \mathrm{Rh} 4$ is mate.

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## Introduction

The All Canterbury Chess Tournament has developed greatly over the past 2 years. It was originally seen as a weekend tournament, attracting only few in number, in carly December of each year. The tournament date was forwarded to late October, during Labour Weekend, in 2002. The number of players increased by 50 percent, and players were encouraged by the development of Canterbury's only weekend tournament at that time. After a successful 2002 event, It was Chris Wright's plan to have the toumament FIDE rated by 2004, but that goal was achieved one year earlier. 2003 was the first year that the event had been split into two sections, a FIDE Rating section and a domestic section.
All Canterbury FIDE Rating Chess Open 2003
The tournament consisted of three Federations: Australia, Germany, and New Zealand. It was a pleasure to have IM Guy West and Christian Bleis in New Zealand. The FIDE Average for the toumament was 2190 . Ten players had FIDE ratings. Within New Zealand and outside of Canterbury, players came from Hamilton, Wellington, and Dunedin. Easily the strongest playing field in the All Canterbury chess tournament ever, there was going to be some tough competition and some good games. In addition to the tournament being FIDE rated, the tournament was a Class Two Grand Prix event as well as being NZCF rated.
There were 23 players in the field, so Heremaia had the bye in Round 1. The defending champion, Nick Cummings rated at NZCF 2005, had to settle for bottom board in Round 1!
As usual, results for Round 1 tend to go to seed. However, there were two exceptions. First, Peter Fraemohs was a pawn up before NM Graham Haase lost on time. The 1962 NZ Chess Champion Haase offered a draw after flag fall, to later find out he had lost on time. Fritz 6 shows a clear win for Fraemohs however.
FM Roger Nokes was clearly winning against

David Lean, before a blunder on move 34 changed matters to give a material advantage to Black. Nokes fought back and Lean chose to take a draw via perpetual check.
I thought IM Guy West was rather gracious to his opponent, Quentin Johnson. Even though there were mistakes in the game, I felt that West was in control. Here is commentary on that game, kindly provided by Guy West:

## Johnson, Q (1952) - IM West, G (2347) [A59] <br> All Canterbury (1.1), 25.10.2003

 [Notes by IM Guy West]This first round game contains many tactical errors by both players, unsurprising considering its complexity, but also has some nice ideas and is quite interesting.

## 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6

 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 g6 9.g4!?More aggressive than the usual 9 g 3 , but creating weaknesses in the White position as well. $9 . . . \mathrm{Bg} 7$
9...h5 and 9...Qc8 have both been tried at GM level, but I had not even seen white's idea before so I relied on natural moves.
10.Kg2 0-0

This does not appear to be the main line, perhaps because of the game Seirawan-Bellotti, Lugano 1988, in which White pursued a straightforward Kingside attack with 11 g 5 Nfd7?! 12h4 Na6 13 h 5 with some advantage. My opponent chooses a more positional treatment. 11.f3 Na6
Leaving d 7 free for the other knight.
12.Nge2 Nc7 13.Bf4!

Apart from aiming to swap off Black's powerful bishop, this move inhibits the central counterattack e6 which could potentially show White's King position to be less secure than Black's.
13...Ra6!? 14.Qd2 e6 15.Rad1?!

Perhaps just taking on e6 is better. White would probably carry an edge into the complications.
15...exd5 16.exd5 Re8

Threatening an overload combination against Round 2 saw West chomp Reedy, and Bleis the d 5 pawn, as the N on c 3 is needed to defend slowly but surely strangled Compton. It was the N on e2. Black has taken the initiative, or to good to see FM Stephen Lukey back playing at put it in the local vernacular, Bleck is bitter. the Canterbury Chess Club again after many 17.Ng3 Rb6! Threatening Nfxd5! years. Hilton Bennett offered a draw to Lukey

## 18.b3 Rb4!

 in a game that was probably a win for White.The rook threatens to go to d4, rounding up the FM Roger Nokes dropped another half a point, White $d$ pawn. Under pressure, White allows the but that is no disgrace as Nick Cummings is overload combination he had previously avoided. 19.Nge2? Nfxd5 20.Bg5 Qa8 21.Ne4 very adept at complicating matters and has a
habit of playing well and defeating top players. Now 21...f6 may win material but I preferred David Lean drew against NM Haase, Radethe more attractive looking continuation. macher had an upset win against Nijman, and 21...Rbxe4!? 22.fxe4 Nf6?

An over-finesse. 22...Rxe4 should win.
23.Bxf6 Qxe4+ 24.Kg3?
paper, although the results generally went in 26.Rhfl favour of the higher rated player. Bleis defeated (26.Qxd6?? Ne6! -+ ) 26 ...Be5=+] Van der Hoorn, Lukey defeated Cummings.

## 24...Bxf6 25.Rhe1

However, there were some interesting results.
White's idea in putting his King on g 3 was to $\mathrm{NM}^{*}$ Anderson played very well to draw with be able to meet $25 \ldots$ Be5+ with 26 Nf 4 here, but IM West, and the drawing machine David Lean Black can then just retreat his Queen with a drew against Hilton Bennett. This was Lean's clear advantage anyway. However, White's third draw from three games, all against FIDE idea managed to worry me into an inferior con- Rated opposition. Lean was now a definite cantinuation. 25...h5? 26.h3? didate for a FIDE Rating block, provided he got Missing a big chance. his fourth game, and Chris Benson made his [26.Nf4! h4+ 27.Kf2 Bd4+ 28.Qxd4 cxd4 chances good by having a win over the FIDE 29.Rxe4 Rxe4 30.Kf3=]
26...Be5+ 27.Kf2 hxg4 28.Qd3 g3+!? 29.Nxg3

