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## North Shore Open 2007

by NM Peter Stuart

The 34th edition of the North Shore Open，the longest－running of Auckland＇s current week－ enders，took place over the last weekend of August，somewhat earlier than most years to avoid clashes with other events．Numbers were up on 2006 though nowhere near the tourna－ ment record．
The Open field was similar to last years both in number and in profile．IM Paul Garbett was the obvious favourite with Mike Steadman， Leonard McLaren and Ralph Hart the ones most likely to have other ideas．
Only two players could manage wins in the first two rounds：Antonio Krstev，who defeated Steadman in round 2，and McLaren．After 30 moves the game A．Krstev－Steadman reached the following blocked－up position．I think it probable that both players were looking for a win here－and prepared to take chances．


30．．．恖xb5［Either capture of the knight is fine （and about equal）though both have draw－ backs，e．g．the bishop capture leaves Black weakened on the white squares；and $30 \ldots \mathrm{c} 4$ is also okay］31．cxb5 6 ？［the king just gets in the way here；right was 31 ．．．f5 $32 . \mathrm{gxf5}$ gxf5
 though $31 \ldots \mathrm{~g} 5$ is also dead equal］32．0） 4勾c8 33．f4！exf4＋34．${ }^{\mathbf{t}} \mathrm{xf4}$ 䓝h3［At first glance Black has to be better now，in view of his more active rook；appearances，however， can be deceptive ．．．］35．g5＋［forced，of course，
as Black was threatening $35 \ldots \mathrm{~g} 5$ mate］
 White with a clear advantage．］36．．．f5［only













Garbett and Hart met already in round two and presided over a fairly steady procession of pieces back into the box．Perhaps wisely， none of the top seeds took hatf－point byes in the third（Saturday night）round． McLaren＇s trusty King＇s Indian thcked up another win．
A．Krstev（1896）－L．McLaren（2182）
King＇s Indian
［E82］
1．d4 Of6 2．c4 g6 3． 5 c 3 点g74．e4 d65．13 0－0


 17．©ce4 b5 $18 . \mathrm{h} 5$ 宣xe4 19．fxe4 bxe4 20.116置f6 21．©h 5 茴b8 22．0－0－0 岁b3！23．4e2？ ［23．囱xf6 was the best try，e．g．23．．．．Exf6 24．出g5（24．0f5？c3！25．bxc3 Was－1）


 the white king looks very lonely indeed］







Hart moved into clear second with his win
over Neil Gunn and Steadman recovered some cxd4？［10．．．索b711．c4 Qf6 was probably the lost ground by defeating national junior cham－last chance to get a reasonably playable game］

 the top seed． also wins the exchange］15． $\mathrm{ma8}$ 密xb5

R．Hart（2117）－N．Gunn（1961）

> King's Indian ［E97］

## P．Garbett（2309）－A．Krstev（1896）

 Catalan ［E01］1．d4 ©f6 2．⿹\zh26f g6 3．c4 思g74．母c3 d6 5．e4 0－

 bxa5［13．．．c5！14．dxc6 bxa5 15．c7 example I could find with $7 \ldots$ ．．．b5 went $8 . \mathrm{b} 3 \mathrm{a} 5$
 Qf6干 Finegold－Har Zvi，Groningen 1992］©xe4 13．Wxe4 ©f6 14．wc $2 \pm$ Lalev－Petkov，




 strangely difficult to make use of the pin，e．g．piece but Black will have difficulty getting the







The top three seeds all won well on Sunday morning．Hart made a horrible mess of McLaren＇s quaint opening line and Steadman was quickly on top against Gino Thornton．This left McLaren in the handy position of being a whole point ahead of the field with just one round to play．Andy Chen scored his third win to join Garbett and Steadman on 3 points．

L．McLaren（2182）－R．Hart（2117） Sicilian
［B22］
 variation that works like a charm in this game．］ 4．．．d6［4．．．e6 or $4 \ldots \mathrm{c} 6$ are more often seen
 ［7．．．思f5 or 7．．．宽g 4 are，perhaps，better；the text turns out to be rather dangerous，at least in combination with the natural moves Black plays in the game］8．0a3 e6 9．0－0 息e7 10．d4

 35．0b6 e5 36．dxe5 Qxe5 37．0xd7 期xd7


## M．Steadman（2230）－G．Thornton（1981） French <br> ［C00］

$1 . e 4$ e6 2．Mere2 e5 $3 . \mathrm{f} 4 \mathrm{~d} 64.9 \mathrm{f} 3$ Qc6 5.0 c 3

 13．0－0＊




A．Chen（1684）－N．Gunn（1961）
Sicilian
［B33］







rook will be embarrassed here，though there are some tempting tactics．Attacking on the queen－ side with a2－a4，either now or after 0 d 5 ， would have safely retained the initiative．］

