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607, Corry Ross J, UH, 1955
omitted from November rating list.

THIS position won a special prize for Ian McNally in the Major Open.



1 ... Nxh2 2 Qxh2 [or 2 Kxh2 Bf1+ winning the queen, or 2 Nxh2 Qxg3+ 3 Kh1 Bg4 4 Qd2 Rxh2+! 5 Qxh2 Bf3+ and mate next move].
2 ... Bg4 3 Nh4 Qb6+!
4 Kh1 Rxh4! and white resigned in view of 5 Qxh4 Bf3+ or 5 gxh4 Bf3+.



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EDITORIAL

RUSHING through the final issue of 1988 we overlooked the necessity of an index for the year. However, that is rectified to some extent in this issue and the indices will be found at the back of this issue.

We are looking at changes of style, principally in the layout of game scores. While the run-on style of listing saves space, for annotated games we felt that the columnar style is better suited, especially for those readers who like to test their skills against the game players. It's useful practice, anyway, for younger and inexperienced players to cover up either the white or black moves with a card and try to find the right continuation.

We've also included some copy that runs right across the page instead of being in columns. We'd like to hear from readers about the changes. The Plaza International tournament is hotting up with the announcement that two-times

US Champion Larry Christiansen will be playing. As for the Russian GM promised, nothing has been received at time of writing, but the 'whisper' is that Vassily Smyslov could be the player.

While the NZ chess world feels the tournament is a big boost for the game, let's hope the editors of the daily newspapers see it the same way and give it plenty of coverage!

BILL COX

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Another Congress has come and gone. "Thank you" to North Shore C.C. for their fine organisation. Congratulations to new National Champion Jonathan Sarfati who now qualifies for the final local berth in the Category 9 Plaza International tournament next month. Five and a half points secures an IM norm, and eight points a GM norm. With this in mind, thanks go to Brian Foster (New Zealand Chess Supplies), Ab Borren and Bill Cox for supplying game-scores to assist the NZ players in their preparation. The Plaza organisers inform us that GM Hubner will be available to play simulms from 29 March to April 10. The NZCA Secretary has further details.

A New Zealand Active Chess (30-30) Championship, a 12 Round Swiss event, is planned for Upper Hutt on 18-19 June. Since Active Chess is not an inspiring name, we are holding an open competition to find a better one. There is a prize for the winner. Entries to PO Box 2185 by 1 April.

FIDE is introducing a World Championship in this 'limited overs' chess with its own rating list and master titles. Civic Chess Club has already scheduled a club championship in Active Chess. This is a good opportunity to win publicity and attract more players into the game.

The Chess In Schools project is also a

scheme to recruit new players. Wisdom In Chess, a tutor written by Lev Aptekar and edited by Bob Mitchell, is about to be distributed free of charge to New Zealand schools (thanks to support from Brierley Investments Ltd, the Smart Group and the former Council of Recreation and Sport). The book is in three parts (Basic Elements, Chess Tactics and Endgame Technique) with lesson notes provided for pupils. Lev is taking orders for a second print run (in

hardback)

Entries are called for the 1988 Bledisloe and Blackburn Cups (refer NZCA Handbook Rules 184 to 202) and should be made in writing to the NZCA Secretary by March 31.

Affiliation Forms will be distributed soon (Napier C.C., what is your address?). Club affiliation rates remain unchanged from 1987. School affiliation fees are now \$6 and Business House fees are \$12.

LETTERS

Sir,

Recently there has been discussion in these pages about short draws. There are clearly many valid reasons for players, on occasion, to agree to such an early result. Such reasons include the following:

1. Tiredness or desire to avoid future tiredness.
2. Mutual respect for the opponent.
3. To protect or enhance a player's tournament position.
4. Level position reached.
5. Greatest happiness principle (both players increase their score instead of just one).
6. The players do not feel creative at that particular time.

Bearing on all this is the fact that each player has his own individual approach to the game. Some players treat each game in a tournament as a separate entity. Others, however, take a wider view and treat each game as part of the tournament. The value of a single game is determined by its relationship to the whole. This helps explain reason 3 above.

Now, just as players of the first group are entitled to play their games as they please (e.g. play for the attack or play positionally or play the Queen's Indian) so, too, are players of the second

group entitled to employ their own strategies (e.g. agreeing draws in order to win the tournament, increase rating, or qualify for another, higher, tournament).

On the related matter, the suggestion to discourage short draws (by increasing first prize at the expense of the other prizes) would not work. Say that there are two players on 4/4 a point clear of the field and first prize is \$200, second prize \$40 and third prize \$30. In that case the players could agree to split the point in the last round so as to be assured of \$120 each rather than to risk sharing \$70 with several others.

A better idea for tournament organisers is to offer a special prize to the player with the fewest draws or the most wins. However, all this short draw business is not a real problem anyway. There are only a few players who do it, and in only a few of their games. There are always plenty of other "publishable/watchable" games in any given tournament.

Leonard McLAREN

Sir,

It was with disappointment that I read a remark in a previous issue of NZ Chess stating that "some clubs are making life hard by forwarding invalid cards for NZCA rating". This remark came under Association News and was presumably by or for the ratings officer.

Whilst freely acknowledging the wonderful job that the ratings officer does, this comment is in my understanding obviously slanted to "get at" me and possibly other tournament organisers who have found themselves in a similar situation as described below.

In August 1987 I helped organise the 2nd papatoetoe Open (a weekend swiss). The club decided that for the first time we should get the tournament NZ rated and so purchased rating cards from NZ Chess Supplies for this purpose. After sending the completed cards off so that ratings could be done it was with shock that I had them returned with a letter stating that these cards were not of the format required. I posted the cards off a second time with a letter explaining that these cards had been purchased

from NZ Chess Supplies for the specific purpose of having this tournament rated.

My annoyance is not with NZ Chess Supplies (Brian Foster does a wonderful job also), but with the fact that having attempted to do the right thing this sort of discouraging remark appears. I would have thought that NZCA would have been aware of the rating cards being sold by NZ Chess Supplies and fitted in with these.

G BANKS (Organiser 2nd Papatoetoe Open).

Rating officer Rowan Wood comments: Until recently NZCS has stocked only Swiss pairing cards. These are distinct from NZCA rating cards which will now be available from NZCS.

Nevertheless, it is not the format of the cards that causes problems, it is the missing rating information. I have returned rating cards because tournament directors have failed to include code numbers for players. I am not prepared

(nor should I be) to spend considerable time (and I have had to) updating cards with code numbers when it is so much easier to do so at the time of the tournament.

With reference to Papatoetoe, it is regrattable that they were not aware of what the rating requirements were at the time.

The Association News neither sought to discourage clubs from organising rated tournaments nor to "get at" tournament directors. Rather it sought to remind clubs of the rating requirements, which appear in the NZCA Handbook.

Sir,

I am writing in response to an article on Women's chess written by Vivian Smith in the December issue. In her article she considers that the minimal interest shown in women's tournaments in New Zealand is pathetic. In contrast to this, I couldn't be more delighted with the news!

I don't believe there should ever have been a women's tournament in the first place. There are no double standards in chess - each person as an individual is subject to the same rules and regulations - or should be. So why create a difference where there isn't one?

Why not evaluate chess players on an individual basis - individual -v- individual - instead of putting women in a class of their own and then daring to compare one sex with another, where there should be no comparison at all.

All in All I'll be very glad if women's chess tournaments disintegrate completely out of existence.

Leigh P McGregor



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NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP

By RUSSEL DIVE

THE 95th Robert Jones Investments Ltd New Zealand Chess Championship was held at the St Joseph's Hall, Takapuna, Auckland from December 28 to January 9. With some great incentives, including a very generous doubling of the prizemoney, a chance to press for a claim in the Olympiad team and a chance for one of those not already chosen to get into the Plaza Tournament, the Championship was destined to be one of the strongest of recent years.

ROUND ONE - The opening round was a good indication of who was in good form and who wasn't. P Green v Small; E Green v Metge; Dive v Ker were all draws. In the latter game white had the advantage, but did not press it home.

Sarapu v Martin saw Sarapu win the opening. Martin sacrificed a pawn, but this turned out to be insufficient as Sarapu won the ending.

In Sarfati v Stuart, Sarfati got a good opening and when Stuart defended badly he was mated.

Garbett v Smith, saw Garbett have a slight initiative throughout, but in a drawn position Smith lost on time.

ROUND TWO - This reinforced most of the results in round one.

Small v Sarfati and Sarfati won again after both players refused draw offers. Small tried hard to win, but lost instead.

Stuart v Garbett was another loss for Stuart, giving Garbett his second point after Stuart lost a centre pawn early. Stuart was never really in the game after that.

Smith v Dive was another loss for Smith after he had a slight advantage from the opening. He could not hold his position or his material in the mutual time scramble.

Martin v Metge saw an even opening, but then Martin methodically dissected Metge's Benoni and the latter had a lost position when he lost on time.

Sarapu v Green saw Sarapu achieve a good pawn formation from his Deferred Exchange Ruy Lopez, but he then allowed Green to infiltrate his position and a draw resulted.