Qh4 30.Kg2 Nd5!-+ 31.Ne2 Qg5 +
ings. Bleis made a horrific blunder in the openI didn't see 32 Kf3 Re $6 ?$ ? $31 . . . B d 4$ !, which Played confidently and quickly, but an unbelievable misconception!
33.Qxd5 Rf6+ 34.Ke4 Qg2+

Only after playing this move did I suddenly Noked Williams, and in "Battle of the South" realise to my horror that the interference theme, (on the bottom board!), NM Graham Haase $35 \mathrm{Ke} 3 \mathrm{Bd} 4+$ is easily parried by 36 Rxd 4 . Just (FIDE 2155) showed his skill and experience as the sweat started to break out on my scalp over Quentin Johnson (NZCF 1952), who was my opponent played the amazing move, White yet to register a win.
resigns?? The game should have continued
35.Ke3 Bd4+ 36.Rxd4 cxd4+ 37.Qxd4 Rf5!
38.Qb4!

Cummings was paired against friend and foe Alistair Compton, a game that ended in a draw. David Lean was paired against Peter Fraemohs,
(Many other moves lose) and Black has insuf- both players were in contention for FIDE Ratficient compensation for the blunderificed ing blocks. Lean won the match with an effecpiece. Whether White, who was short of time, tive king-side attack against Fraemoh's Sokolwould have actually won is uncertain, but it sky Opening.
was no doubt a very unsolomonesque resigna- The business end of the tournament was in tion. An entertaining game though. $0-1 \quad$ place and $\mathrm{NM}^{*}$ Anderson was in fine form, tied
for $1^{\text {st }}$ with 3.5/4. FM Nokes had worked him- tage for Black, BUT 16.Sc7 Dxc7 (I6...Ta7 self up to top board after a few draws in earlier 17.fxe4 Txc7 18.g3) 17.fxe4 Dd8 18.g3 is good rounds, and was to meet IM West in Round 5. for white ;
Bennett had (and lost to) the "Bleismeister", and B) 15...Lxb5 16.axb5 g5 17.Le3 Sf6 18.Sxd6 David Lean was ensured his FIDE Rating block De7 19.Sf5 De5 20.Sxg7 Sfxd5 21.Sf5 Dxf5 of 4 games as he was to meet FM Stephen 22.Lxc5 Tac8 $23 . e 4$ is messy again, so lets just Lukey (both players used to play at the Canter- say unclear position ;-))]
bury Chess Club). In another "Battle of the $15 . f x e 4$ gxf4 16.a3 Dh4+ 17.Kd1 Ld7 18.axb4 South", NM Haase again displayed his skill and Lxb5 19.Sxd6 Ld7 20.bxc5 Tab8 21.Ta2 Tb4 experience, this time over Duncan Watts. 22.c6 [22.e3]
Fraemohs defeated Reedy, and Benson lost to 22...Td4+
Compton. But the losses didn't matter, Watts, [ 22...Df6 23.Sc4 Dd4+ 24.Sd2 Lg4 25.h3 Lh5 Benson, and the winning Fraemohs had their 4 26.Kel; 22...Df6]

## game FIDE Rating block with a performance over 23.Kc2 Lxe

FIDE 1800.
[ 23...Df6 24.Sb5 Txe4 25.cxd7 Df5 26.Dd1
Round 6, the final round. Unfortunately, we Td4+ 27.e4 Dxe4+ 28.Ld3 Txd3 29.Dxd3 were not going to see a West-Bleis matchup, but Dxg2+ 30.Dd2 De4+ 31.Kb3 Dxh1 32.Txa7 the Bleis-Nokes, and Lukey-Anderson pairing what a mess, but it looks (no kidding) equal] made out for some good games. Lukey played a 24.Sf5 !
very nice $26 . \mathrm{Nxh7} 7$ and went on to win his game. only move
Chris Benson had an ecstatic and well rewarded [ $24 . e 3$ fxe3 25.Dxe3 Lxd5 26.exd5 Dg4 27.Df3 win over NM Graham Haase, and David Lean Dg6+ 28.Ld3 Dxd6 29.Kb1 Txd5 30.Lc2 ; defeated Arie Nijman, who was not having a $24 . \mathrm{dxc} 6 \mathrm{Txd6} 25 . \mathrm{Kb} 1 \mathrm{Tc} 8$ ]
good tournament. Neither was Quentin Johnson, 24...Lxd5 25.exd5
who never really recovered from his bout with [ $25 . \mathrm{Sxh} 4 \mathrm{Tc} 8+26 . \mathrm{Kb} 1 \mathrm{Lxe} 4+27 . \mathrm{Ka} 1 \mathrm{Txc} 1 \#$ ] IM West in Round 1, but Quentin did salvage a 25...Tc8+
point from Michael Stevenson, whose perform- [ $25 . . . \mathrm{Tc} 4+26 . \mathrm{Kd} 3 \mathrm{Txc} 1$ 27.Sxh4 +- ] ance in this tournament was more than satisfac- 26.Kb3 Tb8+ tory.
[ 26...Txc1 27.Sxh4 Txd5 28.Sf3 Tdd1 29.Txa7 In a most enjoyable game between the two play- Txf1 30.Txf1 Txf1 31.Ta8+ Kh7 32.Td8 clear ers, Christian Bleis provided the following notes advantage for white ]
on his game with FM Nokes:
Bleis, C (2258) - Nokes, R (2310) [A61]
All Canterbury (6.2), 27.10.2003
[Notes by Christian Bleis]
1.d4 Sf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Sc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 When IM Guy West defeated Mark Van der 6.Sf3 g6 7.Sd2 Lg7 8.Sc4 0-0 9.Lg5 h6 10.Lf4 Hoorn with a double attack on e7 with check

