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Waitakere Licensing Trust Open

The 30th Waitakere Licensing Trust Open featured a unique family double: Bob Smith won the A Tournament with 5/6, while his wife Viv won the B Tournament with the same score. Full report and games in the August issue.

74th NZCCA Championship 2007-2008

ICM Mark Noble is setting a hot pace. He has completed all his games, for 6 wins, 5 draws and no losses. He must now sit back and wait 8 months for the tourney to finish to see if he can be caught or overtaken.

2006-2007 NZCCA Trophy Tourneys.

A strong finish by Tony Hendry has seen him catch Alan Winship on the line. Both are now joint winners of TT2. Gerald Shields is confirmed as Reserve Championship winner.

Wanganui CC

After the first round of the A grade championship only one point separates 6 of the 7 strong field. Progress: Chris Burns 4/6; Justin Davis, Charles Ker, Prince Vetharaniam 3.5/6; Mathew King, John McDonald 3/6; Martin Post 5/6. At stake is the 107 year old giant silver king, the GF Francis trophy.

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North Shore Open

(Class 1)

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Organised by North Shore Chess Club.

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2007 Oceania Zonal

by FM Bob Smith

Correction

In the April stop press we reported that in gaining the IM title at the Oceania Zonal Puchen Wang came outright 2nd. That was, of course, wrong. Puchen tied with Bob Smith and Igor Goldenberg (Aus), who both earned double IM norms.

Here's Bob's report on the event.

Memories of relaxing sunny days, refreshing dips in the pool and Happy Hour pina colodas came flooding back when I saw the entry form for the 2007 Oceania Zonal in Fiji.

Having played in the previous Zonal organised by Fiji Chess President Dr Virgilo De Asa and his team in 2002, I was confident that the standard of organisation and accommodation would be high, and the welcome would be warm.

Checking out the venue, the five-star Sofitel Hotel on Denerau Island, on the internet, that impression was only reinforced.

The only black cloud on the horizon was last year's military coup in Fiji, and the warnings since then from the New Zealand government about relations with our Pacific neighbour.

However the warnings stopped short of a ban and it was going to take more than a military coup to stop me heading for the Zonal.

Clearly others also shared that view, as a good field of 30 males and 14 females arrived for the first round on May 5.

The traditional Fijian hospitality began as soon as they touched down in Nadi, with players met at the airport and transported to the hotel.

Top seed for the Zonal was Australian Champion IM Zong-Yuan Zhao (2476) followed by fellow IMs and Australian representatives David Smerdon (2453) and Gary Lane (2421).

A bunch of players just behind them were contenders for the IM title that was up for grabs – including the two Igors, Goldenberg (2388) and Bjelobrk (2386), and New Zealand Champion Puchen Wang (2322).

I was ranked 8th in the field (2294), and had the primary aim of stealing enough ELO points to climb over the 2300 boundary.

Round One

The major surprise was IM Gary Lane's draw against promising junior Max Illingworth. Having had to work very hard against Max for a win in the Sydney International, I wasn't too surprised. But on paper a major upset. The game was very sharp and technically Gary had a small advantage at draw time, but Max's two bishops held the balance. The other upset was FM Stephen Lukey's draw against local player Sanmogam Goundar, in a sharp King's Indian Defence. Another local, Asheesh Gautam, was a pawn up and looking promising against FM Igor Goldenberg before the latter's pieces infiltrated.

Mendes da Costa,A (2017) – Smerdon,D (2453)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Nf3 Qxd5 5.Be2 Nc6 6.Be3 0-0-0 7.c3 e5 8.Qa4 exd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Nc3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qc4 12.0-0 Nd5 13.Bxd5 Rxd5 14.Kb1 Ra5 15.Qc2 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Rd8 17.Rd2 Rdd5 18.Ka1 Ra3 19.Rc1 Na5 20.Qxh7 Nb3+ 21.Kb2 Rxa2+ 22.Kxa2 Nxd2+ 23.Kb2 Qb3+ 24.Ka1 Qa3# 0-1

Lane,G (2421) – Illingworth,M (2006)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Qc7 5.0-0 Nd4 6.Re1 a6 7.Bc4 e6 8.e5 Ng4 9.Nxd4 Nxe5 10.Nf5 Nxc4 11.Qg4 g6 12.Nd5 Qc6 13.Qxc4 gxf5 14.Qc3 Qxd5 15.Qxh8 b5 16.d3 Bb7 17.f3 Qd4+ 18.Qxd4 cxd4 19.Bg5 Bg7 20.Kf2 d6 21.Bd2 a5 22.c3 a4 23.Re1 Rc8 24.cxd4 Bxd4+ 25.Ke2 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Bd5 27.a3 Bb3 ½-½

Gautam,A (1948) – Goldenberg,I (2388)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Qd2 a6 8.h4 e5 9.Nge2 Rb8 10.d5 Na5 11.Ng3 c5 12.h5 Bd7 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Rb1 b5 15.cxb5 Bxb5 16.Nxb5 axb5 17.b4

cxb4 18.Rxb4 Qe8 19.Be2 h5 20.Bg5 Nh7 21.Be3 Nf6 22.Bg5 Nc4 23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Rxc4 Bd8 26.Rc6 Kf7 27.Ke2 Bb6 28.Rb1 Qd8 29.f4 Bd4 30.Rf1 Kg7 31.f5 Rb2 32.Rc2 Rxc2 33.Qxc2 Qg5 34.Rf3 Rf7 35.Qd2 Qg4 36.Kd3 h4 37.Ne2 gxf5 38.Rxf5 Rxf5 39.exf5 Qxf5+ 40.Kc4 Bf2 41.a4 Qe4+ 42.Kb5 Qxg2 43.Kc6 h3 44.Qb2 Bc5 0-1

Lukey,S (2290) – Goundar,S (1955)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Ne8 10.c5 f5 11.Nd2 Nf6 12.f3 f4 13.Nc4 g5 14.Ba3 Ng6 15.b5 Ne8 16.Bb4 Rf7 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.b6 axb6 19.Nb5 Bf8 20.a4 Rg7 21.g4 h6 22.Qc2 Rh7 23.a5 h5 24.Nxb6 Rb8 25.Rac1 Bd7 26.h3 hxg4 27.hxg4 Rh3 28.Be1 Qe7 29.Bc4 Bxg4 30.fxg4 f3 31.Rf2 Rg3+ 32.Kh1 Nf4 33.Rh2 Rg2 34.Rxg2 fxg2+ 35.Kg1 Qh7 36.Bg3 Qh1+ 37.Kf2 Nh3+ 38.Ke2 g1Q 39.Rxg1 Nxg1+ 40.Kf2 Nh3+ 41.Ke3 Nf6 42.Be2 Qg1+ 43.Kf3 Qh1+ 44.Ke3 Qg1+ 45.Kf3 Qh1+ ½-½

Round Two

To be forever remembered as “the blackout round”.

Unfortunately there were some major organisational problems during the afternoon round.

First there was the loud band next door, then – to cap it off – recurring periods when the playing area plunged into darkness; the lights were synchronised with the nightclub next door. Some players were better at coping than others, but I believe there were some serious mistakes made during the noisy and dark times. What effect this had on the final standings one can only surmise.

To be fair the organisers did move some of the top boards to another room, where the noise was still heard but at least the lights stayed on. Anyway, in this round top seed Zhao beat Smith with a nice continuation, after Smith played some fairly suspect manoeuvres. IM's Smerdon and Feldman drew in 24 moves, FM Goldenberg easily won against Andrew Fitzpatrick (2062), and Mike Steadman had an upset win over Igor Bjelobrk when the latter got

a little too carried away with his gambit style.

Steadman,M (2273) – Bjelobrk,I (2386)

[A40]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Qc2 Bb7 4.e4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nb4 6.Qe2 f5 7.exf5 Bxf3 8.gxf3 Qh4 9.Be3 Ne7 10.fxe6 dxe6 11.Nc3 0-0-0 12.0-0 Nf5 13.d5 Re8 14.a3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Na6 16.b4 Nb8 17.f4 exd5 18.Qf3 Bd6 19.Nb5 Qf6 20.Bh3+ Kd8 21.Kc2 Re4 22.Rxd5 Rhe8 23.Rd3 Rxc4+ 24.Kb3 Ree4 25.Nd4 Qf7 26.Kb2 Qe8 27.Rhd1 Nc6 28.Nf5 Nxb4 29.Rxd6+ cxd6 30.Nxd6 Rc2+ 31.Kb1 Qa4 32.Nf7+ Kc7 33.Rd7+ Qxd7 34.Bxd7 Rec4 35.Bf5 Rc1+ 36.Kb2 Na6 37.Bd3 R4c3 38.Qd5 Nc5 39.Qe5+ Kc8 40.Qxc3 Rxc3 41.Kxc3 1-0

Round Three

Puchen Wang used his Centre Counter to good effect to comfortably draw with Zhao. Lukey also drew with Smerdon, after sacrificing a piece for a perpetual. Steadman gained a pawn for the exchange against Goldenberg, but went wrong in a tactical melee. Gautam again had a promising position, only to be outplayed in the later stages and end up in zugzwang against Smith, who incidentally missed a flashy finish.

Zhao,Z (2476) – Wang,P (2322)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Bc4 Bf5 7.Bd2 e6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.Qe2 Nd7 11.0-0-0 Nb6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.Bg5 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Bf4+ 15.Bxf4 Qxf4+ 16.Qe3 Qd6 17.Qe5 Qxe5 18.Nxe5 0-0 19.Rd3 Rfd8 20.Rhd1 f6 21.Nf3 Nd5 22.g3 Kf7 23.c4 Ne7 24.Kc2 Rd7 25.Nh4 Rad8 26.f4 b5 27.b3 h6 28.Nf3 ½-½

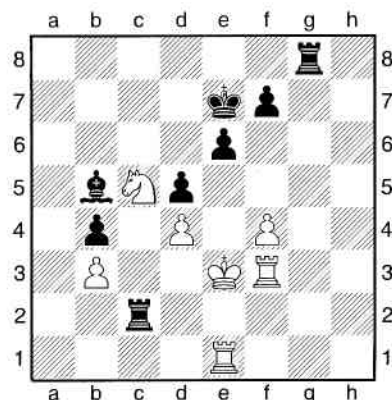
Steadman,M (2273) – Goldenberg,I (2388)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.h3 d6 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 Qa5 8.Bd2 e6 9.Nf3 Re8 10.Be2 Qb6 11.0-0 exd5 12.exd5 Na6 13.a3 Bf5 14.Nh4 Bd7 15.Qc2 Qd8 16.Nf3 Rb8 17.Bf4 Nh5 18.Bg5 Bf6 19.Be3 Nc7 20.Rfe1 b5 21.Bd3 bxc4 22.Bxc4 Bg7 23.g4 Nf6 24.Nd2 Bb5 25.b3 Ba6 26.Qd3 Bb7 27.Rad1 Na8 28.Bf4 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Nb6 30.Nde4 Nxe4 31.Nxe4 Bd4 32.b4 Nxd5 33.Bxd6 Nxb4

34.Qf3 Bd5 35.Bxd5 Nxd5 36.Bxb8 Qxb8 37.Nxc5 Bxc5 38.Qxd5 Qg3+ 39.Kh1 Qxh3+ 40.Kg1 Qg3+ 41.Kh1 Qh4+ 42.Kg2 Qxf2+ 43.Kh3 Qxe1 44.Qxc5 Qf1+ 45.Kg3 Qd3+ 46.Kg2 a6 47.Qe7 Qd5+ 48.Kg3 h6 49.Qe8+ Kg7 50.Qe7 a5 51.Qe3 h5 52.g5 Kf8 53.Kh2 Qd6+ 54.Kg2 Qe7 55.Qc1 Qe4+ 56.Kh2 Qe5+ 57.Kg2 Ke7 58.Kh3 Qd5 59.Kg3 Kd6 60.Kh3 Ke5 61.Qe3+ Kf5 0-1

Gautam-Smith, after 53.Rf3

White resigned after the paradoxical 53...f5, but 53..Rg1!! would have been flashier.



Round Four

Goldenberg easily held Zhao to a draw, offering the half after 18 moves when he was about to win a pawn

Wang had an impressive win over Lane's King's Indian, while Smerdon was equally impressive against Steadman's French. Smith drew quickly with Feldman. Lukey played one of his tactical specials against Illingworth to claim the point.

Wang,P (2322) - Lane,G (2421)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 0-0 6.Ng3 c6 7.Be2 a6 8.a4 a5 9.0-0 e5 10.d5 Na6 11.Be3 Qe7 12.Qd2 Nc5 13.Ra3 Bd7 14.f3 cxd5 15.cxd5 Ne8 16.Bb5 h5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Nb5 f5 20.exf5 gxf5

21.Nxh5 Rd8 22.d6 b6 23.Re1 Qe6 24.Qg5 Rd7 25.Rae3 Kh8 26.Nxg7 Rxxg7 27.Rxe5 1-0

Smerdon,D (2453) - Steadman,M (2273)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 a6 10.f5 cxd4 11.Bxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Bc5 13.Qf4 b5 14.Kb1 b4 15.Na4 Be7 16.Bd3 Qc7 17.Rhe1 Re8 18.Re3 Nf8 19.g4 Bd7 20.b3 f6 21.g5 fxe5 22.Nxe5 Bd6 23.f6 Bxa4 24.f7+ Kh8 25.Bxh7 1-0

Round Five

Wang and Goldenberg drew, after swapping into a slightly better ending for the latter. Zhao beat Feldman with a vigorous king-side attack. Bjelobrck out-tacticed Smerdon to take a crucial point. The break-back prize of the round went to Smith for his win against Lukey from a lost position. The latter later admitted that after winning the exchange he started thinking about who he would play next round! A lesson to us all.

Zhao,Z (2476) - Feldman,V (2304)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.f3 Be6 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 a5 11.Bb5 Nc6 12.Kb1 Qc7 13.g4 Rfc8 14.g5 Nd7 15.h4 Nb4 16.a3 a4 17.Nc1 Nc6 18.h5 Na5 19.g6 Nc4 20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.h6 fxxg6 22.Nd5 Qd8 23.hxxg7 Nf6 24.Nb6 Be6 25.Na2 Ra6 26.Nxc8 Qxc8 27.Nb4 Ra8 28.Bg5 Kxxg7 29.Bxf6+ Kxf6 30.Rxxh7 Qc5 31.Qh2 Bf7 32.Nd5+ Bxd5 33.Qh4+ 1-0

Bjelobrck,I (2386) - Smerdon,D (2453)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 dxc4 7.Ne5 c5 8.dxc5 Qc7 9.Nxc4 Qxc5 10.b3 Rd8 11.Qe1 Nc6 12.Ba3 Nb4 13.Nc3 a5 14.Rd1 Rxd1 15.Qxd1 Ra6 16.Bc1 b5 17.Be3 Qh5 18.Bf3 Ng4 19.Bxxg4 Qxxg4 20.Nxb5 Nd5 21.f3 Qh3 22.Bf2 e5 23.Nbd6 Bb7 24.e4 Bxd6 25.exd5 Bb8 26.d6 Qd7 27.Nxe5 Qxd6 28.Nc4 Qc7 29.Re1 Bc6 30.Qd3 h6 31.Nd6 Ra8 32.Nf5 Bd7 33.Re7 Bxf5 34.Re8+ Kh7 35.Qxf5+ g6 36.Qf6 1-0

Round Six

Goldenberg beat Bjelobrck after the latter's

tactics backfired again. Lane suffered his second loss in a row; with Zhao playing an excellent game to exploit his initiative before Lane's mating threats became too serious. Smith gained a small advantage against Wang and offered a draw on move 21, a decision he might regret later in the tournament. Feldman and Lukey also drew, in even fewer moves (13). The most amusing final position prize went to Smerdon, who punished a never ever say die approach by Gene Nakauchi with a somewhat unusual checkmate. Resignation was about 50 moves overdue, so the point was well made.

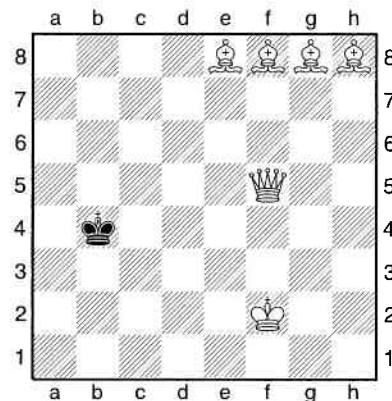
Lane,G (2421) - Zhao,Z (2476)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f3 Rc8 10.h4 h6 11.Be3 h5 12.Bg5 Ne5 13.f4 Neg4 14.g3 b5 15.Bg2 b4 16.Nb1 Qc7 17.Rhe1 Be7 18.Bf3 e5 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.exf5 0-0 21.Bxxg4 hxxg4 22.h5 Nxh5 23.Rh1 Bxxg5 24.fxxg5 g6 25.c3 Nxxg3 26.f6 Qc4 27.Rh4 Ne2+ 28.Kc2 Nd4+ 29.Kc1 Nf3 30.Qf2 Qf4+ 0-1

Smith,R (2294) - Wang,P (2322)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ng3 Nc6 5.g3 Bc5 6.Bg2 dxe4 7.dxe4 e5 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qe2 0-0 11.c3 Re8 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.a4 a6 14.a5 Ba7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Qe7 18.Nc5 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Bg4 Qe7 21.b4 1/2-1/2

Final position Smerdon-Nakauchi after 69.Bf8#



Round Seven

Zhao and Smerdon had a steady draw, while Wang displayed excellent opening preparation in his win over Steadman.

