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EDITORIAL

(by Alan Borwell)

News Bulletin No. 28
August 1988

Once again we have a record number of pages - even more than the 'double' issue published last December. This is due to the excellent contributions from members and I have already been promised several articles for our Christmas issue.

Pride of place must go to the interview with ICCF President, Henk Mostert, which begins on page 28, three fine contributions from Phil Giulian and one from David Dempster on his ICCF Master Class success.

A recent Council meeting made a number of important decisions on our playing rules but these will be the subject of an article next time.

SECRETARIAL NOTES

(by Alan Hind)

Our AGM was held in May and minutes and accounts are presented later in this Bulletin. Our organisation is financially healthy and growing in membership. I would emphasise again that our numbers are still relatively small and we need to expand to provide a better environment for our correspondence players. Publicity plays some part in this but you, as existing members, can also contribute by attracting your friends and acquaintances. New members again are being offered a discount on tournament fees, so the incentive is there to give it a try!

At our AGM, we were sad to lose Richard Beecham from our Executive Council after serving us well over the years as International Secretary and Publicity & Membership Officer. We send him our thanks and good wishes and hope to see him again in the not too distant future. Replacing Richard as our new Publicity & Membership Officer is Alan Shaw who is, I'm sure, very well known to many of you. Michael Dyer also joins the council and will take responsibility for all new friendly internationals. We welcome them both and wish them success in their respective roles.

The Selection Committee has chosen the following team for the next European TT Preliminaries, due to commence later this year:

1. A J Muir, 2. A P Borwell, 3. S R Gillam, 4. D M Jenkins,
 5. G D Pyrich, 6. T J Craig, 7. D H Dempster, 8. B J Martin,
 9. A J Shaw, 10. G W G Livie, 11. J Seyfried, 12. G R Spratt.
- Current membership of SCCA is essential for international selection.

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Chess Suppliers (Scotland) Ltd., 15 Hope Street, Glasgow on Sunday 15th May 1988 at 4 p.m.

Present: A.P. Borwell (President), M.T. Dyer, P.M. Giulian, A. Hind, A.T. Hislop, D.M. Livie, G.W.G. Livie, G.D. Pyrich, A.J. Shaw & G. Wood

Apologies: C.R. Beecham, D.L. Gillespie & M. Swystun.

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 17th May 1987, which were published in Bulletin No. 24, were approved.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report made the following points:

- Ordinary membership had shown a significant increase in season 1987/88 and more people were participating in SCCA events than at any previous time. This was felt to be due principally to increased publicity pre-season and the successful running of our Open Tournaments. As a National Organisation, our membership was still low relative to other countries and we must try to continue the progress made to date.
- Internationally, Scotland was represented in the Olympiads, European and North Atlantic Team Tournaments with fair results. In our own Scottish Centenary Open tournament, Douglas Bryson was assured of being at least joint winner from a strong field of GMs and IMs. The next ICCF Congress would be held in Denmark, with our President Alan Borwell attending. He would provide a report on it in a future issue of the Bulletin. It was hoped that progress made to date on establishing the SCCA's credentials would be continued and ultimately that full ICCF membership for Scotland would be achieved.

- Finance was relatively healthy and our Treasurer would be making specific comment in his report.
- It was with regret that we had received notification of Richard Beecham's intention not to stand for re-election. Richard had served on the committee for a number of years as International Secretary and latterly as Publicity & Membership Secretary. His valuable contribution would be missed.
- The committee during the past year had been revising the Rules governing grading of games and the changes would feed through to the next published grading list. They were also involved in a review of our playing rules.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer circulated copies of the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st March 1988. (Fully audited accounts are reproduced later in this Bulletin). These accounts showed the relatively healthy state of our finances, with an increase in membership giving more fees. The tournament fees were not proportionately higher as a result of our discount to new members. The accounts did not reflect the £1000 payable in the Scottish Centenary International next year but resources were sufficient to meet this commitment.

The Auditor, Mr. Hamish Bell, had indicated his willingness to stand for re-election. It was requested and agreed that next year's AGM be held later as allowed under our Constitution, to permit time for audited accounts to be presented to the AGM.

Fund-raising continued on a small scale with our annual raffle around New Year and the "100 Club" (which still needs new members to participate). Our Treasurer was currently looking around for alternative banking for our cash to provide maximum return on investment.

Election of Office-Bearers

The following were elected to the Executive Committee:

President	A.P. Borwell
Vice President	G.W.G. Livie
Secretary	A. Hind
Treasurer	G.D. Pyrich
Assistant Secretary	D.M. Livie
International Secretary	P.M. Giulian
Grading Officer	G. Wood
Publicity & Membership Officer	A.J. Shaw
Other Members	M.T. Dyer
	A.T. Hislop

It was with pleasure that the AGM welcomed Alan Shaw to the post of Publicity & Membership Officer. His activities in Chess Suppliers and his involvement in both postal and over-the-board activities were well matched with the objectives required for this position. Michael Dyer was a new member of the Committee and his remit would be to look after all new friendly internationals. The creation of the post of Assistant International Secretary to cover these duties would be proposed at the next AGM. We wish both of these individuals well in their new posts.

Election of Auditor

It was agreed that the present Auditor, Mr. Hamish Bell, be re-elected for the ensuing year under the same terms and conditions.

Subscriptions

There would be no change in membership or ordinary tournament fees for the coming year. However, the following changes were proposed and agreed:

- Bulletin cost per annum to increase to £4 (from £3)

- Friendly internationals to be a flat fee of £2, payable in advance, which would guarantee 2 matches per annum. Any extra matches would be free. This was principally to ease the administrative burden of collecting individual fees before each match.

It was also proposed and agreed that the "new member" discount of £2 should continue.

This would mean a fee structure of:

Full Membership (including Bulletin)	£ 7
Life Membership (excluding Bulletin)	£50
Championship/Candidates entry fee	£ 4
All other tournaments	£ 2
League player with Bulletin	£ 6
League player without Bulletin	£ 2

Any Other Business

It was agreed that a questionnaire be sent out to all existing members with the next Bulletin to canvas opinion on current topics under consideration by the Executive and on future development.

Consideration would be given to the running of a Junior Championship.

It was agreed that competitors in the Championship /Candidates must remain members of the SCCA for the duration of the event (2 years).

Readers' Letters/Articles

We have received some complimentary comments from Jim Ward of Lenzie about the content and quality of our last News Bulletin. He enclosed an amusing little story which we will include in our Christmas edition.

Readers' letters and articles are always welcome and we are most encouraged by an increase in the number of members' contributions to the News Bulletin.

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1988

1987		GENERAL ACCOUNT INCOME	1988	
£	£		£	£
303,00		MEMBERSHIP FEES		
<u>91.68</u>		Annual (134)	402,00	
394,68		Life Members Fund Contribution	<u>94.81</u>	
7,50		less Discount	4,00	
<u>10.00</u>	377,18	less Refund		492,81
		COMPETITION FEES		
336,00		Individual	250,00	
<u>137.00</u>		League	<u>122.00</u>	
473,00		less Prizes	372,00	
<u>196.50</u>	276,50		<u>170.00</u>	202,00
		BULLETIN		
568,67		Sales	646,48	
<u>376.13</u>	192,54	Expenses	<u>471.19</u>	175,29
		GRANT		
	275,00	Scottish Chess Association		275,00
		ADJUDICATIONS		
42,50		Fees Received	30,00	
<u>40.00</u>	2,50	Fees Paid	<u>33.00</u>	(3,00)
	93,00	DONATIONS		110,50
		SALES		
	250,00	International Postcards		
		MISCELLANEOUS		
	10,00	Unpresented Cheques		10,00
	<u>1476.72</u>			<u>1262.60</u>

1987		GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE	1988	
£	£		£	£
5,00		AFFILIATION FEES		
<u>18.50</u>	23,50	S.C.A.	5,00	
		B.P.C.F.	<u>37.00</u>	42,00
	16,00	I.C.C.F.		46,00
	91,95	CONTROLLERS' EXPENSES		178,29
	133,25	SECRETARIAL EXPENSES		115,01
	168,56	ADVERTISING AND STATIONERY		95,90
	7,42	BANK CHARGES		5,00
		AUDITOR'S FEE		16,59
		MISCELLANEOUS		28,80
	<u>440.68</u>			<u>527.59</u>
	<u>1036.04</u>	SURPLUS FOR YEAR		<u>735.01</u>
		LIFE MEMBERS ACCOUNT		
		INCOME		
		Membership Fees		50,00
	87,13	Interest Received		<u>72.94</u>
	87,13			122,94
	<u>91.68</u>	less transferred to General Fund		<u>94.81</u>
	(4.55)	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>28.13</u>

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INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNT

1987			1988	
£	£	INCOME	£	£
366,00		Sale of Lottery Tickets	390,20	
<u>175,00</u>	191,00	less Prizes	<u>175,00</u>	215,20
		OPEN TOURNAMENT		
		Entry Fees Received	541,00	
		less Accrual Prizes	<u>294,25</u>	246,75
		International Match Fees		27,00
	134,97	Interest Received		158,47
		100 CLUB		
860,30		Subscriptions	851,00	
<u>493,60</u>	366,70	less Prizes	<u>413,50</u>	437,50
	133,11	Unpresented Cheques		13,80
	<u>825,78</u>			<u>1098,72</u>
		EXPENDITURE		
45,52		Printing - Lottery Tickets	50,03	
22,50		Licence		64,03
	68,02	Other Expenses	<u>14,00</u>	
	250,00	ICCF Congress Attendance		500,00
		Centenary International Book		100,00
	<u>318,02</u>			<u>664,03</u>
	<u>507,76</u>	SURPLUS FOR YEAR		<u>434,69</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1988

1987			1988	
£	£	ASSETS	£	£
		Clydesdale Bank plc		
	749,24	Current Account		230,46
	65,16	General Deposit Account		433,69
	<u>3858,49</u>	International Deposit Account		<u>5702,57</u>
	4672,89			6366,72
		National Girobank		13,00
	<u>210,10</u>	National Savings Bank		10,00
	4882,99	Debtors		<u>105,75</u>
				6495,47
		LESS LIABILITIES		
246,00		General Account	358,00	
<u>252,00</u>	<u>498,00</u>	International Account	<u>554,65</u>	<u>912,65</u> *
	<u>4384,99</u>			<u>5582,82</u>

REPRESENTING

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	OPENING BALANCES	SURPLUS	CLOSING BALANCE
	£	£	£
General Fund	1767,08	735,01	2502,09
Life Members Fund	825,17	28,13	853,30
International Fund	<u>1792,74</u>	<u>434,69</u>	<u>2227,43</u>
	<u>4384,99</u>	<u>1197,83</u>	<u>5582,82</u>

Notes:

SCA Membership	£ 10,00
Accrued Prizes	£786,65
Other Creditors	<u>£116,00</u>
	<u>£912,65</u> *

Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained such explanations as I consider necessary. In my opinion, these accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 31st March 1988.

CHAMPIONSHIP 86-88

CONTROLLER : D.G. McROBERTS

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pt.
1	C.R. BEECHAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2	0	1		1/2	1		1	
2	Prof. G. H. BIRD	1/2	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	5 1/2
3	M.A. HAMMETT	1	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	3 1/2
4	B. MARTIN	0	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	0	1	1	1	4
5	G.A. MORTON		0	1/2	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	1	1/2		
6	A. J. NORRIS	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	1		1	
7	G.D. PYRICH	0	1/2	1	0	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1	3 1/2
8	J. STEVENSON		1/2	1/2	0	1/2		0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
9	A. TANKEL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1

Candidates 86-88

CONTROLLER : C.R. BEECHAM

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pt.
1	M. Dyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2	1	0	1	1/2		0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
2	A. Hislop	1/2	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	6
3	R. Innes	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	1	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	1/2	2
4	T. G. Johnston	1	1/2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2		
5	R. Kilpatrick	0	1/2	1	1/2	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1	1	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	7 1/2
6	D. McKerracher	1/2	0	0	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1 1/2
7	I. Reeman		1/2	1	0	0	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	1	1	1		0	
8	D. R. Reid	1	1	1	1/2	0	1	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	9 1/2
9	M. Ross	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	0	1/2	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1	1/2	1	8 1/2
10	J. M. T. Ryan	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	0	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	
11	Z. E. Sadowski	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	0	1	0	0	0	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	1/2	5
12	G. R. Spratt	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1		0	1/2	1	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
13	G. E. Wallwork	0	1/2	1/2		1/2	1	1	1/2	0	1	1/2	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CHAMPIONSHIP 87-89

Controller: D Savage

No.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1	A T HISLOP	●			1/2			1/2			
2	T G JOHNSTON		●					1/2			
3	R KILPATRICK			●							
4	D M LIVIE	1/2			●					0	
5	G W G LIVIE					●	1				
6	M MacLEOD					0	●	0			
7	G D PYRICH	1/2	1/2				1	●			
8	A J SHAW								●		
9	G R SPROTT				1					●	

CANDIDATES 87-89

Controller: C R Beecham

No.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1	I AIRD	●					0	1/2			
2	C BOYLE		●			1/2		1/2			
3	I S CAMPBELL			●							
4	M DYER				●				0		
5	D HARVEY		1/2			●					
6	P MCGOWAN	1					●				
7	I A MARKS	1/2	1/2					●	0		
8	M MOOHAN				1			1	●		
9	A R WILSON									●	

PREMIER TOURNAMENTS

Controller: T S Wickens

A	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 KM FRYER	●		½	-		11
2 DL GILLESPIE		●	0	-	½	
3 S GOWLAND	½	1	●	-		1
4 JPL LUMSDEN	-	-	-	●	-	-
5 J MERRIFIELD		½		-	●	
6 L STEPHENSON	00		0	-		●

B	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 CTW BEVERIDGE	●	-	-	-	-	-
2 JH DAY	-	●	-	-	-	-
3 DV GIBBS			●			
4 S HILTON	-	-	-	●	-	-
5 Mrs ME LEASK					●	
6 JW McINTYRE						●

C	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 BW CHALMERS	●					
2 M HANLEY		●			00	
3 MJ McBETH			●			
4 A PENMAN				●	10	
5 K SEYFRIED		11		01	●	
6 IP WHITTAKER						●

D	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 WI CRAIG	●	-	-	-	-	-
2 PB GRANT		●				
3 J HERRIES			●	1		1
4 MM KING			0	●		
5 PJ MOIR					●	
6 ZE SADOWSKI			0			●

E	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 R DICKSON	●				0½	
2 A DOCHERTY		●			0½	00
3 JN FALCONER			●	1	0	11
4 RJP KYNOCH			0	●		1
5 A MAXWELL	½	½	1		●	1
6 I WILSON		11	00	0	0	●

There have been rather more withdrawals this season than is usual, which spoils the enjoyment of other participants. Members are requested to complete their games, unless exceptional circumstances arise, eg. serious illness etc.