## C．Blaxall（1822）－R．Hart（2117）

 Fajarowicz Gambit ［A51］













The final round saw McLaren playing the white pieces against Garbett who appears to have added the Modern Defence to his opening rep－ ertoire．Leonard comfortably kept the lid on things and claimed the necessary half point to take outright first place，just like last year．In－ deed，McLaren is the only player to win con－ secutive North Shore Opens outright．Russell Dive once won three in a row（1989－91）but the middle one in a tie．Steadman won a pawn quite quickly against Andy Chen to secure second prize while Hart won against Craig Blaxall to join Garbett in a share of third place．

## L．McLaren（2182）－P．Garbett，（2309） Modern Defence <br> ［B06］

41．h5 c2 42．包e2 da4 43．hxg6 fig6 44．直g 3



Almost anything could＇ve happened in the $B$－ grade result－wise as everyone completely lost the plot at least once．Fortune pethaps favoured Viv Smith when her lost plot in round 3 cost nothing as her opponent returned the compli－ ment a few moves later but she played well enough otherwise to deserve her outright first place．John Book and Devon Smith shared sec－ ond place，the latter in particular bencfitting from a last round stroke of luck when，three moves after blundering a piece，his opponent blundered his queen！
The leading scores were： 1 V．J．Smith 41／2；2－3 J．E．Book \＆D．M．Smith 4；4－6 S．Y．Maroroa， 1．e4 g6 2．d4 鼻g7 3．f4 d5 4．e5 h5 5．c4 c6 G．W．Pocock \＆R．Seabrook 31／2；7－10 R．Dare，
面xd5 10．0xd5 cxd5 11．自b5＋©c6 12．©e2 e6 J．Gao，K．Holdo，D．P．Johns \＆H．Ruan $2^{11 / 2}$





J．E．Book（1655）－V．Smith（1689） Pirc Defence ［B09］


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| 1 McLaren，Leonard | PT | 2182 | W14 | W11 | W5 | W4 | D3 | $4^{1 / 2}$ | 147／2 |
| 2 Steadman，Michael | AC | 2230 | W10 | L5 | W12 | W6 | W7 | 4 | 131／2 |
| 3 Garbett，Paul | NS | 2309 | W8 | D4 | D6 | W5 | D1 | $3^{1 / 2}$ | 17 |
| 4 Hart，Ralph | NS | 2117 | W13 | D3 | W18 | L1 | W10 | 31／2 | 14 |
| 5 Krstev，Antonio | NS | 1896 | W15 | W2 | L1 | L3 | W16 | 3 | 151／2 |
| 6 Thornton，Gino | NS | 1981 | D12 | W7 | D3 | L2 | W13 | 3 | 141／2 |
| 7 Chen，Andy G． | AC | 1684 | W9 | L6 | W8 | W18 | L2 | 3 | 141／2 |
| 8 Duneas，John | MM | 1831 | L3 | W13 | L7 | W14 | W15 | 3 | 12 |
| 9 Fuatai，Fuatai | NS | 1918 | L7 | W20 | D15 | D16 | W12 | 3 | 9 |
| 10 Blaxall，Craig | HP | 1822 | L2 | W17 | hpb | W11 | L4 | $2 \frac{1 / 2}{2}$ | 12 |
| 11 Browne，Jeremy | － | 1899 | W16 | L1 | hpb | L10 | W20 | $2^{1 / 2}$ | $91_{2}$ |
| 12 Krstev，Mario | NS | 1718 | D6 | W19 | L2 | D15 | L9 | 2 | $12^{1 / 2}$ |
| 13 Taylor，Richard | HP | 1744 | L4 | L8 | W17 | W19 | L6 | 2 | 12 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| 14 Wright，Caleb | MM | 1747 | L1 | L16 | W20 | L8 | W18 | 2 | 113／2 |
| 15 Chen，Eachen | AC | 1639 | L5 | bye | D9 | D12 | L8 | 2 | 11 |
| 16 Wu ，Jason | AC | 1666 | L11 | W14 | hpb | D9 | L5 | 2 | 101／2 |
| 17 Gloistein，Bruce | CA | 1708 | L18 | L10 | L13 | W20 | W19 | 2 | 71.8 |
| 18 Gunn，Neil | NS | 1961 | W17 | hpb | L4 | L7 | L14 | 17／2 | 101／2 |
| 19 Hair，Philip | NS | 1831 | D20 | L12 | hpb | L13 | L17 | 1 | 61／2 |
| 20 Tanoi，Toleafoa | AC | 1568 | D19 | L9 | L14 | L17 | L11 | 1／2 | $10^{13}$ |













 ［A little side－trip to al was the story：able as it ensures there will be no nonsense on


 52．${ }^{\ddagger} \mathbf{b 3}$［So far，so good．White＇s bishop has to would like to＂pass＂now as his bishop is al－







 and White will think he must do something In the C－grade 11－year old Jack Ruan scored a about it ．．．］53．h4？［The losing move．The pos－well－deserved five－nil sweep－for the second sible h5－h4 isn＇t the real deal and can safely be year in a row！Leading scores： 1 J．Ruan 5；2－5 ignored，e．g．53．置d2！h4（53．．．寞b6 54．䍖c3 V．Collingwood，G．Liu，X．Li \＆B．Wu 4；6－9
 56. 克b3 is dead drawn；53．．．思e7 54．h4 宽d8 $31 / 2 ; 10-15$ Andrew Chen，R．Collingwood，


59．崽d2 貫g 3 60．思e3 and there＇s still no way in
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## Rated Tournaments 2007

by Rowan Wood

The following is a list of all standard－rated tournaments processed in the three periods of 2007.