Smith produced the boil-over, attacking Goldenberg ferociously and mating him on move 40.

Bjelobrck pulled the wings off Illingworth, and Nakauchi played on until he got checkmated again (not as picturesquely this time) by Feldman. Lukey and Lane drew in a sharp King's Indian (what else?).

Smith,R (2294) - Goldenberg,I (2388)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.g4 Be6 10.g5 Nd7 11.h4 a5 12.Nd5 a4 13.Nd2 a3 14.b3 f5 15.gxxf6 Bxxf6 16.Bg4 Bxxg4 17.Qxxg4 Nd4 18.Kd1 Re8 19.c3 Nb5 20.Rc1 Rf7 21.Nc4 Rc6 22.Ke2 Nc7 23.Nb4 Nb5 24.Nxc6 bxc6 25.Rhd1 Qc7 26.h5 Nf8 27.Nd2 d5 28.c4 dxc4 29.Nxc4 Nd4+ 30.Bxd4 exd4 31.f4 Nd7 32.Nd2 Re7 33.Qf5 Qa7 34.Rxxc6 d3+ 35.Kf3 Re5 36.Rc8+ Kf7 37.Qxxh7 Qd4 38.Qg6+ Ke7 39.Nc4 Nf8 40.Qe8# 1-0

Steadman,M (2273) - Wang,P (2322)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.g4 Nfd7 9.Nxd7 Qh4+ 10.Kd2 Nxd7 11.gxf5 Nc5 12.dxc5 0-0-0+ 13.Kc2 Rxd1 14.Nxd1 Qe1 15.Ne3 Rd8 16.Nxc4 Rd4 17.Nd6+ Kb8 18.fxc6 fxc6 19.Be3 Qxa1 20.Bxd4 Qxa4+ 21.Kd3 Qb3+ 22.Bc3 Qd1+ 23.Kc4 Bxc5 24.Ne8 Qd5+ 25.Kf4 Qf5+ 26.Kg3 Qg6+ 27.Kf4 Qf7+ 28.Kg4 Qxe8 29.Be5+ Ka8 30.e4 Qg6+ 31.Kf4 h6 32.h4 Bf2 0-1

Bjelobrck,I (2386) - Illingworth,M (2006)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Ng3 exd5 9.cxd5 h5 10.Bg5 Qb6 11.Qb3 Qc7 12.Be2 Nh7 13.Be3 h4 14.Nf1 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.Bf4 a6 17.Nd2 Nf6 18.a4 Nbd7 19.Nc4 Ne8 20.0-0 Rb8 21.Rfe1 Kh8 22.Kh1 Bf6 23.Rad1 Be7 24.Bd3 Ndf6 25.Qb6 Qxb6 26.Nxb6 Ng8 27.Re2 Rf7 28.Rde1 Kg7 29.a5 Kf8 30.Bc2 Kg7 31.h3 Kf6 32.Ba4 Nc7 33.Bd7 Rf8 34.Rxe7 Nxe7 35.Bxd6 1-0

Round Eight

Bjelobrk and Zhao swapped pieces off for a draw in 38 moves.

Wang and Smerdon also drew, in a game of fluctuating fortunes. Wang won an exchange, but by some magic (black?) Smerdon always seemed to have counter play.

Goldenberg made Feldman pay for his lack of development, while Steadman was surprisingly outplayed by young Morris in his favourite French Defence.

But the major upset of the round was Smith's second unexpected victory in a row, this time over Lane. The result prompted one local wit to ask him if he was on steroids. As there was no testing, we'll never know...

Wang,P (2322) – Smerdon,D (2453)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.f4 e6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Nd4 10.e5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Rb8 12.Ne4 b6 13.c3 Ndf5 14.Bf2 Qc7 15.Qa4 Rd8 16.g4 Nh6 17.Bh4 b5 18.Qd1 Bb7 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Qf3 Nd5 22.Ne4 f6 23.g5 Ng8 24.gxf6 Nxf6 25.Nxf6 Nxf6 26.Nc6 Rxd3 27.Qxd3 Qxc6 28.Bxf6 Bxf6 29.Rad1 b4 30.Qf3 Qxf3 31.Rxf3 bxc3 32.bxc3 Rb2 33.Re3 a5 34.Rd7 Rb6 35.Ra7 h5 36.Rxa5 Kg7 37.Rxc5 h4 38.h3 Be7 39.Rc4 Kf6 40.Re2 Kf5 41.Kg2 Bd6 42.Rf2 Rb1 43.a4 Ra1 44.Rc8 Rxa4 45.c4 Ra3 46.c5 Rg3+ 47.Kf1 Rc3 48.c6 Ke4 49.Rg8 Kf5 50.Rh8 Rxc6 51.Rxh4 Rc4 52.Kg2 Bxf4 53.Rh7 ½-½

Goldenberg,I (2388) – Feldman,V (2304)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.Rc1 dxc4 7.e3 Be6 8.Ng5 Bg4 9.f3 Bc8 10.Bxc4 e6 11.d5 e5 12.Bxe5 Qe7 13.Bd4 c5 14.d6 Qxd6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Nce4 Qxb2 17.0-0 Qe5 18.f4 Qe8 19.Nxf7 Be6 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.Nfg5 Qxa2 22.Nxc5 b6 23.Nce6 Nd7 24.Rc7 Rf7 25.Rf2 Qa1 26.Qxa1 Bxa1 27.Nxf7 Kxf7 28.Ng5+ Ke8 29.Ra2 Bg7 30.Raxa7 Rxa7 31.Rxa7 1-0

Lane,G (2421) – Smith,R (2294)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Qe2 d6 9.Be3

Nge7 10.f4 0-0 11.0-0 b5 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.a3 f6 14.Kh1 Ng6 15.Rad1 Qb6 16.Qh5 Nce7 17.Ne2 Rd8 18.Rf3 e5 19.f5 Nf8 20.c4 Rc7 21.Nd2 Kh8 22.Nc3 b4 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.exd5 bxa3 25.bxa3 Bd7 26.Ne4 Be8 27.Qh4 Nd7 28.Rb1 Qd4 29.Rh3 Nf8 30.Be2 Ba4 31.Rd3 Qa7 32.Nxf6 Rb8 33.Rxb8 Qxb8 34.h3 Qd8 35.c5 Bb5 36.cxd6 Rc1+ 37.Rd1 Rxd1+ 38.Bxd1 Qxf6 39.Qe4 Qxd6 40.a4 Bd7 41.Be2 a5 42.Bf3 h6 43.g4 Nh7 44.Bg2 Nf6 45.Qc4 e4 0-1

Morris,J (1948) – Steadman,M (2273)

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 c4 10.f5 b5 11.Kb1 b4 12.Ne2 exf5 13.Nf4 Nb6 14.h4 a5 15.Nh5 Na4 16.Qf2 Kh8 17.Ng5 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Nf4 Qd6 20.Qf3 Ne7 21.Bxc4 Nb6 22.Bd3 h6 23.Qh5 Bxg5 24.hxg5 Bd7 25.gxh6 g6 26.Qg5 Qf6 27.Qg3 Qd6 28.Rh5 Rg8 29.Rg5 Kh7 30.Qh4 Nc6 31.g4 Raf8 32.Rg1 Qe7 33.Bf2 Qd6 34.gxf5 Bxf5 35.Bxf5 Rxf5 36.Rxf5 gxf5 37.Rxg8 Kxg8 38.Qg5+ 1-0

Round Nine

Going into the final round four players were tied for the lead on 6/8: Zhao, Goldenberg, Wang and Smith.

On paper top seed Zhao had the easiest pairing, against young James Morris.

But the real fight was for the IM title, between Wang, Goldenberg and Smith. A win for any one of them would make them an International Master.

The first major development came quickly:

Wang spun the roulette wheel by agreeing a six move draw with Lukey. This meant that if either of his rivals won, he would miss out on the title.

Next came a combative draw between Goldenberg and Smerdon. And, quite some hours later, Smith and Bjelobrk drew in a game that swung one way and then the next. After being surprised in the opening, Smith initially appeared to gain the advantage but some errors soon after gave Bjelobrk the upper hand. He tried with all his might to exploit this, but the players eventually had to shake hands after 68

moves.

Meanwhile Steadman suffered his second upset loss in a row when Illingworth found some nice tactics. Nakauchi sacrificed for a perpetual against Mendez to earn an FM title, along with Morris.

Feldman and Lane brought the curtain down on a disappointing tournament with an 11 move draw.

Zhao,Z (2476) – Morris,J (1948)

1.Nf3 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 b6 4.e4 Bb7 5.Qe2 d6 6.d4 Nbd7 7.g3 c5 8.d5 exd5 9.cxd5 g6 10.Bg2 Bg7 11.Nb5 Ne5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.0-0 0-0 14.Be3 a6 15.Nc3 Ne8 16.f4 Nd6 17.f5 Nb5 18.Qf2 f6 19.Nxb5 axb5 20.b4 gxf5 21.bxc5 fxe4 22.c6 Bc8 23.Bxc4 f5 24.Bg2 e4 25.Rad1 Ra6 26.d6 Be6 27.d7 Be5 28.Bf4 Bc7 29.Bxc7 Qxc7 30.Qf4 Qxf4 31.gxf4 Bxd7 32.Rxd7 Rxa2 33.Rc1 e3 34.Bd5+ 1-0

Smerdon,D (2453) – Goldenberg,I (2388)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 d5 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.0-0 Be6 10.Bxe6 Qxe6 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Rd8 13.Qh4 Qc6 14.Re1 f6 15.Nd2 e5 16.Nf3 Be7 17.Qh5+ g6 18.Qh3 h5 19.Nh4 Kf7 20.f4 Bc5+ 21.Kh1 exf4 22.Bxf4 Qd7 23.Qf3 ½-½

Lukey,S (2290) – Wang,P (2322)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 ½-½

Smith,R (2294) – Bjelobrk,I (2386)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 Bg4 6.c3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.Re1 Re8 12.Nf1 Bf8 13.Rxe8 Qxe8 14.Bd2 c6 15.Ng3 Bg6 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Qb3 Qc8 18.Re1 Qc7 19.Bf4 Re8 20.Rxe8 Nxe8 21.Ng5 Ndf6 22.Qc2 Qd7 23.c4 d5 24.c5 Nc7 25.Qe2 Be7 26.Bxc7 Qxc7 27.b4 Nh5 28.Nxh5 Bxg5 29.Ng3 Qf4 30.Qd1 Bf6 31.Ne2 Qe4 32.a4 a6 33.Kf1 Kf8 34.b5 axb5 35.axb5 cxb5 36.Qb3 Bxd4 37.Qxb5 Qc2 38.g3 Qxc5 39.Qxb7 Kg8 40.Qd7 Bf6 41.Qe8+ Kh7 42.Qxf7 Qb5 43.Ke1 Qb1+ 44.Kd2 Qf5 45.Qb7 Qf3 46.h4 Be5 47.Qe7 Qe4 48.Qa3 Bc7 49.Qd3 Ba5+ 50.Kc2 Qa4+ 51.Qb3 Qc6+

52.Kd1 Qc5 53.Qd3 Qb4 54.h5 Qa4+ 55.Kc1 Qc4+ 56.Qxc4 dxc4 57.hxg6+ Kxg6 58.Kd1 Kf5 59.f3 Ke5 60.Kc2 Kd5 61.Kd1 Bc7 62.Kc2 Be5 63.Kd1 Kc5 64.Kc2 Kb4 65.f4 Bf6 66.g4 Kc5 67.g5 Bd8 68.Ng3 Bc7 ½-½

Mendes da Costa,A (2017) – Nakauchi,G (1703)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 b5 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Be3 d5 8.e5 Ne7 9.f4 Nbc6 10.c3 Nxd4 11.cxd4 Nf5 12.Bf2 h5 13.Nd2 Rc8 14.Nf3 Be7 15.Qd2 0-0 16.g3 Qb6 17.Qe2 Rc6 18.Rac1 Rfc8 19.Rxc6 Rxc6 20.Kg2 Qa5 21.Bb1 b4 22.h3 Qc7 23.g4 hxg4 24.hxg4 Nh6 25.Ne1 a5 26.Qd3 g6 27.Rh1 Bf8 28.Bh4 Bg7 29.Bg5 Rc1 30.Bxh6 Bxh6 31.Rxh6 Rxe1 32.Qh3 Re2+ 33.Kf3 Re3+ 34.Kxe3 Qc1+ 35.Kf2 Qd2+ 36.Kg1 Qxd4+ 37.Kh1 Qd1+ 38.Kh2 Qd2+ 39.Kg1 Qd4+ 40.Kh1 Qd1+ 41.Kh2 Qd2+ 42.Kg1 ½-½

Steadman,M (2273) – Illingworth,M (2006)

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Bg5 c5 7.Qd2 Re8 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.a3 a5 10.Rb1 Bd7 11.0-0 Qc8 12.Rfd1 Bf5 13.b3 h5 14.Rbc1 Rb8 15.Nb5 Qd7 16.Qe1 e5 17.Bd2 b6 18.Bc3 Nd4 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.b4 Bh6 21.Ra1 a4 22.Ra2 Re7 23.Nfxd4 cxd4 24.Nxd4 Rc8 25.b5 d5 26.Nc6 Re8 27.Rc2 Bh3 28.Bh1 h4 29.cxd5 Nxd5 30.Rc4 Ne3 31.Rxh4 Nxd1 32.Rxh6 Qxd3 33.Rxh3 Rxe2 34.Qf1 Qd2 0-1

Final scores: Z. Zhao (7) 1, P. Wang, I.

Goldenberg, R. Smith (6.5) 2-4,

I. Bjelobrk 6 (5), D. Smerdon, S. Lukey (5.5) 6-7, V. Feldman, G. Nakauchi, J. Morris, M.

Illingworth, A. Mendes da Costa, I. Ogada-Osir (5) 8-13, G. Lane, S. Guo-Yuthok, M. Kumar,

C. Prasad, A. Chand (4.5) 14-18, M. Steadman, N. Chernih, S. Fancy,

A. Fitzpatrick, A. Gautam, P. Spiller, I. Ilic (4) 19-25, R. Sharma, S. Goundar (3.5)

26-27, T. Sikivou (2.5) 28, A. Neel (1.5) 29, S. Ong (0) 30.

Conclusion

Zhao was always in the lead or thereabouts and proved to be the most consistent player. Or maybe no-one else wanted to go to the World

Championships in Siberia!

Puchen Wang played some excellent chess to gain the IM title, but at the end could count himself lucky on several counts:

* If Smith had not beaten Goldenberg in round 7 the title would have almost certainly gone to the Australian.

* If Smith or Goldenberg had won in the last round after Wang's 6-move draw they would have taken the title instead

* If FIDE had used any other countback than average of opponents' rating he would not have got the title: Smith had the highest countback, while Goldenberg had the highest progressive score.

As a consolation both Smith and Goldenberg gained 20 game IM norms, which means they "only" have to get one more norm and raise their ratings to 2400.

The 2007 Oceania Zonal was a remarkable event. It attracted a good representation of the region's top players, despite being held in a country that is supposedly "unstable". I would have to say that while I was swimming in the Sofitel pool, none of the supposed effects of Fiji's most recent coup flowed on to me. In fact, I suspect it's created a bargain for holidaymakers.

I cannot fault the endeavours of chief organiser Virgilio De Asa in putting together another memorable Zonal, or the efforts of Chief Arbiter Jashint Maharaj, who was always pleasant, helpful and diligent.

The events of round two were extremely unfortunate and may have had an impact on the final result, but overall the tournament ran very smoothly and the conditions were good.

As expected the accommodation (provided to players and supporters at a very good deal) was excellent.

After round four the playing schedule reverted to one round a day starting at 2.30pm.

This left players plenty of time to prepare and/or to enjoy the Sofitel's fantastic pool, lounge in the sun with a good book, or to try kayaking, sailing or various other water sports. I hear (perhaps just a rumour) that some even took advantage of the hotel gym.

All in all, the 2007 Oceania Zonal again set high standards for the next event, which I understand will be hosted by Australia on the Gold Coast in 2009.

Women's Zonal

The concurrent women's Zonal was comfortably won by IM Irina Berezina (AUS), with 7.5/9.

Jule Alexandra (AUS) was second on 6.5, gaining the Women's International Master title. Kiwis Sue Maroroa and Viv Smith tied for third with Rebecca Harris (AUS) on 6. WFM titles went to Maroroa and Harris.

Smith was extremely unlucky to miss out, as her progressive countback was the same as Harris, while she was ahead on other countbacks. The tie was broken by subtracting results from the first round, in which Smith drew and Harris lost.

Further down the table WFM Natasha Fairley scored a solid 5 points after returning to chess from a break, while NZ Women's Champion Shirley Wu scored 4.5 to gain the WCM title.

NZ Seniors

Round 5 of the 2007 NZ Seniors turned the tournament on its head.

Up till then William Lynn was the clear leader with 4/4.

In round 5 Lynn with the black pieces faced Gordon Hoskyn.

An upset win by Hoskyn brought 5 players into contention for the winners trophy, the Giant Ortvin Sarapu Memorial Cup.

Here is the game that opened up the tournament.