QUARTET FINALS

Controller: M. Dyer

POSTAL KNIGHT

Final	1	2	3	4
1 S HILTON	●			
2 MJ MacLEOD		●		
3 K GORDON			●	
4 AWI CAMPBELL				●

POSTAL SHIELD

Final	1	2	3	4
1 AGE BIRD	●			
2 P FERRY		●		
3 W CAMERON			●	
4 JG BLENCOVE				●

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

Controller: G.W.G. Livie

A	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 G WALLIS	●				11	0
2 E THOMPSON		●			11	
3 PJ JACKSON			●		11	1
4 S MARTIN				●	11	
5 PJ CARROLL	00	00	00	00	●	00
6 A ARMSTRONG	1		0		11	●

B	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 RJ BURRIDGE	●		00		1	
2 SR CAPSEY		●				00
3 T THOMSON	11		●	½	½	11
4 F HALL			½	1	●	½
5 W HARPER	0		½	½	●	½
6 G SNEDDON		11	00	01	½	½

C	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 JM MacARTHUR	●	11			½	11
2 JM GARVOCK	00	●		00	00	00
3 W McGLINCHEY			●			
4 T MASON		11		●	½	11
5 I SNEDDON	0½	11		½	●	
6 BW GRANT	0	11		00		●

D	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 C DONKIN	●	1½			1	
2 J WARD	0½	●	½	½	11	11
3 J STALLARD		0½	●			
4 J TAYLOR		0½		●	00	11
5 J THORNTON	0	00		11	●	11
6 H HARVEY		00		00	00	●

E	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 D SCOBIE	●					00
2 A WILSON		●				
3 J CASSIDY			●			0
4 J McMENEMY				●		00
5 D COSGROVE					●	
6 R BIRRELL	11		1	11		●

F	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 G REID	●	0				
2 JS CAIRNEY	1	●		11	11	11
3 IWS MITCHELL			●	11	0	
4 A McINTOSH		00	00	●	00	00
5 WU MACKIE		00	1	11	●	1
6 PCH WAUGH		00		11	0	●

QUARTETS

Controller: M. Dyer

Q127	1	2	3	4
1 G A JACKSON	●			
2 E WOOD		●		
3 J J BRADY			●	
4 A McLELLAN				●

Q128	1	2	3	4
1 J McCARTAN	●	10	00	00
2 R STOKES	10	●		00
3 NC BEASLEY	11		●	0½
4 GD PYRICH	11	11	1½	●

Q129	1	2	3	4
1 RJ BURRIDGE	●		1	11
2 J TAYLOR		●	00	11
3 I SNEDDON	0	11	●	11
4 JAW HENDERSON	00	00	00	●

Q130	1	2	3	4
1 CTW BEVERIDGE	●	00	00	00
2 A McINTOSH	11	●	00	00
3 J McCARTAN	11	11	●	11
4 J EADIE	11	11	00	●

QUARTETS (contd)

Q131	1	2	3	4
1 M COOPER	●		10	11
2 WM GRANT		●		11
3 R PELLIS	01		●	11
4 Mrs S McMENEY	00	00	00	●

Q132	1	2	3	4
1 J J BRADY	●		00	
2 J ANDERSON		●		
3 B P CHAPMAN	11		●	
4 D G PARSONS				●

Q133	1	2	3	4
1 D SALTER	●			
2 R F TURNER		●		
3 M H DUNN			●	
4 I TAYLOR				●

Entries to Quartets can be made at any time to Alan Hind. New sections will be formed when there are four new players awaiting pairings.

OPENINGS TOURNAMENTS 1987-8

(by Alan Hind)

Section OT3 (Sokolsky)

No	1	2	3	4	Pts	Pos
1 S Hilton	●	1	2 1/2	11	3 1/2	
2 S King-Spooner	0	●	1	11		
3 W McGlinchey	2 1/2	0	●	11		
4 J Watson	00	00	00	●	0	4

Section OT4 (Alekhine's Defence)

No	1	2	3	Pts	Pos
1 S Hilton	●	0 1/2			
2 M Macleod	1 1/2	1	11	3 1/2	1
3 J Pearston		00	●		

Section OT1 (Birds-From)

No	1	2	3	4	Pts	Pos
1 G Wood	●	11	11	0		
2 R Pells	00	●	1	00		
3 J Eadie	00	0	●	00		
4 G A Morton	1	11	11	●		

Section OT2 (Birds-From)

No	1	2	3	4	Pts	Pos
1 J G Blencowe	●					
2 J J Povey		●	00	00		
3 M Macleod		11	●			
4 M Cooper		11	●			

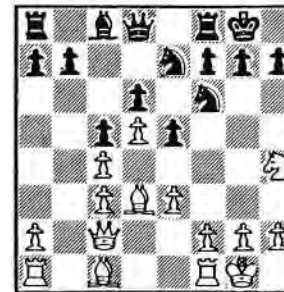
HANDICAP TOURNAMENT (by Allan Hislop)

Things are very quiet just now in the Handicap, with just a few results coming in. A couple of new players have joined and they should be paired up very soon, if not already. I notice a few of you are only playing one or two opponents. This will not qualify you for a prize and, unless you are carrying over points from last season, you cannot get enough points for promotion. So let's hear from you regarding more games, and I will get you paired up.

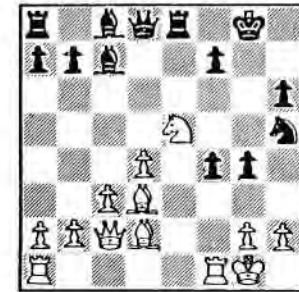
WINNING CONTINUATIONS

(selected by John Hawkes)

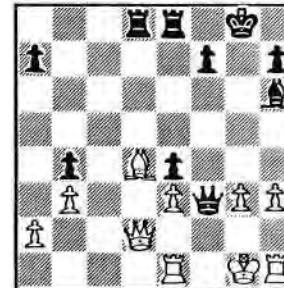
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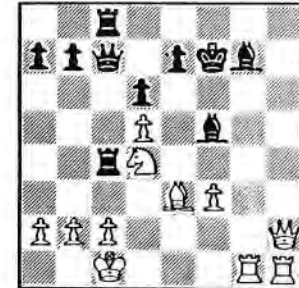
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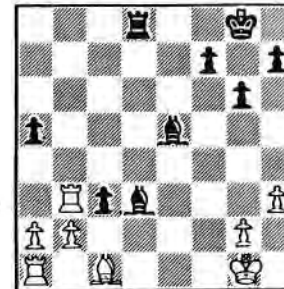
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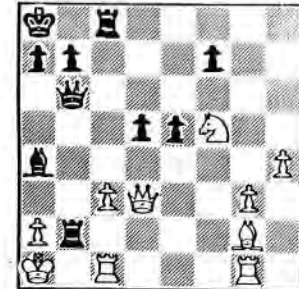
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SCOTTISH CCA LEAGUE 1987/88
(Controller : Ken Gordon)

The new league season has begun with the same number of teams as in the previous record-breaking year.

The Division 1 Championship promises to be the best ever with holders, The Establishment, likely to be challenged strongly by Streatham & Brixton and Chess Suppliers "A". Newly-promoted Kirkcaldy Kings will be keen to retain their top level status, and both Cathcart and Brutal Realism could create some surprises.

In the second Division, previous champions Perth Correspondents and Black Knight look to be promotion favourites, but there are many interesting pairings in all divisions and promotion places are not likely to be decided until after some very competitive games.

DIVISION 1

A STREATHAM & BRIXTON

1	C A McNab	v E1
2	A J Norris	v D2
3	S R Gillam	v C3
4	R A Inglis	v B4
5	Mrs M Inglis	v F5

B THE ESTABLISHMENT

1	T S Wickens	v D1
2	C R Beecham	v C2
3	T J Craig	v F3
4	K Fryer	v A4
5	A Hind	|| v E5

C KIRKCALDY KINGS

1	G D Pyrich	v F1
2	D H Dempster	v B2
3	I Marshall	v A3
4	M C Grayson	v E4
5	W Green	v D5

D CHESS SUPPLIERS "A"

1	A J Shaw	v B1
2	G W G Livie	v A2
3	D M Livie	v E3
4	M T Dyer	v F4
5	L R McKenzie	v C5

E CATHCART

1	A Grant	v A1
2	A McGowan	OO v F2
3	A Hislop	v D3
4	D McRoberts	v C4
5	J Blair	OO v B5

F BRUTAL REALISM

1	M Ross	v C1
2	P Coffield	|| v E2
3	S Murray	v B3
4	B Keenan	v D4
5	A Thomson	v A5

DIVISION 2

A PERTH CORRESPONDENTS

1	A P Borwell	v E1
2	I Mackintosh	v D2
3	W Rutherford	v C3
4	J Falconer	v B4
5	I W S Mitchell	v F5

B REAL TELECOM

1	R Dickson	v D1
2	J McIntyre	1/2 1/2 v C2
3	J Carlin	v F3
4	D Neil	v A4
5	S McDonald	O v E5

C PAISLEY YMCA "A"

1	J McGill	v F1
2	K Beaton	1/2 1/2 v B2
3	M McBeth	v A3
4	G Reid	1/2 1/2 v E4
5	J Galbraith	v D5

D CROWWOOD "A"

1	J B Henderson	v B1
2	P Rodger	v A2
3	P S Muir	v E3
4	P McGowan	|| v F4
5	A Maxwell	v C5

E BLACK KNIGHT

1	B Martin	v A1
2	I Reeman	v F2
3	G Sprott	v D3
4	T Johnston	1/2 1/2 v C4
5	G Wood	I v B5

F DREGHORN

1	T C MacNab	v C1
2	S L Clark	v E2
3	I Sneddon	v B3
4	R Loughran	OO v D4
5	R Locke	v A5

DIVISION 3

A CASTLEHILL

1	D R Reid	v E1
2	R J P Kynoch	v D2
3	D A Gibb	v C3
4	K S Rose	|| v B4
5	C A MacGregor	v F5

B CHESS SUPPLIERS "B"

1	M McGhee	v D1
2	P Ferry	v C2
3	M Mitchell	v F3
4	R Stokes	OO v A4
5	W Duff	v E5

C DALMUIR

1	I Aird	v F1
2	A Nisbet	v B2
3	G Conlin	v A3
4	J Cairns	v E4
5	J McCartan	v D5

D IRVINE

1	D Gillespie	v B1
2	T Barrett	v A2
3	J Shankland	|| v E3
4	G King	v F4
5	R Moore	v C5

E HOLY CROSS

1	C Boyle	v A1
2	M Hanley	OO v F2
3	J Connolly	OO v D3
4	T Coffey	v C4
5	J Cassidy	v B5

F KIRKINTILLOCH

1	A Swann	v C1
2	P McConnell	|| v E2
3	R Turner	v B3
4	W Harper	v D4
5	I Craig	v A5

DIVISION 4

A CROWWOOD "B"

1	D L Gillespie	v E1
2	W J Hutchison	v D2
3	C M Hutchison	v C3
4	J Stallard	v B4
5	J R Fisher	v F5

B WANDERING DRAGONS

1	S Gowland	v D1
2	S Donkin	v C2
3	P Young	v F3
4	C Stewart	v A4
5	Ms S Nimmo	v E5

C DALMUIR ROOKS

1	M Gannon	1/2 v F1
2	Mrs M McKay	v B2
3	M McGlinley	v A3
4	W McGlinchey	v E4
5	G McAdam	v D5

D SCOTTISH WIDOWS

1	A Chalmers	v B1
2	R Lamb	v A2
3	G Wallis	v E3
4	K Sinclair	v F4
5	G Birch	v C5

E SAUGHTON

1	W G Falconer	v A1
2	M Murray	v F2
3	D Buchan	v D3
4	R Hartley	v C4
5	R Scott	v B5

F PAISLEY YMCA "B"

1	R Cochrane	0 1/2 v C1
2	I Gourlay	v E2
3	I Wallace	v B3
4	A Cowan	v D4
5	J Thornton	v A5

DIVISION 5

A ENDGAME

1	S Hilton	v B1
2	N Kilgariff	v D2
3	A Kilgariff	v C3
4	P Tait	v C4
5	T Tait	v D5

B DALMUIR KNIGHTS

1	A Tyrrell	v A1
2	M Alexander	v C2
3	M Devine	v D3
4	E Kenny	v D4
5	A Harper	v C5

C WANDERING DRAGONS "B"

1	D Crichton	v D1
2	A Sharp	v B2
3	M Kelly	v A3
4	D Poots	v A4
5	Mrs A Donkin	v B5

D THE REST

1	M Macleod	v C1
2	M Moohan	v A2
3	N Clapperton	v B3
4	J Watson	v B4
5	D Morgan	v A5

New teams will be most welcome into the SCCA League. It is an excellent way for OTB players to try postal chess for the first time as the League involves only 2 games against one opponent. Details can be obtained from Alan Hind, SCCA Secretary.

SCOTTISH CENTENARY CUP - Semi-finals.

No	Section 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pt.	Pl.
1	D. Neil			1	1	0	1/2	1		
2	R. Brownsord			1	1		0	1		
3	E. Davis	0	0		0	0	0	0	W	D
4	A.W.I. Campbell	0	0	1			0	1		
5	A.G.E. Bird	1		1			1/2	1		
6	V.W. Griffiths	1/2	1	1	1	1/2		1	5	
7	Dr. A. Tankel	0	0	1	0	0	0		1	

No	Section 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pt.	Pl.
1	D. Quinn		0	1	0	1/2	1			
2	E. Wood	1		1	1/2	1/2	1			
3	S.C. Crowdy	0	0		0	0	0	1	1	
4	M. Thomas	1	1/2	1		1	1	1	5 1/2	1
5	E. J. Smith	1/2	1/2	1	0		0	1/2	2 1/2	
6	B. J. Martin	0	0	1	0	1		1	3	
7	M. Dyer			0	0	1/2	0			

No	Section 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pt.	Pl.
1	R. Beacon		1/2	0	1	1/2	1/2	0	2 1/2	4-
2	A. E. Dearlove	1/2		0	1	1/2	1/2	0	2 1/2	4-
3	J. Copley	1	1		1	1/2	1/2	1/2	4 1/2	2
4	A. Mukherjee	0	0	0		0	0	0	W	D
5	M. MacLeod	1/2	1/2	1/2	1		0	0	2 1/2	4-
6	I. Mac Kay	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1		1/2	4	3
7	A. Muir	1	1	1/2	1	1	1/2		5	1

No	Section 4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pt.	Pl.
1	D. Harvey		0	1	1/2	0	1	1/2	0	3	5
2	L. Langstaffe	1		1/2	1	0	1/2	1	1/2	4 1/2	3
3	P. Tibbert	0	1/2		1/2	0	1	1	0	3	5
4	D.L. Gillespie	1/2	0	1/2		1	1/2	1/2	1/2	3 1/2	4
5	V.W. Griffiths	1	1	1	0		1	1/2	1/2	5	1-
6	D.I. Ross	0	1/2	0	1/2	0		1/2	0	1 1/2	8
7	S. Whitehead	1/2	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2		1/2	2 1/2	7
8	D. Quinn	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2		5	1-

SCOTTISH CENTENARY CUP SEMI FINALS

(by Philip Giulian)

One of the purposes of the Centenary Cup was to encourage players from outside Scotland to participate in Scottish events. Having said that, it is nice to see the Scottish players qualifying for the next stage. So far, we have had only partial success.