In period 1，the open tournaments are： NZ Championship and NZ Major Open．The club tournaments are：Waitemata Championship（A， B），Wellington Julian Mazur Memorial and Canterbury Championship（A，B）．
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Waitemata Winter and Preliminary，Wanganui Championship，Canterbury Eric Browne Shield and Otago Championship（A1，A2，B1，B2）．

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In period 2，the open tournaments are：$N Z$ Women＇s Reserve and Latvian Open（A，B）． The club tournaments are：North Shore Cham－ pionship（Legs 1，2），Howick－Pakuranga Al－ legro，Waitemata Half－hour，Wellington April Round－Robin（A－E），Canterbury vs．North Canterbury and Otago Championship（A1，B1， $\mathrm{C} 1)$ ．
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## New Zealand News

## Inter- club: Burnham Cup 2007.

The Burnham Cup has changed hands. After proudly residing in the Wanganui trophy cabinet for the past 20 years, during which time Wanganui successfully repulsed challenges from Palmerston North, New Plymouth, Hawkes` Bay and Wellington, the cup is now on the move.
In a 10 board match played at the Palmerston North Boys' High School last Saturday, Palmerston North prevailed narrowly, for a one point win, thus taking the trophy for 2007 on the aggregate scores of 20.5 to 19.5 .

Starring for Wanganui was Kelly Forrest with two wins, and John Mc Donald and Brian Williams each with one win and one draw. Doing best for Palmerston North were Mathew King and Dylan Chen both two wins, and Michael Yuan, one win and one draw.
Results
In board order with Wanganui names first

## Round One

Chris Burns drew with Charles Ker, John McDonald beat Justin Davis, Martin Post lost to Mathew King, James Stewart lost to Stewart Holdaway by default, Gordon Hoskyn drew with Martin Sims, David Bell beat Stephen Taylor, John Wilson lost to
Dylan Chen, Brian Williams beat Matthew Howe, Kelly Forrest beat Tehgyu Kim, Bill Maddren lost to Michael Yuan. Wanganui 5, Palmerston North 5

## Round Two:

Burns drew with Ker, McDonald drew with Davis, Post lost to King, Stewart beat Holdaway, Hoskyn drew with Sims, Bell lost to Taylor, Wilson lost to Chen, Williams drew with Howe, Forrest beat Kim, Maddren drew with Yuan. Wanganui 4.5, Palmerston North 5.5.

## Total for the day:

Wanganui 9.5, Palmerston North 10.5
Aggregate for the two matches: Wanganui 19.5, Palmerston North 20.5

## Project Puchen Wang,

NZ's $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grandmaste

## Achievements:

2006 NZ Champion, IM Title at 2007 Zonal, $3^{\text {rd }}$ in Euwe Stimulus GM Event

## Project Update 11 Feb 2008

Puchen departed NZ on Sun at 5.00 pm , he landed in London and had 3 days before he headed to France for the 2008 Chappelle le Grande GM event
We have received various donations from the chess community, but we need more, Puchen is representing us, we need to help fund him to get us our $2^{\text {nd }}$ GM. This leg of the trip ending with the Sydney Intl Open has cost us $\$ 10,000$ to date.
We need funds to begin the bookings for the next phase of the Puchen project - please outline to your members what this project is about and that we need their help.

## How You Can Help:

Go to www.newzealandchess.co.nz and see
how you can donate money
Contact Mike Steadman
(steadmanm@hotmail.com or 021799566 )if you have ideas on fundraising ideas or people/organisations that can be approached for financial assistance.

## What donators wLl receive:

Donator's details published on New Zealand Chess website (unless requested not to) Private Web URL to Puchen toumament updates - Puchen has committed to give updates post each event
Completed (pdf) diary of gap year with annotated games from Puchen from each event Puchen will play at the World Junior under 20 in Turkey in August, World Youth under 18 in
Vietnam in October and Olympiad in Germany in November.


