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SECRETARIAL NOTES (by Val Nye)

This is our 5th Bulletin (strictly speaking, it is the 2nd issue of the 2nd volume). The format of this edition was proposed by the Editor at the March meeting of our Executive Committee. With the exception of excellent contributions by John Hawkes, and the occasional letter, virtually all the material in the Bulletin has been written by Executive Committee members and Controllers. In the main we have observed copy 'deadlines' and thereafter Alan has pieced together all contributions and constructed the final version. Then there is the distribution, and all of this takes a great deal of time and effort. Since, besides being the SCA Secretary and relaxing with curling, Alan is the Personnel Manager with 'General Accident' Insurance and has considerable responsibility with his work, it did not really come as a surprise to the Executive Committee when we learned that he was seeking to reduce his commitments. Thanks to Alan, our Association has a very useful Bulletin, but we now want some stout-hearted volunteers to help with the production of the Bulletin!

The GPO does not appear to know about the Fable of the Goose that laid the Golden Eggs. Postal rates have risen steeply in the last year or so. We are assured that there is an underlying logic to account for the charges we now have to pay - a copy of the correspondence between ourselves and the GPO appears elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Surely some sort of deal could be arranged? After all, for conferences in the UK, British Rail are able to arrange special (ie. cheaper) fares. Now for a 25 board international match, for example, each player could expect his games to go to at least 25 moves. Simple arithmetic ($25 \times 25 = 625$) shows that each of our international matches generates useful business for the GPO. Our 'domestic' tournaments are also a good source of revenue for the GPO. Perhaps the 'powers that be' in the GPO do not use its services - or are very much overpaid and so do not know about the rest of us!

There have been some interesting points put in the letters. Should we stage a 'Lightning Tournament'? Should we put on Opening Tournaments with the Hennig-Schara gambit and/or the Latvian gambit? What about an Endings Tournament? Do let us know your opinions by letting your Tournament Controller know, for example, when you send in results.

The Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 13th June at 11.30am in Room 8, City Hall (rear access), Candleriggs, Glasgow.

The Agenda will be:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1. Minutes of previous AGM | 5. Election of Executive Committee Members |
| 2. Secretary's Report | 6. Election of Auditor |
| 3. Treasurer's Report | 7. Tournaments |
| 4. Subscriptions | 8. Any other business |

We hope to see as many of our members at the AGM as possible. In the next issue of the Bulletin, we will give draft Minutes (which can only be ratified at the next AGM).

A reminder. Please hand in results as soon as possible, and also pass on positions for adjudication without delay after the adjudication date. The ONLY reason for the delay in getting out the 3rd issue of the Bulletin last season was due to several players having to be chased up for results, etc. well after the adjudication date. Naturally, we would like to publish all the results before the new season starts. The alternative for us is to put complete results in the first issue of next season's Bulletin - which should come out about next January - but that is far too late. So how about it, please!?

Lastly, let us hope that all is now progressing well with David Jenkins from Inverness, who has been in several recent Finals. He was involved in a mountaineering accident at the end of February. At the time of writing this article, I understand that he was getting over it but not having the strength to give 100 per cent to his games - to the relief of one or two nameless players!!

Editor's note ; Our only Honorary Life Member, Bernard Partridge has graduated BA (Open university), majoring in Earth Sciences and Social Science
He says he is now ' A mad biped ', an anagram of MA, BA, Dip Ed, his very impressive degrees !

EDITORIAL (by Alan Borwell)

Just about on time with this issue, although we have had to put the originally planned AGM date back a little, to give members reasonable notice of the Meeting!

At the recent Executive Committee meeting, it was proposed that the League should have teams of 5 players next season, with distinct first and second divisions, and a third division in sections according to entries. This will produce more satisfactory 'round robin' pairings, with 6 teams in each division.

Another innovation is likely to be Classification Tournaments, according to known postal grading/strengths, with ICCF time limits and longer playing periods before adjudication.

The Openings Tournament will use the Henning-Schara Gambit, with the Walter Roach Trophy being presented as a keepsake to the winner. If entries are large, then a second series of games may be necessary, to achieve a conclusive result.

Members will be offered a discount on subscriptions/entry fees of £1 for each new member introduced to the SCCA next season. Please do all you can to persuade at least one of your friends/chess club members to join us!

We have sent another letter to ICCF in the sincere hope that the long outstanding issue of Scotland's affiliation will at last be resolved satisfactorily (see next page). We are looking forward to playing Norway in the 2nd World Telechess Olympiad (see below).

Please keep your letters rolling in - the September edition of the Bulletin will have at least 24 pages, and maybe more, if enough material is received!

2nd WORLD TELECHESS OLYMPIAD (by Alan Borwell)

Details of the draw and the regulations for this event, which is organised jointly by ICCF and FIDE, have now been received. The initial games will be as follows:

<u>First Round</u> (by 30th June 1981)	<u>Second Round</u> (by 31st October 1981)
Scotland v Norway	Winners from Round 1, plus East Germany,
England v Israel	Iceland, Poland, Sweden and USSR.
West Germany v Finland	

We consider our pairing to be about the most interesting we could have had, and it should produce a close and enjoyable match. The probable time/date of the match will be commencing 11.00am and finishing around 6.00pm on Sunday 21st June in Glasgow, and the match will be played by telephone. The venue has not yet been decided. Spectators/ supporters will be very welcome and it is hoped to provide commentaries on the games, using demonstration boards.

The Scottish team, which has been selected jointly by the SCA and SCCA, will be as follows:

1. C W Pritchett (SCA)
2. T J Upton (SCA)
3. P A Motwani (SCA)
4. Dr K B McAlpine (SCCA)
5. C J Morrison (SCCA)
6. D M Bryson (SCCA)
7. M L Condie (Jnr)
8. Mrs K J Hindle (Lady)

Reserves are: C A McNab (SCA), D A Kilgour (SCCA), S R Mannion (Jnr) and Miss R Jackson (Lady)

We have also suggested to the Norwegians, the inclusion of two extra non-scoring boards, to-be occupied by disabled players from each country.

The Scottish team captain is likely to be Dr Ken W C Stewart, and Mr Ted Fitzjames, Chief Controller, will be invited to be our Arbiter, if the Norwegians agree that an SCA official would be acceptable in such capacity.

Enquiries about the final arrangements should be made during June to either Ken Stewart (0236-31394) or myself (0738-22779).

AFFILIATION TO INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION (ICCF)

Following full consideration by our special sub-committee, and in response to enquiries from members, we reproduce below the main contents of a letter sent recently to ICCF.

"The Scottish Correspondence Chess Association was very disappointed and indeed concerned to hear that its application for membership of ICCF, once again, did not find favour at last year's Praesidium. However, it remains our sincere and deeply held conviction that Scotland has an undeniable case for affiliation to ICCF and that Scotland's postal chess players should have the basic right to be able to represent their country in official international team and individual competitions.

We would like to make the following observations on ICCF Statutes:

2. "ICCF is a non-political democratic organisation concerned exclusively with correspondence chess" and that "discrimination on political grounds is not permitted." The aims include (a) the furthering of and (c) the promotion of

We have never been given a detailed explanation why Scotland has been excluded, but we understand that the main reason is that ICCF does not consider Scotland to constitute a 'Country'. Using any reliable international dictionary definitions of 'country', it is surely beyond dispute that Scotland is a country on territorial, historical, cultural, legal and social grounds. Indeed, its origin is more deep-rooted, and its existence more established, than some of the countries which have been accepted into membership of ICCF. It can only be a political definition which, arguably, might give rise to any doubt but ICCF Statutes preclude discrimination on political grounds, emphasising that it is a non-political organisation.