Section 3

Hopes of two Scottish qualifiers from this section were very high. Favourite was Andrew Muir, an experienced internationalist who has represented Scotland and Britain in several team and individual events. Andrew has recently given up a well-paid job to concentrate on his chess, a move which is bound to increase his strength still further. In correspondence chess, Andrew likes to restrict himself to only a few games in order to conserve his playing strength.

Most likely to challenge Andrew was Ian MacKay, an incredibly talented junior, who has already beaten most of Scotland's leading players in over-the-board chess. However, in correspondence chess, Ian is still very inexperienced and it is not always immediately possible to transfer strength from one form of chess to another.

A possible challenger was Mike MacLeod. On gradings, he had little chance but he is a very enthusiastic player and, I feel, a far better player than his rating would suggest.

All in all, this looked like a very tough section indeed.

Andrew Muir was in ruthless form and some of his opponents didn't survive for too long. (Notes based on those by Andrew).

White: A Muir
Black: R. Beacon

Albin Counter Gambit (D09)

1	d4	d5
2	c4	e5
3	dxe5	d4
4	Nf3	Nc6
5	g3	Be6

Probably best, although Bg4 is just as popular.

6	Nbd2	Qd7
7	Bg2	Bh3?!

Perhaps better is 0-0-0.

8	0-0	h5?
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Recommended by Paul Lamford as "worth a try". However, the attack is risky and Black is neglecting his development.

9	Bxh3	Qxh3
10	Qc2	h4
11	Ng5	Qd7??

Better is 11 ... Qg4, although after 12 Ndf3 White is clearly better.

12	e6!	fxe6
13	Qg6+	Kd8

If 13 ... Ke7 14 Qf7+ Kd6
15 Nde4+ Ke5 16 f4 mate.

14	Nf7+	Resigns
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Ian MacKay made the same mistake that a lot of strong players make when they start playing correspondence chess - he conceded too many draws. Indeed, apart from a win by default, Ian won only one game, but a very interesting one.

(Notes by Ian MacKay)

White: M. MacLeod
Black: I. MacKay

Benoni Defence (A65)

1	d4	c5
2	d5	d6
3	c4	g6
4	Nc3	e5?!

Perhaps too early and committal. Black should retain the option of a later e6.

5	e4	Bg7
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Perhaps Bh6 to exchange the "bad bishop" is better.

6 Be3 Nf6
7 f3 Nh5?!

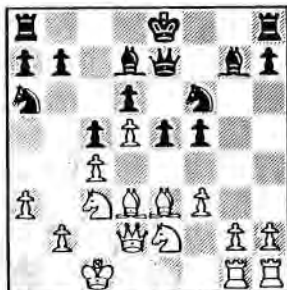
This seems a bit premature. Better to continue development before looking to play f5.

8 Qd2 f5
9 exf5 gxf5
10 Bd3 Na6
11 Nge2 Bd7
12 0-0-0 Qe7
13 Rdg1?!

Unnecessary. Better is Rhg1.

13 Nf6
14 a3?!

To prepare Qc2 attacking f5, but the plan is faulty and weakens the queenside.



14 Nc7

15 Qc2 0-0

Interesting is 15 ... e4
16 fxe4 Ng4.

16 h3?

White cannot play 16 Bxf5 because after Bxf5 17 Qxf5 Nfxd5 18 Qd3 Nxe3 19 Qxe3 b5, Black is fine. However, why not 16 g4? After 16 ... fxe4 17 fxe4 Nxe4, the Black pawn on h7 is hanging.

16 b5
17 Bg5 b4!
18 Nb1?

Almost forced was Nb5.

18 e4
19 fxe4 b3!!
20 Qxb3 Rab8
Resigns

The resignation looks a bit premature, but in actual fact White's position is in tatters. For example, if 21 Qc2 fxe4 22 Bxf6 Qxf6 23 Bxe4 Rxb2 24 Qd3 Bh6+ 25 Kd1 Ba4+ 26 Ke1 Qf2 is mate.

This win was not sufficient for Ian, and the second qualifying place went to J. Copley from Shropshire.

Section 4

Scotland's hopes of filling the two qualifying places in this section were not as high. Certainly, David Quinn had an excellent chance. However, although his chess strength is not in doubt, David is inexperienced at correspondence play. Strong over-the-board players don't always make good postal players! Perhaps Douglas Harvey was our main hope for the other qualifying place, after his excellent first round performance.

As it happened, David Quinn's games took very similar paths. Three of his opponents blundered giving David three wins. His other games were all drawn. This meant he was joined in first place by V.W. Griffiths from England. It was he who soon ruined Douglas Harvey's chances of qualifying.

White: V.W. Griffiths
Black: D. Harvey

8 c5
9 0-0 Nc6
10 Be3 Qc7

Grünfeld Defence (D87)

1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 g6
3 Nc3 d5

The Grünfeld Defence, the current favourite of World Champion Kasparov.

4 cxd5 Nxd5
5 e4 Nxc3
6 bxc3 Bg7
7 Bc4 0-0
8 Ne2

White has chosen the "old" main line instead of the modern set-up with Nf3 and Be2 or Bb5.

The main alternative is 10 ... Bg4, as played by Kasparov in the World Championship match against Karpov.

11 Rc1 Rd8
12 Bf4 e5

Also possible is 12 ... Qd7 13 d5 Na5 14 Bd3 e5 15 Be3, with slight advantage to White.

13 Bg5 Rd6

Griffiths gives this move a question mark, yet it yielded only a slight advantage to White in Peev-Georgiev (Plovdiv 1984)

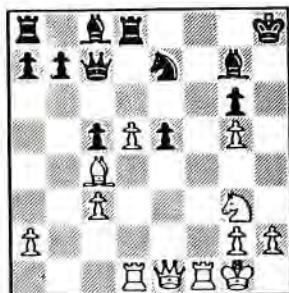
14 d5!?

A new move in this position. The game Peev-Georgiev continued with 14 Bd5 cxd4 15 cxd4 Be6 16 dxe5 Bxe5 17 Qb3.

14 Ne7
15 f4 f5?

Black's pieces are awkwardly placed. Better to keep the position closed with f6.

16 Ng3 Kh8
17 Qe1 Rd8
18 Rd1 h6
19 exf5! hxg5
20 f6! Bxf6
21 fxg5 Bg7



22 d6! Resigns

There is no defence. For example if 22 ... Rxd6 23 Rxd6 Qxd6 24 Ne4, with the threat of Qh4+.

At least Douglas Harvey had the consolation of a fine win in the following game.

White: D. Harvey
Black: D. Ross

French Defence (C19)

1 e4 e6
2 d4 d5
3 Nc3 Bb4
4 e5 c5
5 a3 Bxc3+
6 bxc3 Ne7
7 a4

The main alternative is Qg4 but that involves constantly changing theory.

7 Nbc6
8 Nf3 Qa5
9 Qd2 b6?

Quite playable according to theory but the Black queen's scope is restricted and, with the plan adopted by Black, this move is a waste of time. Better is the immediate Bd7.

10 Bb5 Bd7
11 Bd3 f6?!

It is difficult to find a reasonable plan for Black which ties in with his ninth move. However, this opens the game for the White bishop pair.

12 exf6 gxf6
13 0-0 cxd4
14 cxd4 Qxd2
15 Bxd2 e5?!

20 Ne4

Perhaps f4 is stronger?

20 0-0-0
21 Bg5 Kc7?
22 f4 exf4
23 Bxf4+ Kd7
24 Nf6+ Ke6

Dangerous with the Black king still in the centre. Better is 0-0-0.

16 dxe5 fxe5
17 Bc3 d4
18 Bd2 Bg4?!
19 Ng5!

Not Kc8 when Ba6 is mate!

Now, of course, Black cannot castle because of Nf7.

19 b5

25 Nxc4 hxg4
26 Rael+ Kd5
27 Bg5 Rde8
28 Bb5 Kd6
29 Bxe7+ Rxe7
30 Rf6+ Resigns

SCOTTISH CENTENARY INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

No		NATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	POINTS	
1	IM	POVAN H.E.	GBE	1	1/2	0	1	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	0	1	1/2	1	1		
2	GM	NAPOLITANO M.	ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	GM	BERTA M.	YUG	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	0	5 1/2		
4	IM	STRAND K.	NOR	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	7	IM	
5	IM	STERUD E.	NOR	0	1	1/2	1/2	1	0	1/2	0	1/2	0	1	1/2	1/2	0	5 1/2	
6	IM	ANTON V.M.	DDR	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	0	1/2	1	9 1/2	GM
7	GM	VUKCEVIC B.	YUG	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	0	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	0	1	0		
8	GM	DIACONESCU P.	ROU	0	1	1	0	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
9	IM	HINTIKKA E.	FIN	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1/2	0	1	0	1	0	1/2	1/2	9		
10	GM	SAGOROWSKI Prof. Dr. W.	SU	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1	1	0	1	1/2	0	0	8	
11	IM	SORENSEN N.	DK	1	1	1	1/2	1	0	1/2	1	0	1/2	1	0	1	1/2	9	
12	IM	BOHAK J.	YUG	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1/2	0			
13	GM	WEBB S.	GBE	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	0			
14	IM	FOLDI Dr. J.	HUN	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	1	7	
15	IM	BRYSON D.M.	GBS	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1/2	1	1	1/2	1	10 1/2	GM	

A Tournament Book is being written by Alan Borwell and John Hawkes to commemorate Scotland's first international correspondence event, which began in the Scottish Chess Centenary Year (1984). It is expected that the event will be finished during 1988, with the book being available early in 1989.

SCOTTISH OPEN TOURNAMENT

Section 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 EE WRIGHT	●	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	4 1/2
2 GE WALLWORK	○	●		1				
3 MB SQUIRES	1/2			1				
4 P ALCORN	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
5 DE MARCH	1/2	○		1	●	1		
6 J PEARSTON	○	○	1	1	○	●		
7 A PROVOST	1/2			1			●	

Section 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 KJ KEADY	●						1/2	
2 F SPENCER		●					1/2	
3 CF BOYLE			●				1	
4 DG PARSONS				●				
5 A SWANN					●			
6 GE WALLWORK						●		
7 GA LITTLE	1/2	1/2	○				●	

Section 9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 HW STANLEY	●	○	○	○	○	1	○	
2 SP HUGHES	1	●		○		1/2		
3 J COPLEY	1		●	1/2	1/2	1		
4 GD PYRICH	1	1	1/2	○	1	1	1/2	5
5 PF MUNRO	1		1/2	○	○	1	○	
6 MA WETTON	○	1/2	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
7 N KILGARIFF	1			1/2	1	1	○	

Section 10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 K McKENZIE	●	1	1			1	1	1	
2 S ADAMS	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
3 S HILTON	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4 WV MACKIE		1	1	○	○		1	1	
5 J TIMPERLEY	1	1	1	○			1	1	
6 DA FENNELLY	○	1	1			○	1	1	
7 K McCLELLAND	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
8 EC DUCKWORTH	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b

Section 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 GVG LIVIE	●		1	1	1	1/2	1	
2 AK CROMBLEHOLME		●	1	○	1	○	1	
3 R BIRRELL	○	○	○	1/2	1		1	
4 MJ SAMMONS	○	1	1/2	○	1	1/2	1	4
5 M WELCH	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
6 C TRINDER	1/2	1		1/2	1	○	1	
7 WI CRAIG	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Section 4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 G KELLY	●	○	○	1/2	1	○		5 1/2
2 B MARTIN	1	●	1	1/2	1	1	1	3 1/2
3 EA BAILEY	1	○	○	1/2	1	1	○	4 1/2
4 GA LITTLE	1/2	1/2	1/2	○	1	1	1	4 1/2
5 W PRESTON		○	○	○	○	○	1	w/b
6 DH RAMSEY	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
7 D SALTER	1	○	1	○	1	1	○	4

Section 11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 C HAGGART	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
2 PF MUNRO	1	○	○	○	○		1	
3 J WATSON	1	1	○	1/2	1/2	○	1	4
4 A KILGARIFF	1	1	1/2	○	1/2		1	
5 D HARVEY	1	1	1/2	1/2	○	1/2	1	4 1/2
6 L STEPHENSON	1		1	1/2	○	1		
7 S HILTON	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

Section 12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 K MULLEN	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
2 IDC ALEXANDER	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
3 DA FENNELLY	1	1	○				1/2	
4 K GORDON	1	1		○	○	1	1	
5 CP BOTHAM	1	1		1	○		1	
6 TJ HOLMES	1	1		○	○	○	1	
7 J LUMSDEN	1	1	1/2	○	○	○	○	2 1/2

Section 5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 JD ACKERS	●				1/2	1	1/2		
2 PH TIBBERT		●			○				
3 J MERRIFIELD			●			1			
4 ZE SADOWSKI				●			1		
5 A HIND	1/2	1			○			○	
6 I MACKINTOSH	○		○			○			
7 GJ BALL	1/2			○			○	1/2	
8 M ROSS					1		1/2	○	

Section 6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1 D NEIL	●	1	1						
2 WR SHAW	○	○	1						w/b
3 DH RAMSEY	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		
4 WD TAYLOR			1	○			1		
5 G SNEEDON			1		○	○	○		
6 PH TIBBERT			1		1	○			
7 D ROBERTS			1	○	1		○		

Section 13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1 GR NIXON	●	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	5 1/2	
2 N CHARALAMBOUS	1/2	○	1	1	1	1	1	5 1/2	
3 D MACCOBY	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b	
4 K McCLELLAND	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b	
5 W McGLINCHEY	○	○	1	1	○				
6 J LAWTON	○	○	1	1		○			
7 CH BICKLEY	○	○	1	1			○		

Section 14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 RG WALKER	○	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	5
2 PG WILDIG	1/2	○	1	1/2			1	1
3 R WOODWIK	○	○	○	1/2			1	1
4 J LUMSDEN	1/2	1/2	1/2	○			1	1
5 M MacLEOD	○				○	1	1	
6 A HUNGERFORD	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
7 D MACCOBY	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b

Section 7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 T LALLY	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
2 N DOWN	1	○	1	1	1	1/2	1	5 1/2
3 WI CRAIG	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4 J WHITTAKER	1	○	1	○		○	1	
5 SP HUGHES	1	○	1		○	○		
6 GE WALLWORK	1	1/2	1	1	1	○	1	5 1/2
7 BN GOHIL	1	○	1	○		○	○	

Section 8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1 R MUSGRAVE	○	1		○	1	○	○	w/b
2 P MARTIN	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
3 P CASSAR		1	○		1/2	1/2		
4 RWM BAXTER	1	1		○	1			
5 R BURNS	○	1	1/2	○	○	○	○	1 1/2
6 N DOWN	1	1	1/2		1	○	1	
7 JG D'DONNELL	1	1			1	○	○	

Section 15	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 A DOCHERTY	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
2 V DILWORTH	1	○	1	1	1		1	1/2	
3 P ALCORN	1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	w/b
4 AW McLENNAN	1	○	1	○				○	
5 W CAMERON	1	○	1		○			○	
6 R WOODWIK	1		1			○	1	○	
7 MA KEADY	1	○	1	1		○	○	1	
8 T HALLIWELL	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	○	○	5 1/2

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HENK J MOSTERT - ICCF PRESIDENT



Henk Mostert was elected unanimously to the most prestigious position in Correspondence Chess at last year's ICCF Congress in Bloemendaal, in his own country of The Netherlands.

