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Bill Forster	1924
Stan Yee	1893
Neil Gunn	1888
William Lynn	1782
Gordon Hoskyn	1677
John Pakenham	1664
Justin Davis	1647
Alistair McGowan	1618
Michael Wu	1600
David Bell	1573
Bob Mitchell	1542
John Wilson	1490
Brian Whitaker	1412
Ken Reed	1349
Oscar Lynn	1083
<b>Championship:</b>	
Mike Steadman	2209

**Front Cover:** Stephen Lukey and Michael  
Steadman headed a strong field at this year's  
Waitakere Licensing Trust Open - a first time  
win for both of them.

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## 29<sup>th</sup> Waitakere Licensing Trust Chess Open

by FM Bob Smith

The early timing of the Turin Olympiad forced Waitemata Chess Club to move New Zealand's biggest and brightest weekender into June this year.

Possibly the change of timing had a slight impact on entries, as "only" 120 players turned out for the event on June 24 and 25.

Though this was slightly down on last year's record turnout, it was still (up to the time of writing) the biggest weekend event of the year – and the strongest.

Top seed for the "A" Tournament was New Zealand number one, IM Russell Dive (2397), followed by fellow IM and best mate Anthony Ker (2361). The next four seeded players – FM Stephen Lukey (2355), IM Paul Garbett (2340), FM Bob Smith (2276) and Michael Steadman (2209) were all New Zealand reps. In all, 32 players contested the 'A' Tournament, including some of the country's top juniors.

The numbers for the other three sections were 'B' 28, 'C' 40 and Junior 20.

The prize-money reached record heights again this year, with just short of \$7000 on offer. First prize in the 'A' Tournament was \$1000, while minimum prizes for the winners in the other tournaments of \$450 ('B'), \$350 ('C') and \$200 (Junior) compare favourably with the top prizes in most other New Zealand events. For all competitors – winners and/or "learners", Waitemata provided nearly \$1700 worth of free refreshments after the Sunday prize-giving.

The stature of the Waitakere Licensing Trust Open was formally recognised by the New Zealand Chess Federation this year, with the decision to make the tournament one of only two "Superclass" Grand Prix events (the other being the upcoming NZ Championship in Wanganui).

This meant that as well as the prize-money, players were competing for maximum GP points in their divisions.

### Round One

Most of the top seeds won comfortably. The

biggest upset was Leonard McLaren's loss to Philip Hair.

Hair essayed the Closed Sicilian and it turned out to be an inspired opening choice.

McLaren's preference for open positions is well known and he struggled with the slow nature of the position.

Lower down Daniel Han played a nice controlled win over Wayne Power, while before banking the point Antonio Krstev looked suspiciously like he might have been losing against William Lynn at some stage.

### Round Two

Dive, Ker and Lukey had no real problems. Giant-killer Hair was well beaten by Smith. Steadman took everything he was given by Andrew Stone, and eventually unravelled a very cramped position. The upset of the round was Garbett's loss to Krstev, after Paul lost control of a probably winning position. The luckiest point of the round was Han's comeback win over Michael Zhang after losing a piece in the opening. McLaren bounced back with a good win over German visitor Christoph Thurner.

### Round Three

The top seed came a cropper in an unbalanced game against Steadman. Dive appeared to have a fine opening and later sacrificed the exchange for what looked like a promising position. However Steadman simply took the material and showed that he had his own trumps. Ker outplayed Smith in what looked like a typical example of "Saturday night round 3 syndrome". Lukey won with a nice attack after Han overlooked a cheapo in the opening. McDonald's unsound sacrifice worked against Hair, despite Fritz giving the loser +3 at one stage. Three moves before the end Hair missed a forced draw. Garbett worked his magic, outplaying Perry in what looked suspiciously like a drawn opposite coloured bishop endgame. McLaren had a straightforward win against Ross Jackson in his favourite Sicilian.

Xu's win over Krstev was the Saturday night upset. Krstev seemed to be doing well in the

opening but misjudged the consequences of swapping his queen for two rooks.

Leaders after round 3: A. Ker, S. Lukey, M. Steadman 3, D. Xu 2.5, R. Dive, P. Garbett, R. Smith, L. McLaren, D. Han, J. McDonald, A. Krstev, P. Godfrey, M. Sims 2.

### Round Four

Lukey had a steady win over Ker, creating weaknesses in the latter's king-side and then taking advantage of them when Ker unwisely let his queen wander away.

In Xu-Steadman nothing much happened until a drawn ending was reached after 40 moves. But Xu went badly astray soon after, creating weaknesses and allowing Steadman to invade.

Dive's win over Han was a typical Russell victory, white building up steadily and then taking full advantage of black's efforts to break out. McDonald continued his good run with a win over Garbett, rebuffing the latter's early attacking gestures and then winning material with a tactic surprisingly overlooked by his opponent. Smith came back into the reckoning with a good positional win over Krstev. McLaren was also in the final round picture after easily refuting Godfrey's unsound piece sacrifice.

Scores with one round to go: Lukey, Steadman 4, Dive, Ker, Smith, McLaren, McDonald 3.

### Round Five

Steadman and Lukey preferred caution to fighting for the \$150 bonus for 5 wins, agreeing a draw immediately after the 20 minimum moves allowed to pocket \$875 each.

Smith sacrificed against Dive to reach a position where Fritz gave him more than 2 pawns advantage. However, under time pressure he chose the wrong continuation, allowing Dive to consolidate and eventually win with his superior "speed chess" skills.

Ker also reached 3<sup>rd</sup> equal, beating McLaren after the latter spurned a chance to ease his more cramped position by swapping into an equal position.

McDonald had, on paper, the easiest last round pairing. In a complex position he played a combination that should have been favourable for Perry. However the latter lost the thread soon after and perished on the king-side after some

weak moves – presumably time trouble was involved. This win lifted McDonald into a share of third and a handy payout of \$370.

### Conclusion

Stephen Lukey and Michael Steadman both played steady chess through the tournament to tie for first.

The crucial win for the latter was in round three, when he recovered from the worse position against Dive.

Similarly Lukey scored his key point over Ker on Sunday morning, in perhaps more convincing style.

Of the third place-getters, Ker ran into problems in just the one game. Dive, while impressive much of the time, could easily have finished out of the money if Smith had converted his last round winning position.

McDonald did well to beat Garbett, but won several dubious positions and was somewhat favoured by the tournament draw. Nevertheless, an excellent result for John.

As usual there were no disputes throughout the two days.

This year regular Director of Play Bruce Pollard had an assistant D.O. P. – Ewen Green – in recognition of the amount of work involved in running four tournaments with such a big field. They, aided by the good spirit in which the games were played, ensured that the competition ran smoothly.

As always, the soundproofed playing rooms and analysis room contributed to the enjoyment for the players.

Thanks once again to the sponsor, Waitakere Licensing Trust, for the support which made such a high quality tournament possible.

At the prize-giving Trust Chairman Warren Flaunty expressed his satisfaction with the event and his confidence that the Trust's support would be on-going.

After the presentation of prizes, all players and officials enjoyed complimentary food and drinks.

Waitemata Chess Club is now looking ahead to the 30<sup>th</sup> Waitakere Trust Open.

Taking into account the size and strength of the field, the plan is to extend the tournament to six

rounds, over Queen's Birthday Weekend. This will avoid the need for three rounds in one day, give people more opportunity to play quality chess, and lessen anomalies in the strength

of players that prize-winners meet. So mark down Queen's Birthday Weekend for another Superclass Waitakere Licensing Trust Open. See you there!

### 29th Waitakere Licensing Trust Open 2005

No	Name	Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Cbac
1	S. Lukey	2355	20W	15W	8W	3W	2D	4.5	9.5
2	M. Steadman	2209	26W	22W	4W	13W	1 D	4.5	8.5
3	A. Ker	2361	31W	5W	7W	1L	11W	4	10
4	R. Dive	2397	23W	19W	2L	8W	7W	4	8
5	J. McDonald	2048	30W	3L	25W	9W	14W	4	7
6	M. Sims	1936	21L	32W	17W	12D	15W	3.5	7
7	R. Smith	2276	16W	25W	3L	10W	4L	3	9.5
8	D. Han	2107	32W	21W	1L	4L	13W	3	8.5
9	P. Garbett	2340	29W	10L	14W	5L	19W	3	7.5
10	A. Krstev	2008	27W	9W	13L	7L	20W	3	7.5
11	L. McLaren	2187	25L	16W	20W	19W	3L	3	6.5
12	J. McCrone	2028	22L	26D	28W	6D	23W	3	5.5
13	D. Xu	1754	14D	28D	10W	2L	8L	2.5	8.5
14	R. Perry	1765	13D	18W	9L	21W	5L	2.5	8
15	W. Forster	1924	24W	1L	21D	27W	6L	2.5	7.5
16	C. Thurner	1827	7L	11L	24W	22D	27W	2.5	7
17	H. Marko	1747	19L	23W	6L	29W	18D	2.5	6.5
18	G. Thornton	1978	28D	14L	26D	25W	17D	2.5	5.5
19	P. Godfrey	1949	17W	4L	22W	11L	9L	2	8.5
20	R. Jackson	1860	1L	24W	11L	26W	10L	2	8
21	M. Zhang	1713	6W	8L	15D	14L	22D	2	8
22	A. Stone	1800	12W	2L	19L	16D	21D	2	7.5
23	J. Browne	1917	4L	17L	32W	30W	12L	2	7
24	C. Benson	1684	15L	20L	16L	32W	31W	2	5.5
25	P. Hair	1818	11W	7L	5L	18L	32D	1.5	8.5
26	A. Aldridge	1823	2L	12D	18D	20L	30D	1.5	7.5
27	W. Lynn	1783	10L	29D	31W	15L	16L	1.5	6.5
28	A. Chen	1773	18D	13L	12L	31D	29D	1.5	6.5
29	P. Spiller	1851	9L	27D	30D	17L	28D	1.5	5.5
30	L. Rawnsley	1807	5L	31D	29D	23L	26D	1.5	5

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17<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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32. Wayne Power 1813 0.5

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#### Other Tournaments

The separate "B" Tournament was won by Richard Taylor, who dropped just half a point to second place-getter Eachen Chen.

Leading scores: R. Taylor (4.5/5) 1, E. Chen (4) 2, M. Krstev, N. Cruden, M. Gilmour, N. Fairley, V. Jefferson (3.5) 3-7, Jason Wu, C. Wilson, B. Cheng, V. Smith, G. Potini (3) 8-12 ...28 players.

The "C" Tournament was shared on 4.5/5 between Toleafoa Tanoi and Thomas Gothorp, with juniors Sharon Wu and Daniel Shen tying for third with Vaughan Collingwood, half a point behind.

Leading scores: T. Tanoi, T. Gothorp (4.5/5) 1-2, E. Huang, Sharon Wu, D. Shen, V. Collingwood (4) 3-6,

D. Taylor, F. Petreski (3.5) 7-8 ...40 players And the Junior Tournament (restricted to players aged under 14 and rated under 1400) was won by Lion Yang, again with 4.5, followed by Andrew Maroroa on 4.

Leading scores: L. Yang (4.5) 1, A. Maroroa (4) 2, L. Zhang, B. Liu, H. Lin (3.5) 3-5, D. Zhao, H. Zhang, P. Dong, A. Li, A. Alipiev (3) 6-10 ... 20 players.

#### Selected Games

##### Hair, P – McLaren, L

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.Be3 Nd4 7.Qd2 d6 8.Nd1 Rb8 9.c3 Nc6 10.Ne2 Nf6 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 b6 13.0-0 Ba6 14.Nc1 Qe7 15.Ne3 Ng8 16.Qh3 Nf6 17.f4 Bb7 18.Ne2 e5 19.g4 0-0 20.g5 Nh5 21.Nd5 Qd8 22.Ng3 Nxc3 23.Nf6+ Qxf6 24.gxf6 Nh5 25.fxe5 dxe5 26.Qh4 Kh8 27.Rad1 Rbd8 28.Qg5 Rfe8 29.Bh3 Rd6 30.Bg4 Nf4 31.Rxf4 exf4 32.Qxf4 Rdd8 33.Qc7 Ne5 34.Qxb7 Nxc4 35.Qxf7 Rg8 36.Qe6 Ne3 37.f7 Nxd1 38.Qf6+ 1-0

##### Dive, R – Godfrey, P

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.Rb1 e6 6.a3 a5 7.Nb5 d6 8.e3 e5 9.Ne2 Be6 10.d3

f5 11.Nec3 Nf6 12.Nd5 Rc8 13.Bd2 0-0 14.0-0 e4 15.Bc3 Ne5 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.dxe4 Bxc4 18.Nxd6 Bd3? 19.Nxc8 Bxf1 20.Qxd8 Rxd8 21.Kxf1 Rxc8 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Bxb7 Rb8 24.Bd5+ Kf8 25.Ke2 a4 26.Be6 1-0

##### McDonald, J – Ker, A

1.e4 d6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Qe2 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be3 e5 8.Bb5 exd4 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Bxd4 0-0 11.h3 Be8 12.0-0-0 Re8 13.Qc4 Bb7 14.Rhe1 Qe8 15.Ng5 d5 16.Qb3 h6 17.Nf3 Nxe4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Qc3+ f6 21.Nd4 Qd7 22.g4 Qf7 23.Rg1 c5 24.Qxc5 Re5 25.Qc3 Rae8 26.h4 Qxa2 27.g5 Qa1+ 28.Kd2 Qa5 29.b4 Qb6 30.gxf6+ Qxf6 31.Kc1 R8e7 32.Rg3 Kh7 33.Rdg1 Rg7 34.Qe3 c5 35.Nb3 cxb4 36.Re1 Rf5 37.Qxa7 Rxf2 38.h5 g5 39.Nd4 Qf4+ 40.Rge3 Bc8 41.Qb6 Bg4 42.Kb1 Qc7 43.Qxc7 Rxc7 44.Rxe4 Bxh5 45.Re7+ Rf7 46.R7e6 Bg6 47.Rb6 Rc4 48.Ree6 Rxd4 49.Rxg6 Rh4 50.Rgc6 Rg7 51.Kb2 Rh2 52.Rxb4 g4 53.Rbc4 h5 54.Rc7 Rf2 55.Rxg7+ Kxg7 56.Rc7+ Kg6 57.Kc3 g3 58.Rc8 Kg7 59.Rc5 Rf6 60.Rxh5 g2 0-1

##### Lukey, S – Forster, W

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 a5 7.Nc3 d6 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 e5 10.Rad1 Qe7 11.d5 Nb8 12.e4 Na6 13.Nh4 Nh5 14.Bf3 Nf6 15.Rfe1 Nc5 16.b3 b6 17.Nb5 Ne8 18.Qc2 g6 19.a3 a4 20.b4 Nb3 21.Bg2 Ng7 22.Qc3 f5 23.exf5 Nxf5 24.Nxf5 Bxf5 25.f4 Bg4 26.Rb1 Qf7 27.Rf1 exf4 28.Rxf4 Qd7 29.Rbf1 Rxf4 30.Rxf4 Bf5 31.h3 Bxh3 32.Bxh3 Qxh3 33.Nxc7 Ra7 34.Ne6 Rf7?? 35.Rxf7 [ 35.Qg7+ Rxc7 36.Rf8#] 1-0