Ker v Green had Ker achieving a knight outpost on d6, until Green sacrificed a rook for the knight and a pawn!! Green was then able to get a bind on the position and Ker could not effectively use his extra material, with a draw resulting. ROUND THREE - Only one decisive result from this round as most players seemed content to draw.

Sarfati v Sarapu, Garbett v Small, E Green v Smith were all draws in under 15 moves.

Dive v Stuart saw Dive gain the initiative after the opening, but it proved insufficient to win.

P Green v Martin and Green played a gambit opening, but managed to get his pawn back and win another. However, this was not enough to win because Martin forced a drawn rook endgame.

Metge v Ker with a good opening achieved by Metge, but after opposite-side castling he allowed Ker to block the files on which he was attacking and in time trouble he fell into a combination that got him mated.

SCORES AFTER ROUND THREE:
Sarfati, Garbett 2½; Dive,
Ker, Sarapu 2; E Green, P
Green, Martin 1½; Small 1;
Stuart, Smith, Metge ½.

ROUND FOUR - A sole leader emerged in this round as the careful play in the previous round was replaced by more fighting play.

P Green v Sarfati had Green bravely playing the white-side of a Benko Gambit Declined, but after a few weak moves he lost the exchange and was made to regret his choice of opening. This gave Sarfati the lead.

Small v Dive and Dive made an unwise choice of opening as Small had prepared an obscure line of the Exchange Variation of the Alekhine. Dive failed to find an adequate continuation and was squashed.

Stuart v E Green and with a King's Indian (by transposition) Green managed to get a good king-side attack, so Stuart ran his king over to the queen-side. However, Green proved that Stuart's king was no safer over there either.

Sarapu v Garbett was drawn after some short manoeuvring, both deciding that little progress could be made.

Both Smith v Metge and Martin v Ker were hard fought draws.

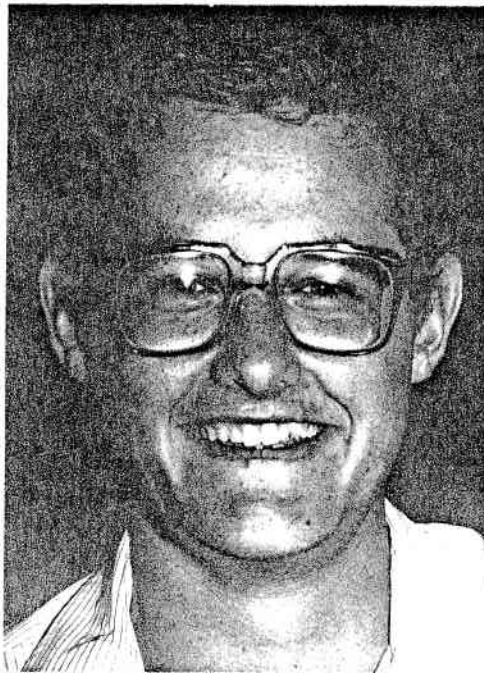
ROUND FIVE - No major progress was made by the leaders in this round.

Metge v Stuart and Metge got a good position out of the opening and capitalised on Stuart's errors to win well.

Ker v Smith where Ker gave some pawn weaknesses to attack and Smith obliged. In doing so, however, he left his king unguarded and Ker finished his mating attack nicely.

E Green v Small was a short draw and Sarfati v Martin was drawn in 17 moves, but only after Sarfati missed an opportunity to win a pawn.

Dive v Sarapu and Dive held



RUSSELL DIVE

a slight advantage from the opening, but a couple of inaccuracies later on saw the advantage slip away into a draw.

Garbett v Green and Garbett won a pawn just after the opening, but was unable to see his way through the complications to convert it into a full point.

ROUND SIX - This round saw Sarfati put more distance between himself and the bunch after beating his closest rival.

Sarfati v Garbett and Garbett mishandled the opening. Things just got worse as he was completely squashed in a position where he could get no counterplay.

Small v Metge and Metge played a bad move which lost a pawn and then was systematically taken apart.

Stuart v Ker where Stuart achieved his first win in

the tournament when Ker tried to play a Sicilian and came badly unstuck in the process.

Martin v Smith and Smith walked into a book trap in the Benoni which proceeded to have a devastating effect on his position, giving Martin an easy win.

Sarapu v E Green and P Green v Dive were both drawn.

SCORES AFTER ROUND SIX:
Sarfati 5; Garbett, E Green,
Sarapu, Small, Ker, Martin
3½; Dive 3; P Green 2½; Metge
2; Stuart 1½; Smith 1.

ROUND SEVEN - This round produced a near miss for the leader and only one decisive result, but what a result.

Metge v Sarapu saw a very tense struggle with chances to both sides, but Sarapu made the last mistake and Metge exploited it to cause the biggest upset in the Championship so far.

Dive v Sarfati and Sarfati played his first bad game of the tournament, but didn't get punished for it as Dive turned a won rook endgame into a drawn rook endgame.

E Green v P Green and in the battle of the Greens, Peter had an advantage for a long time, but missed weaving an inescapable mating net, leaving Ewen to grovel out with a draw.

Ker v Small was a hard fought draw, with Small having a slight initiative.

Smith v Stuart developed into a long draw where Stuart sacrificed the exchange and managed to get enough compensation to keep the game level.

Garbett v Martin with Martin sacrificing the exchange early and had a good initiative until he allowed Garbett to sacrifice the exchange back and win a pawn in the process. However, Garbett was unable to win the queen endgame.

ROUND EIGHT - Short games characterised this round, the longest being 35 moves.

Sarapu v Ker and Ker gave up his dark-squared bishop in the Benoni to win a pawn. The pawn proved to be no compensation at all as it became only a matter of time before his position disintegrated, which it eventually did.

P Green v Metge - was interestingly poised until Metge blundered a piece.

Garbett v Dive and Garbett blundered a pawn in the middlegame and Dive proceeded to win a second one soon after. However, Dive, instead of winning a third pawn, managed to set up a combination for Garbett that lost both his pawns back! The game was agreed drawn soon after.

Small v Smith and Martin v Stuart were drawn rook endgames, while Sarfati v E Green was a short draw.

SCORES AFTER ROUND EIGHT:
Sarfati 6; Garbett, E Green,
Martin, Sarapu, Small 4½;
Dive, P Green, Ker 4; Metge
3; Stuart 2½; Smith 2.

ROUND NINE - Metge decided that beating Sarapu two rounds earlier wasn't enough so he made the competition closer by beating Sarfati.

Metge v Sarfati and here Metge had prepared an obscure line of the Benko, which Sarfati played badly allowing Metge to forcefully ram home his advantage.

Dive v Martin and the latter let Dive open up the game for his bishops and in an uncomfortable position blunder the exchange. This time Dive won the game.

Ker v P Green and Ker won an early pawn, but under pressure he had an illusion and lost it back. After repeating moves the game was agreed drawn.

Stuart v Small and E Green v Garbett were hard fought

draws, with Green having the advantage in his game. Smith v Sarapu was a short draw. ROUND TEN - In the penultimate round some of the pursuers closed in on the leader. Sarapu v Stuart and after an even opening Stuart's position gradually got worse and the game finished when he lost a piece.

Garbett v Metge and Metge made a mistake in the opening, but equalised later only to play too optimistically and allowed Garbett's queen to win most of his pawn, giving Garbett a won game.

Martin v Small and after an equal opening Martin lost a pawn. He continued to lose pawn at regular intervals and resigned.

After some manoeuvring P Green v Smith, Sarfati v Ker and Dive v E Green were all drawn.

SCORES AFTER ROUND TEN:
Sarfati 6½; Garbett, Sarapu, Small 6; Dive, E Green 5½; Ker, P Green 5; Martin 4½; Metge 4; Smith, Stuart 3.

ROUND TEN - Sarfati beat Smith to win his first New Zealand Championship. Smith speculated with a piece sacrifice early on but then Sarfati sacrificed

his queen and obtained a rook and two bishops for it. As the game wore on it became apparent that Sarfati's forces were superior and Smith had to resign when faced with an unstoppable mate. Small v Sarapu was a short draw which allowed them to get second equal. Stuart v P Green where after an equal opening Green slowly but surely outplayed Stuart. In time trouble, Stuart made a tactical mistake that lost everything.

Ker v Garbett and after a level opening Garbett obtained a slight initiative. In the endgame he put one of his pawns on the same coloured square as Ker's bishop and lost it. Fearing Ker's bishop reaching f6 he sacrificed a few more pawns, but when he had to give up his bishop for one of Ker's pawn that had promoted, it was all over.

Metge v Dive saw Dive blunder a centre pawn on move 14, but Metge allowed Dive to sacrifice another pawn to reach an opposite coloured bishop endgame, which was drawn.

E Green v Martin was a short draw.