Correspondence chess players in Scotland will always be indebted to Henk for his constructive efforts at the ICCF Congress in London in 1981, whereby Scotland's players (after many years of unsuccessful application) were granted the right to represent their own country in international CC competitions.

It was with great pleasure that my wife Moira and I received Henk and Jopie Mostert as our guests in Scotland this Easter. I took the opportunity to ask him for his views on ICCF, both now and into the future, and to give us an example of his CC playing skills!.....

1. Congratulations from all Scottish correspondence and OTB chess players on your appointment to the prestigious position of President of the International Correspondence Chess Federation. Following such a distinguished and long-serving predecessor Herr von Massow must be a daunting task, but we would be most interested in your thoughts and ideas for the further development of ICCF and international correspondence chess in the years ahead.

Thank you very much for your congratulations and also for the support I have already had from the Scottish Federation and its players during the years I was ICCF General Secretary. It is not an empty phrase to say that it was a great pleasure to see how efficient and enthusiastic the officials of the SCCA could be in their co-operation in ICCF affairs.

You are quite right that it will be very difficult to be the successor of Mr. von Massow, who has dedicated the greater part of his life to correspondence chess and ICCF, and puts his personal mark on the building that is called ICCF. To realise that Erik Larsson, who worked for more than half a century for the development of ICCF, also retired at the same time as its Tournament Director, has made it doubly difficult. However, when we believe in the ideals ICCF has to offer, we have the duty to go forward. That means we had to bring up the baby IFSB (the original founding body) to an adult ICCF and now we must ensure that it fully matures.

Perhaps, in the beginning, correspondence chess might have been seen as an alternative for disabled and older people. Today, everybody knows that correspondence chess is a complete sport for all, with its own charms, its own difficulties and its own problems, but in any case worthwhile to work for and to compete in. If CC players communicate this to all their friends and contacts, it will contribute to the further development of national federations and thereby of ICCF.

2. Correspondence chess seems to be particularly popular in European countries and Scandinavia but worldwide ICCF has only half as many countries in membership as compared with FIDE. Would you like to see a much wider coverage of member countries and, if so, how do you feel this could be achieved?

Certainly I would like to see that each chess player is also a correspondence player and a member of their national federation, but I realise that not everybody can manage the practicalities of postal chess. It would be great to have about 150 national federations in membership (eg. as in FIDE), but it will not be realistic to believe that all those members would be active federations. As far as I know, FIDE has a number of suspended members and ICCF prefers not to be obliged to take such measures.

3. Several large countries seem to have an incredible number of active CC players competing internationally, eg. DDR, BRD, USA, USSR, and others with smaller populations like Denmark and Netherlands also do very well both numerically and in overall playing strength. Conversely, some large countries seem to be relatively inactive. Do you have any views/ideas as to why this should occur?

As far as I can see, the growth of a kind of sport depends on two things. You need to have some idealists, who wish to give it a start, and you need some success "in the field". If you can combine the abilities of the one with the successes of the other, then activity will grow, eg. I refer to the affinity for chess in my own country. When Professor Dr. Euwe became World Champion, all possible media of that time was used to promote chess and since then chess is not only known in the Netherlands, but it is also very popular. If you don't use possibilities to find openings to publicity - which can range from a simple message to a friend to a transmission on television - there is no reason to suppose that growth will simply come. Just as in the game of chess, you have to work very hard and as long as there are chess players all over the world who have not heard about correspondence chess, we have not done enough!

4. Inevitably, the ICCF team and individual events seem to be dominated by the larger nations and, of course, only a relatively small proportion of top players can participate. Do you see any ways to encourage more smaller countries into membership and participation in team events?

I don't agree with the statement in this question. It is true that in most ICCF team events for example the Soviet Union was on top. It has to be considered that they can select from a larger number of stronger over-the-board chess players than can other countries. However, I draw your attention to the fact that Australia, Belgium, Denmark and DDR also supplied individual World Champions for CC and that they are not particularly large countries! Having for instance a very successful player or team from a small country must encourage other countries also to join ICCF because the examples I have given clearly show that all have chances.

5. What problems exist with postal chess between continents and does ICCF have any ideas or plans to try to overcome them, eg. in ICCF tournaments, some games can take less than one year to complete whereas others in the same event can take up to five years?

The main problem is the time for postal transmission and that is not only between continents. Also, in some cases, it is easier and quicker to have postal inter-continental contacts than between countries in the same continent. My investigations so far have led to the certainty that actual postal difficulties are due to the internal mail services and, regretfully, ICCF has no single influence on the way officials in the various countries are working. We have also to consider that distances in some countries from the main post office to the "customer" mean something else than we in an overcrowded Western Europe can imagine!

Being aware about postal difficulties between continents, ICCF has also arranged individual and team championships within continents to avoid postal delays as much as possible. This should ensure that people in the several continents have the same chances to play and to have some reasonable continuity of play.

Finally, correspondence chess is not only to play the game but also to be in steady contact with a partner so that perhaps five years might be rather long but it also helps to continue those contacts.

6. Sponsorship has become a major feature of OTB chess during the last decade and it would seem inevitable that it will spread to correspondence chess in the future. Would ICCF welcome such developments and how would you envisage it being handled?

In the total area of sports, sponsors are becoming a major feature. In ICCF we are glad that our organisation has an amateur basis, i.e. for both players and officials. That means that reasonable money prizes are normal in correspondence chess tournaments but, on the other hand, we do not need the amounts that are going around for instance in tennis, golf, cycling, football, etc.

ICCF does not reject sponsorship at all - in our statutes, it is mentioned that there is a place for sponsors and it is known already that several correspondence tournaments have been supported by sponsors. However, we do not intend to accept a kind of sponsorship which basically only "sponsors the sponsor". Each kind of donation in this way will gladly be accepted, providing it is related to the ideals we practise, as required by our statutes. Besides, do you know a good one!?

7. The title of the International Correspondence Chess Federation is English but the principal language used is German, whereas the Fédération Internationale Des Echecs (FIDE) is French but the principal language used is English! Does ICCF intend to produce/re-issue publications in other main languages, eg. official minutes of meetings, rules, its handbook etc?

The name of a federation shows that it is not always indicative of the main language of that federation. You have to consider that ICCF was founded (in 1928) by five German organisers and a German name was given to the federation (Internationale Fernschach Bund). Some of those organisers were able to continue the work of that "Bund" after the interruption by the Second World War. However, you will understand that a German name would not have been appropriate at that time and therefore IFSB was changed to International Correspondence Chess Association and finally to International Correspondence Chess Federation. Office-bearers since 1946 have mostly been closer to the German language than to any other one so that it is logical that German became the principal language in practice. Moreover, Mr. von Massow, President since 1960, is German and does not speak or understand any other language, so.....

We are glad that since 1967 ICCF was happy to have participants in the meetings who were able to translate on a voluntary basis into English and sometimes French. Although we have five official languages in ICCF, it would be very impracticable to translate at all the meetings into those five languages, i.e. German, English, French, Russian and Spanish! On the other hand, it might be expected of officials from member countries to be at least a little bi-lingual. I am quite aware that as long as we don't use all five languages, we have to follow the most practical way - which will not satisfy everybody!

8. It has been suggested that an official ICCF magazine in English would be very much welcomed by many countries. Would you support such a development?

Because ICCF has five official languages, it would be ideal to produce all publications and information to its members in those five languages. We see it already as a step forward that for a long time in "Fernschach" all those kind of things have been published in German as well as in English.

An international federation has to unify and not divide. Special ICCF magazines in only one language would not support that ideal, but I would support any suggestion that makes it possible to have ONE MAGAZINE for ICCF or part of a magazine, just like in Fernschach, that could use all our languages. Don't forget that to realise this ideal, you have to think of not only the editorial part of the matter, but also the financial side. Mind you, the ICCF-Treasurer is Scottish!

9. Do you intend to promote any new ideas in ICCF circles which you feel will increase the appeal of international correspondence chess and its motto "Amici sumus" (We are friends)?

It would be a bad thing if an official of an organisation would not consider any new idea to promote the appeal of that federation. However, I do believe that it has not been done too badly before and reading the minutes of our meetings, it is easy to see that we are always looking for methods of modernising, eg. transferring to the rating system. Also, from personal experience, I know that we always try to find solutions in difficult situations which are in the spirit of our motto "Amici sumus".

10. When did you learn to play chess and what standard did you reach in postal and OTB chess? Do you still play CC actively, either internationally or in tournaments in your own country?

I learned to play chess in the period that Professor Dr. Euwe was involved in the matches for the World Championship (1935-7) and in my younger years some people thought I could become rather a strong player. Because at that time I was of the same idea, I played lots of OTB-tournaments until the years during the war and directly after made it impossible, and I discovered postal chess. For me, that was the great solution as I was able to play chess and to work and study for my business career. I played OTB chess then not so much, but achieved for team events, the first national league and one time I even won the Reserve 4-Section of the Hoogvoertournament. I have played in the Dutch CC Olympiad team and was a participant in the National Championship for CC. At that time, I became involved in national and international organisation and found that I hardly had time to play seriously - and that is still the situation. I do not play OTB chess at all, except with friends in Lightning games, to give them the pleasure to win! In CC I have no more than two games with the same opponent in two years, mostly as a follow-up of friendly team matches which our federation organises.

11. How did you become involved in the organisation of correspondence chess and what motivated you to become an ICCF official and now its President?

This I consider as the most difficult question you are putting forward. Whilst playing correspondence chess, I was asked to co-operate with the Committee for European tournaments to promote the idea of CC in my country. I accepted this in 1956 and, at the same time, became Tournament Secretary for the N-Class. I discovered the charm of working for CC and got involved further and further, was one of the founders of the Dutch Federation - with naturally a job on the Board - and found it more and more satisfactory to let players play instead of trying to beat them!

So I became an ICCF-Vice President in 1968, an Honorary Member in 1979, its General Secretary in 1984 and its President in 1988. For the last job, I had been asked a long time before and you can believe me that it took some months before I agreed to be a candidate.

My motivation can be explained by a combination of facts. You must have the feeling that you can handle the job, knowing that there are lots of very competent helpers. Personally, I have the feeling that there is no other sport in which the art of sport and the contact between people (we are friends!) can be combined so well.

Finally, I have the feeling that we all have some capacities to do something for other people and we have the duty to use those capabilities as well as we can. I came almost automatically to this job and I can only hope that you all will help me to fulfil my duties in this regard. My personal experiences in CC are of such a kind that I have no doubts about such support.

- 12 Which is the most enjoyable game of CC you have ever played - we would like to include it in our News Bulletin!

It is for me really a pleasure to tell that my experiences in postal games are all very pleasant and I do remember all my partners with great respect. All my games gave me complete enjoyment so that it is impossible to choose one of them as the most enjoyable. However, I will give you a game with which I am a little proud because it happened that this game - without my knowledge - was published all over the world (in Fernschach in January 1985). I hope you will find as much joy to play it as I had!

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Played in ICC World Cup
Tournament II

18 Re5 Ng7
19 Bf1 Bd6
20 Rg5 fxg3

White: W A Stilling (CH)
Black: H J Mostert (NL)

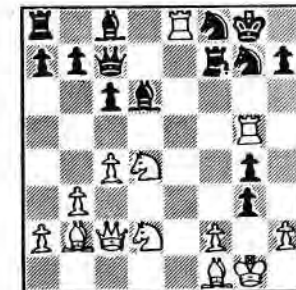
Black must play energetically as White threatens 21 c5 and 22 Bc4.

Dutch Defence (A90)

1 c4 f5
2 Nf3 e6
3 g3 Be7
4 Bg2 Nf6
5 0-0 0-0
6 b3 d5
7 Bb2 c6
8 d3 Qc7
9 Nbd2 Nbd7
10 Qc2 Nh5
11 e4 dxe4
12 dxe4 g5

21 Re8

If White retakes with either the h or f-pawn, then Black sacrifices his bishop on g3.



Black threatens to advance to g4 or f4 and to group his pieces behind his pawn advance.

13 Rfe1 Rf7

White threatened to capture on f5 with designs on the "loose" black bishop on e7.

21 gxf2+!
22 Kh1

If 22 Kg2 then Bxh2 threatens mate with Qg3

14 Re2

Perhaps better is 14 exf5 when if 14 ... exf5 15 Rxe7 Rxe7 16 Qxf5 N7f6 17 Qg5+ Rg7 18 Qh4; or 14 ... Rxf5 15 g4 Rxf3 16 Bxf3 Nf4.

22 Bxh2
23 Ne6 Bxe6

Not 23 ... Qg3 because 24 Rxg7! Rxg7 25 Rxf8+ mate.

24 Rxa8 Qg3

White resigns. If 25 Nf3 Qg1+! 26 Nxg1 fxg1 = Q mate or 25 Bg2 f1 = Q+ 26 Nxf1 Rxf1+! 27 Bxf1 Qg1+ mate.

14 g4
15 Nd4 Nf8
16 exf5 exf5
17 Rael f4

SCCA RATING LIST - 1/7/88

(by Graham Wood)

This list incorporates the results (notified to the Grading Officer) of games ending between 1/1/87 and 31/12/87 - the "rating period".

The calculations were made in accord with the workings of the new rating system (ie. the ICCF system) as outlined in SCCA Bulletin No. 25/26, December 1987.

A provisional rating (shown by *) is given to any player who has a total of less than 30 recorded results. A rating is not published in the list until a player has accumulated 8 or more results.

The ratings shown here are effective for all games beginning between 1/7/88 and 30/6/89.

There are 205 players in this list and there are 118 players in the files who have not yet recorded enough results in the last two years to appear in the list. Players who have no recorded results in the last three or more years are excluded from the list (there are 268 such players in the files!)