The only other consideration seems to have been that ICCF will accept only one organisation from each country. As the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association is the organisation responsible for postal chess activities in Scotland, then this Statute should not preclude our membership. The BPCF also supports our direct affiliation to ICCF and recognises Scotland as a separate country for the purposes of international correspondence chess.

By a responsible, but perhaps a rather more liberal approach, ICCF could increase its standing in the furthering, and enjoyment, of international correspondence chess in countries, such as Scotland. A real stimulus could be given to the promotion of our method of playing the great game of chess, in a similar way as FIDE has done for over the board chess. With its 112 affiliated member countries, FIDE has recently introduced a programme of support and encouragement to the smaller and developing countries such as Scotland (which, of course, has been a member of FIDE since 1932).

We wish to renew our application to ICCF and also to formally request the opportunity to present our case fully to this year's Congress in England. It would be helpful if you could let us know on which day(s) the matter will be considered in order that we can be properly represented. We sincerely hope that the 1981 Congress will look afresh, and very fully, at our application in order that this long outstanding problem can now be resolved in an equitable and acceptable manner for all concerned.

You can rest assured that Scotland will play a full, responsible and honourable part in supporting the aims of ICCF and we look forward to establishing and furthering good relationships with all member countries. "

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS 1980 - 1981

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIP (One game against each opponent)

		Be	Br	G	H	Ja	Je	K	McMa	Me	W	Pts	Pos
C.R. BEECHAM	PRESTWICK	█		1/2		0				1		1	
D.M. BRYSON	GLASGOW		█		1	1		1			1		
P.M. GIULIAN	NEWTON MEARNS	1/2		█		1	1/2		1/2	1/2			
A.T. HISLOP	GLASGOW		0		█	1/2		1	1	1			
R. JACKSON	ABERDEEN	1	0	0	1/2	█		1	1/2		1	1	
D.M. JENKINS	INVERNESS						█						
D.A. KILGOUR	DUNDEE			1/2		0		█					
A.J. McCLELLAND	CLYDEBANK		0		0	1/2			█		1	1	
I.A. MARKS	CUMBERNAULD	0		1/2	0					█	1/2	0	
M. MELDRUM	AYR		0	1/2	0	0		0	1/2		█		
J. WILLIAMS	GLASGOW	0				0		0	1			█	

The top four placed players will be eligible to enter for the 1982 Championship, as will the top four placed players in this season's Candidates Tournament. The remaining places in the 1982 Championship will be allocated depending on entries received. Factors such as the entry of a recent champion, ties in either the 1981 Championship or Candidates etc will be taken into account.

CANDIDATES (One game against each opponent)

		Q	B	S	W	A	G	P	B	N	Pts	Pos
D. QUINN	EAST KILBRIDE	█	0			0		0		0		
W.G. BRADY	CLYDEBANK	1	█				0	1/2				
G.H. SPROTT	LASSWADE			█			0	1/2	1/2			
W.P. WATSON	GIFFNOCK				█					1/2		
G.M. ANDERSON	GLASGOW	1				█	0			1/2		
S. R. GILLAM	THORNTON HEATH		1	1		1	█					
G.D. PYRICH	KIRKCALDY	1	1/2	1/2				█				
C.F. BOYLE	CAMBUSLANG			1/2					█			
Dr. V.A. NYE	EAST KILBRIDE	1			1/2	1/2				█		

Unfortunately, because of increased business commitments, two players had to withdraw from this event shortly after all competitions had been started. It was decided to continue on the basis of a nine player tournament this season, but to make it an eleven player event in future years. Outright winners of Premier Sections will be eligible for next season's Candidates, as will those 1981 Championship players who are not allocated a place in the 1982 Championship. Remaining places will be allocated depending on entries received, ties, etc.

P 71	H	D	SH	SU	SW	V	Pts	Pos
Major W.E.BRUGES							1½	
M.DYER			00		00			
A.J.SHAW		11						
M.SUTHERLAND					0			
M.A.SWYSTUN		11		1				
J.W.VERNON	0½							

P 73	B	C	K	L	M	S	Pts	Pos
C.T.W.BEVERIDGE				0		11		
J.A.CLAYTON				00		11		
A.H.KERR								
D.M.LIVIE	1	11				11		
R.A.MacBRAYNE						11		
G.SCHOLIS	00	00		00	00			

MAJOR SECTIONS (Two games against each opponent)

M 33	A	HA	HUS	T	Pts	Pos
A.M.ANDERSON		0	00	½0	10	
Mrs. E.HARIFORD	1		½			
D.A.HUGHSON	11	½	0	11		
J.SHARP	1½		1			
J.TAYLOR	01		00			

M 35	HA	HE	L	MA	MCR	Pts	Pos
H.HARVEY			00	00	00		
J.M.HERRIES			00		00		
L.J.LANE	11	11				11	
S.G.MACKIE	11						
T.McMORRAN	11	11				11	
A.REID			00		00		

QUARTET TROPHIES 1981 All play all events, two games against each opponent.

POSTAL KNIGHT FINAL (holder A.H.KERR)

Q 88	C	K	S	T	Pts	Pos
J.A.CLAYTON						
A.H.KERR						
M.SUTHERLAND						
I.THOMPSON						

POSTAL ROOK FINAL (holder J.LEWIS)

Q 90	H	K	L	S	Pts	Pos
G.HAMILTON						
J.KENNEDY			00	00		
J.LEWIS		11				
D.J.SAVAGE		11				

Q 92 C Mc R W Pts Pos

Q 92	C	Mc	R	W	Pts	Pos
K.GORDON						
A.J.McCLELLAND				1		
G.A.REAVES						
J.M.WALKER		0				

Q 94 B C L T Pts Pos

Q 94	B	C	L	T	Pts	Pos
S.BRADY		½0	11			
S.R.CAPSEY	½1		11	½½	4½	
J.P.L.LUMSDEN	00	00	00	0	W/D	
T.A.H.TAYLOR		½½	11			

Q 95 D L M P Pts Pos

Q 95	D	L	M	P	Pts	Pos
R.DICKSON		0				
J.H.LAWSON	1		0			
I.W.S.MITCHELL		1				
V.A.PROUDLER						

P 72	G	H	K	L	P	V	Pts	Pos
D.L.GILLESPIE		½1		11				
F.HALL	½0		0	11	1			
R.KILPATRICK				11				
J.P.L.LUMSDEN	00	00	00		00	00	0	W/D
A.C.PETRIE		0		11				
A.C.VENN				11				

P 74	B	D	H	T	W	W	Pts	Pos
C.J.BOWN					0½			
R.DICKSON					½½			
G.HAMILTON					00	0		
I.THOMPSON								
G.WEEDEN	1½	½½	11			1½		
I.P.WHITTAKER			1		0½			

M 34	B	C	Mc	Mu	W	Pts	Pos
S.BRADY			½				
D.CRIGTON			½½				
J.McTAGGART	½	½½		1½			
R.MURPHY			0½				
K.WARREN							

The winner of each Major Section will be eligible to play in a Premier Section next season. The next placed player may also gain promotion.

