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Wellington Easter Tournament 2006 (holding
his trophy).*

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NZ Chess

Wellington Open

by Alan Aldridge

Dive Takes Wellington Open Again

IM Russell Dive and fellow NZ team member Roger Nokes have been familiar faces at the Wellington Open since it was upgraded to Grand Prix class one event three years ago; their regular return no doubt encouraged by sharing the title for the previous two years. However this year Roger Nokes' challenge faded while Russell Dive put in an impressive performance scoring 5.5/6 to take the title on

was available to tournament organisers in New Zealand compared to France, where as an organiser he is able to access thousands of euros through local government funding. While Russell Dive and Roger Nokes were the favourites, strong challenges were expected from the determined and tough campaigner Bob Smith and Wellington's Nic Croad. Nic has often come close in big tournaments and is always challenging for a top placing. The other



Russell Dive playing Bob Smith in the deciding match

his own.

The tournament attracted a well balanced field of 35 players, equaling the 2005 entry and is consolidating its position as the first important tournament after Congress. The organisers were pleased with strong contingents of visitors from Auckland and Christchurch. Genisis Portini's friendly face added east coast flavour and Monsieur R Bessat visiting from France provided an international touch. Bessat expressed himself shocked at what little funding

main contender was former NZ Champion Scott Wastney. Scott's form was unknown as he hadn't recently been playing competitively. Russell Dive's outright victory was well deserved after victories over third placed Bob Smith, former titleholder Roger Nokes in an entertaining game, and drawing with runner up Nic Croad. Nokes had a disappointing last round losing to Wellington's Martin Sims and finished down the field.

In the B grade Bill Forster, a former NZ Major

Open Champion, the unpredictable Michael Nyberg and Fuatai Fuatai from Auckland were likely contenders. Fuatai was an unknown quantity to the Wellington players who assumed with the typical Wellington Chess Club attitude, i.e. who is the best in the land, we are! that one of their number would naturally win the grade. (And the other grades too) But Fuatai surprised the locals by taking points against Forster and Nyberg and with a draw against Daniel Baider did enough to secure the B grade title. Fuatai not only confounded the Wellington players with his strong showing over the board, he also sowed seeds of chaos by cunningly having interchangeable first and last names. Confused tournament director Mark van der Hoorn wanted to 'assign' Fuatai a new first name, which, had it happened, Fuatai could have taken back to Auckland along with his trophy.

The C Grade was a competition between young players like Bobby Cheng and Tudor Chifu, and experienced old hands including Bruce Kay and Genisis Portini. As often happens, and to the annoyance of older players who see their rating points and grade prizes disappear down the gullets of youngsters sweeping past, an up and coming player won. Bobby Cheng finished impressively with 4 points and 12th placing overall. On the way he defeated solid players David Capper and Bruce Kay and shows considerable promise.

Games Section

Russell Dive – Roger Nokes

Notes by Quentin Johnson

1.c4 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 O-O 6.O-O d6 7.b3

A less forceful alternative to Nc3 in the Classical Dutch defence. White temporarily relinquishes control of e4 aiming to restrain Black's thematic e5 break before expanding in the centre himself.

7...a5 8.Bb2 Ne4 9.Nbd2 Nxd2 10.Qxd2 Nd7 11.a3 Nf6 12.e3 Qe8 13.Ne1!

Development completed White manoeuvres this knight to d3 from where it threatens Nf4 and eyes the e5 and b4 squares. At the same time

the bishop and f pawn are unmasked to gain control of e4.
13...Bd7 14.Nd3 Bc6 15.f3 Qf7 16.e4! Bd8 Black's plan to gain control of e4 has not worked since 16...fxe4? fails due to the pin along the f file. His position is cramped so he adopts a waiting policy, planning to meet further White expansion with a timely counter thrust that may show white to have over-extended.

17.Rad1 Ne8 18.b4 Ba4 19.Rde1 b5? Blacks previous two moves have merely served to push White's rook to a better square and take the bishop out of play. Now White opens up the centre to punish its absence from the long diagonal.

20.exf5 Qxf5 21.f4 Rb8 22.bxa5 bxc4 23.a6 Qxd3

Black sees that White's combination to promote his a6 pawn will cost him a rook but that grabbing this piece and the threat of his d pawn promotion will get it back. However the resulting ending is a relatively simple win for an IM of Dive's strength. Instead 26...c6 blocking the long diagonal and preserving queens was a better try.

24.Qxd3 cxd3 25.a7 Rc8 26.Bb7 d2 27.Rd1 Also possible was regaining the queen for knight and rook with the tricky 27.Re2!? d1=Q 28.Rxd1 Bxd1 29.Bxc8 Bxe2 30.Bxe6+ Kb8 31.a8=Q followed by pushing the a pawn.

27...Bxd1 28.Rxd1 c6 29.Bxc8 Nc7 30.Bxe6+! That this pawn could not be preserved seals Black's fate. The extra pawn plus two bishops win easily.
30...Kh8 31.Bd7 Na8 32.Bxc6 Bb6 33.Rxd2 Bxa7 34.Kg2 Nb6 35.Rc2 Rc8 36.Kf3 d5 37.Ke2 h6 38.Kd3 Rc7 39.a4 Re7 40.Ba3 Re1 41.Bc5 Nc4
Last try. Threatening 42...Re3 mate
42.Bxd5 Bxc5 43.Kxc4 Bd6 44.a5 Ra1 45.Kb5 Resigns
The a pawn will cost black a piece 1-0

Another exciting top board encounter from round three, Bob had good chances but Russell's cool head in time trouble saw him impressively repel Bob's attack and decisively take the

initiative.

Russell Dive – Bob Smith

1.c4 b6 2.d4 e6 3.e4 Bb7 4.Qc2 Qh4 5.d5 Nf6
6.Bd3 Na6 7.g3 Qh5 8.a3 Nc5 9.Nc3 Bd6
10.h4 Nxd3+
11.Qxd3 O-O 12.Nge2 Rfe8 13.f3 exd5
14.cxd5 Ba6 15.Qxa6 Qxf3
16.Rf1 Bxg3+ 17.Nxg3 Qxg3+ 18.Kd1 Nxe4
19.Qc4 Nd6 20.Qd4 c5
21.Qf4 Qd3+ 22.Bd2 Nc4 23.Rf3 Qd4(=)
24.Kc2 Nxd2 25.Qxd2 Qxh4
26.Raf1 f6 27.Qg2 Kh8 28.Rh3 Qc4 29.Rfh1
h6 30.Rxh6 Kg8
31.Rh7 g5 32.Rxd7 Re3 33.Qd2 Rxc3+
34.Qxc3 Qe4+ 35.Kb3 Qxh1
36.Ka2 Qf1 37.Qc2 Kf8 38.Qh2 Qc4+ 39.b3
Qh4 40.Qd6+ Resigns 1-0

Daniel Baider showed no signs of being over-
awed by the top seeds. In this encounter he
unhesitatingly grabbed Nokes' gambit pawn
and looked comfortable for a long time. How-
ever in the end his experienced opponent made
the most of his practical chances and pre-

ailed.

Roger Nokes – Daniel Baider

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4 cxb4 5.a3 Nc6
6.axb4 Bxb4 7.c3 Ba5 8.d4 Nge7 9.Bd3 Bd7
10.O-O h6
11.Ba3 O-O 12.Bc2 f6 13.exf6 Rxf6 14.Qd3
Ng6 15.h4 Bc7
16.g3 Be8 17.Nbd2 Bd6 18.Bb2 Nf8 19.Qe3
Bg6 20.Bd1 Qc7
21.Nh2 Re8 22.Ng4 Rf7 23.c4 Qc8 24.c5 Bb8
25.Ne5 Nxe5
26.dxe5 Nd7 27.Ba4 Rd8 28.Rfc1 Nf8 29.Bd4
Rc7 30.Nf3 Nd7
31.Ne1 a6 32.Rc3 Ba7 33.Rac1 Nb8 34.Ng2
Nc6 35.Bxc6 Rxc6
36.Nf4 Bf5 37.f3 Rd7 38.g4 Bh7 39.Kh2 Rdc7
40.Ne2 Qf8
41.f4 Qe7 42.Qf2 Rc8 43.h5 a5 44.Kh3 a4
45.Ng3 a3
46.f5 exf5 47.gxf5 a2 48.Qxa2 Qf7 49.Qf2
Bb8 50.Qf3 Rf8
51.Rf1 Qd7 52.Qg4 Qe7 53.Re3 Qg5 54.Qxg5
hxg5 55.Kg4 Ba7

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Wellington Open Cross Table

1	RJ DIVE	WE	W28	W18	W3	W5	W13	D2	5½	
2	N CROAD	WE	W19	D15	W7	W6	D5	D1	4½	23½
3	RW SMITH	WT	W32	W20	L1	W10	W18	D5	4½	21
4	MT SIMS	WE	L16	W33	W19	W31	D9	W13	4½	17
5	SC WASTNEY	WE	W24	W9	W16	L1	D2	D3	4	24
6	F FUATAI	NS	W31	D8	W11	L2	D17	W18	4	20½
7	G MARNER	WE	W26	W14	L2	D20	D10	W17	4	20
8	D BAIDER	WE	W30	D6	W15	L13	W16	D9	4	19½
9	LR JACKSON	WE	W23	L5	W26	W22	D4	D8	4	19½
10	R BESSAT	bye	W11	D13	L3	D7	W15		4	19
11	BF NIJMAN	WE	W27	L10	L6	W29	W26	W19	4	17
12	B CHENG	HA	L14	W27	L17	W32	W21	W22	4	15½
13	RI NOKES	CA	W21	W17	D10	W8	L1	L4	3½	24
14	M NYBERG	WE	W12	L7	L31	D15	W33	W28	3½	16½
15	E LEE	W25	D2	L8	D14	W20	L10		3	21½
16	DM STRACY	WE	W4	W22	L5	D17	L8	D20	3	21
17	W FORSTER	WE	W29	L13	W12	D16	D6	L7	3	20½
18	I SELLEN	WE	W34	L1	W21	W23	L3	L6	3	20½
19	JM DAVIS	GA	L2	W25	L4	W27	W23	L11	3	20
20	AL ALDRIDGE	WE	W35	L3	W29	D7	L15	D16	3	17½
21	DS CAPPER	WE	L13	W30	L18	W25	L12	W26	3	17
22	J COATES	D33	L16	W24	L9	W29	L12		2½	17
23	T CHIFU	WE	L9	W24	W28	L18	L19	D27	2½	16½
24	GW POTINI	EK	L5	L23	L22	D30	W34	W32	2½	13½
25	D SMITH	WT	L15	L19	bye	L21	D32	W33	2½	12
26	S FITZGERALD	EK	L7	W35	L9	W28	L11	L21	2	18
27	JB KAY	WE	L11	L12	W35	L19	D30	D23	2	16½
28	PC KING	WE	L1	W34	L23	L26	W35	L14	2	15½
29	M KING	PN	L17	W32	L20	L11	L22	W34	2	15
30	LB FARRINGTON	WE	L8	L21	L34	D24	D27	W35	2	13½
31	D BURGESS	L6	bye	W14	L4	-	-		2	12
32	VJ SMITH	WT	L3	L29	W33	L12	D25	L24	1½	17
33	A OLSSSEN	WE	D22	L4	L32	W34	L14	L25	1½	15½
34	R SEABROOK	KP	L18	L28	W30	L33	L24	L29	1	13
35	PM HARNETT	WE	L20	L26	L27	bye	L28	L30	1	11