New Zealand Championship - Final Scores

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1	SARFATI, J.D.	WE	2229	x ½	1 ½	½	½	½	1 1	½	0 1	1 1	7 ½	\$2000		
2	SARAPU, O.	NS	2328	½ x	½ 1	½ ½	½ ½	½ ½	½ 1	0 1	½ ½	6 ½	\$1025			
3	SMALL, V.A.	NS	2380	0 ½	x ½	½ ½	½ ½	½ 1	½ ½	1 1	½ ½	6 ½	\$1025			
4	KER, A.F.	HV	2273	½ 0	½ x	½ ½	½ ½	½ 1	½ ½	1 0	1 6	\$220				
5	GREEN, E.M.	NS	2247	½ ½	½ ½	x ½	½ ½	½ ½	½ ½	½ 1	½ 6	\$220				
6	DIVE, R.J.	CI	2303	½ ½	0 ½	½ x	½ ½	½ 1	½ ½	1 6	\$220					
7	GREEN, P.R.	AC	2219	0 ½	½ ½	½ ½	x ½	½ 1	½ 1	½ 6	\$220					
8	GARBETT, P.A.	NS	2313	0 ½	½ 0	½ ½	½ x	½ 1	1 1	1 6	\$220					
9	MARTIN, B.M.S.	OT	2180	½ 0	0 ½	½ 0	½ ½	x 1	½ 1	5	\$125					
10*	METGE, J.N.	CI	2185	1 1	0 0	½ ½	0 0	0 x	1 ½	4 ½	\$112					
11	STUART, P.W.	NS	2185	0 0	½ 1	0 ½	0 0	½ 0	½ x	3	\$75					
12	SMITH, R.W.	WT	2249	0 ½	½ 0	½ 0	½ 0	0 ½	½ x	3	\$75					

Plaza

INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Plaza International Chess Tournament will be held in the new Plaza International Hotel in Wellington from March 15 to March 28.

The tournament will be the strongest ever held in Australia or New Zealand.

- The 12 players in the tournament include:
- * Former world champion Boris Spassky.
 - * Former Candidates finalist Robert Hubner.
 - * New Zealand Grandmaster Murray Chandler.
 - * Australian Grandmaster Ian Rogers.
 - * A Grandmaster representing the Soviet Chess Federation.
 - * International Master Ortvin Sarapu, 19 times New Zealand champion.
 - * FIDE Master Vernon Small, four times New Zealand champion.
 - * Russell Dive, 1986-87 New Zealand champion.
 - * Anthony Ker, 1987 North Island champion.

Two more leading international players will be signed, and one more New Zealander will qualify from the 1987-88 Robert Jones Investments New Zealand Championship in Auckland.

The tournament will use the new international time limit of 40 moves in two hours and then 20 in the next hour, in a six-hour playing session. Play will begin at 1.30pm, and there will be two rest days.

The Plaza International Chess Tournament is associated with the New Zealand International Festival of the Arts, taking place in Wellington over the same period.

Season tickets and day tickets will be available.

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LARRY CHRISTIANSEN - TWICE US CHAMPION - and EDUARD GUFELD FROM RUSSIA WILL ALSO COMPETE.

NZ CHAMPIONSHIP
Round one

J D Sarfati (2229)-P W Stuart
(2193) Notes by Sarfati

Nimzo-Indian

1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 e6
3 Nc3 Bb4
4 e3 b6
5 Ne2 Ba6
6 Ng3 O-O
7 Bd3

{Actually not a good move. However, in the 1985/86 Championship against me, and in the 1986/87 against R Dive, Stuart answered 7 ... Nc6 8 O-O Bxc3 and was in effect playing a tempo down against the Samisch with a dreadful game.

This time he finds the best reply. The book move for white is 7 e4).

7 d5!
8 cxd5 Bxd3?
{Black goes wrong here. ...Nd5 was fine for black. Stuart was badly off form in this tournament).

9 Qxd3 exd5
10 a3 Bxc3+
{This leads to a position similar to Botvinnik - Capablanca, AVRO 1938; and Reshevsky - Fine, New York State Championship 1941. In both cases white's central and K-side play outweighed black's Q-side play).

11 bxc3 Nbd7
{More active was ... c5 and ... Nc6, but black is still strategically almost lost).

12 O-O c5
13 Ra2!
{To have the rooks ready to double on a file and to guard the second rank).

13 Re8
14 f3 Rc8
15 Raf2
{Re2 was probably better, to support e4).

15 Qc7
16 Bb2 cxd4
17 cxd4 Qc4

18 Qd2 Qb3
19 Nf5
{Chess trivia buffs may notice that this is the first white piece to pass the third rank).

19 Re6
20 e4!
{All white's pieces spring to life with this move.

20 dxe4
{Otherwise 21 e5, then f4-5 with a winning attack).

21 Qg5 g6
{Ne8 22 Ne7+}
22 Nh6 Kf8!
{If (a) 22 ... Kh8 23 d5! wins a piece: 23 ... Rd6

24 Nxf7+ or 23 ... Rc5 24 dxe6! Rxc5 25 exd7 or (b) 22 ... Kg7 23 d5! Re8

24 Nf5+ and Nd6. 23 ... Rc5 or Rd6 are met by 24 Nf5+. In both (a) and (b) the interpolation of ... e3, Re2 doesn't help).

23 fxe4
{Now 23 d5 is answered by ...e3! keeping the f-file closed}

23 Rxe4?
[loses quickly. 23 ... Nxe4 is better. Then 24 Rxf7+ Ke8 25 Qf4 Qxb2 26 Rf8+ Nxf8 27 Qxf8+ Kd7 28 Rf7+ Kc6 29 Qxc8+ Kd5! (... Kb5

30 Qd7+ Rc6 31 h3! stops black's threats and leaves him defenceless against the white threats eg d5) 30 Rd7+ Rd6 (...Nd6 may work as well. The BK might find safety on d2!) White always has perpetual check, but any more ...?].

24 d5! Qxd5
{...Nxd5 25 Nxf7 threatens deadly discovered checks. A K move allows mate in 1).

25 Bxf6 Qxg5
26 Bxg5 f5
27 g4 Ke8
28 qxf5 gxf5
29 Nxf5 Rc6
30 Ng7#



Round six

J D SARFATI (2229) - P A GARBETT
(2313) Notes by Sarfati

Grunfeld Defence

1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 g6
3 Nc3 d5
4 Nf3 Bg7
5 Bg5 Ne4
6 cxd5 Nxc5
7 Nxc5 c6

{Surprise! An interesting gambit played by Korchnoi vs Petrosian in USSR champs 1973. But against Karpov he played the usual 5 ... e6}.

8 e3

{rather than risk accepting. But black has no worries if he plays 6 ... e6! 7 Nf3 cxd5. Paul knows this, but somehow it slipped his mind}.

8 cxd5?
9 Qf3!

{Forcing a weakening}.

9 f6
10 Nh3 Bxh3
11 Qxh3 f5
12 g4!

{Necessary to force some permanent structural weaknesses before black can consolidate}.

12 O-O
13 gxf5 Rxf5
14 Bd3 Rf6
15 Qg2 e6
16 h4! Nd7
17 f4 Nf8
18 h5 Rc8
19 hxg6 hxg6

{Now the g-pawn is fatally weak eg the king "sheltered" by it is too}.

20 O-O-O Qa5
21 Kb1 Rc7
22 Qd2

{Consolidating. Also threatens Ne4}.

22 Qb6
23 Rdg1 a6
24 Rg3 Qc6
25 Rhg1 Qe8
26 Qg2 Rd7

{Now, rather than win the g-pawn now, and allow black to swap off the pieces, white needs to bring his N to e5}.

27 KQ1!

{Nd1 - f2, Rg5, Ng4 - e5 was also good}.

27 Qf7
28 Nb1 Rc7
29 Nd2 e5

{Desperation}

30 dxe5 Rfc6
31 Nb3 a5
32 Kb1! a4
33 Nd4 Rb6
34 Bxg6

{The endgame 2 pawns up is now the surest way}.

34 Nxc6
35 Rxc6 Rxc6
36 Qxc6 Qxc6
37 Rxc6 Kh7
38 Rd6 Bf8
39 Rxd5 Rg7
40 Kc2 1-0

ROUND 5

J SARAPU (2328) - A KER (2273)

Notes by Sarapu

1 d4 c5
2 d5 d6
3 e4 g6
4 Nc3 Bg7
5 f4 a6

By transposition we have the Pirc Defence. In 1983 at the Commonwealth Championship in Melbourne my game with Wales P Cunningham was similar to this, except that a6 and a4 were not played.

I consider that a6 weakens black more than a4 does white.

6 a4 e6
7 Nf3 Nf6
8 Be2 exd5
9 e5!?

This is my pawn sacrifice and perhaps new. A similar line is in the Four Pawn variation, but there white has played c4.

9 dxe5
10 fxe5 Nfd7

In the game WITH Cunningham both players have castled instead of a6 and a4. Black continued there 10 ... Ng4!? 11 Bg5 Qa5 12 Nxd5? (better was Qxd5!?) 12 ... Nc6 13 Nf6+ Kh8 14 c3 c4 15 Qe1 Ncxe5 16 Qh4 Nxf3+ 17 Rxf3 Qb6+ 18 Kh1 Nxf6 19 Bxf6 Qxb2 20 Re1 b5? 21 Bxc4! bxc4 22 Qh6!! resigns. This was one of my best games there.

