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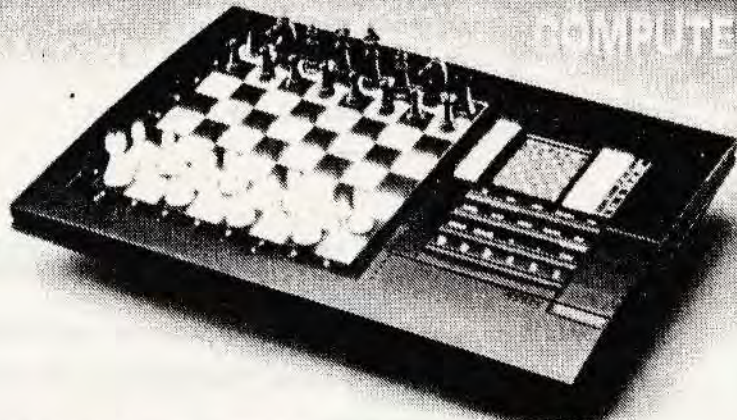
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EDITORIAL

(by Alan Borwell)

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Congratulations to Alan Shaw in becoming the 1987-89 Scottish Champion and to joint-winners of the Scottish Centenary Open, Mark Thomas and Ernie Wood. On the international scene, we hear that Ken McAlpine is very close to achieving his second IM norm in the Town Teams Tourney to become Scotland's 3rd ICCF titleholder. Glasgow are also very close to winning this prestigious event.

Invitations have been sent to players from 13 countries to participate in our 10th Anniversary Scottish CCA Magazine tournament, which will be played in two sections, with IM norms available in both. Both sections will be comprised of 15 players, each including 4 or 5 Scottish CCA players with ICCF ratings. This should provide an excellent opportunity for players from both home and abroad to achieve title results.

This is our last edition of a momentous decade for Scottish correspondence chess and we move into the 1990s with great enthusiasm to build on our successes.

We send Season's Greetings to all of our readers, both at home and abroad!

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SECRETARIAL NOTES (by Alan Hind)

The new season should now be in progress. It is rather disappointing that the membership has declined this year but I cannot believe that the increase in postage rates has had a marked effect. Our Executive is actively looking at ways of boosting our numbers and we hope to appoint an Assistant Publicity and Membership Officer with the enthusiasm and ideas to bring more people into our organisation. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who might be interested, please put them in touch with me.

The response to our membership questionnaire has been tremendous - well over 90% returned! Our Editor has been looking through them and comments can be found elsewhere in the magazine. Thank you all for your responses which will give us plenty to discuss in our next Executive meetings. Hopefully in future magazines we can have open discussion of some of the issues raised or indicate any action taken as a result of your comments. Already we have taken on board a couple of new volunteer Controllers, Robert Montgomery and Colin MacGregor, and thanks to them for helping out. Richard Beecham and Dave Savage have stepped down and it is appropriate to say thanks to them here for their sterling work over the last number of years.

At our last Executive meeting, two rules revisions were adopted with immediate effect - and directly arising from your replies:

1. League teams will be able to nominate a substitute at the start of the season to allow for replacement in circumstances where a team member has had to unavoidably drop out.
2. The time control for one year tournaments will be every 10 moves and not every 5 moves after the first 10.

Best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year and many good moves to come!

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE - RESPONSE

More than 90% of SCCA members completed the questionnaire when submitting their membership renewal forms. Although a comprehensive review will be carried out by your Executive, the following are some of the questions, with your responses summarised in percentages.

Question	Members responses				
How long have you played correspondence chess?	1 yr 14%	1+ to 3 yrs 12%	3+ to 10 yrs 34%	10yr+ 40%	
How many postal games do you prefer per season?	1 or 2 2%	Under 10 20%	10-20 55%	20+ 23%	
How do you rate the magazine?	Excellent 45%	Good 44%	OK 10%	Not much 1%	Not at all 0%
How do you rate regular contents? A sample;					
Tournament Results/News	35%	40%	23%	2%	0%
Articles/Biographies/&c	31%	46%	17%	5%	1%
Games Section	51%	37%	10%	2%	0%
Games for Improving Player	22%	27%	34%	15%	2%
International Reports/News	23%	45%	24%	7%	1%
Winning Continuations	23%	34%	31%	9%	3%
Which designation would you prefer to see against your name for international (ICCF) events/ratings etc?			SCO 89%	GBS 8%	GB 3%
	Resident in Scotland (80%)				
	Resident elsewhere (20%)		72%	25%	3%
Do you think that SCCA should continue to strive for full ICCF recognition/ membership independent from BPCF?			YES 95%	NO 5%	
	Resident in Scotland (80%)				
	Resident elsewhere (20%)		88%		12%

CHAMPIONSHIP 87-89 Controller: D Savage

3=

3=

1st

2nd

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

CANDIDATES 87-89 Controller: C R Beechan

2=

2=

1st

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

CHAMPIONSHIP 88-90 Controller: A Maxwell

No.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	C R BEECHAM	●						1	1/2			
2	G H BIRD		●		0			1	0	1/2		
3	M T DYER			●	1/2	0		1	0	1/2	1/2	
4	R KILPATRICK		1	1/2	●	1	1	1	1/2		1/2	
5	G D PYRICH			1	0	●	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	
6	I REEMAN				0	1/2	●	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	
7	M ROSS	0	0	0	0	0	0	●	0	0	0	0 w/o
8	G R SPROTT	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	●	1/2		
9	JAB STEVENSON		1/2	1/2		1/2	1/2	1	1/2	●	1/2	
10	G E WALLWORK			1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1		1/2	●	

CANDIDATES 88-90 Controller: C R Beechan

No.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	C BOYLE	●	1			1		1	1			1	
2	R DICKSON	0	●			0	1/2	0		0			
3	K FRYER			●		1							
4	S GOWLAND				●		1	1/2		0			
5	D HARVEY	0	1	0		●		1			1/2		
6	J M HERRIES		1/2		0		●	1/2			1/2	0	
7	I A MARKS	0	1		1/2	0	1/2	●		0	1		
8	M McBETH	0							●	1/2			
9	P MCGOWAN		1		1			1	1/2	●	1	1	
10	J W McINTYRE					1/2	1/2	0		0	●		
11	A TANKEL	0					1			0		●	

Entries to Scottish CCA Quartets and Handicap events can be made at any time, with games starting as soon as opponents can be arranged. All other individual tournaments and the SCCA League begin towards the end of each year, with entries to reach our Secretary, Alan Hind, by mid-October.

PREMIERS

Controller: C R Beecham

A	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 JS CAIRNEY	•	00	10	1/2	1/2	0 1/2	3 1/2
2 NA DOWN	11	•	11	11	11	11	10
3 DA FENNELLY	01	00	•	00	1/2	11	4 1/2
4 PB GRANT	0 1/2	00	00	•	00	00	1 1/2
5 T HASON	1/2	00	0 1/2	11	•	1/2	4 1/2
6 RS MONTGOMERY	1 1/2	00	00	11	1/2	•	5

B	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 ME CROASDALE	•	01	01	00	00	00	2
2 DA GIBB	10	•	11	10	11	1/2	7 1/2
3 DV GIBBS	10	00	•	1/2	00	00	1 1/2
4 S BOVLAND	11	01	1/2	•	01	10	6 1/2
5 AD PENMAN	00	00	11	10	•	00	3
6 T THOMSON	11	1/2	11	10	11	•	7 1/2

C	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 R BIRRELL	•	1/2	1/2	1/2	0 1/2	•	4
2 T HALLIVELL	1/2	•	11	1/2	11	•	7
3 IH MARSHALL	0 1/2	00	•	01	00	•	1 1/2
4 J HERRIFIELD	0 1/2	00	10	•	00	•	1 1/2
5 K SEYFRIED	01	00	11	11	•	•	5
6 E THOMPSON	•	•	•	•	•	•	1/2

D	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 M COOPER	•	1/2	1/2	11	11	11	8 1/2
2 RA GIULIAN	1/2	•	0 1/2	1/2	00	1/2	4 1/2
3 A MAXWELL	0 1/2	1/2	•	11	0 1/2	11	6 1/2
4 PJ HOIR	00	0 1/2	00	•	00	11	2 1/2
5 G REID	00	11	1/2	11	•	1/2	7
6 L STEPHENSON	00	1/2	00	00	1/2	•	1

E	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 SL CLARK	•	11	11	1/2	11	10	7 1/2
2 C DONKIN	00	•	01	01	1/2	0 1/2	3 1/2
3 S MARTIN	00	10	•	00	0 1/2	1/2	2 1/2
4 VS ROACH	1/2	10	11	•	1/2	1/2	7
5 ZE SADOWSKI	00	1/2	1/2	1/2	•	1/2	4
6 IP WHITTAKER	01	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	•	5 1/2

MAJORS

Controller: B.V.B. Livia

A	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 F ANDRES	•	00	00	00	00	11	2
2 A ARMSTRONG	11	•	00	0 1/2	1/2	11	6
3 RJ BURRIDGE	11	11	•	11	10	11	9
4 J CASSIDY	11	1/2	00	•	11	11	7 1/2
5 HH DUNN	11	0 1/2	01	00	•	11	5 1/2
6 K McCLELLAND	00	00	00	00	00	•	0

B	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 D COSGROVE	•	00	10	00	1/2	00	1 1/2
2 D CRICHTON	11	•	11	11	0 1/2	00	6 1/2
3 F HALL	01	00	•	0 1/2	00	00	1 1/2
4 J McTAGGART	11	00	1/2	•	00	1/2	4 1/2
5 D SALTER	1/2	1/2	11	11	•	1/2	8
6 A WRIGHT	11	11	11	1/2	1/2	•	8

C	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 B LLOYD	•	1/2	11	1/2	1/2	00	5 1/2
2 CA MacGREGOR	1/2	•	00	00	1/2	00	1
3 MF PEARCE	00	11	•	1/2	11	1/2	6 1/2
4 RF TURNER	1/2	11	1/2	•	1/2	1/2	7 1/2
5 J WATSON	0 1/2	1/2	00	1/2	•	1/2	3
6 SR MITCHELL	11	11	1/2	0 1/2	1/2	•	6 1/2

D	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 M HANLEY	•	00	00	00	00	00	0
2 A NISBET	11	•	1/2	1/2	11	11	9
3 R PELLIS	11	0 1/2	•	00	0 1/2	00	3
4 I SNEDDON	11	0 1/2	11	•	11	11	8 1/2
5 J STALLARD	11	00	1/2	00	•	11	5 1/2
6 A PETRIE	11	00	00	00	00	•	2

E	1	2	3	4	5	
1 B GOODWIN	•	10	0 1/2	1/2	11	5
2 V HARPER	01	•	00	10	11	4
3 MR McEVAN	1/2	11	•	11	11	7 1/2
4 V McGLINCHEY	1/2	01	00	•	11	3 1/2
5 J THORNTON	00	00	00	00	•	0

QUARTET FINALS

Controller: R Birrell

POSTAL KNIGHT

Final	1	2	3	4	
1 P FERRY	•	00	11	00	2
2 K GORDON	11	•	1/2	00	3 1/2
3 J McCARTAN	00	0 1/2	•	00	1 1/2
4 NJ MacLEOD	11	11	1	•	6

POSTAL SHIELD

Final	1	2	3	4	
1 JG BLENCOVE	•	1/2	1/2	10	2 1/2
2 RJ BURRIDGE	1/2	1/2	•	1 1/2	4
3 AVI CAMPBELL	1/2	1/2	•	00	2
4 GD PYRICH	01	0 1/2	11	•	3 1/2

QUARTETS

Controller: R Birrell

Q132	1	2	3	4	
1 J J BRADY	•	10	00	01	2
2 J ANDERSON	01	•	00	11	3
3 B P CHAPMAN	11	11	•	11	6
4 D B PARSONS	10	00	00	•	1

Q137	1	2	3	4	
1 J ANDERSON	•	11	01	1/2	4 1/2
2 A ARMSTRONG	00	•	1/2	11	2 1/2
3 AGE BIRD	10	1/2	•	11	4 1/2
4 R PELLIS	1/2	00	00	•	1 1/2

Q133	1	2	3	4	
1 D SALTER	•	11	11	11	6
2 R F TURNER	00	•	11	00	2
3 H H DUNN	00	00	•	00	0
4 I TAYLOR	00	00	00	•	0

Q138	1	2	3	4	
1 SR CAPSEY	•	0A	0 1/2	00	
2 MF PEARCE	1A	•	AA	00	
3 T TAIT	1/2	AA	•	1/2	5
4 A WRIGHT	11	11	1/2	1/2	

Q134	1	2	3	4	
1 NA DOWN	•	11	11	11	6
2 WH GRANT	00	•	10	11	3
3 H McKEAN	00	01	•	11	3
4 JM WALKER	00	00	00	•	0

Q139	1	2	3	4	
1 BV GRANT	•	11	1/2	1/2	1
2 CA MacGREGOR	00	•	1/2	1/2	
3 T McHARRAN	1/2	1/2	•	01	
4 I SNEDDON	1/2	1/2	10	•	4

Q135	1	2	3	4	
1 M HANLEY	•	00	00	00	0
2 DB PARSONS	11	•	0 1/2	1/2	3
3 R STOKES	11	1/2	•	11	5 1/2
4 TN TALBOT	11	1/2	00	•	3 1/2

Q140	1	2	3	4	
1 DB McGARVA	•	00	11	1/2	3 1/2
2 CC McKAY	11	•	11	11	6
3 F McKENZIE	00	00	•	00	0
4 R MITCHELL	1/2	00	11	•	2 1/2

Q136	1	2	3	4	
1 W CAMERON	•	10	11	1/2	3 1/2
2 BP CHAPMAN	01	•	11	11	5
3 ME CROASDALE	00	00	•	1/2	1
4 DB McROBERTS	1/2	00	1/2	•	2 1/2

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

QUARTETS cont.

