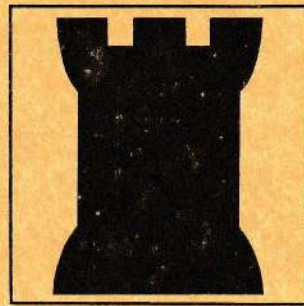
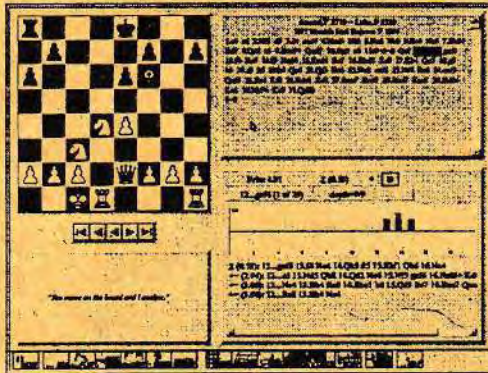


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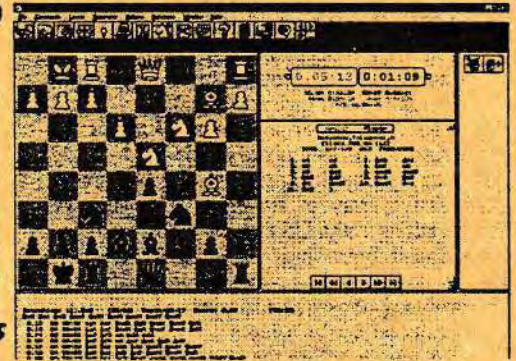
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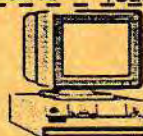
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Editorial

by Alan Borwell

No. 58
Summer 1997

As I write this editorial, watching the rain pour down and with the central heating on, I wonder if our change from publication months to seasons, was really a good idea, and if this can possibly be *summer*!

However, we hope there are interesting games, the new rating lists and other information to keep you occupied, if you cannot do the gardening or enjoy long sunny evenings. Due to space limitations, we have had to hold over several articles and games, hopefully for inclusion in future editions.

Your Association now has its second President and I would like to extend to David Kilgour my very best wishes for a long and enjoyable period in office. The first 20 years of the Scottish CCA have seen considerable progress and there are many interesting challenges and opportunities ahead, as we approach the Millennium. In addition to the traditional way of playing correspondence chess, we have seen the emergence of fax and, particularly, Email methods of CC play. Soon, the Scottish CCA will have its own World Wide Web Internet pages and a great deal of international CC information is now available on "iccf.com", which has had nearly 20,000 visitations in its first year.

We are fortunate that Iain Mackintosh has agreed to become our new Vice President, having been a regular CC player and SCCA member for many years. Iain brings to the Executive Committee a wealth of computer expertise and other professional skills, and Jim Falconer has also agreed to provide assistance with technology matters, including our WWW pages. We also welcome the return of Alan Armstrong as a Committee Member, and Tom Thomson has taken over the Assistant International Secretary role from Richard Beecham. Our thanks to Richard for his work on our behalf, particularly with the friendly international matches.

In less than three months time, George Pyrich and I will be attending the first ICCF Congress, in its long history, to be held outside Europe. The visit to Buenos Aires, Argentina, will provide a unique opportunity to meet many South American CC friends and to promote international CC and friendships in this important Zone of ICCF. It will be a long and arduous journey, but we will extend best wishes from all Scottish CCA officials and players to our hosts and Latin American friends! A full report on the 1997 ICCF Congress will be published in the Autumn 1997 Magazine, due for publication in October.

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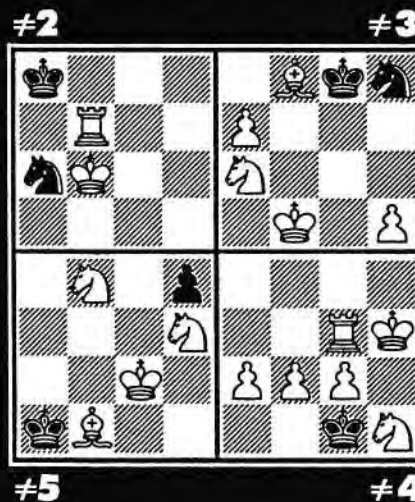
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New Scottish CCA President David A. Kilgour

Following Alan Borwell's decision to retire after 20 years service, I was privileged to be appointed as your new President at the AGM held recently in Stirling. I look forward to taking the Association into the next Millenium, along with our very experienced Executive team.

When the Scottish CCA was formed on 26/2/77, Alan became its first President, although postal chess activities had been organised for many years by the late Bernard Partridge, under the auspices of the SCA. During the late 1970s, Alan actively campaigned for the independent status of Scotland within ICCF and this was eventually achieved in 1981, almost 50 years after the SCA became a full member of FIDE! Despite our relatively small number of players, Scotland is now one of the leading nations in international CC, with outstanding achievements in both individual and team competitions, as well as being hosts to two very successful ICCF Congresses.

It was Alan who initiated the magazine and, along with his wife Moira, developed it into what it is today - one of the best publications of any ICCF member country. We are very pleased that they will continue to publish the magazine and that Alan will be still on the Committee. I think that I can say that all members of our Association owe Alan a debt which is very difficult to repay and we wish him every success in the future.

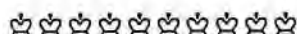
As the new President, I would like to say that I am encouraged by the number of entries to individual and team events last year, especially when the number of members fell during the year.

I would like to encourage all members to work for the Association in trying to recruit at least one new member for the current season. As an over-the-board player, correspondence chess can help with opening theory and endgame knowledge and enables players to try new ideas which can then be played over-the-board, and all OTB players would find that their game improves by playing correspondence chess.

There are quite a few new developments in the method of playing chess with the aid of new technology which has allowed moves to be sent by fax and Email. Players can play games over the Internet where there are a large number of providers and chess clubs. Many chess clubs have Web sites which host information relating to the club and some of the members' games. Some sites have vast databases of games, some of which relate to games played just that day!

My view is that none of these other methods of playing chess will replace correspondence chess using the mail systems but they offer opportunities which individual players might wish to grasp. I play correspondence chess because I do not have the time to play OTB chess, and now that I am a little older I do not have the same concentration as I once did for OTB chess (this is justified by my recent performance in the Edinburgh League). I enjoy getting the postcards from home and abroad and corresponding with people from different countries. These pleasures are not dependent on your level of ability but rather what you make of it.

My wish is that your Association progresses with me as President and that progress should be determined by you, the members of the Association. You should enjoy being part of the Association and to this end your comments on the Scottish CCA are valuable, so why not let us know what you think.



The new Scottish CCA Executive Committee 1997/98



From left: Back row: Alan Armstrong, Raymond Baxter, Bernard Milligan, Tom Thomson, Iain Sneddon
Front row:- George Pyrich, Alan Borwell, David Kilgour, Iain Mackintosh, Alan Hind

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Golden Lion Hotel, 8-10 King Street, Stirling, on Sunday 1st June 1997 at 4.00pm.

Present: A.P. Borwell (President), A. Armstrong, R.W.M. Baxter, J. Falconer, A. Hind, D.A. Kilgour, D.M. Livie, I. Mackintosh, B. Milligan, I.W.S. Mitchell, G.D. Pyrich, I. Sneddon and T. Thomson.

Apologies: C.R. Beecham and G.W.G. Livie

President's Remarks

The President warmly welcomed everyone attending the meeting. It was encouraging to see a good attendance and a number of new faces. He thanked Tom Thomson for organising the accommodation.

He reiterated that, as announced at last year's AGM, he would be stepping down from the Presidency after 20 years in office. He was the only nomination for the post of ICCF President, due for election in September, and he felt that it was time for a new person to take over the Scottish Association.

The Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting held on 2nd June 1996, which were published in Magazine No. 54, were approved.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported the following:-

- In terms of membership, the Association had not increased in number (in fact there had been a slight decline) but more players were competing in tournaments. Thanks were due to the sterling efforts of Bernard Milligan in reaching out to potential new members.
- In the domestic tournaments ending in 1996, the Championship was won jointly by Simon Gillam and Joe Watson, and the First Division of the League by Black Knight. It was encouraging that we had been able to reinstate the Championship in 1997 with a reasonably strong range of competitors. There were again three divisions in the League, which appeared to be competitive. The administration duties for the Leagues are to be handed over to the Assistant Secretary, Iain Sneddon, from 1997 and this should provide extra time to develop the League structure and strength and, hopefully, build this into a feeder system for full membership. The Committee were actively considering a paper prepared by Iain covering the structure of the league.
- We continued to have adequate numbers of Controllers and for this we were extremely thankful. These unpaid volunteers provide the vital internal framework to ensure that the tournaments continued.
- Two other projects under current consideration were potential revisions to the Rules Brochure to take account of ICCF changes and new tournament types (e.g. endgame, fax, e-mail), and a complete review of the Association's grading structure. Considerable work had been undertaken to date on these by Bernard Milligan and Raymond Baxter respectively.

Presentation

The Secretary referred to Alan Borwell's imminent retirement after 20 years as President. This pre-dated even "News Bulletin" No. 1 - the original Magazine of SCCA which is now at edition 57! In that, it was mooted that Alan should be thanked for taking on the production of the first few editions! Over those years the quality of the magazine has steadily improved, both in terms of content and presentation, and it continues to flourish and gain much domestic and international respect under the Editorial and Production team of Alan and Moira Borwell.

In that first magazine, Alan wrote an article referring to hopeful signs that our Association would gain its rightful place in international correspondence chess circles. Undoubtedly that had been achieved and over the years no-one could have worked harder within the ICCF framework to gain our independence.

Under Alan's leadership the Association had achieved all of its goals to date, including the successful hosting of two ICCF Congresses. We had an excellent reputation within ICCF which we were sure would culminate with Alan's election later this year to the post of ICCF President.

In recognition of those achievements, Alan was presented with a quaich and tankard. In expressing his appreciation and thanks, Alan referred to his pleasure in the choice of a quaich, the traditional Scottish cup of friendship, and the tankard would be put to good use!

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented audited accounts for the year to 31st March 1997 (see details on following pages). Minor comments were made and movements from previous year explained. Specific comments were:-

- 1996/7 showed a surplus of £675 which compared favourably to the 1995/6 surplus of £542.
- Magazine sales had been consistent but printing costs had increased yet again. The new magazine format had been introduced to keep printing costs at a sensible level.
- There was no transfer this year from the Life Members Fund to the Ordinary Fund. It was felt that there was little point in processing this transfer which was only a paper exercise.
- ICCF Congress expenses this year would be around £2,000 as it was to be hosted in Argentina. Hopefully, in future years, the Association would only have to contribute to one delegate as ICCF would consider contributing to its major office-bearers' costs.
- The auditor had been changed due to the short time available for completion of the audit following the lost of the deposit account passbook by the Clydesdale Bank.

With no further questions being asked, the accounts were accepted unanimously.

International Secretary's Report

The International Secretary reported the following:-

- ICCF were organising an open Email team tournament. Membership was not necessary for participation but it was hoped that anyone interested would also become an SCCA member.
- The Olympiad Final was a close run event. Russia were likely to finish in the bronze medal place, but Scotland and Canada were level fourth with one result each to declare. It is likely that the top four will qualify for the next final but if Canada and Scotland tied for fourth, both might qualify.
- New friendly internationals had started during the year and further were proposed. Richard Beecham had indicated his intention to stand down as Assistant International Secretary and he was thanked for his work.
- The Association had difficulty in finding four ladies to represent Scotland in the Ladies Olympiad Final, after being surprise qualifiers from the Preliminary Section.

Election of Office-Bearers

The following were elected to the Executive Committee:-

President	David Kilgour
Vice President	Iain Mackintosh
Secretary	Alan Hind
Treasurer	David Kilgour
Assistant Secretary	Iain Sneddon
International Secretary	George Pyrich (also ICCF Delegate)
Assistant International Secretary	Tom Thomson
Grading Officer	Raymond Baxter
Publicity & Membership Officer	Bernard Milligan
Other Members	Alan Borwell Alan Armstrong

Thanks were given to all for their efforts over the last year, with special tribute to George Pyrich who had acquitted himself well in his report to ICCF Congress in Germany last year as Qualifications Commissioner. It had been hoped that George Livie could be enticed to take on the Presidency, given his long association with the Executive, but he had intimated that work commitments precluded his greater involvement at this time.

Election of Auditor

It was agreed that Mr. Stuart Mackenzie be officially appointed for the ensuing year. Thanks would be expressed to Mr. Hamish Bell who had been the Association's Auditor for many years.

Subscriptions

It was unanimously agreed that subscriptions for 1997/8 would be increased by £1 for ordinary membership and by £1 for the magazine, i.e. ordinary membership would increase from £13 to £15. Life Membership, which is calculated as a multiple of ordinary membership, would also increase from £60 to £75. There was to be no increase to tournament fees.

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1997

<u>1996</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1997</u>	
£	£		£	£
		<u>MEMBERSHIP FEES</u>		
546.00		Annual	448.00	
<u>157.42</u>		Life Members Fund	<u>0.00</u>	
703.42			448.00	
<u>(34.00)</u>	669.42	Less Discount	<u>(12.00)</u>	436.00
		<u>COMPETITION FEES</u>		
435.00		Individual	506.00	
1,550.00		Special	0.00	
<u>74.00</u>		League	<u>108.00</u>	
2,059.00			614.00	
<u>(1,561.49)</u>	497.51	Less Prizes, Trophies and Engraving	<u>(118.00)</u>	496.00
		<u>MAGAZINE</u>		
1,863.11		Sales	1,779.81	
<u>433.37</u>		Adverts/Leaflets	<u>30.00</u>	
2,296.48			1,809.81	
<u>(1,921.94)</u>	374.54	Less Expenses	<u>(1,548.65)</u>	261.16
		<u>ADJUDICATIONS</u>		
36.00		Fees Received	0.00	
<u>(6.00)</u>	30.00	Fees Paid and Refunded	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
		<u>ICCF ENTRY FEES</u>		
137.00		Received by SCCA	233.00	
<u>(238.89)</u>	(101.89)	less Paid to ICCF	<u>(142.10)</u>	90.90
		<u>OTHER PRIZES</u>		
	0.00	Excess in prize fund previously provided		0.00
	42.00	<u>INTERNATIONAL MATCH FEES</u>		72.00
		<u>100 CLUB</u>		
934.00		Subscriptions	958.00	
<u>(456.00)</u>	478.00	Less Prizes	<u>(461.20)</u>	496.80
	366.25	<u>SALE OF POSTCARDS/ICCF BADGES</u>		170.25
	90.45	<u>INTEREST RECEIVED</u>		73.17
	400.00	<u>GRANT S.C.A.</u>		420.00
	163.48	<u>DONATIONS</u>		177.00
	86.75	<u>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</u>		0.00
	<u>173.00</u>	<u>FROM QBS FOR SALE OF BOOKS</u>		<u>120.00</u>
	<u>3,269.51</u>			<u>2,813.28</u>

<u>1996</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1997</u>	
£	£		£	£
	0.00	S.C.A. AFFILIATION		20.00
	25.00	CONTRIBUTION TO B.P.C.F.		25.00
	41.67	ICCF MEMBERSHIP		48.64
	315.05	CONTROLLERS' EXPENSES		548.69
	686.67	COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXPENSES		0.00
	1.33	BANK CHARGES		0.00
	90.00	AUDITOR'S FEES		70.00
	0.00	ADVERTS		0.00
	350.52	STATIONERY AND PRINTING		208.86
	17.50	LOTTERY LICENCE		17.50
	<u>1,200.00</u>	ICCF CONGRESS		<u>1,200.00</u>
	<u>2,727.74</u>			<u>2,138.69</u>
	<u>541.77</u>	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		<u>674.59</u>
<u>LIFE MEMBERS ACCOUNT</u>				
60.00		Membership Fees	60.00	
<u>25.75</u>	85.75	Interest Received	<u>17.96</u>	77.96
	<u>(157.42)</u>	Less Transfer to General Fund		<u>0.00</u>
	<u>(71.67)</u>	Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		<u>77.96</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1997

<u>1996</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>1997</u>	
£	£		£	£
	3,255.76	CLYDESDALE BANK DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		3,176.30
	138.42	CLYDESDALE BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT		120.42
	19.00	NATIONAL GIROBANK		19.00
	5,625.49	NATIONWIDE ANGLIA		6,276.13
	0.00	DEBTORS		0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	CASH		<u>60.49</u>
	9,038.67			9,652.34
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	(1,852.50)	CREDITORS		(1,713.62)
	<u>7,186.17</u>			<u>7,938.72</u>

<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>CLOSING BALANCE</u>
	£	£	£
General Fund	5,769.40	674.59	6,443.99
Life Members' Fund	1,416.77	77.96	1,494.73
	<u>7,186.17</u>		<u>7,938.72</u>

Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained such explanations as I consider necessary. In my opinion these accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 31 March 1997.