11 Qxd5 0-0
12 Bg5 Qa5
13 0-0 Nc6
14 Ne4!?

Better than e6, avoiding pawn sacrifice.

14 Ndx5

Instead Ncxe5 is not better as we analysed later.

15 Nf6+!?

After this black's dark squares f6, g7, h6 are mortally weak.

15 Bxf6 Bxf6
16 Bc3 Ng4
17 a5 Qb6
18 Ng5 Qa7
19 Nh6 Nh6

After long calculation. Naturally here 19 ... Ne3 is answered by 20 Nxf7! Nxd5 21 Nh6 mate! In all lines the diagonal a1-h8 plays a decisive part.

20 Ne4

I was told that here 20 Nxf7 wins quickly, followed by Bc4, or Bc4 first. I preferred to follow the play on dark squares where I had my bishop.

20 Nd4
21 Bd3 Be6
22 Nf6+

Qxc5 would regain the pawn and win the b7 pawn on top of it. White's position is so good that he deserves more than a pawn!

22 Kh8
23 Qe5 Nc6
24 Qg5 Ng8
25 Nd7 dist+

Also Nxf7 is OK. Sometimes one has so many good moves at his disposal that it is hard to find the best.

25 f6
26 Nxf6

Here I was not satisfied to win the exchange by Nxf8 Rxf8 etc. Better to attack on the long diagonal.

26 Nd4
27 Nxf7! Rxf1+

On Kxh7 there follows mate in 2.

28 Rxf1 b5

At last the black queen comes into play, but it is too late.

29 Nf8 Bf5
30 Nxf6+

It would be too early to resign here!

30 Bxg6 Bxg6
31 Qxg6 Qg7
32 Qh5+ Nh6
33 Qxc5

Still the a1-h8 diagonal is decisive!

33 Rd8
34 Rf4 Resigned

RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1987-1988 Reserve Championship enjoyed the new format of a 12-player round robin which had been intended to "provide a more competitive and interesting tournament for those players on the fringe of selection for the New Zealand Championship" (see NZ Chess Oct 1987 p117).

Eight of the players had ratings in the 1900s, one below and three above. With the last minute relegation of Nigel Metge (2185) to the Championship, the top seed became Leonard McLaren (2166). Because of the narrow range of ratings, almost any of the other players could have been considered in with a chance.

The early leader was Dave Cooper with 2.5/3. After round five he was still equal leader with McLaren on 4 points. After that, however, Cooper did not increase his score, while McLaren (after losing to Paul Spiller in round three) and Greg Spencer-Smith (after losing to Bernard Carpenter in round one and drawing with Spiller in round two) surged ahead with consecutive wins. Spiller also represented a challenge, although he was handicapped by many draws.

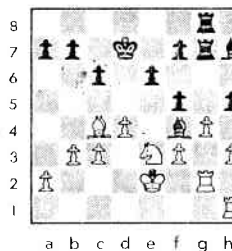
The most bizarre opening of the tournament came in round six. Stephen Lukey began 1 h4 against Zyg Frankel. The game continued 1...e5 2 d3 Nc6 3 g3 d5 4 Bg2 Nf6 5 c3 Be6 6 Nd2 Bc5 7 Ngf3 Bxf2+? 8 Kxf2 Ng4+ 9 Kg1 e4 10 Nh2 e3 11 Ndf1 Nf2 12 Qa4 0-0 13 Bxe3 Nxf1 14 Kxf1 Qd7. Black went on to win.

After seven rounds the leading scores were McLaren 6, Spencer-Smith 5.5 and Spiller 5. All three did badly in round eight. Spencer-Smith collapsed against Peter Hawkes, while Lukey used cunning psychology to give Spiller his only loss. The obvious move for white on move 31 is to take a draw by 31 Bxb6, but since Spiller was in time-trouble, Lukey avoided simplification by playing waiting moves. Spiller tried the same and found his king and knight on the wrong-coloured squares:

S Lukey (1986) - P Spiller (1961)
Budapest Defence

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 de Ng4 4 Bf4 Nc6 5 Nf3 Bb4+ 6 Nbd2 Qe7 7 a3 Ncxe5 8 Nxe5 Nxe5 9 e3 Bxd2+ 10 Qxd2 d6 11 Be2 0-0 12 0-0 Bd7 13 Rac1 Bc6 14 Bg3 Rfe8 15 Qc3 Nd7 16 Bd3 a5 17 b4 ab 18 ab b6 19 Rce1 Be4 20 Bxe4 Qxe4 21 f3 Qc6 22 e4 Ra2 23 Rf2 Rea8 24 Rxa2 Rxa2 25 Qb3 Qa4 26 Qxa4 Rxa4 27 Rb1 Ra2 28 c5 dc 29 bc Nxc5 30 Bxc7 Na4 31 h3 g6 32 Kh2 Kg7 33 Kg3 Nc3?? 34 Be5+ 1-0.

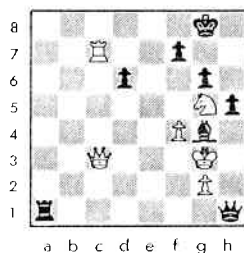
McLaren had a silly game against Fenella Foster. In this position



where both players had about 15 minutes left to reach move 40, Foster played 30 Rhg1 and offered a draw. McLaren declined with 30...fg 31 hg and then promptly blundered by 31...f5? After 32 gf Rxc2+ McLaren himself offered a draw which Foster sensibly refused by 33 Rxc2 Rxc2+ 34 Nxc2. Then McLaren went one better by the pathetic 34...Bg3? (34...e5 gives drawing chances). Then came 35 Bxe6+ Ke7 36 f4. When Foster (perhaps worried about the h-pawn) chivalrously offered a draw in this won position McLaren decided not to push his luck.

These blunders could perhaps be explained as the result of "the perceived approach of time-trouble". Kotov would have a fit.

Round nine saw the longest game of the tournament, Foster beating Frankel in 107 moves.



Here Foster went 45...h4+!! 46 Kxg4 but followed up incorrectly by 46...Qxg2+ 47 Kxh4 Qf2+ 48 Qg3 Rh1+ 49 Nh3. Better was 46...f5+! 47 Kf3 Qf1+ 48 Ke3 Re1+ 49 Kd4 (49 Kd2 Qf2+ 50 Kd3 Re3+ wins) 49...Qxf4+ 50 Kd5 Re5+ 51 Kxd6 (51 Kc6 Rc5+) 51...Re3+ winning the queen.

The two leaders met in round ten, Spencer-Smith (6.5/9) accepting McLaren's (7.5) early draw offer.

Both these players won in the last round (against Frankel and Cooper respectively) to give these final results at the top: McLaren 9/11, Spencer-Smith 8, Spiller and Hawkes 7. (See cross-table for further details.)

Tournament reports sometimes end with the comment that someone was a deserving winner. In this case McLaren's play was a mixture of good and bad. He had some unfortunate moments including a swindle against Hawkes after blundering the exchange in the opening, and almost being swindled himself by Peter McKenzie who was too short of time to find the right path. On the other hand McLaren also played some good games (vs Hart, Lukey).

Spencer-Smith did well to recover from his early setback and if he plays next year will clearly be a favourite. Spiller and Hawkes reached their score by different routes - Hawkes having more wins and losses. Hawkes's play was typically sharp and interesting, while Spiller's result is a fine achievement considering his recent inactivity - had it not been for his time-trouble and drawing inclination maybe he would have done better still.

To evaluate the change in format, round robins are clearly superior to swisses since the placings are fairer (everyone plays the same field) and not many games are one-sided (since the players are of similar strengths). Also, each game has the same value, unlike a swiss where

later rounds count for more. NZCA is to be congratulated. There are few round robins in NZ - more are needed.

However, the actual reason given for the changed format (see first paragraph) seems mistaken. The winner of a 70-player swiss Reserve often in fact plays a stronger field than the winner of a round robin Reserve. That is because the swiss winner (if he is leading most or all of the way) always meets players (except in round one) who are on high points, i.e. in form, whereas the round robin winner meets everyone including those out-of-form or trailing. The same applies (although to a lesser degree) to the minor place-getters, all of whom might be considered on the fringe of Championship selection. So in that sense the round robin is not more competitive for these players.

As the tournament was generally well run, DoP Bob Gibbons doing a fine job, it seems a bit finicky to make a criticism, but it would have been more comfortable if the players had had more leg room, instead of having to negotiate the legs of the tables, directly above which the boards were placed.

Some games:

F Hawkes (1927) - P Spiller (1961) Rd 1
Caro-Kann

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 ed cd 4 c4 Nf6 5 c5 e6 6 b4 Ne4 7 Nf3 a5 8 b5 Qf6 9 Qc2 Bxc5 10 Ba3 Nd7 11 dc Qxa1 12 Bd3 Ne5 13 Nxe5 Qxe5 14 O-O O-O 15 Re1 f5 16 Bb2 Qc7 17 Nd2 Nxd2 18 Be5 Nf3+ 19 gf Qf7 20 Kh1 Qh5 Draw agreed.