Q141	1	2	3	4
1 R BEACON	•			
2 M H DUNN		•		
3 C C MCKAY			•	1
4 D SALTER			•	•

Q142	1	2	3	4
1 H MCKEAN	•			
2 D G PARSONS		•	•	
3 J PARKER		1	•	
4 D SALTER				•

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT (by Allan Hislop)

Another successful season completed, with results received up to 8th October included in the final placings. There is the usual spate of promotions, as follows:

Promoted to Class 2: R Beacon, N Down, D Harvey, P McGowan

Promoted to Class 3: T Morrison

Promoted to Class 4: A Armstrong

Promoted to Class 5: J Cassidy, M Dunn, M Mitchell.

There are five prizes this year and are awarded on the best average score during the season. This average score is calculated on the total points scored in a season divided by the number of games played to a finish in the season, and to this figure is added a bonus of 0.2 in respect of each game played. Note that games carried over to next season count in the following season's points calculation.

The following are the prizewinners:

P McGowan, N Down, M Mitchell, M Dunn and T Morrison

Finally, it was good to see a game from the Handicap in the Games Section of the August issue of the Magazine. I hope this will encourage others in the Handicap to send in games to the Games Editor.

OPENINGS TOURNAMENTS (by Alan Hind)

Section OT1 (Tchigorin's Defence)					
No	1	2	3	Pts	Pos
1 J B Blencowe	•		oo		
2 G Reid		•	oo		
3 G Wood	11	11	•	4	1

Section OT2 (Nimzowitsch Defence)						
No	1	2	3	4	5	Pts Pos
1 N A Down	•	1	11	11		
2 D V Gibbs	•	•		oo	11	
3 B W Grant	oo		•	oo	11	
4 G A Norton		11	11	•	11	
5 GE Vallwork	oo	oo	oo	oo	•	0 W/D

SCOTTISH CCA LEAGUE 1988/89 (Controller : Ken Gordon)

The anticipated battle for the League Championship came to fruition with Black Knight (the dark horses!!) finishing with 7 points. A critical adjudication between Tommy Craig and Robert Inglis will decide the destiny of the Trophy - it could be a triple tie! Perth Correspondents and Kirkcaldy Kings return to Division 1 next season, with Irvine unluckily missing promotion by ½ point. The strong Knights of the Square Table are assured of promotion from Division 3, with Glasgow Polytechnic and Endgame successful in Divisions 4A and 4B respectively.

Final results will be given in our next Magazine, along with the League details for the new season. Division 1 looks like being very interesting with The Establishment, Streatham & Brixton, Black Knight, Crowwood, Perth Correspondents and Kirkcaldy. It is hoped that we will also see some new teams in the League, as well as the usual line-ups, and maybe another Division.

DIVISION 1							
A CROWWOOD "A"		4½		B-STREATHAM & BRIXTON		7+1½	
1	B Martin	½ 0	v B1	1	C A McHab	½ ½	v D1
2	P Rodger	½ 0	v D2	2	S R Gillam	1 1	v C2
3	P McGowan	1 1	v C3	3	R A Inglis	0 A	v F3
4	A Maxwell	0 0	v B4	4	Mrs M Inglis	1 1	v A4
5	V Hulme	1 ½	v F5	5	R Haldane	1 1	v E5
C BRUTAL REALISM		1		D BLACK KNIGHT		7	
1	M Ross	0 0	v F1	1	G R Sprott	½ ½	v B1
2	P Coffield	0 0	v B2	2	I S Campbell	1 ½	v A2
3	J S Murray	0 0	v A3	3	I Reeman	1 0	v E3
4	B Keenan	½ ½	v E4	4	T Johnston	½ 1	v F4
5	A Thomson	0 0	v D5	5	G Wood	1 1	v C5

E CHESS SUPPLIERS "A"		3½	F THE ESTABLISHMENT	6+1½
1 A J Shaw	1 ½ v A1		1 T S Vickers	11 v C1
2 D M Livie	0 0 v F2		2 C R Beecham	11 v E2
3 C F Boyle	0 1 v D3		3 T J Craig	A 1 v B3
4 L R McKenzie	½ ½ v C4		4 K Fryer	½ 0 v D4
5 V S Roach	0 0 v B5		5 A Hind	0 ½ v A5

DIVISION 2

A IRVINE 7	B KIRKCALDY KINGS 7½
1 D Gillespie 11 v B1	1 G D Pyrich 11 v D1
2 G McPeake 11 v D2	2 A Burnett ½0 v C2
3 T Barrett 00 v C3	3 I Marshall 11 v F3
4 J Shankland ½½ v B4	4 T Thomson ½½ v A4
5 J Anderson 11 v F5	5 M C Grayson 11 v B5

C PERTH CORRESPONDENTS 8½

1 A P Borwell ½½ v F1	D CATHCART 2
2 D A Gibb 1½ v B2	1 A Grant 00 v B1
3 V Rutherford 11 v A3	2 A T Hislop 00 v A2
4 J Falconer 11 v B4	3 J G O'Donnell 11 v B3
5 K A Wilson 11 v D5	4 D McRoberts 00 v F4
	5 A Petrie 00 v C5

E DALNUIR 1

1 I Aird 00 v A1	F RHAI TELECOM 4
2 M Gannon 01 v F2	1 R Dickson ½½ v C1
3 V McGlinchey 00 v D3	2 J McIntyre 10 v B2
4 D McAdam 00 v C4	3 J Carlin 00 v B3
5 M Alexander 00 v B5	4 D Neil 11 v D4
	5 S Brady 00 v A5

DIVISION 3

A KIRKINTILLOCH 5½+1A	B PAISLEY (YMCA) "A" 1½+2A
1 A Swann 0A v B1	1 S McDonald 00 v D1
2 R Turner 00 v D2	2 R Cochrane 00 v C2
3 P McConnell 11 v C3	3 G Reid 1A v F3
4 V Harper 1½ v B4	4 I Gourlay 0½ v A4
5 D Blackett 11 v F5	5 A Wisbet 0A v B5

C WANDERING DRAGONS "A" 6½

1 A J C Ferguson 11 v F1	D CROWWOOD "B" 6
2 J Lancaster 11 v B2	1 D L Gillespie 11 v B1
3 S Gowland 00 v A3	2 W J Hutchison 11 v A2
4 D Crichton 0½ v B4	3 C M Hutchison 00 v B3
5 H Nimmo 11 v D5	4 R Henery 11 v F4
	5 J Stallard 00 v C5

E KNIGHTS OF THE SQUARE TABLE 7½+2A

1 B Eley 1A v A1	F GOVAN KNIGHTS 0+1A
2 R W M Baxter 11 v F2	1 M T Dyer 00 v C1
3 P Cassar 11 v D3	2 P Muir 00 v B2
4 R C P Freeman ½1 v C4	3 R Stokes 0A v B3
5 M Down 1A v B5	4 J McKenna 00 v D4
	5 J Mann 00 v A5

DIVISION 4A

A WANDERING DRAGONS "C" 2	B PAISLEY YMCA "B" 2
1 A Sharp 00 v B1	1 A Cowan 00 v D1
2 Ms A McMonigle 00 v D2	2 J Galbraith 00 v C2
3 G Sanderson 00 v C3	3 G Ritchie 00 v F3
4 Mrs S Nimmo 00 v B4	4 L Robertson 11 v A4
5 Mrs A Donkin 11 v F5	5 Ms J Finlay 00 v B5

C GLASGOW POLYTECHNIC 10

1 D Finnie 11 v F1	D ABERDEEN 8
2 J Lindsay 11 v B2	1 I Reid 11 v B1
3 J Watson 11 v A3	2 R J Burrridge 11 v A2
4 J Arnold 11 v E4	3 J Clifford 11 v B3
5 Ms M Fixter 11 v D5	4 C Bown 11 v F4
	5 J McKendrick 0 v C5

E CHESS SUPPLIERS "D" 0

1 P Ferry 00 v A1	F CHESS SUPPLIERS "B" 4
2 M Hanley 00 v F2	1 M J MacLeod 00 v C1
3 S Young 00 v D3	2 M Mitchell 11 v B2
4 A O'Brien 00 v C4	3 T Tait 11 v B3
5 Dr A MacGuire-Gibson 00 v B5	4 S McCreadie 00 v D4
	5 Ms F McKenzie 00 v A5

DIVISION 4B

A RUDGANE 8½	B WANDERING DRAGONS "B" 6
1 M Moohan 1½ v B1	1 C Donkin 11 v D1
2 A Kilgariff 11 v D2	2 M Clapperton 00 v C2
3 M McGhee 11 v C3	3 P McCarron 10 v F3
4 P Tait ½½ v B4	4 P Young ½½ v A4
5 R Holland 11 v F5	5 C Stewart 11 v B5

C VICTORIA 8

1 F Stevenson 11 v F1	D SAUGHTON 1
2 R Flood 11 v B2	1 D Buchan 00 v B1
3 M M Chalmers 00 v A3	2 R Hartley 00 v A2
4 B Jenkins 11 v E4	3 B Morrice 00 v B3
5 J Anderson 11 v D5	4 C McGuire 10 v F4
	5 A H Ali 00 v C5

E CRONDALE 2½

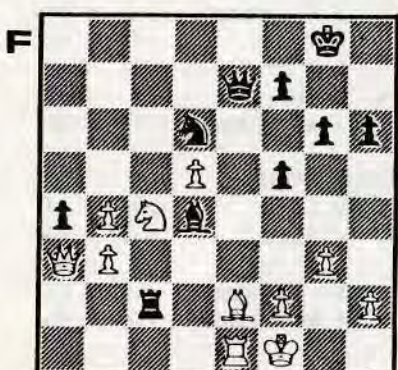
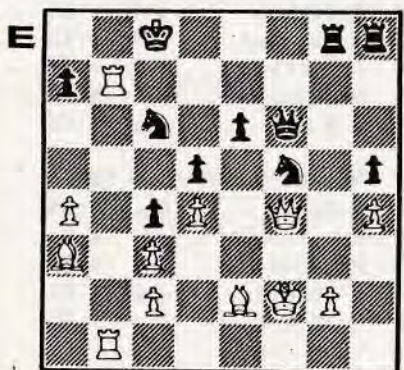
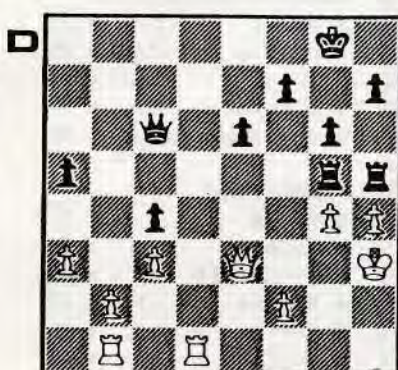
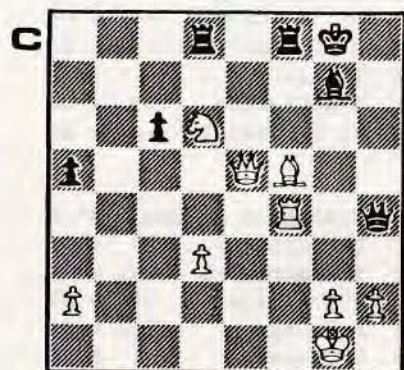
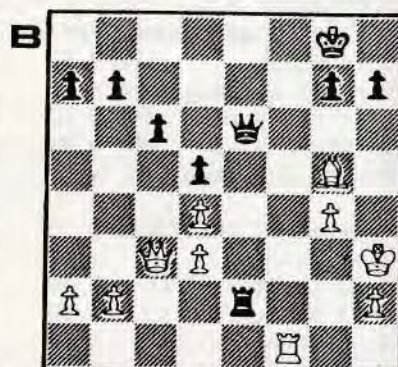
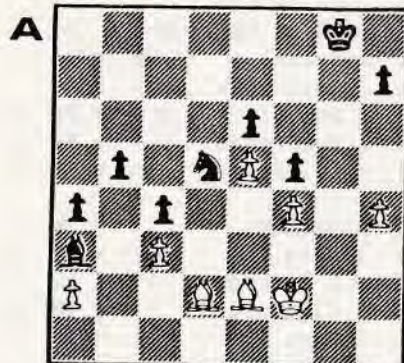
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2 J Soovik 00 v F2	1 M Kelly 00 v C1
3 B Grant 11 v D3	2 Mrs I B Orr 11 v B2
4 Mrs J Ronald 00 v C4	3 D Foots 01 v B3
5 I Stockdale 00 v B5	4 D Morgan 01 v D4
	5 S Turner 00 v A5

WINNING CONTINUATIONS

(selected by John Hawkes)

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SCOTTISH CENTENARY CUP FINAL

After 5 years of competition and a great tussle in the Final, Ernie Wood from Manchester and Mark Thomas of Nottingham are joint winners of the Centenary Cup with 4½/6 points. In fact, both will be presented with a trophy and they will receive prizemoney of approx £90 each. There are still a few games to be finished, but the maximum score of the remaining competitors is 4 pts.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts	Pos
1 J Copley (Shropshire)	•	½	1	1	0	½	½	3½	
2 E Wood (Manchester)	½	•	½	1	½	1	1	4½	1=
3 D Quinn (Greenock)	0	½	•		0	½			
4 A G B Bird (London)	0	0		•	0	1	1		
5 M Thomas (Nottingham)	1	½	1	1	•	½	½	4½	1=
6 V W Griffiths (Northampton)	½	0	½	0	½	•	½	2	
7 D Neil (Carlisle)	½	0		0	½	½	•		

(by Douglas Livie)

SCOTTISH OPEN TOURNAMENT SEMI-FINALS

Section A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 GE WALLWORK	•						
2 B MARTIN		•					
3 WR SHAW			•				
4 JG O'DONNELL				•			
5 N DOWN					•		
6 L STEPHENSON						•	
7 N CHARALAMBOUS							•

Section B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 N DOWN	•							
2 WD TAYLOR		•						
3 N KILGARIFF			•					
4 DA FENNELLY				•				
5 GR NIXON					•			
6 KJ KEADY						•		
7 GA LITTLE							•	
8 M ROSS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	• w/o

Section C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 A KILGARIFF	•	1						
2 EE WRIGHT	0	•		0				
3 CP BOTHAM			•					
4 JD ACKERS	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	w/o
5 V DILWORTH	1			•	1			
6 RG WALKER					•			
7 GE WALLWORK				0	•			
8 P CASSAR							•	

Section D	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 J TIMPERLEY	•	½						
2 RWM BAXTER	½	•						1
3 D NEIL			•	1	1			1
4 GE WALLWORK			0	•				1
5 P WILDIG			0		•	0		
6 GD PYRICH					1	•		
7 D HARVEY							•	
8 C TRINDER		0	0	0				•

ICCF CONGRESS 1989 **RICHMOND, ENGLAND**

(by Alan Borwell)

This year's ICCF Congress was held from 2nd to 10th September in the Richmond Hill Hotel, which is situated close to Richmond Park and Kew Gardens. Both George Livie and I attended the business meetings. The 42 delegates from some 22 countries visited well-known English places of interest. The arrangements were made virtually single-handedly by Reg Gillman of BPCF.