Hoskyn,G – Lynn,W [B76]

2007 NZ Seniors R5

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 g6 6.f3 ♘g7 7.♘e3 0-0 8.♞d2 ♘c6
9.0-0-0 ♘d7 10.♘h6 ♘xd4 11.♘xg7 ♘b3+
12.axb3 ♘xg7 13.h4 ♞a5 14.♘b1 ♞fc8
15.h5 gxh5 16.g4 ♞c5 17.gxh5 ♞xh5
18.♞g1+ ♘f8 19.♞g2 e6 20.♞xd6 ♘e7
21.♞d2 ♞c5 22.♞d4 ♘c6 23.e5 ♞xe5
24.♘e4 ♞c8 25.♞b4+ ♘e8 26.♘xf6+ 1-0

Rating News 2007 Period 1

by Rowan Wood

IM Ben Martin has retained top spot on the standard rating list but IM Russell Dive is breathing down his neck, only four points behind. IM Anthony Ker has slipped two places to fifth, having been overtaken by Alexei Kulashko and Stephen Lukey. NZ Champion and new IM Wang Pu Chen is the biggest climber, up three places to seventh. Pu Chen has a top five position in his sights as just thirty points cover third to seventh.

With his triumph in the NZ Rapid Championship, it is not surprising that IM Wang has taken sole possession of the number one position on the rapid rating list. There is now a sizeable gap back to IM Ker in second place with IM Vernon Small, Roger Nokes and IM Dive completing the top five. Inactivity has caused much of the change in the rapid list with two players in the previous top five dropping off.

No change at the top of the junior rating lists with IM Wang looking set to hold this position until he is no longer a junior, still a few years

away. It is much closer between second and third though, with Daniel Baider edging Gino Thornton. From this period onwards, only established players, that is, players who have played at least 20 rated games, are eligible to appear in the top 20 lists.

Recent arrival in New Zealand, WIM Helen Milligan is a new entry on the women's standard rating list, coming in at number one. Sue Maroroa drops to second while Viv Smith improves one place to third. On the rapid list, Sue and Viv swap places as Sue moves from third to first. Unchanged in second is Eachen Chen. As with the juniors, only established players are eligible to appear in the top 10 lists.

In the senior rating lists, Richard Sutton remains at the top. There is a change at number two because Prince Vetharianiam has dropped off due to inactivity. As a result, Viktor Portougal and Arie Nijman move into second place on the standard and rapid lists respectively.

Top 20 Open Standard

1 (unc) MARTIN BMS	OT 2403
2 (unc) DIVE RJ	WE 2399
3 (+ 1) KULASHKO A	AC 2356
4 (+ 1) LUKEY SG	WE 2340
5 (- 2) KER AF	WE 2338
6 (unc) NOKES RI	CA 2336
7 (+ 3) WANG PC	AC 2327
8 (+ 1) CROAD N	WE 2316
9 (- 2) SMITH RW	WT 2311
10 (- 2) GARBETT PA	NS 2309
11 (unc) WASTNEY SC	WE 2291
12 (unc) NOBLE MF	UH 2274
13 (unc) SUTTON RJ	OT 2233
14 (+ 1) STEADMAN MVR	AC 2230
15 (- 1) GREEN PR	AC 2229
16 (+ 2) MCLAREN LJ	NS 2182
(unc) VAN DER HOORN MW	WE 2182
18 (- 1) SPAIN GA	GA 2168
19 (unc) WANG R	NS 2164
20 (unc) WATSON BR	AC 2126

Top 20 Open Rapid

1 (unc) WANG PC	AC 2408
2 (- 1) KER AF	WE 2374
3 (unc) SMALL VA	WE 2361
4 (+ 2) NOKES RI	CA 2324
5 (+ 2) DIVE RJ	WE 2313
6 (+ 1) GARBETT PA	NS 2302
7 (+ 3) SMITH RW	WT 2283
8 (+ 4) LUKEY SG	WE 2243
9 (unc) GREEN PR	AC 2233
10 (+ 2) WATSON BR	AC 2228
11 (+ 3) WASTNEY SC	WE 2223
12 (+ 3) CROAD N	WE 2201
13 (+ 3) MCLAREN LJ	NS 2195
14 (+ 3) SUTTON RJ	OT 2194
15 (+ 3) GUTHRIE DW	WE 2169
16 (+ 3) HART R	NS 2149
17 (new) STEADMAN MVR	AC 2123
18 (+ 2) VAN DER HOORN MW	WE 2104
19 (new) BAIDER D	WE 2073
(new) KRSTEV A	NS 2073

The following open standard-rated tournaments have been processed: NZ Championship, NZ Major Open, NZ Women's Championship and Wellington Easter Open. Club tournaments rated

are: Auckland CC Summer Cup (A and C, no B grade), Waitemata CC Championships (A and Reserve), Waitemata CC Under 400, Waitemata CC Summer Cup, Wellington CC Summer Cup,

Top 20 Junior Standard

1 (unc) WANG PC	AC 2327
2 (unc) BAIDER D	WE 2005
3 (unc) THORNTON GA	NS 1981
4 (+ 1) WATSON J	CA 1870
5 (+ 1) CHENG B	HA 1837
6 (+ 1) XU D	AC 1812
7 (+ 2) MCCHESENEY S	CA 1763
8 (+ 2) WU MH	AC 1740
9 (+ 2) KRSTEV M	NS 1718
10 (+ 3) MAROROA SY	HP 1698
11 (+ 4) CHEN AG	HP 1684
12 (new) YIP E	HP 1674
13 (+ 1) WU J	AC 1666
14 (+ 3) CHARAMOVA E	NS 1643
15 (+ 4) CHEN E	AC 1639
16 (+ 2) ZHANG MC	AC 1626
17 (+ 3) YANG S	WT 1583
18 (new) WILSON D	WE 1581
19 (new) CHIFU T	WE 1564
(new) MULINDER G	CA 1564

Top 10 Women Standard

1 (new) MILLIGAN H	1728
2 (- 1) MAROROA SY	HP 1698
3 (+ 1) SMITH VJ	WT 1689
4 (- 2) CHARAMOVA E	NS 1643
5 (- 2) CHEN E	AC 1639
6 (- 1) FAIRLEY N	NH 1553
7 (+ 2) GAO J	AC 1548
8 (- 2) WU Shirley	AC 1484
9 (- 2) GARCIA CASTRO V	1454
10 (unc) CATER-MILANO A	PT 1382

Top 10 Senior Standard

1 (unc) SUTTON RJ	OT 2233
2 (+ 1) PORTOUGAL V	WT 1759
3 (+ 1) HAASE GG	OT 1743
4 (+ 1) GLOISTEIN BN	CA 1708
5 (+ 5) SMITH VJ	WT 1689
6 (+ 1) NIJMAN AJ	CA 1685
7 (+ 1) LYNN KW	HA 1671
8 (- 2) HOSKYN GA	WA 1661
9 (unc) CRUDEN NB	NP 1657
10 (new) STRACY DM	WE 1629

Wellington CC Julian Mazur Memorial and Otago CC Swiss. In addition, the following tournaments have been processed in earlier periods: Upper Hutt CC Championships (A, B and C) in 2006-2. The following open rapid-rated tournaments have been processed: NZ Women's Champion-

Top 20 Junior Rapid

1 (unc) WANG PC	AC 2408
2 (unc) BAIDER D	WE 2073
3 (unc) THORNTON GA	NS 2069
4 (+ 3) PETRESKI F	NS 1869
(+ 2) XU D	AC 1869
6 (+ 9) WU MH	AC 1788
7 (+ 1) KRSTEV M	NS 1777
8 (+ 1) WATSON J	CA 1760
9 (new) CHENG B	HA 1750
10 (+ 6) WU J	AC 1694
11 (+ 1) CHEN AG	HP 1677
12 (- 2) ZHANG MC	AC 1666
13 (- 2) MCCHESENEY S	CA 1651
14 (- 1) SELLARS T	UH 1637
15 (+ 5) LIN A	HA 1629
16 (+ 2) MAROROA SY	HP 1619
17 (- 3) CHEN E	AC 1605
18 (- 1) YAN G	WE 1584
19 (unc) CHIFU T	WE 1581
20 (new) MULINDER G	CA 1566

Top 10 Women Rapid

1 (+ 2) MAROROA SY	HP 1619
2 (unc) CHEN E	AC 1605
3 (- 2) SMITH VJ	WT 1594
4 (unc) WU Shirley	AC 1556
5 (unc) KINGSTON ZH	KP 1501
6 (+ 4) GAO J	AC 1424
7 (new) WU Sharon	AC 1387
8 (- 1) MILLS G	KP 1364
9 (- 3) CLOETE DI	NS 1356
10 (- 2) LIU C	NS 1353

Top 10 Senior Rapid

1 (unc) SUTTON RJ	OT 2194
2 (+ 2) NIJMAN AJ	CA 1736
3 (+ 2) GLOISTEIN BN	CA 1735
4 (+ 2) HAASE GG	OT 1709
5 (- 2) LYNN KW	HA 1689
6 (+ 2) CAPPER DS	WE 1651
7 (new) WILSON C	HP 1620
8 (+ 2) MITCHELL RS	NS 1605
9 (- 2) SMITH VJ	WT 1594
10 (new) CRUDEN NB	NP 1551

ship Reserve, Manukau Institute of Technology Rapid (A and B), Bay of Plenty Rapid (A and B) and Latvian (A and B). Club tournaments rated are: Howick-Pakuranga CC Booth Shield, North Shore CC Rapid (legs 1 and 4), Waitemata CC Half-hour, Otago CC Summer 60/60 and Otago CC Swiss.

Rating List

Rank	Code	Name	Std	Rap
1	3552	Martin, Benjamin M S	OT 2403	i
2	3459	Dive, Russell J	WE 2399	2313
3	4989	Kulashko, Alexei	AC 2356	i
4	3696	Lukey, Stephen G	WE 2340	2243
5	3383	Ker, Anthony F	WE 2338	2374
6	3178	Nokes, Roger I	CA 2336	2324
7	5268	j Wang, Pu Chen	AC 2327	2408
8	5083	Croad, Nicholas	WE 2316	2201
9	3088	Smith, Robert W	WT 2311	2283
10	3002	Garbett, Paul A	NS 2309	2302
11	3830	Wastney, Scott C	WE 2291	2223
12	3255	Noble, Mark F	UH 2274	i
13	3003	s Sutton, Richard J	OT 2233	2194
14	3201	Steadman, Michael V R	AC 2230	2123
15	3199	Green, Peter R	AC 2229	2233
16	3314	Mclaren, Leonard J	NS 2182	2195
	3617	Van Der Hoorn, Mark W	WE 2182	2104
18	3482	Spain, Graeme A	GA 2168	i
19	5508	Wang, Rong	NS 2164	2032
20	3206	Watson, Bruce R	AC 2126	2228
21	5349	Han, Daniel	AC 2120	1945
22	3507	Hart, Ralph	NS 2117	2149
23	3005	Stuart, Peter W	NS 2091	2028
24	3648	Mcdonald, John A	WE 2090	1860
25	3148	Dowden, R Anthony	OT 2089	i
26	5717	Alexander, Alisdair	WE 2082	1945
27	5599	Thomas, Benjamin	UH 2077	1918 *
28	3632	Johnson, Quentin J F	OT 2070	1928
29	3558	Dunn, Paul	WE 2048	1937
30	3089	Bennett, Hilton P	HA 2046	1880
	6582	Bessat, Remy	WT 2046 *	1989 *
32	6370	Zhang, Peng Li (John)	2030 *	2026 *
33	4300	Burns, Chris J	WA 2024	1965
34	5816	Mccrone, Jeffrey	NS 2022	1974
35	5489	Wojnar, Maciej	WE 2021	i
36	4586	Le Brocq, Mark J	NS 2018	1908
37	4830	Perry, Roger L	AC 2013	i
38	3386	Wheeler, Bruce	AC 2009	i
39	3665	Goodhue, Nathan	AC 2008	1971
40	5854	j Baider, Daniel	AC 2005	2073
41	3987	Mcnabb, Matthew	AC 1985	2014
42	4617	Cummings, Nick V	CA 1984	2064
43	5082	Donaldson, Bruce	CA 1983	1865
44	5620	j Thornton, Gino A	NS 1981	2069
45	3977	Elliot, Darryn B	NS 1979	1957
	6586	Lennartz, Christina	OT 1979 *	1661 *
47	6240	Jennings, Richard	NP 1977 *	i
48	5067	Davies, Robert E	PT 1976	unr
49	3013	Pomeroy, Arthur J	WE 1972	1935
	3417	Turner, Michael G	WE 1972	1908
51	3454	Sutherland, John L	OT 1963	2004
52	3272	Weegenaar, David P	CA 1962	1722 *
53	5197	Gunn, Neil J	NS 1961	1860
54	3253	Marnar, Gavin	WE 1960	1868
55	3394	Nijman, Brian F	WE 1956	1922
56	6366	Machdoem, Andrew	CA 1949	1935
57	3411	Sims, Martin T	WE 1948	1712
58	5488	Wojnar, Jacek	WE 1946	i
59	5068	Beach, Paul K	AC 1939	2020 *

Rank	Code	Name	Std	Rap	
60	3526	Robinson, John P	AC	1924	1
61	4231	Fuatai, Fuatai	NS	1918	2031
62	4333	Jackson, L Ross	WE	1917	1744
	5222	Wilson, Jesse	WE	1917	1744
64	6349	Sellen, Ian	WE	1915	1801
65	6598	Lee, Edward		1906 *	unr
66	6250	Adair, Daniel	AC	1900	i
67	5645	Browne, Jeremy A	HA	1899	1843
68	5104	Krstev, Antonio	NS	1896	2073
69	4740	Macdonald, Paul	AC	1881	i
70	3927	Forster, William	WE	1880	1722
	4885	Godfrey, Paul	WT	1880	1963
72	5130	Boardman, Jeffrey F	WE	1879	i
	3037	Gibbons, Robert E	PT	1879	1856
74	4691	Latimer, Bryan	AC	1878	unr
75	6784	Benitez, Edgar	WE	1877 *	unr
76	3218	Brimble, Mark T	WT	1876	1643
77	5517	Mckerras, Ross	CA	1875	1870
78	4196	Ward, Keith	AC	1873	unr
79	5921	j Watson, Jeremy	CA	1870	1760
80	5518	Fraemohs, Peter	CA	1868	1756
81	5817	Thurner, Christoph		1865 *	unr
82	4451	Nyberg, Michael	WE	1860	1945
83	6787	Ang, Ferdie	WE	1858 *	unr
	5149	Machina, Allen	WT	1858	i
85	4966	Hall, Craig	CA	1857	1752
	3162	Spiller, Paul S	HP	1857	1802
87	3434	Hurley, Alan	UH	1856	i
88	4683	Storchenegger, Othmar	WT	1853	1663
89	3238	Carter, Gerald S	UH	1851	unr
90	5575	Watts, Duncan	CA	1847	1832
91	6761	Hothersall, Rik	OT	1842 *	unr
92	6098	j Cheng, Bobby	HA	1837	1750
93	3993	Hair, Philip I	NS	1831	1838
94	4466	Burn, Michael R	GA	1824	1889
95	3698	Blaxall, Craig S	WT	1822	1750
	6351	j Huang, Jay	MM	1822 *	1766 *
97	5748	Marko, Helmut P	MM	1821	1808
98	6030	Wilkins, Mark	WE	1819	1640
99	3393	Post, Martin J	WA	1812	1823
	5592	j Xu, David	AC	1812	1869
101	5934	Tan, Edgardo C	NS	1806	1868
102	5559	Lambert, Luke	OT	1805	1804
	6788	Voracek, Mirek	OT	1805 *	unr
104	3392	Aimers, Geoffrey	OT	1804	1590
	5713	Stone, Andrew	OT	1804	1833
106	4426	Hill, Martin	CI	1798	unr
107	4467	Mistry, Prashant	NS	1797	1847
	3232	Rawnsley, Louis D	HP	1797	unr
109	3027	Power, P Wayne	NS	1791	1815
110	6239	King, Mathew J	WA	1789	1672
111	4285	Storey, Donald J H	OT	1786	1825
112	5815	Gordon, Russel	WE	1783	1736
113	6032	Smith, David	WE	1782 *	i
114	3986	Vincent, Matthew B	OT	1781	i
115	3461	Mullan, A Brett	WE	1779	i
116	5482	Wells, Clinton A	NS	1777	1882
117	3433	Davies, Geoff	CA	1769	1658 *
118	5873	j Mcchesney, Sam	CA	1763	1651
119	5356	s Portougal, Viktor	WT	1759	i
120	6436	Cotty, Richard	AC	1754 *	unr

