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Editorial

by Alan Borwell

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Sept/Oct 1996

Since returning from an eventful ICCF Congress in Germany, George Pyrich and the Inchtire team have been trying to complete this edition on time, as well as deal with the consequences of being out of action for nearly two weeks! I can tell you that George skilfully presented his first Qualifications Report in Bad Neuenahr and made the processes of determining title eligibility and arranging of almost 100 new certificates and medals look simple, which it certainly is not! Well done, George, especially after falling off his mountain bike and injuring himself just before the Congress!

We hope that this edition will contain something of interest for all our readers and whet your appetite for our end-of-year Magazine, which we hope to have available for the Festive period. By then, Alan Hind will be making final arrangements for the new domestic CC season and his article on the next page explains how this will be accomplished.

It is always encouraging to receive letters from members/readers and we are pleased to publish them (unless they are libelous or distasteful!). Andy Crawford has made a plea for more descriptive games annotations covering "the ideas", rather than too much complex analysis. This suggestion will be adopted for selected games in future issues.

Membership/Entry Forms for next season are enclosed - please remember to complete and return to Alan Hind as soon as possible, but certainly before the end of November. We need *all* existing and new members for 1997!

*** New Season Entry Forms enclosed with this edition ***

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The New CC Season Approaches

[Alan Hind]

At this time of year I become incredibly busy and, fortunately, I actually enjoy it. The reason should be apparent to most of you - the end of the 1996 season approaches. I now have to get in touch with the Controllers and request them to contact all of the players with outstanding results and either persuade them to come to an agreement with their opponents (the best possible solution) or send in games for adjudication. The adjudication process is really quite simple - all you have to do is send in the gamescore, a diagram of the final position and a cheque for £6 payable to the Scottish CCA to your Controller for each game you want adjudicated. Your Controller will forward valid claims to me and I will arrange for these to be adjudicated. Follow it so far? Easy? Then you would be surprised at the number of mistakes made in positions, game scores, etc in the 14 years I have been Secretary!

In the meantime, even if you are waiting for the final results and don't know if you qualify for promotion to a higher Championship event, send in your application asking for entry as if you had qualified. If you haven't, I'll get in touch with you. Also, if you narrowly missed out on automatic qualification, you will still be considered if the Controllers Committee need one or two extras to even up the sections. Another minor point to note - please make your cheques out to the Association. I always like to receive cheques payable to myself - but only when I am due the money!

Once results are all in and it is beyond entry closing date, the Controllers Committee meets and decides on the eligibility and pairings for next season. That normally happens in early to mid December and subsequently I have to get busy typing out the pairings in my own fair hand (unfortunately I don't have a "Girl Moira"!). The pairings are usually posted out to the Controllers over the Christmas vacation with the intention of starting on receipt of the notices by the players in early January 1997.

Once this is over, I have two further jobs to do - collating of the results for the Grading Officer and organisation of the medals for the successful players.

You will receive a copy of the 1997 season entry form with this magazine. The Endgame Tournament is a new standard addition. I have just received four entries for this and the first section should have started by the time you read this. Like the Openings tournament, this is ungraded and hopefully this can encourage some friendly and relaxed play among our members. The other tournaments are much as before and the tournament entry fees are unchanged. Please support your Association by your participation and perhaps encouraging some of your friends to try (even an introductory opponent!). And finally, please bear the above in mind when you are finishing off this season and thinking about the next. You can make it easier for everyone if you communicate with your opponents and with us!

CHAMPIONSHIP 1995/96

Controller: A. Maxwell

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1	J COPLEY	◆	0	½	1		0		0	
2	S R GILLAM	1	◆	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
3	A T HISLOP	½	0	◆	1	0	1	½	0	3
4	D A HUGHSON		0	0	◆		½	½	0	
5	G W G LIVIE	0	0	1		◆	½	1	1	
6	M P ROBERTS	1	0	0	½	½	◆	½	0	2½
7	T THOMSON		0	½	½	0	½	◆	0	
8	J WATSON	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	◆	6

CANDIDATES 1995/96

Controller: C.R. Beecham

SECTION A

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	S BRADY	◆	1	1	1	0	1	1	5
2	M H DUNN	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	I MACKINTOSH	0	1	◆	1	1	1	1	5
4	A MacQUEEN	0	1	0	◆	0	1	1	3
5	S A MURRAY	1	1	0	1	◆			
6	J RYAN	0	1	0	0		◆	1	
7	K SEYFRIED	0	1	0	0		0	◆	

SECTION B

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	W M COOK	◆	1	½	½		1	½	
2	D R CUMMING	0	◆	0	½	½	1	0	2
3	C J LENNOX	½	1	◆	1	1		½	
4	S MACGILCHRIST	½	½	0	◆	1	½	0	2½
5	A N MacMILLEN		½	0	0	◆	½		
6	A C NORRIS	0	0		½	½	◆	0	
7	R TURNER	½	1	½	1		1	◆	

CANDIDATES 1996/97

Controller: C.R. Beecham

SECTION A

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	B GOODWIN	◆			-		0		
2	A WRIGHT		◆		-	0			
3	M HARKINS			◆	-				
4	J A CLAYTON	0	0	0	◆	0	0	0	w/d
5	I A MACKINTOSH		1		-	◆			
6	A T HISLOP	1			-		◆		
7	A N MacMILLEN				-			◆	

SECTION B

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	D CRICHTON	◆	0						
2	A NISBET	1	◆						
3	J COPLEY			◆			1		
4	A R ANGUS				◆		1	0	
5	R TURNER					◆			
6	J RYAN			0	0		◆	½	
7	J A FINDLAY				1		½	◆	

SECTION C

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	D A HUGHSON	◆							
2	W M COOK		◆						
3	K SEYFRIED			◆					
4	D R R ELLIS				◆				
5	I REEMAN					◆	½		
6	G H BIRD					½	◆		
7	S COLLINS							◆	

PREMIER TOURNAMENTS 1996

Controller: J. Anderson

SECTION A

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1	W HYND	◆	1					0	0	
2	F HALL	0	◆				0		0	
3	G LLOYD			◆						
4	K GORDON				◆			0	0	
5	J A FINDLAY					◆				
6	A G E BIRD		1				◆			
7	S M YOUNG	1			1			◆		
8	S RILEY	1	1		1				◆	

SECTION B

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1	D TRENNER	◆		0			0	½		
2	G SAXTON		◆	1				0		
3	R BEACON	1	0	◆		0	0			
4	S G MACKENZIE				◆		½			
5	W HARPER			1		◆		0		
6	D R CUMMING	1		1	½		◆	½	½	
7	I SNEDDON	½	1			1	½	◆	½	
8	R WESTON						½	½	◆	

SECTION C

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	K J GUTHRIE	◆	0			0	0	0	
2	M MAY	1	◆	0	0			½	
3	J M HERRIES		1	◆				0	
4	F TEUNISSE		1		◆				
5	A C BROWN	1				◆			
6	R A GIULIAN	1					◆		
7	M HARKINS	1	½	1				◆	

SECTION D

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	B MILLIGAN	◆						0	
2	A ROBERTS		◆				1	0	
3	A D KILGARIFF			◆				0	
4	F TEUNISSE				◆				
5	A MacQUEEN					◆			
6	A R ANGUS		0				◆	1	
7	S RILEY	1	1	1			0	◆	

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS 1996 Controller: A. Maxwell

No	SECTION A	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	J I COLTART	◆	0		½		
2	A ARMSTRONG	1	◆	1	1 1	1 0	
3	J CASSIDY		0	◆		0 1	
4	R BEACON	½	0 0		◆	1 1	
5	T F McAINSH		0 1	1 0	0 0	◆	

No	SECTION B	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	R B CROSBIE	◆			0½	0	
2	T W POLLOCK		◆	0	0 0	1 1	
3	G LLOYD		1	◆	½½		
4	S M YOUNG	½1	1 1	½½	◆		
5	R J SIMPSON	1	0 0			◆	

No	SECTION C	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	A KNOX	◆	0 0	½0	½0	½½	2
2	J I COLTART	1 1	◆		½½		
3	G LLOYD	1½		◆	1½		
4	I SNEDDON	1½	½½	½0	◆		
5	A D CRAWFORD	½½				◆	

MINOR TOURNAMENTS 1996 Controller: D.J. Savage

No	SECTION A	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	C M DOWELL	◆				1½	
2	M JESSING		◆	1 1	1	1	
3	A R PETRIE		0 0	◆	0		
4	J S CRAWLEY		0	1	◆		
5	M G BROWN	0½	0			◆	

No	SECTION B	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	S SUTHERLAND	◆	0 0			
2	J MORROW	1 1	◆		0 0	
3	J F CUMMING			◆		
4	J I COLTART		1 1		◆	

No	SECTION A	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	S A GIULIAN	◆		0½	0 1		
2	J M ARMSTRONG		◆	0 0	0 0		
3	S DONOHOE	1½	1 1	◆	1 1	1 1	7½
4	G HAMILTON	1 0	1 1	0 0	◆	1 0	4
5	J W KILGOUR			0 0	0 1	◆	

QUARTETS 1996

Controller: A. Armstrong

No	Postal Knight	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	T McMORRAN	◆			0 0	
2	A MacQUEEN		◆			
3	A WRIGHT			◆		
4	E A BAILEY	1 1			◆	

No	Postal Shield	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	R BEACON	◆	0	0	0	
2	I MACKINTOSH		◆		1 1	
3	A C BROWN	1		◆		
4	A ROBERTS	1	0 0		◆	

No	Q188	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	R BEACON	◆		1 1	1 1	
2	J A CLAYTON		◆	1 1	1 1	
3	C DOWELL	0 0	0 0	◆	1 1	2
4	S SUTHERLAND	0 0	0 0	0 0	◆	0

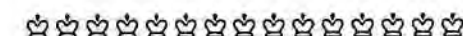
No	Q189	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	J ANDERSON	◆				
2	D McROBERTS		◆		½	
3	R LOUGHRAN			◆		
4	D R CUMMING		½		◆	

No	Q190	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	J CASSIDY	◆	1 1			
2	C MACGREGOR	0 0	◆		0 0	
3	B W GRANT			◆		
4	S M YOUNG		1 1		◆	

No	Q191	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	A G E BIRD	◆	1 1			
2	J W KILGOUR	0 0	◆			
3	G PLANT			◆		
4	T A H TAYLOR				◆	

No	Q192	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	R BEACON	◆				
2	A CAMPBELL		◆			
3	J RAWLINSON			◆		
4	I SNEDDON				◆	

MAJOR/MINOR/QUARTETS/CHALLENGE
 Entries can be made at any time to Alan Hind. New pairings will be arranged when there are sufficient new players to do so.



OPENINGS TOURNAMENTS 1996 Controller: T Thomson

No	Section A	1	2	3	Pts
1	J G BLENCOWE	◆			
2	J W KILGOUR		◆		
3	S SUTHERLAND			◆	

No	Section B	1	2	3	Pts
1	J CASSIDY	◆			
2	J S CRAWLEY		◆		
3	S M YOUNG			◆	

Opening moves are: 1 d4 c5 2 d5 f5 (Clarendon Court Defence)

New Mid-Season Openings Tournaments are available as follows:-

OT/96/C - King's Gambit Accepted 1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 ♖f3 d5

OT/96/D - Queen's Gambit Accepted 1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e4 e5

Entries to Alan Hind - Sections will begin when 3 entries have been received!

CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT [by Bernard Milligan]

Games in the Challenge Tournament are progressing well at the moment. We still continue to attract new members throughout the season and I hope that they are now enjoying their games and new friendships which they will be building up. As always, there are players awaiting opponents. I have a small number of players who are always willing to take on new opponents but I am always looking for more volunteers. To those few I owe a great debt of gratitude. Their efforts are essential in welcoming new members to our Association, as well as ensuring other participants get the number of games they want.

Could all current participants please check the results in this and previous magazines. Any omissions or errors should be notified to myself. This is important when calculating prize scores at the end of the season.

Pairings since the last Magazine are as follows:

Class	Pairings/Opponents' Membership Nos
Class 1	
I. Sneddon (057)	352
A. Armstrong (049)	352
D.R. Cumming (166)	311, 312, 316
Class 2	
G. Lloyd (264)	317
R. Crosbie (233)	354
Class 3	
C. Dowell (316)	166, 352, 353
G.R. McDonald (352)	049, 057, 108, 317, 356
J. Cassidy (108)	352, 354, 355
C. Almazo-Mato (317)	264, 311, 312, 352, 355
G. Saxton (311)	166, 317
Class 4	
C.R. James (312)	166, 317
A.R. Petrie (315)	353, 354, 355
Class 5	
D.G. Meldrum (355)	108, 315, 317
S. Thompson (353)	315, 316
S. Sweet (354)	108, 233, 315

The following results were notified in the period 25/2/96 to 22/5/96

312	C.R. James	1 0	A. McIntosh	314
166	D.R. Cumming	½ ½	M. May	199
155	R. Beacon	0 1	K. Gordon	051
302	C. Black	1 0	G. Lloyd	264
317	C. Almazo-Mato	½ ½	G. Lloyd	264
330	A. Madden	½ ½	A.R. Petrie	315
166	D.R. Cumming	1 0	J.P.E. Jack	L15

Challenge Tournament Results contd

264	G. Lloyd	1½ ½	A.R. Petrie	315
166	D.R. Cumming	1 0	M. May	199
166	D.R. Cumming	1 0	J. Cassidy	108
318	M.G. Brown	1 1	R. Beacon	155
327	C. Hammersley	1 0	M. May	199
215	A.C. Brown	1 0	J.P.E. Jack	L15
049	A. Armstrong	2 0	G. Lloyd	264
166	D.R. Cumming	2 0	J.S. Cairney	040
199	M. May	½ 1½	G. Plant	229
166	D.R. Cumming	½ ½	A. Armstrong	049
215	A.C. Brown	1 0	J.P.E. Jack	L15
261	T. McAinsh	2 0	A. Madden	330



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The "old" ICCF Treasurer, with his successor Carlos Flores Gutiérrez and his wife in Bad Neuenahr, Germany 1996

SCOTTISH CCA LEAGUE 1996

DIVISION 1 (Controller - A. Nisbet)

A BOURNE END BUCKS

1 J Watson	v E1	
2 R De Coverly	v D2	
3 A Reed	v C3	
4 E Tweeddale	v B4	
5 E Bolduc	v F5	0 0

B KIRKCALDY KINGS

1 G D Pyrich	v D1	
2 T Thomson	v C2	
3 A Burnett	v F3	
4 I Marshall	v A4	
5 S Donohoe	v E5	

C LEWIS CHESS CLUB "A"

1 A MacLeod	v F1	½ ½
2 M J MacLeod	v B2	
3 R Malcolmson	v A3	
4 C Wallace	v E4	
5 R Swiergala	v D5	

D PERTH CORRESPONDENTS

1 A P Borwell	v B1	
2 I Mackintosh	v A2	
3 J N Falconer	v E3	
4 D Harvey	v F4	0 0
5 I W S Mitchell	v C5	

E GIFFNOCK & CLARKSTON

1 C F Boyle	v A1	
2 I S Campbell	v F2	
3 R A Giulian	v D3	
4 W E Leithead	v C4	
5 A MacQueen	v B5	

F BLACK KNIGHT

1 C R Beecham	v C1	½ ½
2 G R Sprott	v E2	
3 R Kilpatrick	v B3	
4 I F Reeman	v D4	1 1
5 A T Hislop	v A5	1 1

DIVISION 2 (Controller - J.P.E. Jack)

A FIVE BRAVE ENGLISHMEN

1 D J R Barnes	v E1	
2 A N Morris	v D2	
3 K Champion	v C3	
4 R W Goosey	v B4	
5 A J C Rawlings	v F5	

B BRUTAL REALISM

1 J S Murray	v D1	
2 A Thomson	v C2	1 1
3 P Coffield	v F3	
4 W Taylor	v A4	
5 S Brady	v E5	0

C CASTLEHILL 1

1 C A Wilman	v F1	
2 D R Reid	v B2	0 0
3 R E Clapham	v A3	
4 D L Kleppang	v E4	
5 J Wilman	v D5	0 0

D SUPERKINGS

1 A C Brown	v B1	
2 A Armstrong	v A2	
3 M Keen	v E3	
4 B Milligan	v F4	
5 R Crosbie	v C5	1 1

E EDINBURGH WEST

1 S R Gillam	v A1	
2 B McEwan	v F2	
3 W Grant	v D3	
4 A Seywright	v C4	
5 S M Young	v B5	1

F DUNDEE & VICTORIA

1 F Stevenson	v C1	
2 R Burnett	v E2	
3 M Munro	v B3	
4 C Ironside	v D4	
5 N Ferrie	v A5	

DIVISION 3 (Controller - I. Sneddon)

A CASTLEHILL 2

1 C A Strong	v E1	0 0
2 R Noble	v D2	
3 R Gow	v C3	0
4 M M Chalmers	v B4	
5 R J Lockhart	v F5	0 0

B BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

1 S Collins	v D1	
2 A R Petrie	v C2	
3 C Dowell	v F3	1 0
4 T Thompson	v A4	
5 A Madden	v E5	0 0

C THE SOCIAL EAGLES

1 G E Wallwork	v F1	
2 M J Gifford	v B2	
3 J R Richards	v A3	1
4 D Gleed	v E4	
5 S Hilton	v D5	0

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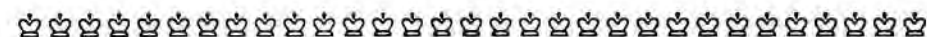
1 B Jenkins	v B1	
2 I Petrie	v A2	
3 A MacDonald	v E3	
4 S K McInroy	v F4	
5 J I Coltart	v C5	1

E CATHCART

1 D M Livie	v A1	1 1
2 G W G Livie	v F2	
3 M Harkins	v D3	
4 J Neilson	v C4	
5 A Maxwell	v B5	1 1

F KIRKINTILLOCH PLUS FOUR

1 R F Turner	v C1	
2 W Harper	v E2	
3 D R Cumming	v B3	0 1
4 P McConnell	v D4	
5 A Hind	v A5	1 1



Apology/correction!