The President of BPCF, Peter Gibbs, welcomed participants on behalf of his organisation. He made particular reference to the recognition of Scotland and Wales by ICCF and to the success of the BPCF team in winning the last ICCF Olympiad.

ICCF President, Henk Mostert (Netherlands), opened the meeting by thanking the BPCF President for hosting the Congress, welcoming new members and referring to departed friends, especially ICCF Honorary Member Prof. J. Eventov. He reported a growing interest in correspondence chess worldwide and emphasised the need for strong national associations to bring organisers and players together in true unity.

The General Secretary, Paul Diaconescu (Rumania), proposed the adoption of Hong Kong and Tunisia as members and then Senegal as the 66th member country. He reported that the 3rd Tele-chess Olympiad had begun.

Bertl von Massow Medals were awarded for more than 15 years' meritorious service in gold to Hermann Heemsoth (BRD), and for 10 years in silver to Georg Perpirakis (Greece).

The Tournament Director, Ragnar Wikman (Finland), reported that the adoption of the Rating System and Abonyi Tournaments had been achieved smoothly. He also advised that Reg Gillman (GBE) would be giving up as Tournament Secretary for future World Championship events and A.J. Goedhoop (NL) was appointed as his successor.

Reference was also made to a "self professed" World Correspondence Chess Federation which had been formed by a few disgruntled CC players from the USA. It was agreed unanimously by all delegates that this was a most undesirable organisation and participation in its tournaments was not recommended.

[If any Scottish CCA Member is considering entering WCCF events, they are recommended to contact an SCCA Committee Member before sending any monies to the organiser in the USA - Editor]

Reports from the World and European Tournament Bureaux indicated very encouraging increases in entries during 1988, including Thematic Tournaments. The 28th European Championship had been won by J.R. Witomsky (USSR), Final 29 by F. Hovde (Nor) and Final 31 by D. Mohrlök (BRD).

The Anglo-Pacific Invitation Tournament had been won by Roger Chapman (NZ), with Claude Paré (Can) as runner-up. The ICCF-US Secretary reported that a new magazine Chess Connection had been founded in the USA and that all co-operation with Chess International had been terminated because of its involvement in and promotion of the dissident WCCF.

As ICCF Treasurer, I was able to present a healthy financial position at 31/12/88, although it would have been even better if all countries had paid their fees promptly, as requested in previous years. The Auditor confirmed that my work "gave no cause for complaint!"

The Qualifications Committee reported on its deliberations, including aspects relating to the Rules of Play.

The draw was made for the 13th World CC Final of 17 players as follows:

1. Umansky (SU); 2. Salm (AU); 3. Ziewitz (BRD); 4. Michailow (SU); 5. Svensson (S); 6. Lapienis (SU); 7. Palciauskas (USA); 8. Dr. Penrose (GBE); 9. Dr. Baumbach (DDR); 10. I. Kopilow (SU); 11. Bang (DK); 12. L.M.C. Santos (P); 13. Goldenberg (F); 14. Berry (CA); 15. Zilberberg (US); 16. Pereira (P); 17. Korelow (SU).

This will be a very high Category 15 event.

Draws were also made for the 15th World 3/4 and 18th World 1/2 Finals Groups. Although Douglas Bryson was included in one of the 3/4 groups, he had not even indicated that he wished to play! (He is already in the 14th World 3/4 Final).

David Kilgour (2410) and Tim Wickens (2440) are playing in the World 1/2 Finals along with David Dempster, who has now emigrated to Australia - we wish them every success!

[We did request BPCF to allocate one of its extra places (arising from the "GB team" winning the Olympiad) to Philip Giulian - but regrettably this was declined. Philip has actively supported both British Championship and BPCF Open events and has a current ICCF rating of 2395 - he is also within a whisker of qualifying for the next series of World 1/2 Finals. Instead, four "ungraded" English players were nominated by BPCF, thus making it harder for other participants to achieve ICCF title norms as ungraded players who are given automatic 2200 ratings, pull down the average rating.]

The Report of the Documentation Committee included the circulation of three excellent booklets covering an index of published photographs of 900 CC personalities, a complete listing of ICCF title and half norm holders, and also one of deceased title holders. It was pleasing to note the proposal that ICCF should adopt FIDE abbreviations for ICCF member countries. *[This will mean that Scottish players will be designated "SCD", like our over-the-board colleagues (which will be entirely in accord with the wishes of our members, as reported elsewhere from the returns of the recent questionnaires)]*.

The Working Party for Rating was disbanded and reformed within the Qualifications Committee as an "expert group" comprising Ratings Commissioner, Nol van 't Riet (NL), U. Bade (DDR), ü. Wagner (BRD) and Ragnar Wikman (Fin).

We are delighted that George Livie was appointed to the Rules Committee, along with J.P. Pregal (AR) and G.M. Tani (I). Ken MacDonald (Can) becomes a member of the Documentation Committee and L. Ermacora (Aus) and Max Zavanelli (USA) to the Telechess Committee.

ICCF title awards were then made as follows:

Correspondence Chess Grandmaster

R. Mallée (BRD)
W.E. Povah (GBE)

International Correspondence Chess Master

S. Busemann (BRD)	W. Rosen (BRD)
R. Chapman (NZ)	J. Saksis (SU)
E. Eichhorn (CH)	G. Shiwodow (SU)
I. Foigel (SU)	R. Skrobek (PL)
F. Herlufsen (IS)	A. Soltau (BRD)
P. Klaic (YU)	B. Sörensen (DK)
Z. Lanka (SU)	K. Steijn (NL)
A. Lipiridi (SU)	W. Strautinsch (SU)
D.M. MacLeod (CA)	E. Tangborn (USA)
J. Markauss (SU)	M. Tirabassi (I)
Dr. M. Nimtz (BRD)	W. Tomkowitsch (SU)
J. Noria-Silvestre (E)	I. Venger (IL)
A. Poulsen (DK)	A. Zanetti (I)
A. Pyschkin (SU)	Mich. Zeitlin (SU)

International Arbiter of the ICCF

A.P. Borwell (GBS)
L. Lahdenmäki (SF)
E. Thüner (BRD)

[I was very pleased to receive my certificate from ICCF President, Henk Mostert, particularly as it is a further recognition of Scotland's place in international correspondence chess circles.]

Matters pertaining to the Rules of Play included the following new rules and alterations:

1. Specific rules for World Championship Finals and Semi-finals for Ladies.
2. Future World Cup Tournaments will be organised in three-yearly cycles.

3. Games in friendly matches between countries can be eligible for rating if notified in advance to the Ratings Commissioner.
4. Where there are four sections in CC Olympiads, two teams which have not already qualified for the Final will be promoted providing they are placed in the first three of their Preliminary Section.
5. Claims for exceeding the time limit must be made at the latest when answering the 10th move....." and so on.
6. When a postmark is not legible, the date given by the sender is valid.

Under **Tournament Arrangements**, it was decided to designate the Final of the 13th World Championship "In Memoriam Hans-Werner von Massow" in honour of the late ICCF Honorary President.

The next **World Cup** (actually two finals!) was announced with the following conditions:

1. Every announcement for the World Cup has two numbers which apply equally to the preliminary and the intermediary round. Only at the last round will the two final sections each be given a separate number.
2. Multiple entries are permissible. However, in the intermediate round, a player may participate in only two sections.
3. The participants from the individual federations are to be allotted by percentages in the preliminary and intermediate rounds.
4. The preliminary round has 11 players per section, thus 10 games per player. If the number of participants is not exactly divisible by 11, then 10 or 8 games will be played in the transitional sections. Here it is preferable to select the method which will create the minimum number of dissimilar sections.

5. Each section winner advances to the intermediate round. In the case of equal scores, the tie will be broken by the Sonneborn-Berger system.
6. If the total number of participants is 3905 or less, the intermediate rounds will be 11-player sections; up to 4895, 13-player sections; and up to 5500, 15-player sections. If the total number exceeds 5555, then three Final groups will be formed.
7. After the participants in the Final rounds have been determined, two equally strong sections will be compiled with the help of the rating list. At the same time, care will be taken that participants from the same federation are shared equally between the two sections. The draw for places in these Final sections will be carried out by the Rating Commissioner with the aid of the ICCF Tournament Director.
8. In the case of dispute during the course of the tournament, appeals will be decided by the Central Tournament Secretary of the World Cup Tournament.

[The closing date for entries is 31st May 1990 with a starting date of September 1990. Entries from Scottish CCA members should be sent to Philip Giulian, 10 Broomfield Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow G77 5HR, along with £8 entry fee.]

Norms were established for tournaments already authorised and unanimous approval was given to our international invitation tournament celebrating "10 Years Anniversary of Scottish CCA Magazine", along with other new invitation events.

Next year's meeting will be held from 8-16th September 1990 in a Sports School in Bad Blankenburg, East Germany. The 1991 Congress will be held in Finland. Following the great success of the ICCF Congress in Peebles in 1985, we have offered to host the Presidium meeting in 1994 in Scotland.

The ICCF President closed the meetings by expressing the conviction that the work of the Congress and of all national federations would lead to the continued realisation of the ICCF motto, "Amici sumus - we are friends."

THE BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

(by Philip Giulian)

Once again the British Championship proved unpopular with Scots, with only Brian Martin and myself playing. Brian was tackling the Candidates for the second time, whilst I had qualified for the Championship for the first time for a few years.

The Candidates sections are very tough with only one qualifier for the Final and no easy games. Usually a score of 6½/8 is required but last year two winners, including myself, scored less. Brian's section lacked an obvious favourite and was certainly going to be very competitive - and that is exactly how it turned out.

Brian finished with 5½ out of 8, with two of his games being over 60 moves, a remarkable speed of play for a nine-month event. He lost only one game but by conceding three draws as well, he must have felt his chances of qualifying had gone. However, nobody was able to beat his score and when the S-B tie-break was applied, Brian was declared the winner.

In two of his games, Brian tried the now rarely played Scotch Four Knights opening. Notes are by Brian.

British Candidates 'E' 1988-89

B. Martin v J.B. Taylor and
P.B. Eastlake

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	d4	exd4

In the European Team Championships, currently being played, Erlandsson of Sweden played 4 ... Bb4 and it continued: 5 Nxe5 Nxe4

6 Qg4 Nxc3 7 Qxg7 Rf8 8 a3
Nxd4 9 axb4 Nxc2+ 10 Kd2
Nxa1 11 Kxc3 a5.

Black's eleventh move is given an exclamation mark in BCO 1 and BCO 2 and is supposed to be about ∞ - but the whole line was busted ages ago, for which see the article, aptly named Death of a Variation in "Chess" Vol. 46, Sept. 81.

12 Bc4 (in Correspondence Chess No. 66, Ian Marks gives 12 bxa5! as winning also) 12 ... Qe7 13 Re1 Qxb4+ 14 Kd3 d5 15 Nxf7+ Be6 (If 15 ... Qxe1 16 Nd6+! cxd6 17 Bb5+ Kd8 18 Bg5+ and mates: analysis by Stephen Berry. An incredible line!) 16 Rxe6+ Kd7 17 Bxd5 and this game is continuing.

5	Nxd4	Bb4
6	Nxc6	bxc6
7	Bd3	d5
8	exd5	cxd5
9	0-0	0-0
10	Bg5	

The Scotch Four Knights has a drawing reputation, and this line has remained "fixed" with no improvements for either side for literally decades ... so you tend to get the same positions repeated in many games if you go in for this opening. At this point, the most often played reply is either 10 ... Be6 or 10 ... c6. Instead, my two opponents pick a side line.

10 Bxc3

11 bxc3

The stem game is Trajkovic-Vasiukov, Belgrade 1961, which went 11 ... h6 12 Bh4 Qd6 (12 ... Re8 13 c4, advantage to White) 13 c4 (13 Qf3 Bg4 14 Qg3 Qxg3 15 Bxg3, ½-½ Hort v Vasiukov, Moscow 1962) 13 ... dxc4 14 Bxc4 Qf4 15 Bxf6 Qxf6 16 Rb1, ½-½.

Eastlake played 11 ... h6. Taylor made a mistake, lost a pawn and the game!

Martin v Taylor

11 c5?
12 Bxf6 gxf6

(12 ... Qxf6 13 Qh5 g6 or h6 14 Qxd5).

13	Qh5	f5
14	Bxf5	Bxf5
15	Qxf5	Qa5

Attempting to win back material. I had expected 15 ... Re8 16 Rad1 d4 17 cxd4 cxd4 18 Qg4+ Kh8 19 Rxd4 and if ... Qf6 20 Rf4 and Qf3.

16 Rad1!

Intending 17 Rd3. On 16 Qg5+ Kh8 17 Qf6+ Kg8 18 Rad1 Qb6 is a nuisance.

16 Qxa2?

(a) 16 ... Rfe8!? 17 Rd3! Re6
 (17 ... Rad8 18 Qg5+ Kf8
 19 Qh6+ Ke7 20 Re1+ Kd7
 21 Rxd5+ Kc7 22 Rxe8 Rxd5
 23 Qf4+) 18 Rh3! If ... h6
 19 Rg3+ Kf8 20 Rf3!

(b) 16 ... Rae8 17 Qg5+ Kh8
 18 Qf6+ Kg8 19 Rd3.

But White always has several optional ways to continue with an advantage.

17 Qg5+ Kh8
 18 Qf6+ Kg8
 19 Rd3

Black resigned. 1-0.