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121	6146	Merriman, Stephen D C	AC	1748	unr
122	5047	Wright, Caleb	MM	1747	1706
123	4309	Evans, David J	NS	1744	1833
	3339	Taylor, Richard	HP	1744	1638
125	3028	s Haase, Graham G	OT	1743	1709
126	4087	Benson, Christopher	CA	1742	1733
127	5820	j Wu, Michael (Ming Hua)	AC	1740	1788
128	3412	Aldridge, Alan L	WE	1739	1729
129	4997	Huggins, Jonathan	AC	1738	unr
	3111	Yee, Stanley	HP	1738	1815
131	5762	Rademacher, Martin	CA	1737	1441
132	4367	Rossiter, Philip E	HA	1734	unr
133	4148	Easterlow, Neville L	WT	1728	i
	6468	Milligan, Helen		1728	unr
135	5715	Gao, Wen	NS	1718	i
	5776	j Krstev, Mario	NS	1718	1777
137	4302	Davis, Justin M	GA	1715	1840
138	3054	s Gloistein, Bruce N	CA	1708	1735
139	4018	Smith, Christopher	HH	1707	1831
140	5648	j Maroroa, Sue Y	HP	1698	1619
141	5867	Frost, Paul F E	KP	1694	1595
142	5070	Eade, Don	AC	1693	1728
	3798	Gold, Hamish R	OT	1693	1717
144	3071	Mathieson, James S	CA	1689	1694
	3345	s Smith, Vivian J	WT	1689	1594
146	3072	s Nijman, Arie J	CA	1685	1736
147	5684	j Chen, Andrew G	HP	1684	1677
148	3038	Goffin, Peter B	AC	1679	unr
149	4766	Clark, Campbell	HA	1676	i
150	6224	Mohd Nor, Noor Hafiz	CA	1675 *	unr
151	6100	j Yip, Edwin	HP	1674	1400
152	3032	s Lynn, K William	HA	1671	1689
153	5919	j Wu, Jason	AC	1666	1694
154	3351	Dolejs, Dan E	GA	1664	1718
	5807	Walters, Nigel	WE	1664	i
156	5589	Morten, Paul	HP	1663	1659
157	6213	Cowen, Michael	AC	1661	1511
	3079	s Hoskyn, Gordon A	WA	1661	1647 *
159	4903	Pakenham, John	AC	1658	unr
160	4239	s Cruden, Neil B	NP	1657	1551
161	5410	Newbould, Alistair R	OT	1651	1565
162	5618	j Charamova, Evginia	NS	1643	i
163	5931	j Chen, Eachen	AC	1639	1605
164	4202	Holdo, Karl	AC	1636	i
165	3064	s Stracy, Don M	WE	1629	i
166	5947	Ward, Simon	CA	1627	1462
167	6543	j Lee, Andrew Yuan-Che	HP	1626 *	1739 *
	5745	j Zhang, Michael C	AC	1626	1666
169	3268	King, Peter C	WE	1621	i
170	5975	Vosloo, Johan	NS	1616	1669
171	5108	Potini, Genesis W	EK	1610 *	1571
172	4164	Farrington, Lawrence B	WE	1609	1642
	4097	Scarf, Rex	AS	1609	1555
174	5509	Chateline, Stanislav	NS	1601	1618
175	4678	Gilmour, Mark	WT	1600	i
176	5736	Rider, Brett	WT	1598	1593
177	5709	Riding, Christopher I	HA	1597	1451
178	4099	Wright, Chris	CA	1594	i
179	4173	Duffield, Terence	OT	1590	1516
180	3259	s Booth, Anthony J	HP	1589	1451

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	6251	Bryan, Jason	AC 1589 *	1243 *
182	5903	j Yang, Steven	WT 1583	1472
183	3117	s Cater, James E	PT 1581	1434
	5799	j Wilson, Dallas	WE 1581	1513
185	5604	Churton, Douglas	CA 1580	1497 *
186	4182	s Reid, David M	OT 1579	1540
187	4155	Taylor, Stephen	AS 1573	1590
188	6627	Tanoi, T Edward	PT 1568	1722 *
189	5642	Lydiate, Christopher	OT 1567	1535
	4150	Mulligan, Allan W	AS 1567	1440
191	6318	j Chifu, Tudor	WE 1564	1581
	5836	j Mulinder, Guy	CA 1564	1566
	6176	Riley, Tim	OT 1564 *	1736 *
194	6783	Benitez, Rick	WE 1561 *	unr
195	3168	Bell, David I	WA 1560	1542
	3243	s Capper, David S	WE 1560	1651
197	3056	s Kay, J Bruce	WE 1557	1455
198	5605	Pritchard, Owen	CA 1554	1434 *
199	5902	j Fairley, Natasha	NH 1553	1319
200	6209	Chandra, Sandeep	OT 1552	1407
	6756	De'ath, Blake	AS 1552 *	1563 *
	6789	Litvinov, Dmitri	AC 1552 *	unr
203	5457	Kay, Peter	CA 1550	1575
204	6077	j Gao, Judy	AC 1548	1424
	3527	O'connor, John A	WT 1548	1485
	3929	s Southgate, Brent	OT 1548	1380
207	5272	Harish, Roy	WT 1546	1384
	6238	Holdaway, Stewart	1546	1497 *
209	5353	j Smith, Devon	WT 1543	1498
210	3407	s Mitchell, Robert S	NS 1537	1605
	5060	Partridge, Derek	CA 1537	1643
212	5808	Tau, Robert	CA 1534	1224
213	3805	Plumpton, David	WT 1525	1417
214	5405	Martin, Paul	AC 1524	unr
215	6449	Seabrook, Roy	KP 1521	1531
216	6294	Chen, Jimmy	AC 1515	1264 *
	6600	Fitzgerald, Shane	EK 1515 *	unr
	6207	j Petreski, Filip	NS 1515	1869
219	4156	s Bennett, Stewart T	AS 1514	1467
	5878	j Dare, Richard J	HA 1514	1449
221	4527	Mcgowan, Alistair	KP 1513	1607
	3962	s Wilson, Clive	HP 1513	1620
223	6785	j Du Plessis, Megan	WE 1512 *	unr
224	4158	Richardson, Nigel J	AS 1509	1661
	6741	Smith, David J	HP 1509 *	1701 *
226	6714	Unger, Eli	CA 1508 *	1244 *
227	4695	Tseung, John C O	AC 1505	i
228	4234	Johns, Daniel P	NS 1502	1810
229	5688	j Lin, Alan	HA 1501	1629
230	6093	Bourne, Craig	OT 1498	1510
231	3685	Copp, Levi	GA 1497	unr
	4786	Ritchie, Anthony	OT 1497	i
233	5877	Lei, Jacques	HP 1495	1613
234	3069	s Wigbout, Max	WE 1494	unr
235	6142	j Shen, Daniel	AC 1493	1302
236	5414	Butland, Scott	AC 1492	unr
237	4666	Martin, Oscar	AC 1490	i
238	6762	Cooper, Nigel	CA 1485 *	1586 *
	4709	Pocock, Graham W	GA 1485	1602
240	5915	j Wu, Shirley	AC 1484	1556

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241	4095	s Boag, Peter W	CA 1479	1416
242	6743	Mukkattu, Philip	AC 1476 *	unr
243	5507	Fort, Conrad	CA 1474	i
244	3769	Moore, Stephen	WE 1469	1561 *
	5666	Prinsloo, Pieter	AC 1469 *	unr
246	4677	Whitehouse, Anthony	NS 1465	i
247	4101	Benson, Jim	HP 1458 *	1396 *
248	6430	j Loo, Junzhong	NS 1455 *	unr
	6548	j Zheng, Haowen	HP 1455	1239 *
250	6371	j Garcia Castro, Veronica	1454	unr
251	6427	Jefferson, Vince	NS 1448	unr
252	3926	Reid, Anton	UH 1447	unr
253	6758	Sidell, Gregory	WE 1442 *	1418 *
254	5940	Pelle, Dominic	HP 1441	1401
255	4661	Wilson, John C	WA 1440	i
256	6594	Burgess, Ken	HP 1436	1384 *
257	6337	Ing, Kimbo	AC 1430 *	unr
258	5982	j Yang, Lion	NS 1429	1423
259	5117	Smith, Roger	UH 1426	unr
260	5204	Armstrong, John F	OT 1422	1399
261	6160	j Sellars, Thomas	UH 1418	1637
262	3354	s Garland, Mana	WT 1417	i
263	5240	Bowden, Paul	UH 1416	1195
264	4096	s Keeling, Roy L	AS 1410	1450
265	4383	Harnett, Patrick M	WE 1407	unr
266	6162	Shields, Gerald	HA 1405	1546
	3612	s Young, Patrick	AC 1405	unr
268	4088	Macdonald, John R	AS 1402	1463
269	6226	Thorpe, Richard	WE 1399	1312 *
270	6556	Power, Anthony	HP 1396 *	unr
271	5112	Gothorp, Thomas H T	HA 1391	1291
272	6590	Ponchio, Mateus	OT 1387 *	unr
273	4314	Cater-Milano, Amy	PT 1382	i
274	3854	Wagstaff, Graham C	NS 1381	1522
275	4650	Dellaca, Bruce D	GA 1375	1409
276	5683	Currie, Michael G	WT 1373	1506
	6387	j Yan, Garry	WE 1373 *	1584
278	4054	s Courtney, Helen K	HA 1372	i
	6341	Faifai, Jesse	OT 1372 *	1308 *
280	6152	j Lau, Andrew	CA 1371	1341
281	5976	Fairley, Donald	AC 1370	1224 *
282	4119	Price, Steven	1369 *	i
	4692	Steiner, Michael	AC 1369	unr
	5927	j Watson, Stephen	1369	1441
285	3816	s Otene, Edith A	WT 1368	i
286	5838	Dikshit, Amrendra	AC 1366 *	unr
287	5425	Francis, John	WT 1363	1257 *
288	4852	Nicoll, Alistair	HP 1360	1281
289	6560	Olssen, Alex	WE 1358	unr
290	3092	Mears, Graham W	NS 1357	1614
291	6702	Brockway, Andrew	WE 1355	1441
292	4723	Pollard, Bruce	WT 1348	1542
293	6168	j Baird, Violet	OT 1347 *	i
294	5707	Adams, Geoffrey	OT 1346 *	i
	5590	s Morten, Peter	HP 1346	1390
296	5893	j Campbell, David	CA 1332 *	1449 *
	6716	Thompson, Stephen	OT 1332 *	1437
298	5779	Hadfield, Derek	WT 1328	i
299	6199	j Liu, Cecily	NS 1320	1353
	6769	Yin, Ambrose	WE 1320 *	1587 *

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301	6708	j Kim, Doyoung	CA 1318 *	unr
302	5638	Heremaia, Ngawati	CA 1316	i
303	5619	j Jones, Benjamin	WT 1312	i
304	6629	j Huang, Alex	WT 1310	1131 *
305	5925	j Wu, Sharon	AC 1308	1387
306	4780	Mac, Jimmy	CA 1307	i
307	6764	Katial, Kamal	AC 1306 *	unr
308	5856	Reed, Ken	1304	unr
309	6340	s Taylor, David	PT 1303	1414
310	6101	j Huang, Edward	HP 1299 *	1148
311	4776	Stevenson, Michael	CA 1297	1353
312	6459	Carr, Michael	WE 1296 *	1249 *
313	6171	j Sivapalan, Praveen	1294 *	i
314	6706	j Thomas, Dominic	UH 1293 *	1258 *
315	6443	Dhyan, Shiva	AC 1292 *	unr
	5412	Rudkins, Lynton R	NS 1292	1507
317	5848	Nokes, Jacqui	CA 1291	unr
318	3288	s Bowler, Robert P	NP 1290	unr
319	6288	j Meng, Fei	HP 1288 *	i
320	5879	Plyler, Scott	HP 1285	1325
321	6774	French, Will	WE 1282 *	unr
322	3312	s Jones, Gwen M	NS 1281	i
323	5462	Kluge, Ben	NS 1279	i
	5691	j Maroroa, Andrew	HP 1279	1400
325	6710	Setka, Denis	WT 1276	unr
326	6080	j Favel, Jonathan	OT 1272	1246
327	6755	j Pius, Jerrin	AS 1271 *	1237 *
328	3365	Winsor, Brian M	NS 1268	1442
329	6713	Hartwell, Steven	CA 1266 *	1603 *
	5009	Jewitt, Seth	CA 1266	1339 *
331	6175	j Watts, Benjamin	OT 1261 *	1126
332	6544	j Riley, Jonathan	1260 *	1255 *
333	6712	Chase, Charlie	HA 1259 *	unr
	4895	Collingwood, Vaughan	MM 1259	1382
	6709	j Park, Jaewoo	CA 1259 *	1108 *
	3531	Shields, Jonathan A	WT 1259	1285
337	6559	Li, Gavin	HP 1258 *	unr
338	6372	Petzer, Eugene	AC 1256	1246 *
339	5196	Cloete, Dina I	NS 1252	1356
340	4980	s Varga, Stephen	HP 1251	1305
341	6079	j Saib, Muhammad	OT 1250	1367
342	6006	Nathan, Maui	PT 1249 *	1061 *
343	6453	Van Dyk, Mandie	NS 1248 *	1463 *
344	4718	Kesseler, Anthony J	WT 1247	i
	5646	Mangos, Richard	AC 1247 *	unr
346	4640	Aranui, George	CA 1244	i
	5749	Gesmundo, Jeun	AC 1244 *	i
348	4835	Johnson, Jeffrey S	1240	unr
349	5971	Chobanovich, Ksenija	WE 1238	i
	4742	Judkins, Gary L	HA 1238	1520
351	5493	Maroroa, Temu A	HP 1236	1326
352	6583	j Alipiev, Atanas A	NS 1234	1478
	6091	j Burgess, Matthew	OT 1234	i
	6102	j Gan, Jason	HP 1234 *	1249 *
355	5904	j Wu, Jesse	WT 1232	i
356	6611	s Balendran, Bala	AC 1231 *	unr
357	3267	Webber, Clarry H	UH 1225	1265
358	6550	j Peng, Alan	HP 1224	1287 *
359	4668	s Van Den Bosch, Kees	HP 1223	1132
360	6285	j Ruan, Jack	AC 1222	1281

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361	6284	j Ruan, Harry	AC 1220	1344
362	6291	Hutton, Neville G	HP 1219	1275
363	6241	j Ming-Wong, Alexander	OT 1211	1176
364	5939	j Mihic, Sava	AC 1209 *	unr
365	6173	j Dowden, R Benjamin	OT 1207 *	1179
366	6216	j Jiang, Catherine	1206 *	unr
367	3304	Grevers, Leo P	NS 1205	i
368	6542	j Kim, Brendan	1203 *	1199 *
369	6143	j Harrison, Michael	WT 1200 *	i
370	5954	s Macdonald, Malcolm	MM 1196	1090
371	3530	s Williams, George	WT 1194	unr
372	5966	s Collingwood, Ron	MM 1183	1291
	3532	Mcrae, John H	PT 1183	1183
374	5734	Rowe, Marcus	WT 1181	i
375	5737	Rider, Reginald	WT 1179	unr
	4264	Stephens, Robert C	UH 1179	unr
377	6151	j Lau, Tabitha	CA 1178	1211
378	6630	j Liu, Bill	1174 *	unr
379	6381	j Cross, Nic	1171 *	unr
380	6770	Leibowitz, Michael	WE 1167	1003 *
381	6329	Garnett, Matthew	AC 1165 *	unr
382	6078	j Tsoi, Nicole	WT 1161	1012
383	6322	j Cho, Jin-Won	OT 1159 *	i
384	6703	j Shierlaw, Hamish	WE 1157	1230 *
385	6088	j Trebilco, Stephen	OT 1150 *	i
386	3045	s Trundle, George E	GA 1140	1117 *
387	6082	j Saib, Nabeelah	OT 1139	1096
388	6354	j Nicholas, Hayden	HP 1136 *	unr
389	5606	Stafford, David	CA 1132	1364
390	5710	j Lynn, Oscar	HA 1129	1170
391	5979	j Wu, Bill	AC 1124	1207
392	5593	j Feng, Bole	HP 1123	1116
	6203	j Li, Xiang Wei	NS 1123	1109
394	6773	j Wylde, Henry	WE 1119 *	1225 *
395	5914	j Shingade, Balamohan	AC 1116	1325 *
396	6628	Ansell, John	NP 1113 *	unr
397	6360	j Ansell, Alan	NP 1106 *	1326
398	6301	j Guo, Charlie	AC 1100	1233
399	6608	Jukic, Miroslav	AC 1099 *	unr
	6740	j Richardson, Neil	HP 1099 *	1361 *
	6605	j Simpson, Andrew	CA 1099	unr
402	6232	j Zhang, Leon	AC 1096	1262
403	6386	j Warmerdam, Samuel	1094 *	unr
404	4934	Tuatini, Murray	GA 1092	unr
405	6320	Cho, David	OT 1088 *	i
406	6439	Cheng, Frank	AC 1084 *	unr
	6782	j Stevens, Michael	WE 1084 *	unr
408	6423	j Chen, Benny	NS 1076	1185 *
409	6593	Alipiev, Alexander A	NS 1075 *	1278
410	6296	j Han, Yi Chen	HP 1068	1061
411	6233	j Yang, Kai Shuo	AC 1065	unr
412	6230	Chen, Nick	AC 1064	1132 *
	5443	j Dollie, Uzair	AC 1064	1041 *
414	6429	Meng, Ling Jia	1059 *	unr
	6447	j Zhao, Dean	NS 1059	1281 *
416	6994	j Li, Johnson	AC 1057 *	643 *
417	6355	j Xia, Ye	1055 *	unr
418	6161	j Sellars, Samuel	UH 1046 *	998
419	6357	j Shansuddin, Subrin	1044 *	unr
420	6781	Sinclair, Richard	UH 1043 *	unr