In the last Magazine, we managed to knock 1000 points off Steve Murray's rating, which of course should have been 1870*

Sorry, Steve!

MAJOR/MINOR/ QUARTETS/CHALLENGE

Entries can be made at any time to Alan Hind. New pairings will be arranged when there are sufficient new players to do so.

British Junior CC Championships

In the panel on page 38 of the June/July Magazine, the entry fee for this event was shown as £4 when it should have been £3. Entries close 15/10/96.

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ICCF Congress - Bad Neuenahr, Germany 25th to 31st August 1996

[Report by George Pyrich]

The 1996 ICCF Congress was held at the Seta Hotel, Bad Neuenahr from 25 to 31 August, 1996. The event, which was to become the most eventful Congress for many years, was hosted by the German Federation (BdF - Bund deutscher Fernschachfreunde).

Bad Neuenahr is a small picturesque spa town with a population of some 10,000 situated in the Rhineland region, 20 miles from Bonn/Cologne. Founded in Roman times, it still provides the mineral baths established by its first settlers.

In his opening remarks to the Congress, ICCF President, Mr. H.J. Mostert (Netherlands), welcomed a total of 67 participants from 27 countries, including four World Champions, Horst Rittner, Dr Fritz Baumbach (both GER), Gennadi Sanakoev and Michail Umanskij (both RUS), and expressed thanks to the German hosts for their hospitality. The Congress showed its respect to the memories of those who had passed away during the previous year, mentioning especially the former Danish delegate, Ernst Nielsen. Following these formalities, the President announced that he had decided to retire at 31/12/1996.

The report of the General Secretary, Dr Fritz Baumbach (GER) gave an overview of ICCF membership throughout the world, highlighting those areas where membership was prevalent (Europe & North America) as well as those areas where it was sparse (Africa & Asia). Congress noted that only 61 of 80 member countries remained active (as paid-up members) and reluctantly accepted that membership be suspended in respect of those 18 countries whose membership fees were now several years in arrears (Cuba had already been suspended in 1995). Dr. Baumbach informed the Congress that he would approach the numerous inactive countries, as well as those who were members of FIDE but not ICCF, with a view to recruiting new members. The General Secretary concluded his report by proposing to Congress that Honorary Membership of ICCF be granted to Reg Gillman (long-standing Delegate and Office-Bearer of BPCF), for his excellent work in several offices for ICCF, over many years. This proposal was accepted unanimously by Congress and the award accepted with great appreciation by Mr Gillman.

Following this, the Congress noted the award of Bertl von Massow Medals to those who had provided meritorious service to ICCF. Amongst those receiving the Gold Award (for 15 years service) were two SCCA Members, President Alan Borwell and former Vice-President George Livie

The Congress then noted that Mr F J Huybrecht (BEL), who had been elected to the post of Treasurer at last year's Congress, had been unable to take up his duties. In view of this, the Congress accepted unanimously the nomination of Mr C Flores Gutiérrez (ESP) to the post for the current period to 31.12.99. Mr Flores Gutiérrez had already assumed his post in anticipation of his acceptance by Congress and commenced his duties from 01.01.96. His predecessor, Alan Borwell, presented the Annual Accounts for the year to 31.12.95 which showed a small increase in Cumulative Funds to some 134,000 CHF (some £65,000). However, the Treasurer's Report also contained a proposal to increase ICCF Tournament fees with effect 01.01.97 in order to meet increasing costs. This proposal was accepted by Congress and the revised schedule of fees is as follows:

	Current (CHF)	Proposed (CHF)
World Ch. Final	8	10
World Ch. 3/4 Final	16	20
World Ch. Semi-Final	24	30
World Individual 7-player	4	5
World Individual 15-player	6	8
World Thematic	5	6
Master Norm	20	25
European Ch.	8	10
European Individual 7-player	5	7
European Individual 15-player	7	10

(In view of these increases, the SCCA Executive Committee may decide to increase charges to members for these tournaments at its next meeting scheduled for 22/09/96.)

The Report of the Deputy President (Tournaments), Ragnar Wikman (FIN), noted increased activity in tournaments at the higher levels, notably in invitational events and the Master Norm events (with 31 sections presently in progress). This report also noted the intention to start World Cup XI/XII (to be organised by England), as well as the next Women's Olympiad in 1997 and the next cycle of the Women's World Championship in 1998. Further, World Championship XXII Semi-Final will be scheduled to start during Autumn 1997. Another significant development was the proposal, accepted by Congress, to start Olympiads every 3 years (from the year 2000) with overlapping cycles. In view of the current situation whereby Preliminary Sections take over 5 years to complete, this would result in qualifiers from the Preliminaries being placed in the next but one Final. Finally, Congress also approved a number of proposed new invitational events, including the first International invitational events to be played by Email.

The Ratings Commissioner, Gerhard Binder (GER) reported that his work had involved the computation of the results of 26,389 games played by 7,782 players in 1,155 tournaments and 117 country matches. Presently, the Ratings database contained details of 29,202 players world-wide.

Following the introduction of the new ICCF Statutes in 1995, the work of the Qualifications Commissioner now covered only the award of Titles (as prescribed in the ICCF Rules) and the establishment of Title Norms in new events. Happily I was able to accomplish these tasks in my report to Congress which was able to confirm the award of new titles to 14 Grandmasters (including David Kilgour, Scotland's third CC Grandmaster), 75 International Masters, 5 International Lady Masters and 6 International Arbiters (including Colin Macgregor). Additionally, Congress gave its approval to Title Norms in respect of numerous new World, Continental, Team and Invitational events.

A very significant report to the Congress was that presented by the Deputy President (Development), Alan Borwell. This report included sections on :-

- "New Technologies", where Congress noted the demise of the arrangement with IECG which had been instituted at the 1995 Congress: happily responsibility for ICCF Email events was now being taken over by Juan Morgado and his CAPA colleagues in Argentina,
- "Congress Arrangements" which outlined plans for future Congress schedules and allocation of responsibilities for bearing respective costs,
- "Financial Strategy" outlining objectives to secure ongoing viability and allocations of funds to support various activities, including worldwide promotion of CC,
- "Sponsorship Policy" establishing principles for the presentation of sponsorship portfolios to potential sponsors for specific prestige events.

The report of the Deputy President (Rules), Nol van 't Riet (NLD), also featured several important items, including confirmation of the introduction of a revised and abbreviated set of Playing Rules for events starting after 1 April 1997 and the establishment of qualifications criteria for the new title of Correspondence Chess Ladies Grandmaster.

The report of the ICCF Liaison Officer, Gerhard Radosztics (OST), noted that continuing uncertainty within FIDE had prevented the possibility of taking further the proposal to obtain representation by an ICCF team at the next FIDE Olympiad. However this proposal would continue to be pursued and Congress was delighted to receive news that the ICCF President had been able to obtain a sponsor for an ICCF team, should entry be secured.

One of the last matters to be considered by the Congress was the impending retirement of the President. Although a majority of delegates had signed a petition urging him to continue, the President reaffirmed his decision to retire at 31.12.96. It was agreed unanimously and with acclamation that Mr H J Mostert be offered the position of Honorary President of ICCF, which he accepted with happy memories for past years and friendships.

Following the conclusion of the main meetings, the ICCF Presidium convened on 30.8.96. It was decided unanimously by the eight members of the Presidium attending that the Deputy President (Development) would also be Acting President of ICCF from 1.1.97, until a new President was formally appointed by Congress in Argentina in September 1997. The outcome of the Presidium meeting was advised to delegates immediately after the Reading of the Minutes of the Congress.

Despite the heavy agenda and these momentous events, the Congress delegates were still able to find time to participate in the customary schedule of social events. A day's excursion was held which included a boat trip on the nearby Rhine. Despite rather inclement weather, the delegates greatly enjoyed the magnificent hospitality of the German hosts. A novel feature of the social programme was a simultaneous display given by GM Vlastimil Hort over 26 boards. The celebrity GM was in fine form, losing only one game and conceding six draws against a strong field containing several players of over-the-board IM strength. The week's events were rounded up with the annual Blitz tournament. This year's event was a strong 18 player all-play-all which included 4 CC Grandmasters as well as 2 former and the current World Champions. Current World Champion (and former Soviet Co-Champion OTB!), Michail Umanskij was a very impressive winner. The SCCA representatives enjoyed mixed fortunes: whilst Alan finished a creditable 6th, the other representative was sadly out form!

At the closing Banquet, the President, Mr H J Mostert, thanked the host federation BdF for the excellence of the arrangements and all delegates showed their personal appreciation, especially to Mr. Eberhard Gromotka, the principle BdF organiser. There were toasts to the new ICCF Honorary President, Mr. H.J. Mostert, and the new ICCF Honorary Member, Mr. Reg Gillman, both warmly applauded by participants, and there was a strong feeling of "*amici sumus*" throughout the evening!

Editor's Footnote

ICCF is extremely fortunate in having an excellent team of capable and hardworking officials. All have a strong vocation and commitment to ensuring that ICCF responds effectively and quickly to the challenges and opportunities of the modern World.

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[Alan Borwell]

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- C05-06 Bareev
- C18-19 Kortchnoi
- C42 Yusupov
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- C80-81 Kortchnoi
- C82 Kortchnoi
- C83 Kortchnoi
- C89 Anand
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by ian marks

"We are not permitted to choose the frame of our destiny. But what we put into it is ours."
Dag Hammarskjöld

There are some openings I wouldn't feed to a dog. Openings which make me wonder why anyone would want to play them. Openings which make me wonder why *I* want to play them. I don't make a habit of giving away secrets in this column ("Never tell anybody *anything*" - Douglas Bryson), but on this occasion I'm going to make an exception. I will never, ever again, as long as I breathe, play the thing which follows; it's that bad. Scout's honour. Save yourself some homework.

WT/M/GT/344, 1994-96

White: Ian Marks (Scotland)

Black: Mariusz Wojnar (Poland)

Sicilian Defence B20

1	e4	c5
2	f4?	

Good enough to help Larsen earn a living back in the '60s, mainly because (a) he was a tremendously strong grandmaster and (b) most of his opponents hadn't a scooby what to do about it (they usually developed 'sensibly', only to be ground down by the Great Dane's formidable technique).

Cut to a decade later. Players like Hebden and Rumens revive the move on the weekend circuit. They rack up points by the barrel-load, mainly because (a) they are tremendously strong attacking players and (b) most

of their opponents still haven't a scooby what to do about it (they usually developed 'sensibly' and were crushed).

Then...

2	d5!
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As Adorján says in *Az Ön Black Is OK repertoárja a sötét napokra...*, "Lépest sugallja a centrum gyors robbantásával, erőteljes ellenjátékkal". Suddenly 2 f4 didn't seem so much fun. Of course, White can play 2 Nc3, but that cuts out some options which I'd prefer to retain, providing Black doesn't play 2 ... d5, if you see what I mean...

3	exd5?
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The only move to put Black's idea to the test, but probably the worst of the bunch. A quick swatch at the alternatives: 3 e5 gives away a lot of light squares and looks like one of

Steinitz's wacky ideas against the French (1 e4 e6 2 e5); 3 d3 (as in Böhm-Kochiev, Le Havre 1977) is worth a thought: 3 ... e6 (3 ... dxe4 4 dxe4 Qxd1+ 5 Kxd1 Nc6 6 c3, I'd say ±) 4 Nd2 Nc6 5 Ngf3 Nf6 and now 6 g3 is O.K. (±=!?); if 3 Bb5+!? (Moll-Fernandez, Palma 1991), then "folytatása a sorozatos cserék után sötét kicsi, tartós előnyét igéri" * (Adorján ibid.); in Hector-Yrjola, Gausdal Zonal 1987, the irrepressible Jonny unleashed 3 Nf3!? (dxe4 4 Ng5 Nf6 5 Bc4 e6 6 Nc3 a6 7 a4 Nc6 8 Ngxe4 Nxe4 9 Nxe4 Be7, 0-1, 59 - not the fault of the opening). Probably White's only (!) decent try is 3 Nc3. If now 3 ... d4 4 Nce2 is fine, Δ Nf3/Ng3/Bc4 or Bb5, or, even better (I think!), d3/Nf3/g3/Bg2 with a healthy King's Indian Reversed. However, Black usually spoils the party with 3 ... dxe4! 4 Nxe4. This is O.K. for White, but Black will get a grip on d4, and the Pf4 just looks stupid.

3 Nf6
4 c4

Against Alan Minnican in the 1994 Grangemouth Premier (played at roughly the same time as this game was starting), I 'improved' with 4 Nc3 Nxd5 5 Bc4 Nb6 6 Bb5+ Bd7 7 Bxd7+ Qxd7 8 Nf3 Nc6 9 0-0 g6 10 d3 Bg7 when White was struggling to equalise (!). (½-½, 28, with Black probably -+, which shows what you can get away with in time trouble...).

* I don't understand Hungarian, so I haven't a clue what he's talking about. I think it means "this is crap, but so is everything else".

The main alternative is 4 Bb5+, but at the time I preferred to keep the bishop to cover any light-square weaknesses. In retrospect, it might have been better to go 4 Bb5+ Bd7 5 Bxd7+ Qxd7 6 c4 e6 7 Qe2 and hope to weather the storm.

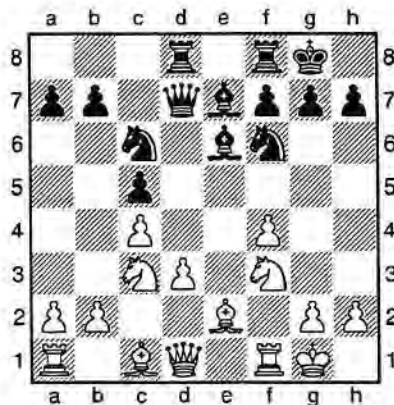
4 e6

Black's idea - a pawn sac for rapid development.

5 dxe6 Bxe6 ♣
6 Nf3 Nc6
7 Be2 Be7
8 0-0 0-0
9 d3 Qd7!

Rather than the 'Sicilian' square, c7. Black wants to build up pressure against d4 and down the d-file.

10 Nc3 Rad8



I'd say ♣: Black has everything out and he's got his three tempi in development for the pawn - Q, QB and QR. White's extra pawn is worse than useless. He's got not one, but two, bad bishops, and, more importantly,

there's no obvious plan as to what to do about it.

"An idle mind is the Devil's seedbed."
Tad Williams, *The Dragonbone Chair*

11 Qa4

To pin the Nc6 and get some relief by exchanging queens if it moves - not that Black is likely to cooperate - but really 'just a move'. Perez-Cacho, Spain 1992, reached this position by transposition. They headed for the bar with 11 Kh1 Rfe8 12 Be3 Bf5 13 Qd2 Bxd3 14 Bxd3 Qxd3 15 Qxd3 Rxd3 16 Bg1 b6 17 Rad1 Rxd1 18 Rxd1 ½-½. Hardly a vindication of White's opening.

11 a6
12 Kh1 Qc7

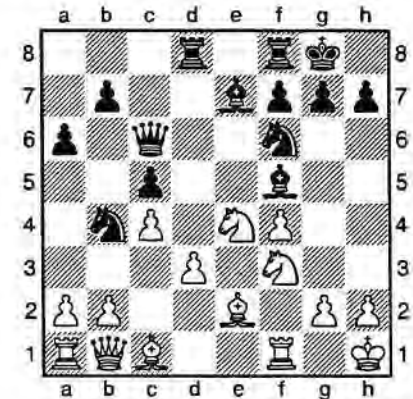
Told you he wouldn't fall for it.