##### Krstev, A – Garbett, P

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.f3 d5 4.Nc3 e5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 cxd4 7.Qxd4 Be7 8.e4 Nc6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7+ 13.Kf2 Nb4 14.Rd1 Ba6 15.a3 Nc2 16.Qa4 Qe3+ 17.Kg3 Bd3 18.Qf4 Rad8 19.Qxe3 Nxe3 20.Rc1 Rfe8 21.Nh3 Ba6 22.b4 Nf5+ 23.Kf4 Rd4+ 24.Ne4 Nd6 25.Rhd1 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Nxe4 27.fxe4 h6

28.Rd7 g5+ 29.Ke3 Bc8 30.Rxa7 Bxh3  
31.gxh3 f5 32.Kf3 Rxe4 33.Rb7 Rc4 34.a4  
Rc3+ 35.Kg2 Rc2+ 36.Kf1 Rxb2 37.a5 Ra2  
38.Rc7 Ra4 39.Ke2 c5 40.b5 Ra2+ 41.Ke1  
Ra1+ 42.Kd2 Ra2+ 43.Kc3 Rxa5 44.b6 Rb5  
45.b7 h5 46.Rc8+ Kf7 47.b8Q Rxb8  
48.Rxb8 g4 49.hxg4 hxg4 50.Kd3 c4+  
51.Ke3 Ke6 52.Rb5 g3 53.Kf3 Kd6 54.Rxf5  
1-0

Smith,B – Hair,P

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Qf6  
5.Nxc6 Bc5 6.Qd2 bxc6 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.Bd3 d6  
9.0-0 0-0 10.e5 Qe6 11.exd6 Bxd6 12.Re1  
Qg4 13.Ne4 Ng6 14.h3 Qf4 15.Qxf4 Bxf4  
16.Nc5 Bxc1 17.Raxc1 Rb8 18.b3 Nf4  
19.Bc4 Bf5 20.Re7 Rbe8 21.Bxf7+ 1-0

Stone,A – Steadman,M

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Be3 dxe4 4.f3 Nf6 5.fxe4  
Nxe4 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.0-0 c5 9.c3  
exd4 10.cxd4 Nd5 11.Qe2 Nxe3 12.Qxe3  
Be7 13.Nc3 Qb6 14.Rf2 Nf6 15.Ne5 a6  
16.Kh1 Bd7 17.Raf1 Rf8 18.Rc2 h6 19.Rfc1  
Rd8 20.Ne4 Nd5 21.Nxd7 Rxd7 22.Qf2 Nb4  
23.Rc8+ Bd8 24.Bb1 Qxd4 25.Qxd4 Rxd4  
26.Nc5 b6 27.Nb7 Kd7 28.h3 Nd5 29.Nxd8  
Rxd8 30.R8c2 Ke8 31.Kh2 Nf4 32.Rf1 g5  
33.Rc6 Rd2 0-1

Perry,R – Thornton,G

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7  
6.Be2 f6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Bf4 Nge7 9.Bg3 Nf5  
10.exf6 Nxc3 11.f7+ Kxf7 12.fxc3 Be7  
13.Ne5+ Ke8 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.Nd2 Bf6  
16.Nf3 Ke7 17.Qd2 Rae8 18.Rae1 Kd8  
19.Kh1 Rhf8 20.c4 Kc8 21.Rc1 Kb8 22.cxd5  
Qxd5 23.Rxc5 Qd6 24.Qe3 b6 25.Rcc1 h6  
26.Ne5 Rc8 27.Bf3 Bxe5 28.dxe5 Qb4 29.b3  
Qb5 30.Qd4 Bc6 31.Qd6+ Kb7 32.a4 Qd5  
33.Bxd5 Bxd5 34.Qd7+ Ka6 35.Qxc8+ 1-0

Steadman,M – Dive,R

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Be7  
6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 e5 8.d5 0-0 9.Nf3 Re8  
10.Bd3 Bc5 11.Bg5 a5 12.Rb1 Na6 13.Qd2  
c6 14.h3 Bd7 15.g4 Qe7 16.Kf1 Qd6 17.Kg2  
cxd5 18.cxd5 Bb6 19.Rhf1 h6 20.Bh4 Nc5

21.Bc2 a4 22.Qe2 Ba5 23.Nd2 Bd8 24.Bg3  
Re8 25.Qf3 b5 26.Bd1 Qb6 27.Be2 Qb7  
28.b4 axb3 29.Nxb3 Qa6 30.Nxc5 Rxc5  
31.Bf2 Rxc3 32.Qxc3 Nxe4 33.Qd3 Nxf2  
34.Rxf2 e4 35.Qb3 Bh4 36.Rff1 Qd6 37.Kh1  
Ra8 38.Ra1 Bd8 39.Rf2 b4 40.a4 Ra5  
41.Bc4 Bb6 42.Rff1 Bd4 43.Ra2 Bc3 44.Qc2  
Qe5 45.Qf2 f6 46.Qf4 Qd4 47.Bb3 Qd3  
48.Rd1 Qxh3+ 49.Rh2 Qxg4 50.Qxg4 Bxg4  
51.d6+ Kf8 52.d7 Rd8 53.d8Q+ Rxd8  
54.Rxd8+ Ke7 55.Rd5 Be6 56.Re2 f5 57.a5  
Bxd5 58.Bxd5 Kd6 59.a6 Bd4 60.Rd2 Bb6  
61.Bxe4+ Ke5 62.Bb1 g5 63.Rh2 f4 64.Rxh6  
Be3 65.Kg2 g4 66.Rh5+ Kd6 67.Rb5 1-0

Garbett,P – Perry,R

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4  
5.Nxd4 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Qd2 Nxd4 8.Bxd4  
Nf6 9.f3 0-0 10.Bc4 Bd7 11.0-0-0 Rc8  
12.Bb3 b5 13.Qe3 a5 14.a4 bxa4 15.Nxa4  
Bxa4 16.Bxa4 Rb8 17.Bc3 Qc7 18.Rd3 Rfc8  
19.Rhd1 Qb7 20.Kd2 Rxc3 21.bxc3 Qb2  
22.e5 dxe5 23.Ke2 h5 24.Rd8+ Rxd8  
25.Rxd8+ Kh7 26.Bb3 e6 27.Rd1 a4  
28.Bxa4 Nd5 29.Rxd5 exd5 30.Bb3 d4  
31.cxd4 Qxd4 32.Qxd4 exd4 33.Bxf7 Bf6  
34.Kd3 h4 35.f4 Kg7 36.Be8 Kh6 37.Ke4  
Bg7 38.Kd5 Bh8 39.Ke6 Bg7 40.Kf7 Bh8  
41.Bb5 h3 42.g3 g5 43.Bd7 1-0

Hair,P – McDonald,J

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3  
d6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.Bh6 Bxh6  
9.Qxh6 Nd4 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.Qg7 Rf8  
12.Nh3 Qa5 13.Ng5 0-0-0 14.Nxf7 Rxf7  
15.Qxf7 Nec6 16.Kb1 b5 17.Rhe1 Nb4  
18.Qe7 Nbx2 19.Qxd6 b4 20.Ne2 Ba4  
21.Qe7 Nxe1 22.Nxd4 Bxd1 23.Qxe6+ Rd7  
24.Qc6+ Qc7 25.Qa8+ Qb8 26.Qc6+ Kd8  
27.Ne6+ Ke7 28.Nxc5 Rd6 29.Qa6 0-1

Lukey,S – Ker,A

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.Nf3  
h6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.h3 e6 8.Bd3 a6 9.0-0 0-0  
10.Re1 Re8 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Rad1 b6 13.e5  
Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.exd6 Qxd6 16.Bf4  
Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 Qd8 18.c3 Be6 19.h4 Bg4  
20.Nh2 Be6 21.h5 Qd7 22.hxg6+ fxg6

23.Nf3 Bf5 24.Bxf5 gxf5 25.Qe2 Rf8  
26.Qxa6 Ne7 27.Qe2 Ng6 28.Bd2 Qa4  
29.Ng5+ Kh8 30.Qh5 Rf6 31.Nf7+ Kg8  
32.Nxh6+ Bxh6 33.Bxh6 Qd7 34.Qe2 Kf7  
35.Bg5 Rd6 36.Qh5 Kg8 37.Re3 Re6 38.Rg3  
Qd6 39.Bh6 f4 40.Bxf4 Re1+ 41.Kh2 Qxf4  
42.Qxg6+ Kf8 43.Qg7+ Ke8 44.Qg8+ Ke7  
45.Qg5+ Qxg5 46.Rxg5 Rb1 47.Re5+ Kf6  
48.Re2 Ra1 49.a3 Rb1 50.g3 c5 51.Rd2  
cxd4 52.cxd4 Kf5 53.f3 Re1 54.Kg2 Re3  
55.Kf2 Rb3 56.Re2 Kf6 57.g4 Rd3 58.Rc2  
Rxd4 59.Ke2 b5 60.Rc5 b4 61.Ke3 Rd1  
62.f4 1-0

Xu,D – Steadman,M

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bg4  
5.Bd3 Nc6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Be3 Nge7 8.Nbd2  
Qd7 9.Qc2 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Kb8 11.Rde1 h6  
12.h3 Bh5 13.Nh4 f6 14.Nf5 g5 15.g4 Bf7  
16.Nf1 Rde8 17.N1g3 Bxg3 18.fxc3 Nxf5  
19.gxf5 Qd6 20.Qf2 a6 21.Re2 Kc8 22.Rhe1  
Kd7 23.Qf3 Nd8 24.Bg1 Rxe2 25.Rxe2 Re8  
26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Bh2 Qe7 28.Kd2 Kd7  
29.g4 Kc8 30.Bg3 Nc6 31.b4 Na7 32.Bh2  
Kd8 33.Qg3 Nc8 34.Qe3 Qxe3+ 35.Kxe3 h5  
36.Be2 hxg4 37.hxg4 Nb6 38.Bg3 Be8  
39.Bd3 Ba4 40.Ke2 Kd7 41.Be1 Kc6 42.Ke3  
Bd1 43.Be2 Nc4+ 44.Kf3 Bxe2+ 45.Kxe2  
Nd6 46.Kd3 Nf7 47.Ke3 Kb5 48.Bg3 c6  
49.Bc7 Kc4 50.Kd2 Nh6 51.Bd8 Nxc4 52.a4  
Nf2 53.Kc2 Ne4 54.Bc7 g4 55.Bh2 g3  
56.Bg1 Nxc3 57.a5 Ne2 58.Be3 Nxd4+  
59.Kd2 Nxf5 0-1

Dive,R – Han,D

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 c6 5.e4 e5  
6.Nf3 d6 7.d4 Qc7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.0-0 0-0  
10.Be3 Re8 11.Rc1 Nf8 12.b4 Bd7 13.Qd2  
Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.a4 Nh5 16.dxe5 dxe5  
17.Bc5 Rcd8 18.Qe3 b6 19.Bd6 Qc8 20.Kh2  
f5 21.exf5 e4 22.Nd4 gxf5 23.c5 bxc5  
24.bxc5 h6 25.Rb1 Be6 26.Rb8 Qd7  
27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Nxf5 Bxf5 29.Bxf8 Bd4  
30.Qxh6 Qe8 31.Qg5+ Bg6 32.Bxe4 Qxf8  
33.Qxg6+ Ng7 34.Qh7+ Kf7 35.Bg6+ Ke6  
36.Ne4 Rd5 37.Qh4 Kd7 38.Qg4+ Ne6  
39.Kg2 Ke7 40.h4 Nxc5 41.Rxd4 Rxd4  
42.Qg5+ Kd7 43.Nxc5+ Kd6 44.Ne4+ Kd7

45.Qe5 Rd5 46.Nf6+ 1-0

McDonald,J – Garbett,P

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6  
5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 e5 8.c4 Bc5  
9.Qe2 d6 10.Kh1 Ng4 11.g3 h5 12.h4 Qd7  
13.f3 Nf6 14.Nc3 Rb8 15.Rb1 a5 16.Nd1  
Qa7 17.Be3 Bh3 18.Re1 Ke7 19.Bg5 Kd7  
20.Qh2 Be6 21.Bf1 Kc7 22.b3 Rb7 23.Be3  
Nd7 24.Bh3 Re8 25.Bxe6 Rxe6 26.Bxc5  
Nxc5 27.Qd2 Rb8 28.Nc3 Rg6 29.Kg2 Qb6  
30.Red1 Qb4 31.Qe3 Qb6 32.Rd2 Rd8  
33.Rc2 Re6 34.a3 Na4 35.Nd5+ cxd5  
36.cxd5+ Kd7 37.dxe6+ Kxe6 38.Qxb6  
Nxb6 39.Rc6 Rb8 40.Rbc1 g6 41.R1c3 f5  
42.Kf2 fxe4 43.fxe4 Rf8+ 44.Ke2 Rb8  
45.Kd2 Nd7 46.Rd3 Nc5 47.Rdx6+ Ke7  
48.Rxg6 Nxb3+ 49.Ke3 Nd4 50.Rc7+ Kf8  
51.Rc3 Kf7 52.Ra6 Ne6 53.Rxa5 Kf6  
54.Ra6 Ke7 55.a4 Rg8 56.Kf2 Rg4 57.Rcc6  
Nd4 58.Ra7+ Kd8 59.Rh6 1-0

Smith,B – Krstev,A

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0  
6.Nge2 e5 7.h3 c5?! 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Qxd8  
Rxd8 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 a6  
13.a4 c4 14.0-0 Rd6 15.Be3 Nbd7 16.Nc3  
Rc8 17.a5 Nc5 18.Rfd1 Nfd7 19.Na4 Nxa4  
20.Rxa4 f5 21.Rb4 Rc7 22.Bf1 c3 23.bxc3  
Rxc3 24.Rxb7 Rxc2 25.Bxa6 Rxa6 26.Rxd7  
Rxa5 27.d6 f4 28.Rc7 fxe3 29.Rxc2 exf2+  
30.Kxf2 Ra8 31.d7 Rd8 32.Rc8 Bf6 33.Rd6  
Be7 34.Rxd8+ Bxd8 35.Re6 Kf7 36.Re8 1-0

Steadman,M – Lukey,S

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0  
6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5  
10.Bg3 Nc5 11.Nd2 Nfx4 12.Ndxe4 Nxe4  
13.Nxe4 f5 14.f3 fxe4 15.fxe4 c5 16.Qd2  
Bd7 17.0-0-0 Qe7 18.Rdf1 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1  
Rf8 20.Qe1 Rxf1 ½-½

Smith,B – Dive,R

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 Bb7  
5.Nbd2 c5 6.0-0 Be7 7.b3 Nc6 8.a3 0-0  
9.Bb2 Qc7 10.c4 Rac8 11.Qe2 Rfd8 12.Ra1  
Qb8 13.Ne5 d6 14.Ng4 cxd4 15.exd4 d5

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## 2006 Inter Schools National Team Championship

by Gary Judkins

This was the first National tournament with regional winners from twenty-nine schools throughout the country competing at Southwell School in Hamilton (23/24 September). The event was a round robin with a time control of 25/25 with six games on Saturday and three on the Sunday. Director of Play, Gary Judkins and his wife Gerri organized the tournament. They appreciated the help of Martin Sims (organizer of the 2005 North Island school championship) and Felicity Timings who is the Chairperson of the NZCF Junior Committee. It was pointed out all teams were winners, as they had won their regional competitions. The players' sportsmanship, fair play and friendly behavior made this a wonderful event.