(signed) Stuart Mackenzie, 30/5/97

SCOTTISH CCA CHAMPIONSHIP 1997/98

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4	A.T. HISLOP				◆									
5	C.J. LENNOX					◆								
6	D.M. LIVIE	½					◆							
7	I. MACKINTOSH							◆						
8	S.A. MURRAY								◆					
9	A. NISBET									◆	0			
10	G.R. SPROTT									1	◆			
11	R. TURNER											◆		
12	G.E. WALLWORK												◆	

CANDIDATES 1996/97

Controller: C.R. Beecham

SECTION A

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	B GOODWIN	◆		1	-	0	0	½	
2	A WRIGHT		◆	0	-	0	1	½	
3	M HARKINS	0	1	◆	-	1	½	½	3
4	J A CLAYTON	0	0	0	◆	0	0	0	w/d
5	I MACKINTOSH	1	1	0	-	◆		0	
6	A T HISLOP	1	0	½	-		◆	0	
7	A N MACMILLEN	½	½	½	-	1	1	◆	3½

SECTION B

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	D CRICHTON	◆	0				0	0	
2	A NISBET	1	◆	1	1	0	1	½	4½
3	J COPLEY		0	◆			1	½	
4	A R ANGUS		0		◆		1	0	
5	R TURNER		1			◆	1		
6	J RYAN	1	0	0	0	0	◆	½	1½
7	J A FINDLAY	1	½	½	1		½	◆	

SECTION C

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	D A HUGHSON	◆			½	0			
2	W M COOK		◆		0	0	1	1	
3	K SEYFRIED			◆	0	0	½		
4	D R R ELLIS	½	1	1	◆	½	1	1	5
5	I REEMAN	1	1	1	½	◆	½	1	5
6	G H BIRD		0	½	0	½	◆	1	
7	S COLLINS		0		0	0	0	◆	

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CANDIDATES 1997/98

Controller: C.R. Beecham

SECTION A

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	J.A. FINDLAY	◆							
2	M. HARKINS		◆						
3	I. REEMAN			◆					
4	S. RILEY				◆				
5	G. SAXTON					◆			
6	K. SEYFRIED						◆		
7	I. SNEDDON							◆	

SECTION B

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	G.H. BIRD	◆							
2	D.R. CUMMING		◆						
3	D.R.R. ELLIS			◆					
4	R.A. GIULIAN				◆				
5	S.G. MACKENZIE					◆			
6	S. RILEY						◆		
7	F. TEUNISSE							◆	

PREMIER TOURNAMENTS 1997

Controller: J. Anderson

SECTION A

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1	A. ARMSTRONG	◆		1							
2	D. CRICHTON		◆	1							
3	I.M. JAMIESON	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	A.D. KILGARIFF			1	◆						
5	I. SNEDDON			1		◆			0	0	
6	B. THOMPSON			1			◆				
7	D. TRENNER			1				◆		0	
8	S.M. YOUNG			1		1			◆		
9	M. MAY			1		1		1		◆	

SECTION C

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1	A. ARMSTRONG	◆					0			
2	D.R. CUMMING		◆			1				
3	K. GORDON			◆			0	0		
4	J.M. HERRIES				◆					
5	G. LLOYD		0			◆				
6	B. MILLIGAN	1		1			◆		0	
7	G. McDONALD							◆		
8	A. ROBERTS			1			1		◆	

SECTION B

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1	R. BEACON	◆								
2	A.G.E. BIRD		◆						1	
3	A.C. BROWN			◆	1			½	1	
4	W. HYND			0	◆	½			1	
5	G. LLOYD				½	◆				
6	B. MILLIGAN						◆	0		
7	P. MacDONALD			½			1	◆		
8	S. WHITEHEAD		0	0	0				◆	

Scottish CCA League 1997

Due to shortage of space, we have not been able to publish the detailed pairings but very few results have been received to date. Full information/results will be contained in the Autumn and Winter editions.

MAJORS 1997

Controller: D. Salter

No	SECTION A	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	R BEACON	◆					
2	A.D. CRAWFORD		◆				
3	C.R. JAMES			◆			
4	D.G. McROBERTS				◆		
5	R.J. SIMPSON					◆	

No	SECTION C	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	A.C. BROWN	◆	1 1	1 1			
2	A. KNOX	0 0	◆	0 0	0 0		
3	T.F. McAINSH	0 0	1 1	◆			
4	J. MORROW		1 1		◆		
5	S.M. YOUNG					◆	

No	SECTION B	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	J. CASSIDY	◆					
2	J.F. CUMMING		◆	1			
3	M. JESSING		0	◆			
4	G. LLOYD				◆		
5	R. LOUGHRAN					◆	

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If you have enjoyed playing overseas opponents in friendly matches, why not try an ICCF event. Details are given on entry form enclosed with this magazine.

MINORS 1997

Controller: D.J. Savage

No	SECTION A	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1	D.W. COOPE	◆						
2	C. DOWELL		◆					
3	D.G. MELDRUM			◆				
4	P. ROBERTSON				◆			
5	A.C.W. ROBSON					◆		
6	M.G. BROWN						◆	

No	SECTION C	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	J.M. ARMSTRONG	◆			0	1 1	
2	J.W. KILGOUR		◆		0 0		
3	A.R. PETRIE			◆		1 1	
4	J. MILNE	1	1 1		◆	1 1	
5	S. SUTHERLAND	0 0		0 0	0 0	◆	

No	SECTION B	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1	J.S. CRAWLEY	◆						
2	T.S. FRANKS		◆					
3	F. HALL			◆				
4	G. HAMILTON				◆			
5	C. STEWART					◆		
6	P. WILDIG						◆	

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QUARTETS 1997

Controller: A. Armstrong

No	Postal Knight	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	J. ANDERSON	◆				
2	R. BEACON		◆			
3	I. MACKINTOSH			◆		
4	A. ROBERTS				◆	

No	Postal Shield	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	B.W. GRANT	◆				
2	D.G. McROBERTS		◆			
3	G. PLANT			◆		
4	A. WRIGHT				◆	

No	Q193	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	R.B. CROSBIE	◆				
2	J.W. KILGOUR		◆			
3	I. SNEDDON			◆		
4	S. WHITEHEAD				◆	

No	Q194	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	AWI CAMPBELL	◆				
2	D.R. CUMMING		◆	1		
3	G. McDONALD		0	◆		
4	T.A.H. TAYLOR				◆	

No	Q195	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	A.G.E. BIRD	◆				
2	J. CASSIDY		◆			
3	A. ROBERTS			◆		
4	A.C.W. ROBSON				◆	

No	Q196	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	J. RAWLINSON	◆				
2	D. EDNEY		◆			
3	J.C. BOYLE			◆		
4	H.S. FLOCKHART				◆	

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	◆		1 1	
2	J W KILGOUR		◆		
3	S SUTHERLAND	0 0		◆	

No	Section B	1	2	3	Pts
1	J CASSIDY	◆	0	0 0	
2	J S CRAWLEY	1	◆	½½	
3	S M YOUNG	1 1	½½	◆	3

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

OPENINGS TOURNAMENTS 1997

Controller: T. Thomson

No	Section A	1	2	3	Pts
1	J. CASSIDY	◆			
2	M. HARKINS		◆		
3	R. LOUGHRAN			◆	

No	Section B	1	2	3	Pts
1	B. MILLIGAN	◆	1 1		
2	S. SUTHERLAND	0 0	◆		
3	S.M. YOUNG			◆	

Opening moves are: 1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 d5 (King's Gambit)

ENDGAME TOURNAMENT 1996

Controller: A. Hind

No	Section E01	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	S.L. GREEN	◆	½½	0½	½½	2½
2	J. ANDERSON	½½	◆	½½	1 1	4
3	G. SAXTON	1½	½½	◆	1½	4
4	E.C. SOWDEN	½½	0 0	0½	◆	1½

ENDGAME TOURNAMENT 1997

Controller: A. Hind

No	Section E02	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	J. ANDERSON	◆		½0	1 1	
2	R. LOUGHRAN		◆	0½	1 1	
3	S.M. YOUNG	½1	1½	◆	1½	4½
4	A. KNOX	0 0	0 0	0½	◆	½

No	Section E03	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	M. CHAPMAN	◆	½1			
2	W. HYND	½0	◆	1½	1	
3	D.G. MELDRUM		0½	◆		
4	S. SUTHERLAND		0		◆	

CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT [by Bernard Milligan]

I begin with an apology to readers, and to Michael Lane in particular, for an error in my last report. In the last issue, I stated that Michael was expecting an ICCF grade of around 2400. This was wrong as Michael had informed us that he was expecting his new BCCS grade, in February, to be near 2400. Michael is not expecting to receive any ICCF grade and I had misread the information provided. My sincerest apologies to Michael for any embarrassment caused, and my thanks to him for bringing this matter to my attention. On the brighter side, I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Michael on achieving a BCCS grade of 2406.

One member contacted me regarding the possibility of being paired against a computer in this tournament. Generally speaking, all participants are expected to accept any pairings assigned to them. However, in the case of computer participation, I am happy, as stated previously, to make an exception. Any participant who does not wish to be paired against a computer, need only contact me and I will ensure that they are only paired against *human* opponents. Some players may not have access to a computer and will enjoy the challenge of playing against the silicon beasts, which tend to make fewer mistakes. Chris Dowell has earned the dubious distinction of being the first player in this tournament to be beaten by the Novag Sapphire, but has told me that he thoroughly enjoyed his games. It is not unbeatable and some current opponents feel they have a better position against it. To them I would say, *be careful*, as concentration is required right to the end. One slip is often decisive.

The Association still receives requests for introductory opponents, from players who are uncertain whether or not they may enjoy correspondence chess. In the past I relied on a few volunteers to fulfil this need. In future, any requests will be processed as entries to the Challenge Tournament and played under normal tournament rules. I would be grateful if anyone receiving such a new opponent, could take the time to be as helpful as possible to these potential new members. They will obviously not be well versed in the intricacies of correspondence play, and friendly guidance (not regarding moves!) will go a long way to ensuring that they enjoy the experience.

Pairings since the beginning of March 1997 are as follows:-

Class 1	Pairings/Opponents' Mem. Nos	Class 3 (contd)	Pairings/Opponents' Mem. Nos
R. Beacon (155)	317	A.R. Petrie (315)	361
D.R. Cumming (166)	L88, 316	V. Proudler (L34)	376
J.P.E. Jack (L15)	376	D. Salter (L89)	337
Class 2		E. Sowden (350)	317
J. Cassidy (108)	366	Class 4	
R. Crosbie (233)	L88	R. Malcolmson (376)	L15, L34, 318, 330
R. Loughran (337)	L89, 361	J. Milne (361)	315, 316, 337, 358
Class 3		S. Whitehead (366)	108, 317
C Almarza-Mato(317)	108, 155, 350, 358, 366	Class 5	
C. Black (L88)	166, 233	A. Madden (330)	376
M.G. Brown (318)	376	T. Macdonald (INT)	233
C. Dowell (316)	166, 361	M. Moran (358)	317, 361

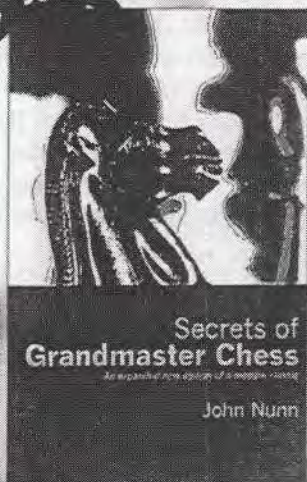
The following results were notified in the period 23/2/97 to 13/6/97 :-

049 A. Armstrong	1 0	M.G. Brown	318	260 A. Knox	1 1	A. Madden	330
049 A. Armstrong	0 1	C. Dowell	316	369 M. Lane	½ ½	D. Brown	370
049 A. Armstrong	2 0	A.R. Petrie	315	264 G. Lloyd	½ ½	R. Loughran	337
049 A. Armstrong	1 1	E. Sowden	350	264 G. Lloyd	1 1	G.R. McDonald	352
155 R. Beacon	1½ ½	M. Chapman	359	264 G. Lloyd	½ 1½	D. McRoberts	L02
108 J. Cassidy	1½ ½	T. McAinsh	261	264 G. Lloyd	2 0	A.R. Petrie	315
108 J. Cassidy	1 1	G.R. McDonald	352	264 G. Lloyd	1 0	J. Rutherford	365
233 R. Crosbie	2 0	C.R. James	312	264 G. Lloyd	2 0	P. Wildig	346
233 R. Crosbie	1 0	A.R. Petrie	315	337 R. Loughran	1 1	T. McAinsh	261
233 R. Crosbie	2 0	P. Wildig	346	337 R. Loughran	1 1	I. Sneddon	057
166 D.R. Cumming	0 1	R. Beacon	155	352 G.R. McDonald	1 1	I. Sneddon	057
166 D.R. Cumming	1½ ½	C. Black	L88	L02 D. McRoberts	1 1	P. Wildig	346
166 D.R. Cumming	1 0	M. Chapman	359	315 A.R. Petrie	0 2	J. Cassidy	108
166 D.R. Cumming	2 0	C. Dowell	316	315 A.R. Petrie	0 1	J. Dunnett	341
166 D.R. Cumming	1 0	J.P.E. Jack	L15	315 A.R. Petrie	1½ ½	C.R. James	312
166 D.R. Cumming	2 0	C.R. James	312	315 A.R. Petrie	0 2	D.G. Meldrum	355
166 D.R. Cumming	1 1	G. Lloyd	264	315 A.R. Petrie	1 1	A. Robson	357
166 D.R. Cumming	1 1	G.R. McDonald	352	315 A.R. Petrie	1 1	S. Sweet	354
166 D.R. Cumming	2 0	A.R. Petrie	315	315 A.R. Petrie	0 2	S. Thompson	353
316 C. Dowell	1 1	A.R. Petrie	315	357 A. Robson	2 0	P. Wildig	346
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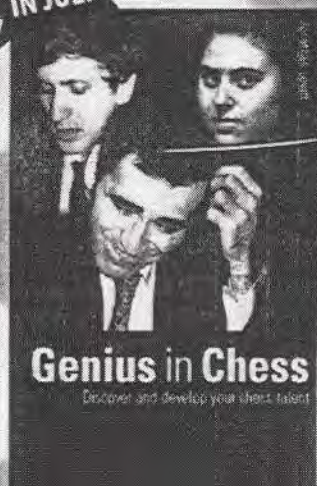
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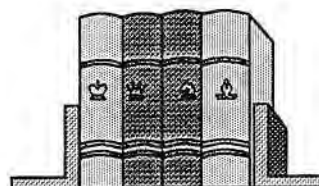
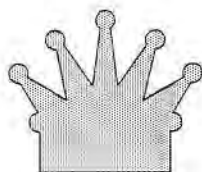
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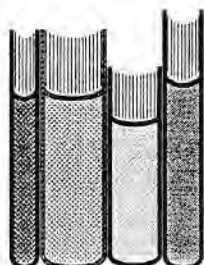
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by ian marks

"In the fight between you and the world, back the world."
Kafka

Back in issue 27 of the mag I sang the praises of Nimzo's 'other' defence, 1 e4 Nc6, a nice little earner for me during the mid/late '70s. Three nasty defeats, though, in the British Candidates, left a bad taste in the mouth, and I eventually moved on to other things.

"The Wheel of Time turns, and Ages come and pass, leaving memories that become legend. Legend fades to myth, and even myth is long forgotten when the Age that gave it birth comes again."
Robert Jordan, *The Eye of the World*

Two decades older and wiser (ahem...); limbering up for WT/M/GT/344... Faced with the information explosion and reluctant to cruise the theoretical superhighway, I decide the time is ripe to dig out 1 ... Nc6, dust it down and... well. let's just take the games in the order in which they finished.