13 Ne4 Bf5
14 Qc2

To guard e4. If the Ne4 moves, d3 falls. Maybe I should just have let the pawn go and tried to bale out, as in the example above.

14 Nb4
15 Qb1 Qc6

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Every picture tells a story.

16 Ne5

I 'iffed' Black the next three moves, just to let him know I'd seen the flashy stuff which is coming up. Psychology!

Let's talk conditionals. Some people offer lots; some people never offer any. I tend to keep quiet, unless the move is forced or so obvious that silence would be an insult to my opponent's intelligence. My own view is that conditionals should be *compulsory* (yes, you heard me) *if* your opponent's reply is *forced* (i.e. the only *legal* move). You know the sort of thing: your opponent sends QxQ check and the only possible, legal, forced reply in the Entire History Of The Universe is KxQ... but there's no 'if' (and usually the guy lives in a yurt in Kazakhstan or someplace, which is three months away, then his camel eats the card, and it costs you three quid to register a repeat, then another three months later, back comes his reply to **THE ONLY LEGAL MOVE...**

You get the picture?). Hell, if the move is forced, he should *know* what his reply is going to be! Or is he playing one-move-at-a-time chess? Or hoping that you'll have your coronary and he'll get the point? All this is within the rules - but hardly in the spirit of sportsmanship in which the game should be played ("Amici Sumus"!). Disagree with me if you want (you probably will), but the sooner a conditional is made obligatory to a forced reply, the better.

Sorry, got carried away there.

16 Qxe4

An unusual way to exchange queens, but *very* aesthetic. I was proud to be a part of it.

17 dxe4 Bxe4
18 a3 Bxb1
19 Rxb1 Nc2
20 Bf3 b6
21 Nc6 Rde8
22 Bd1

Chopping the bishop with 22 Nxe7+ Rxe7 doesn't help much: Black controls everything; there's a knight coming in on d4 (and probably e4) and the white bishop pair (!) is spectacularly useless, thanks to those wonderful pawns on c4 and f4.

22 Nd4
23 Nxd4

I hate to give Black a juicy passed pawn like this, but it's a choice of evils.

23 cxd4

24 Bf3 Rd8

Everything Black has done has been so methodical and *efficient*. His position has just purred along.

25 Re1 Rd7
26 g3

Don't think I hadn't been looking at f4-f5 all this time, but I figured I should give my king some breathing space from the risk of back-rank mates.

26 Rc8
27 b3 d3
28 Bb2

Maybe 28 Bd2, but I was pretty well punch-drunk by now.

28 d2
29 Red1 Rd3
30 Bxf6 Bxf6
31 Bb7 Re8

O.K., let's get it over with...

32 Bxa6 Rxb3!

Nice.

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At least I learned something from this: 2 Nf3!

"Experience - a comb life gives you after you lose your hair."

Judith Stern



Beware of openings ideas found in books!

[by Alan Borwell]

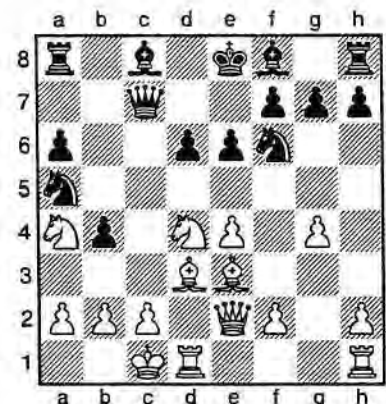
Here are three examples from recent games where I have lived to regret having followed lines from chess books or journals!

World Semi-Final 1993/4

White: J. Garcia-Gutiérrez (ESP), 2300
Black: A.P. Borwell (SCO), 2320

Sicilian-Scheveningen B89

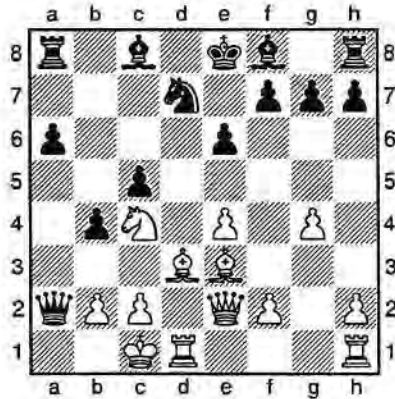
1 e4 c5
2 ♖f3 e6
3 d4 cxd4
4 ♖xd4 ♖c6
5 ♖c3 d6
6 ♗e3 ♖f6
7 ♗c4 a6
8 ♚e2 ♚c7
9 0-0-0 ♖a5
10 ♗d3 b5
11 g4 b4
12 ♖a4!?



The only other realistic alternative 12 ♖b1 is normally favoured here. In Informator 45 Game 285, Mantovani-Lerner, the move played is given ?!TN because of Black's next sequence.

12 ♖d7
13 ♖b3 ♚c6!?
14 ♖axc5 dxc5
15 ♖xa5 ♚a4
16 ♖c4! ♚xa2

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Gaining a pawn, but White has all the play and has isolated the black ♖.

The game continued :

17 g5 ♗e7 18 h4 0-0 19 ♔d2 ♖a4
20 h5 ♜d8 21 g6 fxg6 22 hxg6 h6
23 ♖f3 ♜f8 24 ♖h3 ♗f6 25 ♗xh6
e5 26 ♖h4 ♗d5 27 ♗g5 ♗xg5
28 ♖xg5 ♗f6 29 ♖h4, 1:0.

♖♖♖♖♖

BCCL Champ Div 1995/6

White: A.P. Borwell (York)

Black: N. Twitchell (Inland Revenue)

Torre Attack A46

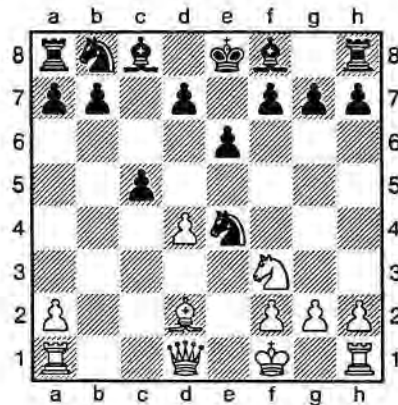
1 d4 ♗f6
2 ♗f3 c5
3 c3 e6
4 ♗g5 ♖b6
5 ♗bd2

Having many games in progress and not wishing to spend too much time researching for this one, I simply found this idea in Gufeld/Stetsko book on the Torre Attack.

5 ♖xb2
6 ♗c4 ♖xc3!?

The "book" gives this a ? as the ♖ is lost. This is true, but the line is far from fatal for Black!

7 ♗d2 ♖xc4
8 e4 ♖xf1
9 ♔xf1 ♗xe4



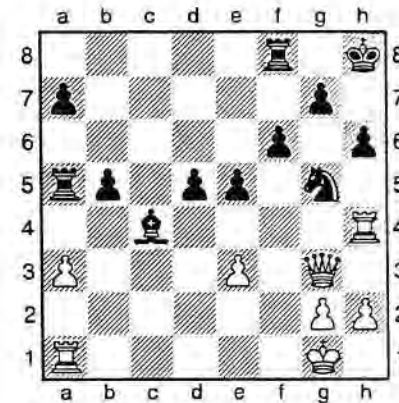
Now I began to analyse a bit more deeply - surely it must be better for White but how to proceed?!

10 dxc5 ♗xc5
11 ♗e3 ♗xc3
12 fxе3 0-0
13 ♗d2 ♗xd2
14 ♖xd2 d5
15 ♜c1 ♗a6
16 ♔f2 b6

17 ♜hd1 ♗c5
18 ♔g1 ♗a6

Black's 2 minor pieces + 3 pawns and sound position are more than compensation for the ♖! Having followed the time-honoured principle of exchanging pieces when you have a "material advantage", I wished that I had a ♗ or ♗ to use with the ♖!

19 ♖c3 ♗c4
20 a3 h6
21 ♜d4 ♜ac8
22 ♜g4 f6
23 ♔e1 ♗e4
24 ♖h4 ♔h8
25 ♜e1 ♜c5
26 ♖h3 ♜a5
27 ♜h4 ♗g5
28 ♖g3 e5
29 ♜a1 b5



This game is still in progress, but I will not be playing this recommendation again!

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Finally, we have one of the decisive games from the inaugural ICCF Email Master Tournament against my good friend and fellow ICCF Presidium Member.

White: A.P. Borwell (SCO), IM, 2385

Black: Eckhard Lüers (GER), IM, 2490

Blackmar Diemar Gambit D00

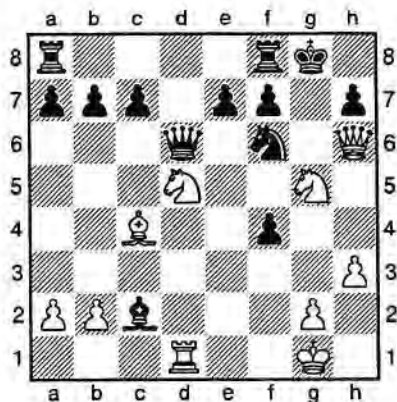
1 d4 d5
2 e4 dxe4
3 ♗c3 ♗f6
4 f3 exf3
5 ♗xf3 g6
6 ♗c4 ♗g7
7 0-0 0-0
8 ♖e1 ♗c6
9 ♖h4 ♗f5

We are now in the main line of the Bogoljubow Variation following Berthelsen v Grant, CC 1970-1 as featured in Gary Lane's recent book. However, Black has played 8 ... ♗c6 before ♗f5, defending the capture on c2.

10 h3

Favoured in several recent CC games, with more success than 10 ♗e3, the main alternative.

10 ♗xc2
11 ♗h6 ♗xh6
12 ♖xb6 ♗xd4
13 ♗g5 ♗f5
14 ♜xf5 gxf5
15 ♗d5 f4
16 ♜d1 ♖d6



17 ♖d3!?

According to analysis by Jensen in Lane's book, this line is winning for White! At this point of no return, I suddenly saw Black's incredible saving 18th move, which transforms the assessment.

17 ♗xd3.

Lane gives 17 ... ♜fd8 18 ♗xf6 ±±.

18 ♗xd3 ♔h8!!

Surely there *must* be something here for White after such an innocuous move! After hours of searching, I thought there was only one playable line.....

19 ♗e4 f3!
20 ♗xf3

Unfortunately the pawn must be removed as Black's ♖ has an unbelievable check on a6.

20 ♖c5+

21 ♔h2

Played immediately, expecting 21 ... ♖c2 22 ♗e4 ♖xe4 22 ♗xe4 ♗xd5 23 ♗g5 ♗f6 24 ♖h4 ♜ad8 25 ♖c4! and White still has reasonably good chances and certainly should not lose.

21 ♗g4+

I never even considered this simplifying and strong counter sacrifice.

22 ♗xg4 ♖d6+
23 ♖xd6 cxd6
24 ♗xe7 ♜ae8
25 ♗f5 f6
26 ♗f3 ♜e2
27 ♗xd6 ♜xb2
28 ♗d4 f5!

Giving his ♔ some breathing space and after a few more moves, the position was hopeless with Black's a-pawn romping home!

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Three rather painful lessons from the assumption that book lines/evaluations were accurate!

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We kick off this time with a double contribution from one of our top internationalists, Tom Craig, who annotates two of his games from the current European Team Championships.

5th European Team Ch., Bd. 5, 1994

White: T.J. Craig (SCO)
Black: G. Hesse (FIN)

Nimzo Indian E32

1 d4 ♗f6

He is "a pensioned electrician and born in 1929 in East Germany, living in Finland since 1957."

2 c4 e6
3 ♗c3 ♗b4
4 ♖c2

Although his rating did not reflect it, Herr Hesse was one of my more dangerous opponents and a softly, softly, subtle approach seemed prudent.

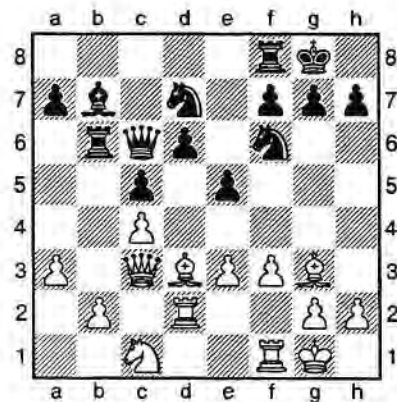
4 0-0
5 a3 ♗xc3+
6 ♖xc3 b6
7 ♗g5 c5

Currently the fashionable line, although there is nothing wrong with the older 7 ... h6/♗b7.

8 dxc5 bxc5
9 e3 d6
10 ♗d3 ♗bd7
11 ♗e2 ♖b6

♙ 11 ... ♜b8! 12 ♜d1 ♗e4 13 ♗xe4 ♖xg5 14 ♗c2 ♖e7 15 0-0 ♜d8! =.

12 ♜d1 ♜b8
13 ♜d2 ♗a6
14 ♗f4 e5
15 ♗g3 ♖c6
16 0-0 ♜b6
17 ♗c1 ♗b7
18 f3



18 e4?

18 ... ♖e8.

19 ♗b1 d5
20 cxd5

20 ♘b3!?

20 ♘xd5
21 ♗xe4 ♘f6
22 ♗xd5 ♘xd5
23 ♖d3

White has won a pawn but still has a fair deal of work to realise his advantage.

23 f5!?

23 ... c4 24 ♖d4 c3 ± 25 bxc3 ♘xc3? 26 ♖c2! +-.

24 ♖fd1!? ♖e6
25 ♖e1 ♖c8
26 e4 c4
27 ♖d4 fxe4

28 ♖xe4

28 ♖xe4 ♖xe4 29 fxe4 c3.

28 ♖f6?!

28 ... ♖f7 29 ♖c2.

29 ♗e5 ♖f7

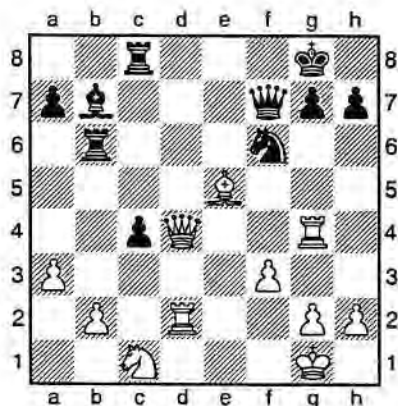
29 ... ♖h6!?

30 ♖g4!

30 ♘e2!?

30 ♘f6

30 ... g6!?



31 ♗xf6

Better than 31 ♖d8+ ♖xd8 32 ♖xd8+ ♘e8 33 ♖xg7+ ♖xg7 34 ♗xg7 ♖xg7 35 ♖xe8 ♖xb2.

31 ♖xf6

32 ♖d8+!

32 ♖xa7! allows annoying counter-play.

32 ♖f8
33 ♖xf8+ ♗xf8
34 ♘e2 h5
35 ♖f4 ♗e7

35 ... ♖xf4 36 ♘xf4 c3 37 bxc3 ♖xc3 38 ♖d7 +-.

36 ♖fd4 ♖b6
37 ♖d7+ ♗f6
38 ♘c3 g5
39 ♖2d6+!

39 ... ♖xd6 40 ♖xd6+ ♗e5 41 ♖d7 +-. The fat lady may not be singing but the crowd are on the pitch!

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5th European Team Ch., Bd. 5, 1994

White: G.H. Phillips (WLS)
Black: T.J. Craig (SCO)

Blackmar Diemer Gambit D00

1 d4 ♘f6
2 ♘c3 d5

I bought a book on the Veresov while waiting for Geoff's reply.....

3 e4

That was a waste of money!

3 dxe4

3 ... ♘xe4 4 ♘xe4 dxe4 5 ♗c4! ∞.

4 f3

Geoff is an enthusiastic Blackmar-Diemer Gambit devotee and I was stunned to learn that not only are there BDG tournaments but there is also a magazine specifically for those players obsessed with giving away a pawn in this manner, even although their opponents have no weaknesses and rapid development!

4 exf3

I did wonder if 4 ... e5 was possible. 5 dxe5 ♖xd1+ 6 ♗xd1 ♘fd7 7 f4 f5 ∞; 4 ... ♗f5! 5 fxe4 ♘xe4 6 ♖f3 ♘d6 7 ♗f4 e6 8 0-0-0 c6 9 g4 ♗g6 10 ♖e3 ♗e7 =; 4 ... c6 is a safe and interesting way to decline the pawn offer.

5 ♘xf3 ♗g4

5 ... e6 is a simple and safe way to play the position.

6 h3 ♗xf3

6 ... ♗h5!? ∞.