### Primary Division

1 <sup>st</sup>	Epsom Normal School (Auckland)	33.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peterhead School (Hawkes Bay)	27
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Windsor Primary (Christchurch)	17
4 <sup>th</sup>	Moturoa Primary (Taranaki)	16.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pyes Pa School (Bay of Plenty)	15.5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Newlands Primary (Wellington)	14.5
7 <sup>th</sup>	St. Georges School (Wanganui)	13
8 <sup>th</sup> =	Southwell School (Central North Island)	12.5
8 <sup>th</sup> =	Greytown School (Wairarapa)	12.5

This division had nine teams so each team had a 2-point bye round. Epsom Normal School from Auckland once again dominated scoring a fantastic 33.5 in this division. Peterhead School came a clear second but the third place winner was not decided until the final round. Four schools could have placed third as after round eight Pyes Pa had 15.5, Windsor had 15,

Newlands had 14.5 and Moturoa had 13.5 points. Congratulations go to Howard Lin, Harry Ruan, Jack Ruan, Leon Zhang and Harry Zhang from Epsom Normal School for winning this division.

### Intermediate Division

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cobham Intermediate (Christchurch)	26.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Palmerston North Intermediate (Manawatu)	24
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Raroa Intermediate (Wellington)	23
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peterhead School (Hawkes Bay)	22.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rangeview Intermediate (Auckland)	21.5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Southwell School (Central North Island)	20
7 <sup>th</sup>	Otumoetai Intermediate (Bay of Plenty)	16
8 <sup>th</sup>	Dunedin North Intermediate (Otago)	13
9 <sup>th</sup>	Gladstone Intermediate (Wairarapa)	10.5
10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Georges School (Wanganui)	3

There were ten teams in this division so the most points any team could score was 36. Cobham Intermediate from Christchurch started round one winning all games and never lost their lead. However, going into the last round any of five teams could have won. Cobham Intermediate had 22.5, Palmerston North Normal had 20.5 and three teams Peterhead School, Rangeview and Raroa were on 20 points. Congratulations to the winners Vincent Wong, Nirojan Jayanathan, Kevin Tan and Louis Warren from Cobham Intermediate.

### Secondary Division

This division had eight teams from the North Island and two from the South Island. Auckland Grammar was without their unbeatable usual board one, Puchen Wang who had other commitments. Although they were the favorites, it was not as clear-cut as in the past who would win. Playing one another in the final

round, Auckland Grammar and Palmerston North both had 24.5 points. St. Paul's Collegiate had 22.5 points and played the only team, Kerikeri High School, who had two wins against Auckland Grammar. St. Paul's played with determination and won all four games. Palmerston North won two games against Auckland Grammar and then lost the next game. It all came down to board two to decide the outcome of the tournament. Both positions were solid, but near the end, Grammar's player kept up the pressure and won on time with a few seconds left on his clock! These results meant that unbelievably three teams tied for first place with 26.5 points! Considering that, there are 362,880 different ways nine results (0, 0.5, 1, ... 4) can occur in nine rounds for each team, it will probably never happen again. Congratulations go to the players in the three winning schools:

Auckland Grammar - Sava Mihic, Lion Li Yang, Uzair Dollie and Benjamin Jones  
Palmerston Boys - Peter Cui, Ben Gower, Dylan Chen and Tony Huang  
St. Paul's Collegiate - Alan Lin, Blair Robertson, Tim Wang and Kevin Yun

1 <sup>st</sup> =	Auckland Grammar	26.5
1 <sup>st</sup> =	Palmerston North (Manawatu)	26.5
1 <sup>st</sup> =	St. Paul's Collegiate (Central North Island)	26.6
4 <sup>th</sup>	Riccarton High School (Christchurch)	24
5 <sup>th</sup>	New Plymouth Boys (Taranaki)	18
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rathkeale College (Wairarapa)	16
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kerikeri High School (Northland)	15
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mount Maunganui (Bay of Plenty)	14
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kings High School (Dunedin)	8
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wanganui Collegiate	5.5

In conclusion, thanks go to the following:

- Southwell School for donating its library, hall

and AV theatre that provided very good playing conditions. A special thanks to the Southwell "chess parents" who were so helpful both days.

- NZ Chess Federation, who approved this tournament, sponsored South Island teams and provided medallions for first, second, and third place winners.

- Bob (President of NZCF) and Viv Smith for promoting junior chess and their commitment to quality chess in NZ

- NZ Chess Supplies for bringing a wide range of books, sets, etc. and presenting prizes to the champions.

- Felicity Timings for helping as a tournament official and her hard work throughout the year, as Chairperson of the National Junior Chess Committee.

- Martin Sims who also helped as an experienced tournament official.

Gerri Judkins for the hours and hours she put into this tournament before the actual event to make it such a success. As anyone who has organized a tournament knows, there is a terrific amount of work done behind the scenes. This tournament would simply not have happened without her efforts.



Epsom winners with Brian Foster, Felicity Timings, and Gary Judkins

## Inter Schools National Team Championship Results

	Epsom Normal School	Greytown School	Moturoa Primary	Newlands Primary	Peterhead School	Pyes Pa School	Southwell School	St. Georges School	Windsor Primary
<b>Round 1</b>	2 bye	1	2	1.5	4	2	3	0	2.5
overall score	2	1	2	1.5	4	2	3	0	2.5
<b>Round 2</b>	4	1	0	1	4	0	3	2 bye	3
overall score	6	2	2	2.5	8	2	6	2	5.5
<b>Round 3</b>	4	1	2	3	0	2 bye	0.5	2	3.5
overall score	10	3	4	5.5	8	4	6.5	4	9
<b>Round 4</b>	4	2	2	3	2 bye	3	0	1	1
overall score	14	5	6	8.5	10	7	6.5	5	10
<b>Round 5</b>	4	2 bye	1	1.5	3	2.5	1	3	0
overall score	18	7	7	10	13	9.5	7.5	8	10
<b>Round 6</b>	4	0	2 bye	0	4	3	1	1	3
overall score	22	7	9	10	17	12.5	8.5	9	13
<b>Round 7</b>	3.5	0.5	3	2 bye	3	2	1	2	1
overall score	25.5	7.5	12	12	20	14.5	9.5	11	14
<b>Round 8</b>	4	3	1.5	2.5	3	1	2 bye	0	1
overall score	29.5	10.5	13.5	14.5	23	15.5	11.5	11	15
<b>Round 9</b>	4	2	3	0	4	0	1	2	2 bye
<b>TOTAL</b>	33.5	12.5	16.5	14.5	27	15.5	12.5	13	17
	1st	8th=	4th	6th	2nd	5th	8th=	7th	3rd

## Otago Queen's Birthday Weekend Open

by Quentin Johnson

For the second year running the Otago Easter Tournament was held over Queen's Birthday weekend and was rewarded with strong representation from outside Dunedin. The field of 21 included players from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Ashburton, Queenstown and Invercargill. For once Open and Senior section points were available in this Class 3, NZCF Grand Prix event, with a total prize fund of \$540.

Last year's winner, Wellington's Nic Croad, looked to have a much tougher task this year, with five players rated over 2000, headed by FM Richard Sutton. In fact most of the field was capable of taking points off the top players on their day, so a close contest was in prospect.

**Round 1**

Chris Benson avoided his usual round one pairing to Sutton, but did not manage to take advantage against Croad – a passive handling of the Kings Indian lead to the Black king being evicted from the kingside and hunted down with the aid of an exchange sac by Croad. Veteran Arie Nijman had 3<sup>rd</sup> seed Quentin Johnson in some bother, but an exchange sac leading to a tactical melee and a blunder by Nijman came to Johnson's rescue.

There were already two upsets: Simon Ward – Ross Jackson and Paul Spiller – Amy Cater-Milano both solid draws, showing the sort of stout resistance the top half could expect from the bottom half. Amazingly Mark van der Hoom's 'Vanderlizer' (1 f3, 2 Kf2 etc.) opening against Hamish Gold did not lead to an upset, though Hamish had reason to reproach himself for not taking the winning chances offered.

Croad, N - Benson, C

[R1]

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. d4 g6 4. Nc3 Bg7 5. e4 O-O 6. Be2 Nbd7 7. O-O e5 8. Be3 exd4 9. Nxd4 Re8 10. f3 Ne5 11. Qd2 a6 12. Rfd1 Qe7 13. Rac1 Bd7 14. Bg5 Qf8 15. Qf4 Nh5 16. Qh4 h6 17. Be3 Bf6 18. Qf2 g5 19. Nd5 Bd8 20. g4 Ng7 21. h4 c6 22. Nc3 c5 23. Nf5 Nx f5 24. gxf5 Bc6 25. Kh2 f6 26. Rg1 Kf7

27. f4 gxf4 28. Qxf4 Ke7 29. Rcd1 Bc7 30. Bh5 Rec8 31. b3 d5 32. Bxc5+ Bd6 33. Nxd5+ Bxd5 34. Bxd6+ Kxd6 35. Rxd5+ Kc6 36. Rxe5! fxe5 37. Rg6+ Kd7 38. Qxe5 Rc6 39. Rg7+ Kd8 40. Qd5+ 1-0

**Round 2**

The top four seeds all won to make it to 2 points. Sutton mated McKerras quickly on the dark squares when Black's key defensive bishop went awol. Bruce Donaldson turned down Croad's pawn offer in a Sicilian Dragon, only to get a miserable position for no material compensation. Duncan Watts succumbed quickly to Johnson in a QGD. Van der Hoom was paired against the 1<sup>st</sup> round receiver of the bye, Jonathan Riley and was not inconvenienced in a very short game. Otherwise ratings and reputation received short shrift: Spiller's piece sac proved only good enough for a perpetual against Michael Nyberg; Cater-Milano missed winning opportunities in her draw with Ward; Jackson, Benson and Nijman were upset by Geoff Aimers, Bruce Gloistein and Rex Scarf respectively; and Gold was lucky to escape with a win against Muhammad Saib.

Benson, C - Gloistein, B

[R2]

1 e4 d6 2 d4 g6 3 f4 Bg7 4 Nf3 c6 5 Nc3 e6 6 Bd3 Ne7 7 O-O O-O 8 Be3 f5 9 e5 Nd5 10 Nxd5 cxd5 11 c4 dxe5 12 dxe5 Qe7 13 cxd5 exd5 14 Rc1 Rd8 15 Qb3 Kh8 16 Bc5 Qe8 17 Rfe1 Nc6 18 Bd6 h6 19 Bb5 a6 20 Bxc6 bxc6 21 Nd4? Rxd6! 22 exd6 Bxd4+ 23 Kh1 Qd7 24 Qb4 Bf6 25 Re2 a5 26 Qc5 Ba6 27 Rec2 Bb5 28 b3 a4 29 g3 axb3 30 axb3 Qe6 31 Kg2 Qe4+ 32 Kh3 Be2 33 Rxe2 Qxe2 34 d7 g5 0-1

Sutton, R - McKerras, R

[R2]

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 O-O Nxe4 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3 d5 8 dxe5 Be6 9 Nbd2 Bc5 10 Qe2 Nxd2 11 Bxd2 O-O 12 Rad1 Ne7 13 c3 c6 14 Nd4 Qd7 15 Be3 Ba7 16 Bc2 Nf5 17 Qd3 g6 18 Bg5 Bb8 19 Bf6 Bc7 20 Qd2 Ng7 21 Qh6 Ne8 22 Nf3 1-0

**Round 3**

It was apparent some time after the start of this round that many of the Wellington visitors had neglected to calibrate their sundials to the South-Westward aspect of Dunedin, consequently arriving late. The snow overnight probably didn't help either. When play got under way, Sutton withstood sustained pressure from van der Hoorn, only to inexplicably lose on time in a position where the worst was over. Johnson held the upper hand for a time after Croad saced a piece for insufficient compensation out of the opening. However, a couple of missed tactics eventually handed the piece back with interest for an easy endgame win for Croad. Nyberg persevered a piece down against McKerras and was rewarded when the latter lost his queen, to stay half a point off the lead. Among the group to make it to 2 was Gloistein, who was out of seat for much of the game — first with agitation after he had left Gold with a forced mate in 3, then with elation as Hamish passed up the opportunity and went on to lose.

**Croad, N - Johnson, Q**  
[R3]

1 Nf3 d5 2 d4 Nf6 3 c4 e6 4 Nc3 Bb4 5 Bg5 h6 6 Bh4 g5 7 Bg3 Ne4 8 Rc1 Nc6 9 e3 Qe7 10 Be2 h5 11 Be5 f6 12 Nxc5 Bxc3+ 13 bxc3 Nxc5 14 Bxh5+ Nf7 15 Bg3 dxc4 16 O-O b6 17 e4 Bb7 18 d5 O-O-O 19 Bg4 f5 20 exf5 exf5 21 Bxf5+ Kb8 22 Qa4 Rxd5 23 Rf1 Qf6 24 Be4 Rd2 25 Qxc4 Nce5 26 Qa4 Bxe4 27 Qxe4 Nd3 28 Rcd1 Nxf2 29 Bxc7+ Kxc7 30 Qc4+ Kb8 31 Rxd2 Nd6 32 Qd4 Qxd4 33 Rxd4 Nfe4 34 Rdx4 Nxe4 35 Rxe4 Rc8 36 c4 Kc7 37 h4 Kd6 38 Kh2 a6 39 h5 b5 40 cxb5 axb5 41 Kh3 Rc2 42 a4 bxa4 43 Rxa4 Ke5 44 Ra6 Kf4 45 g3+ Kg5 46 Ra5+ Kh6 47 g4 Rc1 48 Kg3 Rf1 49 Ra6+ Kh7 50 Kh4 Rb1 51 Ra7+ Kh8 52 h6 Rb5 53 g5 1-0

**Round 4**

Van der Hoorn placed a knight offside on c7 against Croad and soon lost material, allowing Croad to take the sole lead on 4/4. Watts punished Nyberg's pawn-grabbing to fight his way up to board 1, as Sutton blundered near the end

of a long game with Spiller coming away with a draw. Johnson won a pawn early on against Gloistein, who then displayed great ingenuity in developing a dangerous kingside attack. After some defensive errors, this should have won, but Bruce unfortunately sacrificed unsoundly looking for mate. Donaldson came back from falling into a Noah's Ark trap to defeat Aimers and join the chasing group on 3.