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56.Rc3 Rfc8 57.Rfc1 Ra6 58.Kxg5 Ra4
59.Rd1 Ra5 60.Rb1 Rc7
61.e6 Ra4 62.Be5 Rxc5 63.Rxb7 Rxc3
64.Rxg7+ Kf8 65.Bxc3 d4 66.Rxa7 Rxa7
67.Bxd4 Ra5 68.Kf6 Rd5 69.Be5 Rb5 70.Ne4
Rb6 71.Nd6 Rb8 72.e7+ Kg8 73.e8=Q+ Rxc8
74.Nxe8 Resigns 1-0

Finally we see an old dog making sure the
new young gun didn't get things all his own
way.

Bill Forster - Bobby Cheng

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.b3 Nc6 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.e5
Nd5
6.Bb5 Nce7 7.O-O a6 8.Bd3 b5 9.Be4 Bb7
10.Re1 Rb8
11.d4 cxd4 12.Qxd4 Nc6 13.Qd2 Nb6 14.Nc3
d6 15.exd6 Bxd6
16.Rad1 Bc7 17.Qe3 Qe7 18.Ne2 O-O
19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Qc3 f6
21.Qxc6 Rfc8 22.Qe4 Rd8 23.Ned4 e5 24.Nc6
Resigns 1-0

First 25' + 5" Rapid

by Caleb Wright

The first

Saturday 18 February 2006. Thirty-Two players and an arbiter in Mt. Maunganui made New Zealand Rapid Chess history by involving themselves in the first 25' + 5" rapid chess tournament in New Zealand. There were six rounds and at each game, each player started with 25 minutes with 5 seconds added to their remaining time from move one.

There was \$700 total prize money, 'B' group spot prizes and this was the first Grand Prix event for 2006.

The field

The thirty-two players were broken up into two groups in the most practical and logical way where there was a large rating gap about half way down the player list and saw sixteen players in the 'A' group (containing 6 players over rapid 2000) and sixteen in the 'B' group.

The rounds – A group

Someone was going to be NZ's first 25' + 5" rapid winner. The excitement started after round four when round five saw the leader M. Steadman on 4 wins out of 4 games lose a trapped queen and the game to R. Smith on 3 (two wins, two draws). Thus the final round was now more important.

Going into the final round saw M. Steadman on 4 win against J. Browne on 3 while R. Smith on 4 drew with N. Goodhue on 3½. The new time control was critical in many games.

Final scores: 1st M. Steadman (5/6), 2nd – 3rd R. Smith (only player not to lose a game), and P. Garbett (4½/6), 4th–5th local C. Wright, N. Goodhue (4/6).....total 16 players.

The rounds – B group

Michael Cowen looked almost unstoppable by winning five games until the final round which saw him lose to S. Maroroa. Last round contender Alan Linn could only draw against N. Cruden to take second place. The new time control was also important (but to

a lesser extent in this section).

Final scores: 1st M. Cowen (5/6), 2nd A. Linn (4½/6), 3rd – 5th M. Krstev, S. Maroroa, N. Cruden.....total 16 players.

Logistics

The tournament rounds were each scheduled for one hour, a half hour break between rounds and one hour for lunch. As in other countries most games finished in a much shorter time than the old guillotine 30mins each, (perhaps this was because player/s do not have the temptation to play on and try and draw and/or win by 'unusual means') and the few games that went right to the end of scheduled time were exciting and instructive but most of all satisfying. The time control saw good chess, and much happier game conclusions. There was a lack of 'bad blood' as games were predictably played out to a proper conclusion or else concluded earlier, rather than distorted.

Conclusion

The tournament was a good success. There was excellent time control, no disputes and nice weather. No doubt the location was great as for some players the beach was only 25 seconds drive plus 5 seconds a km away. Thanks to Arbiter Hilton Bennett for his work (albeit light work with this time control).

Many thanks must be given to all the clubs and players who helped make New Zealand Rapid Chess history in various ways. Special mention must go to the Hamilton chess club and Generation Developments Ltd who supplied the 'B' group spot prizes.

Everything appeared to go like clockwork and players seemed relaxed and enjoying the games and many players making it known they loved the time control.

I intend to organise another rapid tournament in Mt. Maunganui for February 2007. The time control will of course be 25' + 5". Hope to see you there! - Caleb Wright.

MT Maunganui RSA "25 plus 5" Rapid 2006

A GRADE

No	Name	Rtg	Club	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Score
1	Mike Steadman	2018	AC	13:W	7:W	5:W	3:W	2:L	6:W	5
3	Paul Garbett	2347	NS	15:W	12:W	2:D	1:L	4:W	8:W	4.5
2	Robert Smith	2267	WT	14:W	6:W	3:D	12:D	1:W	5:D	4.5
5	Nathan Goodhue	1980		4:D	16:W	1:L	7:W	12:W	2:D	4
4	Caleb Wright	1685	MM	5:D	9:W	7:D	13:W	3:L	12:W	4
7	Antonio Krstev	2099	NS	10:W	1:L	4:D	5:L	16:W	9:D	3
8	Matthew Mcnabb	2099	AC	6:L	10:W	13:L	9:W	15:W	3:L	3
10	Helmut Marko	1745	MM	7:L	8:L	15:W	14:W	6:L	13:W	3
6	Jeremy Browne	1725	HA	8:W	2:L	12:L	11:W	10:W	1:L	3
11	Don Eade	1724	AC	12:L	14:W	9:L	6:L	13:W	16:W	3
9	Jay Huang	1650		16:D	4:L	11:W	8:L	14:W	7:D	3
12	Bert Van Der Lee	2086		11:W	3:L	6:W	2:D	5:L	4:L	2.5
14	Paul Spiller	1801	HP	2:L	11:L	16:W	10:L	9:L	15:W	2
13	Vivian Smith	1718	WT	1:L	15:W	8:W	4:L	11:L	10:L	2
15	William Lynn	1837	HA	3:L	13:L	10:L	16:W	8:L	14:L	1
16	Robert Gibbons	1949	GA	9:D	5:L	14:L	15:L	7:L	11:L	0.5

B GRADE

No	Name	Rtg	Club	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5	Rnd 6	Score
1	Michael Cowen	1422	AC	14:W	12:W	5:W	2:W	3:W	4:L	5
2	Alan Lin	1500	HA	10:W	6:W	3:W	1:L	4:W	5:D	4.5
3	Mario Krstev	1507	NS	11:W	9:W	2:L	8:W	1:L	10:W	4
5	Neil Cruden	1409	GA	16:W	8:D	1:L	12:W	6:W	2:D	4
4	Sue Maroroa	1372	HP	8:L	16:W	13:W	9:W	2:L	1:W	4
7	Vaughan Collingwood	1478	MM	12:L	14:W	8:D	6:L	9:W	13:W	3.5
6	Devon Smith	1382	WT	15:W	2:L	12:D	7:W	5:L	11:W	3.5
8	Jim Cater	1544	PT	4:W	5:D	7:D	3:L	10:L	15:W	3
9	Ron Collingwood	1389	MM	13:W	3:L	10:W	4:L	7:L	14:W	3
11	Toa Faulkner	1335	MM	3:L	13:L	16:W	15:W	14:W	6:L	3
10	Thomas Gothorp	1320	MM	2:L	15:W	9:L	13:W	8:W	3:L	3
12	Oscar Lynn	1184	HA	7:W	1:L	6:D	5:L	13:L	16:W	2.5
14	John Mcrae	1173	PT	1:L	7:L	15:W	16:W	11:L	9:L	2
13	Harry Redwood	949	MM	9:L	11:W	4:L	10:L	12:W	7:L	2
15	Paul Van Hutten	841	MM	6:L	10:L	14:L	11:L	16:W	8:L	1
16	Malcolm Macdonald	1144	MM	5:L	4:L	11:L	14:L	15:L	12:L	0

Otago Club Championship 2005

by *Quentin Johnson*

In a convincing performance, Richard Sutton retained his title with a game in hand, conceding only one draw to Tony Dowden on his way to 8½/9 in last year's FIDE-rated A-grade championship. Dowden (in his last club tournament before taking a job at the University of Tasmania) provided the only real challenge, his solid performance suffering slightly due to a final loss to Quentin Johnson. This allowed Johnson to join him in 2nd place on 7/9, while a very creditable 4th was earned by junior Andrew Stone, finishing on 5/9.

Terry Duffield's 6/6 in the first leg of the B grade proved too good to be caught in the second - the combined scores leaving Duffield on 10/12 for 1st and B-grade champion for 2005, followed by Sandy Chandra on 9/12 in 2nd and Craig Bourne and David Reid on 7/12 in 3rd= place.

Sutton – Watts

(Otago Club Championship 2005)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f4 0-0 6 Nf3 Na6 7 Be2 c5 8 d5 e6 9 0-0 Re8 10 dxe6 Bxe6 11 Re1 Qb6 12 h3 Rad8 13 Bf1 Bd7!

Due to White's decision to exchange pawns on e6, a slower, more manoeuvring battle has arisen than is usual for this opening. White plays to consolidate his spatial plus and central control, while Black repositions his pieces to attack the white centre.