G Spencer-Smith (1962) - B Carpinter (1983) Rd 1
Nimzo-Indian

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 b6 5 Bd3 Bb7 6 Nf3 Ne4 7 Qc2 f5 8 O-O Bxc3 9 bc O-O 10 Nd2 Qh4 11 f3 Nxd2 12 Bxd2 Nc6 13 e4 fe 14 Bxe4 Na5 15 Bxb7 Nxb7 16 f4 Qh5 17 Rae1 Qf5 18 Qa4 Rf7 19 Qa6 Nd6 20 Re3 Qc2 21 Bc1 Rf5 22 d5 ed 23 g4 Rxf4 24 Rxf4 Qxc1+ 25 Kf2 Ne4+ 0-1.

G Spencer-Smith (1962) - R Hart (2016) Rd 3
Nimzo-Indian

1 c4 Nf6 2 d4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 b6 5 Bd3 Bb7 6 Nf3 Ne4 7 Qc2 f5 8 O-O Bxc3 9 bc c5 10 Nd2 Qh4 11 f3 Ng5 12 Ba3 O-O 13 dc Rf6 14 g3 Qh5 15 Be2 Rh6 16 h4 f4 17 ef Nh3+ 18 Kg2 Nxf4+ 19 gf Qg4+ 20 Kf2 Qxh4+ 21 Ke3 Rf6 22 Rh1 Qxf4+ 23 Kf2 g6 24 Qd3 e5 25 Qe3 Qxe3+ 26 Kxe3 bc 27 Bxc5 Na6 28 Ba3 Nc7 29 Rab1 Bc6 30 Ne4 Bxe4 31 fe Ne6 32 c5 Nf4 33 Bc4+ Kg7 34 Rb7 Rd8 35 Rd1 Ng2+ 36 Ke2 Nf4+ 37 Kd2 g5 38 Kc2 g4 39 R1xd7+ Rxd7 40 Rxd7+ Kh6 1-0.

R Hart (2016) - L McLaren (2166) Rd 4
Queen's Gambit

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dc 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Bg4 5 Nc3 e6 6 e3 Be7 7 Bxc4 O-O 8 O-O Nbd7 9 Qe2 e5 10 de Nxe5 11 Rfd1 Qc8 12 Rd4 Bxf3 13 gf Qh3 14 Rf4 Nh5 15 Rh4 Nxf3+ 16 17 Bxe7 Rfe8 18 Bd5 Qf5 19 Be4 Qe5 20 f4 Qxe7 20 f4 Qxe7 21 Rxxh5 h6 22 Re5 Qf8 0-1.

G Spencer-Smith (1962) - F Foster (1882) Rd 7
King's Indian

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 Nc6 6 Be3 a6 7 Qd2 O-O 8 Nge2 Rb8 9 a4 e5 10 d5 Na5 11 Nc1 c5 12 g4 Bd7 13 b3 b6 14 h4 h5 15 Bg5 Qc8 16 Bxf6 Bxf6 17 gh Kh7 18 hg+ fg 19 Ra2 Be7 20 Qe3 Rf4 21 Ra2 Qd8 22 Qf2 Qf8 23 Be2 Bg4 24 Rf1 Qh6 25 Nd3 Rf7 26 Bd1 Rbf8 27 h5 g5 28 fg Rxf2 29 Rxxf2 Rxf2 30 Rxf2 Kg8 31 Kd2 Qh7 32 Ke3 Qg7 33 Ne1 Bd8 34 Kd3 Kh7 35 Rf5 Be7 36 Kc2 Qg8 37 Ng2 Kh6 38 Ne3 Kh7 39 Be2 Qe8 40 Bd3 Kh6 41 Ne2 Nb7 42 Rf1 Kh7 43 Ng3 Nd8 44 Nef5 Bf8 45 Ra1 Nb7 46 h6 Qd7 47 Nh5 Kg6 48 Nh7 Nd8 49 Rh1 Nf7 50 Ne6 Qe8 51 h7 Nh8 52 Rh5 Be7 53 Rh6+ Kf7 54 Rh5 Kg6 55 Rh6+ Kf7 56 Neg7 Qd8 57 Nxe7 Kxe7 58 Nf5+ 1-0.

N.Z. Reserve Championship - Final Scores

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
1	McLAREN, L.J.	CI	2166	x	½	0	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	9	\$600	
2	SPENCER-SMITH, G.J.	NS	1962	½	x	½	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	8	\$400	
3	SPILLER, P.S.	HP	1961	1	½	x	½	½	½	0	1	½	1	1	7	\$275	
4	HAWKES, P.D.	CI	1927	0	1	½	x	0	1	1	½	0	1	1	7	\$275	
5	McKENZIE, P.D.	CA	2093	0	0	½	1	x	½	½	1	½	0	1	5½	\$85	
6	HART, R.	NS	2016	0	0	½	0	½	x	½	½	1	1	1	5½	\$85	
7	CARPINTER, B.A.	CI	1983	0	1	½	0	½	½	x	½	0	1	½	4½	\$67	
8	LUKEY, S.G.	CA	1986	0	0	1	½	0	½	½	x	1	0	1	4	\$67	
9	FOSTER, F.M.	CI	1882	½	0	0	1	½	0	1	0	x	0	0	1	4	\$60
10	DUNN, P.	CI	1968	0	0	½	0	½	0	1	1	x	½	0	4	\$60	
11	COOPER, D.J.	PN	1982	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	0	1	½	x	1	4	\$60
12	FRANKEL, Z.	WE	1930	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	x	3	\$45



Reserve Championship

L McLaren (2166) - P Dunn (1968)

King's Indian Defence

1 d4 Nf6
 2 c4 g6
 3 Nc3 Bg7
 4 Nf3 0-0
 5 Bf4 d6
 6 e3 Nbd7

(A reasonable alternative is 6...c5 since after 7 d5 Qa5 black can offer the d-pawn by 8 Nd2 e6 or 8 Bd3 e5!)

7 h3 Re8

(Black aims for ...e5 but this does not prepare it because 8...e5 loses the pawn to 9 de de 10 Nxe5. More logical is ...e6, ...Qe7, ...e5)

8 Be2 a6

(8...c6)

9 0-0 Nh5

(The consistent follow up is ...h6, ...g5, ...Nf8-g6 etc with kingside attack)

10 Bh2 f5?!

11 Rc1

(There is little point in 11 c5 dc 12 Ng5? e6 13 Nxe6 Rxe6 14 Bc4 Nb6)

... Nf8

12 c5 Bf6

(To prevent Ng5 but 12...e6 is a better way. Not of course 12...d5? 13 Nxd5 or 12...dc 13 dc with white much more active whether or not black exchanges queens)

13 Nd5 e6

14 Nxc7?!

(Rather speculative. White can get the two bishops and queenside initiative by 14 Nxf6+, but I wanted to try something "interesting")

... Qxc7

15 cd

(For his knight white obtains two pawns including a passed one on the sixth rank and also open lines for his pieces. Whether this is sufficient will depend on how active black becomes)

... Qd8

(15...Qb6 16 Nd2 Ng7 17 Rc7 followed by 18 Nc4 harasses the black queen)

16 Rc7

(Not 16 Ne5?! Ng7 when white must waste time moving the knight again to re-defend the d-pawn)

... Nd7?

(After this black remains passive. Better is 16...f4! 17 e4! [Not 17 ef? Qxd6 18 f5 Nf4!] 17...Qxd6 18 Qc1 unclear)

17 Qb3 Ng7

18 Rfc1 Kh8

19 a4 Rb8

(19...e5? 20 de Nxe5 21 Nxe5 Bxe5 22 Bxe5 Rxe5 23 Qf7 Qg8 24 Qxg8+ Kxg8 25 Rxc8+ wins)

20 Qc2

(I wanted to play a5 to prevent ...Nb6-d5 but 20 a5 immediately allows 20...b6 with counterplay. The text aims to answer 20...b6 by 21 Qc6 and 20...b5 by 21 ab ab 22 Bxb5)

... Nb6

(20...Nf8 planning 21...Bd7 is better)

21 Qb3

(21 Qc5 Nd5 22 Qa7 Bd7 23 Rxb7 is okay but liberates black's pieces somewhat)

... Nd7
 (21...Nd5 22 Bxa6 ba 23 Qxb8 Nxc7 24 dc planning b4-b5 etc is good for white - black's bits are hopelessly cluttered)

22 Qc2 Nb6
 23 Ne5 Bxe5
 (Necessary to stop Nf7)

24 Bxe5 Bd7
 (If 24...Nd7 25 Bf3 Nxe5 26 de b6 27 Qc6 intending 28 d7)

25 Qb3 Nd5
 26 Rxd7?
 (A reckless, probably unsound winning attempt, albeit difficult to refute over the board. Better to maintain the advantage by 26 Rxb7 or 26 Bf3 intending 27 Bxd5)

... Qxd7
 27 Rc7 Nxc7
 28 dc Rbc8?
 (The right defence is 28...Ra8 29 Qxb7 Qc8 30 Qb6 a5! holding up the advance of the b-pawn. The win for black is still problematic though, since he is severely restricted)

29 Qxb7 Kg8
 (29...Qxa4 would be wrong because of 30 Bxa6 threatening Bb5 or simply b4-b5. However, it's not too late for 29...a5! when 30 Bf3 is a little better for white than in the previous note)
 30 Bxa6 Kf7

DIAGRAM

(White's potential is illustrated by the variation 30...f4!? 31 b4 fe 32 fe Nf5 33 Bb5 Qf7 34 Bxe8 Qxe8 35 b5 Nxe3 36 b6 Nd5 37 Qxd5!! Rxc7 [37...ed 38 b7] 38 Bxc7 ed 39 b7 winning)
 31 Bb5 Qe7
 32 b4 1-0

LOCAL NEWS

PALMERSTON NORTH

THE 1987 season was a successful year for the Palmerston North club in interclub matches, beating Wanganui (twice), Napier and drawing against New Plymouth.