White: Albéric Mevel (France)
Black: Ian Marks

1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3!

The case for 3 e5 is that, with the knight on c6, Black's thematic counter, c7-c5, is that much harder to achieve. Personally, I've always found that Black is O.K. What is evident is that, the stronger the player, the more likely he/she is to reach for the QN.

3 ... dxe4

3 ... e6 is perfectly playable. The problem with it is that nobody (well, almost nobody) plays 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nc6 ★. 3 ... e5 is also 'playable', although it has never really recovered from the mauling it took in Penrose-Zapletal, X Olympiad Final: 3 ... e5 4 dxe5 d4 5 Nd5 f5 6 exf6 Nxf6 7 Bg5 Be6 8 Bxf6 gxf6 9 Bc4 Bf7 10 Nf3 Bg7 11 Nh4 and White was in the driving seat (1-0, 23). For some reason I ignored this in Marks-Feinstein, SCCA Candidates 1992-94: 3 ... e5 4 dxe5 d4 5 Nd5 f6 6 Bb5!? (6 exf6, à la Penrose) Bd7 and 1-0, 64, after much huffing and puffing.

4 d5 Ne5

Or 4 ... Nb8, although it takes more guts than I've got to countenance such a loss of time.

★ Tigran and Viktor both have. Who am I to argue?

5 Bf4 Ng6 6 Bg3 f5

6 ... a6, a more passive way of stopping Nb5, is probably too slow. Defending the position after 7 Bc4 Nf6 (7 ... f5!?) 8 Qe2! is not my idea of fun. (I lasted 18 moves in Cloudsdale-Marks, BCCC Candidates 1976-77, Q.E.D.)

7 Nh3! ± going on ±

The more usual move (for an unusual opening) is 7 h4 (?!), but that seems to accommodate Black, e.g. 7 h4 e5 8 h5 Nf4 9 Bxf4 exf4 and Black shouldn't have much to worry about (nor did he in Marks [i.e. me]-Morton, SCCA Candidates 1984-86, 0-1, 31). The text is a no-risk way of ensuring a safe advantage.

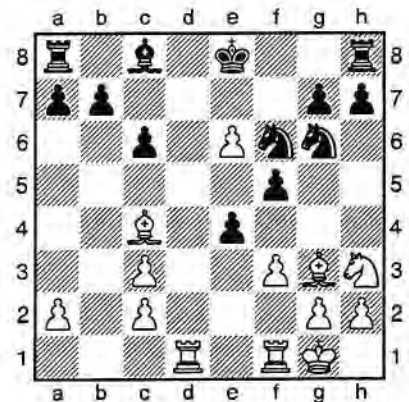
7 ... e5 8 dxe6 Qxd1+

8 ... Bxe6 9 Nb5!? Bd6 (Bb4+ Δ 10 c3 Ba5 runs into 11 Qa4!) 10 Bxd6 cxd6 11 Qd4 Nf6 12 Ng5 left White calling the shots in Rogers-Dunne, Philadelphia 1986.

9 Rxd1 Bb4!?

The radical way to stop Nb5. Is 9 ... c6 so bad?

10 Bc4 c6 11 0-0 Bxc3 12 bxc3 Nf6 13 f3! +-



Way ahead in development, White sets about ripping the position open. Black is busted.

13 ... Nd5

An attempt to keep lines closed and get at the Δ e6. 13 ... Ke7 14 Bd6+ is pointless, but can Black hang tough with 13 ... Ne7 Δ 0-0/Nfd5?

14 Bxd5 cxd5 15 e4!

Every one a bull's eye. 15 Rxd5 Bxe6 gives Black some breathing space.

15 ... dxc4

15 ... Bxe6 16 cxd5 Bd7 (Bf7 17 fxe4 fxe4 18 Ng5 anyway) 17 Ng5 and White pours in.

16 fxe4 fxe4 17 Ng5 Rd8

Nothing makes any difference by now. My friendly and unassuming opponent had kindly offered to put me up any time I might be playing in the Paris area, showing more courtesy than I did in trying to make it to move 20 to salvage what was left of my *visage*.

18 Rf7! Bxe6 19 Rxc7 Bf5 20 Nxb7 Rh8

20 ... Resigns was better.

21 Nf6+ Kf8 22 Rxb7 1-0

"He rode well. I wish he'd fallen off though."
Lester Piggott

My next opponent shares my initials, except that he gets to put them between his name and a healthy Elo.

White: Günter Kühnel IM 2475 (Germany)
Black: Ian Marks

1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3! dxe4 4 d5 Ne5 5 Qd4!

On the basis of the previous game, 5 Bf4 looks good, but, as we shall see, this is not to be sneezed at either.

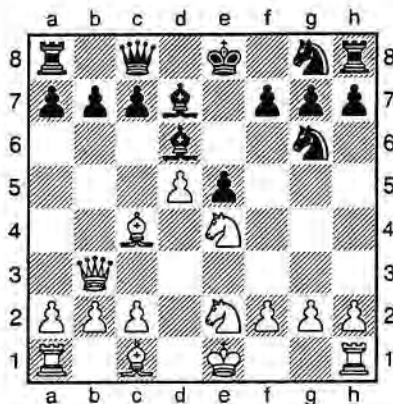
5 ... Ng6

5 ... Nc6?? is embarrassed by 6 Qa4, but how playable is 5 ... Nd7!?, Δ ... Ngf6/g6/Bg7 etc.? And I wonder, just wonder, if 5 ... f6! is an option. Weakens e6, but refuses to cede ground in the centre, and if 6 Bf4 Ng6 7 Bg3 e5! becomes of moment, while the Ne5 might find profitable employment later on via f7 and d6. Hmmm...

6 Qa4+ Bd7 7 Qb3 Qc8 8 Nxe4 e5 9 Bc4 Bd6

Both Harding and Myers cop out here without assessment. The implication seems to be that Black is O.K. With a little help from me, Herr Kühnel proceeds to demonstrate that things are not that simple.

10 Ne2



10 ... h6?

The 'idea' is to play ... f5, contesting e4, without allowing Ng5 in reply, a lunatic scheme given my cramped and undeveloped position. Surely 10 ... N8e7 Δ 0-0 is O.K.?

11 N2c3 a6?

What was I on? Herr Kühnel finishes with a few deft strokes.

12 Nxd6 cxd6 13 Ne4 Ke7 14 Bd3 f5?

At least you have to admit that I'm consistent in my plans.

"The more human beings proceed by plan, the more efficiently they may be hit by accident."
Friedrich Dürrenmatt

15 Nxd6! Kxd6 16 Qb6+ 1-0

White: Emil Bazela (Slovakia)
Black: Ian Marks

1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3! dxe4 4 d5 Ne5 5 Qd4 Ng6 6 Qxe4

The major alternative to 6 Qa4+. Both moves often lead to fundamentally similar positions.

6 ... a6

To cut out the possibility of 7 Bb5+, Black can play an immediate 6 ... Nf6, but even such a Nimzo expert as Rainer Knaak, the only GM to regularly patronise 1 ... Nc6 in the

'70s, was unable to catch up after 6 ... Nf6 7 Bb5+ Bd7 8 Qa4 a6 9 Bxd7+ Qxd7 10 Qxd7+ Nxd7 11 Nf3 Rd8 12 Be3 Nde5 13 Nxe5 Nxe5 14 0-0-0 Nc4 15 Bf4 Nd6 16 Rhe1 g6 (the strength of the Δ d5 is obvious) 17 Ne4! (see the threat?) Nxe4 18 Rxe4 (±/±) and in Barle-Knaak, Pula 1975, White milked the win in 62. There are a couple of points worth making about this line, though. First, after 6 ... Nf6 7 Bb5+, Black has the option of 7 ... c6!?, which suggests that White should play 7 Qa4+ first (Bd7 8 Bb5); second, Black can consider playing his ♖ back to f6, biting the bullet with ... e6/dxe6/fxe6 and arranging the get castled, and, third, if you want to play this line, you need to look at the possibility of 10 ... Kxd7.

7 Nf3 Nf6 8 Qa4+ Bd7 9 Qb3 Qc8 10 Bd3 e6!?

This ultimately reacts to White's advantage. Maybe 10 ... e5 deserves preference.

11 0-0 Be7 12 Bc4 b5

This is already a little awkward for Black, e.g. if 12 ... exd5 13 Nxd5 is awful.

13 dxe6!

I'd seen this. I felt that what follows was the best of a dodgy bunch for Black. Maybe in blitz, but hardly against a decent CC opponent.

13 ... fxe6

13 ... bxc4 14 exd7+ Qxd7 15 Qxc4 just loses a pawn. I preferred the text to an ending with weaknesses after 13 ... Bxe6 14 Bxe6 Qxe6 15 Qxe6 fxe6.

14 Bd3 c5

Trying to make something of the offside position of the white queen, but it could also be construed as unwarranted aggression while behind in development.

15 Bxc6+ hxc6 16 Ne2

Noticing the threat of 16 ... c4. Optically, Black's position looks pretty 'dynamic': two bishops on an open board, possibilities of ... Bc6/Bd6/Qc7, or ... Ng4/Ne4/Nd5-f4 etc., as in some lines of the ... Qxd5 Tarrasch French.



16 ... c4 17 Qe3 Ng4

17 ... Nd5 18 Qe4

18 Qd4

If now 18 Qe4 e5 19 Qxg6+ Kf8 20 Ng3 (to stop ... Bf5/Bc5/e4) Bc6 with some compensation for the pawn: active pieces in return for weaknesses.

18 ... e5 19 Nxe5 Bc5 20 Qf4 Rf8 21 Qg5 Rxf2 22 Rxf2 Bxf2+ 23 Kf1

Threatening 24 h3.

23 ... Ba7

And Black has run out of steam.

24 Qxg6+ Kd8 25 Nf7+ Ke7 26 Bf4 Bb8 27 Re1 Kf8 28 Ng5 Qe8 29 Qh7 1-0

A good bash, but no more than that. White always had everything under control.

"Life is just one crushing defeat after another."
Homer Simpson

White: Roberto Alvarez (Argentina)
Black: Ian Marks

1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 d5

Probably I should point out that Black can also play 2 ... e5, but in that case he has to like both the open *and* closed positions after 3 dxe5 and 3 d5 respectively, as well as be prepared to defend a Scotch after 3 Nf3. Borwell-Marks, SCCA Lge Div 1 1990-91, transposed into d5-positions after 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 Nc6!? (Ha!) 3 Nc3 e5 4 d5 Ne7 5 e4 Ng6 6 Be3 Bb4 7 f3 Bxc3+ 8 bxc3 d6 9 g3 Nd7 10 h4 Nc5 11 h5 Ne7 12 g4 0-0, reaching a fun position where Alan had made ten pawn moves and I seven knight moves! (1/2-1/2, 44)

3 Nc3! dxe4 4 d5 Ne5 5 Qd4 Ng6 6 Qxe4 a6 7 Bg5

I think we're going our own way already.

7 ... h6

7 ... Nf6!?, tempting White to cede the bishop pair.

8 Be3 Nf6 9 Qa4+ Bd7 10 Qb3 Qc8

Reaching a similar set-up to what has gone before.

11 Nf3 e5!?

Bazela-Marks was three months ahead at this stage, so I had learned all about putting this pawn on e6.

12 Bd3 Bd6 13 0-0 0-0

The only time in these four games where I manage to castle! (Now *there's* a lesson...) Black's position is sound enough, but his horizons are limited. White has a lot more room to manoeuvre.

14 Nd2! Nh4?!

This and the next are just decentralising. Aiming for exchanges with 14 ... Ne7 Δ Bf5 and/or pressure on d5 looks more apposite.

15 Rfe1 Ng4? 16 Nce4 Nxe3 17 Nxd6 cxd6 18 fxe3

And Black has exploitable weaknesses on b6 and d6.

18 ... f5

The 'point' of my 15th.

19 Qb4!



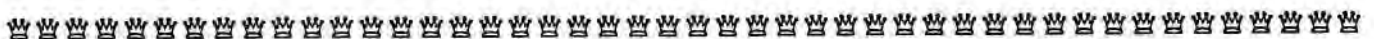
19 ... e4

It's hard to think of anything constructive to say here, so I'll just shut up and let Señor Alvarez's moves do the talking.

20 Bf1 Qc7 21 Nb3 Qxc2?! 22 Nd4 Qc5 23 Qxb7 Rfd8 24 Rac1 1-0

Would I have come up with more sensible ideas and stronger resistance if I'd been playing any one of these games individually? When you see four games - three of them very similar - start to slip, at more or less the same time, it becomes very hard not to find yourself succumbing to disillusionment and frustration. Who doesn't know the feeling? I was lucky to get nil.

There are many good defences to 1 e4. I no longer count 1 ... Nc6 amongst them.



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WINNING WITHOUT CASTLING!



[by Nikolai Gurtovoi]

Continuing our second series of articles from our Latvian friend, we have two remarkable examples on the theme

The King in front of his own Troop

49th USSR Champs Semi-Final, 1981

White: Ratmir Kholmov

Black: Gorelov

Sicilian Defence B45

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| 1 | e4 | c5 |
| 2 | ♘f3 | ♘c6 |
| 3 | d4 | cxd4 |
| 4 | ♘xd4 | ♘f6 |
| 5 | ♘c3 | e6 |
| 6 | ♘xc6 | bxc6 |
| 7 | e5 | ♘d5 |
| 8 | ♘e4 | ♖c7 |
| 9 | f4 | ♖b6 |
| 10 | c4!? | ♘b4+ |
| 11 | ♙e2 | f5 |
| 12 | ♘f2 | ♘a6 |
| 13 | ♙f3! | |

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| 16 | | ♖b6 |
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If 16 ... ♖xd6?? 17 exd6 and the ♘ is trapped.

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| 17 | b4 | h6 |
| 18 | ♘d3 | g5 |
| 19 | g3 | ♞g8 |
| 20 | ♞hd1 | 0-0-0 |
| 21 | a4 | gxf4 |
| 22 | gxf4 | ♞g4 |
| 23 | ♘xg4 | fxg4+ |
| 24 | ♙e2! | |

24 ♙xg4? ♖f2! ∞.

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|----|-------|---------|
| 24 | | ♞g8 |
| 25 | a5 | ♖b7 |
| 26 | ♙e3 | ♙b8 |
| 27 | ♞ab1 | Resigns |
| 1 | | 0 |

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| 14 | ♖b5+ | ♘d7 |
| 15 | ♘xf7!? | ♘g3+ |
| 16 | ♙e2 | d3+ |
| 17 | ♙e3 | ♖f6 |

If 17 ... ♙xf7 18 ♙xe4 ♘f6+ 19 ♙e3 ♘d5+ 20 ♙e4! ∞.

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| 18 | ♙xe4 | ♖xf7 |
| 19 | ♞h3 | a6 |
| 20 | ♖g5 | h6 |

♙ 20 ... e5!?! 21 ♞xg3 ♘xc5+ 22 ♙e3 0-0 23 ♘xd3 ♖f4+ 24 ♙e2 ♖xg3 25 ♘c4+ ♙h8 26 ♖e3 ♞ad8 27 ♖f2 (Δ28 ♘e3) 27 ... ♖xf2 28 ♙xf2 ♞d1 29 ♘e2! ♞h1 30 ♙g2! ♚.

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| 21 | ♖e3! |
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A typical Steinitz King!



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| 13 | | ♘c7 |
| 14 | ♘e3 | ♘c5 |
| 15 | ♘xc5 | ♖xc5 |
| 16 | ♖d6! | |

Grandmaster Ratmir Kholmov immediately blocks up the black fields.

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Russian Championship 1970

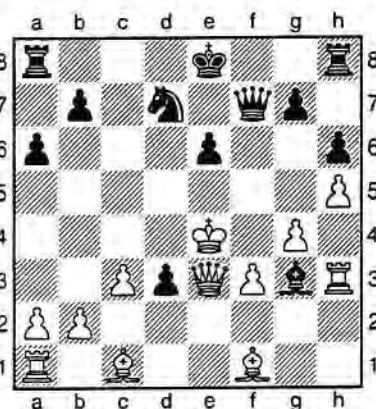
White: Anatoly Karpov

Black: Alexander Zaitsev

Caro Kann Defence B16

At one time this exciting game was printed in the World press. The hit of the game was the bold raid of White's King.