14 a3 Bc6 15 Qc2 Nc7 16 Kh2 —

With the black knight heading via e6 to d4, White might be better prepared after 16 Bd2!? with the idea of Ne6, 17 Nd5 Bxd5 and either A) 18 cxd5 Nd4, 19 Nxd4 cxd4, 20 Qd3 Rc8 (20 — Qxb2?, 21 Reb1) 21 b4, or B) 18 exd5 Nd4, 19 Nxd4 cxd4, 20 Bd3 with an unclear position.

16 — Ne6 17 Nd5 Bxd5 18 cxd5 Nf8?

This retreat hands White the advantage. 18 — Nd4! was necessary, when if 19 Nxd4 cxd4, 20 Bd2 Rc8, 21 Qb1 Qb3, 22 Bd3 Nd7 the control of the c-file and the passed d-pawn will provide Black with good play.

19 Bd2 a6 20 a4 Rc8 21 Bc3 Qc7 22 Bc4 N8d7 23 a5 Nh5 24 g3 Bxc3 25 Qxc3 Ng7 26 b3! —

Black is powerless to prevent the coming e5 advance, so White quietly shores up the rest of his position before proceeding.

26 — Re7 27 Rad1 Rce8 28 e5 Nf5?!

Stiffer resistance could have been put up by 28 — h6 preventing the incursion Ng5 by White. This now decides the game quickly.

29 e6! Nf8 30 Ng5 Nh6 31 Ne4 fxe6 32 Nf6+ Kf7 33 dxe6+ Nxe6 34 Rxe6 Rxe6 35 Nxe8 Kxe8 36 Bxe6 1-0

Johnson – Watts

(Otago Club Championship 2005)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 e5 7 Qd2 Nc6 8 Nge2 a6 9 d5 Ne7 10 g4 b5 11 Ng3 c6 12 h4 bxc4 13 h5 cxd5 14 Bh6!? d4!? 15 Bxg7 dxc3?!

An imaginative conception but Black has sufficient defensive resources after the natural 15 — Kxg7!

16 Qh6 cxb2 17 Bxf6?! —

White continues in the same spirit but 17 Rb1! wins immediately. For example 17 — Qa5+, 18 Kf2 or 17 — Nc6, 18 Bxc4!

17 — bxa1=Q+ 18 Kf2 Nf5?

Black misses a golden chance. As will become clear in the game continuation, he has the subtle 18 — Qd4+!, 19 Kg2 Nf5!, which wins because his queen can check on d2.

19 Nxf5! Qxf6 20 hxg6 Qd4+ 21 Kg3! —

If 21 Kg2? Black has access to the finesse explained above. 21 — Qd2+!! forces 22 Qxd2 fxc6 when there is no mate and Black is winning. Black tries another approach but White rises to the occasion.

21 — Qg1+! 22 Rxc1! —

Not 22 Bg2? Qe1+!! when the h-file is blocked by the king or the rook is decoyed and the Bg2 is misplaced. Now all roads lead to mate.

22 — fxc6

An alternative is 22 — Qxc6, 23 Ne7+ Kh8, 24 Nxc6+ fxc6, 25 Qxf8#.

23 Bxc4+ Rf7

After 23 — Kh8, 24 Qxh7+!! soon mates.

24 g5! Qh8

Black chooses the most picturesque finish in the spirit of the rest of the game.

25 Ne7# 1-0

Watts – Southgate

(Otago Club Championship 2005)

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bf4 c5 4 e3 Bf5 5 c3 Qb6 6 Qb3 c4!? 7 Qxb6 axb6 8 Nbd2 Nbd7 9 Be2 e6 10 0-0 b5 11 a3 Nb6

White's last move prevented the desirable thrust b4 by Black, so he instead manoeuvres the knight to attack the backward pawn on b2. White in turn seeks to eliminate Black's light-squared bishop which awkwardly controls the square b1.

12 Ne5 Na4 13 g4 Bg6 14 Nxc6 hxg6 15 Rab1 Bxa3!

A courageous decision. Black gets 3 connected passed pawns for his bishop, but White's extra piece could easily be turned to account if they are successfully blockaded. Key to the result are several tactical ideas, including the awkward knight fork on the next move which cramps the white pieces.

16 bxa3 Nxc3 17 Rbe1 Rxa3 18 Bf3? —

Too slow. White needed to exchange the dangerous black knight and bring his dark-squared bishop to the defence by 18 Nb1! Nxe2+ (or 18 — Nxb1, 19 Rxb1 Ra5, 20 Bd6 Ne4, 21 Bb4 and the pawns are stopped), 19 Rxe2 Rb3, 20 f3! and White has chances of making his extra piece count. Now Black cuts it off from the

queenside and at the same time makes way for his other rook to join the action.

18 — Kd7! 19 Nb1 b4!!

A brilliant move — of the type computers still find hard to grasp. By giving up a further exchange, Black simply advances and improves the structure of his three connected passed pawns.

20 Nxa3 bxa3 21 Ra1 Ra8 22 Rfc1 Nfe4 23 Bd1 b5?!

Missing a tactical way to accelerate the pawns with 23 — Nxd1!, 24 Rxd1 Nc3, 25 Re1 (25 Rdc1? Ne2+) b5 when the b-pawn will descend like a hammer. The move played allows White to eject the annoying knight from c3 and bring the bishop to the defence.

25 fxe4 Nb2 26 exd5 exd5 27 Bg3 b4 28 Be1 Nd3 29 Bxb4! Nxc1!

It was time for White to start returning the extra material, and Black's reply ensures he gets a whole rook for his a and b pawns. 29 — Nxb4 was also good.

30 Rxc1 a2 31 Ra1 Rb8 32 Rxa2 Rxb4

If 32 Bc3 then Rb3 would have forced 33 Rxa2 anyway. Now Black, a pawn ahead, still has a winning position. But perhaps fazed by White's prolonged resistance and possibly satisfied with his efforts, he offered a draw which White accepted with alacrity. For White cannot activate his rook, since 33 Ra7+ Kd6!, 34 Rxf7? c3, 35 Rf1 c2 wins. In fact, White must play 33 Rc2 to prevent c3 and Rc4 by Black, after which Black can win by bringing the king up to support the advance of the c-pawn. ½-½

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Generous Support for New Zealand Chess

The NZ Chess Federation is delighted and grateful to have received two substantial donations recently, which will be of on-going benefit in the development of chess in this country.

Long-time Auckland player George Trundle has gifted \$10,000 to the Federation.

In consultation with George, NZCF Council has decided that each year up to 70 percent of the interest from the George Trundle Trust will be spent on a special project, with the remainder re-invested. Thus the capital will not be eroded.

Council, and I am sure all NZ chess players, thank George for his very generous support and wish him well in his continuing chess activities.

NZCF has also received a gift of \$20,000 from the estate of Wellington Chess Club Life Member David Steele.

Council extends its sympathy to David's family on his passing, and its gratitude for his generous bequest.

David stipulated that the funds should be used to support junior representatives

Council has resolved to expend interest from the David Steele Trust on the same basis as the George Trundle Trust i.e. no more than 70% of the interest will be spent each year.

Bob Smith

President, NZ Chess Federation

Below NZCF Wellington Councillor Ross Jackson provides a look at the life of David Steele, chess enthusiast, family man and successful businessman.

Obituary

by Ross Jackson

David Steele 24/09/1924 – 26/06/ 2005

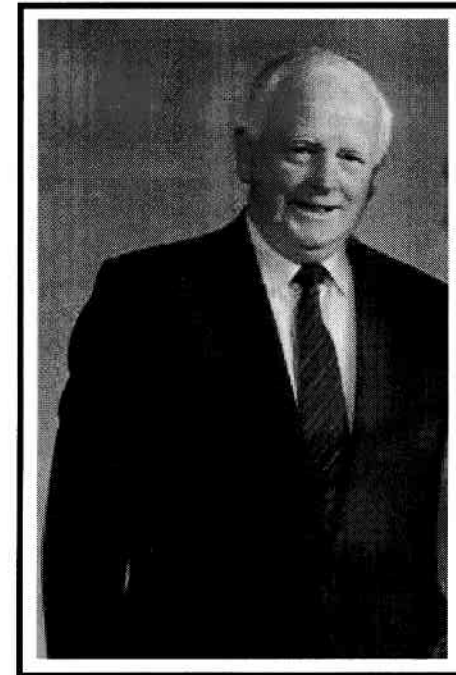
When chess players retire from participation in clubs or tournaments younger players may not be aware of their contributions to the game nationally. When I first became President of Wellington Chess Club (before the club's reunification with Civic club) I was informed that David Steele was one of the Wellington Club's Life Members. I forwarded to David, the NZ Chess magazines that the club provides its members. Some time later I received a phone call from him advising that he had himself forgotten that he was a Life Member as he had been out of club chess for nearly 50 years and did not require the magazine. It was only late last year when assisting the research for a biography being written about Bob Wade, New Zealand's first professional chess player, that I learnt David Steele's important involvement in our chess history. And it was in conversation and meeting with his widow Paddy that I came to know more about the extraordinary personality he was.

David Steele was born in Hawera in 1924. He was the 2nd of four boys – all talented at sport and music. His father died when David was 10 and a year later he acquired a bad stutter which would take much of his life to resolve. Perhaps this hindrance to communication contributed to his developing an interest in chess which he learnt at Wellington College in 1938. Certainly the game was an activity that became a passion – at school he even taught himself to read Russian to assist his analysis. He also befriended the older Bob Wade – the two boys often playing chess at David's home. Both were members of Wellington Chess Club and quickly became national forces to reckon with. David came third and then second in two major open events and finished in the prize list in the 1943-44 Wellington championship (his first) and was equal second/third with Wade in the 1945-46 New Zealand Chess Congress. But Wade was stronger and David Steele would later confide to his wife that he was secretly pleased he didn't win the championships as then he would have felt obliged to focus only on chess at the expense of his many other interests in sport and business. In addition to being a player he also served for some years as Associate Editor of the New Zealand Chess Player and as NZ correspondent to Chess World.

When I visited his home to collect his bequest of his chess library for the club I was impressed by the extent of his other reading matter. Here was evidence of an extraordinary intellect with an expansive range of interests. He had also been introduced to travel by his wife and the two had crossed the globe to many less commonly visited locations. His career was as an accountant and

businessman at which he excelled, and as a family man to two sons.