7 ♖xf3 c6
8 ♗f4 e6
9 0-0-0 ♘bd7

9 ... ♗d6 may be playable; 9 ... ♗b4 10 ♗d2 ♘bd7 11 ♗d3 ♘b6 12 ♖g3 ♖e7 ♖.

10 g4 ♖b4
11 ♗e2 ♗d5!?

21 ♖e2 ♗xe4+
22 ♖xe4 e5!

11 ... ♗a5; 11 ... ♗b6; 11 ... ♗e7
all seem reasonable.

22 ... f5? 23 gxf5 exf5 24 ♖xf5! ±.

12 ♗g2 ♗xf4
13 ♗xf4 ♗e7
14 ♖hf1 0-0-0!?
15 ♗d3

23 ♖fe1
23 ♗c2 exd4 24 ♖xe8+ ♖xe8
25 ♖xf7 ♖e2+ -+; 23 ♖f5 g6 ♠
Δf5.

15 ♗h5 f6.

23 f6
24 ♖4e2 ♗d8

15 ♖hf8
16 ♗xb4 ♗xb4
17 c3

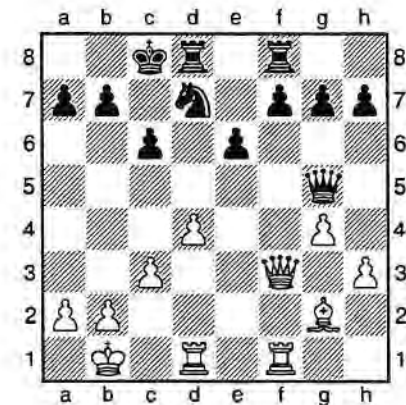
24 ... c5!?

17 ♗d3? ♗c5!

25 dxe5

17 ♗a5
18 ♗b1 ♗g5

25 d5 cxd5 26 ♗xd5 ♗c7♠; 25
♗e4 exd4 ♠; 25 ♗c2 exd4 ♠.



25 ♖xe5
26 ♖xe5 ♗xe5
27 ♖e4 ♖e8

27 ... h5!?, 27 ... ♗c7 28 g5 ♗d6.

19 ♖de1

28 c4 ♗f7
29 ♖xe8+ ♗xe8
30 ♗c2 ♗e7
31 b4 ♗d6
32 ♗d3 ♗e5
33 ♗e3 ♗d6
34 c5

19 c4 ♗b6 ♠; 19 ♗d3 h5 ♠.

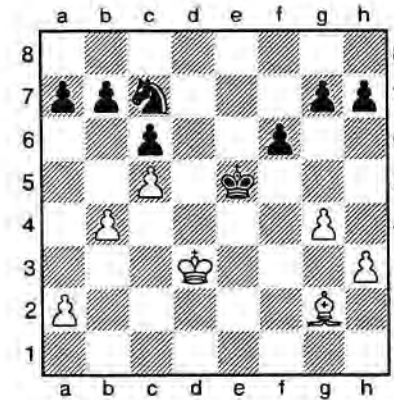
34 ♗f1 f5!?

19 ♖de8
20 ♗e4?! ♗g6!

34 ♗b5
35 ♗d3

35 ♗f1 ♗c3 36 a3 ♗d5+.

35 ♗c7



The rest is a fairly straightforward technical task.

36 a3 ♗f4
37 ♗f1 ♗e6
38 ♗c3 g6
39 a4 f5
40 gxf5 gxf5
41 ♗c4 ♗e5
42 a5 ♗c7
43 ♗e2 a6
44 ♗c4 h6
45 h4 ♗f4
46 ♗d3 ♗g4
47 ♗d4 f4
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Next, a fluctuating struggle from one of this year's Premier Sections. Annotations based on comments provided by David Cumming.

SCCA Premier "B", 1996

White: David Trenner
Black: David Cumming

Larson's Opening A01

1 b3 e5
2 ♗b2 ♗c6
3 e3 d6
4 ♗e2?!

Both 4 ♗b5 and 4 c4 are more common (and probably better).

4 g6!?

4 ... ♗g5!? 5 ♗f3 ♗f6 is interesting and might be playable. The text is a bit dubious as it invites White's next with play on the b2-h8 diagonal and the f-file.

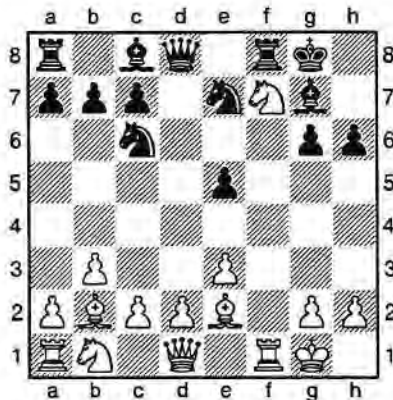
5 f4 ♗g7
6 ♗f3 ♗ge7
7 fxe5 dxe5
8 0-0 0-0
9 ♗g5!?

It's hard to believe that this, breaking classical principles, can be correct, but see what happens...

9 h6?!

♗ 9 ... ♗d5 10 ♗c4 ♗xg5 11 ♗xd5 ♗e7 =.

10 ♖xf7!?



10 ♖e8 ♠

10 ... ♖xf7? 11 ♖c4 ♖d5 12 ♖xf7 ♗xf7 13 ♗f3+ ♗e6 14 ♖c3 ♖cb4 (14 ... ♖ce7 is no better) 15 ♖xd5 ♖xd5 16 ♖f1 is crushing for White.

11 ♖c4 ♗h7

A strange position - White has won a pawn but the ♖ at f7 is effectively trapped.

12 b4!?

Safeguarding the ♖ on the a2-g8 diagonal but 12 ♖c3 a6 13 ♖a3 b5 14 ♖d5 ♖a7 15 ♖xe7 ♖xe7 16 ♖c5 was better.

12 b5
13 ♖b3 ♖f5?!

♠ 13 ... ♖g8 ♖f6 or ♖e6.

14 g4! ♖d6

14 ... ♖e6 15 gxf5 ♖xf7 16 fxg6+ ♖xg6 17 ♖xf8 ♗xf8 18 ♖d5 ± leaves White a safe pawn to the good.

15 ♖xd6 ♖xf1+
16 ♗xf1 cxd6
17 ♗xb5?!

This doesn't lose, but White starts to go off track ♠ 17 ♗g2 ♖b8 18 ♗c4 ±.

17 ♖xg4
18 a3?!

♠ 18 ♖d5.

18 ♖h3
19 ♖c3 ♗d7
20 ♗e2

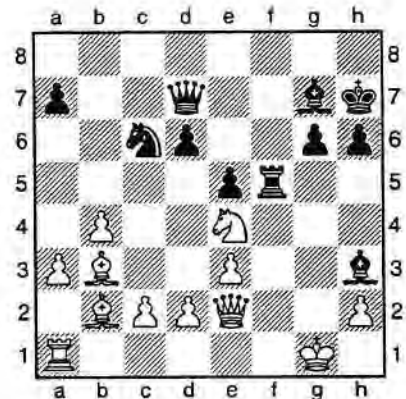
♠ 20 ♖d5

20 ♖f8
21 ♖e4

♠ 21 ♖d5. White must defend the ♗-side white squares.

21 ♖f5

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22 ♗c4?

The threat is easily parried.

22 ♖e7
23 ♖g3 d5
24 ♗h4

♠ 24 ♗e2 and White can still defend.

24 ♖f8
25 ♖e2 ♗f5
26 ♖f4

Suddenly White's position is desperate.

26 exf4
27 ♖xg7 ♗xg7
28 e4

Losing but 28 ♗xe7+ ♖f7 29 ♗h4 fxe3 is equally fatal.

28 g5

29 ♖e1 dxe4

Perhaps a bit of a swindle. White seemed curiously oblivious to the dangers of the weaknesses around his ♗ and paid the penalty.

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Next, a double contribution from one of the participants in the Bernard Partridge Memorial, Michael Schirmer from Dortmund, Germany, who annotates two of his games.

Perhaps some other participants will also provide some of their games?!

Bernard Partridge Memorial, Sect. 10

White: A.D. Olsen (DEN)
Black: M. Schirmer (GER)

Alekhine's Defence B04

1 e4 ♖f6
2 e5 ♖d5
3 d4 d6
4 ♖f3 dxe5
5 ♖xe5 ♖d7

A very risky variation in the Alekhine's - but I love playing it sometimes.

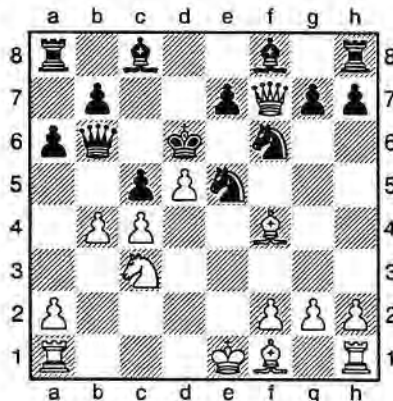
6 ♖xf7 ♗xf7
7 ♗h5+ ♗e6
8 c4 ♖5f6
9 d5+ ♗d6
10 ♗f7

10 ♖f5 ♘c5 11 ♜f4+ e5 12 ♜xe5+ ♙e7 13 ♖f4N ♙f7 14 ♜xc7 ♖e8+ 15 ♖e3 ♘ce4 16 d6 ♜xd6 17 ♜xd6 ♘xd6, 0:1, Metschan, H.-Schirmer, M., BdF/M/GT/146, 1994.

10 ♘e5
11 ♜f4 c5
12 ♘c3 a6
13 b4

13 ♜d3 g5! (13 ... g6? 14 b4! cxb4 15 ♘a4 ±) 14 ♜xe5+ (14 ♜g3 ♜h6 15 ♘e4+ ♘xe4 16 ♜xe4 ♖f8 17 ♖h5 ♖f6 ♢) 14 ... ♙xe5 15 0-0 ♙d6 16 ♜ae1! (16 f4 g4! ♢; 16 ♘e4+ ♘xe4 17 ♜xe4 h5!?) 18 ♖g6+ ♙c7 19 ♖xg5 ♖d6 20 ♜fel h4! ♢) 16 ... ♙c7 17 f4 gxf4 18 ♜xf4 (18 ♘e4!?) 18 ... ♖d6 19 ♜ef1 ♜d7 20 ♘e4 ♘xe4 21 ♜xe4 ♜e8 22 ♜fel e5 23 ♜h4?! (♙ 23 dxe6) 23 ... h6 24 ♖f3 ♜g7 25 ♜c1 e4 26 ♜xe4 ♜hf8, 0:1, Neumann-Schirmer, EU/M/1578, 1995.

13 ♖b6



14 ♜b1?

The wrong plan as it drives the black ♖ to a very strong square (♙ 14 bxc5+ ♖xc5 15 ♜d1 ♖a3 16 ♜d3 ♖c1+ 17 ♜xc1 ♘xf7 18 c5+ ♞).

14 cxb4
15 ♘a4

♙ 15 ♘e2.

15 ♖d4!
16 ♜xb4?

♙ 16 ♜xe5+ ♖xe5+ 17 ♜e2 ♖e4 18 ♜b3.

16 ♖xf4
17 c5+ ♙c7
18 d6+ ♙b8
19 ♖b3

19 ♜xf4 ♘xf7 20 ♜c4 ♘e5 is also hopeless for White.

19 ♖c1+
20 ♙e2 exd6

White resigned. 20 ... exd6 21 cxd6 (21 ♘b6 dxc5 22 ♜a4 ♜f5 23 ♘xa8 ♜d3+ --) 21 ... ♜xd6 22 ♜b6 (22 ♜d4 ♜e8!) 22 ... ♜e8! 23 ♜xd6 ♜g4+ 24 f3 ♘xf3+ 25 ♙d3 ♜f5# was one possibility.

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Bernard Partridge Memorial, Sect.10

18 ♖b3

White: M. Schirmer (GER)
Black: M. Harkins (SCO)

Sicilian Dragon B79

1 e4 c5
2 ♘f3 d6
3 d4 cxd4
4 ♘xd4 ♘f6
5 ♘c3 g6
6 ♜e3 ♜g7
7 f3 0-0
8 ♖d2 ♘c6
9 ♜c4 ♜d7
10 0-0-0 ♖a5
11 ♜b3 ♜fc8
12 h4 ♘e5
13 g4 ♘c4

13 ... b5!? is recommended by Chris Ward in "Winning with The Dragon".

14 ♜xc4 ♜xc4
15 h5 ♜xc3
16 ♖xc3 ♖xa2
17 hxg6 hxg6

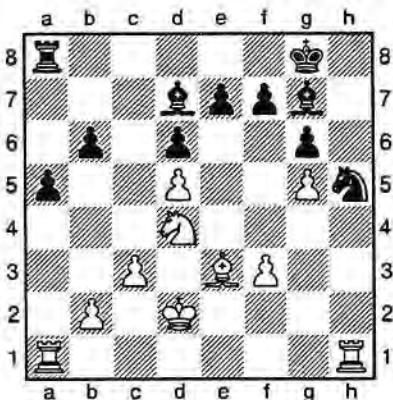
17 ... fxe6 18 ♖b3+ ♖xb3 19 ♘xb3 ♜e6 20 ♜d4 ♜f8 21 e5 ♘e8 22 exd6 ♘xd6 23 ♜xg7 ♙xg7 24 ♘d4 ♜d5 25 ♜he1 ♜f7 26 ♜e5 ♜c4 27 ♜de1 ♙f8 28 b3 ♜a6 29 ♘c6+ ♙g8 30 ♘g5 ♜f4 31 ♜xe7 h6 32 ♜le6 hxg5 33 ♜xd6 ♜xf3 34 ♜d8+ ♜f8 35 ♜xf8+ ♙xf8 36 ♜c7, 1:0, Kunze-De Eccher, Lugano 1989.

18 ♙d2 ♜xg4 19 ♖d3 ♖a5+ 20 c3 ♜d7 21 ♜a1 ♖d8 22 ♜ag1 e6 23 ♙c1 ♜c8 24 ♘c2 ♜c6 25 ♜g5 ♖f8 26 ♜h4 ♘d7 27 ♜gh1 d5 28 ♖e2 f6 29 ♜h6 dxe4 30 ♜xg7 ♖xg7 31 ♜h8+ ♖xh8 32 ♜xh8+ ♙xh8 33 fxe4 e5 34 ♘b4 ♙g7 35 ♖g4 ♜c7 36 ♘xc6 bxc6 37 ♖e6 ♘f8 38 ♖d6 ♜f7 39 ♖xc6 g5 40 ♙d2 ♘g6 41 ♙e3 f5 42 exf5 ♜xf5 43 c4 g4 44 ♖d7+ ♙f6 45 ♖d8+ ♙g7 46 ♖d7+, ½-½ Feher-Koch, Paris 1995; 18 ♖a3 ♖c4 19 ♙b1 e5 20 b3 ♖c3 21 ♜d3 ♖c7 22 ♘e2 d5 23 g5 ♜b5 24 gxf6 ♜xd3 25 cxd3 ♜xf6 26 ♖c5 ♖xc5 27 ♜xc5 dxe4 28 fxe4 a5 29 ♜e3 b5 30 ♘c3 ♜d8 31 ♘d5 ♜g7 32 ♜b6 ♜a8 33 ♘c7 ♜d8 34 ♙c2 a4 35 b4 ♜d6 36 ♘d5 ♜c6+ 37 ♙d2 ♜f8 38 ♜d8 f5 39 ♜e7 fxe4 40 dxe4 ♜c4 41 ♜xf8 ♙xf8 42 ♙d3 ♙g7, Bryson-O'Connell, Debrecan Eu Ch. T., 1992, 1:0 (94).

18 ♖a6
19 ♙d2

Placing the ♙ safely and leaving the ♜s on the first rank.

19 ♖a5+
20 c3 b6
21 ♜a1 ♖c5
22 g5 ♘h5
23 ♖d5 ♖xd5
24 exd5 a5



25 ♖c6!

A strong square for the ♖!

25 e6?!

♞ 25 ... ♗f8; 25 ... ♘xc6 26 dxc6
♜ c8 27 ♙xb6 ♜xc6 28 ♙d8! +-.

26 ♙xb6 exd5
27 ♖e7+ ♗f8
28 ♖xd5 ♜b8?

28 ... ♙c6 29 ♖e3 ♙xf3 30 ♜hf1
♙c6 ±.

29 ♔c1 ♙e5
30 ♜xa5 Resigns
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World Championship Final XIV

[George Pyrich/Jozef Franzen]

One of the privileges of being SCCA International Secretary and ICCF Delegate is that I am fortunate enough to meet some of the world's top players in person. One such individual is Dr. Jozef Franzen from Bratislava, Slovakia, whom I met at the 1995 ICCF Congress in Gjøvik, Norway. Dr. Franzen, Silver Medallist in World Championship XII, holds both ICCF GM as well as FIDE IM titles.