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421	5796	j Kirkpatrick, Ian	WT 1042	i
422	6701	Cooper, Teatua	OT 1041 *	757 *
	6790	Heaslip, Paul	AC 1041 *	unr
424	6297	j Meng, Jia Jia	HP 1040 *	949
425	6298	j Zhang, Harrison	AC 1038	741
426	5792	j Campbell, Felix	1035 *	1011 *
	6772	j Pattekar, Somesh	WE 1035 *	1325 *
428	6431	j Sanders, David	RM 1033	1111 *
429	6633	j Li, Andrew	NS 1026	1262 *
430	6424	j Chen, Alan	HP 1021	1100
431	6212	j Somerville, Manu	CA 1019 *	1251 *
432	6254	j Lin, Jonathan	AC 1018	1134
433	6374	s Van Der Hulst, Harry	HA 1017 *	unr
434	5829	Holm, Gavin	AC 1011	1055 *
	6164	Michelle, Carolyn	HA 1011 *	unr
436	6595	j Sutton, Matthew	HP 1007	1110 *
437	6438	Brown, James	AC 1006 *	unr
	6253	j Lin, Howard	AC 1006	1156
	6589	Seneviratne, Ajith	AC 1006 *	1162 *
440	6246	Catteral, Richard	UH 1000 *	unr
	6014	j Lin, Kan	HP 1000 *	unr
442	6388	j Furlong-Ford, Colwyn	WE 999 *	1269 *
	6289	j Li, Jiapeng	AC 999	1076
444	6791	Scandrett, Kent	AC 993 *	unr
445	6552	Khoo, Eunice	HP 986 *	unr
446	6390	j Waugh, Hugh	WE 982 *	1015 *
447	6356	Bell, Colin	NP 980 *	unr
448	6389	j Yeoh, Li Hao	975 *	1117 *
449	5601	Denton, Gerard	UH 971	1207
450	6632	j Wu, Wei	970 *	unr
451	5898	Couchman, Richard	WT 969 *	unr
	6229	j Xie, Chen	969 *	i
	6579	j Xu, Zian	AC 969 *	747 *
454	6422	j Chen, Wan Xin	HP 967	1036
455	6231	j Li, Michael	HP 964	1080 *
	6364	j Liu, Brian	WT 964	1052
457	6780	j Houston, Mark	UH 955 *	unr
458	4308	Boekholt, Eldert	UH 954	i
459	6707	Godkin, Sarah	CA 952 *	1191 *
460	6292	j Chiu, Kelvin P	AC 951	913 *
461	6551	j Cheung, Kenley	HP 949 *	unr
462	6416	j Yang, Mona	WT 947	831
463	5686	j Dowdeswell, Benjamin	HP 946 *	1272
464	6456	j Bi, Mira	NS 942 *	1259
465	6359	j Wiperi, Murphy	940 *	unr
466	6433	Ye, Xia Samuel	936 *	unr
467	6384	j Kelsall, Jack	934 *	unr
468	6549	Wong, Yang	HP 930 *	unr
469	6426	Gao, Raymond	AC 926 *	unr
470	4827	Collingwood, Gary	WT 923	1100
471	5886	Dare, Lillian	HA 916	972
472	6197	j Li, Jeffrey	913 *	i
	6580	j Yu, Jing	PT 913 *	918 *
474	6076	j Paul, Jane	911 *	unr
475	6596	j Phou, Philip	WT 910	811 *
476	6450	j Yang, Edison	WT 909	904
477	6445	j Dong, Peter	HP 901	782 *
478	6195	j Zhou, Jiaying	HP 898	i
479	5416	Earlly, John K	NS 897	1096
480	6744	j Wang, Hogan	887 *	650 *

Rank	Code	Name	Std	Rap
481	6417	j Wong, Tung Ka (Joey)	886	1081
482	5888	j Chao, Terry	HA 885 *	1006
483	6444	j Poveda, Felipe C	884 *	unr
484	6597	Williams, Richard	WT 883 *	unr
485	6383	j Freeman-Green, Thomas	882 *	unr
486	6303	Keepa, Jerome	WT 880 *	867 *
487	6352	Baltzer, Martin	EK 879 *	1243 *
488	6287	j Chen, Ying	HP 876 *	763 *
489	6220	j Huang, Zi Chen	NS 874	i
490	6196	j Wang, Weber	NS 869	973
	6214	j Zhang, Allen Qiu Shi	869 *	unr
492	6428	j Jiang, Andrew	866 *	1043 *
493	6674	j Seshasayee, Sumant	859 *	788 *
494	6300	j Guo, Nelson	AC 853	1040
495	6681	j Wu, Kunbo	846 *	unr
496	6385	j Paul, Christy	840 *	unr
497	6570	j Chen, Catherin	HP 837 *	610
498	6547	j Van Hutten, Paul J	MM 833 *	925 *
499	6631	j Wong, Shing	WT 823 *	unr
500	6391	j Wu, David	822 *	870 *
501	6309	j Li, Bill	HA 821 *	925 *
502	6747	j Cheng, Che	AC 814 *	1232 *
503	6395	Wu, Jeffrey	786 *	unr
504	5928	j Ye, Lincoln	RM 781	848 *
505	6705	s Malone, Robert	UH 780 *	1037 *
506	6382	j Freeman-Green, Daniel	775 *	unr
507	6440	j Chiu, Joyce Tzu-Chiao	AC 772 *	272 *
	6348	j Ripley, Shaun	NS 772 *	i
509	6215	j Bi, Ran (Bowen)	NS 768 *	733 *
510	6767	Katial, Vivek	AC 765 *	unr
511	6585	Chen, Thomas	HP 761	847
512	6425	j Fan, Kevin	757 *	546 *
513	6680	j Peart, David	749 *	unr
514	6679	j Shen, Davy	738 *	732 *
515	6759	j Pen, Dylan	WT 734 *	unr
	6677	j Wood, Reuben	734 *	596 *
517	6455	j Bi, Toby	NS 729 *	1185
	6007	j Rallis, Alex	HP 729 *	975 *
519	6442	j Huang, Nathan	AC 724 *	unr
520	5839	Desai, Abhijit	AC 716	unr
521	6572	j Hui, Charco	HP 709 *	678 *
522	6299	j Chen, Hui Ling	HP 701 *	613 *
523	6290	j Li, Jack	NS 689 *	1073
524	6432	j Sun, Li Cheng	HP 686 *	864 *
525	6358	j Liu, Karel	669 *	unr
526	6451	j Kwok, Robert	664 *	519 *
527	6678	j Tao, Grace	659 *	unr
528	6415	j Harrison, Lucy	644 *	unr
529	6675	j Peart, William	633 *	unr
530	6448	j Chen, Ting Kai	NS 632 *	744 *
531	6760	j Pen, Presley	WT 622 *	unr
532	6393	j Blok, Thomas	611 *	998 *
533	6745	j Yao, Winston	606 *	973 *
534	6634	j Huang, Joshua	599 *	unr
535	6739	j Huang, Aileen	HP 568 *	unr
536	6418	j Zou, Carolyn Lin	559 *	654 *
537	6684	j Smith, Elias	555 *	unr
538	6581	s Lin, Jimmy	AC 509 *	721 *
539	6446	j Lin, Kimberley	508 *	144 *
540	6685	j Mcallister, Samuel	504 *	unr

Rank	Code	Name		Std	Rap
541	6204	j Kitagawa, Kanami	OT	486 *	746 *
542	6738	j Huang, Meileen	HP	476 *	unr
543	6687	j Dong, Olivia		449 *	544 *
544	6635	j Ma, Victor	WT	438 *	312 *
545	6746	j Huang, Tiger		427 *	unr
546	6365	j Tuleasca, Ioan		402 *	unr
547	6637	j Cui, David	WT	335 *	684 *
548	3016	Small, Vernon A	WE	i	2361
549	4190	Guthrie, David W	WE	i	2169
550	5671	Van Der Lee, Bert	PT	unr	2017 *
551	3293	Van Ginkel, John P	NE	i	1948
552	3258	Howard, Michael I	NS	i	1763
553	3793	Pow, Kenneth	AS	i	1714
554	6458	Willard, Steven B	WE	unr	1711 *
555	3073	Williams, Barry M	WA	i	1692
556	7002	Zulkifli, Aziz		unr	1656 *
557	5400	Puepuemai, Wayne	AC	i	1655 *
558	6139	Chibamba, Kennedy	HA	i	1616 *
559	5681	Stringer, Scott	NC	i	1594
560	4796	Goudie, Daniel	WT	i	1587 *
561	3126	Adams, Jonathan M	CA	i	1583
562	5708	Paul, David	WE	i	1576
563	5944	j Ding, Leo	OT	i	1552
564	3276	Crombie, William R	HA	i	1548
565	5532	j Robertson, Blair M A	HA	i	1540
566	5063	Cooze, Brent	HH	i	1518
567	4357	Kingston, Zoe H	KP	i	1501
568	3180	s Frost, E G A (Ted)	WA	i	1494
569	6198	Sridharan, Sairan		unr	1491 *
570	6019	Van Den Bergh, Bob	NC	i	1490
571	6588	Maile, Kurt	HP	unr	1475 *
572	3738	Guerin, Graeme B	CA	i	1474
573	4160	Sadler, Mark	CA	i	1463 *
574	5421	O'rourke, Michael	KP	i	1461
575	6757	Pfahlert, Dennis	CC	unr	1419 *
576	6326	j Francis, James	CA	i	1413 *
577	6601	Burgess, Daniel		unr	1402 *
578	6771	Watene, Brook	WE	unr	1378 *
579	6158	Gower, Ben		unr	1375 *
580	6095	Parekh, Asit	HA	unr	1365 *
581	3788	s Mills, Glenys	KP	i	1364
582	6225	Deacon, Carl	CA	i	1363 *
583	6069	j Scarr, Joey	CA	i	1362
584	6715	Putt, Tom	NC	unr	1358 *
585	5395	Puepuemai, Malo	AC	i	1355
586	6202	Sandeep, George		unr	1340 *
587	5870	Hollis, W Kay	KP	i	1315
588	6406	j He, Qian	CA	unr	1311 *
589	6242	j Dawson, Patrick	OT	unr	1307
590	6134	j Zhai, Chang	HA	unr	1294
591	5751	Marko, Nigel	MM	i	1280 *
592	6071	j Abel, Patrick	CA	i	1276
593	6704	Walker, Fraser		unr	1274 *
594	6718	j Gardyne, Josh		unr	1271 *
595	6398	j Browne, Rosie	CA	unr	1266 *
596	6420	j Macmurdo, Walker	OT	unr	1255 *
597	6776	Michael, Andrew	PT	unr	1246 *
598	6150	Deacon, Paul	CA	i	1239 *
599	5239	Brucker, George	UH	i	1236
600	6070	j Abel, Sean	CA	i	1235

Rank	Code	Name		Std	Rap
	6119	j Wang, Timothy	HA	unr	1235
602	6997	Robinson, Greg	MM	unr	1217 *
603	5777	j Lee, Andrew	HP	i	1205 *
604	6409	j Thai, Richard	CA	unr	1194 *
605	6751	j Mui, Tony	AS	unr	1190 *
606	5116	Orr, William	UH	i	1179
607	6022	Daniels, Derek	UH	i	1167 *
608	6546	j Redwood, Harry	MM	unr	1160 *
	6720	j Thomas, Daniel		unr	1160 *
610	6454	j Khalil, Husam	NS	unr	1159 *
611	6752	j Olsen, Kane	AS	unr	1139 *
612	6412	j Arts, Julien	CA	unr	1138 *
613	6413	j Patel, Dhairesh	CA	unr	1131 *
614	6753	j Mui, Timothy	AS	unr	1128 *
615	6457	j Hooper, Karl	OT	unr	1125 *
616	6106	j Yun, Kevin	HA	unr	1116
617	6768	Dodds, Michael	CA	unr	1110 *
618	6575	j Luka, Eden	PT	unr	1094 *
619	6377	j Bliek, Joshua	HA	unr	1087 *
	6719	j Holvey, John		unr	1087 *
621	5793	j Carson-Wentworth, Paul	WE	i	1074 *
	6604	Whelan, Richard	CA	unr	1074 *
623	6405	j Brown, Dylan	NC	unr	1071 *
624	6998	Van Hutten, Hans	MM	unr	1068 *
625	6408	j Petticrew, Alexander	CA	unr	1064 *
626	6754	j Southby, William	AS	unr	1063 *
627	6775	Hart, Joshua	PT	unr	1052 *
628	6110	j Torrance, Robert	HA	unr	1050
629	6244	j Cathro, Samuel	OT	unr	1048 *
630	6379	Meher-Homji, Zaal	HA	unr	1044 *
631	6545	s Faulkner, Toa	MM	unr	1036 *
632	6193	j Kennedy, James	HA	unr	1035 *
633	6411	j Phillips, Jared	CA	unr	1030 *
634	6419	Weegenaar, Heather	CA	unr	1028 *
635	6369	j Collins, Jonathan	CA	unr	1018 *
636	6695	j Chen, George		unr	1014 *
637	4682	Sykes, Jacob	WT	unr	1013 *
638	6992	j Zhu, Leo	AC	unr	1010 *
639	6721	j Wijayasinghe, Kavi		unr	1008 *
640	6404	j Sullivan, Josh	NC	unr	997 *
641	6407	j Van Eikelm, Daniel	CA	unr	996 *
642	6194	j Wilson, Evan		i	993 *
643	6657	j McKay, Quinn		unr	986 *
644	6650	j Van Der Vyver, Andrew		unr	984 *
645	6717	j Laurinson, Jared	OT	unr	983 *
646	6396	Hayley, Jayden		unr	974 *
	6124	j Lin, James	HA	unr	974
648	6403	j Jones, Matthew	NC	unr	967 *
649	6116	j Tseng, Edward	HA	unr	957
650	6640	j Doube, Oliver		unr	949 *
	6401	j Francis, Callum	NC	unr	949 *
652	6574	Letatau, Enrigre		unr	948 *
	6400	j Smith, Jarrod	NC	unr	948 *
654	6410	j Everts, Mathew	CA	unr	942 *
655	6688	j Lam, Victoria		unr	929 *
656	6722	j Kohler, Dominik		unr	924 *
657	6726	j Robins, Allyn		unr	919 *
658	6658	j Hambling, Samuel		unr	916 *
659	6584	j Carlier, Alexis	HP	unr	905 *
660	6305	j Henare-Lynch, Heagen	HA	unr	903 *

Rank	Code	Name	Std	Std	Rap
661	6402	j Thompson, Simon	NC	unr	892 *
662	6993	j Zhu, Karl	AC	unr	884 *
663	7004	j Gao, Hans	PT	unr	883 *
664	6723	j Bracey-Brown, Grant		unr	879 *
665	6999	Aylett, Richard	HP	unr	868 *
666	6724	j Calverley, Campbell		unr	867 *
	6562	Ngu, Daniel		unr	867 *
668	6697	j Ramireddy, Dhiraj		unr	866 *
669	6104	j Parekh, Akash	HA	unr	858
670	6311	j O'donoghue, Liam	HA	unr	855 *
671	6228	j Tsai, Bruce		i	846 *
672	6378	Xu, Bill	HA	unr	840 *
673	6368	j Rippon, Jason	CA	unr	838 *
674	5802	j Campbell, Cyrus		i	837 *
675	6639	j Nairn, Thomas		unr	828 *
676	6643	j Tse, Wayne		unr	822 *
677	6577	Mccormick, Kurt		unr	819 *
678	5964	j Lamusse, Timothy	HA	i	818
679	5889	j Cho, Chris	HA	unr	814 *
680	6367	j Ward, Josh	CA	unr	813 *
681	6642	j Pearson, Timothy		unr	804 *
682	6996	j Jiang, Mary		unr	797 *
	6399	j Stokes, Henry	NC	unr	797 *
684	6692	j Zhang, David		unr	794 *
685	6565	j Sun, Amanda		unr	791 *
686	6564	j Wu, Mickey		unr	790 *
687	6314	j Harkness, Mitchell	MM	unr	781 *
688	6576	j May, Zachary	WT	unr	779 *
689	6644	j Li, Don		unr	766 *
690	6569	Chan, Davidson		unr	763 *
691	6691	j Lu, Kevin		unr	762 *
692	6397	j Morton, James	CA	unr	761 *
693	6050	j Chen, Bill	NH	unr	759 *
694	7000	j Coventry, James	HP	unr	754 *
695	6652	j Waiwiri, Tekauri		unr	751 *
696	6727	j Anderson, Simon		unr	749 *
697	6645	j Lynch, Heagon		unr	730 *
698	6566	Bhardwaj, Abhishek		unr	720 *
699	6293	j Chen, Michael	HP	unr	716 *
700	6655	j Markman, Jeremy		unr	695 *
701	6654	j Noda, Fabian		unr	684 *
702	6568	Chan, Alexander	HP	unr	677 *
	7006	j Pack, Dabin	HA	unr	677 *
704	6563	Rechtschafffen, Daniel		unr	674 *
705	6567	Chan, Cherry		unr	671 *
706	6421	j Creighton, Olivier	OT	unr	668 *
707	7009	j Alafa'apae, Tua		unr	660 *
	6573	Lee, Max	AC	unr	660 *
709	6578	j Sun, Allan		unr	640 *
710	6995	j Qian, Bella	NS	unr	620 *
711	6671	j Selden, Tristan		unr	601 *
712	6114	j Hoskins, David	HA	unr	599
713	6700	j Yang, Andy		unr	598 *
714	6725	j Goodwin, Simon		unr	597 *
715	7003	j Chu, Johnny	PT	unr	579 *
	6659	j Schuster-Barton, Zachary		unr	579 *
717	6647	j Te Whare, Thomas		unr	578 *
718	6648	j Robinson, Samuel		unr	562 *
719	6690	j Agape, Kimdido		unr	551 *
720	7001	j Shen, William		unr	549 *

Rank	Code	Name	Std	Rap
721	6651	j Whiteley, Christopher		unr 548 *
722	6672	j Wang, Michael		unr 537 *
723	7008	j Zou, Oliver L		unr 514 *
724	6693	j Wang, Raymond		unr 509 *
725	6394	j Campbell, Frances		unr 476 *
726	6670	j Williams, Christopher		unr 470 *
727	6653	j Steel, Morgan		unr 457 *
728	6638	j Broad, Laurence		unr 440 *
729	6694	j McDougall, Nathan		unr 439 *
730	7007	j Yang, Oscar	WT	unr 422 *
731	6571	Dawson, Samantha		unr 406 *
732	7005	j Oversluizen, Tyler	PT	unr 363 *
733	6649	j Allen, Shane		unr 296 *
734	6646	j Corbett, Conor		unr 291 *
735	6698	j Li, Larissa		unr 256 *
736	6699	j Li, Henry		unr 227 *

New Zealand News

Increased Grand Prix Prizes

The New Zealand Chess Federation is delighted to advise that, with the support of Millennium Hotels and Resorts, the Grand Prix prizes for 2007 have been upgraded.