## Sa6 11.Dd2 b5 12.Sxb5 ?!

Guy had earnt a well deserved victory and win looks better for white]
12...Se4 13.De1
[ 13.Dc2 Lf5 (13...Sb4 14.Dxe4 Lf5 15.Df3 Five players Five players from the FIDE Rating [13.Dc2 Lf5 ( 13...Sb4 14.Dxe4 Lf5 15.Df3 Open obtained 4-game FIDE Rating blocks. Sc2 + 16.Kd2 Sxal 17.e4 gives white an advan- They were David Lean, Nick Cummings, Peter tage) 14.Da4 (14.Dc1 Sb4 15.f3) 14...Sb4 Fraemohs, Chris Benson, and Duncan Watts. 15.f3 Dh4+ 16.g3 Sxg3-+ ] David Lean and Nick Cummings each obtained 13. Sb4 14 f3 $\mathbf{~ 5}$ -
[ 14...Ld7 15.a4 4-game blocks, 2101 for David and 2085 for Nick. 5-game blocks were obtained by Peter Fraemohs, Chris Benson, and Duncan Watts.

2118 for Peter, 2083 for Chris, and 1928 for a total of 9 games, and should appear on the Duncan. Peter, Chris, and Duncan have January 2004 and April 2004 FIDE Rating list. achieved two FIDE Rating blocks consisting of Congratulations!

| All Canterbury FIDE Rating Chess Open 2003 <br> (Labour Weekend, 25-27 October 2003) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Name | FED | FIDE | NZC | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Total |
| 1 | West, Guy | AUS | 2347 | 2347 | 17:W | 22:W | 8:D | 3:W | 4:D | 5:W | 5 |
| 2 | Bleis, Christian | GER | 2258 | 2258 | 11:W | 7:W | 5:W | 8:L | 6:W | 4:D | 4.5 |
| 3 | Lukey, Stephen | NZL | 2222 | 2241 | 19:W | 6:D | 9:W | 1:L | 10:W | 8:W | 4.5 |
| 4 | Nokes, Roger | NZL | 2310 | 2338 | 10:D | 9:D | 19:W | 16:W | 1:D | 2:D | 4 |
| 5 | Van der Hoorn, | NZL | 2157 | 2181 | 16:W | 23:W | 2:L | 13:W | 8:W | 1:L | 4 |
| 6 | Bennett, Hilton | NZL | 2065 | 2023 | 12:W | 3:D | 10:D | 21:W | 2:L | 18:W | 4 |
| 7 | Compton, Alis- | NZL | 2056 | 1920 | 13:W | 2:L | 18:D | 9:D | 16:W | 19:W | 4 |
| 8 | Anderson, Bruce | NZL | 2215 | 2135 | 15:W | 18:W | 1:D | 2:W | 5:L | 3:L | 3.5 |
| 9 | Cummings, Nick | NZL |  | 2005 | 21:W | 4:D | 3:L | 7:D | 20.W | 22:D | 3.5 |
| 10 | Lean, David | NZL |  | 1900 | 4:D | 14:D | 6:D | 18:W | 3:L | 11:W | 3.5 |
| 11 | Nijman, Arie | NZL |  | 1884 | 2:L | 20:L | 12:W | 23:W | 21:W | 10:L | 3 |
| 12 | Gold, Hamish | NZL |  | 1552 | 6:L | 19:L | 11:L | :W | 13:W | 20:W | 3 |
| 13 | Williams, Pablo | NZL |  | 1496 | 7:L | 15:W | 23:W | 5:L | 12:L | :W | 3 |
| 14 | Haase, Graham | NZL | 2155 | 1783 | 18:L | 10:D | : | 17:W | 19:W | 16:L | 2.5 |
| 15 | Davies, Geoff | NZL |  | 1802 | 8:L | 13:L | 17:D | 20:L | :W | 23:W | 2.5 |
| 16 | Benson, Chris | NZL |  | 1790 | 5:L | 17:W | 22:W | 4:L | 7:L | 14:W | 3 |
| 17 | Johnson, Quentin | NZL |  | 1952 | 1:L | 16:L | 15:D | 14:L | 23:W | 21:W | 2.5 |
| 18 | Fraemohs, Peter | NZL |  | 1784 | 14:W | 8:L | 7:D | 10:L | 22:W | 6:L | 2.5 |
| 19 | Watts, Duncan | NZL |  | 1818 | 3:L | 12:W | 4:L | 22:W | 14:L | 7:L | 2 |
| 20 | Rademacher, | NZL |  | 1588 | 22:L | 11:W | 21:L | 15:W | 9:L | 12:L | 2 |
| 21 | Stevenson, Mi- | NZL |  | 1340 | 9:L | :W | 20:W | 6:L | 11:L | 17:L | 2 |
| 22 | Reedy, Brendan | NZL | 2099 | 1711 | 20:W | 1:L | 16:L | 19:L | 18:L | 9:D | 1.5 |
| 23 | Heremaia, Nga- | NZL |  | 1258 | :W | 5:L | 13:L | 11:L | 17:L | 15:L | 1 |