Following a lengthy discussion on chess and other matters, I was pleased to present Dr. Franzen with a recent copy of our Magazine. I was more pleased when Dr. Franzen commented very favourably on the contents of the Magazine and also promised to forward some annotated games. This contribution, featuring some games from the current World Championship Final XIV, now follows.

World Ch. XIV Final, 1994

White: M. Lecroq (FRA)

Black: J. Franzen (SLK)

Ruy Lopez C92

1	e4	e5
2	♖f3	♖c6
3	♙b5	a6
4	♙a4	♖f6
5	0-0	♙e7
6	♜e1	b5
7	♙b3	0-0
8	c3	d6
9	h3	♙b7
10	d4	♜e8
11	♖bd2	♙f8
12	a4	b6
13	♙c2	exd4
14	cxd4	♖b4
15	♙b1	c5
16	d5	♖d7
17	♜a3	f5

A sharp and also topical variation which game to prominence in the Kasparov-Karpov matches in 1990 and 1991.

18	♖h2	♖f6
19	♜f3	♜e5
20	♜xf5	♜xf5
21	exf5	♙xd5
22	♖g4	

The alternative 22 ♖e4?! ♙xe4 23 ♙xe4 d5 ♜. Charlifman-Karpov, Reggio Emilia, 1991-92.

22	♙f7
23	♖e4	

23 ♙xf6+ ♜xf6 24 ♖e4 ♜d8
25 ♜g4 d5 ∞, Wahls-Enigk, Berlin 1993.

23	♖xg4
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24 hxg4

24 ♖xg4 d5 transposes to Wahls-Enigk above.

24 d5
25 ♖c3! d4

Best - instead 25 ... ♖d7 26 g5 hxg5
27 ♖e4±.

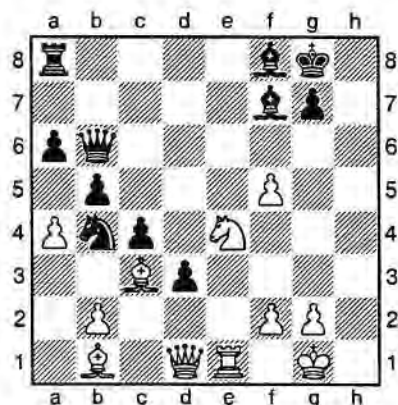
26 ♖e4 d3
27 g5 hxg5
28 ♖xg5

Better than 28 ♖xg5 ♖f6! 29 ♖xf7
♖xf7 30 ♖xd3?! ♖d8 31 ♖c4
♖xc4 32 ♖xd8 ♖d3 33 b3!? ♖c2
34 ♖d5+ ♖h7±.

28 ♖d4
29 ♖d2! c4

29 ... ♖d5? 30 ♖c3! and the d-pawn falls.

30 ♖c3 ♖b6



Black would now be clearly better if he could play ♖d5 or ♖e8, particularly in view of White's unfortunate ♖ at b1. Unfortunately, it is White's turn to move....

31 ♖f6+! gxf6
32 ♖g4+ ♖g7
33 ♖e3!

33 ♖xb4 ♖e8 is insufficient for White.

33 ♖d5
34 ♖g3 ♖f8
35 ♖xg7+ ♖e7

Δ ♖g8. However, White's resources are not yet exhausted.

36 ♖e3+! ♖xe3
37 ♖b4+ ♖d8
38 ♖f8+ ♖e8
39 ♖e7+ ♖c8
40 ♖xe8+ ♖b7
41 ♖e7+ ♖c7
42 ♖e4+ ♖c6
43 ♖e7+

In view of the precarious position of his ♖ at b1, White must settle for a draw.

½ ½

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World Ch. XIV Final, 1994

White: J. Franzen (SLK)

Black: W. Stern (GER)

Sicilian - Sozin B89

1 e4 c5
2 ♖f3 ♖c6
3 d4 cxd4
4 ♖xd4 ♖f6
5 ♖c3 d6
6 ♖c4

The Sozin Attack.

6 e6
7 ♖e3 ♖e7
8 ♖e2 0-0
9 0-0-0 ♖a5

More topical is 9 ... a6. The text does not enjoy a good reputation.

10 ♖b3 ♖xd4
11 ♖xd4 ♖d7
12 ♖b1

As per established theory but perhaps 12 ♖hg1 should be tried.

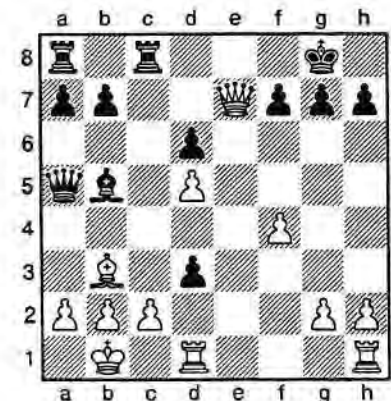
12 ♖fc8
13 f4 e5
14 ♖d5 ♖xd5
15 exd5 ♖b5! N

An important novelty improving on 15 ... ♖g4?! 16 ♖xg4 exd4 17 ♖xd4 b5 18 ♖e4±, Soltis-Zaltsman, New York, 1983.

16 ♖e3

Other moves bring nothing, e.g. 16 c4 ♖xc4 17 ♖xc4 exd4∞; 16 ♖e1 ♖xe1 17 ♖hxel ♖h4! 18 g3=.

16 exd4
17 ♖xe7 d3!



The point of his 15th move. Now after 18 c3, the pawn at d3 would be very unpleasant for White.

18 exd3 □

Both the alternatives lose - 18 ♖xd6? dxc2+ 19 ♖xc2 ♖xc2! 20 ♖xc2 ♖xa2 Δ♖a4+ or ♖c8+ -+; 18 ♖xb7? ♖ab8 19 ♖e7 dxc2+ 20 ♖xc2 ♖xc2 21 ♖xc2 ♖xa2 as before.

18 ♖b6!

Defending both b7 and d6 whilst planning ♖d4.

19 ♖e2!

Better than 19 ♖d2 ♗e8 20 ♗h4 ♗d4 21 ♗hd1 ♗e3 =.

19 ♗e8
20 ♗d2 ♗d4

Avoiding the pitfalls of 20 ... ♗e3?! 21 ♗c4! ♗xc4 22 dxc4 when ♗c8? loses after 23 c5! ♗xc5 24 ♗c1 +-.

21 ♗he1 ♗xd3+

22 ... ♗xd3+? 22 ♗a1 +-.

22 ♗xd3 ♗xd3+

22 ... ♗xd3+ 23 ♗c1 ♗xe1 24 ♗xe1 ♗f8 25 ♗d2 ♗f5 26 ♗c1 ♗c8 =.

½ ½

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World Ch. XIV Final

White: J. Franzen (SLK)
Black: V-M Anton (GER)

French Tarrasch C07

1 e4 e6
2 d4 d5
3 ♗d2 c5
4 ♗gf3

First examined by Alekhine to avoid the heavily analysed alternative 4 exd5. However, Black is still not without resources.

4 cxd4
5 ♗xd4 ♗f6

6 exd5 ♗xd5
7 ♗2f3 ♗e7
8 g3 0-0
9 ♗g2 ♗f6
10 0-0 ♗e7
11 ♗g5 ♗xg5
12 ♗xg5 h6
13 ♗e4 ♗b6
14 ♗b3 ♗bc6
15 ♗e2 e5
16 ♗fd1 ♗f5

Improving on 16 ... ♗e6?! 17 ♗c5 ♗f5 18 ♗d7 ±, Parma-Sofrevski, Skopje 1968. The text was suggested in Informator 6.

17 ♗d6

I also considered 17 c3 and 17 ♗d6. Not so good was 17 c4?! ceding control of the d4 square to Black.

17 ♗e6
18 ♗d2 ♗ad8
19 ♗ad1 ♗d7



White now faces a difficult choice. 20 ♗e3 promises nothing whilst 20 c4 ♗fd8 21 c5 ♗c7 allows Black the possibilities of both 22 ... b6 and 22 ... ♗xb3. Again I remembered Alekhine who joked that ♗s always stood badly on both b3 and d6! In this position his words rang true! I finally deduced that the ♗ was better out of the way when I could exchange some pieces!

20 ♗c8!? ♗xd2
21 ♗xe7+ ♗xe7
22 ♗xd2 f6

22 ... ♗c6 was also playable. With the text Black plans to control the black squares with his pawns whilst his ♗ and ♗ cover the white squares.

23 ♗d3 ♗c8
24 c3 ♗c7

Δ b6. White continues with the idea outlined before 20 ♗c8!?

25 ♗d6 ♗f7!
26 ♗xc7 ♗xc7
27 ♗a5 b6

Also possible was 27 ... ♗c8 28 ♗f1 Δ ♗c4 ♗e6 29 ♗g2=.

28 ♗b7 ♗d7

Safer than 28 ... ♗xa2?! 29 ♗d6+ ♗f8 (29 ... ♗e6? 30 ♗e8 ♗c5 31 ♗xg7+ ♗f7 32 ♗d7!) 30 ♗b5 ♗c5 31 ♗xa7 ∞.

29 ♗xd7

29 ♗d6+?! ♗f8 was too risky as White would have difficulty unblocking his ♗ whilst defending his a2 pawn.

29 ♗xd7
30 ♗d6+ ♗e6
31 ♗c4 ½ ½



Jozef Franzen (left) with previous World CC Champion Gennadi Sanakoev (centre) and Russian Delegate Sergey Grodzensky

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Predicting the opponent's move

[by Neil McEwan]



The draw had just been announced for the team competition in the *Chess Piece* Postal League. As per usual, there would be ten players per team, each playing a single game against a player from one of the other clubs. The "Pawn Brokers" surveyed the list of opponents from the other teams; Bishopton, Castle Douglas, Kingussie, Knightswood and Queensferry.

Only one player was not interested in seeing the draw Willie. Willie was acknowledged as being the most conceited player in the club. Many suspected he might even be the most conceited player in the whole of Scotland. Nobody could understand his superiority complex, as calling his results poor was an understatement. However, he never could accept defeat without pointing out a "good" reason for his latest loss. His list was endless and ranged from "an oversight in a winning position" to "a raging headache." The players almost came to expect his latest excuse to be even better than the one before.

"Not interested in the draw?" asked John, the club captain.

"Not much point really. I'll be on board ten once again, and I'll be playing white against Wee Jimmy, the Opera Buff."

"What makes you so sure?"

"It's the same every year and has been for the last five years. The guy is a complete woodpusher. I've won all of our games in less than twenty moves. His one saving grace is knowing when to accept defeat and resign before clocking up too big a postage bill."

"I'm sorry, Willie, but it's just the way the draw seems to turn out for you every season. Honestly we don't rig the draw, but you do have white, and it is him you are playing again."

"He's so bad that if that is the best that his team can find, then they really shouldn't be allowed to take part in the league."

"Don't be too hasty to kick other clubs out of the league. After all, remember that we are the only club taking part who aren't really a town or village. There are some other teams who think that our place should be given to Roukenglen. After all, it is pronounced like a chess piece."

"I know that. All I'm saying is that the guy is such a useless player that I could even predict each move he is going to make before he makes it."

This last statement was too much for some of the other players, who decided that Willie should be held to this claim. John was not quite so keen to be involved, but

eventually reached a possible solution. John would receive all moves on behalf of Willie, and Willie would be told that a new move had been received. He would be told to state his next move before being told what had been on the postcard. This way there was a bit of an escape clause, and if Willie came up with a horrific blunder, then John could pull the plug on the whole farce.

Willie agreed to the scheme but with a degree of reservation. He now wished that he had kept his big mouth shut, but he realised that there could be no way of backing down, other than completely losing face. He announced that his first move would be "Pawn to King four."

The following week John announced that Jimmy's reply had come back. Willie was happy to respond. He knew that the reply would be "1 ... c5". There would also be a note attached. It would say something about this being a Sicilian Defence. Sicily is part of Italy, and Italy is practically the home of opera. It was all so predictable.

"My reply is Knight to King's Bishop three."

"Will you please try and use algebraic notation," replied John.

"I'm happy with descriptive, but if you insist, then I'll try to keep you happy."

"OK, I'll send off your reply. Incidentally, his first move was "1 ... e5", but you of course must have known that already."

"Of course," replied Willie. However, a panic had suddenly taken over Willie, as this was a completely new move for Jimmy to try out. What on earth was going on?

The following week Willie was again told of a move awaiting his attention. In the intervening days, Willie had thought long and hard about the first move that Jimmy had sent. He had suddenly remembered that the alternative name for the 'Giuoco Piano' was actually the 'Italian Game'. What could be more logical and also predictable to Jimmy, the Italian Opera Buff? If he wanted to play the Giuoco Piano, then that was fine by Willie. After a few quiet and non-exciting moves, his clubmates would soon grow tired of this "predict a move" fiasco and allow him to complete the game in peace.

"My reply is Bishop to c4."

"Bit unusual that isn't it. Still, I'm sure you know what you're doing. His move was 2 ... d6."

"Thought as much," lied Willie.

"He's sent one of those messages you talked about. Something about watching 'Tom Jones' recently reminded him of Philidor and so he decided to play Philidor's Defence."

"Tom Jones doesn't sing opera," laughed Willie as he started to hum a few bars of 'The green, green grass of home'.

"Actually, I think you'll find that 'Tom Jones' is the name of an opera written by Philidor. He wasn't just a chess player, but he was also a bit of an opera fan."

"See, I told you about all that opera stuff. So predictable."

Willie had fallen foul for the second time, but he seemed to be getting more and more lucky by the second. He decided to keep quiet; after all, what harm was there to it all.

This time Willie decided that it might be better to consult a couple of books on the opening. After all, this was foreign ground, and he didn't want to end up losing due to lack of knowledge. He discovered that any book dealing with the Philidor recommended '3 ... Be7' as a reply to his last move. Surely Jimmy must be using a book. It seemed that the reply '4 d4' was a bit inconsistent as White had ignored this move earlier, but Willie felt that this would be the best way to proceed.

Again a move awaited him on club night.

"My reply is Pawn to Queen four," announced Willie.

"You mean 'd4' don't you?" replied John, who was growing tired of this whole nonsense. He realised that Willie could make moves without actually revealing his hand and provided he didn't leave a piece en pris he would still get away with it for a good few moves to come. "His move was '3 ... h6.'" Willie was astounded. This was a totally illogical move. However, he was not about to concede anything that suggested he was not in familiar waters. "See, I told you he was a woodpusher. I mean, look at the guy. He is worried in case I stick either a knight or bishop on King's Knight five. So timid, so boring and so predictable."

That week Willie tried to make some sort of sense of the latest move. Gradually, he decided that the reason for Jimmy playing his last move was to avoid the threat of a bishop pinning his Knight to his Queen. Now that the threat had been removed, he would almost certainly play '4 ... Nf6.'

On club night he announced that he would castle. John was totally sick and tired of this whole thing. Basically Willie was just pushing a few pieces about, waiting for others to acknowledge that he could predict moves, without actually having to demonstrate that he had predicted anything.

"His move was '4 ... f5'." This again caught Willie unawares. It showed an aggressive side to Jimmy. Furthermore, he would now have to be careful about leaving pieces hanging.

That week Willie spent considerable time at the chess board. He expected Jimmy would now play 'pawn takes pawn'. That was almost certain, but which pawn would do the capturing? Willie decided that 5 ... fxe4 looked menacing. However, after retreating his Knight, Willie could start looking at moves which would allow a

Queen check and possibly a King hunt. This would scare Jimmy and there was no way that he would ever allow such a thing to happen. No, it was certain that the move would be '5 ... exd4'. Therefore, he would reply with '6 Nxd4'.

On club night Willie announced that he was playing "Knight takes Pawn."

"Will you use algebraic notation! 6 Nxe5 is what you mean."

"Of course it is," replied Willie, even though he knew he was lying.

"I reckon you must have known that his last move was '5 ... fxe4', otherwise you wouldn't have moved the Knight, but don't say I'm not keeping you informed."

"You are too kind," replied Willie.

Another week of worry was spent at the chess board. At first glance, Willie was worried at losing his Knight but gradually he saw merits to the move and eventually he congratulated himself on finding such a sound sacrifice. What would Jimmy think of the position? He would of course have a very shallow analysis of the entire thing and would be keen to remove the Knight and avoid the threatened fork on Bishop seven. Therefore, he was almost certain to play '6 ... dxe5'. If this was correct, then the obvious answer would be a Queen check.

"Queen to Rook five," announced Williw.

"Queen to h5 with check I think you mean. His last move was '6 ... Qf6'."

Even John was beginning to believe that Willie really did know what was happening, as this was a rather bold move to risk otherwise.