POSTAL SHIELD FINAL (holder L.J.LANE)

Q 89	B	D	L	P	Pts	Pos
R.BEACON						
R.DICKSON						
L.J.LANE						
A.C.PETRIE						

Q 91	C	H	M	R	Pts	Pos
T.J.CRAIG		00	00	00	0	W/D
J.M.HERRIES						
J.McTAGGART						
A.REID						

Q 93 Ma Mc M P Pts Pos

Q 93	Ma	Mc	M	P	Pts	Pos
R.A.MacBRAYNE		½				
T.McMORRAN	½		01	1		
R.MURPHY		10				
A.PEACE		0				

Q 95 D L M P Pts Pos

Q 95	D	L	M	P	Pts	Pos
R.DICKSON		0				
J.H.LAWSON	1		0			
I.W.S.MITCHELL		1				
V.A.PROUDLER						

OPENINGS TOURNAMENT (Ian Mitchell)



This new competition given each competitor two games, one with each colour, against all the other players in the section. The opening chosen for the current season is the Alapin Variation of the French Defence:- 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4. P-Q4- 3 B-K3

OT1

R.Beacon
A.J.Doherty
R.Dickson
J.Eadie

B	D	D	E	Pts	Pos
█		1	1		
	█				
	0	█			
	0		█		



OT2

R.W.M.Baxter
J.S.Cairney
A.Reid
M.Sutherland

B	C	R	S	Pts	Pos
█	11	11	1/21	5 1/2	1
00	█	11			
00	00	█	00	0	W/D
1/20		11	█		



HANDICAP TOURNAMENT (by Allan Hislop)

With plenty of results now coming in, I can see we are going to have our usual number of promotions. To date these are as follows:

- G.R. Sprott to Class 1
- J. Vernon to Class 2
- J. Jack, J.H. Lawson and J. Ross to Class 3
- J. Merrifield and J. Sharp to Class 4.

Congratulations to the above. There are half a dozen more players on the verge of promotion and a few more points will see them 'move up'.

I should appreciate if players wishing information on their progress would enclose a stamp, or better still a phone call will always be welcome.

One last word, J.H. Herries who is in a few tourneys, including the Handicap, has had rather a bad time recently healthwise and has not been in a position to let everybody know his difficulty. He is on the mend now and hopes to take up CC next season once again. I know we all wish his well.

SWISS TOURNAMENT FINAL ROUND (by Allan Hislop)

Results in so far are very few but this is not surprising as the round only started on 22nd December. However, there is one very important result to record, and that is that David Crichton has beaten Bob MacBrayne by 1 1/2-1/2. This looks good for David but Michael Melville, George Sprott and Elaine Hartford may have other ideas.

For those not in contention, remember there is a grading prize.

TELEPHONE CHESS (by Allan Hislop)

I hope if I put telephone chess under a heading, it will remind people and stimulate interest in this method of play. New readers may like to know that we did run a section some years ago, using the telephone. At that time postal charges were getting out of hand at 7p for first class post! The event was very successful but, strangely enough, nobody took it up the following season. However, it has been talked about by various people recently and, in particular, in letters from Ken Beer and George Weeden in edition 3 of the News Bulletin. The issue was discussed in committee and it was decided to give it an entry line in next season's entry form. So we are hoping for a favourable response, otherwise we will have to assume it is 'not on'. (Readers' letters will be most welcome - Editor)

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS LEAGUE 1980-81 (Ken Gordon)

LEAGUE DIVISION I

Airdrie Pawnbrokers

Team A

1	J Lewis	v E1
2	A H Kerr	v D2
3	C T W Beveridge	v C3
4	D McFarlane	v B4

Falkirk RSVP

Team D

1	J Campbell	1 v B1
2	J McLay	v A2
3	G Hamilton	00 v E3
4	A Glass	v F4

Black Knight

Team A

1	K Warren	v G2
2	M E McGhee	v F2
3	R Mitchell	11 v C3
4	D Lawson	v D4

Crowwood I

Team D

1	J Clayton	v E1
2	J McGuinness	v C2
3	D L Gillespie	v G3
4	C Cameron	v A4

Chess Suppliers

Team B

G W G Livie	0 v D1
A J Shaw	v C2
P Watson	v F3
D M Livie	v A4

Perth Correspondents

Team E

A P Borwell	v A1
J E Hawkes	v F2
K A Mitchell	11 v D3
I McKintosh	v C4

Duntocher

Team C

A J McClelland	v F1
M Sutherland	v B2
R Dickson	v A3
R Beacon	v E4

Perth Players

Team F

A D Cochrane	v C1
J A Findlay	v E2
I W S Mitchell	v B3
A S Collie	v D4

DIVISION II A

Bon Accord B

Team B

S Munro	00 v G1
K D Anderson	v E2
T Dorman	v F4
L Battersby	00 v C4

Dounreay

Team E

D J Savage	v D1
D G McRoberts	v B2
T A H Taylor	v F3
A Proudler	v G4

Kirkcaldy

Team G

G Pyrich	11 v B1
I Marshall	v A1
J Webster	v D3
M C Grayson	v E4

Castle

Team C

D Stewart	v F1
S Douglas	v D2
G Taylor	00 v A3
A McDonald	11 v B4

Dreghorn A

Team F

J Parks	v C1
D M Gillespie	v A2
J Docherty	v E3
R Scott	v B3

DIVISION II B

Bon Accord

Team A

1	G E Lobley	v G2
2	A Vizy	11 v F2
3	R D Picken	v C3
4	R Daniel	v D4

Falkirk Bairns

Team D

1	D Bell	v E1
2	A Thomson	v O2
3	K Clark	v G3
4	J Davie	v A4

Crowwood II

Team B

W. Hutchison	v G1
C Hutchison	v E2
A Barlow	v F4
R Daniel	v C4

Dreghorn C

Team E

J Shank land	v D1
R Young	v B2
B Teaz	v F3
D O'Hare	0 v G4

Dreghorn B

Team C

J Teaz	v F1
R Alexander	v D2
R Philson	v A3
S Jeffrey	v B4

Glasgow Lads

Team F

T Russell	v C1
M Dyer	00 v A2
R Cameron	v E3
M O'Leary	v B3

Lancelot Etcetera

Team G

J Sharp	v B1
C R James	v A1
Mrs G Sharp	v D3
A Peace	v E4

PERSONALITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION - N0.5

RICHARD BEECHAM (by Val Nye)

All the name Richard Beecham once meant to me was an opponent who would keep making my life difficult in an early CC Final. I could not do a thing with my Grunfeld against him - things just went from bad to worse for me. As time went by, I noticed his name consistently appearing in the Final, and I was able to console myself that his beating me was no fluke. If you visit Richard - once past the introductions to his charming wife and children and the chessboard is in use (and the youngest daughter is carefully watching the 'horse' move ...) - you realise how thoroughly he prepares for his games. Besides any number of authoritative tomes, he has all the Schachmaty magazines going back to the early sixties - you could not wish for better sources. The so-called encyclopaedic books on openings, for example, have numerous gaps - as we call know - but Richard will be able to cite from an old magazine a game featuring the particular line which was puzzling you. And, of course, he meticulously records in his notebooks all his analyses for his games.

He was born in Yorkshire, in Bridlington, about the end of the war, and his early childhood was spent at Flamborough Head. After a spell at Scarborough, his family moved inland to Burton-on-Trent. For the information of those who gather useless(?) facts, this town probably has the highest number of breweries per acre in the UK Richard's main recollection of Burton is having to avoid all the railway lines connecting the breweries in the High Street when he walked to school!