## All Canterbury B Tournament 2003

'This tournament was perhaps overshadowed by the FIDE Rating Open, but in truth, this was the All Canterbury Championship! The tournament was open to all players, there was no rating restriction.
Surprisingly, there were no entrants from Ashburton, who had not long hosted the South lsland Chess Championship (22-26 September). There were a number of entrants from the newly formed, and growing, North Canterbury Chess Club (NCCC). They were: Scott Stringer (President), Bob Van den Berg (a
former Canterbury Chess Club member), and Piers MacLaren.
On paper it would seem that Craig Hall would win the tournament without much resistance. Hall was some 257 rating points higher than the second seed, Bob Van den Berg. But the competition cam from the mid-field with Scott Stringer, Piers MacLaren, Bob van den Berg, and Regan Jackson. Jackson was a real surprise, taking a draw from Hall in Round 3. Both Hall and Jackson went through the tournament undefeated to share first prize. Stringer, who lost to the tournament winners definitely earnt third place. Van den Berg and

MacLaren earnt fourth equal, with Kay in sixth, Williamson, aged 11, and son of former South Ward in seventh, and Williamson in eight place. Island Champion Hammond Williamson, learnt would have thought that Peter Kay would have a lot from his first chess tournament outside of better tournament given his rating and fighting school competition. All the best with the chess chess, but history shows that his performances to come
in chess tournaments are inconsistent. Matthew

|  | All Canterbury B Tournament 2003 (Labour Weekend, 25-27 October 2003) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Name | FED | NZCF | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Total |
| 1 | Hall, Craig | NZL | 1757 | 6:W | 3:W | 2:D | 4:W | 5:W | 7:W | 5.5 |
| 2 | Jackson, Regan | NZL | 1473 | 7:W | 4:W | 1:D | 3:W | 6:W | 8:W | 5.5 |
| 3 | Stringer, Scott | NZL | 1465 | 8:W | 1:L | 5:W | 2:L | 7:W | 4:W | 4 |
| 4 | Van den Berg, Bob | NZL | 1500 | 5:W | 2:L | 6:W | 1:L | 8:W | 3:L | 3 |
| 5 | MacLaren, Piers | NZL |  | 4:L | 7:W | 3:L | 8:W | 1:L | 6:W | 3 |
| 6 | Kay, Peter | NZL | 1456 | 1:L | 8:W | 4:L | 7:W | 2:L | 5:L | 2 |
| 7 | Ward, Simon | NZL |  | 2:L | 5:L | 8:W | 6:L | 3:L | 1:L | 1 |
| 8 | Williamson, Mat- | NZL |  | 3:L | 6:L | 7:L | 5:L | 4:L | 2:L | 0 |

## Conclusion

The tournament playing hall was full to capacity. 31 players in total entered the toumament this year, and I suspect that had to do with the tournament being FIDE Rated as the pursuit for International rating points seemed attractive in the light of so few Internationally rated chess events in New Zealand (thought they are on the increase). Such events do altract overseas players, and FIDE Rating points do provide a common currency for all players.
The tournament was a suc-
The tournament was a suc- Australia at the All Canterbury Open
cess in terms of the number of players and the area.

## Rapid Play Chess Tournament

Kapiti Chess Club Inc
$3^{\text {rd }}$ July 2004
Kapiti Community Centre
Contact Guy Burns: (04) 9042002 - chess@nzland.de

2004 Inter-schools Competitions
The 2004 competitions are due to begin next term! If there are any clubs that have been thinking about running a competition but haven't done so yet I'd love to hear from you. The NZCF is hoping to have a truly national competition eventually, and, thanks to many hardworking clubs, teachers and individuals, this may become a reality soon. This year the North Island coverage is extending, with teachers in Northland and Gisborne expressing interest in holding competitions. If any clubs in the South Island would like to hold a competition they will get plenty of support - both moral and practical - from me!
It's rewarding and addictive!! It's also the best thing you could do for the future of chess. (Your country needs you....!)

Top 10 Reasons to Play 1. h3 (Sent in by Gino Thornton, with apologies to Chessbase.com)
It opens up the h2 square for the development of the king rook, where it would control black's 7h rank, defending against a rook invasion on this rank later on in the game.
It carries a threat: $2 . \mathrm{h} 4,3 . \mathrm{h} 5,4 \mathrm{~h} 6,5 \mathrm{hxg} 7,6 . \mathrm{gxh} 8$ It prevents black's threat: $1 \ldots \mathrm{~h} 5,2 \ldots \mathrm{~h} 4$, 3...h3, 4....hxg2, 5...gxh1.

Your opponent's more traditional view of opening theory will lead him to believe that I. h 3 indicates that you are a chess moron, and will play much more carelessly.
It immediately ruins your ideal pawn formation lor kingside castling, so you don't have to worry and fret about it for the rest of the game. It just feels right.
If you move subtly, weaker opponents expecting something like $1 . e 4$ or $1 . \mathrm{d} 4$ might not even realize that you moved, and they will let precious time on their clocks tick away.
It is creative: moves like $1 . e 4$ are such clichés. It virtually gives you the black pieces, helping to limit the amount of opening theory you need to know (since you are always playing as if you have black). Also, black is cool.