David's interest in chess had not in fact ended with his departure from club activity. He had his own subscription to the NZ Chess Magazine, analysed and played the games at home, and so



would be familiar with the achievements of all our current players. The Wellington club intends that this comprehensive collection of magazines be offered to the National library as a secure record of the history of New Zealand chess.

When Bob Wade returned to New Zealand for the recent Queenstown Classic he had wanted to visit his friend. Sadly this was not to be as terminal illness prevented the reunion. Ironically when David had attempted to visit Bob in England it had been on an occasion when Wade was away. In his will David Steele donated \$20,000 to establish a trust to benefit youth chess in New Zealand. This astonishingly generous bequest will be of enormous benefit in growing our sport. It is a wonderful legacy for which all New Zealand chess players are deeply grateful. Wellington Club also thanks Paddy, Brian and Graham for entrusting us his chess library which is already being avidly studied by the club's developing players.

Ross Jackson, President Wellington Chess Club.

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New Zealand News

Wanganui CC.

The 2006 summer handicap tournament is over, and from a field of 14, three players share first place and the River City Realty Cup.

They are Justin Davis, Martin Post and Mathew King who all finished on six points. There was a spread of only two points from first to last. Justin Davis: Undefeated with 5 wins and one upset draw. Handicap 0.5 points. Total points 6. Martin Post: The only player with a 100 percent score, 6 wins, Handicap zero points. Total points 6. Mathew King: 4 wins, 2 losses. 2 upset wins. Handicap 2 points. Total points 6.

There are always upsets in the handicap tournament, but not so many this year probably due to the smaller than usual field. Mathew King had two, against James Stewart and John Wilson, while Dilbagh Sangha beat Gordon Hoskyn. Draws count as mini-upsets. Top seed John McDonald was held to a draw by Justin Davis and reputation buster Dan Hurley took half a point off Dilbagh Sangha. The tournament was run in two divisions with scores combining for the overall result. Final standings: Justin Davis, Martin Post and Mathew King 6 pts; John McDonald 5.5 pts; James Stewart, Waata Hipango, Kelly Forrest and Dan Hurley 5 pts. Gordon Hoskyn, John Wilson, Dilbagh Sangha and Arnold Dines 4.5 pts. Bill Maddren and Jorge Garcia 4 pts.

Howick-Pakuranga CC

The Howick-Pakuranga Chess Club is about to launch one of its internal tournaments, The Fairhurst Pawn, into a Class 3 Grand Prix event with a \$300 prize fund. It will be opened up to members of other local clubs to bring more players into the club and give locals more competition and a chance to win Grand Prix points. The Howick club also held an Olympiad fund raising evening on April 18th with a superb lecture given by visiting Spanish Grandmaster, Julen Arizmendi. Julen, who speaks perfect English having spent many years in the USA, gave a one and a half hour lecture on the game Bacrot - Topalov from the

super GM Linares event in February. The club raised \$175 for the Olympiad appeal.

Auckland Chess Centre

2006 NZ IM Norm Tournament

The Auckland Chess Centre is sponsoring what is expected to be a yearly event, a 10 player IM Norm tournament. Confirmed entries for the 2006 field are:

Stephen Solomon	2409	IM
Peter Froehlich	2365	IM
Guy West	2359	IM
Tim Reilly	2293	FM
Stephen Lukey	2282	FM
Mike Steadman	2262	
Pu Chen Wang	2259	
Robert Smith	2254	FM
Nic Croad	2243	
Bruce Watson	2240	FM
	22966	
Average Rating	2296.6	

These ratings are as per the April FIDE list, average will change as the July list is what will be used for the event. The average rating will mean a 6.5 from 9 score is required for a player to achieve an IM norm. The average rating of players is important, as soon as the average of the field drops below 2285, an additional half point is required. A very tough field has been put together for this event, and some good chess will be required to achieve the score required.

The IM's invited to the event are on win bonus incentives, so there will not be any easy points going. The rules for holding an IM norm event require only 6 local players, this is the reason for the 4 Australian based players.

Coinciding with this event, the Auckland Chess Centre has agreed to run a Qualifying tournament for next year's IM event (2007). A second tier of 2200 FIDE down to high 2000 players are being invited to compete in a 10 player field, the winner will receive prize money, plus a place in next year's IM field, under the proviso that their FIDE rating is over

2200 on the April 2007 rating list. As explained above, the importance of keeping the average rating high has implications, 2200 is a minimum.

Currently the Auckland Chess Centre has 5 confirmed entrants for this Qualifying tournament; the organisers are currently canvassing other players to complete the field. If you are interested in playing in this event, please contact Mike Steadman steadmanm@hotmail.com. The dates and times for these two events are as follows:

23-Sep	Saturday	Meeting	1.30 pm
23-Sep	Saturday	Rd 1	2.00 pm
24-Sep	Sunday	Rd 2	2.00 pm
25-Sep	Monday	Rd 3	2.00 pm
26-Sep	Tuesday	Rd 4	2.00 pm
27-Sep	Wednesday	Rd 5	2.00 pm
28-Sep	Thursday	Rd 6	2.00 pm
29-Sep	Friday	Rd 7	2.00 pm
30-Sep	Saturday	Rd 8	2.00 pm
1-Oct	Sunday	Rd 9	2.00 pm

Time control 90 mins plus 60 secs per move

Following on from the successful Queenstown Classic, the 1 round per day format and extended incremental time is being used. The venue will be the Auckland Chess Centre, 17 Cromwell St, Mt Eden. All visitors welcome to come and watch the action.

Any donations any NZ players feel they can provide to this event would be gratefully accepted, NZ needs to have an annual IM norm event, and hopefully with some help the Auckland Chess Centre will be able to make this an annual event.

New Zealand Chess Federation Grand Prix Standings

as at May 8, 2006

Hamilton CC had a good turnout of 56 players for the St Pauls Junior Rapid (Class 3) on May 7. Top seed Gino Thornton was rated 300 points higher than his nearest rival and duly won the

event, although not without dropping a draw to Alan Lin.

Leading scores: G. Thornton (5.5/6) 1, M. Zhang, R. Dare, N. Fairley, D. Smith (5) 2-4, A. Chen, A. Lin (4.5) 5-6, E. Chen, B. Cheng, J. Kennedy, N. Guo, D. Shen, X. Li, J. Ruan, O. Lynn, K. Yun, C. Guo, A. van der Vyer (4) 7-18 ... 56 players.

Grand Prix Leaders:

The full list can be found at

<http://homepages.ihug.co.nz/~kulashko/Chess/grandprix.htm>

a site kindly maintained by Alexei Kulashko.

Open – R. Smith 22.5, R. Dive, P. Wang 20, P. Garbett 18.9, M. Steadman 15, P. Green, V. Small, A. Krstev, L. McLaren 8.4.

Under 2000 – H. Marko 24.75, C. Wright 21, M. Sims 20, D. Xu 15, N. Goodhue 13.5, P. Godfrey 12, F. Fuatai, D. Baider, R. Jackson, B. Nijman, B. Cheng 8.4.

Under 1700 – B. Cheng 20, J. Wu, M. Zhang, A. Chen 15.66, M. Cowen 15, A. Lin, D. Stracy, J. Davis, D. Capper 12, M. Krstev, N. Cruden 8.83.

Under 1400 – V. Collingwood 29.16, D. Smith 28.5, B. Cheng 20, J. Gan, L. Yang 15.66,

D. Burgess 12, T. Gothorp 10.08, A. Olssen 9, R. Collingwood, T. Faulkner 6.33.

Junior – G. Thornton 27, D. Smith 22, M. Zhang 21.16, P. Wang 20, D. Baider, B. Cheng 17.5, J. Wu, A. Chen 15.66, M. Krstev 15.5, A. Lin 15, D. Xu, S. Maroroa, T. Chifu 10.5

Senior – N. Cruden 35, D. Stracy, D. Capper 17.5, R. Collingwood 16.5, Peter Morten 15, K. Van den Bosch, B. Kay 12, J. Cater, T. Faulkner 9, G. Trundle 7.5.

Female – E. Chen 20, J. Meng, J. Li 13.5, J. Gao, N. Tsoi, L. Dare 5.

Under 14 & Under 1400 –

L. Yang 20, D. Shen 17.75, B. Cheng 13.25, A. Chen 12, B. Wu 10.5, C. Guo 4.75, X. Li, N. Guo, J. Ruan, J. Kennedy, A. van der Vyer 2.75.

Grand Prix events coming up:

Rapid Play Chess Tournament

July 9th, Paraparaumu, 6-round swiss, time control 30 minutes each. Other de-

tails will be on entry forms to be sent out. Contact: Roy Seabrook on (04)902-2416 (021)293-5190 royseabrook@paradise.net.nz

July 3 to 6, Auckland – NZ Junior Championship (Class 1), organised by Waitemata CC. Sponsored by Eduvac and Quality Student Diaries. 7-round swiss for players under 20 on 1/1/06. Time control 90 minutes each plus 30 seconds a move. Minimum prize-fund \$1850. Entry fee: \$40. Bob or Viv Smith Caissa@xtra.co.nz

July 7, Auckland – NZ Junior Rapid Championship (Class 1), organised by Waitemata CC. Sponsored by Eduvac and Quality Student Diaries. 6-round swiss for players under 20 on 1/1/06. Time control 25 minutes plus 5 seconds a move. Minimum prize-fund \$1450. Entry fee \$30 (\$25 if also playing in Junior Champs) Bob or Viv Smith Caissa@xtra.co.nz

July 10 to 15, Wellington – North Island Championship (Class 1), organised by Wellington CC. FIDE rated 8-round swiss. Time control 90 minutes each plus 30 seconds a

move. Minimum prize-fund \$1425. Entry fee \$75. Unwaged and Junior \$65. Contact Ross Jackson rosslin@paradise.net.nz

July 16, Wellington – North Island Rapid Championship (Class 3), organised by Wellington CC. 6-round swiss. Time control 25 minutes plus 5 seconds a move. Minimum prize-fund \$400. Entry fee \$25. Unwaged and Junior \$20. Contact Ross Jackson rosslin@paradise.net.nz

October 1 to 4, Ashburton – South Island Championship, organised by Ashburton CC. Class to be advised. 8 round swiss. Anticipated time control 90 minutes each plus 30 seconds

a move. Other details tba. Contact Alan Mulligan MULLIGANS@CLEAR.NET.NZ

October 5, Ashburton – South Island Rapid Championship, organised by Ashburton CC.