He was certainly pleased when his family moved to Ayrshire to live near the sea again. This last move was because his father had been appointed to be head of the Ayrshire Health Board. About that time Richard took up chess and had the good fortune to be instructed by the late P.B. Anderson. His school achieved excellent results under "Biffer's" guidance (PB apparently earned this nickname by a habit of 'correcting' a lad who made a bad move)

He left school in 1965 and went into an Architect's office. As a result of part-time study - day release and night school - he was able, in 1969, to gain admission to the Mackintosh School of Architecture, Glasgow College of Art, and study Architecture. At long last (Architecture is infamous for having one of the longest courses of study), he qualified in 1977. Since then he has been with the Ayrshire Council, which is now submerged in Strathclyde Region. He has done his bit to help design houses, and, in the last two years, he has had a hand in the design of day centres for handicapped children and various other projects for social work. One of the few perks Richard has, is to go to Arran occasionally to work on site

Richard started correspondence play in 1967, playing in the Premier (which Bernard Partridge was organising). He made it to the Final in 1970 and, apart from one season, has been in the Final ever since. His results have been very good, being second on three occasions and third twice. When the Association was formed, it was natural that Richard should be on the Executive Committee. As International Secretary he has arranged all the International matches that we have. After a preliminary feasibility study - I had a word with Ed Laird, a former President of the Glasgow Club (!) Richard, with Allan Hislop's help (typically neither Richard nor Allan will admit making a major contribution), produced the excellent design for our domestic scorecard. I would stress that our scorecard is one of the few which allows for the recording of the total playing time while still being able to fit into an ordinary window envelope. Richard has also produced the designs for our International cards, our 'motif', and letter paper.

He tells me he enjoys photography, sea fishing and gardening. To judge by what I saw, I have no doubt that Richard could grow bananas in the Antarctic! He also says that he does not say much - more than four sentences together amounts to a speech! But don't let the quiet facade fool you!

The Association is greatly indebted to Richard for all the work he has done and we wish him and his family all success and happiness in the future.

My selection is a fairly recent effort, for which I have based the notes on those which appeared in the excellent amateur magazine of the Railways Chess Association. Most enjoyable .. because the opening and middle-game hearken back to a long gone era when such play was routine and well understood. For someone who pretends some proficiency in the Catalan System and Alekhine's Defence, it was a whole new experience for me and, as such, most refreshing. The late middle-game required a modern style breakthrough, followed by a good old fashioned check-mate.

R.C.A. v Swedish Railways 78/80 Bd. 1
Giuoco Pianissimo (Reversed !)

White : Gunnar Klasen

Black : John Hawkes

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bc5
5 d3 d6 6 a3

In effect changing colours. My reply is based on the reasoning that had white chosen either 6 Bg5 or Be3, black would have been OK.

6 ...Be6 7 Nd5 h6 8 b4 Bb6 9 Nxb6 axb6
10 Bxe6 fxe6

After a flurry of pawn moves, there are no more pawn captures until move 30 ! The game has a real antique look about it. Study of Tchigorin and Steinitz games was necessary.

11 Bb2 0-0 12 0-0 Qe8 13 g3 Qh5 14 Kg2
Rf7 15 Ng1 Qg6 16 Qe2 Nh5 17 Khl Raf8
18 c3 d5 19 Radl b5 20 Bc1 Nf6 21 f3

My rather ambitious plan was to dominate the K-side and also to stabilize the Q-side.
21 ...h5 22 Qg2 Ne7 23 Nh3 Nh7

Otherwise, 24 Ng5 would have won the exchange. Fortunately, 24 f4 would be too loose after exf4, followed by Qf6.

24 Rdel c6 25 Re2 Qf6 26 Ref2 g5 27 Bb2
Ng6

28 Ng1 g4 29 h3

Black must now go all out for a breakthrough !



29 ...h4 !

Finally, a pawn must be captured ! A mistake would have been 29 ...dxe4 because of 30 fxg4 ! Qxf2 31 Rxf2 Rxf2 and 32 Qxe4

30 gxh4 Nf4 31 fxg4 Qxh4 32 Qh2 dxe4
33 dxe4 Ng5

The blockade is worth the pawns. Now Nxe4 -g3 is the most serious threat.



34 Nf3 Nxf3 35 Rxf3 Nxh3 ! 36 Rxf7
36 Rxf7 37 Rxf7 Kxf7

White is lost in the end-game after the sequence 38 c4 bxc4 39 Bxe5 Qxg4 40 Qg2 Qxe4 ch or 38 g5 Qxe4ch 39 Qg2 Nxc5. So my opponent sportingly allowed himself to be mated.

38 Qxe5 Nf4ch 39 Kg1 Qg3ch 40 Kf1
Qg2ch 41 Ke1 Qe2ch Mate !

Editorial request !
Volunteers for this article in future editions, will be welcomed.

Games Section (by George Livie)

British CC Championship Reserves 77/78

King's Gambit (E 11a)

White : L.Moore (Manchester)

Black : D.M.Bryson

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|---|-------|---------|
| 1 | P-KB4 | P-K4 |
| 2 | P-K4 | PxP |
| 3 | N-QB3 | Q-R5 ch |
| 4 | K-K2 | |

The Keres Gambit. Very risky against a player of Douglas Bryson's quality !

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| 4 | | P-Q4 |
| 5 | NxP | B-N5 ch |
| 6 | N-B3 | B-Q3 |
| 7 | P-Q4 | N-K2 |
| 8 | NxKBP | QN-B3 |
| 9 | P-B3 | 0-0-0 |
| 10 | Q-K1 | Q-B3 |
| 11 | N-Q3 | KR-K1 |

Completing his piece development. The white centre looks secure. but the King is badly placed and the pieces are not posing any threats to black's position.

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| 12 | N-B2 | P-KR4 ! |
| 13 | B-K3 | N-B4 ! |
| 14 | R-Q1 | |

After 14 PxN , black has several strong lines starting with 14RxBch or B-B5ch

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|----|------|---------|
| 14 | | NxB |
| 15 | KxN | B-B5 ch |
| 16 | K-Q3 | N-K4 ch |
| 17 | NxN | BxR |
| 18 | NxP | |



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|----|------|-----------|
| 18 | | RxQP ch ! |
| 19 | PxR | Q-QR3 ch |
| 20 | K-B3 | Q-R4 ch |

21 Resigns

If 21 K-B4 or K-Q3 then 21QxQ

If 21 P-QN4 then Q-R6ch 22 K-B4 QxRP ch

and now if 23 K-B3 Q-N6 mate

If 23 K-N5 Q-R3ch 24 K-B5 Q-B3 mate or

If 23 K-B5 P-N3ch 24 K-B6 B-R5ch 25

B-N5

25 Q-B5 mate.

Next we have a variation on a familiar theme in this season's League

S.C.C.A.League Division 1 80/81

French Defence (E 06a)

White : Dr. K.A.Mitchell (Perth Corres.)

Black : G. Hamilton (Falkirk RSVP)

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|---|-------|--------|
| 1 | P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2 | N-QB3 | P-Q4 |
| 3 | P-Q4 | B-N5 |
| 4 | B-Q2 | PxP |
| 5 | Q-N4 | N-KB3 |
| 6 | QxNP | R-N1 |
| 7 | Q-R6 | QxP |
| 8 | 0-0-0 | N-N5 ? |
| 9 | Q-R4 | QxBP ? |



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|----|-------------|------|
| 10 | Q-Q8 ch !! | KxQ |
| 11 | B-N5 dbl ch | K-K1 |
| 12 | R-Q8 ch | mate |

An embarrassing end for the victim, but not easy to spot, as some famous players have found in years gone by !