Playing $1 . \mathrm{h3}$ is like saying "I don't need the advantage of moving first to beat you". The psychological advantage is enormous. Staying with this line of thinking, playing $2 . a 3$ is like saying "I don't need a second move to beat you either". Putting your queen in the line of fire is like saying "I don't even need my queen to beat you" (or "I am stupid" depending on how your opponent reads it), and your opponent will be confused and afraid. Stripping away all of your defences from your king is like saying "My king is strong. He's a super-king. He will march out and destroy everything in his path." At this point all but the bravest opponents will resign.
(Continued from page 27)
CD each variation is covered by one chapter with many games to play through and to learn from. There is also about 50 test games in which the reader must work out the best moves for black and white at certain times during the games being tested. Because of lack of room we'll have a closer look at more Chess Assistant software in the next review. Chess (Monthly) by Chess \& Bridge Ltd In the February 2004 issue of Chess
(Monthly) there's a nice article about Louise Macnab who wrote to Cherie Blair stressing the educational and wider social benefits of chess for girls. As a result Louise received an invitation from Cherie to a reception and to play at No. 10 Downing Street. In another article in this issue there are three of Louise's games annotated by Craig Pritchett. There's also another interesting article by Gary Lane about the Evans Gambit in which he shows that we'll see more and more of the 'forgotten' lines unleashed. In the March 2004 issue of Chess there's articles on the Hastings Premier, 4NCL and a useful article by Andrew Martin 'How NOT to play the King's Indian'. In the next column there will be more on his new book 'Pressure play in the King's Indian - an ideas manual for the 21 st century'.

## Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

## Profile：David J Cooper

Dave Cooper was born in Birmingham，Eng－ land，in 1937．He learned to play chess at the age of 10 ，and was soon selected to play for his school，Central Grammar，on board 5. Dave played several times for Warwickshire in inter－county matches which featured up to 200 boards．A highlight was being chosen for a West of England schools＇team． Cooper arrived in New Zealand in 1955 and settled in Auckland．He found chess in his adopted country to be very low－key，and it took six months to find a chess club．Eventu－ ally he joined the Onehunga Club and later the Auckland，Dominion Road and Remuera Clubs，at one time belonging to all four clubs at once！ Thriving on the strong Auckland competition， his o．t．b．rating climbed to 2100 ．Dave rates a highlight of his career as winning the 1967 North Island Championship at Te Awamutu． Also prized are his two firsts and a second place in the Premier Reserve section of Con－ gress．Both wins were achieved without the loss of a single game．In 1961－62 at Welling－ ton he won with a score of 10 wins and one draw．In 1965－66 at Hamilton he won with eight wins and three draws．
Cooper has an outstanding record in simuls， playing IM Ortvin Sarapu three times for three draws，GM Murray Chandler twice for two draws；and GM Yuri Averbach once，for a win He made his correspondence debut in 1960， finishing second in TT Reserve．He has played in the Championship a number of times since， with a second and third his best results． In 1972 Cooper transferred to Palmerston North and in an 18－year period was club champion or co－champion 15 times and run－ ner－up three times．Adept in fast play，he once received a one－minute handicap（for the entire game）and yet still won the tournament． In 1990，Dave shifted to Wanganui and imme－ diately joined the Wanganui Chess Club．In the 90 s Wanganui was a strong club，with players of the ilk of Cooper，Michael Free－ man，Tony Dowden，Yung Le，Andrew

Packer，Howard Whitlock，Prince Vethara－ niam，Tony Boswell，Martin Sims，Martin Post and current club champion Chris Burns，all rated 1800 －plus．
Cooper made his mark，however，with five wins in the A grade standard championship， one win（from one attempt）in the A grade rapid，two wins in the summer handicap tour－ nament，and twice won gold in the New Zea－ land Masters Games．He has played 24 inter－ club games for Wanganui，mostly on top board，where he met the strongest possible opposition，for 12 wins， 6 draws，and 6 losses， at an average of 62.5 percent．
Cooper has played little chess in the past three years，due to a job change involving shift work，but his enthusiasm remains high to con－ tinue a successful and colourful chess career now into its $57^{\text {th }}$ year．

## Cooper，D－Steadman，M

NZCCA 64th TT Championship， 1997 1．e4 c5 2． $2 \mathrm{c} 3 \mathrm{e} 63 . \mathrm{g} 3 \mathrm{~d} 54 . \mathrm{exd} 5$ exd5 5．串g2








 36．h4＋ $1 \quad 0$

## Cooper，D－Carr，S

［C16］
NZ v England team match， 1986


 13．bxc3 a6 14．黑xc6 葸xc6 15 ．解d2 a5 $16 . \mathrm{h} 4 \mathrm{~g} 6$ 17．h5 De7 18．hxg6 $0 x \mathrm{x} 6$ 19．0h5 巻xa4