Class to be advised. 6 round swiss. Time control 25 minutes plus 5 seconds a move. Other details tba. Contact Alan Mulligan MULLIGANS@CLEAR.NET.NZ

2006 North Island Championships

Wellington, July 10-15

The North Island Championship will be a FIDE Rated NZCF Grand Prix Class 1 event and the North Island Rapid will be a NZCF Grand Prix Class 3 event.

The tournament will be held at Wellington College, located in Dufferin St opposite the Basin Reserve. The venue offers quiet surroundings and plenty of parking. It is within walking distance of the central city and a range of accommodation.

The FIDE Time Control will be used: 1 hour 30 minutes plus 30 seconds per move. The Rapid Tournament will be run at 25 minutes plus 5 seconds a move.

See www.wellington.chess.net.nz for full details and an entry form.

Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

Player Profile: David I. Bell.

David Ian Bell was born to Jocelyn and Ian Bell at Wellington on 7 March, 1959. Brother Peter arrived 18 months later. The family moved to Invercargill in 1960 and to Wanganui in 1963. They are still in Wanganui apart from Peter who has moved to Australia. David lives with son Andrew 16, who enjoys hockey and rowing. David attended Wanganui East Primary, Wanganui Intermediate and Wanganui Boys College schools, picking up a love of tennis and hockey along the way. He made the primary schools B reps and the college 2nd X1 at hockey. Sports played since school include tennis, hockey, darts and of course, chess. At hockey he played firstly for Hinemoa, then Rangers making the Wanganui senior B rep, team. His regular position was fullback but he has also played all other positions including goalie, but not centre forward. His preferred TV viewing: mysteries, who-dunits, CSI, Cold Case, One news and one day cricket. Music likes: Country, Queen and easy listening music. Music dislikes: Jazz and Rapp. Favourite food: Honeycomb pudding (Mums recipe). Favourite drink: Champagne. He has been employed as a process worker in heavy engineering for 18 years, then at a tannery for 8 years. For the past two years has worked night shift as a wool processor. He was taught to play chess at age of 10 by his father who enrolled him at the Wanganui Chess Club three years later. David has been a continuous member since, and received a 30 year merit award from the club in 2004. His first major tournament was the 1974 North Island at Wanganui and since then he has played in Congress and North Island tournaments at North Shore, Auckland, Hamilton, New Plymouth, Havelock North, Wanganui, Wainuiomata, Lincoln and Dunedin; recording 27 wins and 6 draws at Congress and 25 wins and 6 draws at North Island tournaments. Along the way he collected the worthy scalps

of Anthony Ker (now second to Ortvín Sarapu, with 9 championship wins), and Mark Hall and David Walker (both rated over 600 points higher). He also held Tony Dowden to a draw. A major highlight was winning a simul game against Lev Aptekar then the national chess coach and a former NZ Champion. David also drew with Jill Clementi 14, the Australian Girls Champion in a one on one game, and had a 104 move draw with Wanganui champion David Cooper. David has played the most interclub games for Wanganui, i.e. played 62, won 30, drawn 8 and lost 24 at 54.8 percent. Not so memorable was the 1994-95 Major Open at Wanganui, incidentally directed by David's father. David began splendidly with 3/3 and then 3.5/4 to head the field. Then disaster struck. An overnight fire gutted his workplace. Stressed by the prospect of not having a job to return to, his form deserted him. He blundered his Queen in each of the next two games to surrender his lead and drop back into the bunch. A correspondence player on and off for 25 years, his current rating is 1685 from 91 games. Placings have come his way with the most recent being runner-up in the reserve championship in 2004-05 to Craig Welsh, failing by only half a point to take the title. So salute David I. Bell a battler and achiever of high order.

D Bell - P King

NZCCA TT2 2002-2003

(notes by John McDonald)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Be4 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.e5 d5 6.exf6 dxc4 7.0-0 Be5 Now we have transposed to the Max Lange **8.Re1+ Be6** Another line for Black is 8ΔKf8 9.Bg5 gxf6 10.Bh6+ Kg8 11.Nc3! Bf8 12.Nxd4 Bxh6! 13.Nxc6 Qxd1 14.Ne7+ Kg7 15.Raxd1 Be6 16.Ned5 Bxd5 17.Nxd5 Rhe8 = Hard-ing/Botterill. **9.fxg7 Rg8 10.Ng5 Qd5 11.Nc3 Qf5 12.Nce4 0-0-0 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Bh6 Qd5 16.Qe2 e5 17.Qg4+ Kb8 18.Qf5 d3** Both sides have emerged from the

opening with dangerous passed pawns which need to be watched carefully throughout the game. **19.Rad1 Rge8 20.c3 Qa5 21.Bg5 Rc8 22.a3 Qb5 23.Rd2 Qd5 24.h4 Qg8** After her little excursion the queen sits passively in the back room **25.Bh6 Re6 26.Qh5 e4 27.Re3 Re5 28.Qg4 Rce8 29.f4 R5e6** Opening the file with 29Δexf3 looks better, but then White has 30.Rxe5 Nxe5 31.Qg3 and Bf4 **30.Qh5 Nd8 31.f5 Re5 32.Qg4 Nf7 33.Bf4 Rd5** Both Blacks and Whites pieces have been reduced to defense. But now White sees a positional sacrifice, taking advantage of Blacks awkward pieces. **34.Rxe4! Rxe4 35.Bxc7+ Kxc7 36.Qxe4 Rd7 37.Qxc4+ Kb8 38.f6** And now its just a matter of time **38ΔQe8 39.Kf1 b6 40.Qf4+ Kb7 41.Qg3 Qg8 42.Rxd3 Rxd3 43.Qxd3 Nh6 44.c4 Qb8 45.Qf3+ 1-0**

D Bell - G Lovelock

NZCCA Reserve Championship 2004-2005

(notes by John McDonald)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 e5 In a Sicilian Dragon it is more usual to play 6ΔBg7 and keep the a1-h8 diagonal clear for the big piece on g7. **7.Nb3 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Bg5 Nc6 10.0-0 h6 11.Be3 Be6 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.f3 Qc7 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Ne7 16.c4 Nf5** After a shaky start white has achieved a King's Indian like set-up with a space advantage. So, another idea for Black would have been 16ΔNd7, f5, Rae8 for play in the centre and f-file. Meanwhile, White will try to play down the c-file. **17.Bf2 Rfe8 18.g4 Ne7 19.Rac1 b6 20.Qc2 Rac8 21.Bd3 b5 22.cxb5 Qb7 23.Qe2 Nexd5 24.Na5 Qd7 25.Bg3 Nf4 26.Bxf4 exf4 27.Qf2 Re3 28.Rxc8 Qxc8 29.Qc2 1-0** adjudication. Black faces a bleak endgame with weak a and d pawns.

2005-2006 NZCCA Trophy Tourney Progress as at 8 May, 2006.

Play has ceased in the 2005-06 Trophy Tourneys. Director of Play Peter Voss reports a high

number of unfinished games, 20 in all. One has gone missing and 19 will go to adjudicator Michael Freeman for decision. Michael will be busy. It is understood that some games have a lot of play left, others are very complicated. In the 72nd Championship a battle royal is taking place. IA Bob Gibbons and IM Mark Noble still lead with 10/12 the same as the last issue. Since then Michael Whaley has won two games and is now on 6/7. 11 games have gone to adjudication.

POINTS: R.E.Gibbons and M.F.Noble 10/12, M.G.Whaley 6/7, H.P.Bennett 6/9, M.Wigbout 6/11, M.L.Dunwoody 5.5/10, P.B.Goffin 5/10, R.S.Mitchell 5/11, G.A.Hoskyn 4/12, P.A.R. Vetharaniam 3/7, J.A.McDonald 2.5/9, E.G.A.Frost 2.5/12, B.W.Millar 1.5/12. LATEST RESULTS: WHALEY beat Mitchell, Frost. BENNETT drew Mitchell. WIGBOUT beat Mitchell. DREW VETHARANIAM. DUNWOODY drew Mitchell. In the Reserve Championship Peter Voss has a picket fence to date with 8/8. Bevan Edwards is a threat with 4.5/5. Eight games have gone to adjudication. POINTS: P.J.Voss 8/8, C.Welsh 5/7, B.J.Edwards 4.5/5, G.D.Putt 4.5/8, S.A.Holdaway 4/7, K.G.Reed 3/6, D.I.Bell 2/6, D.E.Dolejs and G.H.Mills 2/8, W.Anderson 1/9. LATEST RESULTS: EDWARDS beat Dolejs. PUTT beat Dolejs. HOLDAWAY beat Dolejs. REED beat Welsh. DOLEJS beat Reed. TT 2: Despite having one game going missing long-time player John Atkinson has accumulated enough points to take out TT2. The event was disrupted by two strong players dropping off the radar screen. POINTS: J.W.H.Atkinson 9/9, C.Bastion and A.C.Winship 5/10, T.Coady 4.5/10, J.P.Stewart 3.5/10, S.R.Chowdhury 3/10. LATEST RESULTS: ATKINSON beat Stewart (2), Winship (1). BASTION beat Winship (2), Stewart (1). WINSHIP beat Stewart (2), Chowdhury (1). COADY beat Winship (2). CHOWDHURY beat Coady (2), Stewart (1).

**South Island Championship
Ashburton - October 1 to 4**

World News

by John McDonald

Corus - Wijk aan Zee 2006

In the 13th and final round Anand had a tremendous win against Gelfand to tie 1st with Topalov in the A-group, and became the first to win the event five times. Since becoming FIDE World Champion in San Luis, Topalov remains extremely strong in his first win at Wijk. Both players blitzed the very strong lineup with a 5+ score. Alexander Motylev and Magnus Carlsen won the B-group with 9 points, Motylev winning on tiebreak. Both players were invited to next year's A-group.