Council has now approved the following prizes for this season:

Open: 1st \$600, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$300, 4th \$250, 5th \$200

Under 2000: 1st \$350, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100

Under 1700: 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$150

Under 1400: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100

Junior: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100

Female: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100

Senior: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100

U14 & U1400: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50

Best North Island non-winner outside Auckland and Wellington: \$50

Best South Island non-winner: \$50

This is an overall increase of \$1400 on last year's prizes.

NZCF is very grateful for the support of Millennium Hotels and Resorts. I must remind all organisers to ensure that "2007 Millennium Hotels NZ Chess Grand Prix" with logo is mentioned in all entry forms and in publicity surrounding your event.

Two Superclass events have been played since my last update: the 30th Waitakere Licensing

Trust Chess Open (organised by Waitemata CC) and the Otago Queen's Birthday Weekend Open (organised by Otago CC), which

honoured FM Richard Sutton's 50 year involvement in chess in NZ. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Richard on achieving such a significant milestone. Grand Prix leaders Bob Smith and Paul Garrett played in different events, with both ending up winning, and picking up 25 Grand Prix points, remaining tied for the GP lead.

Also worthy of mention is Viv Smith's win in the WLTO B Tournament – creating a rare husband and wife double.

The New Zealand Seniors Championship (Class Two, hosted by Hamilton CC) has also

been played, resulting in a tie between Viv Smith, Gordon Hoskyn and Wayne Power.

Congratulations to all the co-champions. Leading scores: Smith, Hoskyn, Power (4.5/6) 1-3, William Lynn (4) 4, Helen Courtney, Tony Booth, Edith Otene (3.5) 5-7.....14 players.

30th Waitakere Licensing Trust Chess Open (Superclass)

A Tournament – R. Smith (5/6) 1, M. Steadman (4.5) 2, L. McLaren, J. Browne, P. Zhang (4) 3-5, W. Forster, A. Krstev, C. Thumer, R. Perry, B. Cheng (3.5) 6-10 ...22 players

B Tournament – V. Smith (5/6) 1, J. Book, N.

Fairley, F. Petreski (4.5) 2-4, W. Lynn, E. Chen, J. O'Connor, E. Tanoi 5-8 ... 24 players
C Tournament – M. Steiner (5.5/6) 1, A. Michael (5) 2, Sharon Wu, V. Collingwood, R. Collingwood (4.5) 3-5, J. Francis, A. Huang, D. Zhao, J. Ruan, J. Gesmundo, C. Guo, N. Tsoi (4) 6-12 ... 37 players
Junior Tournament – B. Wu (5.5/6) 1, T. Chen, H. Zhang (5) 2-3, M. Jiang, N. Guo (4.5) 4-5, A. Maroroa, C. Chen, O. Dong (4) 6-8 ... 32 players

Otago Queen's Birthday Open

(Superclass) – P. Garbett (5.5/6) 1, N. Croad (5) 2, M. Voracek, D. Weegenaar, Q. Johnson (4.5) 3-5, J. Sutherland, R. Dowden, R. Sutton, H. Bennett, B. Donaldson (4) 6-10, R. Dive, A. Nijman, Q. Chao (3.5) 11-13 ... 38 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, P. Garbett 49, N. Croad 37.5, M. Steadman 33.5, P. Wang 20, S. Lukey 17.5, P. Stuart 15.5, L. McLaren, J. Browne, P. Zhang, Q. Johnson, D. Weegenaar, M. Voracek 12, D. Xu, D. Baider 10.5.

Under 2000 – J. Browne 34, B. Cheng 29, A. Krstev 27.5, M. Voracek, D. Weegenaar 22.5, D. Xu 20, P. W. Power 17, R. Jackson, J. Davis, B. Nijman, F. Fuatai, W. Forster, C. Thurner 14, J. Sutherland, B. Donaldson 13.5.

Under 1700 – S. Ward 28.5, F. Petreski 26.16, V. Smith 25, A. Nijman, Q. Chao 22.5, Shirley Wu, J. Davis 20, N. Fairley, J. Book 15.66, Andy Chen 15, M. King 13.5, D. Dolejs 12, R. Mitchell, A. Lin, D. Taylor 10.5.

Under 1400 – G. Judkins 33, M. Steiner 25, S. Plyler, A. Michael 20, M. Wigbout, A. Brockway 17.5, V. Collingwood 15.9, H. Ruan 13.5, C. Zhai, T. Gothorp, R. Collingwood, Sharon Wu 13.36, M. Du Plessis 12.
Junior – B. Cheng 52, F. Petreski 42, Andy Chen 29, E. Chen 25.5, Sharon Wu 25, M. Krstev, Shirley Wu 23, N. Fairley 22.5, P.

Wang, D. Baider 20, C. Zhai 15, G. Thornton, M. Wu 14, A. Lin 13.5, D. Smith, M. Du Plessis, D. Shen 12, A. Huang, D. Zhao, J. Ruan, C. Guo, N. Tsoi 11.2, A. Ansell, O. Lynn, D. Xu, Jason Wu 10.5.

Senior – R. Collingwood 42.5, V. Smith 37, D. Taylor 36, C. Wilson, N. Cruden 32, W. Lynn 31, W. Power 27, R. Mitchell 25.5, M. Steiner, R. Sutton 25, A. Nijman 20, D. Stracy, M. Wigbout 17.5, M. Macdonald, G. Haase 15, G. Hoskyn, B. Gloistein 12, Peter Morten 10.5, E. Otene 10.33.

Female – Sharon Wu 41.83, Shirley Wu 39, E. Chen 36.33, V. Smith 25, N. Tsoi 27, J. Gao 23.83, N. Fairley 20, J. Li 19.5, W. Chen 18.5, M. Yang 15.5, J. Wong 12.5.

Under 14 & Under 1400 – Sharon Wu 33.4, B. Wu 25, C. Zhai 23.4, H. Ruan 20, D. Zhao, A. Huang 19.6, T. Chen, H. Zhang 17.5, A. Maroroa 15.9, A. Ansell 12, J. Ruan, C. Guo, N. Tsoi 11.2, M. Jiang, N. Guo 10.5.

Grand Prix events coming up:

North Shore Open (Class 1), August 25-26, Auckland – organised by North Shore Chess Club. Details to be announced.

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Auckland Chess Centre

2007 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 2007 field are:

Stephen Solomon	2430	im
Darryl Johansen	2454	gm
Stuart Conquest	2530	gm
Stephen Lukey	2290	fm
Tim Reilly	2299	fm
Mike Steadman	2273	
Bob Smith	2294	fm
Nic Croad	2298	
Bruce Watson	2260	fm
Hilton Bennet	2130	

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 3 Australian based players and UK GM Stuart Conquest.

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. Hilton Bennett won last year's qualifier and plays in the IM event this year. As explained above, the importance of keeping the average rating high has implications, 2200 is a minimum unless we can get strong enough players to keep the average high as we have done this year.

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:

22-Sep Sat	Player's Meeting	12.30 pm
22-Sep Sat	Rd 1	1.00 pm
23-Sep Sun	Rd 2	1.00 pm
24-Sep Mon	Rd 3	1.00 pm
25-Sep Tues	Rd 4	1.00 pm
26-Sep Wed	Rd 5	1.00 pm
27-Sep Thur	Rd 6	1.00 pm
28-Sep Fri	Rd 7	1.00 pm
29-Sep Sat	Rd 8	1.00 pm
30-Sep Sun	Rd 9	10.00 am

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.

Correspondence Chess NZCCA Trophy Tourney 2006-2007 73rd Championship final

Hilton Bennett finished half a point ahead of fellow Hamiltonian William Lynn to take out the 73rd correspondence championship with 10 points from a possible 12. Bennett was one of only two players to go through unbeaten, Bennett + 8, = 4; and Bob Gibbons + 6, = 6. Competition was tight with Lynn, Mark Noble and Max Wigbout each dropping just one game. Final scores: Hilton Bennett 10/12, William Lynn 9.5, Bob Gibbons 9, Mark Noble 8.5, Peter Goffin and Max Wigbout 8, Murray Dunwoody 6.5, Rod Weston 5, Dennis Whitlock 4, Gordon Hoskyn 3.5, Ted Frost 3, Peter Voss 2, Prince Vetharanim 1.

2007-2008 NZCCA Trophy Tourney progress

as at 20.06.2007

74th Championship: International Correspondence Master Mark Noble clearly leads the field. He is playing quickly, effortlessly and with great precision. He has 7/9 with 5 wins and 4 draws. Also undefeated to date are, Gerald Shields = 4, Justin Davis + 1 and = 1, Max Wigbout = 3, and Hilton Bennett and Bob Gibbons both = 1. Points to date: M.F.Noble 7/9, K.W.Lynn 3.5/6, G.A.Hoskyn 3.5/7, M.L.Dunwoody 3/5, G.R.Shields 2/4, J.Davis 1.5/2, M.Wigbout 1.5/3, H.P.Bennett and R.E.Gibbons .5/1, P.J.Voss 0/1, E.G.A.Frost 0/3, B.W.Millar 0/4. Latest Results: NOBLE beat Voss. Drew Shields, Bennett, Gibbons. LYNN drew Shields. SHIELDS drew Davis, Wigbout.

World News

by John McDonald

37th Bosna

The 37th "Bosna" tournament, May 18-28 2007, was held in Sarajevo, with players: Alexander Morozevich (RUS 2762), Nigel Short (ENG 2691), Artyom Timofeev (RUS 2658), Ivan Sokolov (NED 2655), Sergei Movsesian (SVK 2642), and Borki Predojevic (BIH 2609). The double round robin event was won by the Slovakian GM Sergei Movsesian who led from start to finish. Other underdog and local Predojevic came second a point behind. Final Round 10 Standings: Movsesian 6.5; Predojevic 5.5; Sokolov 5; Morozevich 5; Short 4.5; Timofeev 3.5.

Morozevich, A – Movsesian, S

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 0-0 7.e3 c5 8.dxc5 Nbd7 9.Rc1 Nxc5 10.Bd3 Bg4 11.0-0 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Bxc3 13.Rxc3 Ne6 14.Bh4 d4 15.Rc4 b5 16.Rc2 dxe3 17.fxe3 Qb6 18.Bxf6 Qxe3+ 19.Kh1 gxf6 20.Re2 Qh6 21.Bxb5 Kh8 22.Bc4 Rad8 23.Qc1 Qh3 24.Ref2 Rg8 25.Qe3 Ng7 26.Rg1 Nf5 27.Qe1 Rxf1+ 28.Kxf1 Nf1+ 29.Kh1 Ng3+ 30.Kg1 Nf1+ 31.Kh1 Nxf2 0-1

Short, N – Sokolov, I

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Na5 7.Be2 exd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.Qxg7 Bf6 10.Qg3 Ne7 11.0-0 Ng6 12.Nd4 Qe7 13.Nd2 Bd7 14.N2b3 Nxb3 15.axb3 0-0 16.Bg4 Kh8 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Ra5 Rae8 19.Rh5 Bxd4 20.cxd4 Rxe4 21.Bh6 Rfe8 22.Qf3 f6 23.Qxf6+ Kg8 24.d5 Qf7 Qxf7+ 25.Qxf7+ Kxf7 26.Rf5+ Kg8 27.f4 Re1 28.g3 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 a5 30.Rg5 Kf7 31.f5 Ne7 32.Rg7+ Kf6 33.g4 Nxd5 34.Rxh7 b5 35.Kf2 a4 36.bxa4 bxa4 37.h4 Ke5 38.Kf3 Kd4 39.f6 Nxf6 40.Bg7 Rf8 41.Rh8 1-0

US Championships

The Frank K Berry 2007 US Championships took place May 15th - 23rd 2007 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Alexander Shabalov merged half a point ahead of Alexander Onischuk, beating Sergey Kudrin in the final round to win on 7/9 (some games below).

Top scores: 1 Alex Shabalov 2671 7, 2 Alex Onischuk 2712 6.5 3 Greg Kaidanov 2686 6 4 Yury Shulman 2667 6 5 Julio Becerra 2608 6 6 Sergey Kudrin 2612 5.5 7 Boris Gulko 2660 5.5 8 Varuzhan Akobian 2651 5.5 9 Alex Stripunsky 2664 5.5 10 Jaan Ehvest 2683 5 11 Hikaru Nakamura 2738 5 12 Ildar Ibragimov 2680 5 13 Alex Ivanov 2623 5 14 Melik Khachiyani 2550 5 15 Eugene Perelshteyn 2611 5 16 Joe Bradford 2457 5 17 Alex Yermolinsky 2588 4.5

Shortly after the US Champs Yuri Shulman dashed off and won the Chicago Open along with Vadim Milov. Both scored 6/7. Milov took the official title by winning an Armageddon blitz game. On 5.5 points were Gagunashvili, Aveskulov, Erenburg and Izoria.

Kudrin, S 2556 - Robson, R 2293 R1

[B81]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. g4 h6 7. h3 a6 8. Bg2 Qc7 9. f4 b5 10. O-O Bb7 11. g5 hxg5 12. fxg5 b4 13. Nd5 Nxd5 14. exd5 e5 15. g6 Qc5 16. Be3 exd4 17. Bxd4 Qb5 18. a4 Qa5 19. Qe2+ Kd8 20. Rxf7 Nd7 21. Qe3 b3 22. c3 Rc8 23. Re1 Kc7 24. Bb6+ Qxb6 25. Rxd7+ 1-0

Shabalov, A 2606 - Ibragimov, I 2602 R3

[C18]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Qa5 7. Bd2 Qa4 8. Qb1 c4 9. h4 Nc6 10. h5 h6 11. g3 Nge7 12. Bh3 Bd7 13. Ne2 O-O-O 14. Nf4 Kb8 15. O-O Nc8 16. Kh2 Nb6 17. Ng2 Qa5 18. Qd1 Na4 19. f4 Ne7 20. Ne3 g6 21. Qf3 Rdf8 22. g4 Qd8 23. Be1 Rhg8 24. Rb1 b5 25. f5 g5 26. Bg2 Kc8 27. Rb4 Nb6 28. a4 a5 29. Rb1 Kc7 30. Bd2 Qa8 31. Be1 Nxa4 32. Ba3 Re8 33. fxe6 fxe6 34. Bd6+ Kb6 35. Bxe7 Rxe7 36. Qf6 Rh7 37. Nxd5+ Ka7 38. Ne7 Qb8 39. Nxc8 Qxc8 40. Be4 Nxc3 41. Bxh7 Qxh7 42. Qg6 Qh8 43. Rf7 1-0

Onischuk, AI 2663 - Shabalov, A 2606 R6

[D44]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 e6 5. Bg5

dxg4 6. e4 b5 7. e5 h6 8. Bh4 g5 9. Nxc5 hxg5 10. Bxc5 Nbd7 11. exf6 Qa5 12. Be2 Bb7 13. O-O O-O-O 14. Qc1 c5 15. Rd1 cxd4 16. Rxd4 Bc5 17. b4 Qxb4 18. Rb1 Qxb1 19. Qxb1 Bxd4 20. Nxb5 Ne5 21. Bf4 Nc6 22. Nd6+ Rxd6 23. Bxd6 c3 24. Bf3 Bb6 25. Bb4 Bd4 26. Bxc3 1-0

Kaidanov, G 2595 - Ivanov, AV 2565 R8

[B19]

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. Nf3 e6 8. h5 Bh7 9. Bd3 Bxd3 10. Qxd3 Nf6 11. Bf4 Bb4+ 12. c3 Bd6 13. Ne5 O-O 14. O-O-O Nbd7 15. Ne4 Nxe4 16. Qxe4 Qc7 17. Kb1 Rad8 18. g4 Nf6 19. Qe2 Nd5 20. Bd2 c5 21. g5 cxd4 22. cxd4 hxg5 23. Bxc7 Be7 24. Rdg1 Qb6 25. Qd2 f6 26. h6 fxe5 27. Bxe7 Nxe7 28. Rxc7+ Kh8 29. Qg5 1-0

Nakamura, H 2658 - Becerra Rivero, J 2544

R9 final

[C44]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. c3 f5 4. d4 fxe4 5. Nxe5 Nf6 6. Bb5 Bd6 7. Nc4 Be7 8. Ba4 d5 9. Ne5 O-O 10. Bxc6 bxc6 11. Nxc6 Qe8 12. Nxe7+ Qxe7 13. O-O Ng4 14. h3 e3 15. Bxe3 Nxe3 16. fxe3 Bxh3 17. Rf3 Bg4 18. Rxf8+ Rxf8 19. Qe1 Rf6 20. Nd2 Rg6 21. Qg3 Qe6 22. Qf4 Bh3 23. g3 h5 24. e4 Rg4 25. Qxc7 h4 26. Kh2 hxg3+ 27. Kxh3 Rxe4+ 28. Kg2 Re2+ 29. Kxc3 Qe3+ 30. Kh4 Qh6+ 31. Kg3 Qg5+ 32. Kh3 Rxd2 33. Qc8+ Kh7 0-1