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| 1 | e4 | c6 |
| 2 | d4 | d5 |
| 3 | ♘c3 | dx4 |
| 4 | ♘xe4 | ♘d7 |
| 5 | ♘f3 | ♘gf6 |
| 6 | ♘xf6+ | ♘xf6 |
| 7 | ♘e5 | ♘f5 |
| 8 | c3 | e6 |
| 9 | g4 | ♘g6 |
| 10 | h4 | ♘d6 |
| 11 | ♖e2 | c5 |
| 12 | h5 | ♘e4 |
| 13 | f3 | cx4 |



Remarkably, at Grandmaster level, the brave King in the thick of a battle!

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| 21 | | e5? |
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It is hard to believe, but in chasing an easy prey, Black made a fatal mistake. It was necessary to give up the win and force a draw :- 21 ... ♘f6+ 22 ♙xd3 ♘xg4 23 fxg4 ♖f1+ 24 ♙c2 ♖xh3 25 ♖xe6+ ♙d8 26 ♖d5+ ♙c8 27 ♖f5+ ♙b8 28 ♘f4+! =.

22 ♖xd3 ♜f4
23 ♗g1!

Prevents 23 ... ♜c5+.

23 0-0-0
24 ♖c2 ♜xc1
25 ♜xc1 ♗xa2
26 ♜h2 ♜hf8
27 ♜d2 ♗a4+
28 ♖b1 ♗c6
29 ♜d3 ♖c7
30 ♜e4 ♗b6
31 ♗h2 ♜de8
32 ♜cd1 ♜f6
33 ♜g6 ♜e7
34 ♜e1 ♗b5
35 ♜de2 ♜d7
36 ♜f5 ♜xf5
37 gxf5 ♗d3+
38 ♖a1 ♗xf5
39 ♗h4 ♜f6
40 ♗c4+ ♖d8
41 ♗c5 ♜d7
42 ♗d5 Resigns

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In this significant game, I wish to feature a violent engagement between "the old school" and "the new school" of chess experts.

Russian Championship, Elista, 1995

White: Efim Geller

Black: Sergei Rublyovsky

Sicilian Defence B84

1 e4 c5
2 ♜f3 e6
3 ♜c3 a6
4 d4 cxd4
5 ♜xd4 ♗c7
6 ♜e2 ♜f6
7 0-0?!

As representative of "the old school", Grandmaster Efim Geller plays as in old times ... develop the kingside pieces and castle quickly!

7 d6
8 f4 ♜e7
9 ♗e1 ♜bd7
10 ♜f3 h6
11 ♖h1 ♜g8!

Well played! Bravo!

12 ♗d1 g5
13 f5 e5

14 ♜e6!?

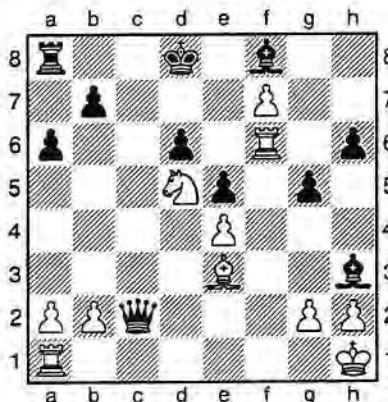
The only possibility to sharpen play.
If 14 ♜b3? b5! ♞.

14 fxe6
15 ♜h5+ ♜xh5
16 ♗xh5+ ♖d8
17 fxe6 ♜f6
18 ♗f7 ♜f8
19 ♜xf6!? ♜xf7
20 exf7 ♜f8
21 ♜d5 ♗xc2!

If 21 ... ♗c6? 22 ♜g6 ♗d7 23 ♜e3 ♗xf7 24 ♜f6! Δ 25 ♜b6+ =.

22 ♜e3 ♜h3!

Only move. If 22 ... ♗xe4? 23 ♜xd6+ ♜xd6 24 ♜b6+ ♖d7 25 ♜f6+ ♖e6 26 ♜xe4 ♜e7 27 ♜f1 ♜d7 28 ♜c5+! +-.



23 ♜f2 ♗d3
24 ♜d2 ♜xg2+
25 ♖g1

Or 25 ♖xg2 ♗xe4+ 26 ♖g3 ♗h4+
27 ♖g2 ♗g4+ 28 ♖h1 ♗f3+
29 ♖g1 ♜c8 -+.

25 ♗xc4!
26 ♜b6+ ♖d7
27 ♜f6+ ♖e6
28 ♜xe4 ♜xe4
29 ♜e2 ♜f3
30 ♜c2 ♜e7
31 ♜f1 g4
32 ♖f2 ♜f8
33 ♖g3 h5
34 h4 ♜xf7
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The well deserved victory of the adventurous young Grandmaster!

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Now some examples from my own CC experiences.

18th Latvian CC Champ. I, "A", 1993/4

White: N. Gurtovoi

Black: U. Melderis

Bird's Opening - From Gambit A02

1 f4 e5
2 fxe5 d6
3 exd6 ♜xd6
4 ♜f3 ♜f6

My opponent declined 4 ... g5 (Lasker's Attack) because of my publication "Baltic Chess" 1992, No. 7-8, where my four opponents capitulated quickly.

5 d3 0-0?!

5 ... ♜c6 or 5 ... ♜g4 was better.

6 g3 ♜g4
7 ♜g2! ♜e8
8 e4 ♜c5

Black undertakes an illusory attack.

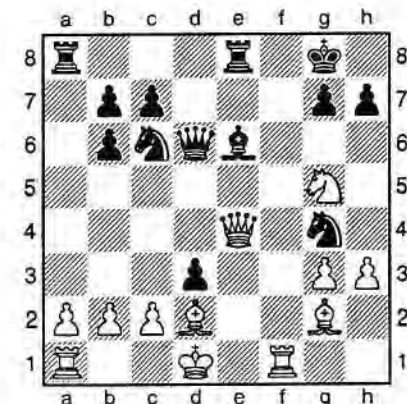
9 ♗e2 f5
10 ♜c3 ♜f2+

All on the same illusory lines.

11 ♖d1 ♜b6
12 ♜f1 ♜c6
13 ♜d2 ♗d6
14 ♜d5 ♜e6
15 ♜xb6 axb6
16 h3!

This is the start of the attack.

16 fxe4
17 ♜g5! exd3
18 ♗e4!



18 dxc2+

If (a) 18 ... g6 19 hxg4!+-, or (b) 18 ... ♖e3+ 19 ♜xe3! dxc2+ 20 ♜c1!±

19 ♜c1! ♜f6
 20 ♜xf6 gxf6
 21 ♜xh7+ ♜f8
 22 ♜e4!
 1 0

Only winning move. Black resigns. Here White has double threats of 23 ♜xd6 or 23 ♜h6#, but if 22 ... ♜xd2+ 23 ♜xd2!+-.



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Team Match Australia-v-Latvia, 1993/6
White: Ian Rout (AUS)
Black: Nickolai Gurtovoi (LAT)

Dutch Defence A85

1 d4 f5
 2 ♜c3 e6
 3 e4 d6
 4 ♜d3 fxe4!?
 5 ♜xe4 ♜f6
 6 ♜g5 ♜bd7!

Only move.

7 ♜h3 ♜e7
 8 ♜f4 ♜f8
 9 ♜xf6 ♜xf6
 10 c3 ♜d7
 11 ♜e2 ♜e7
 12 ♜xf6 gxf6
 13 ♜e4 c6
 14 ♜h5+?!

14 h4 was better.

14 ♜d8!
 15 0-0-0 f5
 16 ♜c2 ♜f6

17 h4 ♜g8!

Threatens 18 ... ♜g4 with 19 ... ♜e8! -+.

18 ♜e2 ♜c7

Perhaps stronger was 18 ... a5! Δ19 ... a4 and 20 ... ♜a5!

19 d5!? exd5
 20 ♜xd5 ♜g4

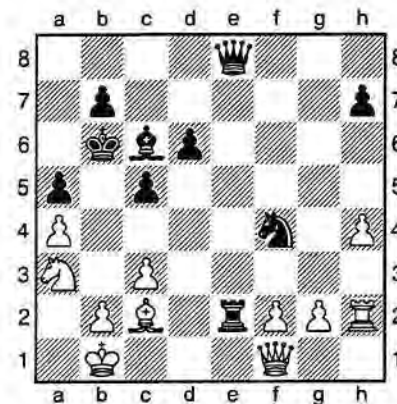
Not 20 ... cxd5?? because of 21 ♜xd5+ and 22 ♜xf6 +-.

21 ♜d4 ♜g6
 22 ♜h5 ♜f8
 23 ♜g3 a5!?
 24 ♜xf5 ♜xd4
 25 ♜xd4 ♜f4
 26 ♜f1 c5!
 27 ♜b5+ ♜b6
 28 a4 ♜c6
 29 ♜h2 ♜e8! -+
 30 ♜b1

If 30 ♜xh7 ♜h6! ♠.

30 ♜e2!
 31 ♜a3 ♜e8!!

Only winning move, double threatens 32 ... ♜e1+ or 32 ... ♜xa4.



32 ♜c4+ ♜a7!

Less strong is 32 ... ♜c7?! because of 33 ♜h1! ♜xg2 34 ♜d1! (Δ35 ♜xd6+) 34 ... ♜e7 35 ♜g1 ∞.

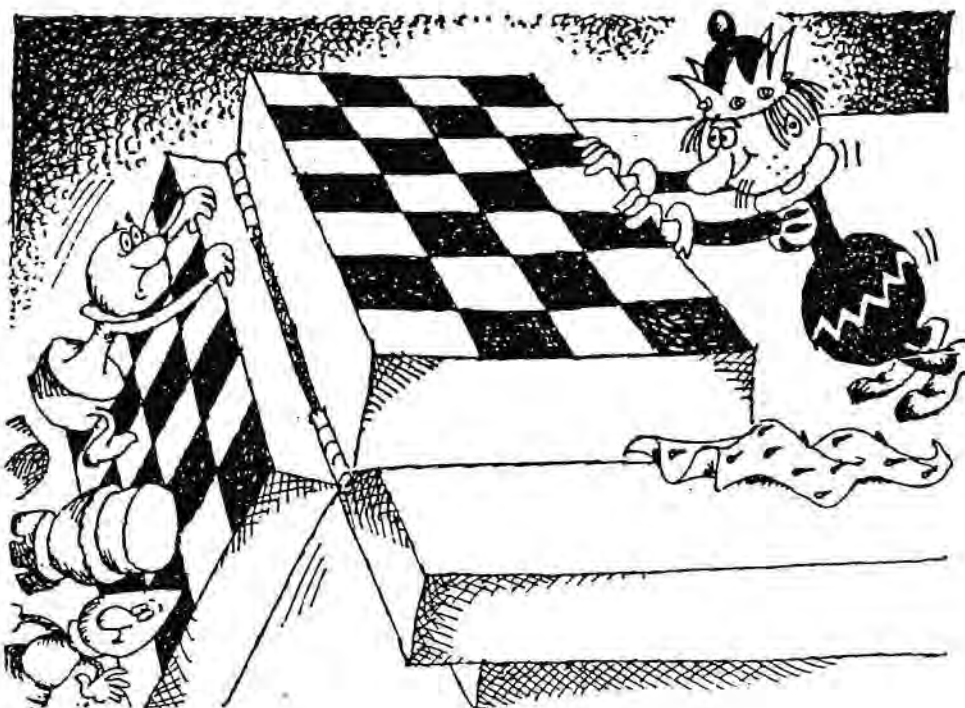
33 ♜e3 ♜xa4
 34 b3 ♜xb3!

Δ 35 ... ♜a4.

35 ♜xb3 ♜b5
 36 ♜d1 ♜xf2

White resigns, 0:1. (Δ37 ... a4 or 37 ... ♜d3.)

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Grading List 1997

[by Raymond Baxter]

The past year has been dominated by the problem of the disparity between SCCA and ICCF grades. This matter was first aired by Bernard Milligan in last September's magazine, and there have been other helpful contributions from Philip Giulian and Colin MacGregor.

During the year the disparities have been investigated, and we have eventually come to the conclusion that the SCCA grades should be brought closer into line with those of the ICCF. Council has decided to increase SCCA grades by up to 200 points. The full increase of 200 is being made to those players who have had no opponents with ICCF grades. Proportionately smaller increases apply to players with ICCF opponents, since their grades already in part reflect the higher grades of these opponents.

This increase has raised the average SCCA grade by 185 points. On average the disparity between SCCA and ICCF grades should now be less than 100 points, although in individual cases there may still be larger differences. There are now over 30 players with SCCA grades above 2000, compared with only four last year. Players may also notice that their correspondence grades are now substantially higher than their over-the-board grades. This has been true for many players with ICCF grades for several years.

The grades shown below include this special increase, and take account of all games reported to the grading officer by 31/12/96. They will be used for any games starting in 1997. Where there are results still to come from games which started in 1996, the relevant 1996 SCCA grades will be specially increased for consistency with the new grades.

All SCCA events listed in the magazine are included, except the Openings tournament. Friendly internationals are also included if the opponent's grade is known. Where Scottish players have a grade in the ICCF list of 1/7/97, then this grade is shown, marked "i". Provisional grades (ie less than 30 results) are denoted with an asterisk.

If you have any queries about your grade, in particular if you think the data held for you may be wrong, please write in (note my new address on page 1) or phone.

Last year I invited members who wished to see details of the computer calculations of their SCCA grades to ask for a copy. Despite the underwhelming response (nobody asked for this) the offer is repeated.

In the next magazine I hope to be able to provide an updated list of those with SCCA Master titles and norms.

No	Name	Results	Grade	No	Name	Results	Grade
004	I Aird	27	2340i*	038	IS Campbell	141	2155i
317	C Almarza-Mato	12	1635*	108	J Cassidy	129	1700
LM18	GM Anderson	49	2000		MM Chalmers	8	1650*
121	J Anderson	51	2050	252	JA Clayton	41	2115
151	F Andres	48	1465	105	R Cochrane	20	1750*
244	AR Angus	38	2065		PJ Coffield	62	2045
049	A Armstrong	23	2080i*	LM85	S Collins	14	1945*
313	JM Armstrong	14	1395*	331	JI Coltart	24	1690*
016	EA Bailey	60	2035	173	WM Cook	32	2055
015	RWM Baxter	32	2335i	204	J Copley	30	2140
155	R Beacon	254	1835	247	WH Cormack	22	1715*
LM11	CR Beecham	158	2165i	107	D Cosgrove	32	1655
022	AGE Bird	78	1935	LM27	TJ Craig	137	2385i
LM20	GH Bird	36	2105i	305	AD Crawford	10	1730*
LM88	C Black	11	2010*	332	JS Crawley	8	1745*
041	JG Blencowe	68	1930	LM19	D Crichton	92	1915
LM09	AP Borwell	292	2370i	233	RB Crosbie	75	1745
LM87	CF Boyle	95	2275i	166	DR Cumming	27	2105i*
LM82	S Brady	48	1990	282	E Davis	27	2215*
215	AC Brown	66	1985	LM36	R Dickson	255	1940
318	MG Brown	12	1685*		C Donkin	32	1800
LM16	DM Bryson	155	2545i	345	S Donohoe	12	1895*
273	I Burgoyne	14	1775*	316	CM Dowell	27	1745*
	AB Burnett	12	2100*	139	NA Down	54	2470i
	R Burnett	8	1970*	185	R Dowson	42	1885
040	JS Cairney	71	1805		J Doyle	8	1835*
096	AWI Campbell	42	1930	134	MH Dunn	75	1920
				030	MT Dyer	59	2260i