 30．Qd3 药c6 $31 . \mathrm{g} 510$

Trophy Tourney progress As at 3 March， 2004 $70^{\text {ll }}$ Championship：P B Goffin $8.5 / 10$ ，W R Smillie 8．5／11，G A Hoskyn 7．5／11，ML Dun－ woody $6 / 8$ ，J C Rapp $6 / 10$ ，B G Walsh $4.5 / 8$ ，R J Weston 4．5／10，E G A Frost 4／11，B W Millar 2．5／10，PAR Vetharaniam 2／6，P J Voss 2／10，H P Bennett 1／9．Latest results：GOFFIN beat Dunwoody．SMILLIE drew Dunwoody，Vetha－ raniam．HOSKYN beat Bennett．WESTON beat Vetharaniam，Voss，Bennett．FROST drew Vetharaniam．BENNETT beat Frost． Reserve Championship：D R Whitlock 8／9，P E Rossiter $5.5 / 10$ ，G D Putt $5 / 10$ ，G E Lovelock 4／6．B M Williams 3．5／8，G H Mills 2．5／11，K G Reed $0 / 4$ ．Latest results：WHITLOCK beat Putt， Mills，Reed（2），drew Putt．ROSSITER beat Williams，Mills，Reed．LOVELOCK beat Putt， Williams．WILLIAMS beat Rossiter，drew Mills．
＇ITT2：D I Bell 9／11，W Anderson 7．5／10，T D S Kara 6／10，D E Dolejs 4．5／9，J W H Atkinson 4．5／12，A W Hendry 3．5／9，S R Chowdhury 2／12．Latest results：BELL beat Dolejs，Hendry． ANDERSON beat Kara（2）．KARA beat Bell． I）OLEJS beat Hendry，drew Atkinson．ATKIN－ SON beat Anderson，Hendry，drew Dolejs． ＇Trophy Tourney fields，2004－05
$71^{\text {st }}$ NZCCA Championship：Peter Goffin， Auckland，2105；Tim Doyle，Wellington，2100； Murray Dunwoody，Te Awamutu，2055；Bill Smillie，Waiuku，2030；Hilton Bennett，Hamil－ ton，1960；Ted Frost，Wanganui，1950；Gordon I Ioskyn，Wanganui，and Peter Voss，Kaiteriteri， 1845；Rod Weston，Lower Hutt，1780；Dennis Whitlock，Auckland，1680；Bob Gibbons，Auck－ land，Bob Mitchell，Auckland，and Max Wig－ bout，Wellington，all unrated．
Reserve Championship：Bevan Edwards，Auck－ land，1720；Garry Putt，Invercargill，1690；Philip Rossiter，Hamilton，1630；David Bell，Wan－ ganui，1595；Bill Anderson，Rotorua，1545；Ken Reed，Christchurch，1540；Graham Lovelock， Wellington，1450；Glenys Mills，Waikanae， 1360；Tony Cook，Christchurch，and Craig Welsh，Christchurch，unrated．
TT2：Tony Hendry，Inangahua Junction，1410； John Atkinson，Christchurch，1395；Alan Win－ ship，1345；Stewart Holdaway，Pahiatua，1320；

Len Purvis，Warkworth，995；Roy Chowdhury， Blenheim，965；Jacqueline Roberts，Christ－ church，unrated．

## Grand Prix Update

Here are the leaders in the 2004 Global Chess Enterprises Grand Prix，following the Latvian Toumament（Class 1）on March 21.

The full list can be found at
http：／homepages．ihug．co．nz／－kulashko／Chess／ grandprix．htm
a site kindly maintained by Alexei Kulashko．

## OPEN

P．Garbett，P．Wang 20，
A．Kulashko，B．Watson，P．Green，A．Compton 13.5

UNDER 2000
G．Thornton 34，D．Xu 27．5，H．Bennett，B．Reedy
14，B．Fiedler 13.5
UNDER 1700
D．Xu，Paul Morten 20，E．Otene，J．Browne 15，S． Maroroa 12，E．Tan，J．Lei 10.5
UNDER 1400
S．Mararoa，B．Jones 20，A．Maroroa 15，
Peter Morten，T．Maroroa，R．Dare，E．Chen 12
JUNIOR
G．Thomton 33．5，P．Wang 32，D．Xu 28．5，Jason Wu，B．Jones 20，M．Zhang 18，
B．Robertson，R．Dare 15，R．Whitehouse，
S．Maroro 12
FEMALE
E．Otene 20，S．Maroroa 15，V．Smith 12
SENIOR
C．Wilson 20，T．Booth 15，B．Mitchell 12
UNDER 14 \＆UNDER 1400
S．Maroroa 26．8，B．Jones 20，R．Dare，A．Maroroa 15，E．Chen 12
The final two prizes for the 2003 Grand Prix sea－ son have been decided：
William Lynn，from Hamilton，takes the $\$ 50$ prize for the best non－prize－winning North Islander outside Auckland and Wellington，while the $\$ 50$ prize for the best non－prize－winning South Islander goes to Trevor Rowell，of Otago．William finished $5^{\text {th }}$ in the Under 2000 division，while Trevor was $6^{\text {th }}$ in the Under 1400 category．

Chess Book Reviews

Congratulations to John Watson and Gambit publishers who are one of the world's leading chess book publishers
(www.Gambitbooks.com), both for winning the Chess Café Book-of-the-Year award with 'Chess Strategy in Action'! John's award winning 'Secrets of Modern Chess Strategy' book has also been a 'winner' for him.

## Learn Chess Tactics by John Nunn

 (Gambit)When the great All Black coach Fred Allen was asked why all the teams that he coached did well, his answer was, "Teach and practice the basics as often as you can and then the rest will fit together". To this end, John Nunn has written his book that will not only appeal to beginners but also to players of most levels who would like to brush up on their tactical skills. In fourteen chapters covering topics such as 'Deflection', 'Pawn Promotion' and 'Combinations' John shows in his easy-to-read way what the reader should know about these topics and then finishes his book off with exercises taken from recent games to test and reinforce what's been learned. By far the best book available on learning tactics to be found anywhere at the moment!

## Chess Endgame Training by Bernd Rosen

## (Gambit)

After a short introduction Bernd gets his readers working straight away at solving the endgames exercises contained in this most challenging book. However, some readers who are not used to this type of exercise book may find the going hard and the answers quite difficult to work out. But don't worry, Bernd is fairly detailed in his answers and when the need arises he shows all the information needed to solve these types of endings. In a past review, I wrote about the interesting book 'Chess Ending Made Simple' by Ian Snape, and with this and Bernd's constructive book, the reader will get a good grounding in endgame play.

School of Chess Excellence 4 Opening Developments by Mark Dvoretsky

## (Olms)

As stated in a previous column, I believe that 'Mark Dvoretsky is currently one of the most respected chess teachers around today and also a trainer of champions'. In this his fourth and final book in this series, Mark goes deeper into the openings etc by annotating games more significantly than in earlier books in this series. In the first 12 chapters he covers the opening with chapter titles such as 'Opening Disasters', 'Dubious Innovations' and 'Opening Subtleties', and then finishes his chapters off with exercises for analysis in which he invites his readers to analyse several games, with answers in the back of the book. The following chapters cover different topics, for example, 'How to Defeat Karpov' and 'Dispute of Equals'. All in all this is a well-written series of books and would be a good investment for 'budding champions'.