Incorporated Tournaments:

- SCCA Championship Final 1985-87 (some games only)
- SCCA Championship Final 1986-88 (some games only)
- SCCA Championship Candidates 1985-87 (some games only)
- SCCA Championship Candidates 1986-88 (some games only)
- SCCA Championship Premiers 1986-87
- SCCA Championship Majors 1986-87
- SCCA Quartets 1986-87
- SCCA League 1986-87
- SCCA Handicap 1986-87

ADAMS, S	1595 *	DAVIS, E	1870 *
AIRD, I	1780 *	DEMPSTER, D H	2155
ANDERSON, B	1610 *	DICKSON, R	1760
ANDERSON, D G	1725 *	DOHERTY, S D	1835 *
ANDERSON, G M	2075	DYER, M T	1975
ANDERSON, J	1880 *		
ANDERSON, K D	1725 *	FALCONER, J N	1460 *
ARGO, G M	1725	FERRY, P	1650 *
		FISHER, R T	1400 *
BAILEY, E A	1680 *		
BARLOW, A G	1375 *	GANNON, M	1275 *
BAXTER, R W M	2415	GARVOCK, J M	1385
BEACON, R	1895	GILLAM, S R	2170
BEECHAM, C R	2340	GILLESPIE, D L	1635
BEVERIDGE, C T W	1540	GIULIAN, P M	2320
BIRD, G H	1980	GIULIAN, Mrs R	1525 *
BIRD, M J	1410 *	GORDON, K	1760
BISLAND, J	1785	GRANT, A G	1830
BLENOWE, J G	1555	GRANT, B W	1570 *
BORWELL, A P	2045	GRAYSON, M C	1705 *
BRADY, S	1525 *	GREEN, M L	1420 *
BRANNAN, J	1625	GREEN, W	1115 *
BRYSON, D M	2610		
BURGESS, M R	2090 *	HALL, F	1365
BURNS, J	915 *	HAMILTON, G	1520
		HAMMETT, M A	1890 *
CAIRNEY, J S	1530 *	HANLEY, M	1475 *
CAMERON, C	1520 *	HARTFORD, Mrs E A	1695
CAMERON, W	1470 *	HARVEY, D	1780
CAMPBELL, I S	2050	HAWKES, J E	1795 *
CAMPBELL, J	1315 *	HERRIES, J M	1665
CAMPBELL, J J	1995 *	HILL, B R	1425 *
CAPSEY, S R	1530	HILTON, S H	1525
CARLIN, J	1670 *	HIND, A	1635 *
CHALMERS, B W	1580	HISLOP, A T	1985
CHALMERS, G G	1330 *	HOGG, A F	1960 *
CLARK, S L	1630		
COFFIELD, P	1780	INGLIS, R A	2005 *
COWLING, D G	1370 *	INNES, R M	1840
CRAIG, T J	2180		
CROCKETT, A	1855 *	JACK, J P E	1665
CUBIE, J P	1330 *	JACKSON, P J	1580
		JACKSON, R	1990
		JAMES, C R	1320

JENKINS, D M	2150	MANNION, S R	2235
JOHNSTON, T G	1975	MARKS, I A	1890
		MARSHALL, I H	1780
KEEMAN, B	1595 *	MARTIN, B J	2210
KILGOUR, D A	2310	MASON, T	1560 *
KILPATRICK, R	2015	MAXWELL, A	1495 *
KING-SPOONER, S	1595 *	MERRIFIELD, J	1655
		MILLAR, A	1500 *
LAWSON, D	1550 *	MILLIGAN, T P	1785 *
LEASK, Mrs M E	1440 *	MINNICAN, A	1420 *
LIVIE, A W	1280 *	MITCHELL, I W S	1560
LIVIE, D M	1880	MITCHELL, K A	1995 *
LIVIE, G W G	2010	MITCHELL, M	1500 *
LOUGHRAN, R	1235 *	MITCHELL, ROBERT	1900 *
LUMSDEN, A	1490	MITCHELL, ROSS	1065
LUMSDEN, J P L	1620	MITCHELL, S	1565 *
		MOIR, P J	1610 *
McADAM, D	1190 *	MOOHAN, M J	1760 *
McALPINE, K B	2565	MOORE, J D	1800 *
MacARTHUR, J M	1780	MORRISON, G	2360
McCLELLAND, A J	2000	MORRISON, T	1450
McGHEE, M E	1720	MORTON, G A	1970
McGHEE, Mrs M	1770 *	MURRAY, E H	1375 *
McGLINCHEY, W	1390	MURRAY, J S	1705
McGOWAN, A	2195		
McGOWAN, P	1750 *	NEIL, C	880 *
MacGREGOR, C A	1275 *	NEIL, D	1790 *
McINTYRE, J W	1680 *	NOBLE, J M	1945 *
MacKENZIE, K	1750 *	NOON, B S	1590 *
McKENZIE, L R	1680 *	NORRIS, A J	2510
McKERRACHER, D	1900		
McKINLAY, T	1500 *	O'BRIEN, J	1290 *
MACKINTOSH, I	1805	O'DONNELL, J G	1700
McLAY, J W	1890		
McLEAN, J	2230 *	PARK, F	1430 *
MacLEOD, M J	2005	PENMAN, A D	1755 *
McLURE, Miss A	1615 *	PETRIE, A C	1950
McMENEMY, J	1390	PLUMMER, M H	1565 *
McMENEMY, Mrs S	1315	PLUMMER, R	1475 *
McMILLAN, I	1365 *	PROUDLER, V A	1590
McMILLAN, W	1795 *	PYRICH, G D	1890
McMONIGLE, Miss A L	1470 *		
McMORRAN, T	1620	QUINN, D	1990
McROBERTS, D G	1495		
McROBERTS, J	1250 *		

REEMAN, I F	1995	TANKEL, A	1990
REID, D R	1980 *	TAYLOR, A	1310 *
ROSS, D I	1535 *	TAYLOR, J	1380
ROSS, J M	1520	TAYLOR, T A H	1460
ROSS, M	1830 *	THOMPSON, E	1880 *
ROUGH, R E	1730	THOMPSON, I	1790
RUSSELL, T	1900	THOMSON, A	1570 *
RYAN, J M T	1645 *	THOMSON, A J M	1470 *
		TOLLEMACHE, I	690 *
SADOWSKI, Z E	1800		
SAVAGE, D J	1770	WALKER, J M	1515
SEYFRIED, K	1760 *	WALLIS, G	1800 *
SHANKLAND, J	1630 *	WALLWORK, G E	1795 *
SHAW, A J	2130	WARD, J	1390 *
SLOAN, I	1390 *	WATSON, J	1655
SMITH, McD W	915 *	WATSON, J P	1475 *
SNEDDON, I	1205	WATSON, W P	2135
SPROTT, G R	2010	WEBSTER, J J	1400 *
STALLARD, J	1250 *	WICKENS, T S	2190
STEPHENSON, L	1790 *	WILSON, A	1435
STEVENSON, J A	1900 *	WILSON, A R	1635 *
STEWART, K W C	1755 *	WOOD, G	1895
SWANN, A	1850		
SWYSTUN, M A	1970	YIANNI, M	1805 *

SCCA TOP TWENTY - 1/7/88

Recognised Ratings	Provisional Ratings		
BRYSON, D M	2610	McLEAN, J	2230
McALPINE, K B	2565	BURGESS, M R	2090
NORRIS, A J	2510	INGLIS, R A	2005
BAXTER, R W M	2415	CAMPBELL, J J	1995
MORRISON, G	2360	MITCHELL, K A	1995
BEECHAM, C R	2340	REID, D R	1980
GIULIAN, P M	2320	HOGG, A F	1960
KILGOUR, D A	2310	NOBLE, J M	1945
MANNION, S R	2235	MITCHELL, ROBERT	1900
MARTIN, B J	2210	STEVENSON, J A	1900
McGOWAN, A	2195	HAMMETT, M A	1890
WICKENS, T S	2190	ANDERSON, J	1880
CRAIG, T J	2180	THOMPSON, E	1880
GILLAM, S.R.	2170	DAVIS, E	1870
DEMPSTER, D H	2155	CROCKETT, A	1855
JENKINS, D M	2150	DOHERTY, S D	1835
WATSON, W P	2135	ROSS, M	1830
SHAW, A J	2130	YIANNI, M	1805
ANDERSON, G M	2075	MOORE, J D	1800
CAMPBELL, I S	2050	WALLIS, G	1800

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Scottish CCA Players

BEECHAM, C R	2295	JENKINS, D M	2385 *
BORWELL, A P	2280	KILGOUR, D A	2395
BRYSON, D M (GM)	2565	MARTIN, B J	2290 *
CAMPBELL, I S	2330 *	MORRISON, G (½ IM)	2305
CRAIG, T J	2290	NORRIS, A J (½ IM)	2475
DAVIS, E	2150 *	NYE, Dr V A	2105 *
DEMPSTER, D H	2135	PYRICH, G D	2205
GILLAM, S R	2395	TANKEL, A	2160 *
GIULIAN, P M	2380	THOMPSON, I D	2120
GRANT, A	2130 *	WATSON, W P	2300 *
HARTFORD, Mrs E A	2000	WICKENS, T S (IM)	2455
HISLOP, A T	2175		

* these are not fixed ratings (ie. more than 20 games but less than 30)

World Top 30

1 PENROSE, Dr J	GBE	2715	17 METZ, W	BRD	2615
2 LAPIENIS, D P	SU	2710	MICHAILOW, A I	SU	2615
3 SANTOS, L M C P	P	2690	19 CHASIN, A I	SU	2605
4 SVENSON, U	S	2680	LANKA, Z	SU	2605
5 UMANSKY, M M	SU	2675	RITTNER, H R	DDR	2605
6 BANG, E B H	DK	2660	TIMMERMAN, G J	NL	2605
7 BOUWMEESTER, H	NL	2635	23 GEET, Dr D D VAN	NL	2600
8 SLOTH, J	DK	2630	GUDJEV, M	BG	2600
SUTTLES, D	CA	2630	25 GOLDENBERG, R	F	2595
WEBB, S	GBE	2630	HOLLIS, A S	GBE	2595
11 ANTON, V-M	DDR	2625	KRZYSZTON, J	PL	2595
GODES, D R	SU	2625	LECROQ, M	F	2595
POVAH, N E	GBE	2625	MANEN, Dr GM VAN	NL	2595
RABINOWICZ, N B	SU	2625	POULSEN, A	DK	2595
15 DEUEL, A E	SU	2620			
KOPILOW, I A	SU	2620			

Douglas Bryson at 2565 is amongst twelve players in equal 66th place in the ICCF list.



GAMES SECTION

Selected by Douglas Bryson



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Editor:

Peter Gibbs, the new BPCF President, refers to the game Watson-Rodger on page 36 in News Bulletin No. 27. He advises that the full game Nicholson-Povah is given on p189 of the 1978 Batsford book "Sicilian: Lasker-Pelikan"

How come there are any decisive results in postal play when each side has unlimited time to analyse? A recurring question from the uninitiated which I always answer by reference to the 10th match game Tal-Larsen, Candidates 1965. Tal played a Nd5 sac against the Sicilian - for the next three years, Shamkovitch and Nikitin pursued their analytical claims in Soviet chess literature, one claiming the move to be sound, the other unsound. Thus a long postal think of say 10 days cannot insulate you from errors in analysis.

However, the attraction of postal chess is the ability to avoid the howlers which curse your OTB play. But this improved quality will only prevail if you keep the number of games down to manageable figures. (I am not taking my own wise counsel at the moment with around 40 games!) Too many games and your strength is diluted.

In my introduction to the Games Column of Issue 27, I mentioned some of the dangers of trusting the opening books (another feature of having too many games). Richard Beecham mentions another book problem - the misprint.

White: C.R. Beecham
 Black: V.A. Nye

Ruy Lopez (C72)

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|----|------|------|
| 1 | e4 | e5 |
| 2 | Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 3 | Bb5 | a6 |
| 4 | Ba4 | d6 |
| 5 | 0-0 | Bd7 |
| 6 | d4 | b5 |
| 7 | Bb3 | Nxd4 |
| 8 | Nxd4 | exd4 |
| 9 | c3 | dx3 |
| 10 | Qh5 | |

At this point, I hoped Val would follow the main line from Vol. C (first edition) of E.C.O. page 235 line 13, which gives: 10 ... Qe7 11 Nxc3 Nf6 12 Qf3 Be6 13 Nd5 Bxd5 14 exd5 Qd7. Unclear quoting Mises-Schlecter, Hastings 1895! But White does not play 13 Nd5 but 13 e5! with a double attack winning a piece.

Instead, my game with Val continued

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| 10 | | g6 |
| 11 | Qd5 | Be6 |
| 12 | Qc6+ | Bd7 |
| 13 | Qxc3 | Qf6? |
| 14 | Qxc7 | |

And White won quickly.

But it was the proof-reader and not Schlecter who dropped a piece since the 12th move for Black is 12 ... Bc6 and not 12 ... Be6.



Now for another sharp game from regular contributor Tom Johnston of Ipswich from the Candidates 86-88.

White: T.G. Johnston
 Black: R. Kilpatrick

Caro Kann (B19)

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|---|------|-----|
| 1 | e4 | c6 |
| 2 | d4 | d5 |
| 3 | Nc3 | dx3 |
| 4 | Nxe4 | Bf5 |

The classical variation.

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|----|------|------|
| 5 | Ng3 | Bg6 |
| 6 | Nf3 | Nd7 |
| 7 | h4 | h6 |
| 8 | h5 | Bh7 |
| 9 | Bd3 | Bxd3 |
| 10 | Qxd3 | e6 |
| 11 | Bd2 | Qc7 |
| 12 | Qe2 | |

Retaining a degree of flexibility as opposed to the committal 12 c4.

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| 12 | | Ngf6 |
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13 0-0-0 c5!?

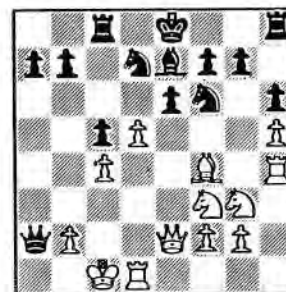
Probably the best move, certainly the most active. If 13 ... Bd6 14 Nf5 Bf4 15 Bxf4 (15 Nxf7+ is worth considering) 15 ... Qxf4+ 16 Ne3 with advantage.

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| 14 | Rh4 | Rc8 |
| 15 | Bf4 | Qa5 |
| 16 | d5 | Qxa2 |
| 17 | c4 | |

Alternatively 17 dx3 fxe6 18 Qb5 Be7 19 Bd6 (if 19 Qxb7 Nb6 gives Black counterchances) 19 ... Bxd6 20 Ra4 (20 Rxd6 a6!) 20 ... Bf4+ 21 Rxf4 a6 is unclear but probably better for Black.

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| 17 | | Be7 |
|----|-------|-----|

From here onwards, I feel every other move deserves "!" or "?" but I am not sure which!



18 d6!?

The book move is 18 Bd6 followed by Bxd6 19 dx3 0-0 20 Nf5 fxe6 21 Qxe6+ Kh8 with fairly equal chances.

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|----|-------|-----|
| 18 | | Bd8 |
| 19 | Nf5 | 0-0 |
| 20 | Nxh6+ | |

See note to Black's 17th.

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|----|-------|------|
| 20 | | gxh6 |
| 21 | Bxh6 | Rc6 |
| 22 | Bxf8 | Rb6 |

Time to take stock. Black is the exchange down but has strong threats down the b-file. Additionally, White's bishop hangs - is White busted?

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| 23 | Be7 | |
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In for a penny!