The club championship was won by Dave Cooper. This year's contest was exciting right up to the last round. Dave had lost to Yung Lee, last year's champion, after underestimating a K-side attack in the first round. In the penultimate round Lee was let off the hook when Mark Brimble stalemated him. In the last round Lee, on reaching a drawish B+N endgame against Ted Gibbons, tried a dubious attempt to win the tournament outright. Unfortunately for

Lee, Gibbons found all the right moves and won. The reserve championship was won by Roy Shuker with a picket fence.

On a sadder note the club had to say goodbye to our long serving secretary/treasurer John Blatchford, who departed for Auckland. The club will miss John's hard work, but we wish him all the best in his move and thank him for his service to the club.

PAPATOETOE CHESS CLUB 1987

Summer Cup
 1st= P McCarthy; Maestro 6 (computer).
 3rd J Worn
 Handicap Competition
 1st P McCarthy; 2nd G Banks, J Worn.

Winter Cup
 1st N Hopewell; 2nd S Devlin, NEC (computer).
 Club Championships
 A Grade: 1st G Banks; 2nd B Marsick, S Devlin.
 B Grade: 1st P McCarthy; 2nd L Peti; 3rd R Fuller.
 C Grade: 1st C Wilson; 2nd M Mills; 3rd P Crosbie.
 Lightning Competition
 1st R Baumgartner, Mephisto (computer). 3rd G Banks.
 Interclub
 Papatoetoe won the Minor Clubs Trophy for the second year running with the following results: v Papakura (home 4-2) (away 3-3). v Howick-Pakuranga (home 1½-4½) (away 5½-½).

COLLEGE CHESS

By Todd STEVENSON

THE year 1988 brings some changes to college chess in Wellington. There are the inevitable school leavers along with administrators devoting their time in other directions.

At Scots college Mr Roberts, the master in charge of chess

has left his position and the top board, C H Tan, (1724 October 1987) leaves as well. At Rongotai College Mr D Lillis takes over from Mr P Free, who moved north with his family. Grant Lezard, the regional schoolpupil champion, who has played for Rongotai for four years, moved into a job at the Rural Bank. The inter-school competition is still going ahead with two entries received so far. It is open to any college in the Wellington region. The format looks likely to be a 20-20 round robin tournament over four boards.



Sir,
 I am currently playing an East German at postal chess and he has a friend who would like to play another Kiwi. His address is Carsten Kirmes, Str. d. Befreiung 11, Dresden, DDR-8060. He is 20 years old. E Williamson.

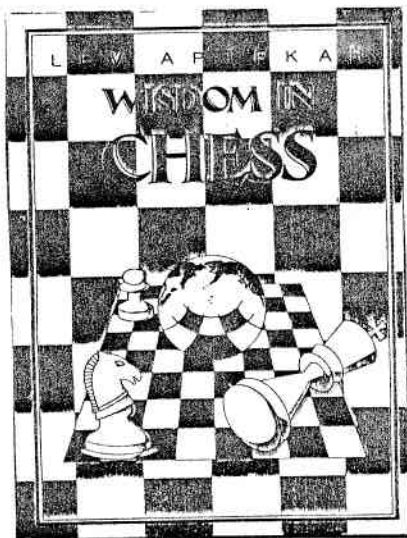
TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

15-27 Mar Plaza International Tournament, Plaza Hotel, Wgtn
 4-? Apr NZ Junior Champs, Otago CC
 16 Apr Hutt Valley College Tournament
 9-14 May Regional Schoolpupils Champs
 16-21 May North Island Champs, Wanganui CC (provisional).
 18-19 Jun NZ Active Champs, Upper Hutt CC (provisional).
 2-3 Jul Waitakere Trust Open, Waiemata CC.
 23 July 40-40 Tournament, Upper Hutt CC.
 29 Aug
 -3 Sep Outh Island Champs, Invercargill CC (provisional).
 5-10 Sep National Schoolpupils Champs, Wanganui CC (prov).
 22-24 Oct Labour Weekend Tournament, Upper Hutt CC.
 28 Dec
 -9 Jan RJI NZ, Reserve, Women's, Major Open Championships Otago CC (provisional).

CLUBS WISHING TO HAVE THEIR OPEN TOURNAMENTS LISTED SHOULD NOTIFY THE EDITOR IN PLENTY OF TIME!

BOOK REVIEWS

A LONG time in preparation it might have been, but Lev Aptekar's **WISDOM IN CHESS** is worth the wait and surely will give a huge boost to chess in schools. Attractively produced and with more than 180 pages, *Wisdom in Chess* is the only text book of its kind in the world. It is not a primer of how to learn chess, but hoses straight in to the basic features of what each piece can do. There is no opening theory, for that is not what Lev wants to teach. His concern is with the basic ideas behind combinations, basic endings, tactics, mating nets, and so on. The 15 chapters deal with all these and much more. It is a book for the teacher of chess, but has as much value to the lone player, and will be available for general sale shortly at a price around \$26. *Wisdom in Chess* is to be distributed free to schools and colleges throughout the country, and will be followed up, hopefully, by Lev conducting



seminars in schools around the country. As IM Ortvin Sarapu says in his Foreword to the book "Even a teacher with minimal chess experience will now be able to provide beginners with the fundamental knowledge that is needed to play chess well. It is an excellent text for schools, but also provides valuable instruction for the solitary student." Lev knows of what he writes about, for he was a teacher for 15 years and trained junior chess teams in Kiev and the Ukraine before he came to New Zealand. The book was edited by Bob Mitchell and Gordon Chamley also assisted in production. We can only say: Grab a copy as soon as you can...even if you are an experienced player, you'll still learn something.

NEW IN CHESS YEARBOOK 7

SINCE we last reviewed one of these Yearbooks there have been several significant changes so an update is in order. This series is published by the Dutch firm Interchess BV and edited by Gena Sosonko and Paul van der Sterren. As with the Yugoslav *Chess Informant* the games are published in figurine algebraic notation and notes are by way of manifold symbols, thus dispensing with the need for language. The games are arranged by opening with an introduction (in English) detailing new theoretical developments; this is a great time saver since the reader can quickly isolate any key games in the opening in which he is interested. The first of the major changes lies in the linking of the publisher's own chess database with the new ChessBase program designed for personal computers. The 1200 plus games in Yearbook

7 were selected from the 1500 which are added to the database each year. Yearbook 7 is available on diskette. Starting with volume 7 the Yearbook will be published four times a year instead of twice. Naturally each volume will be slimmer than the earlier ones, but

approximately 5000 games will be included in the four 1988 Yearbooks of which this is the first. The third change is the addition of opening articles (again in English) and Yearbook 7 looks at the Meran Variation, the Ruy Lopez Anti-Marchall and the Sicilian Defence. PETER STUART

OVERSEAS NEWS

THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, Part 2

GARY KASPAROV just retained his title in the match at Seville by coming from behind with a victory in the 24th game. The World Champion stated publicly that he was looking for a decisive victory against his close rival so he would not be deliriously happy with the tied result - but doubtless immensely relieved. After Karpov tied the scores with his win of game 16 there was a series of six draws - the longest such in the match. In game 19 Karpov took an extra pawn into a double rook ending and tried for a long time to win; this, however, never really looked likely. Games 20 and 21 were probably the most interesting of these six draws. In both, the Champion held an edge at some stage, but a second best move in one and excellent defence by Karpov in the other saw no material change in the scores. Thus the course of the match up to game 22 was rather undistinguished, but the excitement was still to come with just two games to play. The 23rd game saw Karpov with the white pieces for the last time in the match. A complex middle-game was reached in which Karpov's advantage on the queenside was balanced by Kasparov's complete control of the open f-file. After

a long spell of manoeuvring Kasparov sacrificed a rook on move 50, but the idea was quite unsound and his opponent quickly liquidated to a simply won ending. Thus Karpov gained a point lead with just one game to play! Most pundits thought this was the end for Kasparov, perhaps mainly because he had not shown any dominance with the white pieces thus far - 2 wins, 2 losses and 7 draws. Nevertheless, this opinion is a little hard to understand since, as is well known, it is very hard indeed to play for a draw - especially with the black pieces against Kasparov. The last game was a tense affair. The Champion gained a clear advantage after 32 moves; in fact Ljubojevic claimed White would have been winning if he had continued 33 Qb5! Nd6 34 Qc6! The move played, however, would have let Karpov off the hook if only he had found the defence 33 ... Nc5! when 34 Qd8+ Kh7 35 Qxc8 does not win a piece because of 35 ... Qa1+ 36 Kg2 Qxe5. After this double mistake Kasparov penetrated Black's kingside and adjourned with an extra pawn. He steadily increased the pressure in the second session and Karpov resigned when the loss of a second pawn was unavoidable. After 124 games between this pair the score stands at Kasparov 62½, Karpov 61½!