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LM55	J Eadie	28	1620*
183	DRR Ellis	25	2120*
110	JN Falconer	42	1920
284	JA Findlay	30	2165
340	DS Finnie	23	2450i*
219	MP Ford	19	1855*
086	SR Gillam	97	2385i
LM51	PM Giulian	309	2445i
LM86	Mrs RA Giulian	33	1785i
303	S Giulian	12	1455*
124	B Goodwin	57	1915
051	K Gordon	134	1870
LM76	BW Grant	51	1770
	WM Grant	18	1755*
113	KJ Grose	26	1590*
245	KJ Guthrie	32	1820
102	F Hall	120	1695
325	G Hamilton	8	1580*
299	MG Harkins	38	1955
039	W Harper	94	1825
LM56	Mrs EA Hartford	129	1890i
063	D Harvey	28	2170i*
248	JB Henderson	28	1955*
014	JM Herries	165	1860
114	SH Hilton	92	1680
116	A Hind	24	2185i*
LM10	AT Hislop	113	2190i
115	DA Hughson	29	2140*
171	W Hulme	21	2280i*
268	W Hynd	15	1860*
LM15	JPE Jack	147	1880
312	CR James	57	1565
255	IM Jamieson	14	2095*
LM14	DM Jenkins	63	2270i
322	M Jessing	8	1995*
	B Keenan	22	1845*
LM77	AD Kilgariff	63	1875
LM48	DA Kilgour	156	2610i
257	JW Kilgour	24	1630*
021	R Kilpatrick	47	2215i
274	DL Kleppang	11	2020*
260	A Knox	21	1640*
256	CJ Lennox	14	2310*
249	J Lewis	25	1890*
LM37	DM Livie	78	2270i
LM03	GWG Livie	66	2220i
264	G Lloyd	106	1765
337	R Loughran	40	1765
	G Lyburn	10	1900*
261	TF McAinsh	34	1800
LM41	KB McAlpine	35	2545i
259	J McCahey	10	2045*
LM81	P McConnell	17	1850*
212	P McCrea	23	1865*
148	NR McEwan	30	1770
196	Mrs S MacGilchrist	26	2095i*
LM84	CA MacGregor	92	1510
164	CC McKay	56	2270

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172	SG Mackenzie	32	1975
LM32	I Mackintosh	51	2165i
200	G McKnight	11	1825*
	J McLean	16	2350*
081	MJ MacLeod	82	1960
043	J McMenemy	140	1700
216	AN MacMillen	20	2125i*
287	Ms AL McMonigle	26	1720*
001	CA McNab	90	2505i
193	A MacQueen	83	2060
191	MC McQueen	8	1815*
LM02	DG McRoberts	30	2025i
LM38	IA Marks	112	2165i
LM66	IH Marshall	41	1985
275	A Matusavage	11	1870*
083	A Maxwell	58	2010
199	M May	63	1910
	A Millar	10	1775*
178	B Milligan	105	1765
LM78	IWS Mitchell	31	2080i
333	RS Montgomery	18	1935*
LM68	GA Morton	22	2300i*
LM71	AJ Muir	40	2630i
LM64	JS Murray	42	2025
234	SA Murray	18	2110*
202	D Neil	50	2150
296	W Neill	12	1875*
147	A Nisbet	43	2090
225	AC Norris	22	2060i*
119	JR Parker	28	1885*
122	R Pells	56	1610
315	AR Petrie	42	1620
229	G Plant	45	1945
258	TW Pollock	24	1695*
048	GD Pyrich	334	2375i
136	IF Reeman	34	2075i
LM75	DR Reid	36	2075
280	Mrs C Riley	14	1810*
254	S Riley	58	2035
LM13	WS Roach	73	2040
293	A Roberts	42	1985
224	MP Roberts	29	2110*
084	FR Ross	45	1590
125	W Rutherford	22	2165*
301	JP Ryan	78	2200i
LM89	D Salter	68	1985
LM22	DJ Savage	28	2030i*
265	B Setchell	8	1510*
LM24	J Seyfried	40	2290i
094	K Seyfried	59	1995
285	JK Shaw	9	2320*
300	RJ Simpson	10	1645*
057	I Sneddon	234	1915
LM65	GR Sprott	65	2285i
126	AG Stalker	14	1940*
127	J Stallard	40	1625
	FC Stevenson	10	1880*
	JAB Stevenson	63	2260i
294	DJ Stewart	78	2325i

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LM46	KWC Stewart	36	2205i
308	SF Sutherland	20	1330*
097	A Swann	89	1985
LM74	MA Swystun	102	2145
	P Tait	8	1645*
	T Tait	16	2060*
LM29	A Taylor	32	1750
130	J Taylor	104	1585
LM30	TAH Taylor	48	1740
336	F Teunisse	12	2015*
131	E Thompson	22	1985*
168	AC Thomson	30	1800
LM79	T Thomson	122	2270i
270	D Trenner	26	1825*
129	RF Turner	108	2260
032	GE Wallwork	165	2255i
LM80	J Watson	47	2425i
209	JE Weir	18	1925*
LM57	TS Wickens	147	2330i
LM49	AR Wilson	27	1805*
278	B Wood	16	1735*
007	G Wood	31	2145i
149	A Wright	82	2030
065	SM Young	120	1985

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	Chasin, A.Y.	GM	RUS	2630
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	Anton, V-M	GM	GER	2625
	Hürter, H.	IM	GER	2625
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	Yarkov, V.V.		RUS	2625

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McNab, Dr. C.A.	IM	2505
Finnie, D.S.		2450*
Giulian, P.M.	IM	2445
Watson, J.		2425
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Gillam, S.R.		2385
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Baxter, R.W.M.		2335
Wickens, T.S.	IM	2330
Stewart, D.J.		2325
Morton, G.A.		2300*
Inglis, R.A.		2295
Seyfried, J.		2290
Martin, B.J.		2285
Sprott, G.R.		2285
Hulme, W.		2280*
Boyle, C.F.		2275
Jenkins, D.M.		2270
Thomson, T.		2270
Livie, D.M.		2270
Dyer, M.T.		2260
Stevenson, J.A.B.		2260
Livie, G.W.G.		2220
Kilpatrick, R.		2215
Stewart, Dr. K.W.C.		2205
Hislop, A.T.		2190
Hind, Alan		2185*
Harvey, D.J.		2170*
Mackintosh, I.		2165
Beecham, C.R.		2165
Marks, I.A.		2165
Campbell, I.S.		2155
Wood, Dr. G.		2145
McMillen, A.N.		2125*
Cumming, D.R.		2105*
Bird, Prof. G.H.		2105
Armstrong, A.		2080*
Mitchell, I.W.S.		2080
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Savage, D.J.		2030*
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	Kreuzer, Dr. M.	GM	GER	2615
	Sloth, J.	GM	DEN	2615
	Rause, Mrs. O.	IM	LAT	2615
46	Kilgour, D.A.	GM	SCO	2610
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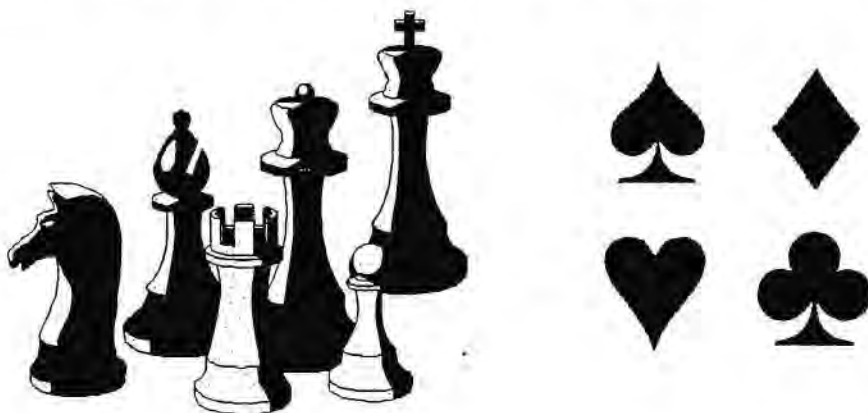
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GAMES SECTION

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We start this time with a contribution from one of our newer members, John Crawley, formerly from Glasgow but now residing in Ashford, Kent. Annotations are based upon John's notes.

SCCA Minor, 1996

White: J. Crawley

Black: J. Cassidy

QP Irregular A43

1 d4 c5
2 d5 f5

The home-brew Clarendon Court opening; it has some surprise value but is positionally dubious.

3 c4 d6
4 ♖c3 g6
5 e4!

The recommended reposte - Black will soon have a number of weak squares on the ♖-side.

5 ♗g7
6 ♗d3 fxe4
7 ♗xe4

Maybe Black should have played ♗xc3+, breaking up the white pawns on either of the two previous moves.

7 ♗a6
8 a3 ♗c7
9 ♗f3 e5?!

Too committal - instead either ♗f5 or ♗g4 were preferable, keeping lines for the ♗g7 and also options of ♖-side castling.

10 0-0

Obviously better than 10 dxe6.

10 ♖e7
11 ♗e1 ♗d7
12 ♗g5!

Stopping ♖-side castling and causing Black some problems.

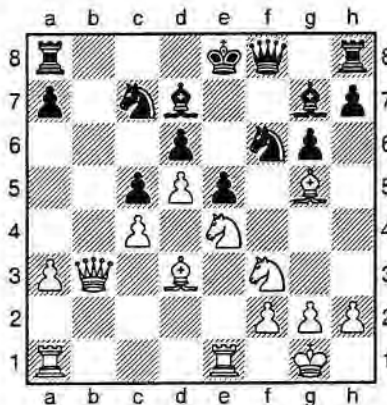
12 ♖f8!

Better than the alternatives 12 ... ♗f6 13 ♗xc5! dxc5 14 ♗xe5 winning quickly; and 12 ... ♗f6 13 ♗xf6 ♗xf6 allowing 14 ♗xc5! again.

13 b4 b6

13 ... cxb4 was likely better.

14 ♖b3 ♗f6
15 bxc5 bxc5



16 ♖b7

Utilising the open b-file but 16 ♗xc5! was playable immediately when 16 ... dxc5 17 ♗xe5 ♖d8 18 d6! ♗ce8 19 ♖b7 threatens both 20 ♖xa8+ and 20 ♖xd7 mate!

16 ♗c8
17 ♖xa7 ♖f7

An unfortunate square for the ♖. Seeking exchanges with 17 ... ♗xe4 18 ♗xe4 ♗f6 was better.

18 ♗xc5! ♗g4

Forced as 18 ... dxc5 19 ♗xe5+ ♖g8 20 ♗xf6 ♖xf6 21 ♗xd7 wins easily.

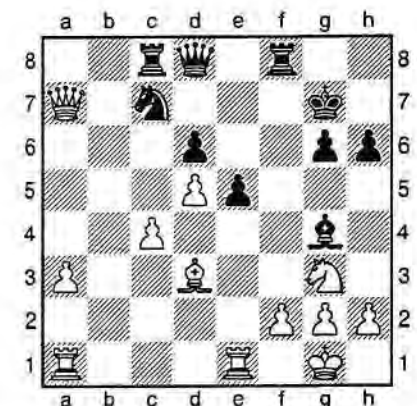
19 ♗e4 h6
20 ♗xf6 ♗xf6
21 ♗fd2?

Missing 21 c5! when 21 ... dxc5 22 ♗xf6 ♖xf6 23 ♖b6+ ♖g7 24 ♖xg6# wins the house.

21 ♖d8
22 ♗xf6

Again 22 c5! was called for. However, the text spoils nothing except to drag things out a little.

22 ♗xf6
23 ♗e4+ ♖g7
24 ♗g3 ♗f8



Two pawns down, Black is quite lost.

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| 25 | h3 | ♙d7 |
| 26 | ♖e3 | ♙f5 |
| 27 | ♙xf5 | gxf5 |
| 28 | f4 | e4 |
| 29 | ♖d4+ | ♙g6? |

Allowing a combinative finish, but Black was lost anyway.

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| 30 | ♙xe4! | fxe4 |
| 31 | ♖xe4+ | ♙g7 |

Both 31 ... ♙f7 32 ♖h7+, and 31 ... ♙f6 32 ♙h5+ ♙f7 33 ♖h7+ ♙e8 34 ♙e1+ are equally hopeless.

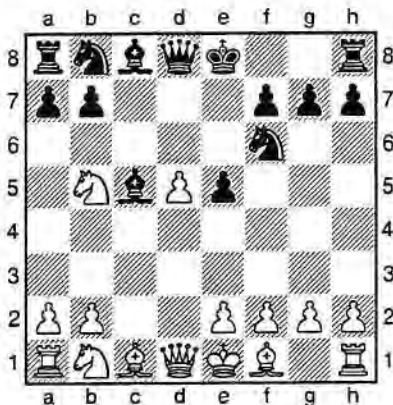
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| 32 | ♙h5+ | ♙h8 |
| 33 | ♖d4+ | Resigns |
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Next, another of our newer members, Hugh Flockhart, provides one of his games from the current Scotland v Italy Friendly International Match being played by Email.

Friendly Email International, 1997
White: Alessandro Castelli (ITA)
Black: Hugh Flockhart (SCO)

English A31

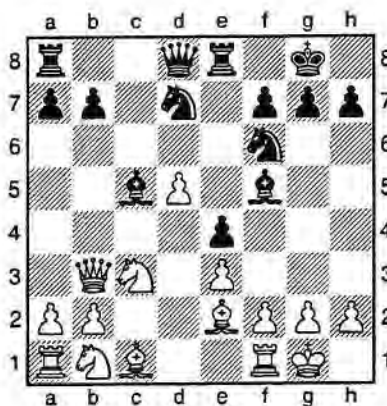
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| 1 | d4 | ♙f6 |
| 2 | c4 | c5 |
| 3 | ♙f3 | cxd4 |
| 4 | ♙xd4 | e5 |
| 5 | ♙b5 | d5 |
| 6 | cxd5 | ♙c5 |



7 ♙5c3

7 d6? allowed an amusing finish in Hugue-Hodgson, London: 7 ... ♙e4! 8 ♙c7+? ♖xc7! 9 ♖a4+ ♖c6, 0:1.

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| 7 | | 0-0 |
| 8 | e3 | e4 |
| 9 | ♙e2 | ♙e8 |
| 10 | 0-0 | ♙f5 |
| 11 | ♖b3 | ♙bd7 |



12 ♖xb7?

When my opponent stole the b7 pawn, I remembered the story of a chess-playing family whose Head was dying. In his Will, the father left his fortune to his son only if the son would promise never to take a b2 or b7 pawn! 12 ♙a3 was more circumspect; 12 ... ♙b6 13 ♙d1 ♙d6 14 ♙ab5 ♙g4 15 ♙xd6 ♖xd6 16 ♙xg4 ♙xg4 17 ♙d4 ♖g6 18 ♖b5 ♙f3 19 ♖f1 ♙e5 20 ♙e2 ♙xe2 21 ♖xe2 ♙xd5 22 ♙d2 ♙ae8 23 ♙d1 h6 24 ♙c3 ♙xc3 25 bxc3, ½:½, Gasco-Vajda, Eger, 1993.

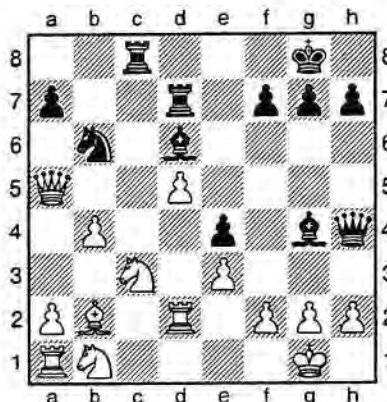
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| 12 | | ♙b6 |
| 13 | ♙d1 | ♙e7 |
| 14 | ♖a6 | ♙d7 |

With a useful lead in development for the pawn.

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| 15 | ♖a5 | ♙c8 |
| 16 | b4 | ♙d6 |
| 17 | ♙b2 | ♙g4 |
| 18 | ♙xg4 | |

18 g3 ♙xh2 19 ♙xh2 ♖h4+ 20 ♙g2 ♖h3+ 21 ♙g1 ♙xg3 22 fxg3 ♖xg3+ 23 ♙h1 ♙d6 with ♙h6 to follow shows the dangers lurking for White, but 18 h3 was likely better.

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| 18 | | ♙xg4 |
| 19 | ♙d2 | ♖h4 |



20 g3

After the alternative 20 h3 there could follow 20 ... ♙xh3 21 gxh3 ♖xh3 22 ♖a6 ♙h2+ 23 ♙h1 when 23 ... ♙c6!! is a beautiful shot.

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| 20 | | ♖h3 |
| 21 | ♖a6 | ♙c4! |

Blocking the white ♖'s retreat.

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| 22 | f4 | exf3 |
| 23 | ♙a3 | ♙xg3 |
| 24 | ♙xc4 | ♙xh2+ |
| 25 | ♙xh2 | ♖g3+ |
| 26 | ♙h1 | f2 |

White resigns in view of the line 27 ♙xf2 ♖xf2 28 ♙e5 ♙f3+ 29 ♙xf3 ♖xf3+ 30 ♙g1 ♙d6 when mate soon follows.