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| 23 | | Qa1+ |
| 24 | Kd2 | Rxb2+ |
| 25 | Ke1 | Rxe2+ |
| 26 | Kxe2 | Qa5 |

White has a pair of rooks for Q and N, but how to continue?

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| 27 | h6 | b5 |
| 28 | h7+ | Nxh7 |

29 Rg4+ Kh8
30 Rh1

If 30 Ng5 Nxc6 31 Rxc6 Qa2+
32 Ke3 Qb3+ 33 Rd3 Qxc4
34 Bxd8 Qc1+ 35 Ke2 Qc2+
36 Rd2 Qe4+ better for
Black?

30 Qa2+
31 Nd2 Ba5
32 Rxh7+!

Ensuring a draw.

32 Kxh7
33 Rh4+ Kg8
34 Rg4+ Kh7
35 Rh4+
½ ½

Not 35 ... Kg6 36 Rg4+
Kf5?? 37 Rg5+ Kf4 38 g3
MATE.

In the postmortem, Robert
said that 23 Be7 was
stronger than he had
anticipated and that 30 Ng5
may indeed have been
winning. I will be
interested to hear if
anyone can prove a win
here.

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for many more games,
preferably annotated. So,
come on members, surely you
can send him at least one
worth publishing!!

David Salter from Ilkley,
West Yorkshire, sends the
following game from the
SCCA Open. He maintains
that the decisive feature
of the game was the
activities and earlier
inactivity of the Black
queen's knight!

White: D. Salter
Black: G. Kelly

Reti (A13)

1 g3 d5
2 d4 Nf6
3 Bg2 c5
4 c4

A position akin to the QGD
Tarrasch but Black does not
allow the pawns to remain
in the centre when
transposition to known
"book" lines could occur.

4 cxd4
5 Nf3 e6

Trying to hold the d4 pawn
or exchange the d5 pawn
would allow White to
further his development and
regain the material with
advantage.

6 0-0 b6
7 cxd5 Nxd5
8 Nxd4 Bb7
9 Nd2 Bc5
10 N2f3 0-0

11 Bg5 Qd7
12 Rc1 f6

Not 12 ... Nc6 13 Nxc6 Bxc6
14 Ne5 Qd6 15 Nxc6 Qxc6
16 b4 when B and N are
pinned to the queen.

13 Bd2 Bxd4
14 Nxd4 e5
15 Nb3 a5

Trying to chase the N out
of the game but neglecting
his own QN's development.

16 e4 Nc7

Continuing with 16 ... a4
allows 17 exd5 axb3 18 Qxb3
when White benefits from
his d-pawn and such moves
as Bh3 or Bb4 at the
appropriate moment.

17 Be3 Ne6

Losing a pawn and still not
completing development. A
queen exchange would have
given White strong rooks
and bishops.

18 Bxb6 Qe7

Freeing the QN from
defending the queen but
losing another pawn.

19 Bxa5 Nc6
20 Qd2 Ned4

21 Nxd4 Nxd4

Rather better was 21...exd4
22 Rxc6 Bxc6 23 Bb4 or
22 Rxc6 Rxa5 23 Qxa5 Bxc6
when Black has a passed P.

22 Rc7 Qd8

(If 22 ... Qd6 23 Rxb7 Qa6
24 Qb4 Qxa5 25 Qe7+ - Ed.)

Allowing a tactical blow,
but the piece was lost.

23 Rxc7+ Kxc7
24 Bxd8 Rfxd8
25 Qd1

Played to avoid 25 ... Nf3+
and to gain the d1-h5
diagonal.

25 Ba6

Hoping for 26 Re1 Ne2+
regaining much material.

26 Qg4+

Expecting the line 26...Kh8
27 Re1 (not Rd1 Be2 nor Rc1
Ne2+) 27 ... Nc2, but my
opponent decided to resign.
The ending boils down to Q
+ 3 extra pawns, two of
which are connected and
unopposed, versus R, N and
exposed king!

Emigré Simon Gillam completes the treble of games by non-home Scots!

White: A. Har-Even (Israel)
Black: S.R. Gillam (Scotland)

Closed Sicilian
(by transposition) (B25)

1	e4	g6
2	g3	Bg7
3	Bg2	d6
4	f4	c5
5	d3	Nc6
6	Nf3	e5
7	0-0	Nge7

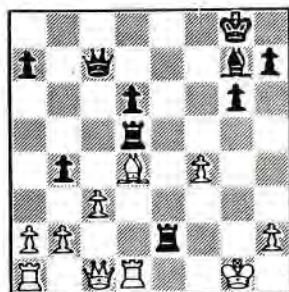
By an unusual move order, the players have almost reached a standard position in the Closed Sicilian. Now 7 Nc3 0-0 8 Be3 would have taken the game down well-trodden paths.

8	c3	0-0
9	Nbd2	Rb8
10	Nh4	exf4
11	gxf4	f5
12	Ndf3	b5
13	Qb3+	c4
14	dxcc4	Be6
15	Qc2	Bxc4
16	Rd1	Qc7
17	exf5	Nxf5
18	Nxf5	Rxf5
19	Be3	Re8
20	Qd2	b4!
21	Nd4	Nxd4
22	Bxd4	Re2!
23	Qc1	Bd5!

24 Bxd5+

One line to analyse was 24 Bf1 Qe7! 25 Bxe2 Qxe2 26 Qd2 Qg4+ 27 Kf1 Rxf4+ with a winning attack.

24 Rxd5



25 Bxg7? Qd7!

Checkmate by 26 ... Qg4+ is inevitable, so White resigned.

White could have put up a longer resistance by 25 Rd2 Bxd4+ 26 Rxd4 Qd7! 27 f5 (if 27 Qf1 Qg4+ 28 Kh1 Rh5) 27 ... Qxf5 28 Qf4, but then the rook and pawn ending would have been hopeless after 28 ... Rxd4 29 Qxf5 gxf5 30 cxd4 Rxb2.

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Ancient variations of the 1 e4 e5 openings are much more popular in postal play than OTB. Any innovations from your homework notebooks are potential big point scorers. Here, Mike Moohan (outgraded OTB by 300 Elo points) "TNS" Ian Marks into an early submission.

SCCA Candidates 1987-89

White: Ian Marks
Black: Mike Moohan

Four Knights - Rubinstein
Variation (C48)

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	Bb5	Nd4
5	Ba4	

5 Nxd4 exd4 6 e5 dxc3 7 exf6 etc leads to a completely level position.

5	.....	Bc5
6	Nxe5	0-0
7	Nd3	Bb6
8	Nf4	d5
9	d3	

Grabbing the extra pawn has proved to be disastrous for White, eg. 9 Nfxd5 Nxd5 10 Nxd5 Qh4! 11 0-0 Bg4 12 Qe1 Nf3+! with mate to follow.

9 Bg4

9 ... c6 is also playable here but the text move leads to sharper tactical positions where Black's lead in development can be decisive.

10 f3 Nh5

I didn't expect Ian to accept the sacrifice: 11 fxg4 Qh4+ 12 g3 Nxc3 13 Ng2 Qf6 14 hxg3 Nf3+ and drawn.

11	Nxh5	Bxh5
12	Nxd5	f5!



Making the most of Black's lead in development and an improvement on the usual 12 ... c6(!) 13 Nxb6 axb6 14 Bb3 Nxb3 15 cxb3 Qh4+ etc which leaves Black two pawns down with an attack that doesn't look too convincing - especially against a stronger player.

13 Nxb6 fxe4!

(Can White walk into the discovered check with 13 0-0? - Ed.)

14 dxe4

With any other move White is in serious trouble after 14 ... exf3.

14 Nxf3+
15 gxf3 Qh4+
16 Kd2 Rad8+!

16 ... axb6 gives White a tempo to defend f3 - eg. 17 Bb3+ Kh8 18 Rf1! Rad8+ 19 Bd5 c6 20 c4 cxd5 21 cxd5 Rxd5+ 22 exd5 Qd4+ 23 Ke1 Re8+ 24 Qe2 Rxe2+ 25 Kxe2, and White is clearly better.

17 Nd5 Rxf3
18 Qg1 Qf4+
19 Ke1 Qxe4+
20 Be3

20 Ne3 allows the neat finale 20 ... Rd1+ 21 Kxd1 Rxe3 dis ch followed by mate.

20 Rxd5
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Dave Gillespie tells me he has been on the losing side of all his games published in News Bulletin. He promised to send a win to balance this up. Unfortunately, the latest outpourings from Chris Donkin's poisoned pen in the Wandering Dragons' Newsletter (a sort of down-market "Sun"), contain the following game.

"As the number of exiles grows and grows, it becomes more and more obvious that many of the new members are not acquainted with some of the legendary characters whose exploits appear in these pages. They don't come any more legendary than the one and only Reverend Steve Gowland.

He was given the title "Reverend" because of the way he used to preach at his opponents after he had defeated them! No longer a regular OTB player, the Holy One has become a feared postal opponent and in fact has not lost any of the 17 games he has so far completed. His most recent success was against David Gillespie of Crowood who, although rated 1765 OTB, was only able to last 13 moves against the Rev."

White: Steve Gowland
Black: David Gillespie

Caro-Kann (B10)

1 e4 c6
2 c4 d5
3 exd5 cxd5
4 cxd5 Nf6
5 Bb5+ Nbd7
6 Nc3 a6

An alternative is 6 ... g6 when I was hoping to be allowed to follow Smagin v Yyzmanavin 1984 which continued 6 ... g6 7 d4 Bg7 8 d6 exd6 9 Qe2+ Qe7 10 Bf4 Qxe2+ 11 Bxe2! Ke7 12 Bf3! with a good game for White.

7 Be2!?

(Theoretical Novelty)

As far as I know this is a new move though Smagin must be given some indirect credit. A recent try was 7 Qa4 Rb8 8 Be2 b5 9 Qd4 which is given as unclear but I prefer Black's chances.

7 Nb6

7 ... b5 is dodgy - for example 8 Bf3 Nb6 9 Qb3 Bb7 10 a4 with advantage to White.

8 Nf3!

8 Bf3 prevents the king knight reaching an active square on e4 but there is no rush as Black's weaknesses will not go away easily.

8 Nbxd5

Taking with the other knight to maintain a guard against a future Qa4 is less thematic and may allow White to play a4-a5 at some stage.

9 0-0!

By ignoring the d5 pawn, White has gained a useful lead in development, with intentions of Ne5, d4, Bf3, Qb3 or Qa4, etc, etc.

9 g6?!

Thematic - but I don't think Black has time for this. However, finding a better move is not easy. Perhaps Bg4 is playable. (9 ... e6 is fine - Ed.)

10 Ne5 Be6

Other alternatives also give White an advantage 10 ... Bg7 11 Qa4+ Nd7 12 Nxd5 Bxe5 13 d4; or 10 ... Qa5 11 d4 Nxc3

11 Qa4+ b5?

A miscalculation - better was 11 ... Nd7 12 Nxd7 Bxd7 13 Qb3 with advantage to White.

12 Nxb5 axb5??

Better though still bad was 12 ... Bd7 13 Nxd7 Qxd7 14 Re1! e6 15 d4; or 12 ... Nd7 13 Nd4 Nb6 14 Nxe6 Nxa4 15 Nxd8 Nxe5 16 d4 etc.

13 Bxb5+ Resigns

If 13 ... Nd7 14 Nxd7 Rxa4 15 Nf6 mate; or 13 ... Nd7 14 Nxd7 Bxd7 15 Bxd7+ Qxd7 16 Qxa8+ etc, etc.

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THE LONG ROAD TO THE WORLD C.C. SEMI-FINALS

(by David H. Dempster)

In my experience, success in an ICCF Master Class Section demands a combination of determination, patience and luck.

Play in WT/M/GT/164 began on 1/8/84. January 1985 brought my first win, against Carvalho (2100) of Brazil - a 16-move Queen trap published in an earlier News Bulletin.

Regular competitors in the International correspondence chess arena may recognise the well-known name of Dr. Walter Wittman of Austria. From results sheets, he appears to play a colossal number of games simultaneously. Here he was forced to resign, in February 1985, after an unsound piece sacrifice on move 18 :

White: D.H. Dempster
Black: Dr. W. Wittman (2125)
(Austria)

French Tarrasch (C09)

1 e4 e6
2 d4 d5
3 Nbd2 c5
4 exd5 Qxd5

5 Ngf3 cxd4
6 Bc4 Qd6
7 0-0 Nf6
8 Nb3 Nc6
9 Nbx4 Nxd4
10 Nxd4 Bd7
11 b3 0-0-0
12 Bb2 Qf4
13 Qe2 Bd6
14 g3 Qg4
15 Rfe1 h5
16 Rad1 h4
17 Qxg4 Nxc4
18 Be2 Nxb2??
19 Kxh2 hxg3+
20 Kg1 gxf2+
21 Kxf2 Rh2+
22 Kg1 Rdh8
23 Nf3 Bc5+
24 Bd4 Bxd4+
25 Rxd4

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In March 1985, Weijman of Holland capitulated after an 18-move King's Gambit Accepted. The game was published in News Bulletin No. 21/22.

The next game was played in record time - Fritz Oppenrieder took only 20 days for the 40 moves, while I took 23 days!

After 11 months' play, therefore, I had 4 out of 4.

White: D.H. Dempster
 Black: F. Oppenrieder (2320)
 (East Germany)

Pirc Defence (B08)

1	e4	d6
2	d4	Nf6
3	Nc3	g6
4	Nf3	Bg7
5	Be2	0-0
6	0-0	Bg4
7	Be3	Nc6
8	Qd2	e5
9	dxe5	dxe5
10	Rad1	Qc8
11	Qc1	Rd8
12	Rxd8+	Qxd8
13	Rd1	Qf8
14	h3	Bxf3
15	Bxf3	a6?
16	Nb1	Rd8
17	Rxd8	Qxd8
18	c3	Qd3
19	Nd2	Bf8
20	Qb1	

All so far as in Petrosian-Sax, Tallish 1979. In his annotation in Informator, Petrosian gave 15 ... a6? as an error. B.C.O. suggests 15 ... h5!? intending ... Kh7 and ... Bh6.

20 ... Qd7

Petrosian-Sax continued
 20 ... Qb5 21 Qc2 Nd8 22 Qb3 Qd3?! (22 ... Qxb3 23 Nxb3 b6 ±) 23 Qc4 with clear advantage to White.

21	Be2	Ne8
22	b4	Nd8
23	Nc4	f6
24	Bg4	Qf7
25	Qd3	

I like this sort of position a lot - moves for White are easy to find. My slight but persistent edge is converted gradually to a winning plus.

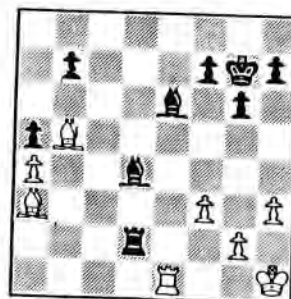
25	.....	Bd6
26	Nxd6	cxtd6
27	Bb6	Ne6
28	Qd5	Nf4
29	Qxf7+	Kxf7
30	Bc8	

The two bishops sweep the board.