Shabalov, A 2606 - Kudrin, S 2556 R9

[B51]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 d6 4. O-O Bd7 5. Re1 a6 6. Bf1 Bg4 7. h3 Bxf3 8. Qxf3 g6 9. c3 Bg7 10. Na3 Nf6 11. Nc2 Nd7 12. Rb1 Qb6 13. b3 O-O 14. Bb2 Rac8 15. Qd1 Rfe8 16. d4 cxd4 17. cxd4 Nf8 18. Qd2 Na7 19. Ne3 Nb5 20. Rbd1 Ne6 21. Nc4 Qa7 22. d5 Nf8 23. Bxc7 Kxc7 24. a4 Nc7 25. a5 f6 26. Kh1 Na8 27. f4 Qb8 28. e5 Nd7 29. exd6 exd6 30. Re6 Nc5 31. Nxd6 Nxe6 32. Nxe8+ Rxe8 33. dxe6 Re7 34. Qb4 Qe8 35. Bc4 Nc7 36. Re1 Nb5 37. Qc5 h5 38. f5 gxf5 39. Bxb5 axb5 40. Qxf5 Qg6 41. Qxb5 Qg3 42. Qe2 Qxb3 43. Qxh5 Qg3 44. Re4 1-0

Ehvest, J 2640 - Stripunsky, A 2569 R9

[D07]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nc6 3. cxd5 Qxd5 4. e3 e5 5. Nc3 Bb4 6. Bd2 Bxc3 7. bxc3 Nge7 8. f3 Qd6 9. Bd3 O-O 10. Ne2 b6 11. O-O Bb7 12. Qc2 f5 13. Rad1 Rad8 14. Be1 Kh8 15. Bf2 Qf6 16. a3 Qg5 17. f4 Qg6 18. e4 Nxd4 19. cxd4 fxe4 20. Bb5 e3 21. Qxg6 exf2+ 22. Kxf2 Nxc6 23. dxe5 Rxd1 24. Rxd1 Nxe5 25. Kg3 Nf7 26. Rd7 Nd6 27. Rxc7 Bxc7 28. Ba6 Bd5 29. Nc3 Bh1 30. Rxa7 g5 31. Rd7 gxf4+ 32. Kf2 Nf7 33. Rc7 Ng5 34. Kg1 Nh3+ 35. Kf1 f3 36. Ne4 Bg2+ 37. Ke1 Re8 0-1

M-Tel Masters

After a disastrous start Veselin Topalov dug hard to pull off an amazing comeback, defeating the tournament leader Sasikiran in the final round. The event was held 10-20th May, in Sofia, Bulgaria. There was only a one point margin between all six players, and it's astonishing that Topalov will actually lose a couple of rating points after winning M-Tel! Final scores: Topalov 5.5, Mamedyarov, Kamsky, Nisipeanu, Sasikiran 5, Adams 4.5.

Sasikiran, K (2690) - Topalov, V (2772)

[E92]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g3 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 Ng4 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh6 11.d5 Nd7 12.h3 f5 13.exf5 Nc5 14.Nd2 Bxf5 15.0-0 e4 16.Nb3 b6 17.Nd4 Qf6 18.Nc6 a5 19.f4?! Bd7 20.Nb5 Bxc6 21.dxc6 Qxb2 22.Rb1 Qxa2 23.Nxc7 Nf5 24.Bf2 e3 25.Be1 Nd4 26.Nxa8 Nxe2+ 27.Kh2 Nxf4 28.Rxf4 gxf4 29.Rxb6 f3 30.Qd5+ Ne6! 31.Qxe6+ Kh8 32.Qg4 Be5+ 33.Kh1 f2 0-1

Adams, Mi (2734) - Nisipeanu, LD (2693)

[C07]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Bd7 12.Bg5 Qc5 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nxc6 Bxe6 16.Rxe6+ Be7 17.b4 Qc3 18.Re3 Qc7 19.Qh5+ Kf8 20.Rae1 Re8 21.Qh6+ Kf7 22.Qh5+ Kf8 23.Qh6+ Kf7 24.c3 Rhg8 25.Qxh7+ Rg7 26.Qh5+ Kf8 27.g3 Qd7 28.Re6 Rg5 29.Qh8+ Kf7 30.Qh7+ Rg7 31.Qh5+ Rg6 32.c4 Kg7

33.Qd5 Qc7 34.Qe4 Kf7 35.c5 Qd7 36.Qf5 Kg7 37.Qe4 Kf7 38.Qf5 Kg7 39.Qh5 1-0 White plans 40 Kg2 then f4-f5. If the Rook on g6 ever moves, Qxe8+ wins.

Mamedyarov, S (2757) - Topalov, V (2772)
[D43]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qb3 Nd7 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Qf4 10.Bd3 e5 11.0-0 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nc5 13.Nxc5 Bxc5 14.Rae1+ Kf8 15.Re4 Qf6 16.Qc3 a5 17.Rfe1 Bd7 18.R1e3 Bb4 19.Qc2 Qd6 20.Rf3 h5 21.c5 Bxc5 22.Bc4 f6 23.Ne6+ Bxe6 24.Rxe6 Qd7 25.Qf5 Qd4 26.Re4 Qd1+ 27.Bf1 Bd6 28.Rd3 Bxh2+ 29.Kxh2 Qxf1 30.Rd7 1-0

Kamsky, G (2705) - Mamedyarov, S (2757)
[B08]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h3 0-0 6.Be3 c6 7.Qd2 b5 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Ne2 c5 11.c3 e5 12.Ng3 c4 13.Bc2 Re8 14.a4 bxa4 15.Bxa4 exd4 16.Nxd4 a6 17.Bh6 Bh8 18.Ndf5 Re6 19.Rfd1 Nc5 20.Nxd6 Bb7 21.Nxb7 Qxb7 22.f3 Nd3 23.b3 Bg7 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.bxc4 Nb2 26.Rdb1 Qa7+ 27.Kh1 Nxc4 28.Qg5 Rc8 29.Nf5+ Kh8 30.Nd4 Rb6 31.Rxb6 Qxb6 32.Bb3 Rc5 33.Qh6 Kg8 34.Rel Rh5 35.Qf4 Rc5 36.e5 Nh5 37.Qh4 Nxe5 38.f4 Rxc3 39.fxe5 Rxb3 40.e6 fxe6 41.Nxb3 Qxb3 42.Qd8+ Kg7 43.Qe7+ Kh6 44.Qf8+ 1-0

Mamedyarov, S (2757) - Sasikiran, K (2690)
[A20]

1.c4 e5 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.d3 f5 6.e4 Nf6 7.Nge2 a5 8.exf5 gxf5 9.d4 0-0 10.Bg5 Qe8 11.0-0 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.c5 Nc6 14.Nb5 Qe7 15.Nec3 Qg7 16.cxd6 cxd6 17.d5 Nd4 18.Nxd4 exd4 19.Nb5 f4 20.Nxd6 Bg4 21.Qd3 Be7 22.Nb5 f3 23.Bh1 Be5 24.d6 Kh8 25.Rad1 Rad8 26.a3 Bb6 27.Rfe1 Bf5 28.Qd2 Qf6 29.Re7 Bd7 30.Rdel Qg5 31.Qd3 Qf5 32.Qd2 Qg5 33.Qc2 Qf5 34.Qxf5 Rxf5 35.Nc7 d3 36.Rd1 Rc5 37.Bxf3 Rc2 38.Rf1 Bh3 39.Ne6 Bxf2+ 40.Kh1 Bxf1 41.d7? Rg8 0-1

Topalov, V (2772) - Sasikiran, K (2690)
[E43]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7

6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.a3 Bd6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.b4 Nbd7 11.b5 Ne4 12.Bb2 Re8 13.a4 Re6 14.Ne2 a5 15.Ba3 Rc8 16.Bxd6 cxd6 17.Rc1 Ndf6 18.h3 Re7 19.Qb3 h6 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Rc1 Rc7 22.Rxc7 Qxc7 23.Qc2 Qe7 24.Qc1 g6 25.Nh2 Kg7 26.h4 Ne8 27.f3 N4f6 28.Nfl h5 29.Nf4 Nd7 30.Qe1 Nf8 31.Qg3 Kh6 32.Nxh5 gxh5 33.Qg8 f5 34.Ng3 Ng7 35.Bxf5 Ng6 36.Bxg6 Kxg6 37.Nxh5 Qxe3+ 38.Kh2 Qe7?? 39.Nf4+ Kf6 40.g4 Qf7 41.Qd8+ Qe7 42.Qg8 Qf7 43.Qd8+ Qe7 44.Qxe7+ Kxe7 45.Kg3 Ne6 46.Nxe6 Kxe6 47.f4 Bc8 48.f5+ Kf7 49.h5 Bd7 50.h6 Kg8 51.Kf4 Be8 52.Kg5 Kf7 53.h7! Kg7 54.h8Q+ Kxh8 55.Kf6 Bxb5 56.Ke7 Bd3 57.f6 Bg6 58.f7 Bxf7 59.Kxf7 1-0. Mate in six.

The 1st World Women's Team Chess Championship

It was no surprise the talented Chinese team dominated this event, scoring a roasting 30.5 board points from 36. The Russian team scored 24, Ukraine 23.5, Georgia 20, Poland 19.5, Germany 18. Other teams were Armenia, Botswana, Vietnam, Czech Republic. The youthful Chinese team (oldest 22 years) consisted of Zhao Xue, 13 year old Hou Yifan, Ruan Lufei, Huang Qian and Shen Yang. Perhaps more telling was the 4-0 win to China in their clash with the Russian team in round 2. On board 3 Ekateina Korbut let a promising position slip against Ruan Lufei, and before long sisters Tatiana and Nadezhda Kosintseva were beaten, along with Elena Tairova. In round 2 other strong contenders fumbled; Poland scored 3:1 over Germany and Vietnam 2.5:1.5 over Armenia.

Chiburdanidze, M (2510) - Jackova, J (2423)
R1

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 b6 4. e3 Bb7 5. Nc3 Bb4 6. Bd3 Bxc3+ 7. bxc3 d6 8. c5 dxc5 9. Ba3 O-O 10. O-O Nbd7 11. Qc2 Bxf3 12. gxf3 e5 13. Kh1 Re8 14. d5 g6 15. c4 Nh5 16. Rg1 Ndf6 17. Rad1 Qd6 18. Bb2 c6 19. Be2 a6 20. f4 exf4 21. e4 f3 22. Bxf3 Qf4 23. Qc3 cxd5 24. cxd5 Kf8 25. d6 Rad8 26. Bxh5 1-0

Tairova, E (2414) - Huang Qian (2400)
R2

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 Nbd7 8. Qf3 Qc7 9. O-O-O Be7 10. Bd3 h6 11. Qh3 Rg8 12. Bh4 g5 13. fvg5 hxg5 14. Be1 Ne5 15. Kb1 Bd7 16. Qe3 Qc5 17. h3 Nc6 18. Be2 Nxd4 19. Qxd4 Qxd4 20. Rxd4 Bc6 21. Bf3 Nd7 22. Rf1 Rh8 23. Nd5 exd5 24. exd5 Ne5 25. dxc6 bxc6 26. Be2 Kd7 27. Ra4 Rhf8 28. Rxa6 Rxa6 29. Bxa6 f5 30. Be2 Ke6 31. a4 c5 32. Bb5 d5 33. Bf2 Rb8 (33...Re8 would be artistically winning!) 34. Re1 Bd6 35. c3 f4 36. Kc2 Kf5 37. Rd1 Ke6 38. Be2 Ra8 39. Ra1 Ra5 40. Bb5 g4 41. hxg4 Nxc4 42. Re1+ Ne5 43. Rh1 Ng4 44. Bg1 Ra8 45. Rh4 Rg8 46. a5 Nf6 47. Bf1 f3 48. g4 Ne4 49. Be3 f2 50. Bg2 Rf8 51. Rh6+ Ke7 52. Rh7+ Ke6 53. Rh6+ Kd7 54. Bf1 Kc6 55. a6 Ng3 56. Bg2 fl=Q 57. Bxf1 Nxf1 58. Bg1 Ra8 59. b4 cxb4 60. a7 bxc3 61. Kxc3 Ng3 62. Be3 Ne4+ 63. Kc2 Kb5 64. Rh5 Kc4 65. Bb6 d4 66. Rh3 Nf2 67. Rh6 Bf4 68. g5 d3+ 69. Kb2 d2 0-1

Ruan Lufei (2370) - Korbut, E (2429)
R2

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be7 8. Be3 Be6 9. Nd5 Nbd7 10. Qd3 Bxd5 11. exd5 O-O 12. g4 Ne5 13. Nxc5 dxc5 14. O-O-O Bd6 15. g5 e4 16. Qd2 Nd7 17. h4 f5 18. gxf6 Qxf6 19. Rdg1 Ne5 20. Rg2 Nf3 21. Qd1 Bf4 22. Rg4 Qe5 23. Kb1 Bxe3 24. fxe3 b5 25. c4 bxc4 26. Bxc4 Rab8 27. Qc2 h5 28. Rg6 Rb4 29. Rd1 a5 30. d6+ Kh8 31. Rd5 Rfb8 32. b3 a4 33. Rg5 Rxc4 34. Qxc4 Qe6 35. Rxh5+ Kg8 36. d7 1-0

Paetz, E (2442) - Socko, M (2481)
R2

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4 5. e5 h6 6. Be3 Ne4 7. Qg4 g6 8. a3 Bxc3+ 9. bxc3 c5 10. Bd3 Nxc3 11. dxc5 Nc6 12. Nf3 d4 13. Bxd4 Nxd4 14. Qxd4 Qxd4 15. Nxd4 Bd7 16. a4 Rc8 17. Kd2 Rxc5 18. Nb5 Bxb5 19. axb5 O-O 20. Rxa7 Rd8 21. Rxb7 Nxb5 22. f4 Nd4 23. Rhb1 Kg7 24. R1b2 g5 25. g3 Nf3+ 26. Ke2 Nd4+ 27. Kd2 Nf3+ 28. Ke2 Nd4+ 29. Ke3 Rc3 30. Kd2 Rc5 31. Re7 Rdc8 32. Rbb7 Nxc2 33. Rxe6 Rf8 1/2-1/2

Javakhishvili, L (2425) - Hou Yifan (2513)
R4

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Ba6 5. b3 Bb7 6. Bg2 Bb4+ 7. Bd2 a5 8. O-O O-O 9. Bf4 a4 10. bxa4 Bc6 11. Qb3 Ba5 12. Na3 d6 13. Nb5 Nbd7 14. Bc1 e5 15. e3 Re8 16. Ba3 exd4 17. exd4 Ne4 18. Qc2 Ndf6 19. Bb2 Bd7 20. d5 Qc8 21. Nfd4 Nc5 22. Rad1 Ng4 23. h3 Ne5 24. Kh2 Ng6 25. f4 f5 26. Ne6 Bxe6 27. dxe6 Nxe6 28. Qxf5 Rb8 29. Na7 Qd7 30. Nc6 Ra8 31. Qg4 Nf8 32. f5 Nd8 33. Nxd8 Rxd8 34. Bd5+ Kh8 35. f6 1-0

Danielian, E (2424) - Kosintseva, T (2459)
R7

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 c6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. Qc2 b6 7. cxd5 exd5 8. Bd3 Be7 9. O-O Bb7 10. e4 dxe4 11. Nxe4 O-O 12. Ne5 c5 13. Ng5 g6 14. Bc4 Nd5 15. Ngxf7 Rxf7 16. Nxf7 Kxf7 17. Qb3 N7f6 18. dxc5 Kg7 19. Rd1 Bxc5 20. Bg5 Qf8 21. Qh3 Kh8 22. Qf3 Qg7 23. Bxd5 Nxd5 24. Rxd5 Rf8 25. Qxf8+ Bxf8 26. Rd8 h6 27. Be3 Kh7 28. Rad1 Bc6 29. Rc8 Bb7 30. Rcd8 Bc6 31. Rc8 1/2-1/2

President's Cup - Baku

The Baku Chess Festival took place April 30 - May 12, consisting of a Children's Section, an Open Tournament and Veteran's Section. In the Open Arkadij Naiditsch took clear first on 7.5/9, beating Nigel Short in the last round. Going into the last round Short was leading after taking out leader Vadim Milov. In the end, Naiditsch, trainer of young Magnus Carlsen, won his last four games, to give him +7 =1 -1. Top Standings: 1 Naiditsch, Arkadij GM GER 2654 7.5 2 Malakhatko, Vadim GM BEL 2598 7 3 Van Wely, Loek GM NED 2674 7 4 Fedorov, Alexei GM BLR 2611 7 5 Short, Nigel D GM ENG 2691 6.5 6 Mamedov, Nidjat GM AZE 2547 6.5 7 Guseinov, Gadir GM AZE 2586 6.5 8 Savchenko, Stanislav GM UKR 2545 6.5 9 Mamedov, Rauf GM AZE 2584 6.5 10 Milov, Vadim GM SUI 2675 6.5 11 Balogh, Csaba GM HUN 2617 6.5 12 Morchiasvili, Bachana GEO 2396 6.5 13 Gasanov, Eldar IM UKR 2486 6.5 14 Dovliatov, Sanan IM AZE 2438 6.5 15 Zubarev.