Karjakin - Bacrot

Ruy Lopez
[C92] Rd 5

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.a4 h6 13.Bc2 exd4 14.cxd4 Nb4 15.Bb1 c5 16.d5 Nd7 17.Ra3 f5 18.Nh2 Nf6 19.Rf3 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Nbx d5 21.Ng4 Kh8 22.Bd2 Nxe4 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 24.Bxe4 Nc3 25.Bxc3 Bxe4 26.Rf4 Bg6 27.Nxb6 Qg5 28.Qf3 Qxb6 29.Bd2 Qxf4 30.Bxf4 Re8 31.axb5 axb5 32.Qc6 Kh7 33.Qxb5 d5 34.Qd7 d4 35.h4 Re4 36.Bg3 Be7 37.h5 Bxb5 37...Re1+ 38.Kh2 Bxb5 39.f3 Re2 40.b4! and if 40...cxb4 41.Qb5 wins. 38.f3 Re2 39.Kf1 Rxb2 40.Qxe7 Rb1+ 41.Kf2 1-0

Topalov - Aronian

Queen's Indian
[E15] Rd 10

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6 8.Bc3 d5 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 Nf6 13.e4 b5 14.exd5 exd5 15.Re1 Rb8 16.c5 Bc8 17.Nf3 Ne4 18.Rxe4! dxe4 19.Ne5 Qd5 20.Qe1 Bf5 21.g4 Bg6 22.f3 b4 22...Bxc5 is considered more critical, although White will still have an advantage. 23.fxe4 Qe6 24.Bb2 If 24.Bxb4 then 24...Bf6 and White loses his central pawn structure. 24...Bf6 25.Nxc6 Qxc6 26.e5 Qa6 27.exf6 Rfe8 28.Qf1 Qe2 29.Qf2 Qxg4 30.h3 Qg5 31.Bc1 Qh5 32.Bf4

Rbd8 33.c6 Be4 If 33...Re2 then 34.c7, and if 34...Rc8 or Rde8 then White has either Qf3 or Qg3 to give Black major problems. 34.c7 Rc8 35.Re1 Qg6 36.Rxe4! Rxe4 37.d5 Rce8 38.d6 Re1+ 39.Kh2 Qf5 40.Qg3 g6 41.Qg5 Qxg5 42.Bxg5 Rd1 43.Bc6 Re2+ 44.Kg3 1-0. After 44...Rd3+ then 45.Kf4

Topalov - Anand

Ruy Lopez
[C78] Rd 12

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.c3 0-0 9.d4 Bb6 10.axb5 axb5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Na3 Nxe5 13.h3 d6! N 14.Qe2 If 14.hxg4 Bxg4 and Black will have enough to disrupt White's kingside and give perpetual check. 14...Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Ne5 16.Qg3 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Nxb5 Rxf2 19.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 20.Qxf2 Rxb5 21.Qe2 Rb8 22.Bf4 Qf6 23.Rf1 1/2-1/2

Kamsky - Tiviakov

Scandinavian Def
[B01] Rd 13

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 a6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Be3 e5 12.d5 Na5 13.Qe2 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 b5 15.Qd3 Nxc4 16.0-0 Nf6 17.f4 exf4 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4+ Be7 20.Bd4 f5 21.Qf3 0-0-0 22.Bxg7 Rhg8 23.Bc3 b4 24.Be1 g5 25.Qd3 Rgf8 26.Bf2 Kb7 27.Rhe1 Bf6 28.Qf3 Rfe8 29.Rf1 Re4 30.Kb1 Qe5 31.Qb3 a5 32.c3 Qd6 33.a3 Ra8 34.axb4 axb4 35.Rfe1 Rae8 36.e4 Rxe1 37.Bxe1 Re2 38.Bxb4? Qb6 39.c5 Qb5 40.c6+ Kb8 41.d6 Rxb2+ 42.Qxb2 Bxb2 43.d7 Bf6 0-1

Anand - Gelfand

Sicilian
[B90] Rd 13

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Qd2 b5 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.Qf2 Nc4 12.Bxc4 bxc4 13.Na5 Qd7 If 13...Qxa5 then 14.Bb6 Qb4 15.a3. 14.Rd2 Be7 15.Rhd1 Rb8?! 16.Bc5!

Qc7 17.Rxd6! Qxa5 17...Bxd6 runs into 18.Bxd6 Qxa5 19.Qa7. 18.Rxe6 fxe6 19.Bxe7 Rb7 20.Bd6 Nd7 20...Kf7 21.f4 exf4 22.e5 and White wins. 21.Qh4 Qd8 22.Qh5+ g6 23.Qh6 Qf6 24.Ne2 K f7 25.h4! g5 25...Qg7 26.Qe3 Qf6 27.Rh1 Rc8 28.g4 Rc6 29.Ba3 with g5 and h5 to come. 26.hxg5 Qxb6 27.gxb6 Rg8 28.g4 Rg6 29.Rh1 Rb6 30.Ba3 Rf6 31.Rh3 Kg6 32.Kd2 Rf7 33.Ke3 Nf6 34.Nc3 Rd7 35.Rh1 Rc6 36.Na4?! Rb7 37.Nc3 Rb8

38.Nd1 Ng8 39.Rh5 Nxb6 40.Rxe5 Nf7 40...Rb5 41.Rxb5 axb5 42.Nc3 Rb6 43.Kd4. 41.Rh5 Rb5 42.Rh1 e5 43.Nc3 Rb7 44.Nd5 Re6 45.Bb4 Kg7 46.Rh2 Ng5 47.Bc3 Kg8 48.Rf2 Rf7 49.Rf1 Re8 50.Ke2 Ref8 51.Bxe5 Nxe4 52.Ke3 Nc5 53.f4 Re8 54.Kd4 Nd7 55.Re1 Re6 56.Re2?! Nxe5 56...Rg6 57.fxe5 Rg7 58.Nf6+ Kf7 59.Kxc4 Rg5 60.Kd4 Rb6 61.c4 Ke6 62.b3 Rb8 63.Re4 h6 64.Nd5 Rbg8 65.Nf4+ Ke7 66.e6 1-0

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1	Anand	IN	27	x	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1/2	0	1/2	9	28
2	Topalov	BU	28	1/2	x	0	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1	1	9	28
3	Adams	EN	27	1/2	1	x	1	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	7	27
4	Ivanchuk	U	27	0	1/2	0	x	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	7	27
5	Gelfand	IS	27	0	1/2	1	1/2	x	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	0	1	1	7	27
6	Karjakin	U	26	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	x	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	7	27
7	Tiviakov	NE	26	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	x	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1	1/2	1	6	27
8	Leko	H	27	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	x	1/2	0	1/2	1	1	1/2	6	27
9	Aronian	AR	27	1/2	0	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	x	0	1/2	1	1	1	6	27
10	van Wely	NE	26	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	x	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	6	26
11	Bacrot	FR	27	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	x	1/2	1	1/2	5	26
12	Mamedyarov	AZ	27	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	0	1/2	1/2	x	0	1/2	4	26
13	Kamsky	US	26	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	x	1/2	4	26
14	Sokolov	NE	26	1/2	0	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	x	4	25

Linares

Spain's prestigious Linares tournament, a total of 14 rounds, staged its first half in Morelia, Mexico, which Peter Leko led solidly. Scoring only 2.5/7 in the first half Topalov made a credible comeback, including handing Leko his first loss in the 13th round. Going into the last round on 7.5 points were: Topalov, Leko, Aronian and Radjabov. The 23 year old Levon Aronian from Armenia won the event by beating Leko, while Topalov and Radjabov tied for 2nd by drawing their games. Final scores: Aronian 8.5, Radjabov 8, Topalov 8, Leko 7.5, Ivanchuk 6.5, Svidler 6.5, Bacrot 6, Vallejo Pons 5.

Leko - Aronian

Ruy Lopez
[C88] Rd 14

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4 b4 9.d3 d6 10.a5 Be6 11.Nbd2 Qc8 12.Nc4 Rb8 13.Bg5 Kh8 14.h3 Ng8 15.c3 bxc3 16.bxc3 f5 17.Ba4 fxe4 18.Bxc6 exf3 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Bxf3 Ng6 21.Bg4 Nf4 22.Ra2 Qb7 23.Bf3 Qb3 24.Rc2 Nxd3 25.Qxd3 Qxc4 26.Qxc4 Bxc4 27.Bc6 Rb3 28.g3 g5 29.Re3 Ra3 30.Be4 Rxa5 31.g4 Bd5 32.f3 Bxe4 33.fxe4 Ra1+ 34.Kg2 Rff1 35.Ree2 Rg1+ 36.Kh2 Rh1+ 37.Kg3 Rag1+ 38.Rg2 Re1 39.Rgf2 Re3+ 40.Kg2 Rxb3 0-1.

July 7 - NZ Junior Rapid Championship - Auckland

Topalov – RadjabovKing's Indian
[E70] Rd 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 0-0
6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.h3 exd5 9.exd5 Nfd7
10.f4 f5 11.0-0 Na6 12.Be3 Nc7 13.Qd2 Re8
14.Bf2 Nf6 15.a3 a5 16.Bh4 Bd7 17.Kh1 Qe7
18.Rae1 Qf7 This regrouping also puts pressure
on d5, with the aid of ...a4 and ..b5. 19.a4 Na6
20.g4!? This dynamic sacrifice aiming for king-
side activity also gives Black counterchances.
20...Nb4 21.Bb1 fxc4 22.f5 Bxf5 23.Bxf5 gxf5
24.Rxf5 Qg6 25.Re1 Rf8 26.Ng3 Threatening
Rg5 and Nf5. 26...Nh5! 27.Ne4 Nxc3+
28.Nxc3 gxh3 29.b3 Rae8 30.Kh2 Rxf5
31.Rxf5 Re5 32.Qg5 Qxg5 33.Bxc5 Nc2
34.Bd8 Nd4 35.Rf4 Re3 36.Rg4 Kf7 37.Re4
Rxb3 0-1.