(a) 19 ... Rfd8 20 Rg3+ Kf8
 21 Re1 mates next move.
 (b) 19 ... Rfe8 20 Rg3+ Kf8
 21 Qd6+! Re7 22 Re3!
 Rae8 23 Rxe7 Rxe7
 24 Re1 wins a rook.

The Championship contained several players with a chance of winning. Last year's joint winners, K. Bowyer and J. Thorn, were playing again but perhaps the favourite was former champion, C. Chandler, the highest rated player. M. Singleton was second rated, while S. Hutchings had still to achieve a correspondence grading but has represented Wales in several over-the-board Olympiads.

(c) 19 ... Rfb8 20 Rg3+ Kf8
 21 Re1 wins.
 (d) 19 ... Qxc2 20 Rg3+ Qg6
 21 f4 or Rxc6+.

Martin v Eastlake

11 h6
 12 Bh4 Qd6
 13 Rb1!?

A new move of my own, but it fails to avoid the draw.

13 Re8!
 14 Re1 Bd7
 15 Qf3 Rxe1+
 16 Rxe1 Re8

Draw agreed. ½-½

In conclusion, I think that if White is to improve his chances, a TN must be found at his 10th move. It becomes clear after playing a number of games in these lines that the bishop on g5 is not very good.

As expected my games were very hard fought. I suffered a bad loss to K. Bowyer, who improved on previous theory and left my pawn sacrifice looking extremely dubious. Strangely enough the same opening gave me a comfortable win against K. Owen. My game with J. Thorn was adjudicated as a win for me. In the final position I was the exchange down with no obvious win, but fortunately my claims of an overwhelming position were upheld. How ridiculous that such an important championship should have so many games decided this way. Apart from my game with R. Watson, my others were all drawn. This win took my final score to 6/10.

White: R.H. Watson
 Black: P.M. Giulian

Dutch Defence A85

1 d4 f5
 2 c4 e6
 3 Nc3 Nf6
 4 Nf3 Bb4
 5 Qb3 c5
 6 dxc5!?

The main alternative is 6 e3 0-0 7 a3 Qa5 8 Bd3 Bxc3+ 9 bxc3 with equality (Ciburdanidze-Jusupov, 1988 Linares). However also possible is 6 Bg5 h6 7 Bxf6 Qxf6 8 e3 b6 9 Be2 Nc6, which was equal in Lichtenstein-Beutum, Vienna 1930.

6 Bxc5
 7 Bg5 Nc6
 8 e3 0-0
 9 Be2 h6

10 Bh4?!

Perhaps better is 10 Bxf6 Qxf6 11 Rd1 with pressure on Black's d-pawn.

10 h6
 11 a3? Bb7
 12 Rd1 Be7
 13 0-0 Ne4
 14 Nxe4 fxe4
 15 Bxe7 Qxe7
 16 Nd4 Ne5!?

Black has equalised after 16 ... Nxd4 17 Rxd4 Bc6 but this line looks very drawish.

17 Kh1

A difficult decision for White taking away some of the defence of the f-pawn but Black was threatening 17 ... Nf3+! and then, for example, 18 Bxf3 exf3 19 gxf3 Rxf3!

17 Qb4
18 c5 Bd5
19 Qc3 Rac8

Now 19 ... Nf3 achieves nothing after 20 gxf3 exf3 21 Bd3 or c4.

20 b4

White is also in difficulty after 20 Nxe6 Bxe6 21 Qxe5 Rxc5 with the threats of Rc2 and Rxf2.

20 bxc5
21 bxc5 Rxf2
22 Rxf2

A pity. I was hoping to be allowed to play 22 ... Nf3 and now 23 h3 Qxh3+! 24 gxh3 Rh2 is mate or 23 Nxf3 exf3 winning.

22 Qxf2
23 Rf1 Qh4
24 Nxe6 dxe6
25 Qxe5 Qe7
26 Qd6

White was losing a pawn but if he allows Qxc5 (with or without the rooks) the e and a-pawns are under severe pressure.

26 Qxd6
27 cxd6 Rd8

28 Rc1?!

Although White is losing a pawn, his position is not hopeless because of the doubled e-pawn. Perhaps the best defence is 28 Ral and then Kg1 and Kf2.

28 Rxd6
29 Rc8+?! Kh7
30 Rc7?

Now I'm sure White is completely lost. The only defence is to save the e-pawn by Kg1, eg. 30 Kg1 Rb6 31 Rc3 followed by Kf2.

30 Rb6
31 Kg1

Otherwise 31 ... Rb1 mates but it is now too late.

31 Rb3
32 Rxa7 Rxe3
33 Kf2 Rb3
34 Rc7

Realising his predicament, White sacrifices his a-pawn to try to erect a fortress blockading the black passed pawn.

34 Rxa3
35 Rc2 Kg6
36 Bb5 Kf6
37 Ke2 Ke5

38 g3 g5

Not 38 ... Ra2?? 39 Rxa2 Bxa2 40 Ke3 Kf5 41 Be2 and it is impossible for Black to break through. Black plans instead g4, e3 and Bf3+ winning.

39 Rd2 g4
40 Rb2 h5!

Not 40 ... e3 41 Bd3 and 42 Kxe3.

41 White resigned

Because of (1) 41 Be8 e3 42 Bxh5 Bf3+ and Ral mating, or (2) 41 Rc2 e3 42 Bd3 Bf3+ 43 Kxe3 Be4 and now 44 Rc5+ Kd6 or 44 Rd2 Rxd3+ 45 Bxd3 Bxd3 46 Kxd3 and Black wins.

Final Scores

(subject to appeal)

1st= C Chandler, M Singleton 7;
3rd= K Bowyer, P Giulian 6;
5th R Watson 5;
6th B Windebank 4½;
7th= R Braunton, S Hutchings,
K Owen, J Thom 4;
11th P Gibbs 3½.

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On page 35 of the August issue of the SCCA magazine, I made an analytical suggestion to the game Wittman-Marks in the Two Knights Defence, Fritz Variation. Mark Thomas comments upon my suggestion with reference to his time working on "The Chessplayer" magazine in the period 1978 - 80....."Hans Berliner submitted a theoretical article entitled 'From the deathbed of the Two Knights Defence' a la Rudolf Spielmann. Although Ray Keene described it as revolutionary, it was never published in 'Modern Chess Theory' possibly because the magazine soon folded.

Keene did however reproduce great chunks of Berliner's analysis in Volume 1 of BCO.

Hardly surprising considering the depth of the analysis in the above article, Hans had considered your suggestion back in 1979. In the Welsh Corres Chess Championship last season, I had the opportunity of playing against it, but one rash move was enough to dissipate any potential advantage. Such is life - nevertheless the game may still be of interest."

White: Anthony Sheehan
Black: Mark Thomas

Two Knights Defence C54

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Nf6
4	Ng5	d5
5	exd5	Nd4
6	c3	b5
7	Bf1	Nxd5
8	Ne4	Qh4
9	Ng3	Bg4

10	f3	e4
11	cx d4	Bd6
12	Bxb5+	Kd8
13	0-0	exf3
14	Rxf3	Rb8
15	a4	a6
16	Bf1	

In my game with Annette Oliver in the Preliminary Round of the Scottish Centenary Cup 1984-85, she tried 16 Bc6 Ne7 17 Be4? f5 18 Bd3 Re8 19 Na3 Nc6 20 Bxf5 Bxf3 21 Qxf3 Re1+ 22 Kf2 Qxh2! 0-1. Hans Berliner considers that White can maintain equality by 17 d5 Nxc6 18 dxc6 Re8 19 Nc3 Bxf3 20 Qxf3 Re1+ 21 Kf2 Re6! with a draw by perpetual check, eg. 22 Kg1 Re1+ or 22 Qd5 Qf4+.

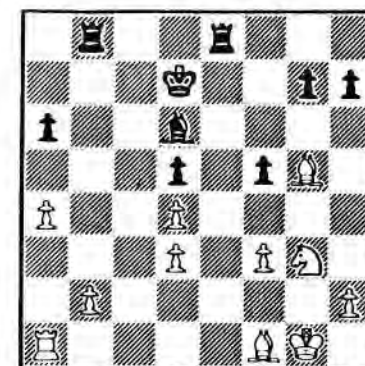
16		Re8
17	Nc3	c6
18	d3	f5
19	Nxd5	

A related possibility is "19 Qd2 Bxf3 20 Qg5+ Qxg5 21 Bxg5+ Kd7 22 gxf3 Rxb2 and Black is better; 20 gxf3 Qxd4+ 21 Qf2 (21 Kh1 g6! is a positional move that freezes White) 21 ... Bc5 22 Qxd4 Bxd4+ 23 Kh1 Nxc3 24 bxc3 Bxc3 25 Bg5+ Kd7 26 Rcl Bb2 and again Black is superior" (Hans Berliner).

19 cxd5

Now Hans Berliner gave no analysis but comments here that the capture "only strengthens Black's position in the centre and clears the third rank, both of which help him while White still cannot get at the black king."

20	Qd2	Bxf3
21	Qg5+	Qxg5
22	Bxg5+	Kd7
23	gxf3	



23 Rxb2?

Now here I should have put White in the intensive care unit with 23 ... g6 which stifles his minor pieces whilst his queenside pawns present excellent targets.

24 Nxf5

Alas the patient makes a rapid recovery whilst my king is menaced by a horde of aggressive white pieces.

24 Bxb2+
25 Kh1 Bb8
26 Rc1

26 Kg1 Bh2+ 27 Kh1 with a draw by perpetual check was perfectly feasible but I think White was thinking of more than just splitting the point.

26 h6
27 Bh4 g6
28 Ng3 g5
29 Bh3+ Kd8
30 Rc8+ Ke7
31 Nf5+ Kf7!
32 Nxb6+

32 Rxe8 Rh2+.

32 Kf8
33 Rxe8+ Kxe8
34 Bxg5 Rh2+
35 Kg1 Rxb3
36 Kf2 Rh2+
37 Ke3 Ra2
38 f4 Rxa4
39 f5 Ba7
40 Bf6 Rb4
41 Be5 Bb8
42 Bg7 a5
43 f6 Rb7
44 f7+ Rxf7

45 Nxf7 Kxf7
46 Bh6

It was still possible to go astray with 46 Be5? Bxe5 47 dxe5 a4 48 Kd4 Ke6 -+, or 48 Kd2 d4 -+.

46 Bd6
47 Kd2 Kg6

47 ... Bb4+ 48 Kc2 Kg6
49 Bf4 Kf5 50 Bc7 Kg4
51 Bb6 Kf3 52 Bc5 Ke3
53 Bb6 =.

48 Be3 Kf5

Δ Bf4 -+.

49 Kc2 a4
50 Bd2 Kg4
51 Ba5 Kf3
 # #

If 52 Bb6 Be7 53 Bc5 Bf6
54 Kc3 Ke3 55 Kb4 Bxd4
56 Be7 Kxd3 57 Kxa4 Kc4
58 Bh4 =.



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Simon Gillam shows the teeth have been drawn from the Geller Gambit in the Slav.

Postal Chess League 1989

White: J.A. Dodgson
Black: S.R. Gillam

QG Slav Defence D15

1 d4 d5
2 c4 c6
3 Nf3 Nf6
4 Nc3 dxc4
5 e4?!

This is the Geller Gambit. It was played in a number of GM games in 1987 and 1988. I guess it will not be seen much in the future.

White should be perfectly happy playing the main line 5 a4 Bf5 6 e3 e6 7 Bxc4 Bb4 8 0-0, with a slight plus.

If he is feeling more adventurous, then he can try 5 a4 Bf5 6 Ne5!?. The plan 7 ... Nbd7 8 Nxc4 Qc7 9 g3 e5 10 dxe5 Nxe5 11 Bf4 Rd8 12 Qc1 Bd6 13 Nxd6+ Qxd6 enjoyed some success in the early 80s, but gradually players learned how to win with the two bishops.

In the last few years, the GMs have gone back to 7 ... e6 8 f3 Bb4 9 e4 Bxe4 10 fxe4 Nxe4 11 Bd2; the theory is still developing, but White keeps winning in practice.

Black can try to vary by 5 a4 Bg4 6 Ne5 Bh5, as in the 'game Levitt-Flear that won the best game prize at the 1989 British Championship, but Black's position in that game does not inspire confidence.

5 b5
6 e5 Nd5
7 a4 e6
8 Ng5

The old main line was 8 axb5 Nxc3 9 bxc3 cxb5 10 Ng5 Bb7 11 Qh5 g6 12 Qg4 Be7. White has a little compensation for his pawn, but probably not enough. 8 Ng5 was the move that breathed new life into the Geller Gambit.

8 Be7!

... and this will probably put it to sleep again.

Apparently it first appeared in an obscure Hungarian game in 1986, but was brought to a wider public at the end of 1988 by Lukacs and Hazai in an article in New in Chess Yearbook 10.

My opponent was relying on Glen Flear's 1988 book on the Slav, which does not mention 8 ... Be7, and Informator, which did not pick it up until a few months later in Korchnoi's notes to his game with Ljubojevic (Inf. 46/484).

Previously the main line was 8 ... h6 9 Nge4 b4 10 Nb1 Ba6 11 Nbd2 c3 12 Nc4 cxb2 13 Bxb2 Bxc4 14 Bxc4, when White has ample for his pawn.

9 Nge4

The three alternatives, all adequately answered by Lukacs and Hazai, are:

- (a) 9 Qh5 g6 10 Qh6 Nb4! 11 Qg7 Rf8 12 Nxh7 Nc2+;
- (b) 9 Nce4 h6 10 Nh3 Nd7 11 Qg4 g6 12 Nf4 Nb4! 13 Nxe6 Nb6!;
- (c) 9 h4 b4 10 Nce4 h6 11 Nh3 Ba6 12 Qg4 Kf8.

9 b4

10 Nb1 f5!

This is the Hungarians' improvement over 10 ... Ba6, which was seen in the 1987 Brussels blitz game Sosonko-Hubner.