**Nyberg, M - Watts, D**  
[R4]

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 exd5 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 c3 Bd6 6 Ne2 Bg4! (Getting out of 'book' lines at an early stage and offering White the win of a pawn by 7 Qb3 forking b7 and d5) 7 Be3 Nge7 8 Qc2 Ng6 9 Nd2 Qf6 10 Qb3?! (White finally takes up the offer, but this way loses time with his queen, which now has already moved once) Nce7! 11 Qxb7 O-O 12 Qb3 Rab8 13 Qc2 Nf5 (White has spent 4 moves to capture the pawn and the queen back on c2. Black meanwhile has castled and his pieces are marauding around the white king which now has no safe place to go) 14 Nf1 Nfh4 15 g3? (Allowing free access to the kingside light squares and losing the right to castle. 15 Rg1 holding g2 and f3 was required) Ng2+ 16 Kd2 Nxe3 17 Nxe3 Bf3 18 Rhf1 c5! (Black thematically prises open the centre to get at the white king) 19 dxc5 Bxc5 20 Ng1 Be4 21 Bxe4 dxe4 22 Qxe4? (Opening the gate to the Black hoard for yet another mere pawn) Rxb2+ 23 Nc2 Rd8+ 24 Ke2 Qxc3 (25 Qe3 {25 Rac1 Rd2+ 26 Ke1 Rxf2+ and Qd2#} Rxc2+ 26 Kf3 Rxf2+ 27 Rxf2 Qxe3+ 28 Kg4 Rd4+ 29 Rf4 f5+ 30 Kh5 Nxf4+ 31 gxf4 g6+ 32 Kg5 Be7+ 33 Kh6 Qxf4#) 0-1

**Johnson, Q - Gloistein, B**  
[R4]

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 g3 Be7 5 Bg2 O-O 6 O-O c5 7 dxc5 Bxc5 8 Bg5 h6 9 Bxf6 Qxf6 10 Nc3 Rd8 11 exd5 exd5 12 Nxd5 Qd6 13 Nd2 Na6 14 Ne4 Qf8 15 Nxc5 Nxc5 16 b4 Ne6 17 Qd2 Rb8 18 Rac1 b6 19 Rfd1 Bb7 20 e4 Kh8 21 Qb2 Re8 22 a3 f5 23 e5 f4 24 Rc3 fxc3 25 hxg3 Qf7 26 Re3 Ng5 27 f4 Qh5 28 Qe2 Nh3+! (D) 29 Bxh3 (If 29 Kf1? to trap

the knight then Ba6!) Qxh3 30 g4 Qh4 31 Qf3 Rbd8 32 Red3 Rd7 33 R1d2? (R3d2) Rc8! 34 Rd1 Rc2 35 e6 Qh2+? (35 ... Rxd5! 36 e7 Re5 forces mate) 36 Kf1 Ba6? (36 ... Rd6 37 f5 Ba6 wins the exchange) 37 exd7 Bxd3+ 38 Rxd3 Rc1+ 39 Rd1 Rxd1+ 40 Qxd1 Qh1+ 41 Ke2 Qg2+ 42 Ke1 Qg1+ 43 Kd2 Qd4+ 44 Kc2 1-0

**Round 5**

Watts' stay on top board was curtailed by a smooth performance from Croad, who thus ensured himself of at least first equal. Johnson meekly succumbed to van der Hoorn's attack, leaving the latter as the only player who could catch Croad, as Donaldson drew with Spiller. Sutton conceded another draw after Nyberg saced the exchange to liquidate pawns in a N + B vs R ending. Joining the group on 3 were Gloistein and Aimers with respective wins over Jackson and Gold.

**Croad, N - Watts, D**  
[R5]

1 Nf3 d5 2 d4 e6 3 c4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Be7 5 Bg5 O-O 6 e3 h6 7 Bh4 Ne4 8 Bxe7 Qxe7 9 Rc1 Nxc3 10 Rxc3 c6 11 Bd3 Nd7 (Though this has been played many times, it allows White to adopt the easy plan of a queenside minority pawn attack, which is all the more powerful for the piece exchanges that have already taken place. An alternative was 11 — dxc4, 12 Bxc4 Nd7, with the idea of challenging in the centre by 13 — b6 and 14 — c5.) 12 exd5 exd5 13 O-O Nf6 14 Ne5 Ne4?! (White's knight should be challenged with 14 — Nd7. After the following exchange White's knight easily outperforms the black bishop.) 15 Bxe4! dxe4 16 Qc2 Re8 17 Rb1 (Black's e-pawn is indirectly defended, so White prepares the classic minority attack pawn thrust b4-b5 to weaken the black queenside pawns. 17 — f6 18 Nc4 Bg4 19 b4 Rad8 20 Na5 Be6 (Missing an opportunity to play for kingside counterchances via 20 — Rd5! holding up b5 and with the idea of attacking g2 with 21 — Rg5.) 21 a4 Bd5 22 b5 cxb5 23 Rxb5 Rd7 24 h3 (White takes a sensible precaution against back-row mates before proceeding.) 24

— Qd8 25 Qb2 b6?! (More determined was keeping the white pieces out by 23 — Qe7. Now White is able to infiltrate and tie the black pieces down to the defence of his last queenside pawn.) 26 Ne6 Bxc6 27 Rxc6 Rc7 28 Rxc7 Qxc7 29 a5! bxa5?! (The last hope to hang on was 29 — Re6.) 30 Rb7 Qc4 31 Rxa7 a4? 32 Qb7 (Instead of losing the a-pawn with slow but sure death in the endgame, Black suddenly cannot prevent mate.) 1-0

**Johnson, Q - van der Hoorn, M**  
[R5]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. Nf3 b4 5. Nbd2 d6 6. e4 g6 7. b3 Bg7 8. Bb2 O-O 9. Qc2 e5 10. dxe6 fxe6 11. Be2 Nc6 12. O-O e5 13. Ne1 Bh6 14. Rd1 Ng4 15. Bxg4 Bxg4 16. Ndf3 Nd4 17. Nxd4 Bxd1 18. Qxd1 exd4 19. Nd3 Qh4 20. e5 dxe5 21. Nxc5 Rae8 22. g3 Qh3 23. Ne4 Rf5 24. Bc1 Re8 25. g4 Bf4 26. Ng3 Bxg3 27. hxg3 Rf3 28. g5 e4 29. Bf4 R8xf4 0-1

**Round 6**

In the final round Croad had a far from easy task in that he had to play Sutton with Black. Indeed Richard gradually appeared to be getting the upper hand in a classical fianchetto KID, when he suddenly dropped a rook and resigned. Thus Nic took first place with a convincing score of 6/6, a point ahead of van der Hoorn, who extracted a win over Donaldson in an opposite-bishop ending that was the last game to finish. In the fight for minor placings Watts and Spiller opted out early with a short draw, but Aimers' drawing combination versus Johnson had a fatal flaw placing the latter on 4 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Nyberg's piece offer to Gloistein was similarly unsound and Bruce went on to win to join Johnson in 3<sup>rd</sup> and take 1<sup>st</sup> in the U1700 grade. Benson beat Scarf in a double-rook ending to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade prize on 3½, as did Cater-Milano over Muhammad Saib to take 3<sup>rd</sup> on 3. The Junior prize was shared by Muhammad Saib and Jonathan Riley, as Nabeelah Saib withdrew ill during the tournament. The unfortunate presence of a bye in the early rounds meant that none of the juniors played each other.

## Sutton, R - Croad, N

[R6]

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nf3 Bg7 4 g3 O-O 5 Bg2  
d6 6 O-O Nc6 7 Nc3 e5 8 d5 Ne7 9 e4 Nd7 10  
Ne1 f5 11 exf5 Nxf5 12 Nc2 h6 13 Be3 Nf6 14  
f3 Nxe3 15 Nxe3 h5 16 Qd3 Kh7 17 Rael Bh6  
18 Rf2 h4 19 Bf1 hxg3 20 hxg3 Kg7 21 Be2  
Nh5 22 Ne4 Bf5 23 Rg2 Qe8 24 Ng4 Bxe4 25  
Qxe4 Nf6 26 Nxf6 Rxf6 27 Rh2 Qf7 28 Kg2  
Rf5 29 Reh1 Rh5 30 Rxh5 gxh5 31 Bd3 Rh8  
32 b4 Bg5 33 c5 Kf8 34 a4 Qf6 35 c6 b6 36 a5  
h4 37 axb6 axb6 38 Ral hxg3 39 Qg4?  
(Ra8+) Rh2+ 0-1

## Donaldson, B - van der Hoorn, M

[R6]

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 e4 e6 5 Nf3 Nf6  
6 Nc3 Be7 7 exd5 Nxd5 8 Bd3 O-O 9 O-O  
Nc6 10 Re1 Bf6 11 Be3 b6 12 Qe2 Ndb4 13  
Be4 Ba6 14 Qd2 Rc8 15 Rac1 Ne7 16 Bb1  
Bb7 17 Ne5 Nbd5 18 Qd3 g6 19 Qe2 Nxc3 20  
bxc3 Qd5 21 Nf3 Nf5 22 c4 Qa5 23 Red1  
Nxe3 24 fxe3 Rc7 25 e4 Qh5 26 Bd3 Rfc8 27  
e5 Bxf3 28 Qxf3 Qxf3 29 gxf3 Bg5 30 Rc2  
Be3+ 31 Kg2 Bxd4 32 f4 b5 33 c5 Rxc5 34  
Rdc1 Bc3 35 a3 a6 36 Kf3 Bd4 37 Ke4 Rxc2  
38 Rxc2 Rxc2 39 Bxc2 Bc5 40 a4 bxa4 41  
Bxa4 Kg7 42 Kf3 f6 43 exf6+ Kxf6 44 Ke4  
Bd6 45 h3 a5 46 Bb3 Bb4 47 Ba4 Ke7 48 Ke5  
Bc3+ 49 Ke4 Kd6 50 Bb3 Ke7 51 Ba4 Kf6 52  
Bb3 Bd2 53 Bc2 h6 54 Bb3 g5 55 ffg5+ Bxg5  
56 Bd1 Ke7 57 Ke5 Bf6+ 58 Ke4 Kd6 59 Bb3  
Bb2 60 Kd3 Ke5 61 Ke3 Bd4+ 62 Kf3 Kf5 63  
Bc2+ Kg5 64 Bb3 e5 65 Ba4 Kf5 66 Bc2+ Ke6  
67 Ke4 Kd6 68 Kd3 Kc5 69 Bb3 Kb4 70 Bd5  
a4 71 Kc2 Kc5 72 Bf7 Kd6 73 Kd3 Ke7 74  
Bc4 Kf6 75 Ke4 Kg5 76 Be6 a3 77 Kf3 Kh4  
78 Ke4 Kg3 79 Kd3 Kf3 80 Bg4+ Kf4 81 Be6  
Bb2 82 Ke2 Ke4 83 Bf7 Kd4 84 Kd2 e4 85  
Ke2 e3 86 Bg8 Bc1 87 Kd1 Kc3 88 Be6 Bd2  
89 Bf7 Kb2 0-1

While Nic Croad allowed some opponents chances, his 100% result is a testament to his consistency and cool head. Mark van der Hoorn could also be satisfied with his result, some useful help from his opponents notwithstanding. Bruce Gloistein also rode close to

the edge in a number of games but was unlucky against Johnson in what was a fine performance overall. Amy Cater-Milano showed she has made considerable progress since returning to competitive play. Two players may wish to forget this year's tournament: Top seed Richard Sutton was plagued by uncharacteristic time-trouble errors in a number of key games, while it seemed that last years runner-up Ross Jackson simply forgot to pack his A-game for this trip. There's always next year!

**Final scores:** 1 N. Croad (WE) 6/6; 2 M. van der Hoorn (WE) 5; 3-4 Q. Johnson (OT) & B. Gloistein (CA) 4; 5-9 B. Donaldson (CA), D. Watts (OT), C. Benson (CA), P. Spiller (HP) & R. McKerran (CA) 3½; 10-13 R. Sutton (OT), M. Nyberg (WE), G. Aimers (CA) & A. Cater-Milano (QN) 3; 14-18 H. Gold (OT), A. Nijman (CA), R. Scarf (AS), S. Ward (CA) & R. Jackson (WE) 2½; 19-21 J. Riley (IN), M. Saib (OT) & N. Saib (OT) 1.

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sources after 24...Rd7? **24.Rbd5! Be6** Perhaps Black was hoping for the repetition of moves... [24...Bc6 could be met by the same 25.Be2! Qg5 (25...Qh6?? 26.Nf5+-) 26.Bf4 Nxf4 27.exf4 Qg6 28.Qa2 with a huge advantage: 28...Kh8 29.fxe5 fxe5 30.Rd1 Rf6 31.Bb5 Bxd5 32.Qxd5+ and so on.] **25.Be2! Qh6 26.Bf4! Nxf4 27.exf4 g6** in case of [27...Bxd5 failed to 28.Nf5!+-, winning the queen!; 27...Ng4 28.Bxg4 Bxg4 29.Qe4! White was totally dominating but perhaps it was more tenacious.] **28.Qe4!** The centre is very crowded with pieces, but most of them are white! [28.fxe5?! was less clear: 28...Bxd5 29.Rxd5 Qe3+ 30.Kh1 fxe5 and Black was still fighting.] **28...Bxd5 29.Qxd5+ Kh8** while after [29...Nf7? was not a defence due to the simple 30.Nxd7 Rxf7 31.Qxa8+-; 29...Kg7 White could play the same 30.Re4!+-, winning the knight on e5.] **30.Re4!** Obviously not [30.fxe5?? Qe3+] **30...Nd7** [30...Ng4 was equally bad: 31.Bxg4 f5 32.Nf7+ Rxf7 33.Qxa8+ Kg7 34.Re8 ffg4 35.Rg8+ Kf6 36.Qc6+ with a quick checkmate.] **31.Nf7+ Rxf7 32.Qxf7** Black resigned as he could not avoid heavy material losses. **1-0**

## Letter from the Kingside

by Roger Nokes

## The Preparation Conundrum

I am ensconced in room 3631 of the Winter Olympic Village in Torino Italy as I draw together my thoughts for this Letter from the Kingside. Of course, I am here not to demonstrate my speed and grace down the grand slalom, or my toughness in the ice-hockey rink, but to show my aptitude at the chess board in the 37<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad. It is tempting to make the Olympiad the subject of this column, particularly as the New Zealand men's team yesterday came close to climbing the chess equivalent of Mt Everest (well, perhaps Mt Cook is closer to the mark) when it was narrowly defeated 2½ to 1½ by the mighty USA team. The match was full of drama, and the final score could easily have read 2-2 as Anthony Ker, who tiptoed his way through 40 moves of time trouble, came close to subduing Alexander Onischuk, whose rating is a mere 2650.