Leko – IvanchukRuy Lopez
[C88] Rd 4

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O
Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.a4 Bb7 9.d3 d6
10.Nbd2 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nf1 Bc8 13.c3 Bd7
14.Ne3 Qc7 15.axb5 axb5 16.b4 Nb7 17.Bd2
Nd8 18.Bb3 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 Re8 20.bxc5 Qxc5
21.Qa2 h6 22.h3 Ne6 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.Bxd5
Qc8 25.d4 Bf6 26.Qb3 Bc6 27.Qb4 exd4
28.cxd4 Bxd5 29.exd5 Ng5 30.Rxe8+ Qxe8
31.Bxc5 hxc5 32.Qxd6 Qe2 33.Qc5 Qc4
34.Qxc4 bxc4 35.Kf1 Kf8 36.d6 Ke8 37.Ne5
Bxe5 38.dxe5 Kd7 39.g3 1-0

Aronian - Vallejo Pons

Slav

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4
Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qxd4 If 6...Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Nf6
8.Nxf6+ Qxf6 9.0-0-0 0-0 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.Qe3
7.Bxb4 Qxe4+ 8.Be2 Na6 9.Bd6 e5?! The
main line is b6. 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.O-O O-O-O
12.Bd3 Qf4 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxd1
15.Bf5+ Kc7 16.Nxf7 Bh5 Better is 16...Nh6
17.Nxh6 Bh5 18.Bg4 Bxc4 19.Nxc4 Rd2.
17.Nxd8 Kxd8 18.g4 Nh6 19.Rad1+ Kc7
20.Rd7+ Kb6 21.Rxc7 Nxf5 22.gxf5 Rf8
23.Re1 Ne5? 23...Rxf5 24.Ree7 Bg6 25.Rxb7+
Kc5 26.b3 Nb4 27.Rxa7 Kd4 gives Black

chances. 24.b4! Nd3 25.Ree7 Nxb4 26.Rxb7+
Kc5 27.Rg5! If Be2 (or Bf7 28.f6+ Kxc4 29
Rg4+) 28.f6+ Kxc4 29.f7 wins. 27...Bf3 28.f6+
Kxc4 29.Rf5 Bd5 30.Rf4+ Kc3 31.Rbxb4
Bxa2 32.Ra4 Bf7 33.Rxa7 c5 34.f3 c4 35.Kf2
Kb3 36.Rb7+ 1-0 If 36...Kc3 37.Ke3 with
Re4-e7.

Ivanchuk - Vallejo Pons

QGD [D44]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5
dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.a4 c6 8.e5 h6 9.exf6 hxc4
10.fxc7 Rg8. 11.g3 Bb7 12.Bg2 c5 13.0-0 g4
14.Nh4 Bxc2 15.Nxc2 Rxc7 16.axb5! exd4
17.Ne4 f5 18.Nf4! Kf7? 19.Rc1! fxe4 20.Rxc4
Bc5!? 21.Rxc5 Nd7 22.Rh5 Nf6 23.Re5 Qd6?
24.Rxe6 1-0.

Women's World Championship

The 11th World Women's Championship was
held from 10-27 March 2006, in Ekaterinburg,
Russia. The knockout event had 64 participants,
with reigning world champion Antoaneta Stefa-
nova of Bulgaria defending her title. The final
match was between Alisa Galliamova of Russia
and Xu Yuhua of China. In the critical 3rd game
Galliamova seemed to be on the road to victory,
but near move 40 she started to slip and soon
Xu took control, winning the point, along with
the four-game match.

Galliamova,A (2467) - Xu Yuhua (2502)

[E13]

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 b6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qc2
Bb7 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 c5 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3
exd4 10.Nxd4 Ne4 11.Bxd8 Nxc3 12.Bc7 Na6
13.Bf4 Ne4 14.Nb5 g5 15.Be3 Ke7 16.Rd1 d5
17.f3 Nf6 18.Bd4 Rhd8 19.e3 Rd7 20.h4 Nc7
21.hxc5 hxc5 22.c5 a6 23.Nxc7 Rxc7 24.cxb6
Rc6 25.a4 Nd7 26.a5 Nc5 27.Bc3 Na4
28.Bb4+ Kf6 29.b3 Nc5 30.Rb1 Nd7 31.Be2
Rc2 32.Rh6+ Kg7 33.Rh5 Kf6 34.g3 Rac8
35.f4 gxf4 36.gxf4 Ra2 37.Rd1 Nc5 38.Bc3+
Ke7 39.f5 Ne4 40.Bb4+ Kf6 41.Bd3 Rg8.
42.Rh6+ Ke5 43.Rh1 Rg3 44.Bxe4 Rxc3+
45.Kf1 dxe4 46.fxc6 Kxc6 47.Rh6+ Kf5
48.Rd7 48.Rf3+ 49.Ke1 Rxb3 50.Bd2 e3
51.Bc1 Rb1 52.Rc7 Bf3 53.Rhc6 Bxc6

54.Rxc6 Raa1 55.Ke2 Rxa5 56.Bxe3 Rb2+
57.Kf3 Rb3 58.Rc7 Re5 0-1.

Amber Melody

Vishy Anand and Alexander Morozevich were
joint winners of the 15th Amber Blindfold and
Rapid Chess Tournament in Monaco. Anand
proved the best in the rapid competition with
8/11, not losing a single rapid game. Moro-
zevich's win in the blindfold was even more
stunning. The Russian scored a record 9.5 out
of 11. Overall combined scores: Morozevich
2721 14.5/22, Anand 2792 14.5, Vallejo 2650
12, Grischuk 2717 11.5, Topalov 2801 11, Leko
2740 11, Aronian 2752 10.5, Gelfand 2723
10.5, Van Wely 2647 10, Svidler 2765 9.5,
Ivanchuk 2729 9, Nielsen 2644 8.

Amber Blindfold 2006**Vallejo Pons – Morozevich**

King's Indian [E92]

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 d6 5. e4
O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. d5 a5 8. Bg5 h6
9. Bh4 Na6 10. Nd2 h5 11. Bg5 Qe8 12. O-O
Bd7 13. a3 a4 14. Nb5 Nh7 15. Be3
f5 16. exf5 gxf5 17. Bxb5 Qe7 18. f4 exf4 19.
Bxf4 Bxb2 20. Ra2 Be5 21. Qe2 Nf6
22. Bg6 Bxb5 23. Bxe5 Bd7 24. Nf3 dxe5 25.
Qxe5 Qc5+ 26. Nd4 Ng4 27. Qf4 Qd6
28. Nxf5 Qxf4 29. Rxf4 Ne5 30. Ne7+ Kg7 31.
Bf5 Rae8 32. Bxd7 Rxe7 33. Rxf8
Kxf8 34. Bxa4 Nxc4 35. Bb5 Nd6 36. Rf2+
Kg7 37. Bxa6 bxa6 38. Rc2 Kf6 39. h4
Ke5 40. Rc5 Nb7 41. Rc6 Kxd5 42. Rxa6 c5
43. Rb6 c4 44. Rb1 c3 45. g4 Nc5
46. Kg2 c2 47. Rc1 Nd3 48. Rxc2 Ne1+ 49.
Kg3 Nxc2 50. g5 Ke5 0-1

Grischuk – Anand

Ruy Lopez [C67]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. O-O Nxe4 5.
d4 Nd6 6. Bxc6 dxc6 7. dxe5
Nf5 8. Qxd8+ Kxd8 9. Nc3 Ne7 10. h3 Bf5 11.
Nd4 Bg6 12. f4 c5 13. Nf3 Bxc2
14. Rf2 Bg6 15. g4 f5 16. Be3 b6 17. Rd1+
Kc8 18. Nh4 Kb7 19. Rfd2 fxc4 20.
hxc4 Be8 21. f5 Nc6 22. Nf3 Be7 23. Nd5 Rf8
24. Nxe7 Nxe7 25. Ng5 Nxf5 26.
Rf1 Nxe3 27. Rxf8 Bg6 28. Rxa8 Kxa8 29. e6

Nxc4 30. e7 Nf6 31. Ne6 Ne8 32.
Nf8 Bf7 33. Nxb7 Nd6 34. Ng5 Bg6 35. Ne6
Kb7 36. Rg2 Be8 37. Nxc7 Bb5 38.
Rf2 a5 39. Rf8 c4 40. e8=Q 1-0
7th European Individual Championships
This event in Kuşadası, Turkey was won by
Zdenko Kozul in the men's group, half a point
clear of Vassily Ivanchuk. By round 5 Kozul
had won three Richter-Rauzer Sicilians with
black, and went on to beat Naiditsch and draw
with Ivanchuk. Ekaterina Atalik won the
European Women's Championship title. Final
Round 11 Men's Standings: 1 GM Kozul
Zdenko 2606 CRO 8½ 2 GM Ivanchuk Vassily
2731 UKR 8 3 GM Georgiev Kiril 2677 BUL
7½ 4 GM Izoria Zviad 2647 GEO 7½ 5 GM
Maciej Bartłomiej 2584 POL 7½ 6 GM
Nikolic Predrag 2596 BIH 7½ 7 GM Inarkiev
Ernesto 2602 RUS 7½ 8 GM Naiditsch Arkadij
2664 GER 7½ 9 GM Belov Vladimir 2599 RUS
7½ 10 GM Baramidze David 2545 GER 7½.

US Championships

The men's champs were split into two groups.
In the last round of Group A Onischuk nar-
rowly avoided defeat against 18-year-old, 2005
US Champion, Hikaru Nakamura. In the final
Onischuk beat Group B winner Yury Shulman
to take the title. In the women's section the title
went to Anna Zatonskih, who bet the defending
champion Rusadan Goletiani. Top scores: On-
ischuk 2650 7, Shulman 2581 6.5, Kamsky
2686 6.5, Ibragimov 2635 6.5, Christiansen
2546 6.5, Stripunsky 2564 6.5, Nakamura 2644
6, Fishbein 2593 6, Akobian 2600 5.5, Novikov
2575 5.5, Finegold 2563 5.5, Kudrin 2554 5.5,
Gurevich, D 2503 5.5, Fernandez, D 2423 5.5,
Kaidanov 2603 5, Shabalov 2595 5, Ivanov
2606 5.

Glitnir Blitz 2006 ChampionMamedyarov, Shakhriyar - Eljanov
Pavel R9

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. f3 O-O 5. a3
Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Ne8 7. Nh3 b6 8. e4
Ba6 9. Bd3 c5 10. O-O Nc6 11. f4 f5 12. exf5
exf5 13. dxc5 bxc5 14. Be3 d6 15.
Qa4 Bb7 16. Rab1 Qc8 17. Rfe1 Nd8 18. Bf2

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Understanding the King's Indian

by Mikhail Golubev (*Gambit*)

At the end of my last column Mikhail added some of his thoughts about his new book on the KID and I would like to kick off this column by saying that his book is indeed a grand read. Throughout the pages he shows his sheer enjoyment of the game and reveals his individual approach to playing the KID. As it's now possible in this world of computer databases etc to download millions of games off the internet, it's still a pleasure to review a most readable book on one of the most popular and classical chess openings. Remember for any information or news on this or any of the other Gambit books visit their website www.gambitbooks.com.