One has to envisage a steady diet of Kasparov v Karpov matches for the World Championship for a few years yet.

KASPAROV - KARPOV (16),
English Opening: 1 c4 e5
2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4
g3 Bb4 5 Bg2 0-0 6 0-0
Re8 [varying from 6...e4 of
games 2 and 4] 7 d3 [Theory
recommends 7 Nd5 here] 7...Bxc3
8 bxc3 e4 9 Nd4 h6
10 dxe4 Nxe4 11 Qc2 d5
13 e3 Na5 14 f3 Nd6 15
e4 Qc5 16 Be3 Ndc4
17 Bf2 Qe7 18 Rad1 Bd7
19 f4 Rad8 20 e5 Bg4
[Black adds control of the
d-file to his bastion on c4]
21 Nf5 Qe6 22 Rxd8 Rxd8
23 Nd4 Qc8 24 f5 c5
25 Qe4 cxd4 26 Qxg4 Nxe5
27 Qe2 [Better was 27 Qe4]
27 ... Nec6 28 cxd4 Nxd4
29 Bxd4 Rxd4 30 f6 Qe6
31 Qb2 [After this the black
pieces soon dominate the whole
board; exchanging queens provided
the best practical chances
of a draw] 31...Qe3+ 32 Kh1
b6 33 fxg7 Nc4 34 Qc2
Kxg7 35 Bd5 Nd6 36 Qb2
Qe5 37 Bb3 a5 38 Qf2 f5
39 Qb2 b5 40 a3 Kg6
41 Qf2, 0-1

KASPAROV - KARPOV (20)
Queen's Gambit: 1 c4 e6 2 Nc3
d5 3 d4 Be7 4 Nf3 Nf6
5 Qc2 0-0 6 Bg5 c5
7 dxc5 dxc4 8 e4 Qa5
9 e5 Nd5 10 Bxc4 Nxc3
11 0-0! Qxc5 12 Qxc3
Nc6 13 Bxe7 Qxe7 [White's greater
development confer on him
some advantage, but Karpov
plays the defence very well
from here] 14 a3 Bd7 15
Rac1 Rfd8 16 b4 a6 17
Qe3 Be8 18 Bd3 Na7 19
Bb1 Bc6 20 Ng5 h6 21
Ne4 Nb5 22 Rc4 Bxe4 23
Bxe4 Rac8 24 Rxc8 Rxc8
25 Rc1 Rxc1+ 26 Qxc1 Qd7
27 g3 b6 28 Kg2 Qd8
29 h4 a5 30 bxa5 bxa5
31 Qc5 Nd4 32 h5 f5
33 Bb7 Kf7 34 Kh2 Qb8

35 Qxd4 Qxb7 36 g4 Qf3
37 Qd7+ Kf8, ½/½.

KARPOV - KASPAROV (21)
Grünfeld Defence: 1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4
Nf3 Bg7 5 Qb3 dxc4 6
Qxc4 0-0 7 e4 Na6 8
Be2 c5 9 d5 e6 10 0-0
exd5 11 exd5 Bf5 12 Rd1
Re8 13 d6 h6 14 Bf4
Nd7 15 Rd2 Nb4 16 Qb3
Be6 17 Bc4 Nb6 18 Bxe6
Rxe6 19 a3 Nd3 20 Bg3
c4 21 Qc2 Rc8 22 Rad1
Qd7 23 h4 f5? [Looks strong
but white can give up the
exchange for sufficient
compensation. Better was first
23 ... Kh8] 24 Rxd3 cxd3
25 Qxd3 Nc4 26 Qd5 Nb6
[not 26 ... Nxb2 when white
gets the better of it after
27 Re1 Rce8 28 Rxe6 Qxe6?
29 d7 or 28...Rxe6 29 Nb5]
27 Qd3 Nc4 28 Qd5 Nb6,
½/½.

KARPOV - KASPAROV (23)
English Opening: 1 c4 c5
2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5
Nxd5 5 d4 Nxc3 [5...e6 would
be a Semi-Tarrasch, but
Kasparov prefers to head for
a Grünfeld if possible] 6
bxc3 g6 7 e3 [Eschewing
the Grünfeld which would arise
after 7 e4] 7...Bg7 8 Bd3
0-0 9 0-0 Qc7 10 Rb1 b6
11 Qe2 Rd8 12 Be4 Ba6
13 c4 Nc6 14 d5 f5 15
Bd3 e5 16 e4 Nd4 17 Nxd4
cxd4 18 Bg5 Rf8 19 Rfc1
Rac8 20 Bd2 Rf7 21 a4
fxe4 22 Qxe4 Rcf8 23 f3
Bc8 24 a5 Bf5 25 Qe2 Re8
26 Be4 Bf8 27 Qd3 Bc5
28 Ra1 Qd7 29 Re1 Qc8
30 Kh1 Rc7 31 Rab1 Kg7
32 Rec1 Bxe4 33 fxe4 Rf7
34 Qg3 bxa5 35 Bxa5 Rf4
36 Re1 Qa6 37 Bd2 Rf7
38 Qd3 Ref8 39 h3 Rf2
40 Ra1 Qf6 41 Rg1 h5 42
Ra5 Qe7 43 Rb1 h4 44 Ra6
R8f7 45 Rc6 Qf8 46 Rg1
Be7 47 Re6 Kh7 48 Be1
Rf1 49 Bd2 Bc5 50 Rc6
R7f3? 51 gxf3 Rxf3 52 Rc7+
Kh8 53 Bh6! Rxd3 54 Bxf8

Rxh3+ 55 Kg2 Rg3+ 56 Kh2
Rxg1 57 Bxc5 d3, 1-0.

KASPAROV - KARPOV (24)
Reti Opening: 1 c4 e6 2
Nf3 Nf6 3 g3 d5 4 b3
Be7 5 Bg2 0-0 6 0-0 b6
7 Bb2 Bb7 8 e3 Nbd7 9
Nc3 Ne4 10 Ne2 a5 11 d3
Bf6 12 Qc2 Bxb2 13 Qxb2
Nd6 14 cxd5 Bxd5 15 d4
c5 16 Rfd1 Rc8 17 Nf4
Bxf3 18 Bxf3 Qe7 19 Rac1
Rfd8 20 dxc5 Nxc5 21 b4
axb4 22 Qxb4 Qa7 23 a3
Nf5 24 Rb1 Rxd1+ 25 Rxd1
Qc7 26 Nd3 h6 27 Rc1 Ne7
28 Qb5 Nf5 29 a4 Nd6 30
Qb1 Qa7 31 Ne5 Nxa4 32
Rxc8 Nxc8 33 Qd1? Ne7?
34 Qd8+ Kh7 35 Nxf7 Ng6
36 Qe8 Qe7 37 Qxa4 Qxf7
38 Be4 Kg8 39 Qb5 Nf8
40 Qxb6 Qf6 41 Qb5 Qe7
42 Kg2 g6 43 Qa5 Qg7 44
Qc5 Qf7 45 h4 h5 46 Qc6
Qe7 47 Bd3 Qf7 48 Qd6
Kg7 49 e4 Kg8 50 Bc4 Kg7
51 Qe5+ Kg8 52 Qd6 Kg7
53 Bb5 Kg8 54 Bc6 Qa7
55 Qb4 Qc7 56 Qb7 Qd8
57 e5 Qa5 58 Be8 Qc5 59
Qf7+ Kh8 60 Ba4 Qd5+ 61
Kh2 Qc5 62 Bb3 Qc8 63
Bd1 Qc5 64 Kg2, 1-0.



FIDE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MORE than 70 countries were
represented at the FIDE General
Assembly meetings held in
Seville during the World
Championship match, the first
time the two events have
coincided in the same city.
Perhaps the most important
decision was to organise a
World Championship for the
absurdly named "Active" Chess,
i.e. chess with a time control
of 30 minutes per player per
game, a sort of extended
lightning chess. There will
also be ratings and titles
in this form of the game.
It is planned that continental
championships will be held
during the next six months

or so followed by an
Intercontinental Championship
later in the year and then
quarter-finals, semi-finals
and final.
Seven GM titles were awarded:
Cvitan (YUG), Malaniuk (USR),
Meduna (CZE), Pigusov (USR),
Rivas (SPA), Smagin (USR)
and I Sokolov (YUG).

UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP

CANDIDATE and favourite Yasser
Seirawan suffered two late
losses to slip out of contention
in the 33rd US Championship
at Estes Park in November.
One of those losses was to
Joel Benjamin who tied for
first place with Nick de
Firmian. A playoff is to
be held.
Scores: 1-2 GM Benjamin &
GM de Firmian 8/13; 3-6 GM
Dlugy, GM Fedorowice, GM
Seirawan & IM Wilder 7½;
7 GM Gulko 7; 8-9 GM
Christianson & IM Rohde 6½;
10 GM Browne 6; 11 GM Kudrin
5½; 12 IM Whitehead 5; 13
IM Kogan 4½; 14 GM D.
Gurevich 4.

LOS ANGELES

OVER 700 players contested
the American Open in an event
labelled as "the greatest
chess extravaganza ever held
west of the Mississippi."
Seirawan reversed the results
of the earlier US Championship
by taking first place and
\$10,000 in the eight-round
Swiss. De Firmian shared
second place with Canadian
IM Igor Ivanov on 6½ points,
a half-point behind the winner.
The group on six points included
GMs Browne, Djuric (YUG),
Dlugy, Granda Zuniga (PER),
Gulko and Lein (USA).

TIMMAN v LJUBOJEVIC

DUTCH television network KRO
again sponsored a match between
local hero Jan Timman and
a top rated foreign grandmaster.

His opponent for the match last December was Yugoslav Ljubomir Ljubojevic who kept in the match with three draws following a first game loss. Timman, however, won the last two of the six-game match for a clear-cut 4½-1½ victory.

SEVILLE

THE 1987 Seville Open was played during the World Championship match and thus attracted a stronger than usual field including 11 grandmasters and 31 international masters. Israeli GM Yaacov Murey took first place with 7½ points while, in something of a surprise, untitled Spaniard Juan Talavera shared second place with IM Hodgson (ENG), GM Sax (HUN) and GM A Sokolov (USR). Among the 19 players on six points were GM Adorian (HUN), GM Flear (ENG), GM Gufeld (USR), IM Hebden (ENG) and GM Taimanov (USR).

MELBOURNE

AN AUSTRALIAN Masters Championship in December was won by IM Darryl Johansen with 7/9. Sharing second were top seed GM Ian Rogers, Barber and Solomon on 6½ points. Then came 5 Ginat 5; 6-7 Depasquale & Levi 3½; 8-9 Hay and Reilly 2½; 10 Simpson 1½. The event is not to be confused with the biennial Australian Championship.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

ARNHEM was the venue for this year's European Junior Championship which was completely dominated by the two Soviet representatives, defending champion Vassily Ivanchuk and Boris Gelfand. In a close race Gelfand took the title with 11½/13, a half point ahead of his compatriot. A distant third was Brenninkmeijer of the Netherlands on 8½ points.

LATEST FIDE RATINGS

Top 11:	Kasparov	USR	2750
	Karpov	USR	2715
	Timman	NLD	2675
	Belyavsky	USR	2645
	Korchnoi	SWI	2640
	Nikolic	YUG	2630
	Short	ENG	2630
	Tal	USR	2630
	Gurevich, M.	USR	2625
	Speelman	ENG	2625
	Vaganian	USR	2625
top 10 women:	Chiburdanidze	USR	2560
	Gaprindashvili	USR	2485
	Polgar	HUN	2475
	Ioseliani	USR	2455
	Cramling	SWE	2435
	Arakhamia	USR	2420
	Aleksandria	USR	2415
	Litinskaya	USR	2415
	Akhmilovskaya	USR	2400
	Brustman	POL	2395



ZSUZSA POLGAR



WOMENS' CHESS

By VIVIAN SMITH

HOORAH for NZCA Council which announced at the AGM that NZ will after all send a women's team to this year's Olympiad, despite the fact there were not enough entries to hold a women's championship at the recent congress in Auckland. However, NZCA has added a rider that there must be sufficient players of a reasonable standard available is a women's team is to be sent.

The annual congress saw four women competing out of a field of 91 players. NZ's top-rated woman player, Wellington's Fenella Foater qualified for the Reserve Championship after a late withdrawal, and justified her inclusion with a creditable 9= placing with 4/11 points.

Fenella's rating (1893) was well below the rest of the field; so her draws with Leonard McLaren (2166) and Peter McKenzie (2093); and wins against Bernard Carpinter (1983), Peter Hawkes (1927) and Zyg Frankel (1930) were most commendable.

F FOSTER - L McLAREN

Caro-Kann, Knight variation

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nf6 5. Nxf6+ gxf6 6. Qd3 Na6 7. c3 Qd5 8. Qf3 Nc7 9. Bf4 Qxf3 10. Nxf3 Nd5 11. Bd2 Bg4 12. Nh4 e6 13. f3 Bh5 14. 0-0-0 0-0-0 15. Bd3 Bd6 16. g3 Bg6 17. Bc4 Ne7 18. Be3 h5 19. Bf2 Rdg8 20. b3 Bh7 21. Rdg1 Rg7 22. h3 Ng6 23. g4 Nf4 24. Bg3 Rhg8 25. Kd2 Kd7 26. Ng2 Ne2 27. Kxe2 Bxg3 28. Ne3 Bf4 29. Rg2 f5 30. Rhg1 fxg4 31. hxg4 f5 32. gxf5 Rxxg2+ 33. Rxxg2 Rxxg2+ 34. Nxxg2 Bg3 35. Bxe6+

Ke7 36. f4 ... and a draw was agreed, LTHOUGH IT LOOKS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE WHITE IS WINNING TO ME!

The final points and placings of the three women competing in the Major Open were Vivian Smith (1741) 6½/11 13th= Eva Tweddel (1208) 4½/11 47th= Gwen Jones (1134) 3/11 63rd=

My own games were somewhat scrappy. Considering the winning positions I somehow contrived to lose, and the busted positions I somehow managed to win, I am reasonably satisfied with 6½ points.

I haven't seen any of Eva's or Gwen's games, so I can't comment on their play. But I know Eva made the fatal mistake of trying to work in the mornings before rushing to her games in the afternoons (not to mention organise three children at home on holiday) not the best conditions for playing chess.

Switching from Congress to the Auckland Business House Competition, run annually between teams from business houses such as Air NZ, TVNZ; and groups such as doctors, lawyers, and in the case of "The Better Half" - women.

It may sound like casual, social chess, but believe me it's fierce, serious stuff. Teams are peppered with formidable players such as Ort Sarapu and Bob Smith (TVNZ), Peter Green and Bob Gibbons (Cybernuts), Mike Whaley and Wolf Leonhardt (Air NZ), Peter Weir (LAW) to name a few.

This is Better Half's third year in the competition and our team comprises Viv Smith, Winsome Stretch, Lynn Martin and Eca Tweddel. We have not been doing so well this

tournament 87-88 as our team was seriously weakened when we lost our top player Katrina Metge to an opposition team "Woodpushers"!*

Our match with Cybernuts should have been a massacre as we were horribly outrated on all boards. But Lynn, who has been in semi-retirement from chess for the last couple of years (working mum-three kids-other priorities) should never be underestimated.

JIM CATER (1922) - Lynn Martin (1433)

Sicilian Defence

1. e4 c5 2. Bc4 e6 3. Qe2 Nc6 4. Nf3 d6 5. 0-0 Nf6 6. c3 Be7 7. d4 cxd4 8. e5 dxe5 9. Nxe5 Nxe5 10. Qxe5 0-0 11. Bf4 b6 12. Rd1 Bb7 13. Rxd4 Qc8 14. Nd2 Bc5 15. Rd3 Bxf2+ 16. Kf1 Qc6 17. Qg5 h6 18. Bd5 hxg5 19. Bxc6 Bxc6 20. Bxg5 Be4 21. Rh3 Bf5 22. Kxf2 Bxh3 23. gxh3 Nd5 24. Rg1 Rc8 25. Ne4 Rc6 26. Bd2 e5 27. h4 Rd8 28. b3 Nf6 29. Nxf6 Rxf6+ 30. Ke2 Rdd6 31. Bg5 Rg6 32. h5 Re6 33. h4 Kf8 34. Ke3? f6 35. h6 fxg5 36. hxg7+ Kxg7 37. Rxg5+ Rg6 38. Rxe5 Rg3+ 39. Kf4 Rxc3 ...

and black went on to win with her extra rook. Let's hope 1988 will be a good year for Women's chess. NZCAs 'Chess in Schools' programme will be getting off the ground this year & hopefully it will attract

more schoolgirls into the sport. And for established women players, there's nothing like tournament competition to improve your standard - so get out there and play. (PS: And tell me about it, contributions to 2 Autumn Avenue, Auckland 7).



WE apologise to Ortvin Sarapu and Ewen Green for the absence of their columns in this issue. They will be included in the next.

FROM Leonard McLaren's column in the Evening Post, Wellington - Kasparov's autobiography 'Child of Change' is highly critical of the old guard in Soviet Chess administration. Post energy reporter Hans Kuiper was heard to comment, "People in glasnost shouldn't throw stones."

NEXT month's issue will have a full report on the Plaza International Tournament.



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