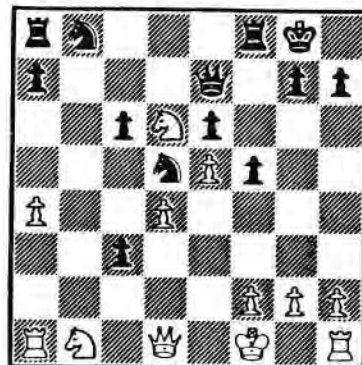
11 Ned2

The alternative is 11 exf6 Nxf6 12 Nxf6+ Bxf6 13 Bxc4 Qxd4 14 Qe2 Qe5, and White has very little for his pawn.

11 c3
12 bxc3 bxc3
13 Nc4 0-0

This is the end of the Lukacs/Hazai analysis. If Black can get in the pawn break c6-c5, he should be well on top.

14 Ba3 Ba6!
15 Bxe7 Qxe7
16 Nd6 Bxf1
17 Kxf1



17 c5!

It is essential to get this in quickly, before White has time to develop his rook from h1 or round-up the pawn on c3.

18 dxc5 Qc7
19 h4

If White tries to hold onto the pawn by 19 Qd4, then Black can indulge himself with flashy lines like 19 ... Nc6 20 Qc4 Nxe5 21 Qe2 Qxc5 22 Qxe5 c2.

19 Qxc5
20 Qe1 Nc6
21 Rh3 c2
22 Nc3 Nf4
23 Re3

If 23 Qe3 Qxe5 24 Qxe5 Nxe5 25 Re3 Ned3 26 Na2 Rfd8 wins. Or 23 Rf3 Nxe5 24 Rxf4 Qxd6 leaves little hope for White.

23 Nxe5
24 Rxe5 Qxd6
25 Nb5

The alternatives are no better.

If 25 Qe3 Qd3+ 26 Kg1 Qxe3 27 Rxe3 Rac8 leaves an easy win. Or 25 g3 Nd3 26 Rxe6 Qc5 (26 ... Rae8 also wins) 27 Qd2 c1=Q+ 28 Rxc1 Nxc1 29 Qxc1 Rac8 30 Re3 f4 wins.

25 Qc6
White resigned

If White tries 26 f3 Nd3, then the threat of promoting the c-pawn is immediately decisive (eg. 27 Nd4 c1=Q or 27 Rxe6 c1=Q). If White leaves g2 en prise, there will be a nasty finish like 26 Qc3 Qxg2+ 27 Ke1 Qg1+ 28 Kd2 Qxf2+ 29 Kc1 Rac8 30 Ne7 Rxc7 31 Qxc7 Nd3 mate.



From the SCCA Major (E), Neil McEwan claims there is life in the neglected Philidor's Defence.

White: B. Goodwin
Black: N.R. McEwan

Philidor's Defence C41

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 d6

This opening has earned a reputation of being very cramped, although this need not be the case.

3 d4 Nf6
4 Nc3 Nbd7
5 Bc4 Be7
6 Ng5

This attack may be a fraction premature. It is probably better to castle first, or exchange pawns.

6 0-0
7 Bxf7+ Rxf7
8 Ne6 Qe8
9 Nxc7 Qd8
10 Nxa8 b5!
11 dxe5

11 Nxb5 Qa5+ 12 Nc3 Nxe4 favours Black.

11 Nxe5
12 Nd5

Kasparov recommends 12 Bf4 (BCD2).

12 Nxd5
13 Qxd5 Qd7
14 0-0

14 Nb6 could be better here as Black's pawn structure becomes even worse.

14 Bb7
15 Qd4 Bxa8
16 f4?

This move attempts to obtain counterplay, but it

opens a hole in White's position.

16 Bd8!
17 Qd1 Bb6+
18 Kh1 Bxe4
19 Qe2

Note that 19 fxe5? is weak. 19 ... Qh3 eg. 20 Qe2 Qxg2+ 21 Qxg2 Rxf1#.

19 Qc6
20 Be3?! Bxe3
21 fxe5

Not 21 Qxe3 Bxg2+ 22 Kg1 Bxf1 23 Rxf1 and when the Black knight moves, Black is a piece ahead.

21 Rxf1+
22 Rxf1 Bc5
23 e6?! d5

Since this pawn was not captured, it is now free to play an active role in Black's attack.

24 c3?

White meekly allows the e6 pawn to be captured. 24 Qg4 was the last chance to save this pawn.

24 Qxe6
25 b4 Bd6

The threat is now 26 ... Qh3.

26 Qf2 h6

To prevent the mating threat.

27 Kg1

27 Qh4 is another option, which makes life more difficult for Black.

27 Qe5
28 g3 Qxc3
29 Qxa7 Bxb4
30 Qb8+ Kh7
0 1

If 31 Qxb5 Bc5+ 32 Rf2 Qe1+ 33 Qf1 Bxf2#. If 31 Qf4 Bc5+ 32 Rf2 Qe1#, or 32 Qf2 Qf3 mating. If 31 Kf2 Qf3+ mating. If 31 h4 Bc5+ 32 Kh2 Qc2+ 33 Kh3 Bg2+ 34 Kg4 Qg6+ 35 Kf4 Qe4#, or 34 Kh2 Bf3+ mating. If 31 Rd1 Bc5+ 32 Kf1 Qf3+ 33 Ke1 Qf2#. If 31 Rf4 Qe1+ 32 Rf1 Bc5#.

Other alternative moves lead to heavy material losses.



Regular contributor David Salter from West Yorkshire comments, "Surely the most patience-testing version of chess is to be found in correspondence play."

Not only do we spend much time in analysis, but also in waiting for the opponent to calculate and the envelope to be delivered. If, after all that, a comfortable game is thrown away by a careless oversight or a winning position merely peters out into a draw, then frustration can creep in.

The following encounter required patient manoeuvre coupled with the hope that a drawish position would offer chances of a win before pieces, time or room ran out...."

SCCA Major (B) 1988/89

White: Frank Hall
Black: David Salter

Caro-Kann B19

1 e4 c6
2 d4 d5
3 Nc3 dxe4
4 Nxe4 Bf5
5 Ng3 Bg6
6 h4 h6
7 Nf3 Nd7
8 h5 Bh7
9 Bd3 Ngf6

Black avoids the theoretical line ... Bxd3.

10 Qe2 e6

11 Bd2 Bd6
12 0-0-0 Bxd3

Now come the exchanges as Black hopes to disrupt White's pawns.

13 Qxd3 Bxg3
14 fxg3 Qc7

Optimistically aiming for the enemy K-side while making way for Q-side castling if appropriate.

15 Bf4 Qa5
16 Kbl Nd5
17 a3

Taking away the b4 square from the central knight.

17 N7f6
18 Ne5 Nxf4

At this stage in the game I feared 18 ... 0-0 19 Bxh6 gxh6 20 c4 perhaps followed by g4, g5. On looking back, the line doesn't seem so bad for Black, albeit draughty.

19 gxf4 Qd5

Even now the prospect of White advancing the K-side pawns in response to ... 0-0 did not appeal, so I let the king be.

20 Qf3 Qe4

21 Rhe1 Qxf3

Finally the queen exchange which I had delayed to see if White would misplace a piece that my Q might exploit.

22 Nxf3 Nxb5

A temporary material gain.

23 f5 0-0-0
24 fxe6 fxe6
25 Rxe6 Nf4
26 Re7

Now both g-pawns could have been taken but the resulting passed h-pawn should not prove difficult to blockade.

26 g5
27 g3 Nd5
28 Re5 Rhf8
29 Rd3 Rd6

This covers h6 and prepares rook doubling.

30 c4 Nf6

Getting in the way of the rooks but heading for squares that give White some problems.

31 Kc2 Ng4
32 Re2 Rdf6

33 Ne5 Rf2

Or even 34 Rxf2 Rxf2+ 35 Kc3 Nxe5 36 dxe5 Re2 37 Kd4 Rxb2 when White could make life difficult for Black by preserving the advanced passed e-pawn.

34 Rdd2 Rxe2
35 Rxe2 Nxe5
36 dxe5 Kc7
37 Kd3 Kd7
38 Kd4 Rf3
39 g4

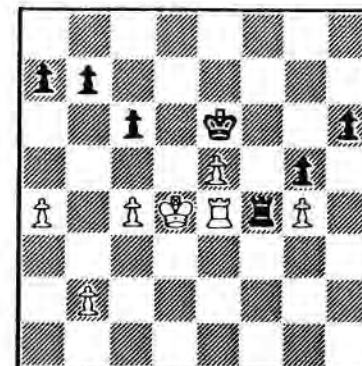
The line 39 Rh2 Rxb2 40 Rxh6 Rg4+ 41 Kc5 also comes to mind. Neither side's passed pawns look safe.

39 Ke6
40 a4?!

40 Rh2 gives White the chance of checks and Q-side pawn captures. The chosen move combined with the following R exchange allows Black to cut down White's responses with decisive results.

40 Rf4+
41 Re4

Even at the cost of the g-pawn, keeping rooks on would give Black the chance to go wrong.



41 c5+!

Not the immediate 41 ... Rxe4 42 Kxe4 c5 43 a5 b6 44 axb6 axb6 45 b3 and Black can only watch as the enemy king comes to d5 or f5, shepherd-ing the e-pawn home or eating up one of the wings to make way for the other pawns.

42 Ke3 Rxe4+
43 Kxd4 a5
44 b3 b6
45 Kf3

The reverse of the situation outlined above.

45 Kxe5
46 Ke3 Kf6
47 Ke4 Kg6
48 Resigns

In view of 48 Kd5 h5
49 gxb5 Kxb5 50 Kc6 g4 and
a new queen to follow.

If 48 Kf3 in an attempt to
stop the g-pawn, White ends
up movebound except for the
b-pawn when axb4, b3, b2
does the trick.



Another stalwart of this
column Tom Johnston still
favours descriptive notation

SCCA Championship 1987/9

White: D.M. Livie
Black: T.G. Johnston

English Opening A22

1 P-QB4 P-K4
2 N-QB3 N-KB3
3 P-KN3 B-N5
4 B-N2 O-O
5 N-B3 N-B3
6 O-O BxN

Main alternatives are R-K1
or P-K5.

7 N-PxB R-K1

After 7 ... P-Q3 8 P-Q3 B-Q2
9 P-K4, I prefer White's
position.

8 P-Q3 P-K5
9 N-N5 PxP

10 PxP P-KR3
11 N-K4 NxN
12 BxN N-K4?

Better is 12 ... P-Q3.

13 Q-R5! P-Q3

Not 13 ... NxBP, because
14 B-Q5 wins.

14 P-B3

The threat was 14 ... B-N5.

14 Q-Q2

Trying to get the queen off
(before a potential
sacrifice by BxKRP) by Q-R6.

15 P-N4

Douglas prefers to keep the
queens on.

15 P-QB3
16 B-B4 Q-K3
14 QR-K1 B-Q2
18 B-N3 Q-B3

White's pieces are well
placed; Black's are in each
other's way.

19 P-B5?!

A better plan is 19 P-KR4
threatening P-KN5.

19 N-N3

20 PxP N-B5
21 Q-QB5 P-KN4
22 Q-N4 P-N3

As a result of White's 19th,
he has won a pawn. I think
Douglas over-estimates his
position and starts to
drift.

23 P-KR4 R-K3
24 PxP PxP
25 B-B5



25 P-B4!

Fixing the backward QP.

26 Q-N2 RxP
27 B-K4 R-Q1

Black's position has
improved since move 18 and
now stands better.

28 Q-R2 QxP
29 BxN PxB

30 QxP B-N4

The pressure on White's QP
is irresistible.

31 Q-N5+ Q-N2
32 Q-B5 RxP
33 BxR BxB
34 R-K8+ RxR
35 QxB

Black is now a pawn up and
although his king is more
exposed, should win with
correct technique.

35 Q-N4!

A very flexible position for
the queen.

36 K-N2 R-Q1
37 Q-K4 R-Q7+
38 K-N3?

Better is R-B2 and if the
rooks come off, try for a
perpetual.

38 Q-Q4

Perhaps White's 38th move
was hoping for 38 ... RxP??
39 Q-K8+ K-N2 40 R-KR1 and
White wins.

39 Q-K8+ K-N2
40 P-QR4 R-Q6

White is slowly running out
of decent moves.

41 Q-K7 P-B5
42 QxRP

Desperation.

42 Q-Q3+!
43 K-N2 R-Q7+
44 R-B2 P-B6
45 Resigns
0 1

Who said a bad plan is better than no plan at all?!



From the Scottish Centenary Cup Final, Jim Copley annotates two of his games.

White: J. Copley
Black: A.G.E. Bird

French Defence C15

1 e4 e6
2 d4 d5
3 Nc3 Bb4
4 Nge2 dxe4
5 Bf4 Nc6
6 a3 Be7?

White's 5th move quickly throws Black off-guard.

7 Nb5! Bd6
8 d5! Bxf4
9 Nxf4 Nb8

Awful but probably the best move.

10 dxe6 Bxe6
11 Nxe6 fxe6
12 Qh5+ Kf8

Not 12 ... g6? 13 Qe5.

13 Qc5+ Kf7
14 Nxc7 Nc6
15 Nxa8 Nf6
16 Rd1 Qxa8
17 Bc4 Re8
18 0-0 Qc8
19 Rd6 a6
20 Rfd1

20 Bxa6 is OK but prolongs the game.

20 g6
21 Rxe6 Rxe6
22 Rd6 Kg7??
23 Rxe6 Resigns
1 0



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White: J. Copley
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Scandinavian B01

(Comments by both players)

1 e4 d5
2 exd5 Qxd5
3 Nc3 Qa5
4 d4 Nf6
5 h3?! Nc6

Tarkatover-Johner 1906 went:
5 ... Bf5 6 Nf3 Nbd7 7 Bd3
e6 8 0-0 c6. This is
considered equal - I don't
agree and would be happy
with White's position. Jim
wasn't aware of this game
and as far as he knew 5 h3
was his own move. (EW).

6 Nf3

I'd hoped for 6 Bb5 Bd7.
(EW).