Chess Explained: The Classical Sicilian

by Alex Yermolinsky (*Gambit*)

Before we move onto Alex's book, here is some information taken off Gambit's website about their new and exciting 'Chess Explained' series of books: 'Chess Explained' is a new series of books about chess openings. They are not theoretical works in the traditional sense, but more a series of lessons from a chess expert with extensive over-the-board experience with an opening. You will gain an understanding of the opening and the middle games to which it leads, enabling you to find the right moves and plans in your own games. It is as if you were sitting at the board with a chess coach answering your questions about the plans for both sides, the ideas behind particular moves, and what specific knowledge you need to have."

Some of the upcoming titles in this series are Chess Explained: The Queen's Indian (Peter Wells), Chess Explained: The English Opening (Zenon Franco), Chess Explained: The Caro-Kann (Peter Wells) and Chess Explained: The Taimanov Sicilian (James Rizzitano). Well after all that, back to Alex Yermolinsky's book. Alex has written one of the best 'how-

to-play' books on this defence in the last few years. In his well thought-out book, the author in a chatty style (which is what is needed in a book of this type) shows lines that are easy to master and gives those players who are improving, or the player wanting to start to play the CS, a good grounding in all the highways of this popular Sicilian. As the author is an exponent of the classical Sicilian (having played it for almost the last three decades and being known as a respected teacher) you can't go past this book if you're interested in learning about this defence.

French: Advance and Other Lines

by Steffen Pedersen

The French: Tarrasch Variation

by Steffen Pedersen

(Both books by *Gambit*)

In 2001 the well known and respected author Steffen Pedersen wrote The Main Line French: 3 Nc3 - the first of which was planned to be a two volume set of books on the French defence. Well, as you can see from the title that the proposed two volumes turned into three and in all it took five years for their completion and even though it has been a long time 'between drinks' so to speak, the wait was well worth it. Sadly, comparisons are odious, but it is noteworthy here that Gambit's excellent layout of these books has highlighted a huge difference between theirs and Batsford's books published on the same defence a little while ago.

Mega Database 2006 (ChessBase)

The Chess Base world famous annotated database, which contains more than 3.2 million games, has just been released. 60,000 games contain commentaries from top players; the most recent games from the middle of November 2005. Mega 2006 also features a new edition of ChessBase's player-base. If you're going to buy only one database this year then you won't want to go past this one!

Here's one game taken off the DVD/ROM by New Zealand/English GM Murray Chandler; **Hodgson, Julian M (2570) - Short, Nigel D (2660)**

[A07]

ENG-ch m England (1), 1991

[Chandler, M]

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 e5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.c4 0-0 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.a3 Be6 9.b4?! Bf6! 10.Bb2 e4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.dxe4 Ne3 Completely overlooked by Hodgson. 13.fxe3 Qxa1 I've never seen Short fail to capitalise on such an advantage. I've also never seen a middlegame comeback like the one Julian now produces. 14.b5 Ne5 15.Qc2 Nc4 16.Qc1 Rad8 17.Kf2! Rd7 18.Nc3 Qxc1 19.Rxc1 Rfd8 20.a4 c6 21.h3 Na5 22.e5 c5 23.g4 b6 24.g5 Kf8 25.h4 None of the spectators could understand this plan of pushing the K-side pawns. Even Short, after writing down the move, was ostentatiously analysing only on the queen's wing! 25...Nb3 26.Rh1 Nd2 27.h5 Nxf3 28.Bxf3 Rd2 29.h6 Rc2 30.Ne4 Ra2 31.hxg7+ Kxg7 32.Nf6 Rh8? Black could have improved earlier, but making this rook passive is a serious error. [32...Bf5 Natural and correct.] 33.Nh5+ Kf8 34.Nf4! Rg8? 35.Rxh7 Rxa4 36.g6 [37.Ne6 fe6 38.Rf7 Ke8 39.Bc6 Kd8 40.g7] 36...Rxg6 A bitter concession. 37.Nxg6+ fxg6 38.Bc6 c4 39.e4 c3 40.Bd5 c2? Although material is level, black is suffering in this endgame. His king is cut off on the back rank, and the three-pawn centre is remarkably useful for white. [40...Bxd5! Yet I cannot see a win for White. 41.exd5 Rc4 42.d6 c2 43.d7 Rd4 44.e6 c1Q 45.e7+ Kg8 46.e8Q+ Kxh7] 41.Rc7 Bd7 42.Rxc2 Ke7 43.Rc7 Kd8 44.Rb7 Kc8 45.Bc6? Finding it hard to mentally adjust to playing for a win, Jules forces the draw.[45.Bc6?= Bxc6 46.bxc6 Rxe4 47.Rxa7; 45.Ke3! With this move White could have maintained very dangerous prospects. 45...g5 46.Bc6 Bxc6 47.bxc6 Rc4 48.e6 Rxc6 49.e7 Re6 50.Rxa7+-] 1/2-1/2 ABC of the Benko Gambit is out also. On his DVD, Andrew shows his plans and ideas on how to play the Benko in an easy and down-to-earth way. His efforts are up to his usual high standard.

Chess Middlegame Collection (4 CDs)

by Chess Assistant.

Chess Assistant has been busy bringing out a lot of new training software for pocket PCs recently and these will be covered in an upcoming column. However in this column I would like to cover Chess Assistant's new Chess Middlegame CDs. As I have written in the past, this type of training software CA is a better training tool than Chess Base's similar CDs. One of the main reasons is that as you work through them you'll encounter excellent material, variations and positions, and at the same time, be able to mark off what you've studied. Solving the middle games of the openings will undoubtedly help anyone's chess playing ability. Over the years CA has brought out these CDs one by one, so it's great to be able to buy them all together, and they're well worth the investment.

Australian Chess magazine

Before we start on this issue of this magazine, I'd just like to clear up one point. The only way to find out more about this Australian magazine here in New Zealand is to email Brian Jones on info@chessaustralia.com.au. The May/June issue starts Australian Chess's new permanently expanded 60-page magazine. In past columns, I've mentioned Zong-Yuan Zhao's endgame 'The Finalito must be Winning' and one of the most interesting columns in this issue is IM Tibor Karolyi's column 'The Little Tiger's claw grows' on the subject of Singaporean chess. Tibor writes about Singapore's history of chess as well as covering what's currently happening now.

New in Chess Magazine

One of the big pluses of this magazine over others is the fact that NIC is able to get the big names to analyse many of their own games. Names like Topalov, Aronian, Svidler and Leko. In the latest issue there is an interesting interview with Levon Aronian - a super GM, whose been called a leader of the new generation! In the seventh Poikovsky tournament which was held this year, the NIC man on the

spot was Russian Ponomarev who shares his impressions of the tournament and about the winner Alexey Shirov. Garry Kasparov's regular column entitled 'Another Linares Spectator' shows that even in retirement he can still find a fine idea here and there.

Chess (Monthly) Magazine

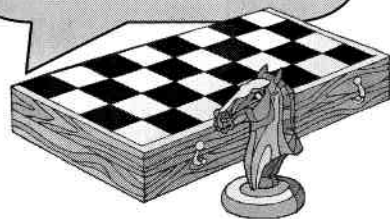
by Chess & Bridge Ltd

In the May issue there's an article by IM Andrew Greet about the climax of 4NCL, bringing together most of the best players in the UK, as well as some of the world's best. In the next issue there will be a big round up of the finish of this interesting championship. IM Gary Lane who played at Queenstown at the beginning of this year puts a good case about elephant gambit being perfectly playable at club level ie, 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5. There is also an extract from an exciting new book for club players 'Understanding Chess Tactics' by Martin Wetschnik and published by Quality Chess Books. (www.Qualitychessbooks.com)

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Nf6 19. Bh4 Ne4 20. Be7 Bc6 21. Qd1
Re8 22. Bxe4 Bxe4 23. Bxd8 Qxd8 24. Ng5
Bc6 25. Qh5 h6 26. Qf7+ Kh8 27. Ne6 Qe7
28. Qxf5 Bd7 29. Rb7 Reb8 30. Qd5 Rxb7 31.
Qxb7 Re8 32. f5 Bxe6 33. Qe4 Qf6 34.
fxe6 Qxc3 35. e7 Qf6 36. h3 Kg8 37. Qd5+
Kh8 38. Re6 Qf4 39. Re4 Qf6 40. Qb7
Kg8 41. Qxa7 Kf7 42. Qd7 Qa1+ 43. Kh2 Qf6
44. a4 Rxe7 45. Rxe7+ Qxe7 46. Qxe7+
Kxe7 47. a5 Kd7 48. Kg3 Kc6 49. Kf4 1-0

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1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nd2 e6 5. Nb3
Nd7 6. Nf3 h5 7. Be2 Be7 8. h3 Nh6
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Bxe6+ Rd7 31. Rd2 Qxe5 32. Bxd7+ Kc7
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Qe1 37. h5 Qf2+ 38. Kc1 Kb4 39. g4
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g5 Qa1+ 50. Kd2 Qe5 51. g6 b5 52. Kd1
Qf4 53. Rf7 Qd4+ 54. Ke1 c5 55. Kf1 Qh4 56.
Bf3 Qg5 57. Kf2 Qh6 0-1

Round up

Australian players Nur Yachou and Dusan Stojic (co-winner of the Doeberl Cup) who both played in Queenstown competed in the very strong Dubai Classic recently. Dusan scored a meritorious 5/9.

New Zealand globe-trotter Ben Giles played in the first ever International tournament in Korea 15-20/2/06. He finished in a tie for 4th place on 5.5/9 behind 1st Jessie Gilbert (Eng) 7.5/9, 2nd Adam Raouf (Eng) 6.5/9 and top local player Lee Sanghoo (Kor) 6/9.

The tournament was played as a 10 player round robin. All six Korean players will now gain FIDE ratings.

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