S.C.C.A. Premier P73 80/81

English Opening - Modern (R 34a)

White : D.M.Livie

Black : C.T.W.Beveridge

- 1 P-QB4 P-K4
- 2 N-QB3 N-KB3
- 3 P-KN3 B-N5
- 4 B-N2 0-0
- 5 N-B3 R-K1
- 6 0-0 P-K5
- 7 N-Q4 BxN
- 8 NPxB



If 8 QPxB P-Q3 9 P-KR3 P-QN3 10 B-B4
B-N2 11 P-KN4 !? is a sequence
 suggested by Kapengut which allows
 white to keep his knight on Q4.

- 8 N-B3
- 9 P-Q3 PxP
- 10 PxP P-KR3
- 11 B-B4

If 11 R-K1 ? RxRch 12 QxR NxN 13 PxN
 then P-Q4 establishes a standard pawn
 blockade in the centre. Pfleger v
 Korchnoi continued 14 B-QR3 ?! B-K3
 15 R-Nl P-QN3 16 R-B1 Q-Q2 17 Q-Q2
 and after ...R-K1 gives black a better
 position as white's bishops have no
 scope

- 11 NxN
- 12 PxN P-Q4
- 13 B-K5 N-N5

- 14 PxP NxB
- 15 PxN RxP
- 16 Q-N3

With slight advantage to white- Kapengut

- 16 Q-Q3
- 17 KR-K1 RxR ch
- 18 RxR

Taking the open King's file and leaving
black with numerous problems.



- 18 Q-Q2 ?
- 19 Q-N4 Q-Q3 ?

Black is lost for any useful move

- 20 R-K8 ch K-R2
- 21 QxQ PxQ
- 22 B-R3 P-B4
- 23 RxB Resigns

S.C.C.A Swiss Round 3

Birds Opening - From (R 06)

White : R.A.MacBrayne

Black : D.Crichton

- 1 P-KB4 P-K4
- 2 PxP P-Q3
- 3 PxP BxP
- 4 N-KB3 P-KN4
- 5 P-Q4 P-N5
- 6 N-N5 P-KB4
- 7 P-KR3 ?? B-N6 ch
- 8 K-Q2 QxP mate

Surely one of the shortest postal games
on record ? !

Another short game, in an opening which is not renowned for quick finishes.

S.C.C.A. Candidates 80/81

Nimzo-Indian Defence (D 54a)

White : S.R.Gillam

Black : G.R.Sprott

1	P-Q4	P-K3
2	P-QB4	N-KB3
3	N-QB3	B-N5
4	P-K3	0-0
5	B-Q3	P-Q4
6	N-B3	P-QB4
7	0-0	P-QN3
8	BPxP	KPxP
9	PxP	PxP
10	N-K2	

This position is better for white. The black bishop is on the wrong side of the hanging pawns. White's plan is to block and then attack these pawns, while keeping an eye on the King's-side.

10		N-B3 ?!
11	P-QN3	B-N2 ?

If black intended this on the previous move, then he should have played his QN to Q2 to protect the QBP. White would have had only a slight edge after

12 B-N2 B-R4 13 N-N3 with the intention of later doubling rooks on the QB file.

Instead of 11 . . . B-N2, the key line is 11B-N5 12 B-N2 P-Q5 !? 13 PxP BxN 14 PxB NxP 15 NxN PxN 16 BxP as played in Gligoric v Iteres 1959 Candidates.

Pachman's 'Indian Systems' says that black can get good play for his pawn, but after a few hours of analysis, Simon Gillam was quite prepared to play the white pieces in this variation.

12	B-N2	R-B1
13	R-B1	N-Q2

White was simply threatening 14 P-QR3 B-R4 15 RxP . Black could not play 13 . . . Q-R4,

because of 14 P-QR3 BxP 15 R-R1 winning a piece. After 13Q-Q3 14 P-QR3 B-R4 15 BxN, black either destroys his King's position by 15PxP or loses a pawn by 15OxB 16 RxP

14	N-B4	N-K2
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This loses immediately, but alternatives would cost at least a pawn.

15	BxP ch	K-R1
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If 15 . . . KxB 16 N-N5ch K-N1 17 Q-R5

16	N-N5	N-KN3
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The best defence is to block the long diagonal with 16P-Q5, although white is still winning after 17 Q-R5 when 17N-KB3 19 Q-R3 R-B2 (to protect everything against the discovered check) 19 B-N1 dis ch K-N1 20 N-R7 wins.

17	NxP ch !	
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Mate is inevitable.

If 17RxN 18 NxNch KxB 19 Q-R5 K-N1 20 Q-R8 mate The other choice is KxB After 18 Q-R5 ch K-N1 19 N-R6ch K-R1 (19 . . . K-R2 20 QxNch K-R1 21 QxP mate)

20	NxNch	K-R2	21	N-B5ch	K-N1
22	N(N6)-K7ch	QxN	23	NxQ	mate

Therefore, black resigns

Notes based on those supplied by Simon Gillam

I.C.C.F. Higher Class

Old Indian Defence (R 73b)

White : A.A.Mokatsian (USSR)

Black : S.D.Young (Scotland)

1 P-QB4 N-KB3
2 P-Q4 P-Q3
3 N-QB3 QN-Q2
4 P-K4 P-K4
5 N-KB3 B-K2
6 P-KN3 0-0
7 B-N2 R-K1
8 0-0 P-B3
9 P-KR3 Q-B2
10 B-K3 N-B1
11 R-B1 B-Q2
12 K-R2 N-N3
13 P-Q5 N-R4
14 NxKP NxN
15 QxN NxP
16 P-N3 NxB
17 PxN P-KN3
18 Q-R6 R-KB1
19 R-KB2 Q-Q1
20 Q-B4 B-N4
21 Q-B3 P-KB4
22 QR-B1 Q-K2
23 Q-K2 Q-K4
24 Q-Q3 P-QB4
25 PxP QBxP
26 P-K4 B-Q2
27 K-N1 RxR
28 RxR R-KB1
29 RxR KxR
30 N-Q1 B-KB3
31 P-QR4 Q-Q5 ch
32 N-B2 B-K4
33 P-KN4 P-KN4
34 B-B1 P-QR3
35 Q-KB3 ch K-N2
36 B-Q3 Q-B6
37 Q-Q1



37 P-N4
38 Q-B2 P-B5
39 QxQ BxQ
40 PxBP PXRp
41 B-N1 P-R6
42 B-R2 B-R5
43 K-N2 B-B7
44 K-B3 P-QR4
45 K-K3 P-R5
46 N-Q3 B-N6
47 N-B1 BxB
48 NxB B-N7
49 K-Q3 K-B3
50 P-B5 PxP
51 K-B4 K-K4
52 N-B3 P-R7
53 NxP KxP
54 KxP P-R6
55 K-Q6 K-B5
56 K-K6 K-N6
57 P-Q6 B-Q5
58 K-B5 P-R3!
59 Resigns