Player Profile: William "Bill" Anderson

## Part Two

The draft of returning K Force soldiers landed at Evans Bay, and then was sent to Trentham Military Camp for discharge and final medical tests, which he again passed "Al".
They were all given free rail warrants valid for three months. South Islanders also got a free ferry pass.
Bill caught the overnight Auckland Express to Frankton Junction at Hamilton the next day, then boarded a bus to Te Aroha where his parents had now retired to.
One week later news came over the radio of the Tangawai tragedy where the bridge was washed way on Christmas Eve, 1953, with the loss of 150 lives. Bill had been on the same train just a few days earlier.
After some holiday time with the family, Bill bought a second-hand 1947 Morris 10 car to go job hunting. He ended up as a fertiliser spreader driver. He had gained experience driving four and six wheel drive trucks such as GMC, Ford and Chevies.
This was a new industry that started soon after WW2 ended in 1945. Hamilton airfield was packed with all sorts of surplus military vehicles. Enterprising guys were converting these trucks to spread fertiliser and lime to farms in the Waikato.
Bill had that job for a year, during which time he had married. He wished to go back farming, this time as a sharemilker for himself. While away in Korea, he had a portion of his Army pay paid into a savings account. This gave him enough for a deposit for a dairy herd.
Bill ended up on a farm between Te Aroha and Paeroa. He got it because other sharemilkers had turned it down because it had a history of flooding. In the four years he was there it flooded 12 times! But it gave him the start he wanted.
Bill then moved to a nearby bigger and better farm for two years. In 1961 he had enough money saved for a deposit on his own dairy
farm near Rotorua. He stayed there for more than 40 years, until retiring to live in Rotorua. Before that retirement however, he decided to return to OTB chess. For a while was a member of the Rotorua Chess Club. It was OK in the winter months, but in the spring he would be just finishing the evening milking while back in town his chess mates would be just starting to play their evening games. So he had to give it away.
Bill re-joined the NZCCA in 1975. He notes with pleasure that his long-time foe and friend Ken Reed is still active. A lot of chess papers from the early years were lost in the post. However he still has EP numbers 3, 5, 11 and 30 to 46.
Some of Bill's achievements at CC include: First in TT 4 in 1992-93 with 12/12; Second in CT9701 in 1998 with 5/6; First in CT0005 in 2000-01, with 5/6; First in TT 2 in 2003-04 with $9.5 / 12$. Now deep in retirement, Bill Anderson is firmly committed to spending time playing CC.
Bill has chosen the following two games for publication.
A feather in his cap was beating Jeff Rapp who went on to play in the championship. In the game $27 . . . \mathrm{Ke} 7$ was supposed to be a slow trek up the $g$ and $h$ files to support a passed pawn on g4. To Bill's surprise Jeff helped out by chasing his King to g 4 , much like a sheep dog!
Against long-time opponent Ken Reed, Bill gave Ken a bloody nose with a Queen sacrifice checkmate. Bill and Ken are evenly matched, and have taken turns at beating each other.

Jeff Rapp - Bill Anderson TT 4 1992-93 Kings Gambit
1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 d6 $4 . \mathrm{d} 4 \mathrm{~g} 55 . \mathrm{h} 4 \mathrm{~g} 4$ 6.Ng1 Bh6 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.Nge2 Nbc6 9.g3 Ng6 10.Nxf4 Bxf4 11.Bxf4 Nxf4 12.gxf4 a6 13.Bg2 Bd7 14.d5 Ne7 15.Qd4! Rg8 16.h5 c5 (Continued on page 30 )

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## Chess Book Reviews

As previously mentioned，in this issue I will be reviewing predominantly Gambit chess books， and would like to just add here that Gambit＇s website can be found at：
www．gambitbooks．com
Grandmaster Secrets：Winning Quickly at Chess by John Nunn（Gambit）
John＇s new book，which is 255 pages，is a much－expanded new edition of his earlier book ＇101 Brilliant Chess Miniatures＇．He chose 125 short games consisting of 25 moves or fewer，which are instructive games that mod－ ern grandmasters have played．The reason that short GM＇s games where chosen is that they ably teach club players and alike the most common cause of errors，that can lead to the loser＇s demise．To give you an example， here＇s one played by recently returned to New Zealand，GM Murray Chandler

Chandler M－Vaganian $\mathbf{R}$
Dubai Olympiad， 1986
1．e4 e6 2．d4 d5 3．Nc3 Bb4 4．e5 b6 5．a3 Bf8 6．Nf3 Qd7 7．Bb5！？c6 8．Ba4 Ba6 9．Ne2 h5？ 10．0－0 Nh6 11．Re1 Be7 12．c3 g6 13．Nf4 Nf5 14．Nh3 Bb5 15．Bc2 c5 16．Bg5 Nc6 17．Bf6！ Bxf6 18．exf6 Qd8 19．dxc5 bxc5 20．Nf4 Qxf6 21．Qxd5？！Rc8？22．Qxc5 a6 23．a4 Nce7 24．Nd5！
John＇s new edition book，because of the bite size of the games as well as his well known and respected writing style，makes this a great read．One of the big pluses of this book is the layout．After most of the important moments of the game there is a well placed diagram which makes it easy to read，even without a chess board．