Willie analysed the game again. He realised now that moving one of the pieces which could be exposed to a fork was an alternative way of avoiding the check. Besides, if the Knight had been taken, there might be all sorts of lines opening up for him. The Queen's file would have been at his mercy. Yes, he could now understand the logic.

So what would be next? Obviously Jimmy had to get out of check, but how? Well, it had to be a King move, as all others looked totally futile. Surely even Jimmy was good enough to realise that. So which move? Well, the King could go to e7. That would allow 8 Ng6+ with threats all over the place. The vultures were gathering and it would be all too easy. Therefore Jimmy would surely play '7 ... Kd8'.

"My eighth move is Knight to f7," he announced proudly. He awaited congratulations on hitting this fork, but none came forward.

"We expected you to play 8 Ng6 after '7 ... Ke7', but you're the man playing the game."

"Well, I think I can see a few tricks by my route. Just bear with me."

Again Willie had seen the correct move and discarded it in favour of a move that Jimmy had rejected. He was beginning to worry in case one of these moves led to a loss of a piece. Furthermore, after '8 ... Rh7', Willie was left with a Knight that looked a bit silly stuck on that square. He searched around in vain for a sensible move and eventually decided that the best thing was protection of the Knight again by a piece on the a2 to g8 diagonal. It might even allow him the chance to capture the Knight on g8 and attack the Rook if he was lucky.

"Queen to d5," he announced. "See, I'm even starting to learn to use algebraic notation."

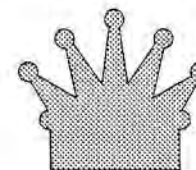
"Queen takes d5 would be how most people would announce it. Or in your case I really expected it to be Queen takes pawn in reply to '8 ... d5'."

Willie smiled in reply. However, he soon realised that his latest move had foiled a cheapo attempt to win a Bishop for the captured Rook. Obviously Jimmy had hoped to lose the exchange but maybe find a way to regain the Knight which was temporarily placed in the corner of the board. Suddenly everyone seemed to believe that he really did know what to expect from Jimmy.

That week Willie suddenly began to panic. The Rook was still hanging. On the other hand, he now threatened mate in one by Queen to Queen eight. If he played Queen to Queen eight, but Jimmy spotted it and played Nc6 first, then Willie's cover was blown. Could he assume that Jimmy would spot the mate in one, after all he had missed one a couple of seasons back. On the other hand, assuming he did play Nc6, there was still the Rook to be captured. But if Jimmy did miss the mating threat and tried to save the rook, then '10 Nxb8' would suddenly become Knight to h8, no capture, captured itself next move and bye-bye to any mating threats. Willie could not decide what to play. Against anyone else, he would grab the Rook but there was a real possibility that Jimmy would overlook the mating threat.

On club night Willie was still uncertain about which move to make. He saw John approaching and decided to avoid him. However, John picked him out, shook his hand and congratulated him on his fine victory. Jimmy had resigned and the worry was over.

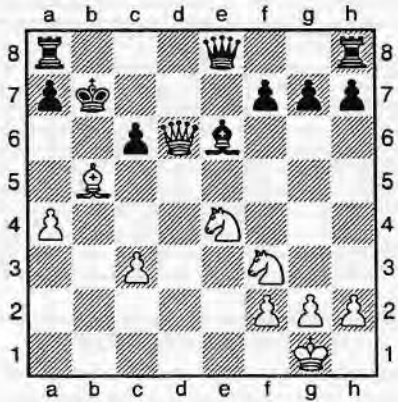
"It was nothing, really," replied Willie. He felt totally relieved, but he was not about to become modest. "Any chance of playing on a higher board next time?"



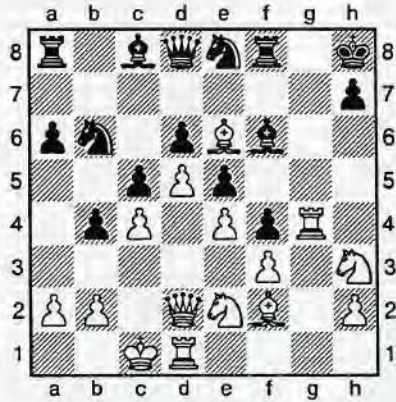
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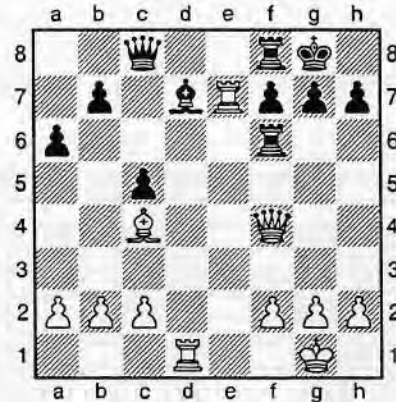
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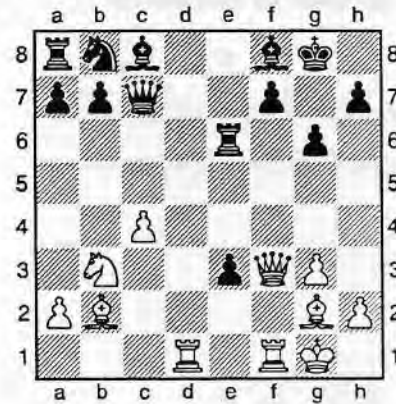


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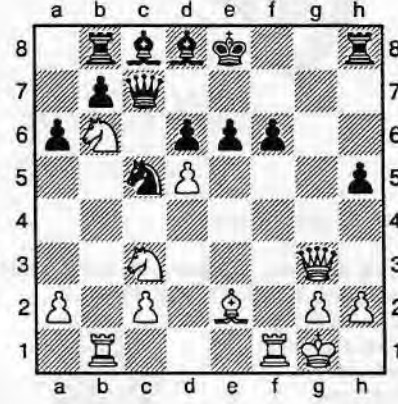
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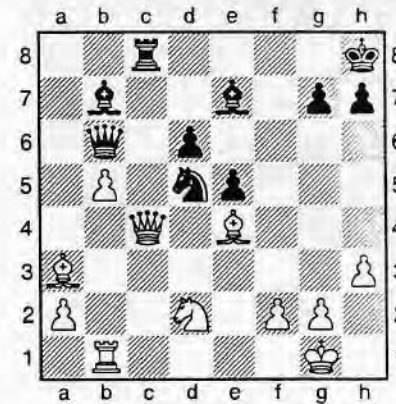
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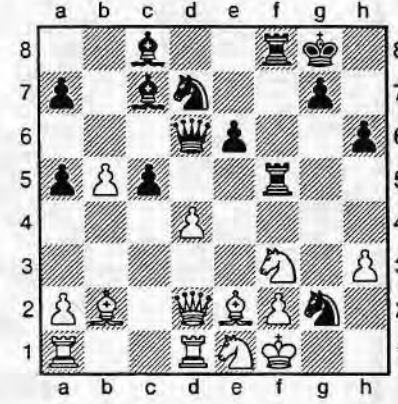
G WHITE TO MOVE



F WHITE TO MOVE



H BLACK TO MOVE



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Speelman,
Timman and
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These readers whose votes for the ten best games are most consistent with the decision of the jury will get a prize.

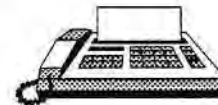
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[by Alan Borwell]

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53 Dunnikier Road,
Kirkcaldy,
Fife, KY1 2RL.
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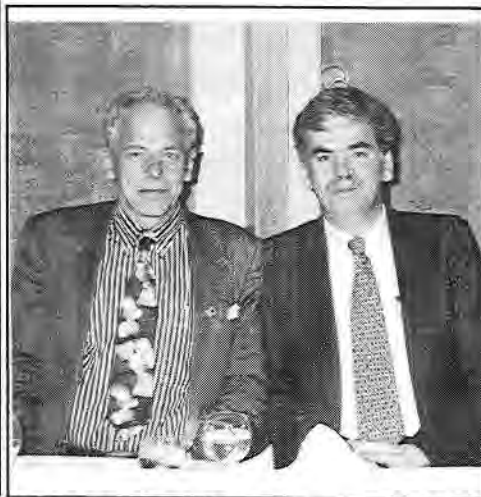
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Hurry! The fees will go up from 1st January 1997!



The CC Editors
Tim Harding, "Chess Mail" (on the left)
Manfred Gluth, "Fernschach"



Scottish CCA Delegate, George Pyrich (on the right), with Allan Jonasson, the Swedish CC President.

ICCF INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

(by George Pyrich)

Although many Scottish CCA players are playing in ICCF team events and friendly internationals (which of course is very welcome!), it would be nice to see more players participating in the ICCF individual class tournaments. These tournaments are comprised of 7 or 15 players (11 in Master Norm Sections) and provide opportunity for promotion to higher level events. The rate of play is 10 moves in 30 days but, with postal transmission, the games tend to be at a more leisurely pace than domestic events. Why not try a Section before the fees increase on 1/1/97?!

Another steady period with 8 new entries (Nos. 14 to 21 below). Also listed are those unallocated last time (Nos 1995 18-20, and 1996 7, 9, 11 & 13).

No	Name	Tournament Class/Players	ICCF Tourney Ref	Method of Play
1995				
18	M.G. Brown	European 3rd 7	EU/III/1137	Corr
19	A.R. Angus	European 1st 7	EU/I/1846	Corr
20	A. Knox	European 3rd 7	EU/III/1143	Corr
1996				
7	I.H. Marshall	European Higher 15		Corr
9	T. Thomson	World Master 15	W/M/GT/368	Corr
11	G.M. Anderson	European 1st 7		Corr
13	J.H. Nielsen	World Master 7		Email
14	S.K. McInroy	World 1st 7		Corr
15	M.P. Ford	European 2nd 7	EU/II/1191	Corr
16	D.J. Stewart	Master Norm 11		Corr
17	N.R. McEwan	European 2nd 15		Corr
18	A.C. Norris	European Master 15		Corr
19	C.A. Macgregor	Thematic 11/96 6		Corr
20	G.R. Sprott	European Master 7		Corr
21	G.R. Sprott	European Master 7		Corr

Only one result to report:-

Name	Tournament Class	Final Place	Score
C.A. Macgregor	W/III/894	4	3/6



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL XXI - SECTION 10

No	World Semi-Final XXI Section 10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Pts
1	P.M. Giuliani IM (SCO) 2450	◆										1					
2	M. Wein-Musset (GER) 2390		◆														
3	G. Waldhauser (OST) 2545			◆							1						
4	M. Malac (SLK) 2290				◆						1					½	
5	G. Simnett (WLS) 2185					◆			0		1						
6	G. Cardelli (ITA) 2430						◆										
7	V.N. Lubkov (RUS) 2420							◆									
8	A. Hoffman (GER) (2200)								◆								
9	H. Tiemann IM (GER) 2360				1					◆							
10	M.M. Gal (UKR) 2395										◆	1					
11	J.A.C. Goncalves (POR) 2500	0	0	0	0					0	◆	0					
12	J. Karasalo (SVE) 2420											1	◆				
13	C. McLaughlin (USA) (2200)													◆			
14	W. Raschewski (GER) 2460														◆		
15	D. Krivic (CRO) 2410			½												◆	

IM title : 8/14

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL XXI - SECTION 13

No	World Semi-Final XXI Section 13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Pts
1	H-E Lüers IM (GER) 2490	◆															
2	Z. Moscicki (POL) 2315		◆														
3	G.D. Pyrich IM (SCO) 2295			◆										½			
4	G. Voss (GER) 2330				◆												
5	V. Piccardo (ITA) 2530					◆		½									
6	M. Kratochvil (CZE) (2200)						◆										
7	W.M. Lin (SIP) (2200)					½		◆									
8	F.P. Hutchings (AUS) 2435								◆								
9	V.N. Bondar IM (UKR) 2425									◆							
10	E. van Leeuwen (BEL) 2420										◆						
11	V.P. Tarakanov (RUS) 2430											◆					
12	G.C. Muttoni (ARG) 2365												◆				
13	R. Franz (GER) 2465			½										◆			
14	G. Antoszkiewicz (GER) 2255														◆		
15	S. Winge (SVE) 2490															◆	

IM title : 8/14

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL XXI - SECTION 14

No	World Semi-Final XXI Section 14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Pts
1	A. I. Tavares (BRS) 2525	◆															
2	R. Angelov (BLG) (2200)		◆														
3	O. Kallinger IM (OST) 2430			◆													
4	P. Klemettinen (FIN) 2320				◆												
5	T. Cuno (GER) 2430					◆											
6	H. Camilleri (MLT) 2430						◆										
7	A.P. Borwell IM (SCO) 2385							◆									
8	C. Teichmann (CZE) 2420								◆						½		
9	M.A. Grebenshchikov (RUS) 2385									◆							
10	B. Kuperman IM (ISL) 2325										◆						
11	A. Gozman (UKR) 2470											◆					
12	W. Kurth (GER) 2485												◆				
13	C. Pare IM (CAN) 2420													◆			
14	M. Tischendorf (GER) 2355								½						◆		
15	B. Leiber IM (GER) 2560															◆	

IM title : 8/14

ALGERIAN INVITATION TOURNAMENT GM Title - 9 pts

No			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Pts
1	Prof R Reynolds	USA 2660	◆	½	0				0	0	½		0	½	0	0		
2	H. Handel	GM GER 2425	½	◆	½	0			½	0	½	0	½	½	0	1		
3	JS Morgado	GM ARG 2505	1	½	◆	½	½	1	0				½	1	½		1	
4	WP Normantas	LIT 2595		1	½	◆	½	½	½		1			½	½	½	1	
5	GK Sanakoev	GM RUS 2595			½		◆			½	½	0	½		½			
6	V Gefenas	IM LIT 2585			0	½		◆						½	½	½		
7	DA Kilgour	IM SCO 2490	1	½	1	½			◆	½	1	1	½	1	½	½	1	
8	S Brilla-Banfahvi	GM HUN 2480		1			½		½	◆		0	1	½	0	½		
9	R Gasiorowski	IM POL 2480		½		0	½		0		◆		0	1	0	1	1	
10	A Zanetti	IM ITA 2480	1	1			1		0	1		◆	1	½	½			
11	CA McNab	SCO 2500	½	½	0	½			½	0	1	0	◆	1	0	0	1	
12	K Douaouria	ALG 2435			0				0	0		0	◆	0	0	0		
13	P Stigar	IM NOR 2520	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	◆	½	½	9
14	G Osterman	IM FIN 2545	1	1		½		½	½	1	0	½	1	1	½	◆	1	
15	GC van Perlo	GM NLD 2455		0	0	0		½	0	½	0		0	1	½	0	◆	

ICCF FAX TOURNAMENT

No	Group A		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Pts
1	U. SVENSON	IM (SVE) 2610	◆	½	½	½	1	0	½	½			1	½	½	0	0	
2	M. PRIZANT	IM (ENG) 2530	½	◆	1	1	1	½	½	0		1	½	1	1	0	½	
3	B. SØRENSEN	GM (DEN) 2565	½	0	◆	½	1	½	½	0	0	0	½	1	1	0	0	6
4	N. STULL	IM (LUX) 2585	½	0	½	◆	1	1	½	0	½	1	0	1	½	0	0	6½
5	A.D. REYES	(HKG) (2200)	0	0	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	A. SOLTAU	GM (GER) 2565	1	½	½	0	1	◆	1	0	½	1	1	½	1	½	½	9
7	J.S. MORGADO	GM (ARG) 2525	½	½	½	½	1	0	◆	½	1	½	½	1	1	0	8	
8	R. MALLANGKAY	IM (NLD) 2500	½	1	½	1	1	1	½	◆	½	1	1	1	½	½	1	11
9	H.R. RITTNER	GM (GER) 2595			1	½	1	½	½	½	◆	1		1	½		0	
10	T. STRAND	(NOR) 2320		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	◆		1	0	½	0	
11	D.M. BRYSON	GM (SCO) 2570	0	½	½	1	1	0	½	0			◆	½	1	½	0	
12	K.H. NIENHUIS	IM (NLD) 2465	½	0	0	0	1	½	½	0	0	0	½	◆	1	0	0	4
13	M. CHRISTOFFEL	IM (SWZ) 2405	½	0	0	½	1	0	0	½	½	1	0	0	◆	½	0	4½
14	H. BURGER	IM (GER) 2575	1	1	1	1	1	½	0	½		½	½	1	½	◆	½	
15	T. KOKKILA	IM (FIN) 2430	1	½	1	1	1	½	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	½	◆	11½