6 Ne4
7 Bd2 Nxd2

7 ... Nxc3 8 Bxc3 Qd5 looks
interesting. (EW)

8 Qxd2 e6
9 d5 exd5
10 Nxd5 Bd6

10 ... Qxd2+ 11 Nxd2 Bd6
12 Nc4! (EW)

11 Qxa5 Nxa5
12 Nd4?!

Looking for complications,
if 12 ... c6 13 Ne3 and
Black's knight looks silly.
However, 12 0-0-0 was
thought by both players to
be much more sensible!

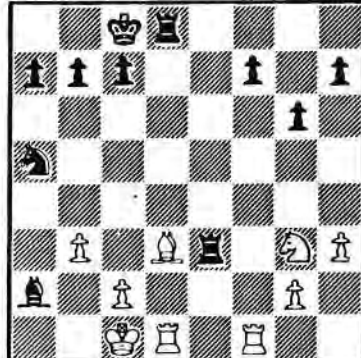
12 Bd7
13 Bd3 0-0-0
14 0-0-0 Bc5
15 Nf5 Be6
16 Nde3 g6
17 Ng3 Bxa2
18 b3 Rhe8!

I thought this move gave me
the advantage; I was rudely
awakened by White's reply
(EW).

19 Rhf1! Bxe3+

If 19 Kb2 Bxb3! 20 cxb3
Bxe3 21 fxe3 Rxe3 winning.

20 fxe3 Rxe3



21 Nf5 Rxd3

Obviously not 21 ... gxf5
22 Bxf5+ winning.

22 Ne7+ Kb8

The only move. (EW)
If 22 ... Kd7 23 Rxd3+ Kxe7
24 Rfel+ wins.

23 Rxd3 Rxd3
24 cxd3

When I'd played by 19th move, I'd envisaged this position giving winning chances after 24 Rxf7, and after 24 ... Rd8 25 Rxh7 and soon picking up the g-pawn with hopes of pushing a K-side pawn to the 8th rank, but just realised Black could play 25 ... c5! preventing back row check-mates and threatening 26 ... c4, with a likely win for Black.

24 Bxb3
Draw agreed.
½ ½

Both players were happy with the half point and felt it too risky to play on for wins.



Just when you thought you were safe from 'chess fiction' comes Gordon Reid from Erskine with 'chess poetry'.

"The game is a lesson, a tale of woe, a soap opera in the space time continuum," says Gordon. Just take 2 Informators 3 times a day until you feel better!

SCCA Major

White: J.S. Cairney
Black: G. Reid

Scotch Game C41

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 d4 exd4
4 Nxd4 Qh4

And the queen said unto the white pawn, "Defend yourself, my love, for I am about to eat you."

5 Nb5

"Please consider your options," squealed the pawn to the queen, "your bishop's pawn is attacked and if you capture me a terrible curse will fall upon you and your family. You are exposed in a sea of troubles and ...".

5 Qxe4+

And the pawn it squealed no more.

6 Be2 Kd8

7 0-0 a6
8 N1c3 Qe8

The queen she snuggled up to her husband and was so happy and contented that she had fulfilled her ambition and swapped places with her husband ... but then from the Heavens came a blinding light and a black cat crossed the courtyard.

It growled.

"Don't worry, it's just a bad dream," said the king, "we will just deploy our forces into the battle and everything will be alright. And we do have an extra soldier, thanks to you, my dear."

9 Nd4 d6
10 Re1 Nge7
11 Bf3 Nxd4
12 Qxd4 Qd7
13 Bg5

The bishop, it looked straight ahead, over the black knight, to the black king. It spoke, "This is an announcement from battle control. It is my sad duty to inform you of a forthcoming Armageddon."

The king said to his wife, "Go get that nasty clergyman".

13 Qf5

But the queen she noticed how alone she was in the battlefield and how fast the white troops were coming at her sweet husband ... how nasty of them.

14 Bxe7+ Bxe7
15 Nd5 Bf6
16 Qc4 Qd7
17 Rad1 h5
18 Nxf6 gxf6
19 Qf4 Qf5

A tear trickled down the black queen's cheek as she sang to her husband, "We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when ..." A tear trickled down the black king's cheek. She was out of tune!

20 Rxd6+!

And the Heavens roared, God appeared, Jesus appeared, Elvis appeared ... and White's kings pawn cruelly captured on move five appeared ... "I told you so," it squealed.

The black king died.

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VI/VII ICCF WORLD CUP

Section 226

(by George Pyrich)

As already reported in Bulletin 24, play began in December 1986 and within 6 months I had scored a win and a loss. Both games appeared with annotations in Bulletin 24, but I provide the game scores here:

G.D. Pyrich - A. Pampa (BRD)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6
4 a3 Bb7 5 Nc3 d5 6 cxd5
Nxd5 7 Qc2 c5 8 e4 Nxc3
9 bxc3 Nd7 10 Bf4 Qc8 11 d5
exd5 12 exd5 Bxd5 13 0-0-0
Qb7 14 Bb5 0-0-0 15 Rxd5
Resigns.

G Krauss (USA)-G D Pyrich

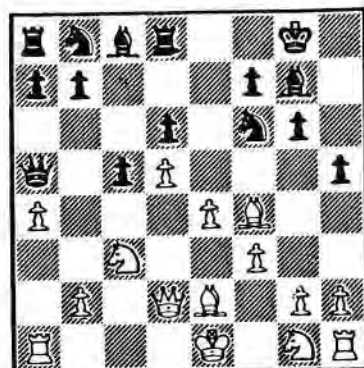
1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6
4 f4 Bg7 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be3 c5
7 Qd2 cxd4 8 Nxd4 Nc6
9 0-0-0 Nxd4 10 Bxd4 Be6
11 Kb1 b5 12 Bxb5 Qa5
13 Bc6 Rab8 14 Nd5 Resigns

Shortly thereafter my score reached 2/3 when my opponent, a former French CC Champion, sadly withdrew due to ill-health when an interesting position had been reached:

G.D. Pyrich - G. Simon (F),

King's Indian E74

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7
4 e4 d6 5 Be2 0-0 6 Bg5 c5
7 d5 h6 8 Be3 e6 9 Qd2 exd5
10 cxd5 h5 11 f3 Qa5 12 Bf4
Rd8 13 a4 Resigns.



White has some advantage - I expected 13...a6 (else 14 Nb5) when I had in mind 14 Nb1!? (rather than Ra3) Qc7 15 Na3 with Nc4 to follow.



Hopes of a high score receded when a favourable position against Detlef Neukirch (DDR) yielded only a draw.

White: George Pyrich
Black: Detlef Neukirch (DDR)

Nimzo-Indian Defence E21

1 d4 Nf6
2 Nf3 e6
3 c4 b6
4 Nc3 Bb4
5 Qb3 c5
6 dxc5 bxc5
7 g3 Nc6
8 Bg2 Ne4!?

Better here is Ba6! with the idea of Na5.

9 0-0 Bxc3
10 bxc3 f5
11 Nd2 Na5
12 Qc2 Nxd2
13 Bxd2

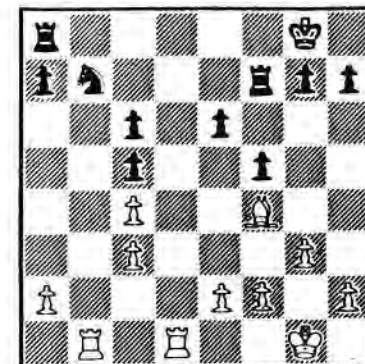
Faithfully following the analysis provided in Informator 39. However, if I ever get this position again, I'll give 13 Bxa8 Ndx4 14 Bg2 a try, e.g. Bb7?! (d5) 15 e4!

13 Bb7
14 Bxb7 Nxb7
15 Bf4 Qc8
16 Qa4 0-0?!
17 Rfd1?

Missing the obvious 17 Rab1 which prevents Qc6 (which Black should have played on the previous move) and

leaves Black in some difficulty.

17 Qc6
18 Qxc6 dxc6
19 Rab1 Rf7



White should have "something" here but I couldn't find it! 20 Bd6 is met by Rd8 whilst either 20 Rb2 or Rd2 runs into Na5! Perhaps 20 a4 (idea hopefully to play a5/a6) Na5 21 Bd6 Nxc4 22 Bxc5 with Rd4/Rdb4 to follow offers excellent chances. The key is to find an "entry" square for the white rooks.

20 Be3 e5
21 f3 Re8
22 Rb2 h6
23 Rdb1 Ree7

24 Kf1?

An unfortunate square for the king. Black now seizes the opportunity to activate his pieces.

24 g5!
25 Rb3 f4
26 gxf4

If 26 Bf2 then e4 looks good - 27 fxe4 fxg3 28 hxg3 Na5 29 Bxc5 Rxe4.

26 exf4
27 Bf2 Na5
28 Rb8+ Kh7
29 Bxc5 Nxc4
30 Bxe7 Nd2+
31 Ke1 Nxb1
32 Rxb1?

Foolishly accepting a conditional sequence when the obvious 32 Bb4 Rd7 33 Rc8 offered good winning chances. Better for Black is 32 (Bb4) c5 33 Ba5 Na3, but after 34 Rc8 Nc4 35 Rc7 (35 Bd8?! Rd7 36 Bf6 Ne3 is a little embarrassing) Kg6 36 Rxf7 Kxf7 37 Bd8, he would still have to defend carefully.

32 Rxe7
33 Rb8 Kg6

34 Rc8

If 34 a4 (idea a5/a6/Rb7) Re5!

34 Re6
35 Rc7 a5
36 Kd2 Rd6+
37 Kc2 Re6
38 Kd3

Draw agreed.

Rather a "cop-out" but after Rd6+ (Re3+!?) 39 Kc4 h5 40 Kc5 Rd2 41 Rxc6+ Kf5 42 c5 g4, White is perhaps pushing his luck.



Meanwhile I had to play carefully to hold the balance in the following game:

White: George Pyrich
Black: Jaromir Urban (CS)

Semi-Slav Defence,
Meran Variation D47

1 d4 d5
2 c4 e6
3 Nc3 c6

A move order favoured by our esteemed Games Editor, amongst others.

4 e3 Nf6
5 Nf3 Nbd7
6 Bd3 dxc4

7 Bxc4 b5
8 Bb3 b4
9 Ne2 Bb7

Varying from the Be7 played simultaneously by Telmo Escobar in the Scotland-Argentina match. That game continued with 10 0-0 0-0 11 Nf4 Bb7 12 Re1 c5 13 Ng5 Bd5 when 14 e4! improved on the 14 Bxd5 credited to Tal in Harding's book on the Semi-Slav. The continuation was 14 (e4) Bxb3 15 Qxb3 cxd4 (e5!?) 16 e5 Nd5 17 Nxd5 (missing 17 Nfxe6 fxe6 18 Nxe6 Nc5 19 Nxc5 Bxc5 20 Bg5! - the move I missed) Bxg5 with an eventual draw.

10 0-0 Bd6
11 Nf4 0-0
12 Ng5 Nd5
13 Ne4 Be7
14 Qe2

Trying to delay Ba6 which White allowed with 14 Nd3 in a game Petrosian-Pomar quoted in Harding's book.

14 Qb6
15 Rd1 Rfd8
16 Ng3 N7f6
17 Nd3 Nc7



Around here I wasn't optimistic about my chances with my main concern being a5 when a4/a3 can't be stopped and when Black has Nb5 and in some lines Nc3.

18 Bd2 Ba6
19 Rac1 Bxd3

White survives after 19 ... c5 20 dxc5 Qb5 21 Bc4 Qxc4 22 Rxc4 Bxc4 23 Bxb4.

20 Qxd3 c5
21 Qc4 Na6
22 dxc5 Bxc5

Nxc5 simply loses the b-pawn for nothing after 23 Bxb4 Nxb3 24 Bxe7 Nxc1 25 Bxd8 Rxd8 26 Qxc1.

23 Be1 Rac8
24 Rxd8+ Rxd8
25 Bd1 Nd7
26 Be2 Nab8
27 Ne4 Be7

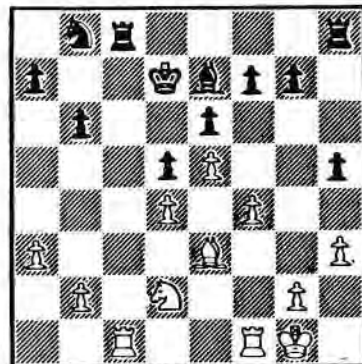
28 Qc7 e5
29 Qxb6 Nxb6
30 g4

30 Rc7 Rd7 is nothing.

30 Rc8
Draw agreed.



My next game to finish, Black against Rudolf Bergner (BRD) began as a dour Caro-Kann, Advance Variation where queens were exchanged at move 8. After 19 moves the following position arose:



My opponent now obligingly played:

20 f5? exf5
21 Rxc8 Rxc8
22 Rxf5 Ke6
23 Rxh5 Rc2
24 b3 Nc6

25 Nf3 Rc3
26 Kf2 Rxb3
27 Rh7 g6
28 a4 a5
29 Bg5?? Rxf3+

and 0-1 after another 15 moves.



Thereafter another full point was registered when I won against Ed Allenby (CA), a sporting opponent who accompanied his moves with entertaining and often amusing letters. Despite a number of serious mistakes by both players, the game was interesting and I reproduce the full score here.

White: George Pyrich
Black: Ed Allenby (CA)

Nimzo-Indian Defence E20

1 d4 e6
2 c4 Nf6
3 Nc3 Bb4
4 Nf3 c5
5 g3 Ne4
6 Qd3 cxd4
7 Nxd4 Qa5
8 Nb3 Nc5?!
9 Nxc5 Bxc5
10 Bg2 Qb6?
11 0-0 0-0

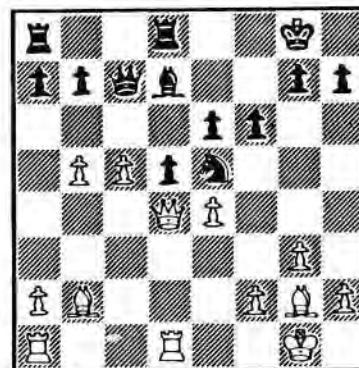
12 Na4 Qc7 (!)

Sporting play as I had foolishly accompanied my 12th with the conditional sequence 12 Na4 Q/any (Qxb2!) 13 Nxc5.