But that's right; I'm not going to talk about the Olympiad. Well, actually I am but only in an indirect way. Imagine you are planning to participate in an important chess event sometime in the future. Supposing that that sometime is not next week, how do you prepare for the event? What sort of chess activities should demand your attention beforehand? These questions have haunted me for the last few months as I have attempted to prepare myself for the Olympiad in Turin, and while I have no pearls of wisdom to share, I felt that you may find it interesting to learn of my approach. Let me start by making a confession. My preparation isn't much good, and perhaps I am not the one to be writing this column. However, having given the topic considerable thought perhaps my observations may help you not to make the same mistakes that I do. Fourteen weeks before the Olympiad I sat down with pen and paper and drafted a schedule for my Olympiad preparation. I felt that with work and family commitments, I could allocate perhaps two hours a day for five or six

days a week. That seemed like quite a chunk of time, although once I got down to the nitty-gritty of planning each two hour session I rapidly realised how meagre it was. So what did I have on my preparation agenda? My aim was to encompass a wide range of activities. These included, of course, opening preparation for both white and black. A major decision was to broaden my opening repertoire, particularly with black. In this age of on-line and computer databases, where everyone can access the latest games from around the world, your opening repertoire is no longer a secret from people in Outer Mongolia, or anywhere else for that matter. I vividly remember round 1 of the Calvia Olympiad in 2004 when I played GM Gyimesi from Hungary. As we sat down to analyse the game afterwards he opened the conversation by enquiring why I hadn't been playing for the last ten years. On response to my raised eyebrow he explained that my latest game in his database was in 1994! Of course he knew I would play a Benoni against him, as my chess history was at his fingertips! In addition to opening preparation I allocated time for game annotation (my plan was to use grandmaster games for this as well as my own - I had some Queenstown games that demanded some serious deciphering!), reading John Watson's excellent book, *Secrets of Modern Chess Strategy* which I had just ordered, playing through games from the latest Informators and on-line websites, and, of course, playing some training games against both human and inhuman opponents. By the time I had allotted realistic amounts of time to a refined breakdown of these activities I ended up in the rather amusing situation of having about two hours to prepare for each black defence to my ubiquitous 1 e4. That is two hours to prepare against the French, two hours against the Caro Kann, and so on. In this light the whole exercise seemed somewhat inadequate! What is worse is that my perfectly prepared

plan was largely ignored! I didn't even look at the vast majority of my white opening lines, instead sinking huge amounts of time preparing my second weapon to meet 1 d4, the Leningrad Dutch, and less time revisiting one of my first loves, the Sicilian Dragon, as my backup response to 1 e4. I didn't annotate one game and barely managed three training games against human opponents.

I would like to suggest a subconscious reason for why my preparation ended in disarray, and then share some thoughts on preparation that have been shaped by Jonathon Rowson's rather unusual and thought provoking book entitled *Chess for Zebras*.

I am not chess professional (if you've seen some of my recent games you wouldn't need me to tell you that!). No matter how you look at it, chess, for me, is a recreation, and I do it because I enjoy it. The activities on my schedule that found themselves being allocated time were those from which I gain easy enjoyment. Reading John Watson's book, playing through Informator games, and exploring (superficially I suspect) new openings are things which I find nicely complement a busy day at work. But doing serious analysis in order to annotate a game is mental hard work requiring peace and quiet and strict concentration. So ultimately, my aversion to hard work determined how I spent my preparation time.

So how does Jonathon Rowson's book, which I would highly recommend to anyone seeking a discourse on chess psychology and chess improvement, help in solving the preparation conundrum? Well, chess preparation is ultimately about improving your chess and Rowson's book has a lot to say on this subject. I confess that some of the things he says don't have me jumping for joy. Right at the start he presents the view that adult chess players find it very hard to improve their game. Surely that's nonsense I thought, contemplating how my FIDE rating had gone from 2310 in 1981 to 2322 in 2006. Perhaps he has a point! I can't possibly do justice to all of the ideas in this book (especially as I haven't finished it

yet), but the one message that stands out to me is the observation that the ability to play chess well is skill-based not knowledge-based. It's like learning to drive a car, you can't read about it in a book you have to experience it, do it.

The ramifications of this for chess preparation, or chess improvement in general, are clear. To get better at chess you have to play it and practice the skills that it requires. Learning new opening lines, and reading books on chess strategy are worthy activities, but they are not as important as playing chess and really developing your analysis skills, perhaps through annotating games. These, of course, were the two areas of my preparation that didn't receive the attention they needed. As chess-lovers we need little encouragement to play more chess. But I think real improvement lies in the second of these activities – analysing chess games, both yours and others, in depth. John Watson in his outstanding book (and its sequel *Modern Chess Strategy in Action*) puts forward the view that chess is less dependent on rules than we are lead to believe by most chess books. Rules such as “double pawns are weak”, “two bishops triumph on an open board” and so on, are subservient to concrete analysis of a particular position. Chess strength is ultimately about the ability to analyse variations and judge the resulting positions.

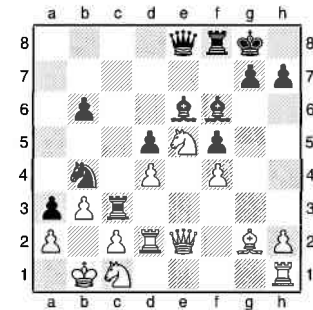
Despite the obvious shortcomings of my Olympiad preparation I did have the opportunity to play a couple of training games against IM Ben Martin who kindly offered his services. So in keeping with the theme of this letter, let me annotate the second of these games, appropriately arising from my newly prepared weapon, the Dutch defence.

**Martin, Ben IM - Nokes, Roger**  
*Training Match - Game 2*

**1.d4 f5 2.Qd3** Ben crosses me here by playing an obscure line of the Dutch that any Dutch novice is unlikely to know. It's always a bit disconcerting being on your own from move 2, and watching all that opening prepara-

tion you've done amount to nothing. **2...e6 3.g4**. This type of wing gambit is designed, if accepted, to provide White with a big centre and opportunities for aggression on the kingside. **3...Nf6 4.Bg5** [4.gxf5 exf5 5.Qxf5 d5 6.Qg5 Nc6 gives Black some active play for the pawn and would have suited my mood very nicely.] **4...Be7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.Nd2 Nc6** Black already seems to have an edge. The two bishops are a long term asset while White's g4 advance leaves him a little precariously placed on the kingside. He would like to be able to develop his king's knight to f3 but until the tension between the g4 and f5 pawns is resolved black with simply respond by capturing on g4 with tempo. **7.e3 d5 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4** Black has the freeing advance e5 in mind, and this move is specifically designed to take firm control of the e5 square. The key result of f4 has been to crystallise the central pawn structure into a rigid formation. According to classical theory this ensures that both players can undertake flank operations against their opponent's king without having to concern themselves with a riposte in the centre. **9...a5** [9...Nb4 10.Qb3 c5 11.dxc5 Qa5 12.a3 Nc6 is perhaps a more active line where Black has been able to open the long diagonal for his black bishop as well as partially open the c file. However, it seemed to me at the time that Black has time to prepare his queenside operations and gaining space with a5 and protecting the b4 square for the knight was a sensible way to proceed.] **10.Kb1 b6** As White's counterplay on the king's wing is still some way off I judged that I had time for this slower build up. This move has a dual purpose. Firstly it introduces Ba6 as a possibility but more importantly it supports the c5 advance which is to come. **11.gxf5 exf5 12.Bh3 Nb4 13.Qe2 c5 14.Ngf3** [14.c3? allows 14...Ba6; but 14.a3 Nc6 is possible, with a complex fight ahead.] **14...Qe8!** This was the move I had planned on going into this variation. The threat to d4 and the move Qa4 give black a strong initiative. **15.Nb3 a4 16.Nc1 Be6** [16...a3! 17.b3 c4 18.bxc4 Ra4 is a rather

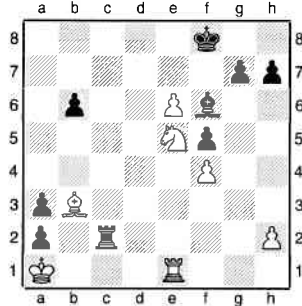
more active approach. It is crucial for Black to open lines against the White king as rapidly as possible, the text move is perhaps a little slow but I was keen to free up the c8 square for my heavy pieces.] **17.Ne5 a3 18.b3 cxd4** Here I made a complete oversight. Somehow I thought that after my rook comes to the c file on the next move that White has no way to defend the c2 pawn. Fortunately the move played still retains some advantage. **19.exd4 Rc8 20.Rd2 Rc3 21.Bg2**



**21...Qc8** Black's position looks optically attractive but the weakness on c2 is not sufficient. Black needs to create another target in white's camp but the weak pawns on f4 and d4 are very hard to access due to the strong knight on e5. Black would ideally like to play his queen to e7 in order to have access to the dark squares on the queenside, and to support the knight on b4, but white can drum up counterplay along the e file with Re1. More importantly I had taken rather more time in getting to this position than I should and time trouble loomed large. **22.Ncd3 Nxd3 23.Rxd3 Qc7?!** This would have been a very good time to play b5 to restrain the White queen side pawns. The text moves plans to solve the time pressure problem by exchanging one pair of rooks and the queens and entering an endgame that I thought may be slightly better for black due to his control of the c file, his two bishops and the active position of his rook on c3. **24.Qd2 Rc8 25.Rxc3 Qxc3 26.Qxc3 Rxc3** Actually Black's advantage is non-existent in this position due to

the fact that the two bishops have little scope, the rook has no access to squares along the third rank and the white knight on e5 is dominant. Despite emerging from the opening in a difficult position Ben has shown great resolve and now is in a position to start generating counter-play. As so often happens the side who has the initiative for some time finds it very hard to adjust to the changed circumstances and almost by some hidden law of nature the initiative swings towards the defender (particularly when the defender has 30 minutes on the clock and his opponent only a couple!). **27.Re1 Rc7?! This move has a simple motivation. I wish to be able to play h6 followed by g5 with the creation of a passed pawn and an undermining of the knight on e5. However I was concerned with White playing Ng6 in response to h6 when the knight may come to e7. In reality this leads to nothing more than equality and there are more important tactical problems associated with the g5 advance. White can simply play Ng4 and black has some difficulties. b5 was a better option for Black. 28.c4!?** Having been forced to respond for the majority of the game, Ben, in typical style, plays an aggressive continuation which is perfectly chosen to put black under enormous pressure when he has little time to calculate the intricacies of the ensuing tactics. **28...dxc4 29.d5 cxb3!?** This seemed like the best practical try, as retreating the bishop to f7 leaves white with a very attractive position and big initiative. **30.dxe6 bxa2+ 31.Ka1** This is the point of this variation for Black. White cannot take on a2 due to the vulnerable bishop on g2. When choosing this continuation I thought that with the pin on the knight on e5 it may be possible either for Black to undermine the f4 pawn rapidly before the e6 pawn decides the game, or for Black to eliminate all of the white pawns. Alas I was not able to achieve either of these

goals. **31...Rc2 32.Bd5 Kf8 33.Bb3**



After most other moves Black either plays g5, Rf2 or Rxh2. The point of this move, as opposed to say, Bxa2, is to keep the bishop active. From here it can redeploy to a4 and harass the Black king. **33...Rxh2?! [The result of time pressure. For some reason I felt I had time to capture this pawn and still have the opportunity to undermine e5. In fact the h pawn is currently irrelevant and Black must apply pressure to e5 in order to prevent White from activating his rook. Correct was 33...Rf2! 34.Rc3 Kc7 35.Bxa2 Rxf4 36.Kb1 and Black appears to be more than holding.] 34.Re1 Re2? [Black must stay active and play 34...Rb2! 35.Rc8+ Ke7 36.Rc7+ Kd8 37.Rd7+ Ke8 38.Bd5 (38.Ba4? b5!)] 38...Rd2 and Black is still alive.] 35.Rc8+ Ke7 36.Rc7+ Kd8 37.Rd7+ Kc8** Of course Black would like to play Ke8 but unlike the previous note he no longer has the move b5 to block the bishop on a4. The position is now lost for Black despite his numerous pawns. **38.Bc4 Re1+ 39.Kxa2 Bxe5 40.fxe5 Rxe5 41.Ba6+ Kb8 42.e7 g5 43.Rd8+ Ka7 44.e8Q Rxe8 45.Rxe8 Kxa6 46.Re5** The rest is a mopping up exercise. **46...g4 47.Rxf5 h6 48.Rh5 b5 49.Kxa3 1-0**

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promotion to next years championship field. Points to date: J.M.Davis 8/8, M.King 3/4, G.D.Putt 1/2, D.I.Bell 1/4, B.M.Williams 5/1, B.J.Edwards 5/3, D.E.Dolejs and S.A.Holdaway 0/1, W.Anderson and G.H.Mills 0/2. Latest results: DAVIS beat Putt, Bell, Dolejs, Holdaway, Anderson. KING beat Bell. PUTT beat Bell. BELL beat Mills. WILLIAMS drew Edwards. TT2: Tony Hendry has drawn first blood. Points to date: A.W.Hendry 1/1. S.R.Chowdhury 0/1. Latest results: HENDRY beat Chowdhury.

## Fairhurst Pawn Tournament

by Paul Spiller

### A.Booth - R.Gibbons

Fairhurst Pawn 2006

**1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Bc4 g6 4 f4 Bg7 5 e5 e6 6 Nf3 d5 7 Bb5 Bd7 8 Bxc6 Bxc6 9 d4 b6 10 Be3 c4 11 a4 a6 12 0-0 Ne7 13 b3 cxb3 14 cxb3 Qd7 15 Qd3 Bb7 16 b4 Nc6 17 Rfb1 0-0 18 b5 Na5 19 Nd2 Rfc8 20 Bf2 Bf8 21 Na2 Nc4 22 Nxc4 Rxc4 23 Qb3 axb5 24 Qxb5 Qxb5 25 axb5 Rc2 26 Nc1 Rxa1 27 Rxa1 Rb2 28 Ra7 Rb1 29 Be3 Be8 30 Rc7 Rxb5 31 Rxc8 Kg7 32 Kf2 Rb2+ 33 Kf3 b5 34 Nd3 Rb1 35 Nc5 b4 36 Nd7 Be7 37 Re8 b3 38 Rb8 b2 39 Kg3 Ba3 40 Nf6 Re1 41 Rg8+ Kh6 42 Ng4+ draw agreed**

White could win by Kh4 and if Be7 then g4 and g5!

Tony was again unlucky in round 4 when Paul Spiller played an unsound combination and should have lost, but both players missed the winner for Tony.

By round 5 Leonard was still on maximum points but was held to a draw in round 6 by Bob Gibbons, but still maintained a healthy lead over the chasers. Meanwhile Spiller had draws with Gibbo and Stan Yee. Yee and Gibbons had still to play in round 7.

#### Leading scores after 6 rounds:

L.Mclaren	5.5
S.Yee	4.5

P.Spiller, R.Gibbons, J.Benson 4  
Round 7 saw Leonard increase his lead to 1.5 points with a win over Jimmy Chen. Meanwhile Gibbo defeated Stan Yee and Paul Spiller defeated Jim Benson to be the nearest contenders.

Round 8 saw the upset of the event when Leonard inexplicably overlooked the loss of a piece in a probably drawn position against Tony Booth. This was another great result for Tony who had now scored 2/3 against the top three placed competitors. Stan Yee was held to a draw by Richard Taylor. Paul Spiller sacrificed everything to mate Andy Chen in a Sicilian dragon while Bob kept in contention by defeating Jimmy Chen.

In an innovative attempt to attract back some of its former members, the Howick-Pakuranga Chess Club decided to incorporate one of its popular internal club events, The Fairhurst Pawn, into the Grand Prix circuit. This was achieved by adding a \$300 prize fund and opening up the event to all Auckland players.

The Fairhurst Pawn is named after former member Scottish International Master Dr. William Fairhurst; many time Scottish Chess Champion, who retired in Howick in the late 1970's.