## How to Defend in Chess

by Colin Crouch（Gambit）
Before I share my thoughts on this book，here is a quote taken off Gambit＇s website：
＂Gambit re－issue of a classic work on chess defence．
Many books discuss how to attack in chess， but resourceful defensive play is also a vital ingredient in competitive success．This is an
area largely neglected in the literature of the game．
This book fills the gap admirably．Following a survey of general defensive methods in chess， Dr Colin Crouch investigates the techniques of World Champions Emanuel Lasker and Tigran Petrosian，both highly effective defenders． Lasker would place myriad practical obstacles in the opponent＇s way，and was a master of the counterattack．Petrosian developed
Nimzowitsch＇s theories of prophylaxis to a new level．His opponents would find that somehow their attacking chances had been nullified long before they could become reality． International Master Dr Colin Crouch is a highly experienced chess－player from England who has written well－regarded books about openings，endgames and middlegame theory． His game annotations have appeared in several major chess magazines，including Inside Chess and Chess Monthly．＂
You can also read a few pages of this first－ class book on Gambit＇s website and，in fact， any of their other books．
Right off the bat，I will say that this is one of the best books to come out of Gambit Publish－ ing House and should be in all chess players＇ libraries．Colin＇s chatty and down to earth writing approach makes this a book that all players and／or students of the game can defi－ nitely leam from．（！）

## Chess Explained：The Queen＇s Gambit De－

 clinedby James Rizzitano（Gambit） Past books that James Rizzitano has penned are ‘Understanding Your Chess＇，＇How to Beat 1 d4＇and＇Chess Explained：the Taimanov Sicilian＇In one of my past columns I reviewed and gave James＇＂How to beat d4＂，which is based on the QGA，ten out of ten．Since then James has quickly shown himself to be a very capable and popular author．His new book is based on the super solid QGD which has，at one time or another，been played by most world champions as well as most of the best
chess players around．But，just to remind read－ ers what＇Chess Explained＇books are about， here＇s a little background info：
Chess Explained books 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，ena－ bling 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 spe－ cific knowledge you need to have．James＇book has hit the mark on what his and this series of books are trying to do．The reader is shown ideas，plans and the way that this defence should be，and can be，played through the twenty－five well chosen games．＇Chess Ex－ plained＇books are aimed at players who are just starting to learn an opening or defence，not to say that strong players can＇t learn anything from these books also．However Gambit＇s new series of books entitled＇Grandmaster Secrets＇ are aimed more at the reader and／or player who wishes to have a bit more＇meat＇in their open－ ing books．

## Grandmaster Secrets：The Caro－Kann

## by Peter Wells（Gambit）

Peter has written a very informative book here and has done an excellent job on the explana－ tions and the lines，which are well chosen for the purpose of teaching readers an immense supply of ideas，techniques and principles guid－ ing them through the wonderful world of this defence．This author has actually played the lines in this book himself and you get the feel－ ing that he has not held anything back when writing it，for example，the coverage of the advanced is particularly good．This book will not only suit players new to the opening but also people who already play this defence，and I＇m sure that it will heighten the popularity of the Caro－Kann among all chess players！Ex－ cellent work－and it is a must for fans and soon－to－be fans of the Caro－Kann as Peter is arguably one of the best chess writers around at
the moment．
My Daily Exercise－ 365 Tactical Tests to Improve Your Chess
by Heinz Brunthaler（New In Chess） Before we start on this book，I would like to let readers know that＇New In Chess＇publishers have recently been putting out some excellent books like＇The Fabulous Budapest Gambit＇by Viktor Moskalenko and＇Endgame Virtuoso Anatoly Karpov＇by Tibor Karolyi and Nick Aplin．I propose to review each of these books，and others，in the next column in the New Year．Heinz＇s book is one the best books of its type to come out over the last few years． He has sat down and really thought about what the beginner to club player wants in a book like this．The answers at the back are spaced out so you cannot cheat and see the next answer by mistake，as an example．Also Heinz has mixed up the tactical themes，which makes the training more useful as the reader can＇t be tipped off about what to look for，making the training more useful for actual practical playing．Doing tactical exercises is one of the best ways a chess player can help their openings，middle games and endings training，and as such，one can＇t go past this book．Ten out of ten．

## （Continued from page 8）

J．Ruan－Genjun Liu
Queen＇s Pawn［A40］
$1 . \mathrm{d} 4 \mathrm{~g} 62 . \mathrm{c} 4$ 思 $\mathrm{g} 7 \quad 3.0 \mathrm{f} 3 \mathrm{~d} 54 . \mathrm{cxd} 5$ 情xd5