## The French Defence by GM Alexander

 Kalinin
## (Russian Chess House)

This is a different style of chess book to which most readers have been used to in the past as there's very little in the way of written text. However there are hundreds of games shown by way of compact symbolic language. I can hear you saying, 'What good is that to me as I'm a lower-rated player?' or, 'I'm wanting to learn this opening from scratch'. Nevertheless this method of writing a chess book does work on many different levels. For the lower-rated player or those just starting to learn this opening, it's great to follow the stem game and see all the side variations and then pick the one that works. Then, when playing through the games you'll get the feel as to the correct way to play. For the strong player or one who knows how to play this opening, this book certainly works as there's enough mea in it to last for years to come and it's a first-
rate book for use in analysing one's own games. This type of book will suit all levels of chess players.
French Defence 3Nd2 by Lev Psakhis (Batsford)

## Advance and other anti-French Varia-

## tions by Lev Psakhis (Batsford)

Both these books, with a third book coming out soon, (French Defence 3Nc3 Winnawer Variation) are an update of Psakhis’ 1992 book "The Complete French" which has become one of the benchmark works on the French defence. As he writes in the preface of his first book, "It is owing to the the rate of expansion of the French defence theory in recent years that three books are now required to deal with the opening, compared to just one". Just to give you an example, in his 1992 book "The Complete French" Psakhis devoted just a few lines to the $3 . . . \mathrm{Be} 7$ against the Tarrasch variation but over the last ten years the theory has grown so that seventeen pages are now devoted to this line. The 3 Nd 2 book has 282 pages of loaded theory compared to only 157 pages on the Advance and other anti-French, which seems a little surprising, as the variations in this later book are very popular within all levels of chess. The player of the French defence will be well serviced by investing in these books.

Modern Chess Openings French Defence by GM Alexander Kalinin

## ChessAssistant

In past reviews we've talked mainly about high-quality ChessBase software as well as New in Chess software, which has excellent information on their CDs but poor viewers, so it was with some interest that we looked at Chess Assistant software. CA chess viewer was easy to load and the information was easy to read. As in his book, Alexander has used the format of compact symbolic language, which once again works well as the reader can follow the main game as far as they wish or move off on one of the side variations. In this
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## New Zealand News

## Otago

NM Richard Sutton and NM Tony Dowden continued to hold sway in Otago but a sprinkling of newcomers and a membership of 30 in the newly formed Dunedin Junior Chess Academy underlined the fact that they won't dominate forever!

## 2003 Open events:

Anzac Day Rapid Tony Dowden 41/2/5,
Richard Sutton 4
M. Foord Memorial (A) Tony Dowden 5.5/7

Richard Sutton \& Ben Giles 5
M. Foord Memorial (B) Alistair Newbould 6/7, Alan Mulligan (AS) $5 \frac{1}{2}$
Spring Rapid Tony Dowden \& Dmitri Lazarev (RUS) 41/2/5
Summer Rapid Pablo Williams 41/2/5, Hammond Williamson (CA) 4

## 2003 Otago Junior champions:

Otago Junior champion Leo Ding (16)
Under 16 champion David Standfield (14)
Under 13 champion Elliot Nicholls (12)
Girls' champion Josie Burrows (12)

## 2003 Otago CC results:

Senior Championship lst Richard Sutton 2nd Quentin Johnston 3rd T. Dowden
Intermediate Championship $\quad 1 s t$ Geoff Aimers 2nd Hamish Gold 3rd Alistair Newbould
Junior Championship 1st Elliot Nicholls 2nd David Standfield 3rd Iain Hewson
Senior Rapid Ch'p 1st Tony Dowden 2nd Tony Love 3rd Hamish Gold
Intermediate Rapid Ch'p Ist Hamish Gold 2nd Geoff Aimers 3rd A. Newbould
Junior Rapid Ch'p 1st Iain Hewson 2nd Sean Wilson 3rd David Standfield
Perpetual Handicap (Std) 1st Iain Hewson 2nd Ian Miller 3rd Anthony Ritchie
Perpetual Handicap (Rapid) 1st Hamish Gold 2nd Iain Hewson 3rd Will Probert Cleland Trophy 1st Hamish Gold

Wanganui
Exactly 50 years to the day after he joined Wanganui Chess Club, Gordon Hoskyn was elected a life member. The honour accorded at the recent annual general meeting recognised much more than Gordon's half-century of membership. It was a tribute to the service he has given to the club, and to New Zealand chess.

Gordon is president of the club and one of his significant recent contributions to the game was to supervise organisation of last year's national Congress. He is also masterminding preparations for the next Congress. Gordon has been active in coaching juniors and in addition to playing in the club he is a keen correspondence player, holding a place in the NZ Correspondence Championship.

The club has one other life member, David Burnham, who is the club's patron. The honour is not given lightly, as in the past halfcentury Wanganui Chess Club has only had four life members, the others being Howard Whitlock and Chas Ward, both sadly now deceased.