13 Nxc5 Qxc5
14 b4 Qc7
15 c5 Rd8
16 Bb2?

Careless, particularly as I had written 16 Rd1 in my scorebook but deleted it in favour of this. Either 16 Bg5 or 16 Bf4 were also good.

16 d5!
17 Rfd1 Nc6
18 b5 Ne5
19 Qd4 f6
20 e4 Bd7



21 exd5?!

21 a4 must be better. Now Black is able to blockade the pawns and a period of rather aimless manoeuvring follows.

21 Bxb5
22 d6 Qd7
23 Rac1 Bc6
24 Qf4 Bxg2
25 Kxg2 Nc6
26 Qc4 Kh8
27 Rc2 e5
28 Re2 Rac8
29 Qa4 Qf5

Spurning the opportunity to try b6 with Qb7 to follow when the "cheapo" threat Nd4+ surfaces.

30 h3 Qh5
31 f3 Qg6?
32 f4 Qh5
33 g4 Qf7
34 fxe5 fxe5
35 Qb3 Qxb3
36 axb3 Rd7
37 Bxe5 b6
38 cxb6 axb6
39 Rc1 Na7
40 Rxc8+ Nxc8
41 Rc2 Na7
42 Rc7

More by accident than by design, White has a winning position as the king simply marches up the h1-a8 diagonal.

However, my opponent now announced his withdrawal as he wished to concentrate his efforts on the completion of his first novel before embarking on a lengthy foreign trip!



My score then progressed to 5½/8 on completion of my game against V.I. Trustyakov (SU). Playing Black in a rather dull Queen's Indian, the game flickered only briefly into life.



21 d5!? exd5
22 Rxd5

Conditional with his 21st. However, 21 exd5 Qe8 22 Nd4 Qe5 is unclear. Now Black has no problems.

22 Nc5

23 Nd4 Nxd3

23 ... Qxa4 24 Nf5+ would have been foolhardy to say the least.

24 Nxc6 Nb2

24 ... Nc5 25 Ra1 Rae8 didn't offer much.

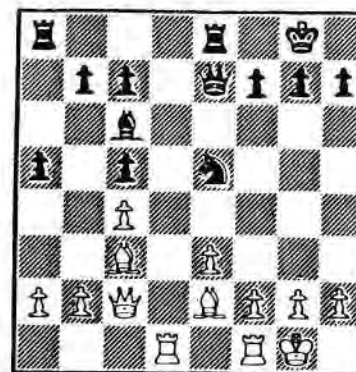
25 Ra1 Nxc4

And ... Rae8 26 Rd4 with 27 Ra2 wouldn't be too clever.

26 Kd3 Ne5+
27 Nxe5 dxe5
28 Rxe5 Rad8+
29 Kc2 Kf6
30 Re4 h5
31 Rd4 Rxd4
Draw agreed



In July 1989, my fifth full point was gained from Walter Kohn (DDR). Playing Black, I tried the Budapest Gambit, reaching the following position after 15 moves:



Faced with the threat of Qg5, my opponent continued:

16 Qf5?

16 Bxe5 Qxe5 17 Bd3 is equal.

16 Ng6
17 Rd2? Nh4
18 Qg4 f5

Overlooked by my opponent?

19 Qg3 Bxg2
20 Rfd1 Bc6
21 h3 f4!
22 Qxf4 Rf8
23 Qg3 Nf5
24 Qh2 Qg5+
25 Kf1 Nxe3+
26 Ke1 Nxd1
27 Rxd1 Rad8

and 0-1 30 moves later.



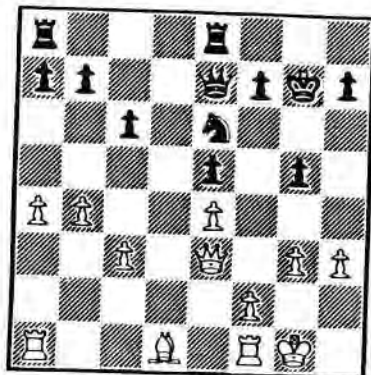
Having scored 6½/9 at the adjudication date (30/9/89), there remained only one game unfinished - Black against the pre-tournament favourite CC IM and World 3/4 Finalist, S.B. Subnitsky (SU). Unfortunately, our game was plagued by postal difficulties and after almost three years, we had played only 25 moves (of which 4 had been conditional). I have submitted what I consider to be a reasonable claim for a draw. I'm not sure about the ethics of providing annotations and analysis for a position due for adjudication and so I'll provide only the game score and offer the comment that Black has little to fear in the final position after 25 ... a5.

White: S.B. Gubnitsky (SU)
Black: George Pyrich

Pirc Defence B08

1 e4 d6
2 d4 Nf6
3 Nc3 g6
4 Be2 Bg7
5 h3 0-0
6 Nf3 c6
7 a4 Nbd7
8 0-0 e5
9 dxe5 dxe5
10 b3 Qa5

11	Qd2	Re8
12	Ba3	Bf8
13	Bxf8	Nxf8
14	Nd5	Qd8
15	Nxf6+	Qxf6
16	Qc3	g5
17	Nh2	Ng6
18	Ng4	Bxg4
19	Bxg4	Nf4
20	Qf3	Kg7
21	g3	Ne6
22	Qe3	Nd4
23	Bd1	Ne6
24	c3	Qe7
25	b4	



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1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6
4 e5 Nfd7 5 f4 c5 6 Nf3 Nc6
7 Be3 Qb6 8 Na4 Qa5 9 c3 cxd4
10 b4 Nxb4

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TT 3/90 BLACKMAR DIEMAR GAMBIT

1 d4 Nf6 2 f3 d5 3 e4 dxe4
Entries close 1.3.90
Start 1.5.90

Thus a likely final score of 7/10 and a probable third place behind Krauss and Gubnitsky, one of whom will gain the sole qualifying place to the next round. For me, the consolation of an enjoyable tournament with some interesting and hard-fought games.

Postscript

Final scores confirmed by Controller:

1.	Neukirch	8½
2.	Gubnitsky	7½
3.=	Pyrich	
	Urban	7
5.	Krauss	6½
6.	Trustjakov	6
7.=	Kohn	
	Pampa	3½
9.	Allenby	2
10.	Bergner	1½
11.	Simon	0

TT 4/90 - SOKOLSKY

1 b4
Entries close 1.4.90
Start 1.6.90

TT 5/90 GRÜNFELD EXCHANGE

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7
4 Nf3 d5 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 e4
Nxc3 7 bxc3 c5 8 Rb1
Entries close 1.6.90
Start 1.8.90.



BITS 'n' PREs



by Ian Marks

One of the features of chess north of the border in the '60s and '70s was the "Scottish System" (a.k.a. the "London System" in Sassenach-speak), basically d4/Nf3/Bf4 (or ... d5/Nf6/Bf5 as Black) against anything. OTB champions Mike Fallone and Gerald Bonner made a living out of it. Others cottoned on. Hugh Holmes pounded Penrose with it in the British at Whitby in 1964. Bonner humbled Hartston at Oxford in 1967...

White: Michael Fallone
Black: Ian Marks

Scottish CC Quartets, Q41,
1974-75

1 d4 g6
2 Bf4

*"Beware the man of one book,"
St. Thomas Aquinas.*

2 Bg7
3 Nf3 Nf6
4 h3 b6

Δ Ba6. The idea is pinched from Hartoch - Smyslov, Amsterdam 1971: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c3 Bg7 4 Bf4 b6 5 Nbd2 Ba6!

5 e3

Rats.

5 0-0
6 c3 Bb7
7 Bc4

The B usually stops on d3. From here it eyes up f7, inviting ... d5, weakening e5 and increasing the scope of the white QB.

7 d6
8 0-0 Nfd7!

The QN is headed for c6.

9 Nbd2 e5
10 Bh2 Kh8
11 h4

Hmmm... Strange. Is White hoping to "threaten" Ng5 after ... f5? Why not Qe2 or Re1 or a4 ...?

11 h6

More useful to Black than h4 is to White.

12 e4?!

Pulls a brick out from under d4.

12 Nc6!

13 dxe5

13 d5 Ne7 gives Black a fantastic KID position. 13 Qb3 Qe7 is also +=, but how about 13 Nb3, bolstering the soft spot?

13 Ncxe5
14 Nxe5 Nxe5
15 Bxe5

White decides to trade the strong N for the dark squares, but 15 Be2 and 16 Nc4 looks a better way of dislodging it. Presumably he wanted to keep tabs on the a2-g8 diagonal.

15 Bxe5
16 f4

16 Nf3? just hangs the e-pawn.

16 Bg7
17 h5!? g5!?



Offering a P to get things going on the dark squares.

"Fate sits on these dark battlements and frowns,"

Ann Radcliffe

18 Qc2

"To choose is to reject, an action painful painful to those greedy for experience,"

Yehudi Menuhin

White rejects 18 fxe5 Qxg5 19 Bxf7 (Rxf7 Qe3+ 20 Kh1 Rxf7 21 Bxf7 Rf8 with compensation) Qe3+ 20 Kh1 Be5 21 Qe1!? with chances to consolidate, since 21 ... Qg5 (Δ Rxf7) is safely met by 22 Nf3. (Sighs of relief from the fans on the Black terracing.) Even the odd-looking 18 f5, to keep lines closed, is worth a thought, although then Black could turn his attention to the e-file.

18 gxf4
19 Rxf4

19 Nf3!? Qd7 Δ Qg4, or ...Qe8 Δ Qc6 and maybe Qc5xh5.

19 Qg5

20 Rf5

More choices. (a) 20 Rxf7 Qe3+ 21 Kh1 Rxf7 22 Bxf7 Rf8 23 Rf1 Ba6 24 Rf3 Qe1+ and (b) 20 Raf1 Be5 21 Rxf7 (Rf5 Qe3+ 22 Kh1 Bc8 23 R5f3 Qg5) Qe3+ 22 Kh1 Rxf7 23 Rxf7 (Bxf7 Bf4) Qe1+ 24 Nf1 Bxe4 25 Qf2 Qxf2 26 Rxf2 d5 are OK for Black.

20 Qe3+
21 Kh1?!

21 Kf1!? may be an idea, to kick the Q with Re1. The lady doesn't exactly have a wealth of squares at her disposal.

"The simple things you see are all complicated,"
Pete Townshend, "Substitute"

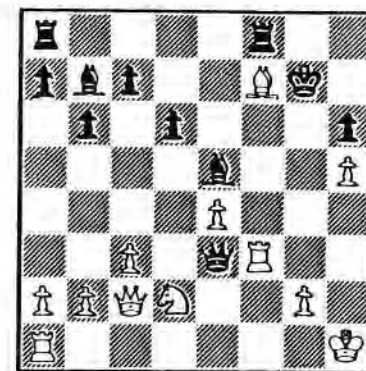
21 Be5
22 Bxf7

Isn't it much more fun to yield to temptation?

22 Kg7
23 Rf3

Yehudi had it sussed:
(a) 23 Raf1 Qg3 24 Nf3 Bc8;
(b) 23 Be6/g6 Rxf5 24 Bxf5

(exf5 Qh3+. Digression: here's Scrimgeour-Marks, OTB Glasgow League 1971.



Here, Alan solemnly played Rxe7, allowing Familiar, huh? End of digression.) Rf8 (Δ Rxf5) 25 Rf1 (Nf1 Qf4 Δ d5 in most lines; Nf3 Bg3, again Δ d5. At least that was my "analysis". The it'll-be-alright-on-the-night approach to tactics) Rxf5!? (Bf4!) 26 Rxf5 Qe1+ 27 Rf1 (Nf1 Qh4+ 28 Kg1 Bxe4 29 Qf2 Qf7) Qh4+ 28 Kg1 Bh2+.

If you've followed THAT, it'll be a relief to get back to the game.

23 Qg5
24 Bg6 Qh4+

25 Rh3

25 Kg1 Qh2+ 26 Kf2 Bg3+
27 Ke3 Qxg2.

25 Qf2

Win by pin?

26 Qd3

No! 26 Rf1?? and 26 Rf3?
are just boobs. 26 g3 (to
give H.R.H. a flight square)
Bxg3 27 Rf1 Qe2 28 Rxf8
Rxf8 29 Rxg3 Rf1+ 30 Rg1
Rf2 -+ is self-immolation.

26 Bf4



27 Rc4

The sneaky 27 Qc4 is met
with the equally sneaky
27 ... d5! BUT can White do a
Houdini with 27 Rd1? e.g.
27 ... Bc8!? 28 Bf5 (Rf3!?)
Bxf5 29 exf5 Bxd2 30 R/Qxd2
Q/Rxf5 =ish! Am I being
extremely objective (the
attack had fizzed), or am I
just playing lumberjacks
(probably)? Or can Black
hack on with 27 ... a5 Δ
Ba6?

27 Ba6
28 Qd5 Qe2

Can't kick the Q: 28 ... c6
29 Qxc6 Rac8 30 Qd7+.

29 Qd4+ Rf6
30 e5

30 Qd5 Bxc4! 31 Qxa8 Be5
32 Rg1 Rf1 -+.

30 Rxg6!
31 hxg6 Qxc4
32 Rf3 Qxd4
33 cxd4 dxe5
34 dxe5 Bxe5
35 Re1 Bd6
36 Re6

Allows Black to get a pair
of Rs off.

36 Rf8

37 Rf7+

Oh alright, do it your way.

37 Rxf7
38 gxf7 Bc4
39 f7-f8=Q+

And despite White being a Q
and exchange up, the game
was adjudicated a win for
Black at this point: 0-1.
After 39 ... Kxf8 40 Rxh6
Bxa2 the Bs and Ps are boss.

A game with plenty of
Uhlmannesque !s and !?s.
Let's leave the last word to
the late, great Tigran P. :

*"The match will be decided by our
calculation, or, as they say, who
is better at doing 'you go there
and I go here'..."*

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USSR CC Champs 1965-66

White: R. Altshuler
Black: M. Zagorovsky

Caro-Kann B18

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4
4	Nxe4	Bf5

Altshuler-de Carbonnel, 5th W. Ch. saw: 4 ... Nf6 5 Nxf6+ gxf6 6 c3 Bf5 7 Ne2 e5?! 8 Ng3 Be6 9 Be3 Qc7 10 Bd3 Nd7 11 0-0 0-0-0; ½-½ (37)

5	Ng3	Bg6
6	Bc4	

A Keres favourite.