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Regular contributor David Cumming annotates one of his recent games.

SCCA Quartets Q194

White: David Cumming

Black: Graham McDonald

Queen's Gambit D31

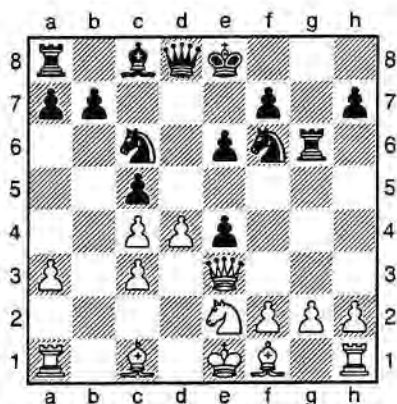
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| 1 | d4 | d5 |
| 2 | c4 | e6 |
| 3 | ♙c3 | c6 |
| 4 | e4 | |

Offering the Marshall Gambit, which Black declines, one heavily analysed line being (4 e4) dxex4 5 ♙xe4 ♙b4+ 6 ♙d2 ♖xd4 7 ♙xb4 ♖xe4+ 8 ♙e2 with lively play.

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| 4 | | ♙b4 |
| 5 | a3 | ♙xc3+ |
| 6 | bxc3 | dxex4 |
| 7 | ♖g4 | ♙f6 |
| 8 | ♖xg7 | |

This curious sideline has thrown up a position akin to a line of the French Winawer (1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 ♙c3 ♙b4 4 a3 ♙xc3+ 5 bxc3 dxex4 6 ♖g4 ♙f6 7 ♖xg7).

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| 8 | | ♙g8 |
| 9 | ♖h6 | ♙g6 |
| 10 | ♖e3 | c5 |
| 11 | ♙e2 | ♙c6 |



12 dxc5

This looks pretty awful but the alternative 12 ♖d2 ♜a5 doesn't look good for White.

12 e5
13 ♖g3 ♜a5
14 ♖e2

14 ♖d2 might be playable. After 14 ... ♖g4 15 ♜xe4 ♜xe5 16 ♖e3 ♜a5 17 ♜c2 f5 18 ♖d3 ♖xe3 19 fxe3, Black has compensation for the pawn.

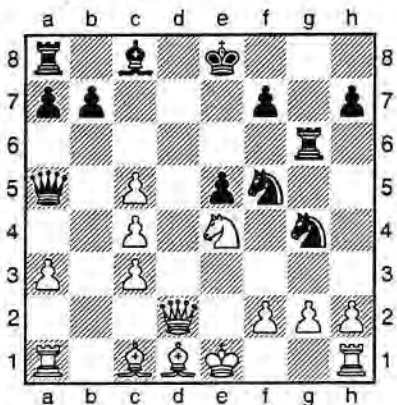
14 ♖d4
15 ♖d1

Better than 15 ♖a2, seen in the game Hansen - Maksimenko, Copenhagen, 1995 (0:1, 45).

15 ♖g4

This doesn't fare well - instead both 15 ... ♖e6 and 15 ... ♖f5 look better.

16 ♜d2 ♖f5
17 ♖xe4



Now White stands well as he threatens to castle, whilst Black's ♜ is stuck in the centre.

17 ♖e6?

Bringing a premature end. However retreat with 17 ... ♖f6 was doubtless unappealing.

18 ♖xg4 ♖d8
19 ♜b2 ♖d4

Not 19 ... ♖xg4 20 ♖f6+ +-.

20 ♖xf5 ♖xf5
21 ♖d6+

White emerges at least a ♖ to the good.

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♜♜♜♜♜

Now, one of my own efforts from the current Friendly International against the Netherlands.

Scotland-Netherlands Friendly, 1996

White: G.D. Pyrich (SCI)

Black: P. Roos (NLD)

Nimzo Indian E48

1 d4 ♖f6
2 c4 e6
3 ♖c3 ♖b4
4 e3 0-0
5 ♖d3 d5
6 a3

Varying from the usual (and heavily analysed) 6 ♖f3.

6 dxc4

The alternative 6 ... ♖xc3+ is much more common and very likely better when 7 bxc3 dxc4 8 ♖xc4 c5 follows; whilst there's nothing wrong with 6 ... ♖e7.

7 ♖xh7+ ♜xh7
8 axb4

An off-beat position. My source here was Kosten's 1994 Batsford publication on this opening.

8 ♖c6

8 ... e5 didn't fare well after 9 ♖f3 exd4 10 ♖xd4 ♖bd7 11 b5 ♖b6 12 0-0 a6 13 bxa6 c5 14 axb7 ♖xb7, 1:0, Gulko-Benko, Aruba, 1992, quoted by Kosten.

9 b5 ♖b4
10 ♖a4 ♖fd5

10 ... a5 is quoted by Kosten. After 11 ♖f3 ♖d7 12 e4 ♖d3+ 13 ♜f1 ♖xc1 14 ♜xc1 c6 Black was O.K. in Jelen-Farago, Gent, 1992.

11 ♖f3 ♖d3+
12 ♜f1 ♖b6
13 ♖xc4 ♖xc1

After the game, Piet confessed that he'd underestimated this. The c1 ♖ is trapped and the white ♖ enjoys an active role.

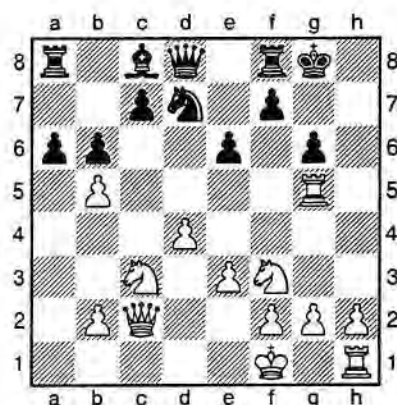
14 ♖c5! ♖d7
15 ♖h5+ ♜g8
16 ♜xc1 b6

I'd expected 16 ... a6 when 17 ♜b1 ♖f6 18 ♖g5 axb5 19 ♖xb5 b6 maybe gives a small advantage.

17 ♜c2 g6

And this was a surprise!

18 ♖g5 a6



19 h4

Encouraged by his 17th.

19 ♜g7?

Anything but this - I knew that he intended ♖h8 next but White has a combination available (after the ♖ denies the black ♜ use of the h8 square) [19 ... ♖b7 was better, 20 bxa6. After 20 ♖xg6+ is only a draw by perpetual check.] 20 ... ♖xa6+ 21 ♜g1 ♖b7 22 e4, both 22 ... c5 and 22 ... ♜f6 look playable for Black.

20 h5 ♖h8
21 ♖xg6+ ♖h8

Now it's all over.

21 fxg6
22 ♜xg6+ ♜f8
23 ♖g5 ♜f6
24 ♖xe6+
1 0

♜♜♜♜♜

A nice win by Tom Thomson in the current European Team Champs.

EUMSM/V/3-10, 1994

White: T. Thomson (SCO)

Black: O.P. Miljutin (UKR)

Queen's Gambit Accepted D21

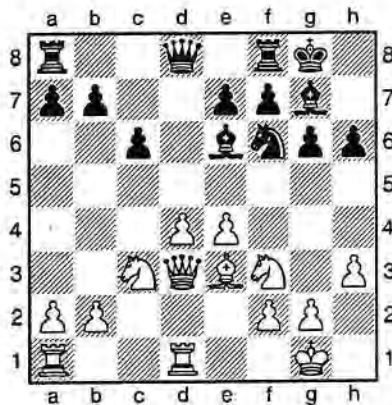
1 d4 d5
2 c4 dxc4
3 ♖f3 ♗d7

3 ... ♗f6 is invariably played here. The text has little published theory but is quite playable.

4 e4 ♗b6
5 ♗xc4 ♗xc4
6 ♗a4+ c6
7 ♗xc4 ♗f6
8 ♗c3 ♗e6
9 ♗d3 h6?!

This looks a waste of time as ♗g5 was hardly a serious threat.

10 0-0 g6
11 h3 ♗g7
12 ♗e3 0-0
13 ♖fd1



Black has achieved a Grünfeld type position and enjoys the two ♗s. However, White has consolidated his pawn centre and has good chances.

13 ♗a5

13 a5 14 ♗d2 ♖h7 15 ♖ac1 a4 is an interesting line.

14 b4! ♗xb4

Instead 14 ... ♗h5 meets 15 ♗e2 ♖fd8 (15 ... ♗xh3? 16 ♗f4!) 16 ♖ac1 with ♖c5 coming up is good for White.

15 ♖ab1 ♗a3
16 ♖xb7 ♖fe8

The more active 16 ... ♖fb8 was better. After 17 ♗e1 ♗a5 White has an interesting choice between 18 ♖xb8+ and 18 ♖xe7!? when after 18 ... ♗d8 19 ♖xe6 is forced and also strong. 19 ... fxe6 20 e5 ♗d5 21 ♗xh6!? is interesting!

17 ♗c1 ♗a5
18 ♗e5 ♖ac8
19 ♗d2 ♗a3
20 ♗e3 ♗h7

20 ... ♗a5 repeating the position was more circumspect. White can then try 21 ♗d2 ♖h7 when 22 ♗d3 planning ♗c5 is one possibility.

21 ♖c1 ♖ed8?

Very likely he missed White's reply.

22 ♗d5! ♗xc1+

Obviously not 22 ... ♗xd3 when 23 ♗xe7+ ♖h8 24 ♗xd3 wins easily.

23 ♗xc1 cxd5
24 ♗e3 dxe4
25 ♗a6 ♖c2?

Missing another trick. 25 ... ♗xe5 was forced. After 26 dxe5 *c2 27 ♗xa7 ♖xa2 28 ♗b6 White is winning but still has some technical problems.

26 ♗xg6!

Now it's all over.

26 ♖xa2
27 ♗xe7+ ♖h8
28 ♗b5 ♗f6
29 ♖b8 ♖xb8
30 ♗xb8+ ♖h7
31 d5 ♗d7
32 ♗d4 ♗e8
33 ♗f4!

Now 33 ... ♗xd4 meets 34 ♗xe4+.

1 0
♖♖♖♖♖

Lastly, a game from the recent Russia v the Rest of the World match, annotated for us by John Hawkes.

Sadly, just before going to press, we heard that Dick Smit had died in his home town of Zwolle. Dick was a very strong GM, representing the Netherlands in many high level international team and individual tournaments. He was a regular attender at Congresses, with a

particular interest in Telechess. Those of us who were privileged to meet Dick will remember him as one of the real characters of postal chess, with a mischievous sense of humour and fun. His recording technique with the video camera and his reports will long be remembered, as will his favourite fianchetto defence to the Ruy Lopez and other opening novelties - *Editor*

Russia v Rest of World, Board 12, 1993-5

White: D. Smit (NLD)

Black: A. Sitschev (RUS)

Modern Benoni A61

1 d4 ♗f6
2 c4 c5
3 d5 e6
4 ♗c3 exd5
5 cxd5 d6
6 ♗f3 g6
7 ♗d2!

The Nimzovich variation, where White goes very quickly to c4 with his ♗.

7 ♗g7

7 ... b6?! was once tried by Tal: (a) 8 cd4 ♗g7 9 ♗b5+! (9 ♗c4 0-0 10 ♗f4 ♗a6! 11 ♗xd6 ♗h5 is the trick); (b) 8 e3 ♗g7 9 ♗c4 0-0 10 ♗c2 ♗a6 11 a4 ♗xc4 12 ♗xc4 ♗bd7 13 0-0 ♖e8 14 ♗c2 ♗c7 15 ♖b1 ♗g4 16 h3 ♗ge5 17 ♗e2 c4 18 b4 cxb3 19 ♗xb3 ♗c5 20 ♗a3 ♖ac8 21 ♗d2, Boleslavsky-Tal, Leningrad, 1956, but White can play much more strongly, as shown in the brackets.

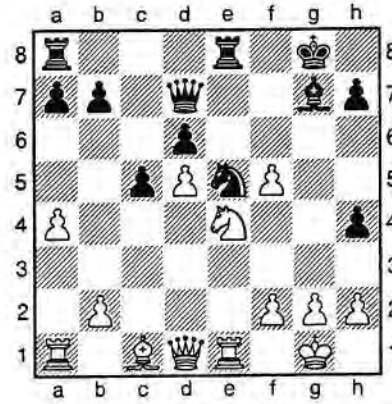
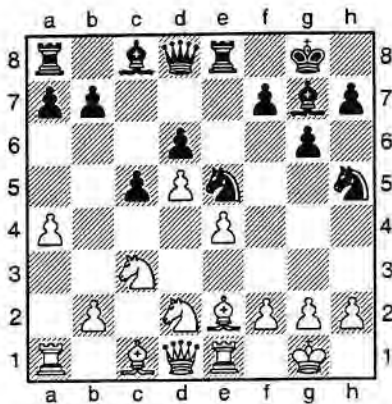
8 e4!

Very sophisticated play by the Dutchman: White slips back into a ♗c2 main line, having avoided ... ♗g4.

8 0-0
9 ♗e2 ♖e8
10 0-0 ♗bd7
11 a4 ♗e5

11 ... a6 12 f4 c4!? 13 e5!? is extremely complicated, e.g. 13 ... dxc5 14 ♗xc4 ♗b6 15 fxc5 ♗fxd5 16 ♗d6 ♗xc3 17 bxc3 ♖xc5 18 ♗xf7 ♗xd1 19 ♗xd1 ♖f5 20 ♗h6+ ♗xh6 21 ♗xh6 ♖xf1+ 22 ♖xf1 ♗d5 23 ♖b1, Meduna-Anikaev, Moscow, 1982, b5!?

12 ♖e1 ♗h5



13 ♖f1!

Another high-class touch: on the thematic square c4 now he'd only be exchanged off.

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|----|-------|------|
| 13 | | f5 |
| 14 | ♙xh5 | gxh5 |
| 15 | ♖g3 | h4 |
| 16 | ♖xf5 | ♙xf5 |
| 17 | exf5 | ♙d7 |
| 18 | ♖e4 | |

Sorry, I can't tell you whether this is known territory - it's new to me anyway.

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|----|-------|------|
| 18 | | ♙xf5 |
| 19 | ♖xd6 | ♖f3+ |
| 20 | gxf3 | ♙g6+ |
| 21 | ♙h1 | ♙xd6 |
| 22 | ♖e4! | ♙d4 |
| 23 | ♙e2 | ♖f8 |
| 24 | ♙e3 | ♙xd5 |
| 25 | ♖d1 | ♖f6 |
| 26 | ♙xd4 | cxd4 |
| 27 | ♖dxd4 | ♙c6 |

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|----|-----|------|
| 28 | ♖c4 | ♙d6 |
| 29 | ♖e7 | ♖af8 |
- 29 ... ♖f7 would lead to a fatal ♙ hunt: 30 ♖g4+ ♙f8 31 ♖xf7+ ♙xf7 32 ♙c4+ (a) 32 ... ♙e6 33 ♖g7+ ♙f6 34 ♙c3+ ♙c5 (34 ... ♙f5 35 ♙d3+ ♙f6 36 ♙xh7+) 35 ♖f7+ ♙e6 36 ♖c7+ +-; (b) 32 ... ♙c7 33 ♖g7+ ♙f6 34 ♙f7+ ♙e5 35 ♖g5+ ♙d4 36 ♙g7+ ♙d3 37 ♙c3+ ♙e2 38 ♖e5+ ♙xf2 39 ♙c3+ ♙f1 40 ♙e2#.

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|----|-------|------|
| 30 | ♖g4+ | ♖g6 |
| 31 | ♖xg6+ | ♙xg6 |
| 32 | ♙c4+ | ♙h8 |
| 33 | ♙c3+ | ♙g8 |
| 34 | h3 | ♙f6 |

His last hope has been squashed, ... h3 and ♙g2 mate. In an OTB game time scramble that might have happened, but not here.....