GM title - 9 pts IM title - 6 pts

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Board 1				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts	
1	Camilleri	H	2395	MLT	◆	0	1	0	0	½	1	1	0	1	½	0	5
2	Markauss	J	2545	LAT	1	◆	1	½	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	8	
3	Chia	C-S	(2200)	SIP	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4	Portilho	GF	2410	BRS	1	½	1	◆		½	0						
5	Har-Even	A	2500	ISL	1	0	1		◆		0	1	1	1	½	0	
6	Leonardo	JP	2430	POR	½	½	1		◆	½	½		½	1			
7	Wolny	R	2450	POL	0	0	1	½	1	½	◆	0	1	½	0	5	
8	Cayford	T	2420	USA	0	½	1	1	0		1	◆	½	1	1	1	
9	Miskovsky	P	2505	CSR	1	½	1		0	½	0	½	◆	1	0		
10	Gillam	SR	2365	SCO	0	½	1		0	½	0	0	◆	½	½		
11	Thorbergsson	B	2525	ISD	½	½	1		½	½	1	0	1	½	◆	1	
12	Keglevic	P	2305	CRO	1	0	1		1	0	½	0		½	0	◆	

Board 2				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts	
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2	Vitomskis	J	2505	LAT	1	◆	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	10
3	Teo	B	2260	SIP	1	0	◆	0		0	½	0	0	0	0	0	
4	de Cresce	SH	2450	BRS	1	½	1	◆		½	½	1	½	1		1	
5	Granski	M	2495	ISL	1	0		◆	0		½		0	½			
6	Oliveira	AM	2315	POR	1	0	1	½	1	◆	0	0	0	½	0	½	4½
7	Dors	R	2500	POL	1	0	½	½		1	◆	½	½	½	0	0	
8	Callaghan	RS	2485	USA	1	0	1	0	½	1	½	◆	0	½	½	½	5½
9	Spodny	J	2460	CSR	1	0	1	½		1	½	1	◆		½	0	
10	Pyrich	GD	2335	SCO	1	0	1	0	1	½	½	½		◆	0	1	
11	Palsson	JA	2455	ISD	1	½	1		½	1	1	½	½	1	◆	0	
12	Klaic	P	2450	CRO	1	0	1	0		½	1	½	1	0	1	◆	

Board 3				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts	
1	Sollars	C	(2200)	MLT	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Pulkis	V	2500	LAT	1	◆	½		1	½	0		½	½	½	½	
3	Williams/Mooi		(2200)	SIP	1	½	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	2½
4	Felicio	C	2350	BRS	1		1	◆		0	½	½	½	½	1		
5	Kuperman	B	2325	ISL	1	0	1		◆		1		0	0			
6	Moura	AB	2415	POR	1	½	1			◆	½	½		½	1		
7	Matlak	J	(2200)	POL	1	1	1			◆	1		½	1	0		
8	Dehmelt/Meyers		2430	USA	1		1	½	0	½	0	◆	½	½	1	0	
9	Manduch	M	2450	CSR	1	½	1	½		½	½	◆	1	1			
10	Craig	TJ	2335	SCO	1	½	½	½	1		½	½	0	◆	½	½	
11	Kristinsson	J	2440	ISD	1	½	1	½	1	½	0	1	0	½	◆	½	6½
12	Paravic	Z	(2200)	CRO	1	½	½	0		0	1	1		½	½	◆	

Board 4				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts	
1	Camilleri	S	(2200)	MLT	◆	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	1½
2	Strautinsh	U	2485	LAT	1	◆	1	1	1	1	1	½	0	1	½	1	9
3	Teo	K-C	2310	SIP	½	0	◆	½	0	½	0	0	½	0	0	0	2
4	Alvarenga	RF	2435	BRS	1	0	½	◆	½	1		½	½	1		1	
5	Azar	P	2455	ISL	½	0	1	½	◆	½	1	½		½	1	1	
6	Almeida	MC	(2200)	POR	1	0	½	0	½	◆	½	½		1		½	
7	Marcinkiewicz	A	2405	POL	1	0	1		0	½	◆		0	½	½	½	
8	Martinowsky	E	2380	USA	1	½	1	½	½	½		◆	½	1	½	1	
9	Danek	L	2545	CSR	1	1	½	½			1	½	◆	½	1	½	
10	Livie	DM	2290	SCO	½	0	1	0	½	0	½	0	½	◆	½	½	4
11	Gudmundsson	K	2385	ISD	1	½	1		0		½	0	½	◆	0		
12	Movre	D	2345	CRO	1	0	1	0	0	½	½	0	½	½	1	◆	5

Board 5				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts	
1	Sammut	R	(2200)	MLT	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	1	½	2½
2	Strautinsh	V	2470	LAT	1	◆	½	½	0	0	1		1	1	1	0	
3	Wang	M-L	(2200)	SIP	1	½	◆		0	1	1	0	1	1	½	½	
4	Amorim	GS	2455	BRS	1	½		◆	0	0		0	1	1	½		
5	Eljakhim	D	(2200)	ISL	1	1	1	1	◆	1	1	½	1	1	½	1	10
6	Demetrio/Cordiero		2285	POR	1	1	0	1	0	◆		½	½	1	1	0	
7	Haag/Nizynski	M	(2200)	POL	1	0	0		0		◆	0		1	½	½	
8	Embrey	K	2500	USA	½		1	1	½	½	1	◆	½	½	1	½	
9	Marczell	P	2475	CSR	1	0	0		0	½	1	◆	½	1	0	½	
10	Beecham	CR	2235	SCO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	◆	0	½
11	Thorsteinsson	E	2360	ISD	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	0	1	1	◆	0	4
12	Krivic	D	2245	CRO	½	1	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	1	1	◆	7

Board 6				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts	
1	Mifsud	T	(2200)	MLT	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Dauga	Z	2450	LAT	1	◆	1		1	1	½	0	1	1	½	1	
3	Leong	V	(2200)	SIP	1	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Barata	HAG	(2200)	BRS	1		1	◆		½	½	1		1	½		
5	Oren	I	2410	ISL	1	0	1		◆		0		0	1	½	0	
6	Morais	VM	2375	POR	1	0	1	½		◆	1	1	0	1	0	0	
7	Sapa	W	2240	POL	1	½	1	½	1	0	◆		1	½	½		
8	Owen	L	2420	USA	1	1	1	0		0		◆			½		
9	Laurenc	P	2445	CSR	1	0	1		1	1	0		◆	1	½	½	
10	Jenkins	DM	2310	SCO	1	0	1	0	0	0	½		0	◆	½	0	
11	Halldorsson	JA	(2200)	ISD	1	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	◆	½	7
12	Strucic	I	(2200)	CRO	1	0	1		1	1			½	1	½	◆	





Friendly Internationals

[by Richard Beecham]

Results:

Scotland (6) v Switzerland (20)

Bd 3 G.D. Pyrich ½ ½ K. Blattner

Scotland (12) v Brazil (12)

Corrections

Bd 7 A. Brown ½ ½ N Favarsani Jr

Bd 20 G.M. Anderson 2 0 G deS Baptista

Scotland (17) v Belgium (17)

Corrections

Bd 10 A. Macmillan 0 2 P. Goyvaerts

Bd 14 A. Campbell 0 1 M. Ringoir

Scotland (4) v BCCS (12)

Bd 7 A. Armstrong ½ ½ ½ B. Oakes

Scotland (6½) v ASPCC, USA (8½)

Bd 1 G.D. Pyrich 0 1 R. Barry

Bd 5 D.R. Cumming 0 1 J. Hopfer

Bd 8 G. McKnight 0 2 H. Sikes

Bd 9 A. Armstrong 1 0 R. Slater

Scotland (2) v South Africa (2)

Bd 7 D.J. Savage 0 2 D. Terblanche

Bd 8 D.R. Cumming 1 0 H. Benade

Scotland (0) v Netherlands (2)

Bd 18 S. Brady 0 2 J.W. Ketzner

Scotland (1) v India (0)

Bd 13 A. Armstrong 1 0 A. Gupta

Start 1/8/92

	LATVIA	SCOTLAND
1	I Abolinsh	1-1 GD Pyrich
2	V Krivososov	½-½-½ GA Morton
3	G Prieditis	2-0 E Thompson
4	N Zuravlovs	1-1 R Cochrane
5	N Gurtovojs	1-1 I Mackintosh
6	G Rudzitis	2-0 A Armstrong
7	A Hils	1-1 IWS Mitchell
8	K. Vitols	½-1½ AN Macmillan
9	J F Ikarts	½-½-½ SJ Baczkowski
10	J Dadzis	1½-½ DG McRoberts
11	I Reneslakis	2-0 S Hilton
12	H Gulbis	½-½-½ AC Norris
	Final Score	15-9

Correction of Czech Rep team

Start 1/6/94

	SCOTLAND	CZECH REP.
1	I Shaw	½-½-½ I Pletanek
2	NA Down	B Kopecky
3	GD Pyrich	½ 1½ Z Necesanv
4	E Davis	M Fuka
5	JB Henderson	V Chladek
6	Mrs EA Hartford	0 2 P Svacek
7	AC Norris	V Hybl
8	AN Macmillan	V Vyskocil
9	AC Brown	½-1½ M Michalek
10	Mrs S Macgilchrist	½-1½ J Nyvit
11	I. Mackintosh	2 0 K Dudek
12	DR Cumming	0 2 J Canibal
13	DJ Savage	½-1½ J Mrkvicka
14	SG MacKenzie	½-1½ J Ryska
15	DG McRoberts	½-1½ B Glembek
16	A. Armstrong	½-½-½ V Houdek
17	B. Milligan	2 0 V Breisky
18	CA Macgregor	0 2 K Glaser
19	B. Wood	0 2 E Lorenz
20	B. Setchell	L Zimmermann
	Current total	7½-9½

Start 1/6/93

	SCOTLAND	BCCA
1	GD Pyrich	½-1½ AM Stewart
2	I Marshall	0-2 LD Ackerley
3	J Henderson	0-2 AR Walters
4	T Thomson	½-1½ AN Morris
5	W Rutherford	0-2 DB Arrington
6	KWC Stewart	0-2 RN Dixon
7	I Sneddon	½-1½ A Byrne
8	Mrs E Hartford	½-1½ AW Hooper
9	AWI Campbell	1-1 R Scruton
10	IA Mackintosh	2-0 DK Tove
11	DJ Savage	1½-½ JK Russons
12	S Hilton	0-2 DW Whymark
13	A Armstrong	0-2 VW Griffiths
14	NR McEwan	½-1½ Dr MB Green
15	AN MacMillan	½-1½ CJ Soltysiak
16	J McMenemy	½-1½ GM Richards
17	B Milligan	1½-½ EP Connelly
18	G McKnight	2-0 R Barnes
	Final score	11½-24½

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Norm

No	BOARD 1 - C.A. McNAB	4½	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Quaresma, C R (POR)	2420	♦						½				
2	Rumiancevas, B GM (LIT)	2535		♦		½		0	½		½		
3	De Ruiter, T (NLD)	2390			♦		0	½	0			½	
4	Morris, C F (WLS) (2380)			½		♦	½	0	½				
5	Neuvonen, O (FIN)	2435			1	½	♦		½			0	
6	Roose, J (BEL)	2365		1	½	1		♦	½		½	½	
7	McNab, C A IM (SCO)	2520	½	½	1	½	½	½	♦			½	
8	Mraz, M IM (CZE)	2525								♦			0
9	Timoschenko AG IM (UKR)	2505		½				½			♦	½	
10	Boissel, B (FRA) (2510)				½		1	½	½	1	½	♦	

No	BOARD 2 - P.M. GIULIAN	5½	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Goncalves, J A C (POR)	2485	♦		½				½				
2	Uogele, A B IM (LIT)	2480		♦	½	1		½	½			½	
3	Groeneveld, C IM (NLD)	2475	½	½	♦	½		0	½	0	½	½	
4	Dishman, S (WLS) (2280)			0	½	♦		½	½	0		½	
5	Koskivirta, O (FIN)	2415					♦	0	½	0		0	
6	Van de Craen (BEL) (2200)			½	1	½	1	♦	1			½	
7	Giulian, P M IM (SCO)	2415	½	½	½	½	½	0	♦		½	0	
8	Trapl, J IM (CZE)	2535			1	1	1			♦			
9	Bennderskij, W G (UKR)	2200			½				½		♦		
10	Herb, P (FRA) (2370)			½	½	½	1	½	1				♦

No	BOARD 3 - A.P. BORWELL	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Rosa, A R B (POR) (2385)		♦		½					1		½	
2	Milvydas, V IM (LIT)	2475		♦			½					½	
3	Quakkelaar, M J (NLD)	2505	½		♦		0	1	0	0			
4	Macdonald, J (WLS) (2200)					♦			0	0			
5	Lehto, A (FIN)	2395		½	1		♦		0				
6	Joseph, F (BEL)	2235			0			♦	½	½			
7	Borwell, A P IM (SCO)	2360	0		1	1	1	½	♦				
8	Sevecek, R IM (CZE)	2530			1	1		½		♦			
9	Muraviev, S (UKR) (2200)											♦	
10	Feroul, M IM (FRA)	2455	½	½									♦

No	BOARD 4 - D.J. STEWART	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Pinto, N M F B (POR) (2300)		♦			1		½	1		½		
2	Petraitis, G (LIT) (2200)			♦		1							
3	Rakhorst, W W J (NLD)	2470			♦		½		1			0	
4	Adams, M (WLS) (2200)	0	0		♦	½	½	0					
5	Jaderholm, B (FIN)	2380			½	½	♦		½	½			
6	Hannecart, M (BEL) (2200)	½			½			♦				½	
7	Stewart, D J (SCO)	2410	0		0	1	½		♦	0			
8	Spodny, J IM (CZE)	2445					½			1	♦		
9	Lepichow, A G (UKR)	2515	½									♦	
10	Spitz, P (FRA) (2200)				1			½					♦

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		Norm										Pts
No	BOARD 5 - T.J. CRAIG 6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Cordeiro, V L (POR) 2350	◆	1	½	½	0			1			
2	Slekys, E (LIT) 2305	0	◆									
3	Raymaekers, R C H (NLD) 2450	½		◆	½	1	½		½	½		
4	Phillips, G H (WLS) (2200)	½		½	◆	½	0	0			½	
5	Hesse, G (FIN) 2375	1		0	½	◆	1	0	1			
6	Pauwels, R (BEL) 2275			½	1	0	◆	½			1	
7	Craig, T J (SCO) 2335				1	1	½	◆				
8	Smrcka, F IM (CZE) 2465	0		½		0			◆	½		
9	Kotenko, G J (UKR) 2400			½					½	◆		
10	Berriot, B (FRA) 2280				½		0				◆	

		Norm										Pts
No	BOARD 6 - G.D. PYRICH 7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Azevedo, J M (POR) 2295	◆			½		0	½				
2	Marcinkevicius (LIT) (2200)		◆		1							
3	Hotting, A (NLD) 2445			◆	½	½	1	½			1	
4	Sinnett, G (WLS) (2200)	½	0	½	◆	½	0	½			½	
5	Raivio, P (FIN) 2335			½	½	◆	1	0		½		
6	De Coninck, G (BEL) (2440)	1		0	1	0	◆	0				
7	Pyrich, G D (SCO) 2275	½		½	½	1	1	◆	½		1	
8	Hadraba V (CZE) 2445							½	◆		1	
9	Gal, M (UKR) 2405					½				◆		
10	Vigneron, M (FRA) (2200)			0	½			0	0		◆	

		Norm										Pts
No	BOARD 7 - C.R. BEECHAM 6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Peres, J C M (POR) (2200)	◆			0	1	½	1	1			
2	Kupsys, A (LIT) 2445		◆	½	1	1	½	½	1		½	
3	Poel, E (NLD) 2305	½	◆	◆	½	1	½	0	0	½	½	
4	Thomas, M (WLS) 2340	1	0	½	◆	1	0	½		½	½	
5	Sabel, H (FIN) 2340	0	0	0	0	◆	1					
6	Van de Wynkele, H (BEL) 2345	½	½	½	1	0	◆	1	½	½		
7	Beecham, C R (SCO) 2270	0	½	1	½		0	◆			½	
8	Jezek, J (CZE) 2495	0	0	1		½			◆	0	½	
9	Bondar, W N IM (UKR) 2420			½	½		½		1	◆		
10	Grizou, R (FRA) 2440		½	½	½			½	½		◆	

		Norm										Pts
No	BOARD 8 - D.M. JENKINS 6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Neves, J J A C (POR) (2200)	◆					0	½	0			
2	Dambrauskas, V IM (LIT) 2490		◆									
3	Lambers, G H (NLD) 2390			◆				1			0	
4	Garcia, J (WLS) (2200)				◆	0	½	½				
5	Luoma, J (FIN) 2360				1	◆	0	0				
6	Beniest, R (BEL) (2200)	1			½	1	◆	½	½	0	1	
7	Jenkins, D M (SCO) 2325	½		0	½	1	½	◆	0		0	
8	Teichmann, C (CZE) 2425	1				½	1	◆				
9	Chichlow, I I (UKR) 2475						1			◆		
10	Pecot, L (FRA) 2505			1			0	1			◆	