The competition was considerably strengthened by the entry of former North Island Champion (and HP Chess Club junior coach) Leonard McLaren, International Arbiter and NZ International player Bob Gibbons, talented junior player Andy Chen and father Jimmy and David Taylor of the Papatoetoe club. Also returning to chess after many years absence were Stanley Yee (formerly of Wellington) and chess enthusiasts and former members, Jim Benson and Ken Burgess. Added to this mix were HP regulars Paul Spiller, Richard Taylor, Tony Booth and Clive Wilson and several other strong club players and junior members. Altogether around 24 started the event and even though a number of players had to withdraw during the event at least 20 completed all 9 rounds. The competition began in earnest on June 6<sup>th</sup> and immediately produced an early upset with David Taylor defeating his much higher rated namesake, Richard Taylor, in an exciting Alekhine's defence that culminated in a powerful kingside attack. By round three some of the top seeds were already paired. With successive wins in rounds 3 & 4 over Paul Spiller and Stanley Yee, top seed McLaren had already powered into the lead. Bob Gibbons had dropped half points to Andy Chen and Tony Booth, although Tony was unlucky when he missed a chance to force mate.

(See next column)

**A.Booth – L.McLaren**  
Fairhurst Pawn 2006

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.a4 Nf6 5.e5  
d5 6.Ba2 Nfd7 7.f4 Nc6 8.Nf3 f5 9.Ne2  
b5 10.c3 e4 11.b3 Nc5 12.bxc4 Nd3+ 13  
Kf1 dxc4 14.Ned4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bb7 16  
Bb1 Nxc1 17.Qxc1 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Qxd4 19  
Qc3 Be5 20.Qxd4 Bxd4 21.Ra2 Ke7 22  
Ke2 Rhe8 23.Rc1 Ra7 24.axb5 axb5 25  
Rxa7 Bxa7 26.Rc2 b4 27.Ra2 Bg1 28.h3  
c3 29.cxc3 Rxc3 30.Bd3 b3 31.Ra1 b2??  
32.Rxg1 Rc1 33.Rxg7+ Kf8 34.Rb7 Rh1  
35.Ke3 Rxh3 36.Rxb2 h5 37.Rb7 h4 38  
Be4 Rh1 39.Bxe6 h3 40.Rh7 h2 41.Kf2  
Rb1 42.Rxh2 1-0

**Leading scores:**

L.McLaren 6.5  
P.Spiller & R.Gibbons 6  
A.Booth 5.5

The last round saw Gibbons and Spiller win quite quickly and Tony succumb to Stan Yee after having his bishop trapped. Richard Taylor put up tremendous resistance in the last game to finish against Leonard after having lost a pawn but activating his minor pieces to create counter chances. The ensuing knight and pawn ending was tricky but always winning for Leonard.

**Final Results:**

L.McLaren 7.5  
P.Spiller & R.Gibbons 7  
S.Yee 6

A.Booth, J.Chen & K.Burgess 5.5

Conclusion: Leonard McLaren was a deserving winner but had to battle hard to win several of his games. Spiller and Gibbons played steadily with Bob the only undefeated player in the field. Stan Yee also played well after a long period of inactivity and is improving with every game. Tony Booth played a great tournament and could easily have taken the scalps of both second place getters. Others to have a good event were Jimmy Chen who played well above his 1200 rating and Ken Burgess who managed to defeat several higher rated opponents.

A very successful tournament and will definitely be repeated next year.

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16.Ne5 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Qd6 18.Ndf3 Na5  
19.Nxf7!? Kxf7 20.Bxe6+ Kf8 21.Bxc8  
Bxc8 22.b4 Nc6 23.Qc4 Nb8 24.Rfe1 Nd5  
25.Re5?! [ 25.Qxc8! Rxc8 26.Rxc8+ Kf7 (26...Bd8 27.Ne5 Nf6 28.Nc4 Qd7 29.Rxb8 Qc7 30.Ra8 Qxc4 31.Rxd8+--)] 27.Ne5+ Kf6 28.Rxb8+ ] 25...Be6 26.Rce1 Bg8 27.Qe2 Nc6 28.Rf5+?! Bf6 29.Ng5?! Nce7 30.Rf3 Nf4 31.Qb5 a6 32.Ne4 axb5 33.Nxd6 Rxd6 34.Rxf4 Bd5 35.Rg4 Nf5 36.Rf4 Nh4 37.Rg4 g5 38.Rg3 Kf7 39.Rc1 h5 40.Rc7+ Kg6 41.h3 Kf5 42.Rh7 Ng6 43.Rxh5? Time trouble. 43...Nf4 44.Rh6 Ne2+ 45.Kh2 Nxc3 46.fxc3 Rc6 47.h4 Rc2 48.hxc3 Bxc3 49.Rd6 Be4 50.Rxb6 Kg4 51.Re6 Rxc2+ 52.Kh1 Bf3 53.d5 Rxb2+ 54.Kg1 Kxc3 0-1

**Ker,A – McLaren,L**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 Qd7 9.dxc5 Nc6 10.a3 Rd8 11.Be2 Qc7 12.Qe2 Bxc5 13.Nc3 a6 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Bg5 Ng4 16.g3 h6 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Rad1 e5 19.Rxd8+ Qxd8 20.Rd1 Qe7 21.Nc3 Be6 22.Nd5 Qf8 23.Nc7 Rc8 24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.h3 Nf6 26.Nxe5 Qc5 27.Nd7 Qe7 28.Nxf6+ Qxf6 29.Qe4 Rf8 30.f4 Ne7 31.Rd7 Nf5 32.g4 Qg6 33.Kh2 Qe8 34.Rxb7 1-0

**Perry,R – McDonald,J**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.d5 Ne5 7.Nxe5 dxe5 8.f3 Bd7 9.Be3 Qc7 10.c4 g6 11.Nc3 Bg7 12.Qd2 h5 13.h4 a6 14.0-0 b6 15.a3 Rd8 16.b4 0-0 17.Qf2 Rc8 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Rfb1 Ne8 20.Rb3 Nd6 21.Rab1 f5 22.Qb2 Qa5 23.a4 fxe4 24.fxe4 Kh7 25.Qc1 Rf7 26.Bd2 Qd8 27.Rb6 Ra8 28.Be3 Nb5?! 29.Bxc5 [ 29.Rxa6 Rxa6 30.axb5 Ra8 31.Bxc5+; 29.a5 Nd4 30.Qe1+ ] 29...Bh6 30.Qb2 Nd4 31.Bxd4 exd4 32.Ne2? [ 32.Nd1 ] 32...Be3+ 33.Kh1 e5 34.g3 Qf8 35.Nf4? [ 35.Ng1 ] 35...exf4 36.e5 Bf5 37.Bxf5 Rxf5 38.Rb7+ Kh6 39.g4 hxc4 40.e6 Qf6 41.Qh2 Rh5 42.Rf7 Qe5 43.Rbb7 Qe4+ 44.Qg2 Rxh4# 0-1

**New Zealand News**

**Wanganui CC.**

*Club championships 2006*

Two recent arrivals on the Wanganui chess scene have sparked a much-needed revival of interest in the A grade competitions. Former Wellingtonian, John McDonald and former Hawkes Bay player, Justin Davis have raised the bar in the past two years. McDonald won narrowly in 2005, and Davis has claimed the crown this year, also narrowly.

Results, A grade, G.F. Francis Trophy: Justin Davis 5.5, Chris Burns and John McDonald 5.0, Martin Post 3.0, Prince Vetharianiam 1.5. A Reserve, Archie Ives Memorial Trophy: Mathew King 7.0, James Stewart 5.0, Gordon Hoskyn and Dilbagh Sangha 4.0, Kelly Forrest and John Wilson 3.5, Dan Hurlley 1.0.

B grade, Alf Ratliff Memorial Shield: Angus Watson 8.0, Kyla Post and Tom Stratton 3.0, Tesco Grunwald 2.0, Arnold Dines and Jonathan Ninan 1.0.

**NZCF Grand Prix Standings**

*as at October 5, 2006*

Congratulations to Sue Maroroa, winner of the 2006 New Zealand Women's Championship, and to Bob Mitchell, winner of the NZ Seniors Championship.

These two Grand Prix events, along with the NZ Women's Reserve Championship, were hosted by the Auckland Chess Centre last week. Detailed results:

**NZ Women's Champs** – S. Maroroa (7.5/9)

1, E. Chen, J. Gao, Shirley Wu (6) 2-4, V. Smith (5.5) 5, C. Liu & N. Fairley (4.5) 6-7 ... 10 players

**NZ Women's Reserve** – Wan-Xin Chen (9/10) 1, Tung Ka Wong (8) 2, Mona Yang (6) 3 ... 6 players, double round robin.

**NZ Seniors Champs** – R. Mitchell (6/7) 1, D. Taylor, N. Cruden (5) 2-3, M. Steiner (4) 4, P. Young (3.5) 5 ... 8 players

All three events were played alongside the George Trundle IM Masters and the IM Qualifiers.

As these were invitation tournaments they

were not eligible for Grand Prix inclusion. But for the record the results were (NZ unless otherwise indicated):

**George Trundle Masters** (10 player round robin) – IM S. Solomon (AUS) & IM G. West (AUS) (7/9) 1-2, FM T. Reilly (AUS) (6.5) 3, IM P. Froehlich (GER) & FM R. Smith (4.5) 4-5, N. Croad and FM B. Watson (4) 6-7, FM S. Lukey (3.5) 8, M. Steadman & G. Spain (2) 9-10.

Tim Reilly achieved an IM norm, while Bob Smith was the top New Zealander and inaugural winner of the George Trundle Cup.

Leading scores from the **IM Qualifier** – H. Bennett (6.5/9) 1, B. Wheeler, B. Cheng (6) 2-3, N. Goodhue (5.5) 4, R. Perry (4.5) 5 ... 10 players.

**Updated Grand Prix Leaders:**

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

**Open** – R. Dive 57.5, N. Croad, M. Steadman 51, R. Smith 42.5, S. Wastney 35.86, S. Lukey 30, A. Ker 24, M. Van der Hoorn 21, P. Wang 20, P. Garbett 18.9, D. Baider 14.86, G. Thornton 13.5, M. Sims, J. McDonald 12.

**Under 2000** – D. Baider 46.73, M. Sims 45, H. Marko 35.95, Caleb Wright, P. Godfrey 33, B. Nijman 31.23, J. Davis 27, P. Spiller 26.9, D. Xu 26.2, W. Forster 23.63, M. King 20, P. Spiller 16.4, A. Aldridge 13.63, N. Goodhue 13.5, B. Gloistein, B. Cooze 12, R. Gibbons 11.7, R. Perry, C. Thurner 11.2.

**Under 1700** – J. Davis 46.5, D. Capper 35, M. Krstev 31.03, R. Taylor 31, N. Cruden 30.03, B. Gloistein 22.5, B. Cheng, E. Chen 20, D. Dolejs 19.5, Jason Wu, M. Zhang, A. Chen, L. Farrington 15.66, R. Seabrook 15.33, M. Cowen 15, D. Stracy, V. Smith, D. Shen, A. Alipiev 14, B. Cooze 13.5, A. Lin 12.

**Under 1400** – V. Collingwood 38.16, A. Brockway, D. Smith 36, T. Gothorp 32.58, D. Shen 30.25, D. Burgess, H. Shierlaw 24, T. Tanoi 22.5, B. Cheng 20, A. Alipiev 17.5, J. Gan, L. Yang 15.66, A. Cater-Milano, M.

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## Correspondence Chess

by Gordon Hoskyn

**Player Profile: Brett E. Sinclair**

By Gordon Hoskyn

Brett Sinclair was born at Wellington in May, 1950, and today lives at Churton Park, Wellington with his wife of 30 years, Jenny. He attended the schools Thorndon Primary, Miramar Central and Rongotai College. He played rugby and cricket for school and soccer for Miramar Rangers football club. More lately he has played golf for the Judgeford Golf Club, achieving a respectable six handicap and participating in the Wellington region's Interclub competitions. Brett attended Victoria University of Wellington from 1969 to 1971 gaining a BSc degree in science, majoring in mathematics. His first full time job was on the inter-island ferries from 1972 to 1973 as a steward. He worked on the Union Steam Ship company's vessels "Maori" and "Rangatira" when the latter was newly commissioned in 1972 serving with crew mates who had been on board the "Wahine" at the time of its sinking in Wellington Harbour in 1968.

From 1973 to 1989 Brett was employed in the computer field for the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. The following three years he worked in the computer field for the Electricity Corporation of New Zealand. He then worked as an information technology consultant from 1992 to 1995 for the company Synergy International Limited.

His last full time job was from 1995 to 2000 as a civilian for the Royal New Zealand Navy as Director of Information Technology. Nowadays Brett is self employed and works part-time from home in software development and web page design.

**Over the board chess**

Brett was taught chess by his father at age 10 after having earlier shone at draughts at school. He played chess at secondary school as a club activity and joined the Wellington Civic Chess Club in forms 5 and 6. He competed in the local inter-club and local competitions throughout the period 1969 to 1979 and recalls

playing in an inter-club fixture versus Hamilton Chess Club at Hamilton in the early 1970s. He was also a member of now defunct Tawa Chess Club in the days when Russell Dive and Max Wigbout were members. He was also co-founder of the Kapiti chess club with Leo Eickholtz in 1969. At that time the club used to meet in Leo's garden shed in Raumati. Brett played in two North Island Championships at Hamilton in 1975 and Wanganui in 1974 finishing a creditable 6th in the latter and equal placing with Murray Chandler. Traveling up from Wellington to Hamilton he recalls at the time having to pay the exorbitant price for petrol of 50 cents per gallon (11 cents per litre) when it had been raised in price by the government of the day.

His favourite OTB players are Fischer, Tal and Alekhine, all great attacking players in their day.

**Correspondence Chess**

Introduced to CC by Peter Broome, Brett debuted in the 1973/74 New Zealand Correspondence Chess Association (NZCCA) Handicap Tourney finishing 6th equal. The following year he played in the strong TT2 tournament in a field that included Murray Chandler, Lindsay Cornford, Dave Goodhall and WAR Brown. In 1981/1982 he won TT3 Red, and won the 3rd of his rook trophies when he took out the Reserve Championship in 1983/84. In doing so he gained promotion to the following year's 1984/85 Championship field.

Asked to name his strongest CC opponents he offers Murray Chandler, Michael Freeman, Bernard Carpinter and Alan Fletcher. Brett has played in several CC teams matches for New Zealand, particularly during his ten year stint as Director of Overseas Play. He was Handicap Tourney Director of Play for three years and in 1983 was first elected to the NZCCA committee. Brett is currently serving as NZCCA Chairman, taking over from Bob Mitchell in 1996. He has been ratings officer since 1989 and also is responsible for running the membership register.

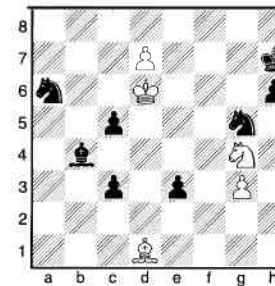
It is now ten years since Brett Sinclair has pushed a pawn in anger. He says he is happy to do administration work and to be part of a small but willing team of officials leading the NZCCA now into its 73rd year.