喜xg7 16．Me5＋高g8 $17 . \mathrm{b} 3$ 念d7 $18 . \mathrm{h} 4 \mathrm{~h} 5$









 52．${ }^{3} \mathrm{xg} 6+1-0$ ．

## Letter from the Kingside

by Roger Nokes

World Cups, World Champs and other Enigmas
Where were you when you heard of the All Blacks' disastrous loss to France in the quar-ter-finals of the recent Rugby World Cup? Everyone knows the answer to this question don't they? It's an indication of just how traumatic this event was in our nation's psyche. But was the All Black loss such a terrible event?
The general perception is that the World Cup winners are the de facto world champions for the following four years. For this reason alone the All Blacks and their fanatical supporters desired that title and that accolade more than anything else on offer in the international rugby trophy cabinet. But this raises the interesting question about whether the World Cup winners really are the world champions. Clearly there are numerous different ways in which the best rugby team in the world could be determined. For example the All Blacks have dominated world rugby in the recent past. They have an exceptional test record, which includes victories over every rugby-playing nation. The playing record of each of the rugby playing nations over the last four years would seem a rather more robust approach to choosing the world champions than relying on the results of a single toumament.
But the Rugby World Cup is an example of the type of sports event that today dominates the thinking of the sporting public. Influenced to a large extent by the multi-million dollar sponsors, the sporting public is obsessed by a format that uses single games to determine who is best. It provides the opportunity for the "big event", and all of its associated hype and commercialization. In reality the World Cup, in the knock out phase of the tournament from the quarter-finals on, simply finds the team which is able to string together three wins in a row. Clearly that team is a good (or very lucky) rugby team, but it seems a very narrow way to decide on the world's best.
You have every right to be wondering if you
have mistakenly opened the wrong magazine having read the first few paragraphs. But there is a point. In the last few months the chess world has crowned a new world chess champion. Viswanathan Anand of India, by dominating the recent World Chess Championship Toumament in Mexico City, has reached the chess pinnacle. So the question I wish to ask is whether Anand should be viewed as a worthy world champion. Of course you shouldn't expect a definitive answer to this question simply because it has none. Even so, it is interesting to look back at the history of the format used to determine chess world champions and to ponder the question.
Until 1948 the world chess championship was determined by match play between the reigning world champion and a selected challenger. The timing and arrangements for these matches were somewhat arbitrary. Then upon the death of Alexander Alekhine the World Chess Federation faced the prospect of determining a new champion. Their decision was to hold a tournament where the six strongest players in the world would play a quintuple cycle round robin event (someone needs to explain to me why one would choose an odd number of cycles so that colours would be unbalanced in each of the mini-matches, but I digress). In the event Reuben Fine, the US Grandmaster withdrew leaving Mikhail Botvinnik to win the event at a canter ahead of Smyslov, Keres, Reshevsky and Euwe.
For the next 22 years the determination of the world championship became an orderly process whereby likely challengers from around the world competed in an interzonal tournament, or tournaments, once every three years to determine the eight strongest candidates, who then fought one another in a tournament that mimicked the 1948 event. The winner of the Candidates' Tournament, having probably exhausted his or her store of novel chess ideas and competitive energy, then had the chance to face off with the world champion in a 24 game
match. At the same time FDE had instigated $a$ is that there are no firm rules! First Kasparov rule that ensured that Botvinnik was granted an broke with FIDE and the world possessed two immediate rematch if he were to lose his title - world champions, although there were few in which he did to both Smyslov in 1957 and Tal the chess world who doubted that Kasparov was in 1960. Both times he recovered his title. the strongest player. The FIDE world champiThese 24 game matches are in stark contrast to ons came thick and fast through a number of the "big event" philosophy. One would expect formats including knockout events, and tournathat, in such a match, the best player would be ments. Ponomariov, Khalifman, Kasimdzhanov, found, although one might have lingering Anand and Topalov were all world champions doubts about whether the best two players in during this era.
the world were facing each other in the first Finally, in 2006, the two world titles were again place. united through a reunification match between Once Petrosian finally ended Botvinnik's reign Topalov and Kramnik. Alas FIDE continued to in 1963 the rules were changed. No longer was turn the World Championship into some sort of the world champion guaranteed a rematch, in- circus with special rules for specific players and stead he or she had to qualify for the right to formats that varied on a whim. Suddenly new challenge like anyone else, and the Candidates rules were introduced that allowed any player in Tournament became a series of knockout the top twenty or so to challenge for the title if matches. The latter of these changes was due, in they could produce a large enough purse. Havpart at least, to Bobby Fischer's complaint that ing reverted to a match between two players to it was virtually impossible for a non-Soviet reunify the titles FIDE immediately chose to player to win the Candidates' Toumament decide the next world champion in an eight when he or she had to battle the combined player double cycle round robin toumament. It forces of up to four Soviet qualifiers. He had a almost seemed that we had gone full circle.
point.
And so that is where we are today. Anand is the The new system remained in place while first latest world champion. However he must face Spassky defeated Petrosian and then Fischer Kramnik in a match for the title next year. finally won, in 1972, the crown that he had Don't ask me what happens after one or the craved since he was a precocious teenager in other of these players wins. FIDE has some the 1950 s. Ironically it was Fischer himself who convoluted scheme which continues to leave caused further changes to the World Champion- the chess players and chess public confused and ship format. The 24 game match was replaced frustrated.