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|----|------|------|
| 35 | ♙xf6 | ♖xf6 |
| 36 | ♖xb7 | a5 |
| 37 | ♖b5 | ♖f4 |
| 38 | ♖xa5 | ♖b4 |
| 39 | ♖a7 | |
| 1 | | 0 |



The Playing of Chess

[by Peter Jack]
[With Apologies to T.S. Eliot]

The Playing of Chess is a difficult matter,
It isn't just one of your holiday games;
You may think at first I'm as mad as a hatter
When I tell you a player has THREE DIFFERENT AIMS.
First of all there's the wish to come first and not second,
To make sure that the one kicking cats isn't you,
By the employment of logic and wit that is fecund,
Combinations that sparkle and ideas that are new.
There's a fancier aim if you wax philosophical
And trawl through the maze of the mind's hidden lairs
To conclude in the end that it's all allegorical,
An attempt to find truth within sixtyfour squares.
But above and beyond there's still one aim left over,
And that is the aim that you never will guess;
The aim that no human research can discover -
But THE PLAYER DOES KNOW, and will never confess.
When you notice a player in profound meditation,
The reason, I tell you, is simple to prove:
His mind is engaged in a rapt contemplation
Of the thought, of the thought, of the thought of his move:
His ineffable effable
Effanineffable
Deep and inscrutable singular Move.



Presentation of Quaich and Tankard to Alan Borwell (left)
by Alan Hind (right)

No	Section 11		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	D Crichton	SCO	◆	1	0	1	½	0	0	0	1			
2	B Hanison	ENG	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	wd
3	P J Waltmans	NLD	1	1	◆	½	1	1	½	½	½	1	1	8
4	H Gnirk	GER		1	½	◆	1	1		½			1	
5	P M Steiner	GER	0	1	0	0	◆	1	½	0	0	1	1	4½
6	T J Gluckman	GER	½	1	0	0	0	◆	½	0	0	½	1	3½
7	T Verspecht	BEL		1	½	1	½	◆	0				1	
8	J Nielsen	DEN	1	1	½	½	1	1	◆		½	1		
9	T Christiansen	DEN	1	1	½		1	1			◆	1	1	
10	S Marinósson	ISD	1	1	0		0	½		½	0	◆	1	
11	V Farrell	SCO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	◆	wd

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1	I H Marshall	SCO	◆	0	0					0	0	0	0	
2	P G Vonk	ENG	1	◆	1	1							½	½
3	E P de Baan	NLD	1	0	◆	½	½	0	0	1	0	1	1	5
4	S Haack	GER		0	½	◆	½	0	½				0	
5	R Baatz	GER			½	½	◆	1	½	1	0	1	1	
6	R Fengsrud	NOR			1	1	0	◆	0		0	½		
7	E Vieijra	BEL	1		1	½	½	1	◆	½	½	½	1	
8	H Mortensen	DEN	1		0		0	½	◆	1	½	½		
9	J M Poulsen	DEN	1		1		1	1	½	0	◆	1	1	
10	A Gerard	FRA	1	½	0	1	0	½	½	½	0	◆	1	5
11	B Thompson	ENG		½	0		0		0	½	0	0	◆	

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1	S Collins	SCO	◆	0	0	0	0				1	0		
2	P H Tibbert	ENG	1	◆	0	0	0		1	1	1	0	½	
3	J Poell	NLD	1	1	◆	½	1	½	1	1	1	0	1	8
4	R R Baumann	GER	1	1	½	◆	0	0	1	1	1	½	1	7
5	H Starke	GER	1	1	0	1	◆	½	1	1	1	1	1	8½
6	R Boger	NOR	1		½	1	½	◆	1	1	1	1	½	
7	L Vettenburg	BEL		0	0	0	0	0	◆	0	0	0	1	
8	C M Larsen	DEN		0	0	0	0	0	1	◆	1	0		
9	C Lund	DEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	◆	0	0	1
10	B T Jóhannesson	ISD	1	1	1	½	0	0	1	1	1	◆	1	7½
11	J Ryan	SCO		½	0	0	0	½	0		1	0	◆	

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2	A J Rawlings	ENG	0	◆	1	½	½	1	0	½	0	½	1	5
3	H B Huisker	NLD	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	wd
4	G Herzing	GER	1	½	1	◆	½	1	1	1	½	½	1	8
5	U Huser	GER	1	½	1	½	◆	½	1	1	½	1	1	8
6	G Brobakken	NOR	1	0	1	0	½	◆	½	1	½	1	1	6½
7	S Dresling	DEN	0	1	1	0	0	½	◆	½	½	½	1	5
8	E Nielsen	DEN	½	½	1	0	0	0	½	◆	0	½	1	7½
9	H C Schmidt	DEN	1	1	1	½	½	½	½	1	◆	½	1	7½
10	A Gerard	FRA	0	½	1	½	0	0	½	½	½	◆	1	4½
11	D Odom	SVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	◆ wd

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3	P J A Groot	NLD		½	◆		0	0						
4	K Knebel	GER			◆	0	½	1	0		½	0		
5	H Starke	GER	1	1	1	1	◆	1	1	0	1	1	½	8½
6	T Lovholt	NOR	½	½	1	½	0	◆	1	0	1	½	½	5½
7	L Vettenburg	BEL		0		0	0	0	◆	0	0		0	
8	V F Isaksen	DEN	1			1	1	1	1	◆			0	
9	N Pedersen	DEN				0	0	1		◆			0	
10	F Guyon	FRA		½		½	0	½				◆	0	
11	H Haraldsson	ISD		½		1	½	½	1	1	1	1	◆	

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4	D.W. ANDERTON	(ENG) 2390	½	½	1	◆	1	0	1	0	½	0	0	1	½	0	1	7
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6	H. PROKOPP	(GER) 2370	0	1	½	1	1	◆	½	½	0	½	1	1	1	1	½	9½
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11	D. OLOFSON	(SVE) 2425	½	1	½	1	1	0	1	1	½	1	◆	1	1	½	1	11
12	D.M. LIVIE	(SCO) 2325	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	0	0	0	◆	1	0	1	4½
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14	T. THOMSON	(SCO) (2200)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	½	½	0	½	1	1	◆	0	4½
15	I.A. MARKS	(SCO) (2200)	½	0	1	0	½	½	0	½	½	½	0	0		1	◆	

As reported in our last edition, the winner of the tournament was D. Olofson (SVE) with 11 points. With only one game remaining to be completed, the other leading placings have now been decided, with a tie for second place between Dr. E.H. Sprenger (NLD) and H. Prokopp (GER), each with 9½ points, and T.K. Romsdal (NOR) in fourth place with 9 points. Our own Tom Craig was next with 8½ points, an excellent achievement.

This tournament has been a fitting memorial to the late Alan Shaw, being played in a friendly yet competitive spirit, with Controller George Livie having very few problems to resolve. Alan will always be remembered for his sportsmanship, helpfulness and modesty - a great ambassador of Scottish chess.

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

In late 1990, the Scottish CC organised two IM Sections to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Magazine, and in the Spring of 1991, a third Section was arranged for Lady players - the first ever Ladies Invitation Tournament approved by ICCF. This Section has just concluded, with the final crosstable shown on the next page. Many congratulations to the prizewinners from Czechia, Russia, Croatia and USA! There was a quadruple tie for 5th place, which indicates a very hard-fought competition. The Controller was Colin Macgregor, who handled the event very efficiently.

Friendly Internationals

Results reported since the last Magazine.

Scotland (12½) v Netherlands (19½)

Bd 2	K.W.C. Stewart	0	1	Jansen
Bd 4	C.R. Beecham	0	1	A. van Meggelen

Scotland (11) v A.S.P.C.C. (USA) (12)

Bd 11	B. Milligan	2	0	G. Wyszynski
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Scotland (21) v Brazil (19) (Final Result)

Bd 12	D.J. Savage	1½	½	P.A.P. da Silva
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Scotland (10) v Czech Republic (22)

Bd 2	N.A. Down	½	1½	B. Kopecky
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Scotland (21) v Canada (25) (Final Result)

Bd 19	A.N. Macmillen	½½	½½	L. de Haan (<i>Correction</i>)
Bd 20	Void			
Bd 24	D.B. McGarva	1	0	F. Spizzirri

Scotland (6) v Japan (0)

Bd 1	C.R. Beecham	1	0	Dr. T. Hayashi
Bd 2	J. Watson	2	0	T. Hirashima
Bd 4	K.W.C. Stewart	2	0	A. Yoshino
Bd 6	D.R. Cumming	1	0	K. Takatsuka

Scotland (2) v France (0)

Bd 23	B. Milligan	2	0	M. Ballan
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Scotland (4) v South Africa (6)

Bd 1	K.W.C. Stewart	0	1	Dr. H.L. Boesenburg
Bd 6	M. Harkins	2	0	J. Badenhorst

Scotland (0) v Uruguay (2)

Bd 5	C Almarza-Mato	0	2	D. Tacoronte
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Friendly International Email Match, Start 20/2/97

	SCOTLAND		ITALY
1	D.A. Kilgour, 2580		A. Miotto, 2475
2	G.D. Pyrich, 2375		C. Coco, 2430
3	A.P. Borwell, 2365		F. Tosi, 2415
4	T.J. Craig, 2330	½-½	M. Alemanni, 2280
5	T. Thomson, 2325	½½-½½	G. Quattrocchi, 2270n
6	I. Aird, 2340		G. Vicoli, 2254n
7	J.H. Nielsen, 2065		A. Garofalo, 2215
8	M. Harkins		L. Troso, 1798n
9	A. Roberts	0-0	A. Lannaiola, 2108n
10	G. Green		W. Maran, 2046n
11	H. Flockhart	1-1	A. Castelli, 2025n



	CANADA		SCOTLAND
1	Z Sarosy	1-1	A P Borwell
2	A Ugge	1½-½	I A Marks
3	P Schuetze	1½-½	KWC Stewart
4	N Ziminski	2-0	I Marshall
5	R Marconi	2-0	J Henderson
6	J Vanderploeg	0-2	C F Boyle
7	M Fortin	2-0	A Radlow
8	M Marchant	0-2	A Feinstein
9	F Nazarian	2-0	T McMorrn
10	O Farid	1-1	J A Clayton
11	A Fichaud	2-0	I Sneddon
12	P Boulerice	0-0	R Cochrane
13	R Deline	½-1½	A Hind
14	J Quiring	0-2	I Mackintosh
15	G Estes	1½-½	D J Savage
16	M Emig	2-0	A McMonigle
17	C Posylek	2-0	Rev A C Norris
18	Dr C Smith	0-2	S Brady
19	L De Haan	2-0	A N MacMillen
20	H DeCourcy	0-0	N R McEwan
21	S Lalande	0-2	A C Brown
22	H Frederiksen	1-1	A Armstrong
23	D Grabb	0-2	B Milligan
24	F Spizzirri	0-2	D B McGarva
25	J Baril	2-0	C A Macgregor
	Final Result	25-20	

	SCOTLAND		BRAZIL
1	GD Pyrich	1½-½	MS de Abreu
2	KWC Stewart	½-1½	L do Prado
3	IA Marks	0-2	JB da Silva
4	Mrs EA Hartford	0-2	D Cleto Jr
5	MH Dunn	2-0	AF Sobral
6	I Sneddon	0-2	LC de Lima
7	AC Brown	½½-½½	N Favarsani Jr
8	Ms S Macgilchrist	½½-½½	JM Messias
9	AN Macmillen	2-0	DM Cândido
10	AC Norris	1½-½	E Tafner
11	DR Cumming	½-1½	FF Torre
12	DJ Savage	1½-½	PAP de Silva
13	T McMorrn	2-0	WM Coelho
14	SG MacKenzie	2-0	HS e Silva
15	F Hall	½-1½	SMM Cunha
16	A Armstrong	2-0	LF do Carmo
17	F Ross	2-0	AC Coelho
18	B Milligan	0-2	HAM César
19	KJ Guthrie	0-2	JLM Borges
20	GM Anderson	2-0	G de S Baptista
	Final Result	19-21	

ICCF INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

(by George Pyrich)

Another substantial batch of new entries this time, (Nos. 13 to 27 below), although so far we have only 3 entries for the new World Cup event. Also listed are those unallocated last time (Nos. 1 to 12).

No	Name	Tournament Class/Players	ICCF Tourney Ref	Method of Play
1997				
1	DR Cumming	World 1st	7 W/I/1418	Corr
2	DR Cumming	European 1st	7 E/I/1859	Corr
3	G. McDonald	World 1st	7 W/I/1421	Corr
4	G. McDonald	European 1st	7 E/I/1861	Corr
5	W.M. Cook	European 1st	7 E/I/1860	Corr
6	H.S. Flockhart	E-Mail Cup	7 C/A017	Email
7	J.R. Milne	European 3rd	7 E/III/1150	Corr
8	F. Teunisse	European 1st	7	Fax
9	AN Macmillen	European 1st	7 E/I/1858	Corr
10	AN Macmillen	European 1st	15 E/I/GT/330	Corr
11	AN Macmillen	European 1st	15 E/I/GT/331	Corr
12	J.P.E. Jack	European 3rd	7 E/III/1148	Corr
13	J.R. Milne	World 3rd	7 W/III/951	Corr
14	J.H. Nielsen	Email Master	7 M/A011	Email
15	A.C. Norris	World Higher	7	Corr
16	A.C. Norris	World Higher	7	Corr
17	N.R. McEwan	TI/7/97	6	Corr
18	J.S. Crawley	TI/8/97	6	Corr
19	D.S. Finnie	Email Master	7 M/A013	Email
20	C.J. Lennox	World Cup XI/XII	11	Corr
21	A. Knox	European 3rd	7 E/III/1153	Corr
22	J.S. Crawley	European 3rd	15	Corr
23	T. Thomson	Email Master	7 M/A014	Email
24	A.N. Macmillen	World Cup XI/XII	11	Corr
25	A.N. Macmillen	World Cup XI/XII	11	Corr
26	T. Thomson	Email Master	7 M/A015	Email
27	C. Dowell	European 3rd	7	Corr

Results:

There are also a few more final results to report. Honourable mentions are due to Doug McRoberts with a near perfect score in a World 2nd Class event, and Anthony Roberts, our first ever qualifier to the Semi-Final stage of the new Email Cup events!

Name	Tournament Class	Final Place	Score
I.S. Campbell	E/M/GT/318	12	4½/14
D.G. McRoberts	W/II/893	1	5½/6
J. McMenemy	W/III/909	7	0/6
A. Roberts	E/I/1794	4=	3/6
W. Harper	W/II/881	5	2½/6
A. Roberts	C/A010	2	4½/6

ICCF THEMATIC TOURNAMENTS

Sections of 5-7 players, two games against each opponent. Top two players qualify for each Final.

Entries by 15/9/97, start 1/11/97

11/97 Ruy Lopez (C88)

1 e4 e5 2 ♘f3 ♘c6 3 ♗b5 a6
4 ♗a4 ♗f6 5 0-0 ♗e7 6 ♖e1
b5 7 ♗b3 0-0 8 a4

Entries by 15/9/97, start 1/11/97

12/97 Nimzo-Indian (E41)

1 d4 ♗f6 2 c4 e6 3 ♗c3 ♗b4
4 e3 c5 5 ♗d3 ♗c6 6 ♗f3
♗xc3 7 bxc3 d6

Entries by 15/10/97, start 15/12/97

13/97 Sicilian (B80)

1 e4 c5 2 ♗f3 d6 3 d4 cxd4
4 ♗xd4 ♗f6 5 ♗c3 a6 6 ♗e3
e6 7 f3

Entries by 15/10/97, start 15/12/97

14/97 Queen's Gambit (D37)

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 ♗c3 ♗e7
4 ♗f3 ♗f6 5 ♗f4 0-0 6 e3 c5
7 dxc5 ♗xc5 8 ♖c2 ♗c6 9 a3
♖a5 10 0-0-0

Entry Fee is £6 per group (payable to Scottish CCA) to :- Mr. George D. Pyrich, 53 Dunnikier Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 2RL.