**Russian club match,**

circa 1950

[Brett Sinclair (NZL)]

Reputedly the most brilliant end game study in the history of chess. Taken from a Russian club match in the 1950s, white resigned after seemingly unstoppable threats from black's two passed pawns and superior material. A spectator noted the position and after twenty years located a forced win for white! White to play and win!! Don't look at the solution. See if you can work it out yourself. Par solving time - 20 years.



1. ♖f6+ [ 1...d8?? ♕f7+ And black wins.]  
 1...♗g7 [ 1...♗g6? 2. ♕h5+ And white queens the d pawn.] 2. ♕h5+ ♗g6 [ 2...♗h7? 3. ♕c2+ And white queens the d pawn with check.]  
 3. ♕c2+!! ♗xh5 [ 3...♗f7 4.d8??] 4.d8??!! ♕f7+  
 5. ♗e6 ♕xd8+ 6. ♗f5 Threatening Bd1 1-0.  
 6...e2□ 7. ♕e4! e1♗ Black's knight promotion is the only way to prevent the white bishop delivering mate on f3. 8. ♕d5!! c2 Black's move is the only way of preventing the white bishop getting to e2 via c4 and delivering checkmate.  
 9. ♕c4 c1♗ Another forced under promotion that prevents white delivering checkmate on e2).  
 10. ♕b5! ♕c7 to stop Be8 and 1-0 11. ♕a4 1-0. Black cannot prevent the bishop getting to d1 and forcing checkmate. Black's four knights and a bishop are helpless against the mate threat from a single bishop!

**Correspondence Chess Round-up**

NZCCA Masters: The following is an up to date list of players who are NZCCA Masters. 25 points are required to attain the title. Bob Smith 43.0, Michael Freeman 39.8, Paul Garbett 39.5, Peter Goffin 37.6, Michael Hampl 37.5, Murray Dunwoody 34.5, Peter Stuart 34.0, Russell Dive 30.5, Tim Doyle 30.3, Maurice Heasman 30.1, Roger Chapman 25.0. Leading ICCF Rated players: John Barrance 2435 (77 games), Michael Freeman 2429 (171), Roger Chapman 2425 (155), Peter Stuart 2412 (30). NZCCA Rating list, over 2000 rating points: Denis Pfahlert 2299 (2 games), Michael Freeman 2280 (14), Michael Whaley 2178 (117), Bill Smillie 2177 (110), Bob Gibbons 2154 (12), Peter Goffin 2113 (111), Murray Dunwoody 2063 (274), Bob Mitchell 2060 (52), Tim Doyle 2054 (250).

Prolific players, over 300 games played: Gordon Hoskyn 737, John Atkinson 471, Glenys Mills 415, Logan Cotton 380, Graham Lovelock 356, Barry Williams 338, and David Drake 307.

**2006-2007 NZCCA Trophy Tourneys progress**

73rd Championship: The pace is on. William Lynn has opened a handy two point gap in his quest to win a second championship title - 35 years later. Mark Noble is next, but has played two games less. Back in the field, Bob Gibbons, Peter Goffin and Hilton Bennett still have chances. Points to date. W.K.Lynn 7.5/9, M.F.Noble 5.5/7, M.Wigbout 4/7, M.L.Dunwoody 3.5/7, G.A.Hoskyn 3.5/10, R.J.Weston 3/6, R.E.Gibbons 2.5/4, H.P.Bennett and P.B.Goffin 1/1, P.J.Voss 1/4, E.G.A.Frost 1/6, D.R. Whitlock. 5/2, P.A.R.Vetharianiam 0/4.

Latest Results: LYNN beat Frost. DREW NOBLE beat Dunwoody, Frost. WIGBOUT beat Vetharianiam. DREW WESTON, DUNWOODY drew Weston, Frost. HOSKYN drew Whitlock. WESTON beat Frost. GIBBONS beat Hoskyn. BENNETT beat Frost. GOFFIN beat Whitlock.

Reserve Championship: Justin Davis is making every post a winning post in his aim to gain

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## Chess Book Reviews

by Michael Stevenson

Hello again. Just to ring the changes, I thought maybe this review would be a good opportunity to devote some time to main chess openings on the internet, and a great way of keeping up to date with them can be found on the popular chess website ChessPublishing.com. This website features the best type of high-quality annotated games that can be resourced on the internet and GM Tony Kosten has kindly given permission to use two games off this site. The first game is by Tony who is one of the world's top chess authors - and the second is by GM Ruslan Scherbakov. So, check out ChessPublishing.com - definitely a great way to keep up to date with all the main chess openings.

**Kosten,A (2501) - Chabanon,J (2411)**

[A36]

TCh-FRA Top 16 Asnieres sur Seine FRA (9)

05.05.2006

[TonyK]

**1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3** On our previous game together we had the same position, except with colours reversed! I couldn't resist the joke! **8...Bd7 9.h3 Rb8 10.Be3** [10.Rb1 might be more accurate, so that 10...a6 11.a4 and White is ready to answer any move by the c6-knight with b4. 11...Ne8 12.Be3 is my game against Tkachiev - see the archives.] **10...a6 11.d4?** I don't know why I played this move! I thought of quickly offering a draw in the hope that my opponent would accept without looking at the position! But then it occurred to me that a draw offer would look a bit suspicious so early. [11.a4 is right, and I have played it before in similar positions, but I was persuading myself that Black could profit from the fact that he hasn't played ...Ne8, by playing 11...Na5 12.b3 b5 say, but 13.axb5 axb5 14.cxb5 Bxb5 15.b4! cxb4 16.Nxb5 Rxb5 17.Qa4 is quite awkward for Black.] **11...cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4?!** After playing my

eleventh move I suddenly realised that it was a mistake, and, while my opponent was away from the board, feverishly tried to find a good line for me after [12...Qc8! and the only move I could see was 13.Na4! (13.Kh2?! Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Qxc4 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Bxb2 leaves Black material ahead, Aarland, S-Diesen, B/Norway 1990, and; 13.h4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Be6 15.b3 Nxe4!? 16.Qxe4 Bxc3 likewise, Calin, M-Daillet, E/France 1989.; 13.Nd5 managed to save a draw in Mueller, A-Hohlfeld, M/Wuerttemberg 1993, but after the 13...Nxd5 14.cxd5 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxb3 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rc1 Qd7 18.Qd4+ f6 19.Bxh3 Qxh3 20.Rc7 Kf7 of the game, 21.Qb6 Rfd8 22.Rxb7 Rxb7 23.Qxb7 h5! Black has a dangerous attack.) 13...b5! (13...Bxh3 14.Nb6 Qc7 15.Bxh3 Qxb6 16.Ne6; 13...Nxd4 14.Nb6!) 14.cxb5 axb5 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Nb6 but now 16...Qe6! (16...Qb7 17.Nd5 e6 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 Reuben, S-Neese, H/Dresden 2003, and now 19.Bh6 Rfd8 20.Qe2 keeps the game level) 17.Re1!? (17.f3 d5 18.Qb3 dxe4 19.Qxe6 fxe6 is a bit miserable) 17...Nxe4 18.Rc1 Bb7 19.f3 Nxc3 20.Bf4 Qxa2 21.Bxg3 winning a piece for a lot of pawns. At least this is better than the other tries! **13.Bxd4** Now White is OK. **13...Rc8** [13...Qc8 is met by 14.e5! (obvious, yet never played!) (14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Bxh3 (15...Qxc4 16.Nxf6+ exf6 17.Qxd6 is a little better for White Konjkova, L-Yurieva, R/Dagomys 2004) 16.Nxf6+ exf6 17.Bxh3 Qxh3 18.Qxd6 Rbe8 with equality, Larsen, F-Abildlund, J/Denmark 1993) 14...dxe5 15.Bxe5 Ra8 16.Bxf6!? Bxf6 17.Nd5 Bxh3 18.Nb6 Qc5 19.Nxa8 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rxa8 21.Qe2? Black's position is solid, but an exchange is an exchange!; 13...e5 14.Ba7!? (14.Be3) 14...Rc8 15.Qxd6 Rxc4 looked equal in Kron, V-Tregubov, P/Voronezh 1991.] **14.Qd3** [14.b3?! allows 14...b5 as 15.cxb5? e5 wins a bit.] **14...Be6 15.b3 Nd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.f4** I was very happy with my posi-

tion now, a nice space advantage, and no obvious counterplay for Black. **17...f6** Else f5 wins the bishop. **18.Kh2 Nc5 19.Qe3** Planning Rad1 and e5, attacking on the colour complex where Black appears strongest. **19...Qc7 20.Nd5!** This is not forced, but the resulting position is clearly better for White without any risk. **20...Bxd5 21.exd5 b5?** This was played 'à tempo', Black tries to justify his preceding play by opening the queenside. However, I thought the only move was [21...a5 to keep the knight on e5.] **22.cxb5! axb5 23.b4 Na4 24.Rac1 Qd7 25.Rc6!** it seems like Black has opened the queenside, ... for White! **25...Ra8 26.Rfc1 Ra7 27.R1c2!** This stops ...Nb2 and keeps the knight stuck on the rim. **27...Rb8 28.h4 Rab7 29.Bh3 f5 30.Qd4+!** Maybe this move is not the best objectively, but it gives Black a very difficult choice to make. [30.Bf1 was tempting, targeting the weak b-pawn and stopping the knight returning via b6, as the trick 30...Nb6? loses to 31.Qd4+ Kh6! (31...Kg8?! 32.Bxb5 Nxd5 33.Qxd5+ is check!) 32.Bxb5 Nxd5 33.Rb6! and wins a piece.] **30...Kf7 31.h5!** There is no point trying to win on the queenside when you can mate your opponent! **31...Qd8** What else? Pawn to h6 is a devastating threat, and [31...Rg8 32.h6! menaces the exceedingly nasty move 33.Rc8!, and so, after 32...Rbb8 33.Rc7 Qd8 34.Qe3 and Qe6+.; 31...gxh5 is also hopeless, 32.Qd3 Kg6 33.Re2 Rf8 34.Re6+ Rf6? 35.Qxf5+] **32.g4** When you have a space advantage it is well known that you can switch your forces to either side more easily than the defender. Here the white pieces flood to the kingside and the black pieces can only watch from afar. **32...Qh8 33.Qe3 fxg4** [33...Qf6? 34.g5 Qa1 35.Qe6+ Kg7 36.h6+ Kf8 37.Rc8+ mates.] **34.Qe6+ Kg7 35.Rc8** Trapping the queen in an unusual manner. **35...gxh3 36.Rxh8 Rxh8** Material is level, but the white attack persists, in fact, I had already analysed till the end of the game some moves before. **37.hxg6 hxg6 38.f5! gxh5 39.Rc1!** Now mate is unavoidable. **39...Rh6 40.Rg1+ 1-0(980)**

**Topalov,V (2757) - Kasimdzhanov,R (2678)**

[D37]

Linares (12) 08.03.2005

[R.Scherbakov]

Rustam Kasimdzhanov tried to improve upon the game Topalov-Kramnik/Monaco 2001 but it turned out to be a very risky idea to repeat this line against Veselin, who played powerful and beautiful chess. **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Qa5 10.Nd2 Bb4** [10...Be7 still seems to be more reliable.] **11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bd3 d4! 13.0-0! Bxc3 14.Nc4 Qh5 15.bxc3 Nd5 16.Bg3 dxe3 17.Rae1! Be6 18.fxe3 Nde7** Actually Black's opening choice was rather risky - Veselin Topalov already played this position before and he conclusively beat none other than Vladimir Kramnik after [18...Rad8 19.Nd6 Ne5 20.Bxh7+! Qxh7 21.Qxh7+ Kxh7 22.Bxe5± and in the game Topalov-Kramnik/Monaco 2001, White eventually converted his extra pawn, although it was really a difficult task because of his bad pawn structure.] **19.Nd6 b6** White's minor pieces, especially the knight on d6, are very active but his pawn structure is far from perfect. This means he has to ask all his pieces to show their full power! **20.Rb1!** The rook is going to b5! **20...f6** In the game Nadianian-Dervishi, Panormo 1998 Black preferred [20...Nd5 21.Rb5 the restrained (21.Qd2!? deserved serious attention) 21...Qh6 and here White could have secured the better chances by 22.Rf3?] **21.Rb5 Ne5 22.Rf4!** Another rook comes into action - Rf4-h4 is threatened. **22...N7g6 23.Rd4** White is doing well - all his pieces are very active. However, it is still not so easy to get any real benefit. The problem is that in many cases Black would not hesitate to simplify into the endgame even with a pawn down thanks to the opponent's terrible pawn structure - White should not accept the first offer which appears nice and must look for the most promising continuation. **23...Bd7?** Black should have brought more resources into play: [23...Rad8 seemed logical. Then White could simply continue by 24.a4!? with idea of breaking Black's queenside and making White's c-pawn a passed one after a4-a5, although Black still had a lot of defensive re-

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## World News

by John McDonald

## Tomsk

This was the 10<sup>th</sup> Petr Izmailov Memorial rapid tournament held in Tomsk, Russia. 16 year old Sergey Karjakin emerged as the clear winner with 7/10, a 2834 performance, and a whole 1.5 points clear of his nearest rival Rublevsky. The double round robin saw Karjakin draw twice vs Rublevsky, a win and draw vs Kasimdzhanov, a win and loss vs Morozevich, a win and draw vs Ponomariov and two wins vs Bologan. Third was Kasimdzhanov with 5/10, while top seed Morozevich only managed 4.5.

Karjakin 2679 – Morozevich 2731

French Defence

[C11]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Be3 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Bc5 9. Qd2 O-O 10. O-O-O a6 11. Qf2 Qe7 12. Bd3 f6 13. exf6 Nxf6 14. Rhe1 Bb4 15. Qh4 Bxc3 16. bxc3 Qa3+ 17. Kb1 Qxc3 18. Nb3 Ne4 19. Bxe4 dxe4 20. Bc5 Re8 21. Rxe4 Qf6 22. Qh5 Qf7 23. Qxf7+ Kxf7 24. Bb6 Kg8 25. g4 e5 26. fxe5 Be6 27. Ne5 Rac8 28. Kb2 Re7 29. Rd6 Rce8 30. Nxe6 Rxe6 31. Rxe6 Rxe6 32. Bc7 Kf7 33. h4 Re8 34. c4 Ke6 35. Bd6 b6 36. Kc3 Re8 37. Kd3 b5 38. cxb5 axb5 39. Re2 Kd5 40. Rb2 Na7 41. Rb4 Rc1 42. Bb8 Kc5 43. Rb2 Nc6 44. Bd6+ Kb6 45. Re2 Rd1+ 46. Ke4 g6 47. h5 Nd4 48. Rf2 Nc6 49. Rf7 Rd4+ 50. Ke3 gxf5 51. gxf5 Rh4 52. Rxh7 Nd4 53. Rf7 Kc6 54. h6 Ne6 55. h7 Kd5 56. Be7 Rh3+ 57. Kf2 Nd4 58. Bf6 1-0

## World Open

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual World Open took place in Philadelphia June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 4<sup>th</sup> 2006. Nine players tied for first place with 7/9, so first prize \$28,000 was split between them. Total prize money was \$300,000, in case anyone is interested in a piece of the action next year. Gata Kamsky won a blitz playoff with Vadim Milov to claim the title. There were 237 players, including 46 GMs, 26 IMs, and five WGMs. Also first equal on 7 points were: Ildar Ibragimov, Jaan Ehvest, Leonid Yudasin,

Alexander Ivanov, Giorgi Kacheishvili, Aleks Wojtkiewicz, and Joel Benjamin. On 6.5 points were: Sandipan Chanda, Alexander Moiseenko, Artur Yusupov, Hikaru Nakamura, Zviad Izoria, Alexander Shabalov, Yury Shulman, Jiri Stocck, Lars Hansen, and Surya Ganguly.