with a match of unlimited length whose out- And so to my question. Is Anand a worthy come was determined by the first player to world champion? Is the world champion meant score six wins. Thus followed the titanic strug- to be the winner of some event or are they gles between first Karpov (the world champion meant to be the best player in the world? There anointed when Fischer refused to defend his is little doubt that in the past we have had world title) and Korchnoi, and then Karpov and Kas- title holders who have not been the best in the parov. These marathon matches certainly world. I would suggest that Petrosian is the proved something, but it may not always have most obvious example. Despite his undoubted been who was the better player. The first Kar- brilliance he seldom dominated chess during his pov-Kasparov match was called off after some- reign, often finishing top toumaments, in a thing like 50 games when the score was $5-3$ to modest placing. Kasparov on the other hand, Karpov (after he had led 5-0 at one point) but perhaps for a decade, was the undisputed maswas reportedly close to physical and mental ter of the chess world. He dominated tournacollapse. ment play, was ranked the highest on the FIDE And thus we enter the "modern" era when the rating list for year after year, and succeeded in only firm rule regarding world championships beating all challengers for his title, until finally
succumbing to Kramnik.
So what of Anand? He has proved himself to be an outstanding . He has proved himself to be of the great modern exponents of the black side has the highest FIDE rating in the world. On the recent resurgence of the Marshall Gambit other hand he hasn't defeated his main opposi- 3...a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 tion in match play. As an interesting aside I Adams is happy to inform Anand that the Marhaven't raised the rather awkward question of shall Gambit is not his intention. Castling imwhat type of chess we are discussing. Today mediately would have left this option open. It there are many forms of the game, and perhaps seems to me that due to its long history and one of Anand's most impressive gifts is his enduring popularity the Ruy Lopez contains ability to dominate in more than one form. He more subtle intricacies than any other opening. is the undisputed king of rapid chess, is the Grandmasters, and even club players, seem to world champion in classical chess, and recently be able to rattle off long variations, prepared at came within a whisker of taking the unofficial home and memorised. It's certainly a great way blitz chess crown in Moscow. World champions can be found in so many encompasses some of the most difficult stratedifferent ways. Some fairer than others perhaps, gic problems in opening theory. That is why but in each case a player, or team, may need somewhat different capabilities in order to succeed. If you want to know which is the best rugby team in the world I would tell you it's the All Blacks, simply because they have beaten all other teams more often than not. If you want to know who the best chess player in the world is, I would tell you it's the agreeable Grandmaster from Chennai, whose universal style has taken him to the top of most metrics we currently have for measuring chess prowess. Of course, within 12 months Vladimir Kramnik may demonstrate that he is the greatest match player and regain the title. What do you think?
It is an easy task to find stunning Anand games. The game I have selected was played in the preceding world championship tournament in 2005 and remember enjoying the game immensely at that time.
Viswanathan Anand - Michael Adams [C92] FIDE World Championship San Luis ARG (3), 30.09.2005 players at my level can become hopelessly lost in the complexity of the positions that arise. It is sometimes said that it is only the truly great chess players who have a real understanding of the Ruy - players such as Fischer, Karpov and Kasparov. 8. c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.a4. This position is typical of the Ruy. Black leads in development due to White having spent considerable time establishing his central pawn formation and retaining his white square bishop. However, due to the closed nature of the position this lag in development is not of great importance. In compensation White has a slight dominance in the centre and has provoked Black into a slight weakening of his queenside pawn structure. My limited understanding of this position would suggest that Black's development advantage is offset by White's flexibility both in terms of his piece placement and also in terms of his ability to choose when the position is opened. 12...h6 13.Bc2 exd4 14.cxd4 Nb4 15.Bb1 c5 16.d5. 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 The Ruy Lopez, or Black has released some of the tension by exSpanish Opening, has re-established itself as changing on d 4 and has established an unassailone of the most popular opening systems at able knight on b4. But this has come at some grandmaster level. For many years it seemed cost. White has gained more space and the strathat the various forms of the Sicilian Defence tegic e5 break is now available. What fascinates were judged to provide black with the best me about this position is how closely the pawn chance of obtaining complex positions with real structure matches that of the Modern Benoni! winning chances, but from my observations it However, there are some significant differappears that this popularity is on the wane and ences. Most importantly Black does not have
the Benoni bishop in place on g 7 , and this will, $40 . \mathrm{Be} 4+\mathrm{Kxf7}$ 41.Bxd5+ 1-0. As you play in fact, take two further moves to achieve. In through the current game between Anand and addition Black's white squared bishop, while Adams notice the common themes in the two placing some pressure on the d 5 pawn, is not commonly deployed to its current location in the Benoni. On the other hand Black has been able to achieve the thematic b5 break, so often constrained by a white pawn on a 4 , and he retains his lead in development. It is very instructive to recognise how one tends to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of a position based on a framework built from one's own experiences. I suspect most Ruy Lopez players would be horrified if they thought that their cherished opening had led them down the dark and hideous paths of the Modern Benoni. 16...Nd7 17.Ra3 c4