The club's election of officers presents a stable look. The only changes were the unavailability of David Bell to the management and match committees. His replacements are Kelly Forrest (management) and John Wilson (match). Officers for 2004-05 are: Patron, David Burnham; president, Gordon Hoskyn; vice presidents: David Bell, Dan Hurley, John Wilson and Kevin Yorston; secretary, Kevin Yorston; treasurer: John Wilson; publicity officer: Gordon Hoskyn; librarian: Ivan de Farias; club captain: Chris Burns; management committee, president, secretary, treasurer, librarian, club captain, plus Kelly Forrest, Rose Harris, Dan Hurley, Ross Maxwell and Dilbagh Sangha; match committee, Chris Burns, Gordon Hoskyn and John Wilson; financial reviewer, Nigel Hurley.

The Chess Publishing.com Opening Theory
by Grandmaster Tony Kosten

## Pawn Sac in the Symmetric English

In July's Flank Openings update on ChessPublishing.com we had another look at the Symmetric pawn sac 6 d4!?:


However, White can also delay this a move, so that after $1 \mathrm{c} 4 \mathrm{c} 52 \mathrm{Nc} 3 \mathrm{Nc} \mathbf{3 g 3} \mathbf{g 6 4} \mathbf{~ B g} 2$ Bg75 Nf3 e6 instead of playing 6 d 4 White can go 6 0-0 Nge7 7 d4!?
The disadvantage is that Black is one move closer to castling himself, and as I think you will see from the analysis of the following game Black should have no real problems.

## Kretchetov, $\mathbf{A}$ (2335) - Lakdawala, C (2435)

 [A37]ch-SCCF Costa Mesa USA (9), 27.07.2003
1 Nf3 c5 2 c4 Nc6 3 Nc3 g6 4 g3 Bg75 Bg2 e6 60-0 Nge 77 d4!?


The pawn sacrifice delayed! Normally White prefers 7 d 3 here, although the position is level.
7...Nxd4 8 Nxd4 cxd4 9 Nb5


So, the position is similar to the position after 6 d $4!$ ? except that Black can now castle, and as White has already castled he doesn't have to worry about checks from a queen on a5.
9...Nf5

This seems the most obvious, covering both d 4 and d6.
Otherwise:
9...d5 10 cxd5 Nxd5 11 Bxd5!? exd5
(11...Qxd5?? $12 \mathrm{Nc} 7+$ ) 12 Nxd 4 ( 12 Bf 4 ?! 0-0 13 Nc 7 Bh 3 ) $12 \ldots 0-013 \mathrm{Be} 3$ as in Jussu-pow,A-Cordes,H/Graz 1978, when 13...Bh3 must offer Black good play.
$9 . .0-0$ is also playable, 10 Nxd 4 d 511 cxd 5 Nxd5 (completely symmetric!) 12 e4 Nb6 13 Nb5 (13 Be3?! Nc4) 13...Qxd1 14 Rxd1 Bd7 15 Nd6 Bc6 with good chances, i.e. 16 f 4 ?! Rfd8 17 e5 Bxg 218 Kxg 2 Nc 4 ! the knight is pinned, 19 Rd4? Nxe5! winning quickly, Bergmann,TAngantysson,H/Reykjavik 1984. 10 g 4 The critical reply, attempting to chase the knight from its post, although $10 \mathrm{e} 4!?$ is also possible, 10...dxe3 11 Bxe3 0-0 (11...Nxe3?! $12 \mathrm{Nd} 6+\mathrm{Ke} 713 f x e 3$ with an attack) 12 Bxa7 Bxb2 13 Rb1 Bf6 14 c5 Qa5 15 Bb6 Qxa2 16 Be4 White has some compensation, Fiorito,FZarnicki,P/Boca 1997. 10...Nh4!?
Obvious, but new, and probably not best, as
10...a6! is critical, 11 Qa4 (11 gxf5?! axb5 12 fxe6 fxe6 $13 \mathrm{cxb} 50-0$ leaves White with the weaker kingside, Lim,J-
Nickoloff,B/Thessaloniki 1988) 11...Rb8!
(11...Nh4!? 12 Nd6+Kf8 13 Nxc8 Qxc8 14 $Q b 4+K g 815 B x b 7 Q b 8$ pinning the bishop, with reasonable chances because of the weakness on g4, Steiner-Tukmakov, V/Orel 1966, the first game in this line) 12 gxf5 axb5 13 cxb5 (13 $Q x b 5!?) 13 \ldots$...d5! 14 fxe6 fxe6 15 e3 $0-016$ exd4 McDonald,N-Predojevic,B/Budapest HUN 2003, which is quite unclear, although the lack of a white g-pawn is again a problem.

## 11 Nd6+ Kf8 12 b3!?

White plans to bolster the knight by Ba 3 .

12...Nxg2 13 Kxg2 Qh4 14 h3

The problem for Black is how to evict the powerful knight on d6, and then develop his queenside. 14...h5?
This leaves the black queen without a retreat, better to play 14 ...f5 15 g 5


Forced but good.
15...d3

Else White would simply win the queen by playing f 4 , and then $\mathrm{Bd} 2-\mathrm{e} 1$.

## 16 Be3!

White keeps the black queen trapped.
16...Be5
16...dxe2 17 Qxe2 Bxal 18 Rxal and how can Black stop Rd1-d4?

## 17 Qxd3 Bf4

17...Bxal 18 Rxal is no help, 18...b6 19 f 4 and again Qe4 followed by Bf2 is winning.
18 Bxf4 Qxf4 19 Qg3!

19...Qxg3+ 20 fxg3
$19 . . . \mathbf{Q x g}^{3}+20$ ixg
Black has managed to extract his queen, but at too great a positional cost as the knight paralyses the black position.
20...Rh721 e4 b6 22 e5 1-0


The black position is hopeless, he can do nothing against the doubling of rooks on the $f$-file.

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