30	.....	d5
31	Bxb7	Ke6
32	Bxa6	Nd6
33	a4	Nxe4
34	a5!	Nxc3
35	Bc8+	Kd6
36	a6	Nb5
37	a7	Nxa7
38	Bxa7	d4
39	Ba6	d3
40	Be3	
	1	0

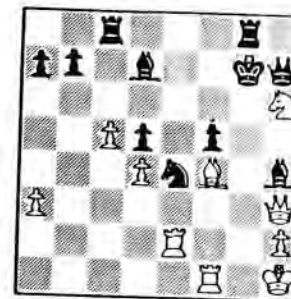
In September 1985 came a win against Helmut Leserer (2305) of West Germany. The game was given in News Bulletin No. 20.

Next a piece of luck in November 1985. In the following position, my opponent Johan Rau (2170) of East Germany as Black has an extra pawn, a strong rook and Q-side passed pawn potential:



So, I am reduced to looking for cheap tricks ...
 30 Re4 and Black obliges with 30 ... g5?? 31 Rxd4 1-0.

In December 1985 came the first of my two losses. I play very quickly by most standards but struggled for 6 days (a long time in my book) before going wrong in the following extremely complicated position against Ullrich Skorna (2285) of East Germany.



33 Bf2?

33 ... Bg5! is correct and should keep Black alive. White finishes off in fine style.

34	Rxf2	Nxf2+
35	Rxf2	Rc6
36	Rg2+	Rg6
37	Nxf5+	Bxf5
38	Be5+	Kf8
39	Qxh7	Be4

(39 ... Rxc2 40 Bd6+ Ke8 41 Qe7 mate).

40	Bd6+	
	1	0

One of the benefits of international correspondence chess is that global friendships can be built up. I enjoyed exchanging news with Rex Blalock of Florida, USA.

It came as a shock when early in 1986 he committed that cardinal postal chess sin of "silent withdrawal". I am certain however that the withdrawal had something to do with the fact that Rex's wife had given birth to twins only a few months earlier! As I was two pawns ahead in a won position, I was disappointed all the same that all players in the section gained a full point from my American friend.

My score went to 8 out of 9 in May 1986, as follows:

White: D.H. Dempster
Black: Cenek Teichmann (2375)
(Czechoslovakia)

Vienna Opening (C29)

1 e4 e5
2 Nc3 Nf6
3 g3

Smyslov's quiet line which can easily overtake an unsuspecting second player.

3 d5
4 exd5 Nxd5
5 Bg2 Nxc3
6 bxc6 Bd6
7 Nf3 0-0
8 0-0 Nd7
9 Rb1 c6
10 d4 exd4
11 cxd4 Qa5

In the same competition, Maurizio Sampieri (2115) of Italy continued against me with 11 ... Nf6 12 Ne5 Qc7 13 Nc4 Re8 14 Nxd6 Qxd6 15 c4 b6 16 Bf4 Qd7 17 d5? (premature - better 17 Qa4!) cxd5 18 Bxd5 Nxd5 19 Qxd5 Qxd5 20 cxd5. After a hard tussle, I won the rook and opposite coloured bishops ending in 54 moves.

12 c4 Nf6
13 Re1 Qxa2

Black needed courage for this. The next 8 moves centre around my attempts to trap the queen.

14 Qd3 Be6
15 Nd2 Rab8
16 c5 Bc7

16 ... Be7? would lose - the bishop is needed to rescue the queen.

17 Bb2 Ba5
18 Qc2 Bxd2

Otherwise 19 Ra1, winning the queen.

19 Qxd2 Bf5
20 Ra1 Qb3
21 Re3 Qc2
22 Qxc2 Bxc2
23 Rxa7 b6
24 Re2 Bd3
25 Rd2 Be4
26 Bxe4 Nxe4

27 Re2 bxc5!
28 Rxe4 Rxb2
29 dxc5 Rb5
30 Re5 Rfc8?

49 g5 Rc5+
50 Kg4 Rc6
51 g6!
1 0

R5b8 was essential and if then 31 R5e7 Rb5 etc =.

31 Rc7! Rbb8

Obviously if 31 ... Rxc7??
32 Re8 mate.

32 R5e7 Rxc7
33 Rxc7 Kf8
34 Rxc6

The rest is a matter of technique.

34 Ke7
35 Rc7+ Ke6
36 Kg2 Rb3
37 g4! h6
38 h4 Rc3
39 h5! Kf6
40 f3 Ke6
41 Kg3 Rc4
42 c6 Rd4
43 Rc8 Rc4
44 c7 Kf6

44 ... Kd7? 45 Rf8 wins
(45 ... Ke7 46 c8 = Q)

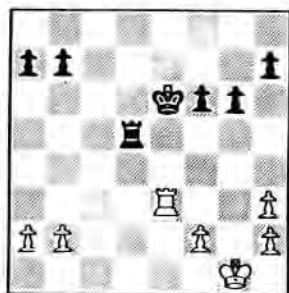
45 f4 Rc1
46 Kf3 Ke7
47 Ke4 Re1+
48 Kf5 Rc1

The final conditional offer was: if 51 ... fxg6 52 Rg8 gxh5+ 53 Kxh5 Rc5+ 54 Kg6 Rc6+ 55 Kh7 Rxc7 56 Rxg7+ and White wins.

In June 1986 I lost a bishop and pawn ending in 58 moves to Volker Martin of East Germany who played very well but surprisingly could manage only 3 points from his other 13 games. The following month my win against Sampieri of Italy took my score to 9 out of 11.

As often happens, the Russians and East Europeans are last to finish. After two years' play, I was left with games against the two Russians involved and my arch rival, Peter Marczell (2350) of Czechoslovakia. Marczell's score at this point was an unbelievable 9% out of 10!

I had to beat Marczell to have any chance of winning the section. Our struggle was tense and closely fought. After 36 Re3+, the following position was reached.



As Black, I felt that I had excellent winning chances. White's K-side pawn weaknesses are incurable and my King had already been centralised. However, I carelessly replied 36 ... Kf5? allowing the white rook to seventh rank and probably extending the game by at least six months!

37	Re7	Rb5
38	b3	h5
39	h4	Rb6
40	Kg2	Kf4
41	h3	a5
42	Rg7	Kf5
43	Kg3	Rb5
44	Rd7	b6
45	Rb7	Ke4
46	Rf7	Rf5

After many hours, I came to the conclusion that the **only** winning plan for Black was as follows: (1) advance b-pawn to b4, fixing the pawn on a2,

(2) paradoxically, to allow king movement, play ... g5, allowing White to undouble his pawns, (3) advance the king to d1 and, finally, (4) bring out the rook to d2 to win the a2 pawn with gain of tempo.

47	Rd7	b5
48	Rd6	b4
49	Kg2	Ke5
50	Rd8	Ke4
51	Rd6	g5
52	hxg5	fxg5
53	Rh6	h4
54	Rc6	

The white rook must guard the c-file to prevent the black king from attacking a2. This leaves the way clear for the black rook to penetrate via d2 without having to protect the black pawns.

54	.....	Kd3
55	Rc8	Ke2
56	Re8+	Kd1
57	Rc8	Rd5
58	Kf3	Rd2
59	Kg4	Rxa2
60	Kxg5	Ra3
61	Kxh4	

I expected 61 Rc5 Rxb3 62 Rxa5 Rxh3 63 Kg4 Ra3 64 Rd5+ Ke2 65 Kxh4 Rf3! and White is powerless.

61	.....	Rxb3
62	f4	Rc3
63	Rb8	b3
64	f5	Kc2
	0	1

After three years of play then, I had 10 out of 12. Marzell reached the same score some months later when he "dropped" a half point. As I had won our encounter, I could look forward with confidence to any tie-break. In the event, I won my last two games to finish on 12 out of 14.

A draw seemed likely with Black against K.V. Stepanov (2280) of the Soviet Union until my unexpected 28th move.



28	b5!!
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Suddenly the tables are turned.

29	Na3	
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If 29 Qxb5+, then of course 29 ... Qxb5 30 Rxb5+ Ka8 and Black wins.

29	b4!
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The protected b-pawn guarantees the win.

30	Rc5!?	
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An ingenious, albeit fruitless, attempt to complicate and confuse.

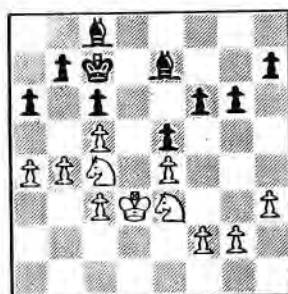
30	Bxc5
31	dx5	Qd5

31 ... Rxc5?? 32 Qxb4+ Ka8 33 Qb7+ Qxb7 34 axb7+ Kb8 35 bxc8 = Q+ Kxc8 and White wins.

32	Qxb4+	Ka8
33	c6	Qxc6
34	Nb5	Rd7
35	Nd4	Qxa6

	0	1
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The power of the two bishops is sometimes over-emphasised. My win over D.A. Galantsen of the Soviet Union demonstrates the superiority of two knights over two bishops in a closed position:



37 h4 h5?

Black should play a waiting move, eg ... Be6, rather than weaken his pawn structure.

38 f3 Be6
39 g4 hxg4
40 fxg4 Bf7

Preventing 41 h5 but now a knight heads for g3 to force h5.

41 Nf1 f5

Black tries to open up the position for his bishops - he must do something to stop the h-pawn threat.

42 Nxe5 fxe4+
43 Ke3!

Much better than 43 Kxe4? Bd5+ and Black is back in contention.

43 Be8
44 g5!

The bishops are now entombed. White can claim the g-pawn by bringing up the f-knight at his leisure.

44 b6
45 Kd4

45 cxb6? simply gives the bishops room to breathe - after 45 ... Kxb6, ... c5 will follow; the text move maintains the c5 stranglehold.

45 bxc5+
46 bxc5 Bf8
47 Ne3 Kd8
48 Ng2 Be7
49 Nf4 e3
50 Ne6+

An important zwischenzug.

50 Kc8
51 Kxe3 Bd7
52 Nxc6! Bxc6
53 Nxe7+ Kd7
54 Ng6
1 0

I must have the patience now to wait for November 1989 when the next cycle of World Championship Semi-Finals is due to commence. After all, I might be World Champion by the year 2005!

EUROPEAN TOWN TEAM TOURNEY

(by Philip Giulian)

This tournament, run by Poland, is for teams of four from the same town or city. Seven other countries were invited to enter a team, the only condition being that the top board had to be a correspondence grandmaster or international master. Initially, Britain's invitation went to England, but they decided not to participate and so it was passed to Scotland. Douglas Bryson is Scotland's only titled player, and so it had to be Glasgow which took up the place. Douglas was appointed team captain and his competitive spirit ensured a team of Olympiad strength:-

1. Douglas Bryson
2. Ken McAlpine
3. Andrew Muir
4. Philip Giulian.

As the tournament unfolds, it is clear that Douglas has played like the strong grandmaster that he is. Taking him on in highly theoretical lines can be very dangerous as Koc (Poland) found out. Notes are based on those by Douglas.

White: D. Bryson
Black: D.W. Koc

Of course, 5 ... Bxc3+ is still very playable.

French Defence (C17)

	6	b4	cxd4
	7	Qg4	Ne7
	8	bxa5	dxc3
1	e4	e6	
2	d4	d5	
3	Nc3	Bb4	
4	e5	c5	
5	a3	Ba5	
	9	Qxg7	Rg8
	10	Qxh7	Nbc6
	11	Nf3	

This has become very popular since Vaganian (USSR) started playing it.

More common is f4 to "overprotect" the pawn on e5.

11 Qc7

Also possible is 11 ... Qxa5. Short-Lputjan (Erevan 1984) continued 12 Ng5 Rf8 13 f4 Bd7 14 h4 Qa4?! 15 Bd3 with advantage to White.

12 Bf4

Fischer(!) suggests 12 Bb5 Bd7 13 0-0 Nxe5 14 Nxe5 Qxe5 15 Bxd7+ Kxd7 16 Qd3 with advantage to White, but d4!? is very unclear.

12 Bd7
13 a6 b6

Why not 13 ... 0-0-0 when 14 axb7+ Kb8 15 Bb5 Nf5 16 g3 Nce7 gave Black the advantage in Schmid - Duckstein? After 13 ... b6 Douglas assesses the position as better for White.

Ken McAlpine has also played well and if he can convert some of his advantageous positions, he will have a good chance of his second IM norm. His excellent win against Schutt (W. Germany) was published in the last News Bulletin.

Andrew Muir has kept up the high level of the team performance but his unfortunate loss against Denmark looks as if it will deprive him of his IM norm.

In contrast to the others, I have had a disastrous tournament. In my article on the Alekin-Chatard Gambit in the last News Bulletin, I showed how an opening novelty caused my quick demise against Hungary. The following game is perhaps worse because it is my prepared novelty which is quickly refuted.

14 Bd3 0-0-0
15 Bg3 Rdf8
16 0-0 Ng6
17 Rfe1 Na5
18 h4 Qc5
19 Qh6 Nc4
20 h5 Ne7
21 Qf4! Nb2

Douglas was expecting 21 ... Rh8 22 Ng5 with the idea of Nh7.

22 Bb4 Kb8
23 Bf6 Nxd3
24 cxd3 Bb5??
25 Qd4! Resigns

Chess is 99% tactics! White wins a piece. If 25 ... Qc7 26 Qb4, or if 25 ... Nc6 26 Qxc5 bxc5 27 Rab1.

White: P. Giulian
Black: V. Schwarz (W Germany)

Grünfeld Defence (D70)

1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 g6
3 f3 d5
4 cxd5 Nxd5
5 e4 Nb6
6 Nc3 Bg7
7 Be3 0-0
8 f4 Nc6
9 d5 Na5

The retreat Nb8 also equalises. For example 10 a4 c6 11 a5 N6d7 12 Nf3 Nf6 13 dxc6 Qxd1 14 Rxd1 Nxc6.

10 Bd4 Bg4?!

Better is 10 ... e5 11 Bxe5 Bxe5 12 fxe5 Qh4+ 13 g3 Qe7 with equality.

11 Qd3 e5
12 fxe5 Nac4
13 Qg3 h5!?
14 b3??

Better is 14 Nf3 Qe7 15 Bxc4 Nxc4 16 0-0 with slight advantage to White.

So far in the tournament, Glasgow are in the lead but this is partly due to the fact that we have finished more games than the others. However, we must have a good chance of winning the event.

Scores so far:

Glasgow	15½/24
D. Bryson	6/8
K. McAlpine	3/5
A. Muir	4/6
P. Giulian	2½/5

However, I thought I could do much better and expected something like 14 b3 Na5 15 h3 Bd7 16 Nf3, with a tremendous position. However

14 c5!!
15 Bxc5 Bxe5
16 Qd3 Qf6
17 Rc1 Rfc8!
18 bxc4

Otherwise the pressure on c3 is overwhelming.