Somov Memorial Kirishi

The V International Chess Tournament

"World's Youth Stars", dedicated to Vanya Somov's memory, took place May 14-28 2007 in Kirishi, near St Petersburg. Ian Nepomniachtchi won on tie-break after four finished on 7/11.

Final Round 11 Standings: 1. Nepomniachtchi, Ian m RUS 2602 7.0; 2. Mamedov, Rauf g AZE 2584 7.0; 3. Negi, Parimarjan g IND 2515 7.0; 4. Andriasan, Zaven g ARM 2523 7.0; 5. Zhigalko, Sergei g BLR 2540 6.0; 6. Grigoryan, Avetik m ARM 2455 6.0; 7. Kuzubov, Yuriy g UKR 2545 5.5; 8. Lintchevski, Daniil m RUS 2445 5.0; 9. Popov, Ivan RUS m RUS 2533 4.5; 10. Safarli, Eltaj m AZE 2463 4.0; 11. Gorovyykh, Eduard f RUS 2416 3.5; 12. Bindrich, Falko m GER 2469 3.5.

During the event there was the G.E.Nesis's Cup a rapid event held on the 21st-22nd May. Time control: 20 minutes with an increment of 10 seconds per move. Konstantin Sakaev won the event with 7/10.

Final Round 10 Standings: 1. Sakaev RUS 2633 7.0; 2. Alekseev RUS 2679 5.0; 3. Khalifman RUS 2624 5.0; 4. Komarov UKR 2539 5.0; 5. Janovsky RUS 2496 4.0; 6. Novik RUS 2466 4.0;

Kuzubov, Y (2545) - Zhigalko, S (2540)
[E32]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 O-O 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. Qxc3 d6 7. g3 e5 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. Bg2 Re8 10. Nf3 Nc6 11. Be3 a5 12. O-O Qe7 13. b3 h6 14. Rfd1 Bf5 15. h3 Bh7 16. Kh2 Rad8 17. Qb2 Qe6 18. Rac1 Be4 19. Rxd8 Rxd8 20. b4 axb4 21. axb4 Re8 22. Qc3 b6 23. Ra1 Qe7 24. Ra4 Rd8 25. b5 Nd4 26. Ra7 Qc5 27. Qc1 Rd7 28. Qa1 Bxf3 29. exf3 Qxc4 30. f4 Nd5 31. Ra8+ Kh7 32. Qb1+ g6 33. Qe4 Nf6 34. Qxe5 Kg7 35. g4 Qc5 36. Ra4 1-0

Bindrich, F (2469) - Negi, P (2515)
[C88]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 O-O 8. h3 Bb7 9. d3 Re8 10. Ng5 d5 11. exd5 Nd4 12. Rxe5 Qd6 13. Re1 Nxb3 14. axb3 Nxd5 15. Nf3 Bf6 16. Nbd2 Nb4 17. Re3 Rxe3 18. fxe3 Qc5 19. Ne1

Qxe3+ 20. Kf1 Bd4 0-1

Nepomniachtchi, I (2602) - Bindrich, F (2469)
[C54]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. c3 Nf6 5. d3 a6 6. h3 O-O 7. Bb3 Ba7 8. Bg5 h6 9. Bh4 d6 10. Nbd2 Qe7 11. g4 g5 12. Bg3 b5 13. h4 Bxg4 14. hxg5 hxg5 15. Qc2 Nh5 16. Rg1 Ng7 17. Bh4 gxh4 18. Rxg4 Qd7 19. Rg5 Nd8 20. Nxh4 Qh3 21. Ndf3 Nde6 22. Rg3 Qh1+ 23. Rg1 Qh3 24. O-O-O 1-0

Nepomniachtchi, I (2602) - Negi, P (2515)
[E20]

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c5 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Bb4 6. g3 Ne4 7. Qd3 Bxc3+ 8. bxc3 Nc5 9. Qe3 b6 10. Bg2 Bb7 11. Bxb7 Nxb7 12. Ba3 Nc6 13. Nxc6 dxc6 14. Rd1 Qc7 15. Qg5 f6 16. Qh5+ g6 17. Qh4 Kf7 18. c5 Nxc5 19. Bxc5 bxc5 20. Qh6 Rad8 21. O-O e5 22. Rxd8 Qxd8 23. Rb1 Qe7 24. a4 Ke6 25. Qh4 Kf7 26. a5 Kg7 27. a6 Rc8 28. Qc4 Rc7 29. Rb8 f5 30. Qb3 Qf7 31. c4 Kf6 32. Rb7 Ke6 33. Qb2 f4 34. Qb1 fxg3 35. hxg3 Qd7 36. Kg2 Qd6 37. Rb8 Rf7 38. Re8+ Re7 39. Rh8 Kd7 40. Qh1 h5 41. Qb1 Qf6 42. Qb7+ Ke6 43. Qc8+ Rd7 44. Re8+ Kd6 45. Qb8+ 1-0

42nd Capablanca Memorial

The 42nd Capablanca Memorial took place 17-29 May. Ivanchuk again outclassed his rivals in this event with a two point gap from Dominguez and Gashimov.

Final Round 9 Standings: 1. Ivanchuk, Vassily g UKR 2729 7.5; 2. Dominguez Perez, Lenier g CUB 2678 5.5; 3. Gashimov, Vugar g AZE 2644 5.5; 4. Quezada Perez, Yuniesky g CUB 2541 4.5; 5. Miton, Kamil g POL 2653 4.5; 6. Arencibia Rodriguez, Walter g CUB 2555 4.5; 7. Nielsen, Peter Heine g DEN 2649 4.0; 8. Nogueiras Santiago, Jesus g CUB 2552 3.5; 9. Bruzon Batista, Lazaro g CUB 2620 3.0; 10. Delgado Ramirez, Neuris g CUB 2547 2.5;

Nielsen, PH (2649) - Ivanchuk, V (2729)
[E20]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 c5 4. Nc3 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Bb4 6. g3 Ne4 7. Qd3 Bxc3+ 8. bxc3 Nc5

9. Qf3 d6 10. Ba3 O-O 11. Rd1 Qa5 12. Nb5 Bd7 13. Bb4 Qxa2 14. Bxc5 dxc5 15. Nc7 Ba4 16. Rc1 Nc6 17. Nxa8 Qa3 18. Qe3 Na5 19. f3 Nxc4 20. Qf4 b5 21. Rb1 Qxc3+ 22. Kf2 Nd2 23. Re1 Rxa8 24. Bg2 c4 25. Qc7 Qd4+ 26. e3 Qd8 27. Qe5 Rc8 28. Qc3 Qd3 29. Qa5 c3 30. Re2 Nb3 31. Qxa7 c2 0-1

Aronian - Kramnik Match

Levon Aronian and Vladimir Kramnik played a six game rapid match, 25 mins + 10 seconds added each move. The match was played in Yerevan, Armenia, 4/10th May. The world champion Kramnik won the first game being well prepared for Aronian's Marshall Attack. The enterprising Aronian fought back in game 2 in a Queen's Gambit Declined, grinding Kramnik down to two minutes at one stage. The Armenian then drew blood again in the next game with a queen manoeuvre, swap and good endgame. In game 4 Kramnik decided to play for the win with Black, but Aronian's kingside attack put another notch in his belt, allowing him the luxury of needing only one draw from the last two games to win the match. Kramnik went for a mating attack in game 5 but missed his chance on move 39 when he could have played 39.Rf7+ Kg8 40.Re7 Nxf4+ (or Ne5+) 41.gxf4 Rc8 42.Rg7+ Kf8 43.Kh7 Rc7 44.Rxc7 c2 45.Rf7#. The game was drawn. The sixth and final game was also drawn, even though it spun out of control towards the end. Final scores: Aronian 4, Kramnik 2.

Kramnik, V (2772) - Aronian, L (2759) 1
[C89]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 0-0 8. c3 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. Nxe5 Nxe5 11. Rxe5 c6 12. d4 Bd6 13. Re1 Qh4 14. g3 Qh3 15. Be3 Bg4 16. Qd3 Rac8 17. Nd2 Re6 18. Qf1 Qh5 19. f3 Nxe3 20. Qf2 Nd5 21. fxg4 Qxg4 22. Qf3 Qg5 23. Rxe6 fxe6 24. Ne4 Qg6 25. Qe2 Nf4 26. Qc2 Nh3+ 27. Kg2 Qg4 28. Bxe6+ Qxe6 29. Qb3 Nf4+ 30. gxf4 Qxb3 31. axb3 Bxf4 32. Rxa6 Rc8 33. Nc5 Kf7 34. Nd3 g5 35. Nxf4 gxf4 36. Kf3 Ke6 37. Kxf4 Kd6 38. e4 Rf8+ 39. Ke3 Kc7 40. Ra7+ Kb6 41. Rxb7 Rf1 42. Rh6 Kb7 43. Rh5 Rb1 44. Kd3 bxc4+ 45. Ke2 1-0.

Aronian - Kramnik 2
[D17]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. a4 Bf5 6. Ne5 e6 7. f3 c5 8. e4 Bg6 9. Be3 cxd4 10. Qxd4 Qxd4 11. Bxd4 Nfd7 12. Nxd7 Nxd7 13. Bxc4 a6 14. h4 Re8 15. Ba2 h6 16. Rc1 Rg8 17. Ke2 Bc5 18. Bxc5 Rxc5 19. Nb1 Ke7 20. Rxc5 Nxc5 21. h5 Bh7 22. Rc1 Nd7 23. Nd2 g6 24. hxg6 Rxg6 25. Kf2 Rg5 26. Rc7 b5 27. a5 Rc5 28. Rxc5 Nxc5 29. Ke3 Kd6 30. b4 Nd7 31. Nb3 e5 32. Nc1 f5 33. Nd3 fxe4 34. fxe4 Nf6 35. Nc5 Bg6 36. Bb3 Ng4+ 37. Kd2 Nf6 38. Bc2 Kc6 39. Bd3 Nd7 40. Nxa6 Bf7 41. Be2 h5 42. g3 Bg6 43. Ke3 Bf7 44. Kd2 Bg6 45. Bd3 Bf7 46. Bf1 Be6 47. Kc3 Bg4 48. Bd3 Bf3 49. Bc2 Kd6 50. Kd3 Kc6 51. Bb3 Kb7 52. Be6 Nf6 53. Nc5+ Kc6 54. Ke3 Bg4 55. Bf7 Bc8 56. Bb3 Bh3 57. Bd1 Bg4 58. Bc2 Bc8 59. Bd3 Ng4+ 60. Ke2 Nf6 61. Nb3 Be6 62. Nd2 Ne8 63. Nb1 Nc7 64. Nc3 Bd7 65. Kd2 Be8 66. Be2 Bf7 67. Nd5 Bxd5 68. exd5+ Kd6 69. Bxb5 e4 70. Bf7 Na6 71. Ke3 e3 72. Bh5 Kxd5 73. Be2 Nc7 74. Bf3+ Ke5 75. Bb7 Kf5 76. Kd3 1-0.

Kramnik - Aronian 3
[A30]

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 b6 3. g3 c5 4. Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 e6 6. Nc3 Be7 7. d4 cxd4 8. Qxd4 d6 9. Bg5 a6 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. Qf4 0-0 12. Rfd1 Be7 13. Ne4 Bxe4 14. Qxe4 Ra7 15. Nd4 Qc8 16. b3 Re8 17. a4 Qc5 18. Ra2 Qh5 19. Bf3 Qe5 20. e3 Rc8 21. Qb1 Rac7 22. Rc2 Qf6 23. Bg2 Nd7 24. Qa2 Qg6 25. Rcd2 Nc5 26. Ne2 Nd7 27. a5 bxa5 28. Qxa5 Nc5 29. Nc1 h5 30. Rd4 Qc2 31. b4 Qa4 32. Qxa4 Nxa4 33. Ne2 Nb2 34. Ra1 Bf6 35. Rxd6 Nxc4 36. Rdx6 Bxa1 37. Rxa1 Rb8 38. Rb1 Na3 39. Rb3 Nb5 40. Bf3 g6 41. h4 Rc4 42. Nf4 Rc3 43. Rb2 Na3 44. Be2 Rc2 45. Rb3 e5 46. Nd5 Rxe2 47. Rxa3 Kg7 48. Rb3 Rd2 49. Nc7 Rc2 50. Nd5 Ra8 51. Nc3 Rc8 52. Ne4 R8c4 53. Nd6 R4c3 54. Rxc3 Rxc3 55. b5 Rd3 56. Nc4 f6 57. Kf1 Rb3 58. Nd6 Kf8 59. Ke2 Ke7 60. Nc8+ Kd7 61. Na7 Rb2+ 62. Kf3 Ke6 63. e4 Kd6 64. Nc8+ Ke6 65. Na7 f5 66. exf5+ Kxf5 67. Ke3 Rb3+ 68. Kd2 Ke4 69. Kc2 Rf3 70. Nc6 Rxf2+ 71. Kc3 Rf1 72. Kb4 Rc1 73. Ne7 Kf3 74. Nxb6 e4 75. b6 e3 76. Ne5+ Kxg3 77. Nd3 e2 0-1.

Aronian - Kramnik 4

[D45]

1d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7
6.Qc2 Bd6 7.g4 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nd5 9.Ne4 Be7
10.Bd2 b6 11.Ng3 0-0 12.e4 Nb4 13.Qb3 c5
14.Bxb4 cxb4 15.0-0 a6 16.Qe3 b5 17.Bd3 Bb7
18.g5 Rc8 19.Rad1 Qb6 20.Bb1 Rfd8 21.h4
Nf8 22.h5 Rc7 23.Qf4 Bd6 24.e5 Be7 25.Be4
Bc8 26.Bb1 Bb7 27.Be4 Bc8 28.Kh2 Rcd7
29.Bb1 Bb7 30.Ne4 Bxe4 31.Bxe4 g6 32.hxg6
Nxb6 33.Qe3 Bf8 34.Kg2 Bg7 35.Rh1 Qb8
36.Rc1 Qa7 37.Rh3 Rxd4 38.Rd1 Nf4+ 39.Kh2
Ne2 40.Rd2 Bxe5+ 41.Nxe5 Qc7 42.Bxh7+
Kf8 43.Rxe2 1-0.

Kramnik - Aronian 5

[A60]

1d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 b5
6.Nd2 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Nc7 8.Bxa8 Nxa8 9.b4 c4
10.a4 Bxb4 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Ngf3 a6 13.axb5
axb5 14.Qb2 Qf6 15.Qxb4 Qxa1 16.0-0 Qa6
17.Bb2 f6 18.Ba3 d6 19.Nd4 Nc7 20.Rb1 0-0
21.Nxc4 bxc4 22.Qxb7 Qxa3 23.Qxc7 Qc5
24.Rb7 Qxc7 25.Rxc7 d5 26.Nf5 Na6
27.Rxg7+ Kh8 28.Ra7 Nb4 29.Rc7 h5 30.Kg2
Re8 31.e3 Nd3 32.f4 Ra8 33.Kh3 Ra5 34.Kh4
Rc5 35.Rd7 Kg8 36.Kxh5 Kf8 37.Nd6 c3??

38.Kg6 Rc6 39.Kxf6? Kg8 40.Kg6 Kf8 41.Kf6
Kg8 42.g4?? Nc5 43.Rd8+ Kh7 44.Kf7 Rc7+
(44...c2 also wins) 45.Kf6 Rc6? 46.Kf7 Rc7+?
(he could still win with 46...c2) 47.Kf6 Rc6 ½ -
½

Aronian - Kramnik 6

[D12]

1d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6
6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.g3 Nbd7 9.Bg2 dxc4
10.Qe2 Nb6 11.0-0 Bb4 12.Bd2 0-0 13.Ne4
Qe7 14.Bxb4 Qxb4 15.Nc5 Rab8 16.Rfc1 Rfd8
17.Qc2 Nfd7 18.Ne4 e5 19.a3 Qe7 20.Re1 Nf6
21.Ng5 exd4 22.exd4 Qd6 23.Nf3 Re8 24.Re5
Nfd7 25.Ra5 a6 26.Rd1 Rbd8 27.Bf1 Re7
28.Rg5 Qf6 29.Kg2 Rde8 30.h4 Qe6 31.a4 Qe4
32.Qc1 f6 33.Ra5 Qe6 34.Qc2 Qe4 35.Qc1 Kh8
36.Re1 Qg4 37.Rxe7 Rxe7 38.Bxc4 Nxc4
39.Qxc4 Qe4 40.Qb3 c5 41.dxc5 Qe6 42.Qc3
Re2 43.b4 Ne5 44.b5 Qe4 45.c6 Nd3?
(Kramnik could have forced mate here:
45...Ng4 46.cxb7 Rxf2+ 47.Kg1 Qe2 48.b8Q+
Kh7 and White will be mated) 46.Qxd3 Qxd3
47.cxb7 Re8? 48.bxa6 Qb3 49.Re5 Kh7 50.Rc8
Rg8 51.Nd4 Qb6 52.Rxg8 Kxg8 53.Kg1?
(53.a5 and 54.Kh2) Kh7 54.Nc6 Qb1+. Black
escapes with a perpetual. 55.Kg2 Qe4+ draw.

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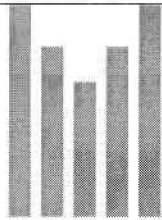
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