SCOTTISH CCA MAGAZINE INVITATION TOURNEY - LADIES SECTION

No	LADIES SECTION	IM = 8 pts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Pts	
1	LJUBICIC, M	(CRO) (2175)	◆	1	-	1	½	1	1	½	1	1	½	½	1	0	½	9½	3rd
2	GIULIAN, R A	(SCO) (2050)	0	◆	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	DJURIC, S	(YUG) 2175	-	-	◆	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	w/d	
4	CSOM-NEMETHNE, E	(HUN) 2115	0	1	-	◆	½	1	1	½	½	1	0	½	1	0	1	8	
5	HARTFORD, E A	(SCO) 1900	½	1	-	½	◆	0	½	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4½	
6	BOGNARNE, E C	(HUN) 2005	0	1	-	0	1	◆	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
7	COOPER, D M	(WLS) 2250	0	1	-	0	½	0	◆	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
8	HORVATH, M	(HUN) (1900)	½	1	-	½	1	1	½	◆	0	1	0	0	1	1	½	8	
9	SCHOL-GRIN, A	(NLD) 1910	0	1	-	½	1	1	1	1	◆	1	0	0	½	0	0	7	
10	HENRI, C	(AUS) (1900)	0	1	-	0	0	1	1	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	3	
11	KRASIKOVA, N D	(RUS) 2100	½	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	◆	½	0	1	0	10	2nd	
12	MOZNA-HOJDAROVA, E	(CZE) 2340	½	1	-	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	◆	1	1	1	11½	1st	
13	NEWEDNITSCHAJA, RI	(MOL) 2320	0	1	-	0	1	1	1	0	½	1	1	0	◆	1	½	8	
14	HARGITAY, Dr T	(HUN) 1900	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	◆	0	8	
15	ROSENFELD, Dr C	(USA) 2200	½	1	-	0	0	1	1	½	1	1	1	0	½	1	◆	8½	

ICCF OLYMPIAD XI FINAL

Board 1					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts	
1	Zilberberg	AS	IM	2580	USA	◆	1	½	1	0	1	½	½	1	1	0	½	½	7½
2	Sloth	J	GM	2635	DEN	0	◆	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	½	0	0	0	5½
3	Ballon	GJ	IM	2465	NLD	½	½	◆	½	½	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	3	
4	Hébert	J	GM	2500	CAN	0	½	½	◆	1	½	1	½	½	½	0	½	6	
5	Krzyszton	J	GM	2605	POL	1	½	½	0	◆	1	½	1	1	0	½	½	7	
6	Bryson	DM	GM	2580	SCO	0	0	½	½	0	◆	0	½	½	0	½	1	4	
7	Hammar	B		2525	SVE	½	0	1	0	½	1	◆	0	1	½	0	0	4½	
8	Breazu	M	GM	2500	ROM	½	½	1	½	0	½	1	◆	1	½	½	½	7	
9	Honfi	K	IM	2475	HUN	0	0	1	½	0	½	0	0	◆	0	0	0	2½	
10	Zapletal	J	IM	2505	CSR	0	½	1	½	1	1	½	½	1	◆	½	½		
11	Burger	H	IM	2570	GER	1	1	1	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	◆	½		
12	Webb	S	GM	2615	ENG	½	1	1	1	½	0	1	½	1	½	½	◆	1	8½
13	Sanakojev	GK	GM	2595	RUS	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	½			0	◆	

Board 2					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts	
1	Abram	G	IM	2580	USA	◆	½	0	1	0	½	0	1	0	1	0	½		
2	Poulsen	A	IM	2630	DEN	½	◆	0	½	½	0	½	1	0	0	0	½		
3	v Oosterom	JJ	GM	2575	NLD	1	1	◆	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	½		
4	Berry	J	GM	2570	CAN	0	½	½	◆	½	½	0	1	½		½	½	0	
5	Matlak	M	(IM)	(2420)	POL	1	½	0	½	◆	0	½	1	1	1	½	1	½	7½
6	Muir	AJ	IM	2540	SCO	½	1	½	½	1	◆	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	9
7	Andersson	G	GM	2505	SVE	1	½	½	1	½	½	◆	½	1	0	1	1	½	8
8	Rotariu	G	GM	2415	ROM	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	◆	½	½		1	0	
9	Meleghegyi	C	GM	2605	HUN	1	1	0	½	0	0	0	½	◆	0	0	½	0	3½
10	Lanc	A	IM	2570	CSR	0	1	0		0	0	1	½	1	◆	1	½		
11	Palm	H	IM	2560	GER	1	1	0	½	½	0	0		1	0	◆	1	½	
12	Hollis	A	GM	2545	ENG	½	½	½	½	0	0	0	0	½	½	0	◆	0	3
13	Korolev	SI	IM	2615	RUS				1	½	½	½	1	1		½	1	◆	

Board 3					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts	
1	Maillard	WE	IM	2550	USA	◆	½	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	0	0	½	2½
2	Jensen	VN	IM	2500	DEN	½	◆	0	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	1	0		
3	Weijerstrass	R	IM	2415	NLD	1	1	◆	½	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	½		
4	Wright	J	IM	2490	CAN	1	½	½	◆	1	½	½	0	0	0	½	1	½	6
5	Sek	Z	IM	2570	POL	1	½	1	0	◆	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	½	8
6	McNab	CA	(GM)	2500	SCO	1	½	½	½	½	◆	1	½	½	0	½	1		
7	Carlsson	I	IM	2455	SVE	1	1	1	½	0	0	◆	½	0	½	0	1		
8	Suta	M	IM	2455	ROM	0	1	½	1	½	½	½	◆	½	0	0	0	½	5
9	Glatt	G	IM	2505	HUN	1	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	◆	0	½	½		
10	Privara	I	IM	2570	CSR	½	1	1	1	0	1	½	1	1	◆	½	0	½	8
11	Maeder	K-H	GM	2585	GER	1	0	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	◆	1	½	7½
12	Povah	N	GM	2595	ENG	1	1	½	0	0	0	0	1	½	1	0	◆	½	5½
13	Umanskij	MM	IM	2690	RUS	½			½	½			½		½	½	½	◆	

Board 4					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts	
1	DeMauro	JA	IM	2615	USA	◆			½	½	0	1	0			0	½		
2	du Jardin	J		2505	DEN		◆	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	1	0		
3	Idema	AA	IM	2540	NLD		½	◆	½	½	0	1	1	1	½	½	½		
4	Widmann	K	IM	2530	CAN	½	½	½	◆	0	½	½	1	1	½	½	½	½	6½
5	Bieluczyk	B	IM	2500	POL	½	½	½	1	◆	½	1	½	0	½	1	0	½	6½
6	Kilgour	DA	IM	2490	SCO	1	1	1	½	½	◆	1	½	1	½	½	1	½	9
7	Korman	U	IM	2305	SVE	0	1	0	½	0	0	◆	½	0	0	1	0	0	3
8	Mititelu	G		2350	ROM	1	½	0	0	½	½	½	◆	0	½	½	0	½	4½
9	Fabri	F	IM	2545	HUN		1	0	0	1	0	1	1	◆	0	0	0	½	
10	Mraz	M	IM	2505	CSR		½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	◆	½	1	1	
11	Baumbach	F	GM	2530	GER	1	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	1	½	◆	½	1	6
12	Thomas	T	IM	2485	ENG	½	1	½	½	1	0	1	1	1	0	½	◆	½	7½
13	Stoljar	SE	IM	2535	RUS				½	½	½	1	½	½	½	0	½	◆	

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Board 5					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts	
1	Kubach	GL	IM	2510	USA	◆	½	½	½	0	½	0	1	0	1	0	½	½	5
2	Sørensen	T	IM	2480	DEN	½	◆	½	0	½	0	½	1	0	0	0	½	½	4
3	Sprenger	EH		2410	NLD	½	½	◆	½	1	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	0	4½
4	Pineault	D	IM	2470	CAN	½	1	½	◆	1	½	½	1	½	0	1	1	½	8
5	Mularczyk	J		2460	POL	1	½	0	0	◆	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	½	4
6	Giulian	PM	IM	2395	SCO	½	1	½	½	0	◆	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	5½
7	Lindgren	M		2540	SVE	1	½	1	½	1	1	◆	1	½	0	½	1	½	8½
8	Miron	C		2660	ROM	0	0	½	0	1	½	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	2
9	Györkös	L	(IM)	(2410)	HUN	1	1	1	½	1	½	½	1	◆	0	0	½	½	7½
10	Trapl	J	IM	2510	CSR	0	1	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	◆	0	½	1	8½
11	Anton	VM	GM	2620	GER	1	1	1	0	1	½	½	1	1	1	◆	½	½	9
12	Timson	P		2550	ENG	½	½	½	0	0	½	0	1	½	½	½	◆	½	5
13	Korelov	AP	IM	2590	RUS	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	0	½	½	◆	6½

Board 6					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts	
1	Camaratta	FA		2530	USA	◆	½	½	0	0	½	1	0	½	0	0	½	½	4
2	Hyldkrog	L	IM	2475	DEN	½	◆	½	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	½	½		
3	van Perlo	GC	GM	2455	NLD	½	½	◆	0	1	½	½		0	½	0	1	0	
4	MacLeod	D	IM	2520	CAN	1	1	1	◆	0	½	1	1	1	½	0	1	½	8½
5	Konca	D	IM	2455	POL	1	0	0	1	◆	0	½	½	1	0				
6	Borwell	AP	IM	2320	SCO	½	0	½	½	1	◆	½	½	1	½	0	0	½	5½
7	Hjort	B	IM	2495	SVE	0	1	½	0	½	½	◆	½	½	1	1	½	0	6
8	Hang	Ing E		2120	ROM	1	0		0	½	½	½	◆		½		½	½	
9	Keszi	J		2485	HUN	½	0	1	0	0	0	½		◆	0	½	0	0	
10	Göth/Sevecsek		IM	2460	CSR	1	0	½	½	1	½	0	½	1	◆	½	½	1	7
11	Kreuzer	M	IM	2660	GER	1	½	1	1		1	0		½	½	◆	1	½	
12	Sowray	P		2380	ENG	½	½	0	0		1	½	½	1	½	0	◆	0	
13	Bloch	M		2590	RUS	½		1	½		½	1	½	1	0	½	1	◆	

Leading scores:- 1. Germany 43/68 (63.2%); 2. Czechoslovakia 42½/68 (62.5%);
 3. Russia 32½/56 (58.0%); 4= Scotland 39½/71 (55.6%);
 4= Canada 39½/71 (55.6%); 6. Poland 37/69 (53.6%);
 7. Sweden 35½/71 (50.0%); others all under 50%

ICCF OLYMPIAD XII PRELIMINARIES SECTION 4

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	½	1	8
3	Chia	C-S	(2200)		SIP	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Portilho	GF		2410	BRS	1	½	1	◆		½	0	0	½				
5	Har-Even	A		2500	ISL	1	0	1		◆	1	0	1	1	1	½	0	
6	Leonardo	JP		2430	POR	½	½	1		0	◆	½		½	0	½	1	
7	Wolny	R		2450	POL	0	0	1	½	1	½	◆	0	1	½	0	½	5
8	Cayford	T		2420	USA	0	½	1	1	0		1	◆	½	1	1	1	
9	Miskovsky	P		2505	CSR	1	½	1	1	0	½	0	½	◆	1	0		
10	Gillam	SR		2365	SCO	0	½	1	½	0	1	½	0	0	◆	½	½	4½
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	
1	Attard	W		2110	MLT	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	1½
4	de Cresce	SH		2450	BRS	1	½	1	◆	1	½	½	1	½	1		1	
5	Granski	M		2495	ISL	1	0	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	Falsson	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	◆	

ICCF OLYMPIAD XII PRELIMINARIES SECTION 4 (contd)

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	0	1	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	6
3	Williams/Mooi		(2200)	SIP	1	½	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	2½
4	Felicio	C	2350	BRS	1	1	1	◆	½		0	½	½	½	½	1	
5	Kuperman	B	2325	ISL	1	0	1	½	◆		0	1		0	0		
6	Moura	AB	2415	POR	1	½	1			◆	½	½	½	½	½	1	
7	Matlak	J	(2200)	POL	1	1	1	1	1	½	◆	1	1	½	1	1	10
8	Dehmelt/Meyers		2430	USA	1	0	1	½	0	½	0	◆	½	½	0	0	4
9	Manduch	M	2450	CSR	1	½	1	½		½	0	½	◆	1	1	1	
10	Craig	TJ	2335	SCO	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	0	◆	½	½	6
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	0	1	0	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	1	½	½	1	1	1	8
5	Azar	P	2455	ISL	½	0	1	½	◆	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	7
6	Almeida	MC	(2200)	POR	1	0	½	0	½	◆	½	½	0	1	½	½	5
7	Marcinkiewicz	A	2405	POL	1	0	1	0	0	½	◆	0	0	½	½	½	4
8	Martinowsky	E	2380	USA	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	◆	½	1	½	1	8
9	Danek	L	2545	CSR	1	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	◆	½	1	½	8
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	0	½	½	½	0	½	◆	0	4½
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	½	1	1	1	0	6½
3	Wang	M-L	(2200)	SIP	1	½	◆	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	½	½	7½
4	Amorim	GS	2455	BRS	1	½	0	◆	½	0	½	0	0	1	1	½	5
5	Eljakhim	D	(2200)	ISL	1	1	1	½	◆	1	1	½	1	1	½	1	9½
6	Demetrio/Cordiero		2285	POR	1	1	0	1	0	◆	0	½	½	1	1	0	6
7	Haag/Nizynski	M	(2200)	POL	1	0	0	½	0	1	◆	0	1	1	½	½	5½
8	Embrey	K	2500	USA	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	◆	½	½	1	½	7½
9	Marczell	P	2475	CSR	1	0	0	1	0	½	0	½	◆	1	0	½	4½
10	Beecham	CR	2235	SCO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	◆	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	1	½	0	1	1	½	1	9
3	Leong	V	(2200)	SIP	1	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Barata	HAG	(2200)	BRS	1	0	1	◆	1	½	½	1		1	½		
5	Oren	I	2410	ISL	1	0	1	0	◆		0	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	½	
8	Owen	L	2420	USA	1	1	1	0	1	0		◆		½	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	½	0	◆	½	0	3½
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		½	1	½	◆	



Readers Letter

Calum Wallace from the Isle of Lewis writes.....

"After some recent feedback from one of my team members in the SCCA League, I find myself questioning the motives of some players, in playing postal chess.

The dispute or storm in a teacup, call it what you will, revolves round claiming games on time. What is the point of playing if you look for the first opportunity to claim a game on time?

I personally have never had any time problems with my opponents, maybe I was lucky. I rarely amend dates unless they are dubious. If my opponent was heading for time trouble, then I would suggest that he/she use up some of their holiday time. This usually sobers them up into being more circumspect.

I fear I will lose one of my team members after returning to postal chess from a long lay-off because of his time factor experiences. Hopefully, I can persuade him that there are players out there who think the same as he does and bring him back to the fold.

What do your readers think?"



Bernard Milligan, the SCCA's Publicity & Membership Officer, comments.....

"I greatly sympathise with Calum's views but must own up to being one of the offending players who has claimed games on time. I have done this twice, and the most recent was in this season's team League Division 1, when I felt that as I was representing my team that I had a moral obligation to do so, since all results affect the team's performance.

The question of whether a game should be claimed on time will no doubt produce different opinions from different players. If it is better to ignore the fact that your opponent has overstepped the time control, then there is no point in having any time controls in the first place. This, of course, would mean that some players would take forever to play their moves, and possibly result in players who reply at a more reasonable speed, losing interest as games drag on forever. I personally feel that the use of strict time controls is beneficial, as both players are then playing on a level field. I have had no problem with this in the past and believe that it has been a great help in keeping games moving along at a reasonable pace.

I believe that Rules are there to be observed and that they have been put there, sometimes after many months of agonising consideration, for a good reason. I regularly check postmarks and amend my opponents' postal dates as required. Unfortunately, I have found this to be necessary as a few players regularly seem, perhaps through no fault of their own, to have dates on their cards which are widely inconsistent with the postmark dates on the envelope. I have also amended opponents' times by taking days off their total time when the postmark date has been earlier than they indicated on their card. I believe you should always be fair and consistent when applying the official Rules.

I have never considered telling my opponent to try and speed up play to avoid overstepping the time control. This is possibly because I would feel embarrassed by possibly suggesting that my opponent was incapable of monitoring their own progress. We all know the Rules at the outset and we are all capable of observing them.

Perhaps the current time controls are too harsh, I don't know. The SCCA are currently reviewing all their Rules and would welcome comments from any interested members.

I fully understand Calum's questioning some players motives for playing postal chess, but you could ask the same thing about someone who is happy to capitalise on a clerical error

by their opponent. I have fallen foul of this on many an occasion and accept it as part and parcel of the game. I play the game for pure enjoyment but accept that I have to take part within the framework of the established Rules - win, lose or draw!

I sincerely hope that Calum's fellow team member will decide to continue playing. If they do they will be rewarded with many wonderful games and these will far outweigh the occasional disappointments. There's also the opportunity to take part in events with longer time controls, such as the Challenge Tournament. I have yet to see anyone lose on time in that event."

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