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A.P. BORWELL	G. CARLBERG			1			J.N. MacNEIL	F. HERLUFSON
J.N. MacNEILL	R.G. HAGELIN	1	0	2	1	0	A.P. BORWELL	B. MAGNUSSON
H.D. HOLMES	A. CARLSSON			3			H.D. HOLMES	J. TORFASON
I.S. CAMPBELL	L. LIVBRANDT	10	01	4	½½	½½	C.R. BEECHAM	J.T. THOR
M. MELDRUM	J. COLLETT	2	0	5			C.J. MORRISON	H. KRISTJANSSON
D. McKERRACHER	K. HAGGLOF			6	01	10	I.S. CAMPBELL	A. STEFANSSON
C.R. BEECHAM	A. CIL	½½	½½	7			D. McKERRACHER	G. GUNNLAUGSSON
D. JENKINS	K. HAGLUND	1	0	8	0	2	A.T. HISLOP	T. EGILSSON
Dr.K.W.C.STEWART	B. ANDERSSON			9			M. MELDRUM	M. THORSTEINSSON
C.J. MORRISON	S. OLSSON			10	0	2	Dr.K.W.C.STEWART	H. HAUKESSON
R.W.M.BAXTER	M. MALMBERS	2	0	11			A.G. KIRKLAND	G. THORDARSON
Dr.V.A. NYE	O. NYLEN			12	½½	½½	D. JENKINS	H. OLAFSSON
D. BRYSON	C. GRUVAEUS	2	0	13			W.G. BRADY	G. FINNLAUGSSON
D. KILGOUR	N. STENOVIK			14	0	2	A. McFADYEN	J. JOHANNESON
W.G. BRADY	G. GUSTAFSSON	½	½	15	2	0	G.M. ANDERSON	J. JOHANNSSON
A. McFADYEN	A. WENGHOLM			16	0	2	W.S. ROACH	T. THORDARSON
J.A. CLAYTON	G. CARLSSON			17			J. GRACIE	T. SAEMUNDSSON
I. MACKINTOSH	B. SKOGSBERG			18			PROF.G.H.BIRD	G. FINNSSON
J. GRACIE	H. WADEMARK			19			D. KILGOUR	S. THORVALDSSON
G.W.G.LIVIE	S. BERNHARDSSON	½½	½	20	½½	½½	R. LAWSON	E. KARLSSON
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I.A. MARKS	E. BENGTSSON	2	0	22	2	0	R.M. INNES	B. BJORNSSON
R. INGLIS	L. ESZIK			23			I. MACKINTOSH	T. SIGURDSSON
J. SEYFRIED	K. ANDERSSON	½½	½½	24	10	01	B.J. MARTIN	S.O. HANNESSON
G. CHANDLER	S. NILSSON	0	2	25	0	2	J. SEYFRIED	A. KARLSSON
		15	7		10	17		

SCOTLAND	FINLAND 'A'	SA	FA	Bd	SB	FB	SCOTLAND *B*	FINLAND 'B'
D. McKERRACHER	M. PIIVA	½	½	1			R.M. INNES	P. KAUPPALA
D. JENKINS	C.E. JOHANSSON	0	1	2			G.M. ANDERSON	J. MYRY
C.R. BEECHAM	R. KOTKA	½½	½	3			G. HAMILTON	A. NOKSO-KOIVISTO
A.P. BORWELL	G. LAGLAND	1	0	4			D.J. SAVAGE	H. TANNINEN
P. GIULIAN	K. KAUNONEN	½	½	5			J.W. VERNON	G. PLANK
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W.P. WATSON	R. WIKMAN	1	0	9	10	01	A.J. McCLELLAND	A. HARJV
G.W.G.LIVIE	A. FROBERG			10	0	2	M.A. SWYSTUN	M. LUODONPAA
W.S. ROACH	J. PIHLAJINEN	0	1	11			A.H. KERR	A. BLOMBERG
W.G. BRADY	K. TIMPERI			12	½	½	M. YIANNI	O. PUURUNEN
J. SEYFRIED	P. KLEMETTINEN			13			D.G. McROBERTS	E. SOININEN
PROF.G.H.BIRD	V.M. HUUSKONEN			14	1	0	R.A. McBRAYNE	P. ANTILA
G. PYRICH	P. KOSKINEN	0	1	15			A. GLASS	P. KUUSELA
I. MACKINTOSH	E. TEITTINEN	0	1	16			J.P.L. LUMSDEN	E. MAKINEN
J. GRACIE	T. MYRY			17	2	0	R. JACKSON	O. HOKKANEN
A. PETRIE	R. MOLARIUS	2	0	18			J. WATSON Jnr	S. LAINE
B.J. MARTIN	H. SABEL	0	2	19			M.E. McGEE	K. PARKKARI
A. McFADYEN	A. BJORKOVIST	0	2	20			I.W.S. MITCHELL	J. LAINE
R. INGLIS	E. JOKINEN			21			K. WARREN	J. MANTYNIEMI
K. GORDON	V. VARJUS	½	½	22			M. DYER	J.J. PIHLAJAMAKI
R. DICKSON	J. PALENIUS			23	½	½	J.W. McLav	K. OSTERBERG
G. CHANDLER	R. SEPPALA	0	2	24	0	1	P.D. HAMPTON	R. EKMARK
I.A. MARKS	O. HALME			25			T. PATERSON	J. HEINONEN
		7	12		5½	7½		

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H.D. HOLMES	P. ROTH			4			A.P.BORWELL	TROND A.NILSEN
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DR.K.W.C.STEWART	DR.F.THANNHAUSSER	0	1	7			D. KILGOUR	KARE ORMHAUG
A.G.KIRKLAND	A. HAMEDINGER			8	0	1	I.S. CAMPBELL	EIVIND KJÆRSTAD
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G.W.G.LIVIE	Dr.H.TARNOWIECKI	1	0	10			A.T. HISLOP	ROLF RØSTAD
A.McFADYEN	M. HENNINGS	0	2	11	½0	½1	W.S. ROACH	OLE M.SKOCHEIM
W.S.ROACH	C. NICKL	10	01	12	0	1	M. MELDRUM	ARNOLD ANDREASSEN
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S.D. YOUNG	PROF.B. KLEIN			15	0	2	A. PETRIE	CLAUS NITTER
I. MACKINTOSH	G. SCHNAUBELT			16			PROF.G.H.BIRD	PETTER STIGAR
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R. KILPATRICK	Z. MICHALEK	½½	½½	19			R. DICKSON	ARILD LARSEN
R. INGLIS	G. KOROSTENSKY	10	01	20			G.M. ANDERSON	ANKER AASUM
R.M. INNES	O. LANG			21			I. MARKS	ROLF BJERKHAUG
R. DICKSON	W. LANG	½0	½1	22			D.J. SAVAGE	JANERIK LUND
J. SEYFRIED	W. GROIS	½	1½	23			AJ.McCLELLAND	SKJALG RAFNUNG
G. CHANDLER	J. PARZER	1	0	24			A.H. KERR	JAN ARNE MUNKEBY
J.W. VERNON	O. SUSTER	½½	½½	25			G. HAMILTON	ARVE JOHANSEN
M.A. SWYSTUN	W. DETELA			26	1½	9½		
D. CRICHTON	I.W. HAYDVOGEL	1	0	27				♔
MRS.M.McGEE	DR. R. TIROCH			28				
J.P.L. LUMSDEN	P. PRZYBYLO	½0	1½	29			♔	♔
W.F. SWIATEK	H. THURNER			30				
♔	♔	11½	15½					