Nakamura 2664 - Sarkar, J 2355

Trompowsky Opening

[A45]

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 Ne4 3. Bf4 d5 4. e3 c6 5. Bd3 Qb6 6. Qc1 Nd6 7. Nd2 e5 8. c3 cxd4 9. exd4 Bf5 10. Qc2 e6 11. O-O-O Nc6 12. Bxf5 Nxf5 13. Re1 Be7 14. g4 Nh4 15. Bg3 h5 16. gxf5 Nf5 17. Ne2 Rc8 18. Nf3 Qa6 19. a3 Rxh5 20. Kb1 Rh8 21. Be5 Kd7 22. Nf4 Qa5 23. Rhg1 Rh7 24. c4 Nxe5 25. Nxe5+ Ke8 26. Nxd5 Rxh2 27. Nxe7 Kxe7 28. Qxf5 exf5 29. Nc6+ Kf6 30. Nxa5 b6 31. Nb7 Rxc4 32. Nd6 1-0

Shabalov 2605 – Abrahamyan 2262

French Advance

[C02]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. a3 Nh6 7. b4 cxd4 8. cxd4 Nf5 9. Bb2 Bd7 10. Ra2 Rc8 11. Ba1 Be7 12. Be2 h5 13. O-O g5 14. Rd2 g4 15. Ne1 Bg5 16. b5 Na5 17. Rc2 Rxc2 18. Nxe2 Bxb5 19. Nc3 Bd7 20. Bd3 Nh4 21. Qe2 a6 22. Rb1 Qd8 23. Ne3 Rg8 24. Kh1 b5 25. a4 bxa4 26. Bxa6 Nb3 27. Qd3 Qa5 28. Ne2 Nxa1 29. Rxa1 Bxe3 30. fxe3 Nf5 31. Nc3 Ke7 32. e4 dxe4 33. Nxe4 Bc6 34. Rc1 Bxe4 35. Qxe4 Qxa6 36. d5 Rc8 37. d6+ Kd8 38. Rd1 Qc4 39. Qe1 Qc3 0-1

Kamsky 2671 – Lenderman 2431

Ruy Lopez, Closed

[C91]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 O-O 8. d4 d6 9. c3 exd4 10. cxd4 Bg4 11. Nc3 b4 12. Nd5 Rb8 13. Ba4 Nxd5 14. Bxc6 Nb6 15. Bf4 d5 16. Rc1 dxe4 17. Rxe4 Bxf3 18. Qxf3 Bg5 19. Rc5 Bxf4 20. Qxf4 Qd6 21. Qe5 Nd7 22. Qxd6 cxd6 23. Bxd7 dxe5 24. dxe5 g6 25. Kf1 a5 26. Rd4 Rfd8 27. c6 Ra8 28. Ke2 Kg7 29. Kd3

Ra7 30. Rd5 Rc7 31. Kd4 Ra8 32. Kc5 Raa7 33. Kb6 b3 34. axb3 Kf8 35. Rxa5 Rxa5 36. Kxa5 Ke7 37. Ka6 1-0

Vescovi 2622 – Kudrin 2553

Sicilian Dragon

[B75]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 a6 8. Bc4 b5 9. Bb3 Bb7 10. Qd2 h5 11. O-O-O Nbd7 12. a3 Rc8 13. Kb1 Ne5 14. Rhe1 O-O 15. Bh6 Bxh6 16. Qxh6 Rxc3 17. bxc3 Qc8 18. f4 Nc4 19. f5 g5 20. Bxc4 Qxc4 21. Rdc3 b4 22. Rg3 g4 23. axb4 Rb8 24. h3 Bxe4 25. hxg4 h4 26. g5 Ng4 27. Qxh4 Nf2 28. g6 Rxb4+ 29. Kc1 fxe6 30. fxe6 1-0

Gagunashvili, M 2560 - Cheng, X 2270

QGD Semi-Slav, Meran

[D49]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 e6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. Bd3 dxc4 7. Bxc4 b5 8. Bd3 a6 9. e4 c5 10. e5 cxd4 11. Nxb5 axb5 12. exf6 gxf6 13. O-O Qb6 14. Be4 Bb7 15. Bxb7 Qxb7 16. Nxd4 Bc5 17. Qf3 Qxf3 18. Nxf3 Ke7 19. Bd2 Ne5 20. Rfc1 Nxf3+ 21. gxf3 Bd6 22. Rc3 Rhe8 23. Rb3 Rc2 24. Bb4 Rg8+ 25. Kf1 Bxb4 26. Rxb4 Rd8 27. Rxb5 Rdd2 28. Rh5 Rxf2+ 29. Kg1 Rxb2 30. a4 Rxf3 31. Rxh7 Rff2 32. Rh4 Ra2 33. Rb1 f5 34. Rb7+ Kf6 35. Rh7 Rg2+ 36. Kh1 Rg7 37. Rxe7 Kxe7 38. Ra7 f4 39. a5 e5 40. a6 e4 41. Re7 e3 42. a7 f3 0-1

Tate, E 2384 - Vescovi, G 2622

Caro-Kann, Two Knights

[B11]

1. e4 c6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Nf3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. Be4 e6 6. Qe2 h6 7. d4 Ngf6 8. Ng3 Bd6 9. Bd2 O-O 10. O-O Qc7 11. Rfe1 b6 12. Ne5 c5 13. c3 Bb7 14. f4 a6 15. f5 cxd4 16. Nxd7 Nxd7 17. fxe6 Ne5 18. exf7+ Kh8 19. Bb3 d3 20. Qh5 Nxf7 21. Nf5 Ng5 22. Nxd6 Qxd6 23. Bxe5 Qc5+ 24. Kh1 Bxe2+ 25. Kxe2 Rf2+ 26. Kg3 Rxf8 27. Re6 Qc7+ 0-1

Ivanov 2588 – Benjamin 2565

Sicilian, Taimanov

[B47]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. g3 a6 7. Bg2 Nf6 8. O-O Bc5 9.

Nxc6 dxc6 10. Na4 Ba7 11. c4 h5 12. c5 h4 13. Bg5 hxg3 14. hxg3 e5 15. Re1 Be6 16. b3 Kf8 17. Qe2 Ng4 18. Rad1 f6 19. Bc1 Re8 20. f3 Nh6 21. Be3 Qf7 22. Nb2 Qg6 23. Kf2 f5 24. Nc4 fxe4 25. Nxe5 Qf5 26. Bd4 Bd5 27. g4 Qg5 28. fxe4 Rxe5 29. Bxe5 Nxe4+ 30. Kf1 Qxe5 31. Qxg4 Be6 32. Qxe6 Qxe6 33. Rd8+ Ke7 34. Rxh8 Bxc5 35. Rh3 Qe5 36. Rf3 g6 37. Rd1 Bd4 38. Rfd3 c5 39. Rf3 Qh2 40. Bh3 Qg1+ 41. Ke2 Qh2+ 42. Ke1 g5 0-1

## Dortmund

This was the third strongest event of the year, next to Sofia and Morelia/Linares. However, the Dortmunder Sparkassen tournament only had eight players this year, compared with its usual ten. Dortmund was one of the host cities of the Soccer World Cup in Germany, and so delayed Sparkassen for one month. The tournament took place 29<sup>th</sup> July - 6<sup>th</sup> August 2006. Vladimir Kramnik surprised everyone, including himself, by catching Peter Svidler in the final round. Kramnik used this tournament as training for his match with Topalov. He and Svidler finished on 4.5/7 with Kramnik taking first on Sonneborn-Berger tie-break. Kramnik defeated Leko in the final round, and Jobava the round before. World number 3 Levon Aronian had a terrible event finishing with 2/7 with three losses and three draws. Final scores: Kramnik 4.5/7, Svidler 4.5, Adams 4, Leko 4, Gelfand 4, Naiditsch 3.5, Aronian 2, Jobava 1.5.

## British Championship

Smith & Williamson British Chess Championships 2006 (93<sup>rd</sup> Championships of The British Isles) took place 6<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> August at the University of Wales in Swansea. Jonathan Rowson won the title for the third year running and finished with a fine win against Jonathan Parker in the final round. Final Round 11 Standings: 1 Rowson, Jonathan SCO g 2579 8½; 2 Arakhamia-Grant, Ketevan GEO m 2427 8; 3 Gormally, Daniel ENG g 2513 7½; 4 Hebden, Mark ENG g 2532 7½; 5 Jones, Gawain ENG m 2416 7½; 6 Parker, Jonathan ENG g 2509 7½

Parker, J 2509 - Rowson, J 2579

Queen's Indian

[E13]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Nf3 b6 5. Bg5

Bb7 6. e3 h6 7. Bh4 Bxc3+ 8. bxc3 d6 9. Nd2 Nbd7 10. f3 Qe7 11. e4 g5 12. Bf2 c5 13. Qa4 Nh5 14. h4 O-O-O 15. Qxa7 Kc7 16. Qa4 f5 17. Qc2 g4 18. fxc4 Nhf6 19. Bd3 Nxc4 20. Bg1 f4 21. Nf3 e5 22. h5 Qf7 23. Nh4 Qxh5 24. Rh3 Rhe8 25. Nf5 Qg5 26. d5 h5 27. Qb2 Ra8 28. Be2 Ra6 29. Bf3 Rea8 30. Qb3 Ra3 31. Qb2 R8a4 32. Bd1 Ra8 33. Bf3 R3a5 34. Rh1 R8a6 35. Rh3 Bc8 36. Rh1 Nf8 37. Nh4 Nh7 38. Qd2 Bd7 39. Kf1 Nhf6 40. Ke2 Ra4 0-1

#### Biel

The 39th Biel International Festival, 22nd July - 4th Aug, had two closed tournaments, men and women. Clear winner Alexander Morozevich took a quick draw with black against Teimour Radjabov in the final round to finish on 7.5/10. A point and a half behind were Radjabov and Magnus Carlsen. Morozevich lost both his games against Carlsen and other than his last round draw he had won all his other games. Pia Cramling of Sweden won the women's event also by a point and a half ahead of Monika Socko of Poland. Bartosz Socko won the BrainStore Masters MTO Open ahead of Leonid Kritz, Laurent Fressinet and Boris Avrukh on tie-break, all scored 8/11. Men's standings: 1. Morozevich, Alexander RUS 2731 7.5; 2. Carlsen, Magnus NOR 2675 6.0; 3. Radjabov, Teimour AZE 2728 6.0; 4. Volokitin, Andrei UKR 2662 4.0; 5. Pelletier, Yannick SUI 2583 4.0; 6. Bruzon, Lazaro CUB 2667 2.5;

#### Morozevich – Carlsen

*Sicilian, Rossolimo Variation*

[B30]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. d3 Nd7 6. Bf4 g6 7. Qc1 Bg7 8. Bh6 Qa5+ 9. c3 Ne5 10. Nxe5 Bxe5 11. Nd2 Qa6 12. Qc2 Be6 13. f4 Bc7 14. O-O f6 15. e4 O-O-O 16. a4 Rd7 17. a5 Rhd8 18. Ra3 Bxa5 19. f5 Bf7 20. fxc6 hxc6 21. e5 Be6 22. exf6 exf6 23. Nb3 Rxd3 24. Nxc5 Bb6 25. Rxa6 Bxc5+ 26. Kh1 bxa6 27. Bg7 Bg4 28. b4 Be3 29. h3 Rd1 30. Rxd1 Rxd1+ 31. Kh2 Bf4+ 32. g3 Rd2+ 33. Qxd2 Bxd2 34. hxc4 Bxb4 35. Bxf6 a5 36. Kg2 Kd7 37. Kf3 Bd6 38. Ke4 Bxg3 39. Kd3 Ke6 40. Bd4 a6 41. Kc2 a4 42. Kb1 Be5 43.

Bf2 Kd6 44. Ka2 Bc3 45. Ka3 Ke5 46. Kxa4 Kf4 47. Bb6 Kxc4 48. Ba5 Bxa5 49. Kxa5 Kf4 50. Kb6 a5 0-1

#### North Urals Cup

The North Urals Cup women's supertournament took place July 22nd - August 1st in Krasno-turyinsk, Russia. Kateryna Lahno won the event with 7/9, a point clear of Zhu Chen.

Final Round 9 Standings: 1. Lahno, Kateryna m UKR 2449 7.0; 2. Zhu Chen g QAT 2476 6.0; 3. Kosintseva, Nadezhda m RUS 2472 5.5; 4. Mkrtchian, Lilit m ARM 2459 5.0; 5. Chiburdanidze, Maia g GEO 2504 5.0; 6. Stefanova, Antoaneta g BUL 2520 5.0; 7. Cmilyte, Viktorija m LTU 2476 4.0; 8. Hou Yifan wf CHN 2488 3.0; 9. Kosintseva, Tatiana m RUS 2479 2.5; 10. Matveeva, Svetlana m RUS 2454 2.0.

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**Junior** – G. Thornton 89.5, D. Baider 52.5, B. Cheng 50.5, M. Krstev 48, M. Zhang 43.06, D. Xu 34.5, E. Chen 42.4, Andy Chen 42.06, P. Wang 40, D. Shen 37.5, J. Wu 35.16, D. Xu 34.5, D. Smith 32.13, S. Maro-roa 25.5, R. Dare 23.5, N. Fairley 23, T. Chifu 22.5, M. Wu 21.9, Sharon Wu, E. Huang 20, H. Zeng 18, A. Alipiev 17.5, A. Lin 15, A. Stone 13.5, O. Lynn 13, F. Petre-ski, A. Simpson 12.

**Senior** – N. Cruden 85, D. Capper 43, R. Collingwood 41.5, V. Smith 35, B. Gloistein 32, D. Stracy 31, C. Wilson 26.5, R. Mitchell 24, G. Trundle 22.5, B. Kay, Peter Morten 21, A. Kessler 20, H. Courtney 19.5, K. Van den Bosch, E. Otene 10.5.

**Female** – E. Chen 54, J. Li 42.66, V. Smith 39, J. Gao, L. Dare 29.66, Sharon Wu 25, Shirley Wu 21, N. Fairley 20, H. Courtney 18, S. Maro-roa, W. Chen 15, N. Tsoi 14, J. Meng 13.5, T. Wong 12.

#### Under 14 & Under 1400 –

D. Shen 77.36, L. Yang 45, B. Cheng 43.61, Sharon Wu, J. Gao 31.36, A. Alipiev 27.22, J. Ruan 23.75, L. Zhang 23.72, X. Li 22.97, A. Maro-roa 20, J. Li 19.5, H. Lin 14, B. Liu, Alan Chen 12, B. Wu 10.5.

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