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		Norm										Pts
No	BOARD 9 - R.W.M. BAXTER 7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Marques, J L S (POR) (2215)	◆			½					½		
2	Agejevas, A IM (LIT) 2455		◆						0			
3	Plomp, M P (NLD) 2440			◆	1				½	½		
4	Baker, A P (WLS) (2200)	½		0	◆		0	1				
5	Kilpi, T (FIN) (2200)					◆	½	½	½			
6	De Beck, E (BEL) (2200)				1	½	◆	½	0			
7	Baxter, R W M (SCO) (2260)			½	0	½	½	◆			½	
8	Sedlacek, O (CZE) (2275)	½		½		½	1		◆			
9	Meshebizkij, S I (UKR) 2455								½		◆	
10	Rousselot, B (FRA) 2375											◆

		Norm										Pts
No	BOARD 10 - T. THOMSON 6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Ferreira, J G (POR) 2235	◆	½	0	1							
2	Rubinas, P (LIT) (2380)	½	◆		1							
3	Van de Kley, C (NLD) 2430	1		◆							½	
4	Griffith, M J (WLS) 2230	0	0		◆	0			0			
5	Jaatinen, P (FIN) 2340			0	1	◆			½			½
6	Laurent, C (BEL) 2250						◆	0				
7	Thomson, T (SCO) (2200)				1	½	1	◆				
8	Urban, J (CZE) 2395									◆		
9	Miljutin, O P IM (UKR) 2435			½							◆	
10	Del Gobbo, M (FRA) 2520					½						◆

		Norm										Pts
No	BOARD 11 - I.A. MARKS 7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Peres, J L M (POR) (2200)	◆			0	1	½		1			
2	Sutkus, V (LIT) 2270		◆							0		
3	Pillhock, U D (NLD) 2440	1		◆	1	½	1	1		1		
4	Clifford, N (WLS) (2200)	0		0	◆	0		1			0	
5	Hietanen, P (FIN) 2320	½		½	1	◆		½			½	
6	Deschamp, G (BEL) (2200)						◆	1			0	
7	Marks, I A (SCO) (2200)	0		0	0	½	0	◆	½	½	0	
8	Lizan, L (CZE) 2410		1						½	◆		
9	Pawlenko, J B (UKR) 2420				0				½		◆	
10	Muller, J (FRA) (2200)				1	½	1	1				◆

		Norm										Pts
No	BOARD 12 - C.F. BOYLE 7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	Rodrigues, J C (POR) (2200)	◆		½	1		½		0			
2	Vaitonis, V (LIT) 2465		◆			½	½		½			
3	Etmans, M D (NLD) 2300	½		◆	1	0	1	½	0		0	
4	Grier, C (WLS) 2200	0		0	◆	0	½	½	0			
5	Johansson, C-E (FIN) 2320		½	1	1	◆	½		½			
6	Rodriguez, M (BEL) 2385	½	½	0	½	½	◆	1	½			
7	Boyle, C F (SCO) (2200)			½	½		0	◆	0		0	
8	Pletanek, J (CZE) 2405	1	½	1	1	½	½	1	◆		½	
9	Stawnitschuk, A P (UKR) (2200)										◆	
10	Spitz, C (FRA) (2200)			1				1	½			◆

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BOARD 1 - D.A. KILGOUR			FRA	CAN	USA	SCO	NOR	ESP	WLS	POR	ENG	ISD	IRL	Pts
N. Larrouy	FRA	2340	◆											
M. Edelstein	CAN	2385		◆										
D. Eisen	USA	2485			◆									
D.A. Kilgour	SCO	2550				◆								
O.P. Mogstad	NOR	2200					◆							
E. Barrababe Menal	ESP	2370						◆						
P.A. Richmond	WLS	2200							◆					
F.V.L.S. Costa	POR	2290								◆				
M.J. Conrov	ENG	2530									◆			
A.O. Karason	ISD	2455										◆		
E. Gibney	IRL	2390											◆	

BOARD 2 - D.J. STEWART			FRA	CAN	USA	SCO	NOR	ESP	WLS	POR	ENG	ISD	IRL	Pts
D. Bouchez	FRA	2200	◆											
P. Cody	CAN	2375		◆										
D. Kopec	USA	2410			◆									
D.J. Stewart	SCO	2410				◆		½	½		0			
O. Lorentzen	NOR	2445					◆							
J.A. Barrios Tronsco	ESP	2460				½		◆						
M. Thomas	WLS	2290				½			◆		0			
J.L.M. Peres	POR	2500								◆				
M.J. Read	ENG	2500				1			1		◆	½		
J.A. Palsson	ISD	2410									½	◆		
C. O'Hare	IRL	2200											◆	

BOARD 3 - D.S. FINNIE			FRA	CAN	USA	SCO	NOR	ESP	WLS	POR	ENG	ISD	IRL	Pts
P. Tombette	FRA	2325	◆											
A. De Vrient	CAN	2345		◆										
E.S. Martinovsky	USA	2425			◆									
D.S. Finnie	SCO	2460				◆								
A. Haugen	NOR	2200					◆							
J. Mercedal Benajem	ESP	2460						◆						
J. Simmons	WLS	2200							◆					
J.C.M. Peres	POR	2250								◆				
P.F. Timson	ENG	2495									◆			
M. Gunnarsson	ISD	2320										◆		
J. Murray	IRL	2325											◆	

BOARD 4 - D.M. LIVIE			FRA	CAN	USA	SCO	NOR	ESP	WLS	POR	ENG	ISD	IRL	Pts
J. De Lagotrie	FRA	2285	◆											
Z. Sarosy	CAN	2395		◆										
N.R. Sever	USA	2420			◆									
D.M. Livie	SCO	2310				◆								
T-A Klausen	NOR	2300					◆		½			½		
J.E. Da-Riva Alonso	ESP	2375						◆						
G.H. Phillips	WLS	2200					½		◆					
J.M.P. Azevedo	POR	2315								◆				
J.J. Carleton	ENG	2455									◆			
V.O. Vigfusson	ISD	2290					½					◆		
B. Ryan	IRL	2285											◆	

BOARD 5 - C.F. BOYLE			FRA	CAN	USA	SCO	NOR	ESP	WLS	POR	ENG	ISD	IRL	Pts
P. Verdier	FRA	2345	◆											
M. Adriano	CAN	2275		◆										
T. Albano	USA	2415			◆									
C.F. Boyle	SCO	2210				◆			1		½			
L. Nybrott	NOR	2210					◆							
J. Canal Olivieras	ESP	2350						◆						
B.D. Thomas	WLS	2200							◆		0			
C.M.A. Figueiras	POR	2510								◆				
A.R. Bamsley	ENG	2450				½			1		◆		1	
O. Thorarinnsson	ISD	2225										◆		
D. Robb	IRL	2240									0		◆	

BOARD 6 - M.T. DYER			FRA	CAN	USA	SCO	NOR	ESP	WLS	POR	ENG	ISD	IRL	Pts
M. Menterier	FRA	2200	◆									1		
R. Siemms	CAN	2260		◆										
N.E. Pedersen	USA	2410			◆									
M.T. Dyer	SCO	2200				◆								
R. Berthelsen	NOR	2200					◆	0				1	½	
C. Flores Gutierrez	ESP	2345					1	◆				1		
T.P. Roberts	WLS	2200							◆					
J.J.A.C. Neves	POR	2290								◆				
I.S. Brooks	ENG	2435									◆	1		
J.A. Halldorson	ISD	2410	0				0	0			0	◆		
L. Forte	IRL	2200					½						◆	

BOARD 7 - I.S. CAMPBELL			FRA	CAN	USA	SCO	NOR	ESP	WLS	POR	ENG	ISD	IRL	Pts
D. Rozier	FRA	2225	◆											
E. Cornblum	CAN	2260		◆										
W. Conover	USA	2405			◆									
I.S. Campbell	SCO	2200				◆			1					
H. Rise	NOR	2200					◆							
A. Sanchez Serrano	ESP	2300						◆						
J. Coleby	WLS	2200					0		◆					
J.M.C. Damesceno	POR	2255								◆				
B.E. Ellis	ENG	2410									◆			
T.B. Olafsson	ISD	2315										◆		
P. Cassidy	IRL	2250											◆	

BOARD 8 - G.W.G. LIVIE			FRA	CAN	USA	SCO	NOR	ESP	WLS	POR	ENG	ISD	IRL	Pts
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R. Marconi	CAN	2240		◆										
I.G. Toth	USA	2395			◆									
G.W.G. Livie	SCO	2200				◆					½	1	1	
T. Andresen	NOR	2200	½				◆							
J.R. Rodriguez Forner	ESP	2300						◆						
T.J. Hammond	WLS	2200							◆					
J.P. Soberano	POR	2200								◆				
W.F. Lumley	ENG	2400					½				◆			
K. Elisson	ISD	2200					0					◆		
A. Gilmore	IRL	2200					0						◆	

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E. Bowie-Reed	CAN	2200		◆										
D.M. Fleetwood	USA	2380			◆									
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D. Salter	IRL	2200											◆	

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C.J. Lennox	SCO	2200				◆	½							
S. Olsen	NOR	2200				½	◆							
R. Movano Garcia	ESP	2200						◆						
D. Guv	WLS	2200							◆					
J.L.E. Reis	POR	2200								◆				
M.J. Donnelly	ENG	2200									◆			
I. Brvniolfsson	ISD	2200										◆		
D. Kerr	IRL	2200											◆	



READER'S LETTER

David Salter from Ilkley in West Yorkshire writes.....

"..... As a chess computer owner who does not use the program to determine moves in a CC game, I agree that such use is disagreeable. Whether computers can win in postal play has been demonstrated by the Mephisto Vancouver which plays for the BCCS and has a CC rating of 2479. Perhaps I could propose a challenge based on the ability of my own (albeit lesser rated) Novag Sapphire computer. It has an OTB rating upward of 2135 which could well exceed 2200 in CC. How about a challenge tournament clash?"

I would be prepared to make the machine a life member and, in returning to the fold, I would make myself a life member (whether or not the challenge is taken up). In fact, to show my renewed enthusiasm, I enclose my LM fee now!

On the point about presenting an obscure position to a computer, it may well be true that a poor evaluation would arise as it tries to work out what is going on, but can human players always achieve such positions when playing right through a game versus a machine? It is possible to set up a problem which has anti-computer features but can we keep it up through the opening, middlegame and ending in the course of a regular game?"

READER'S LETTERS

Andy Crawford from Paisley writes.....

"I have lately been a little disappointed at the presentation of games (in the SCCA Magazine) which comprises mostly of the moves and variations. This style assumes a level of understanding that I do not have and perhaps much of the readership does not have. If one looks at David Kilgour's games (No. 54), especially CO2, there is an explanation of ideas, options and plans in a textual form which is far more instructive. I think it would be worthwhile to have a number of games in this style per issue. This could be achieved by having a question/answer accompaniment to a game between a high and a low graded player. Studying the games of strong players is illuminating but it would be better if we understood all their actions."

From the depths of the grading list, Bernard Milligan writes....

"I noted, with some interest, the new ICCF Gradings included in the Scottish Grading List in the last issue of the magazine. Whilst I am sure that the players concerned thoroughly deserve these grades, based on ICCF rateable games, there seems to be quite a difference with their previous Scottish grade.

This led me to wondering how much credence we should place on these grades, especially when we take into account the fact that they have generally been calculated on far fewer games than the Scottish grade. If it does turn out that they are inaccurate in any way, then their use in the Scottish grading system could have quite an inflationary effect on the grades of other Scottish players.

There is always the possibility that our grading system has been drastically under-calculating a player's strength and I would welcome Raymond Baxter's thoughts on this possibility.

We should also consider the fact that the majority of Scottish tournaments are not included in the calculation of ICCF grades. This means that a player with an ICCF grade can quite happily lose, for example, all their games in the Premiers, without ever having it affect their grade. Surely for the ICCF grade to have any accuracy, it should be based on all the results of a player's games rather than just those games played under ICCF terms and conditions. We may have shorter time controls but both players are playing on a level playing field and a win is no less valid.

Unless all of a player's games are included in the grading calculation, I will continue to have serious misgivings about the accuracy of any ICCF grade. I for one would be all in favour of only using Scottish grades in our grading calculations. They are generally based on far more results and are probably a more accurate reflection of a player's true playing strength.

This may prove to be a far more controversial topic than the great computer debate. Nevertheless we need to consider it now before the ICCF grades produce a nation of 2000+ players irrespective of how good they are. I pass this debate onto the members for their thoughts but try not to have to many sleepless nights over it!"

[Our Membership Officer has expressed his views in a typical frank way in this letter and I am sure that there are plenty of members who would like to comment! - Editor]

WINNING CONTINUATIONS SOLUTIONS

(from Page 54/55)

- A** 1 Ba6+! Kxa6 (or 1 ... Kb6 2 a5+ Kxa6 3 Qb4 Qf8 4 Nc5+ Qc5 5 Qxc5 Bd5 6 Nd4) 2 Qc7! Qf8 3 Qxc6+ Ka5 4 Qb5#. 1:0
D Zaitsev (UKR)-V Pomper (DDR), corr 1965/7.
- B** 1 Rxc7+ Kxc7 2 Be5+ Kg6 3 Qe6+ Kh5 4 Qf7+ etc. 1:0. P Grizo (UKR)-H Vaisner (DDR), corr 1965/7.
- C** 1 Nxf4! exf4 2 Nxf4 Qe7 3 Ng6+! hxg6 4 Qh6+ Qh7 5 Qxf8 Qg8 6 Qxg8# 1:0. V Tatarenko (UKR)-N Okhrimenko (UKR), corr 1970/1.
- D** 1 Qxf6! gxf6 2 Rxd7 Kg7 3 Bxf7 Rxf7 4 Rxf7 Kg6 5 Rxh7 Qc6 6 h4 Qe4 7 h5+ Kf5 8 Rhe7 Qxc2 9 Rd5+ Kf4 10 h6 1:0. Podolsky (UKR)-Ketola (FIN), corr 1970/72.
- E** 1 Nc5!! 1:0 (a) ... Bxc5 2 Rd8+ Bf8 3 Rxc8! (b) 1 ... e2 2 Nxe6 exf1=Q+ 3 Rxf1 Qb6+ 4 Kh1 Qxe6 5 Qc3 f6 6 Bd5 +, (c) 1 ... Rc6 2 Rd7!)
M. Eryomin (RUS)-Zakharichenko (RUS), corr 1970/72.
- F** 1 Bxd5!! (1 Qb3? Qd4!) 1 ... Rxc4 2 Nxc4 Qd4 3 Bxb7 d5 4 Bxd5! Bh4 5 b6 Bxf2+ 6 Kh1 Qd3 7 Nd2!, 1:0
Epelman-Anikeev, 1/4-Finals USSR Corr Champ. 1971/2
- G** 1 Bxh5+! Rxh5 2 Qg8+ Ke7 3 Rxf6+! Kxf6 4 Rf1+ Ke5 5 Qg3+ Kd4 6 Ne2 Kxe4 7 Qf4# 1:0
Poznyak-Nasikan, 1/2-Final M.F. USSR Corr Champ 1974/5.
- H** 1 ... Qh2! 2 Nhx2 Rxf2+ 3 Kg1 Bxh2 4 Kxh2+ Nxe1+ 5 Kg3 Rg2+ 6 Kh4 Nf3+! 0:1 (If 7 Bxf3 g5+ 8 Qxg5 hxg5+ 9 Kh5 Bxf3+ 10 Kg6 Rf6#).
Gorbylyov-Poznyak, Byelorussia Corr Champ 1963/5

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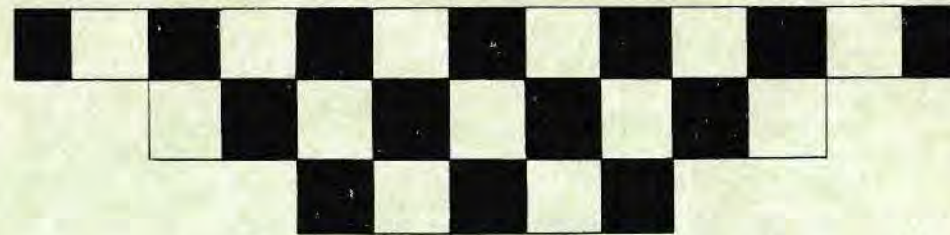
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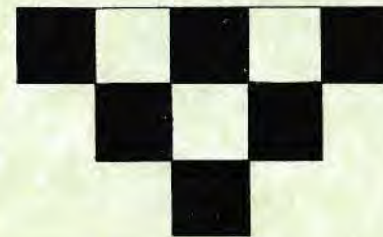
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