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SCOTLAND	CANADA	Bd	Ca	Bd
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P.M.GIULIAN	P.McHOULL			5
C.R.BEECHAM	J.F.CLEEVE			6
G.D.PYRICH	M.ZARICHUCK			7
K.BEER	W.OAKLER			8
C.BOYLE	J.DEIDUN Snr			9
T.L.MILLIGAN	W.P.TAYLOR			10
W.G.BRADY	G.LABELLE			11
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2			A P BORWELL	W VELKER	32			D J SAVAGE	C DULLAERT
3			D A KILGOUR	F J F SCHREEN	33			R DICKSON	M ESCHER
4			T CRAIG	H J de KLEINJNEN	34			R INGLIS	D A ROZIJN
5			D JENKINS	Drs Th G SCHUT	35			A J McCLELLAND	H KAMPS
6			Dr K W C STEWART	J KUIPER	36			A BLACK	D W VERMAAS
7			M MELDRUM	W PEET	37			D A HUGHSON	P J BORN
8			C R BEECHAM	H J MOSTERT	38			C J DOWLE	A H BOSS
9			J SEYFRIED	A N v d BERG	39			A GLASS	T de VOS
10			P GIULIAN	J v d HORST	40			R A MacBRAYNE	H LAMEIN
11			Dr V A NYE	Ab DEISZ	41			D CRICHTON	W J LECLUSE
12			G W G LIVIE	J BORST	42			J W VERNON	C W WESTERDUIN
13			A T HISLOP	G WELLING	43			S D YOUNG	E J INJA
14			C BOYLE	P MATHIEU	44			R INNES	J van SINTRUYEN
15			R LAWSON	S GROOT	45			J MacARTHUR	F HERBSCHLEB
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30			B GOODWIN	D W BOERWINKEL	60			Mrs J SHARP	R Y JANSEN



Will players please advise results to the International Secretary as soon as a game has been completed (even if a loss!). The build-up of outstanding results and adjudications could otherwise become overwhelming!

Anyone interested in playing in International Matches should contact:

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How our International opponents play ! (by John Hawkes)

4. - The CANADIANS

The first game is an example of creative opening play with a pretty final touch. The players are paired with Douglas Bryson and David Jenkins respectively, in our match. The game was in the Canadian CC Championship 78/80, in which Siemms was 2nd. Pirc Defence (R 86)

White : Rose Siemms

Black : John Armstrong

1 e4 d6 2 b3 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Bb2 Bg7 5 Bd3

An irregular system, but with some logic to it.

5 ...0-0 6 f4 Nbd7 7 Qf3 e5 8 Nge2 exf4 9 Nxf4 Ne5 10 Qg3 Nxd3ch 11 Qxd3 Nxe4 12 0-0 Nxc3 13 Bxc3 f5

White's reaction to Bf5 would have been most revealing. After the text, his position looks to be worth a pawn.

14 Rael c6 15 Bxg7 Kxg7 16 Re2 d5 17 Rfe1 Bd7 18 Qd4ch Qf6 19 Re7ch Rf7 20 Qb4 b6 21 d4

Stops c5 and d4 followed by ...Bc6 when black is OK.

21 ...Kg8 22 R7e5 g5 23 Nd3 f4 24 c4 f3 ?!

With his centre under pressure, black gambles. if 24 ...Bf5 25 Nf2

25 gxf3 Qxf3 26 Rxg5ch Kh8 27 Ne5 Qf2ch 28 Kh1 Raf8 29 Nxf7ch

How our International opponents play (continued)

Despite losing the exchange, black still hopes for a draw

29 Rxf7 30 Rg2 Qf6 31 cxd5 cxd5
32 Qd2 h6 33 Qe3 Bf5 34 Rf1 Rg7 35 Rxc7
Be4ch

Expecting only 36 Kg1 Qxc7ch 37 Kf2
when Black can prolong the game - but there
is a shock reply...



36 Qxe4 ! And after 36 ...Qxf1ch 37 Rg1
Qxg1ch 38 Kxc7 dxe4 39 Kf2 it's an
elementary win for white. Therefore, black
resigned.

Next, we have Philip Giulian's opponent in
action

Sicilian Defence (E 52c)

White : K.Kurkowski

Black : P.McHoull

1 e4 c5 2 c3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cxd4

In the 8th CC Olympiad finals, Weiner v
Estrin went 4 ...d6 5 exd6 Qxd6 6 Nf3 cxd4
(6 ...Nc6 7 c4 !) 7 Na3?! but the
ex- World Champion opted out with 7 ...a6
8 Nxd4 e6 9 Be2 Bd7 10 0-0 Nc6 11 Re1
Be7 12 Nc4 Qc7 and should have stood
poorly after 13 Nf5 ! White played 13
Nxc6 ? but still won due to a horrendous
blunder by black a few moves later.

5 cxd4 d6 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Bc4

If 7 Nc3 Black achieves equality by

7 ...Nxc3 8 bxc3 e6 9 exd6 Bxd6 10 Bd3
Qa5 11 Bd2 0-0 12 0-0 e5 !

7 ...e6

Maybe safer is 7 ...Nb6 8 Bb5 dxe5

9 Nxe5 Bd7 10 Nc3 Nxe5 ! 11 dxe5 Bxb5
12 Nxb5 Qxd1ch ! 13 Kxd1 Nd5 with a
microscopic advantage to black.

8 Qe2 Be7 9 0-0 0-0 10 Qe4 Bd7 !

11 a3 Na5 12 Bd3 f5 13 exf6 Nxf6

14 Qh4 Nb3

Trusting his defence resources after
the rook snatch.

15 Bg5 Nxa1 16 Bxf6 Bxf6 17 Qxh7ch Kf7

18 Qg6ch Ke7 19 Nc3 Bc6

Not 19 ...Nb3 20 Nd5ch !

20 d5 exd5 21 Re1 ch Kd7



22 Qf5ch

Somewhere hereabouts, white should call
It a day and pick up the KT on a1.

22Kc7 23 Nd5ch Kb8 24 Nxf6 Rxf6

25 Qg4 Nb3 26 Qxc7

Not enough

26 ...Qf8 27 Qg4 Nc5 28 Bc4 Nd7

29 Qh5 Kc7 White resigns



Editorial note

John had limited information on the
Canadian players. If any of our readers can
obtain more games from our friends from
Canada, we will publish them in future
editions of our Bulletin.

INCREASED POSTAL CHARGES

Extracts from two recent letters sent to, and received from, the Post Office are underlined. Readers' views will be welcomed by the Executive Committee in deciding whether any further action should be taken.

First our letter to the Post Office

"Prior to 26th January 1981, international correspondence chess postcards were subject to 'postcard' rates of 10½p to Europe and, for example, 14p to USA. The increased charges are 18p and 20p respectively (+71% and +43%).

We feel that the recent change in practice imposed by the Post Office was neither necessary, equitable or logical. Incidentally, in the enclosed leaflet, the 'important point to note' relating to postcards, seems to operate for Europe but not outside Europe. If the Post Office is concerned about relativities with Inland arrangements, then surely it would have been possible to have simply ensured that international postcard rates were kept at similar relative levels to internal letter charges. Previously the 10½p and 14p (to USA) rates compared with the old internal rates of 10p and 12p for 1st and 2nd class mail. However, increases of 71% and 43% respectively are most penal and inevitably will result in the loss of existing and potential business for the Post Office.