18 Rxc5
19 Nb1 Rxc4!!
20 Rxc4 Nxc4
21 Nf3

If 21 Qxc4 Rc8 wins.

21 Rc8
22 Nxe5 Qxe5
23 Be2 Nb2
24 Qe3 Bxe2
25 Kxe2 Nc4
Resigns

My position is hopeless. For example if 26 Qd3 Qb2+ 27 Kf3 Ne5+.

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

(by Philip Giulian)

Pride of place in this issue must go to David Dempster for his superb result in winning his World Master Class Section. What makes his performance even more commendable is the fact that this was his first attempt, and yet he made the excellent score of 12/14. We wish him luck in his forthcoming World Semi-Final.

Scotland's international against England (NCCC) has finished in a 20-16 victory for Scotland. I realise that this was a friendly match, but any victory over the "auld enemy" is most welcome. So, well done the Scottish players! Our match with Poland ended with an unfortunately large number of adjudications, but these have been agreed and the result is a 27-23 victory for Poland.

In the Men's Olympiad, Douglas Bryson and I have drawn with Black against Norway. Douglas' game was very uneventful, but I was rather disappointed after having built up what I thought was a definite advantage.

Scotland continues to do well in the Ladies' Olympiad. Mary Inglis has scored two fine wins and now has the excellent score of 3½/5 on top board. Morag McGhee has finished her first game by winning against Switzerland. This gives Scotland an excellent score so far of 7/11.

Our friendly internationals against Australia and the USA are now both underway, and in both matches the opposition have strong teams. This is particularly true of the USA, who have selected probably the strongest team Scotland has ever faced. Their Board 1 has a rating of 2590, while on Board 2 is Danny Kopec who will be familiar to many Scottish players. Their Board 11 is 2200! I'm sure we will rise to the challenge!

I have finished another game in my World Semi-Final by beating Decsi (Hungary). So far I have scored 7½/10. However, my four remaining games are against strong Russians and so I am not optimistic of my chances of qualifying.

Results:

Men's Olympiad

Bd 1 Bryson ½ v Norway Bd 5 Giulian ½ v Norway

Ladies' Olympiad

Bd 1 Inglis 1 v Switzerland Bd 3 McLure ½ v W. Germany
Bd 1 Inglis 1 v Austria Bd 4 McGhee 1 v Switzerland

European Team Championship

Bd 11 Seyfried 0 v USSR Scotland (0) v Italy (5)
Bd 5 I.A. Marks 0

Scotland (20) v NCCC (England) (16)

Bd 2 M.A. Swystun 1 1 Bd 11 Mrs E.A. Hartford 1 1

Scotland (23) v Poland (27)

Bd 1 A.P. Borwell 1 ½ Bd 13 D. Savage 0 0
Bd 2 T.J. Craig ½ ½ Bd 14 J O'Donnell - abandoned W W
Bd 4 C.R. Beecham 0 0 Bd 19 Z.E. Sadowski 0 0
Bd 6 J.M.T. Ryan ½ 0 Bd 22 D.M. Livie 1 ½
Bd 9 M.A. Swystun 1 1 Bd 23 G.A. Morton 1 ½
Bd 10 I. Mackintosh ½ ½ Bd 24 J. Sowerby - abandoned W W

Scotland (3) v Israel (9)

Bd 1 C.A. McNab 1 ½ Bd 14 W. McGlinchey 0 0
Bd 2 S.R. Gillam 1 Bd 25 C. MacGregor 0 0

Scotland (3) v The Clergy (0)

Bd 2 A.D. Penman 1 1 Bd 13 B. Goodwin 1

The following changes have been made to the Scottish teams in the recently started friendly internationals:

Australia

Bd 3 A. McGowan replaced by T.J. Craig
Bd 11 J.M.T. Ryan replaced by M. MacLeod

USA

Bd 3 A. McGowan replaced by T.J. Craig
Bd 17 A. Docherty replaced by T. Russell

The Clergy

Bd 3 A. Docherty replaced by R. Carty

III EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

In memoriam of Bertl von Massow, 1983-88

No	Preliminary Group 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
1	SOVIET UNION		9	8½	8½	9	9	8	11	9	72
2	GERMAN DEM. REP.	3		5	4½	7½	7	9	8½	10	54½
3	SWEDEN	3½	7		5	5½	6	9½	8½	9½	54½
4	HUNGARY	3½	7½	7		6½	7½	8	6½	7	53½
5	FRANCE	3	4½	6½	5½		8½	7	7	8	50
6	PORTUGAL	3	5	6	4½	3½		5½	8	6½	42
7	SCOTLAND	4	3	2½	4	5	6½		8	8	41
8	BELGIUM	1	3½	3½	5½	5	4	4		6½	33
9	IRELAND	3	2	2½	5	4	5½	4	5½		31½

Detailed results for each board are shown on page 67

2nd NORTH ATLANTIC TEAM TOURNAMENT

Details for each board are given on pages 68/69

The current position of each team is as follows:

Team	Points	Games completed	Games to finish	%
1 ENGLAND	44½	72	0	61.8
2 USA	36	65	7	55.4
3 FRANCE	34	62	10	54.8
4 PORTUGAL	31½	58	14	54.3
5 SCOTLAND	36½	69	3	52.9
6 CANADA	30½	60	12	50.3
7 ICELAND	32	64	8	50.0
8 SPAIN	26	59	13	44.1
9 IRELAND	28	64	8	43.7
10 WALES	20	65	7	30.8

Team	1/2 IM = 60%	5½	7½
B.M. JENKINS	F	1	1
A. TELIEVNE	F	1	1
J. CAMPEERT	BEL	1	1
M. KAIN	BEL	1	1
J.V. GUTOP	SU	1	1
O.M. JENKINS	GBS	1	1
T.D. HARDING	IRL	1	1
I. SCHRAAF	HU	1	1
F.A. S. QUIRO	POR	1	1
J. SELBERG	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 60%	5½	7½
S.R. GILLAM	F	1	1
J.J. LEMAIRE	F	1	1
W. LEROY	BEL	1	1
G. FIENSCH	BEL	1	1
M.P. SAGOROVSKI	SU	1	1
S.R. GILLAM	GBS	1	1
J.F. GIBSON	IRL	1	1
Z. KOVACS	HU	1	1
J.M.P. AZEVEDO	POR	1	1
D. KORMAN	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 65%	5½	7½
I.S. WICKENS	F	1	1
P. FAUVEL	BEL	1	1
A. VOSMAEL	BEL	1	1
J. WALINER	BEL	1	1
V.V. VARLAMOV	SU	1	1
T.S. WICKENS	GBS	1	1
G. MCARLE	IRL	1	1
I. HULLNER	HU	1	1
M.S. ARANJO	POR	1	1
G. PETERSSON	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 65%	5½	7½
I.J. CRAIG	F	1	1
C. ROEHE	F	1	1
E. JOHAN	BEL	1	1
W. ORESCHEN	BEL	1	1
L.E. FOIGEL	SU	1	1
I.J. CRAIG	GBS	1	1
P. BULLON	IRL	1	1
M. FOODR	HU	1	1
R.O. LAVRADOR	POR	1	1
R. FAGERSTRÖM	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 70%	6½	8½
G.W.G. LIVIE	F	1	1
A. VIAUD	BEL	1	1
M. WASNAIR	BEL	1	1
W. SCHLACHETKA	BEL	1	1
A.P. KORELOV	SU	1	1
G.W.G. LIVIE	GBS	1	1
A. DOYLE	IRL	1	1
Z. BAUNOK	HU	1	1
F. AZEVEDO	POR	1	1
J. OULIN	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 70%	6½	8½
A.J. SHAW	F	1	1
J.L. MAUREL	F	1	1
J.P. de POLTER	BEL	1	1
C.P. FRANKL	BEL	1	1
H.A. PIAAREN	SU	1	1
A.J. SHAW	GBS	1	1
R. MONTGOMERY	IRL	1	1
S. BOBSA	HU	1	1
A.S.M. HORTA	POR	1	1
H. SVENSSON	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 75%	6½	8½
C.R. BEECHAM	F	1	1
A. ROSEHORN	F	1	1
F. JOSEPH	BEL	1	1
G. MÖCKEL	BEL	1	1
A.G. IVANOV	SU	1	1
C.R. BEECHAM	GBS	1	1
B.O. SIOCHRU	IRL	1	1
S. SZILAGYI	HU	1	1
J.L.B.S. MARQUES	POR	1	1
I. CARLSSON	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 75%	6½	8½
A.J. McClelland	F	1	1
S. GOERLINGER	F	1	1
M. MASSCHAELE	BEL	1	1
P. KAHN	BEL	1	1
V.S. GUSAROV	SU	1	1
A.J. McClelland	GBS	1	1
J. BRIDGEMAN	IRL	1	1
I. FODOR	HU	1	1
O. IVELICA	POR	1	1
C.E. ERLANDSSON	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 80%	6½	8½
G.D. PYRICH	F	1	1
P. WEIRICH	F	1	1
M. HEATZELD	BEL	1	1
E. WERNER	BEL	1	1
G.P. JIVODOV	SU	1	1
G.D. PYRICH	GBS	1	1
E.P. MARLIN	IRL	1	1
J. SOREGHY	HU	1	1
A.M.T. FERNANDES	POR	1	1
I. CARNSIAM	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 80%	6½	8½
A. GRANI	F	1	1
B. BARON	F	1	1
A. PAROON	BEL	1	1
M. SCHIBZEL	BEL	1	1
V.G. SKOBIORENKO	SU	1	1
A. GRANI	GBS	1	1
T.C. ADAMSON	IRL	1	1
I. BELZI	HU	1	1
J.A.C. ARRANTES	POR	1	1
A. CARLSSON	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 85%	7½	9½
J. Seyfried	F	1	1
I. POESON	F	1	1
F. v. HFE	BEL	1	1
K.N. LEHMANN	BEL	1	1
J. J. GORNIAR	SU	1	1
J. Seyfried	GBS	1	1
J. SHAW	IRL	1	1
L. MÜLLER	HU	1	1
R.M.S. RALHA	POR	1	1
K. ANDERSSON	SW	1	1

Team	1/2 IM = 85%	7½	9½
A.T. HISLOP	F	1	1
M. MAURNEY	F	1	1
A. CALLENS	BEL	1	1
W. TEMPELHOFF	BEL	1	1
V.F. MOLCHANOV	SU	1	1
A.T. HISLOP	GBS	1	1
A. SHOULDice	IRL	1	1
F. SARKOZI	HU	1	1
M. MOURATO	POR	1	1
K. HAGLUND	SW	1	1



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1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Bc4

Entries close 15.10.88.

Start 5.1.89.

TT No. 2/89 RETI

1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 d4.

Entries close 15.11.88.

Start 1.2.89.

WINNING CONTINUATIONS from page 15 SOLUTIONS

A 1 ... e4! 2 Be2 g5 wins a piece. 0:1
If 2 Bxe4 Nxe4 3 Qxe4 g5
4 Nf3 Bf5! traps the lady.
Napolitano-Batik, C.C.
1957-8.

B 1 ... Rxe5! 2 dxe5 Bb6+
3 Kh1 Ng3+! 4 hxg3 Qg5!
Ø. Muller-Ø. Sande, NPSC
Cup-40 1986.

C 1 ... Rxd4! and if Qxd4
2 ... Qxg3+ 3 Kf1 Qf3+ 4
Kg1 Re6, so White
resigned.
Ros-V Jensen, Danish
C.C. Ch. 1984

D 1 ... Rxc2+ 2 Nxc2
Bxb2+! and 1:0.
Morgado-Valvo, C.C.
1977-79.

E 1 ... c2 0:1
Stoker-Ludgate, British
C.C. Ch. 1986-87.

F 1 ... Rxa2+! 2 Kxa2 Qb3+
3 Ka1 Qa3+ 4 Kbl Rc6!
0:1. If 5 Qe3 Qb3+
6 Ka1 Ra6 7 Qe2 Bb5+.
Yarovoi-Zubarev, USSR
C.C. 1965.

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2nd	K B McAlpine
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1st	A Hind
2nd	A P Borwell

Reader's letters

From Mr. Norman Kilgariff:

"Re John Hawkes' Winning Continuations on page 7 of Bulletin No. 27.

Game A, Keres-Földsepp
Clearly Qh7+ is not the key to this position as the sac can be declined leading to a slow carnage. The key is 1 Qf7+ Kh7 (or h8) 2 Bg6++,

The problem, if it hasn't already been brought to your attention, is the position - it's wrong! The black rook on e8 should be on f8, then John's Qh7+ is correct, (I've been shown this position in a book recently)

Game D, Vormum-Bauer
The key is Qd3, but John says: "If" 2 Qh4 Ng2+ 3 Bxg2 Bg3+ gains the Q for N and B.

Why throw away the knight? "If" 2 Qh4 Qf1+ 3 Kd2 Ng2 dis + wins Q for B.

I suppose it's academic, White is lost either way.

The positions were all instructive and enjoyable (except F which gave me a headache before I had to give in). Seriously, the whole Bulletin was excellent, the best spent quid for ages, keep it up!

Editor comment: Sorry about the wrong diagram and hope it did not cause too much midnight oil to be burnt!

" FERNSCHACH "

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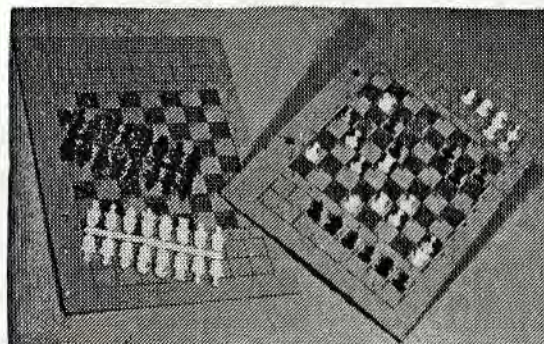
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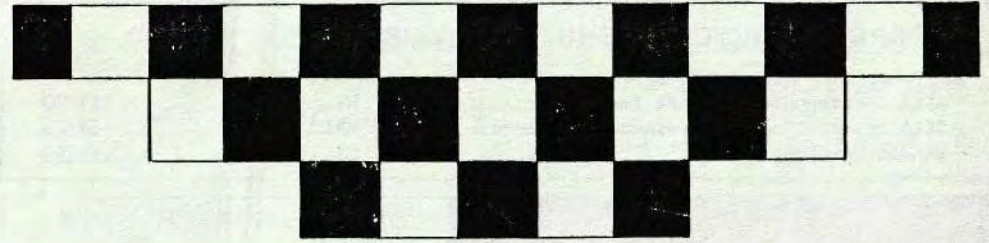
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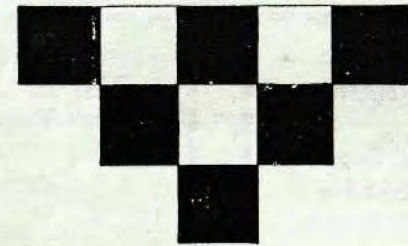
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