Recently I came across the following delightful game from the 1990 World Championship match between the two great antagonists, Karpov and Kasparov. Kasparov was White and Karpov choose to continue instead with 17...f5 a drastic attempt to undermine the d5 pawn, which will in turn unleash the white squared bishop on b7. 18.Rae3 Nf6 19.Nh2 Kh8 $20 . \mathrm{b} 3$ bxa4 21.bxa4 c4 22.Bb2 fxe4 23.Nxe4 Nfxd5 24.Rg3 Re6 25.Ng4 Qe8 26.Nxh6 c3 27.Nf5 cxb2 28.Qg4 Bc8 29.Qh4+ Rh6 30.Nxh6 gxh6 31.Kh2 Qe5 32.Ng5 Qf6 33.Re8 Bf5 34.Qxh6+! Qxh6 35.Nf7+ Kh7 36.Bxf5+ Qg6 37.Bxg6+ Kg 7 38.Rxa8 Be 7 39.Rb8 a5
defenders left to protect their king. 27.Nh4!


This is just a lovely move that highlights the

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17.dxc6 e.p. Bxc6 18.0-0-0 Nf5 19.exf5 Bxg2 20.Rhe1+ Kf8 21.Qb4 a5 22.Qa3 Qb6 23.Rxd6 Qb4! 24.Qxb4 axb4 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5 Re8 27.Rg1 Ke7 28.Rb5? Kf6 29.Rxb7? Re4! 30.Rdl Rxf4! 31.Rd6+ Kg5 32.Rxf7 g3 33.Rdd7 Kh4 34.Rg7 Rxg7 35.Rxg7 Rg4 36.Re7 g2 37.Re1 Rf4 38.0-1

## Bill Anderson - Ken Reed

Shirov's Certificate Tournament 2000-01 [A56]
1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 c5 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4 Be7 5.e5 Nd5 6.Bh6 Qa5+ 7.Bd2 Nb4 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 11.Qd2 Qb6 12.Nc3 Qc7 13.Nb5 Qb6 14.b4 Be7 15.c5 Qd8 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.cxd6 0-0 18.Rc1 b6 19.Bd3 Na6 20.Ng5 h6 21.Nh7 Bb7 22.Nf6+ Kh8 23.Rc4 g5 24.Rh4 Kg7 25. Qxg $5+\mathrm{hxg} 5$ 26.Rh7++ $1-0$

## 2006/07 NZCCA Trophy Tourney final.

 Reserve Championship:A victory first - up for new entrant Gerald Shields, going through undefeated with 8 wins and 4 draws. Half a point away was Justin Davis whose upset loss to Ken Reed cost him his chance. These two had the finish to themselves.
very real danger faced by the Black king. The threat of Nf5 will cause Black to have to sacrifice his queen, and of course, the sacrifice on g6 is also a very dangerous threat. Notice how all of White's pieces are poised to join in the assault.27...Ned3 28.Nxg6 Qxg3+ 29.Kxg3 fxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kf8 Black appears to have blunted the White attack and even has material superiority. But Anand has seen right to the end. Black is unable to retain his material advantage and in fact must sacrifice material himself to stave off mate. 31.Qf6+ Kg8 32.Bh6 The only defence is Ra 7 whereupon 33.Qg6+ picks up the hapless rook on e8. 1-0

## Final standings:

G.R. Shields 10.0, J. Davis 9.5, B.J. Edwards and M.J. King 7.0, B.M. Williams 6.5, G.D.Putt 6.0, D.I. Bell and S.A. Holdaway 4.5, D.E. Dolejs 4.0, W.Anderson and K.G. Reed 3.0, G.H. Mills 1.0

## Latest results:

Edwards beat Bell, Dolejs, Reed. Drew Holdaway. King drew Reed. Williams beat Dolejs. Putt beat Mills. Bell beat Reed.
Holdaway beat Williams, Reed. Dolejs beat Bell, Holdaway, Reed. Drew Anderson. Anderson drew Reed. Reed beat Holdaway. Mills beat Reed.
2007-2008 NZCCA Trophy Tourney Progress as at 29.11.2007
74th Championship
MF Noble 8.5/11, KW Lynn 6/10, ML Dunwoody 5.5/9, M Wigbout 5/9, RE Gibbons 4.5/6, J Davis 4.5/7, GA Hoskyn 4.5/11, HP Bennett 4/6, GK Shields 4/7, EGA Frost
1.5/9, PJ Voss .5/6, BW Millar .5/7.

Latest Results: Noble drew Davis. Lynn beat Frost. Drew Gibbons. Dunwoody drew Davis, Bennett. Wigbout drew Davis, Frost. Gibbons beat Hoskyn, Voss. Davis beat Frost. Drew Bennett. Bennett beat Millar. Shields beat Hoskyn.

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