Examples from incoming correspondence chess cards, at approximately current rates of exchange, are: Holland - 11½p; Finland - 12½p; and, for USA, only 13½p.

We must ask why Scottish postal chess players, and indeed those from other countries in the British Isles, are being discriminated against, compared with our international opponents?"

The reply from the Post Office to the above letter was

"In the overseas service, the overall increase in postage rates is greater than for inland. A large part of the reason is an international decision, effective from 1st January 1981, to increase the 'imbalance charges' we have to pay to other countries by nearly 300%. These are the charges paid by a despatching postal administration to a receiving administration if it sends more mail to the receiving administration than the latter sends back. As a major net 'exporter' of mail, the British Post Office will have to find an additional £16m a year in payments to other postal administrations on this score and the extra cost has therefore had to be reflected in the overseas postage rates. This international decision is extremely unwelcome to us: we opposed it, but there is no avoiding it. Apart from this, there have been big increases in costs arising from the effects of inflation, higher labour costs and higher fuel and conveyance charges.

Because postcards cost no less to handle than letters and attract the same rate of 'imbalance charges' they have tended to be under-priced for many years. In view of this we took the opportunity, at this price increase, of implementing the option permitted under international postal regulations, allowing those administrations that have abolished postcards as a separate category of letter-post items in their internal service to charge the same rate as for letters. You will recall that the inland postcard service was abolished many years ago when the two-tier letter service was introduced.

However, this change applies only to European ('All-up') and surface mail postcards. For airmail postcards we adopted a suggestion by the Post Office Users' National Council that we should charge a worldwide flat rate of 20p.

You mention in the third paragraph of your letter that the 'important points to note' relating to postcards seems to operate for Europe but not outside Europe. Unfortunately, this note is incorrect. The error arose due to the aforementioned suggestion by the Post Office Users' National Council that we should charge a worldwide flat rate of 20p for postcards. This suggestion was adopted and implemented just before the leaflet went to print; although the relevant prices were suitably amended, the text was overlooked. We intend to correct this error in our publications as soon as possible."

READERS' LETTERS

Extracts from a letter from our old friend, Scott D. Young, who is playing for the USA team against Scotland in the match which has just started!

"I am still gathering information on postal endgame tourneys, but my love for the endgame has caused me a few problems in a few of my international match games recently. I play better with my back against the wall anyway!

I still play for the USA in ICCF and I have been placed second in a Class 1 and a Higher Class Tournament with some fine ending wins against players from Hungary and Germany.

I would be interested in playing in a local event at a slower time rate. ICCF is my only outlet so far. My job isolates me from regular play.

Also I would greatly like to see Opening Tourneys introduced but with more variety.

The recent magazine was fascinating - keep up the fine work."

(Editorial comment: Scott works at the Sub-Sea Base off the NE of Scotland. An SCCA event with a slower time rate is to be introduced.)



A letter received from our newest Life Member, Tony McClelland, from Clydebank...

"Regarding the Openings tournament, I agree with the suggestion that there should be several lines available to choose from. My own preference would be the Latvian Gambit - much of the theory on it is rather inaccurate and some exploration could be interesting. There are devotees of this opening playing correspondence chess at present in Scotland, and I expect they might participate.

The idea of an endings tournament is certainly interesting. My own endgame ability could do with some improvement. However, there does seem to be a problem: who chooses the positions and how can one be sure that the positions chosen are not advantageous for one player? Also, the positions must contain sufficient play to allow them to be played out fully there would be little point in playing a position which is going to be extremely drawish after very few moves.

Competitions involving slower time control and longer playing times are something I favour. If such a championship were started in Scotland, the event could have its contestants chosen on grading strengths, with qualifying groups assuming of course that there is sufficient interest in such a venture.

In the annual events, I hope that the time control will be extended to 12 days for 5 moves. At present my postal games must take second place to my university work and therefore I tend to get into rather grave time trouble. About 50% of my games at present fall into this category. In one game I have overstepped the time control twice, although my opponent has not claimed the win, despite being an Executive Committee member. It seems rather strange that many players are reluctant to claim wins on time at postal chess, although it is quite acceptable at OTB. I am sure many other players feel the need for an extension due to business pressures, bad postal collections, etc.

I think it would be helpful to have an article outlining the approximate strengths of the various ICCF classes, as prospective new players, such as myself, would have some idea about in which class of tournament they are likely to be placed.

Finally, the price quoted in the latest bulletin for 3 editions of the said bulletin does seem a little excessive, even considering the extortionate cost of postage?"

(Editorial comment: Sorry about the misprint in Bulletin No.3! As a matter of interest, our costs for producing/issuing each edition totals approx £65. Bulletin subscriptions number around 130, therefore a charge of 40p, plus postage, is necessary to cover costs. If we could significantly increase the number of subscribers to the Bulletin, then the unit cost per magazine and the cover charge could be reduced.)



Extract from two letters from
George Weeden, Edinburgh

"I would like to suggest a new and slightly different CC tournament from any that exist at present. It would be directed towards naturally fast players who find the present style of tournament intolerably slow. Of course, some of our opponents in the present tournaments play reasonably quickly (by which I mean keeping the game moving at a rate of at least two moves per week, although three is possible and better still), but many do not. I do not think that the two types of player can co-exist happily together, and it would be better if they were separated. For instance, I find three out of my five opponents in the Premier pretty intolerable. They seem to have no interest in getting on with the game, like holding onto practically every move for two days and using second class post. I don't think I could bear to play in it again and I don't suppose the Candidates is any better,

I also do not think that a time limit, any time limit, is the best way to produce the sort of game I want. Time limits are pretty meaningless in CC; there can be no check on arrival time and not much on sending time (postmarks are often superimposed and illegible). Second class post adds two days onto elapsed time without adding to the time control at all. Maybe that is a partial answer; players could use second class but add two days to their time.

I don't particularly like rules and legality anyway; you can only get an enjoyable game if the right sort of people are playing it. That is, those who want a fast flowing game, whose perception of it is intuitive rather than calculating. If enough people were interested in entering for such a tournament, detailed rules would not be necessary. They would enter because they liked the flow and movement of the game. If, occasionally, there had to be a break for illness or travel or something, then it wouldn't really matter, providing the spirit is not violated. I don't think discrimination by playing strength is important, or would be even possible at first. The important thing is to get together with other players who like CC but don't like slow CC."

And George's follow up comments

"I have had some further thoughts on the time limit in CC. What I dislike in the present form of CC arises from the principle that 'used time' is counted as the interval between delivery time and collection time. I think it would be far more natural to count 'used time' as the interval between delivery time and sending time (that is, posting time, not collection time). This could be quantified in the natural manner, 0 days if posted on the same day as receipt, 1 day if posted on the next day, and so on. It would be necessary to trust one's opponent to enter the reply day correctly, but as we already trust him to enter the arrival day correctly, I don't think that is any drawback.

This scheme would have the following advantages:

- i. a realistic time limit like 10 moves in 10 days, or in a 'lightning' tournament (as mentioned previously) 20 moves in 10, days, would be feasible.
- ii. players in areas where there is no Saturday collection would not be penalised by up to 3 days, if they received a move by a late post on Friday.
- iii. a player's 'used time' would correspond more closely to what he has actually used, and not depend on the peculiarities and deficiencies of postal collection."

(Editor - Could I have readers' views please on George's comments and suggestions.)

Readers' letters/articles etc

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