The forcing line 6 Nf3 Nd7 7 h4 h6 8 h5 Bh7 9 Bd3 Bxd3 10 Qxd3 followed by Bd2 and 0-0-0 gives good results with no risk to White.

6		e6
7	Nge2	Nf6

The best according to ECO: 7 ... Bd6 8 h4 h6 9 Nf4 Bh7 10 Nfh5! +/-.

8	0-0	Bd6
9	f4	Bf5

A practical solution. 9 ... Qc7 allows 10 f5! (see Keres-Golombek, Moscow 1956), and so does 9 ... Ne4, eg. 10 f5 Bxg3 11 Nxg3 Ng3 12 fxg6 Nxf1 13 gxf7+ Kxf7 14 Qg4 Re8 15 Bh6! ± (Keres again). Another feasible defence is 9 ... Qd7(!), then if 10 f5 exf5, 11 Bd3 Ne4. But Black thereby robs his QN of the natural square d7.

Delving into ECO again, one finds Eolian-Kasparov (USSR 1977) as their example of 9 ... Qd7. After 10 Kh1 h5 11 f5 exf5 12 Nf4 Bxf4 13 Rxf4 h4! 14 Qe1+ Kf8 15 Ne2 h3 =/+,

10	Nxf5	exf5
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11	Ng3	g6
12	Re1+	



16	Kh1	
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Who fancies White now?

16		h5
17	Be3	Ng4
18	dxg5	Bxc5
19	Bxc5	Nxc5
20	Bc2	Ne6

The final assault begins.

21	Rf1	h4
22	Ne2	Ng5!

The winner!

23	Qd3	h3
White resigns		

If 24 g3 Qc6+ etc.

An original attack, with Black not needing to move a rook!

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Too easy. An interesting idea would be 12 Qe1+ Kf8 13 Qc3 threatening d5 and Qb3. Interestingly, ECO stops here quoting our game and blithely rating matters +/-, Well, let's see!

12		Kf8
13	Qf3	Qc7
14	Bd3	c5

After 15 dxc5 Bxc5+, then ... Nc6, White's Q-side majority does not compensate for his impotent minor pieces (Ng3 and Bc1). As played now, he hands the initiative to Black.

15	c3	Nbd7
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INTERNATIONAL REPORT

(by Philip Giulian)

In the last issue of the magazine I mentioned that in future we would publish start and finish lists of SCCA members in Master and Higher Class events. I have received a letter from George Sprott in which he offers to maintain a copy of the moves played. Anyone qualifying for Master or Higher Class can write to George and he will send back the first 20 moves played previously by each opponent. In return, the games played in the event should be sent to George for inclusion in his file. Those who have previously played at this level can also have access to the file on condition that they send the moves from their latest Master or Higher Class tournament. Further details of the scheme can be obtained from George Sprott, Whitecroft, Hazelwood Lane, Hawick, Roxburghshire, TD9 7HG (Tel. 0450-74594). In addition to these individual tournaments, the file will also be available to those playing for Scotland in Olympiads, European Team Championship and North Atlantic Team Tournaments. Clearly the setting up and maintenance of the file will involve a lot of work for George and he deserves our sincerest thanks for his very generous offer.

The Town Teams Tourney seems to be coming to an end with the latest adjudication date being December. However, this date has been put back so many times that nothing can be taken for granted. Glasgow continue to lead and if, as expected, Ken McAlpine and Andrew Muir can convert their advantageous positions, then both will score $\frac{1}{2}$ IM norms. For Ken this will be sufficient to give him the title, while it will be Andrew's first in his first international event. This should also be enough to gain first place for the Glasgow team.

I have written a report on the Olympiad elsewhere in the magazine. There have been no results in the Ladies Olympiad or any of the individual events.

Results:

Men's Olympiad (Scotland 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ /30 = 65%)

Bd 1 D M Bryson 1 v Finland
D M Bryson $\frac{1}{2}$ v Portugal
Bd 2 C A McNab 1 v Argentina
C A McNab 1 v Belgium
Bd 5 P M Giulian $\frac{1}{2}$ v Czechoslovakia
Bd 6 D A Kilgour 1 v Belgium

European (Scotland 8/13 = 62%)

Bd 1 A J Muir 1 v Portugal
Bd 2 A P Borwell $\frac{1}{2}$ v Ireland
A P Borwell $\frac{1}{2}$ v Sweden
Bd 4 D M Jenkins 1 v Ireland
Bd 5 G D Pyrich $\frac{1}{2}$ v Denmark
G D Pyrich $\frac{1}{2}$ v Portugal
G D Pyrich 0 v Austria
G D Pyrich 0 v Sweden
Bd 6 T J Craig $\frac{1}{2}$ v Sweden
Bd 8 B J Martin 1 v Ireland
B J Martin 1 v Sweden
Bd 9 A J Shaw $\frac{1}{2}$ v Austria

Scotland (4 $\frac{1}{2}$) v Italy (15%)

Bd 9 K D Anderson $\frac{1}{2}$ 0

Scotland (15) v Israel (20)

Bd 6 K W C Stewart $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

Scotland (6 $\frac{1}{2}$) v Argentina (3 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Bd 18 J P E Jack 0

Bd T McMorran 1

Scotland (4) v Ukraine (13)

Bd 8 KWC Stewart $\frac{1}{2}$ 0

Bd 14 G R Sprott $\frac{1}{2}$ 0

Scotland (6 $\frac{1}{2}$) v Australia (6 $\frac{1}{2}$)

Bd 7 KWC Stewart $\frac{1}{2}$ 0

Bd 19 J Stallard 0 0

Bd 17 IWS Mitchell 1 1

Scotland (5) v USA (14)

Bd 2 G D Pyrich 0

Bd 7 K W C Stewart 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Bd 3 T J Craig $\frac{1}{2}$

Bd 10 R J P Kynoch 0

Bd 6 J Seyfried 1

Bd 21 D G Parsons $\frac{1}{2}$ 0

OLYMPIAD REPORT

(by Philip Giulian)

Scotland are still well on course to qualify for the next Olympiad Finals, having scored 65% so far. Leading the way is Colin McNab who has achieved the IM norm with two games still to finish. Given Colin's over-the-board strength, many people were expecting a good performance from him but with 5½/7 he has exceeded expectations.

On Board 1, Douglas Bryson has joined Alan Borwell on "plus 2" by winning against Finland. "Plus 2" or 5½/9 (or just over 60%) is the score I feel we each need to make if we are to qualify for the next Final. I have drawn another game, this time against Czechoslovakia. However, this is not just "another draw" because the Czechs are current leaders in the section with 71%. I was a passed pawn up in the ending and most disappointed not to win, especially as this was the third game in which I had failed to convert a clear advantage.

Scotland is currently in second place with 65% behind Czechoslovakia, followed by Hungary 62%, Norway 59% and Portugal 58%. It seems very likely now that the top two places will be fought out by these five countries.

On the four boards mentioned, it seems unlikely that we will improve our position in the remaining games as our probable wins seem to match our probable losses. Much therefore depends on our other two players, Tim Wickens and David Kilgour, particularly in their games against our nearest rivals. Tim has made a bad start with ½/2 but expects to soon record his first victory. In total his remaining games are slightly in his favour and he expects to finish with a small plus score. David Kilgour has won against Belgium and has a number of promising positions in his other games. He also expects to finish with a plus score.

In the following game Colin McNab's opponent decided to take him on in a tactical mêlée. The result was the win which took Colin to his IM norm.

White: C A McNab

Black: B Marcussi (Argentina)

English Opening A29

1	c4	e5	11	Nd2	Nd5
2	Nc3	Nc6	12	Nb3	Nxe3
3	Nf3	Nf6	13	Qxe3	Qd7
4	g3	d5	14	Nc5	Bxc5
5	cxd5	Nxd5	15	Qxc5	Nd4
6	Bg2	Nb6	16	Bxb7	Rab8
7	0-0	Be7	17	Bg2	Rxb2
8	d3	0-0	18	e3	Nc2
9	Be3	Be6	19	Nd1	Qb5
10	Qc1	f6	20	Qc3	Rb1
			21	a4	Qb3
			22	Rxb1	Qxb1
			23	Nb2	Qa2
			24	Qxc2	Rb8
			25	Qc6	Resigns

ICCF INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

(by Alan Borwell)

Members of the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association are eligible to compete in ICCF promotion tournaments, which are structured to encourage participation by C.C. players of all standards. You can choose between World or European-only sections ranging upwards from third class, second class to first class. Higher Class and Master Class events require evidence of C.C. playing strength with entries.

Tournaments are organised in 7 or 15 player sections, except World III Class which is 7-player only. They begin as soon (in theory) as entries have been received from seven different countries. Sometimes, in practice, there are two players from the same country, particularly from USSR or DDR. After you have selected a Class, you need to win a Section to be promoted and to score more than one-third of the points to avoid relegation!

The entry fee of £3.50 (for 7-player groups) or £4.50 (for 15-player groups) should be made payable to BPCF and sent to Mr. Michael Anderson, 3 Winterfield Gardens, Duns, Berwickshire, TD11 3EZ.

C C OLYMPIAD XI PRELIMINARIES

(Section 2)

1	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	8 1/2 / 12	71 %	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	A LANC	MIN	2430		1	1/2				1/2			
2	J AMBROZ		-			1/2			1			1	
3	M WEINER	IN	2435									1/2	
4	R MACHALA		2380			1			1/2		1/2		
5	J KOLIN		2335					1				1/2	
6	P MISOVSKY		2480										

2	BELGIUM	10 / 23	43 %	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	A VAN OSMARL	MIN	2530	0					1/2	0		1/2	
2	J ROOSE		2330			1/2				0	1/2	0	
3	B VAN LEEUWEN		2140			1		1	1/2	1	1	0	
4	D WEYNS		-								1/2		
5	V LEROY		2265					0	1/2	1	0	1/2	
6	H VERN		-						1		0	0	

3	SINGAPORE	7 1/2 / 31	24 %	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	H F GLASER		2380	1/2					1/2		1/2	0	
2	A CHIA		-	1/2	1/2		0	1/2				0	0
3	K-S TEO		-		0			0	0	0	1/2	0	
4	C-V LEONG		-	0			1/2	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	
5	M-Y WONG		-					0	1/2			0	
6	B TEO		-						0	1	0		0

4	ARGENTINA	2 / 6	33 %	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	J S MORGADO	GN	2475										1/2
2	B MARCUSSI	IN	2470			1						0	
3	P BUJ	IN	2445							0			
4	R A REDOLFI	IN	2385			1/2							
5	A LAURENCEWA		2405								0		
6	C G PAPIER	IN	2315										

5	PORTUGAL	14 / 24	58 %	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	F SILVA	MIN	2280						1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	
2	R SILVA PEREIRA	MIN	-			1/2			1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	
3	H NETO	MIN	-		0	1						0	1
4	J D DE SOUSA		-			1				1	1/2		
5	A OLIVEIRA	MIN	-		1	1			1	1/2	1/2	1/2	
6	C QUARESMA		-						0				

6	FINLAND	11 / 26	42 %	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	T PERMAN	MIN	2355		1/2	1/2		1/2				0	
2	H SABEL		2395	0				1/2			1/2	0	0
3	K TANNI		-			1				1/2	1/2		
4	S SJÖMAN		2420	1/2		1				1/2	0		
5	K KAUNONEN	IN	2465	0	1/2	1/2		0			1/2	1/2	
6	R VIKMAN	IN	2405		0	1		1					1/2

7	BRAZIL	10 / 22	45 %	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	G FRAGA PORTILHO		2355	1/2	1			1/2				0	
2	S HONCE DE CRESCER		-		1			1/2					
3	M SILOS BIAVA	MIN	2440		1/2	1	1		1/2		1/2	0	1/2
4	A PACINI	MIN	2360			0		0	1/2		1/2		
5	O ALCANTARA SOARES		2350		0			1/2			1/2	1/2	
6	P A QUENEZ BRIO		-			0							

8	NORWAY	16 1/2 / 28	59 %	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	T STRAND	MIN	2370			1/2		1/2				1/2	
2	K V STRAND	IN	2445		1/2	1		1/2	1/2			0	
3	F LARSEN		2325		0	1/2			1/2	1/2		1/2	
4	P STIGAR		-	1/2	1/2	1/2		1/2	1	1/2		1	1/2
5	Ø HJERTENES		-		1		1		1/2	1/2		1/2	
6	Ø BREKKE		-		1	1							

9	SCOTLAND	19 1/2 / 30	65 %	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	D M BRYSON	GN	2565		1/2	1		1/2	1		1/2		
2	C A McNAB (FIDE)	IN (2435)		0	1	1	1	1/2	1		1		
3	A J MORRIS / R.P. BOWELL			1/2	0	1		1		1	1/2		1/2
4	T S VICKENS	MIN	2470			1/2					0		
5	P M GIULIAN		2370	1/2	1/2	1		1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2		1/2
6	A KILGOUR		2365		1								

10	HUNGARY	7 1/2 / 12	62 %	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	S BRILLA-BANFALVI	GN	2545				1/2						
2	J FÖLDI	IN	2450			1			1				
3	F FABRI		2550		1			0		1/2		1/2	
4	I MÜLLNER		2345								1/2		
5	T FLORIAN		2415					1/2				1/2	
6	I FODOR	MIN	2195			1			1/2				

IV EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARIES

BOARD 1 - A J MUIR

De Bu Sc Po Sw CS Sp Ir Au

Den	Sorensen, B	2575	•			o							
Bul	Kostadinov, K	2445		•									
Sco	Muir, A J	(2225)F			•	1						1	
Por	Ferreira, A M A	(2300)F			o	•							
Swe	Carlsson, I	2455	1				•						
CS	Bulla, Dr J	2435						•					
Spa	Lanz Calavia, J M	2355 M							•				
Ire	Ludgate, A T	2465								•			
Aus	Fleischhanderl, F	2470			o							•	

BOARD 2 - A P BORWELL

De Bu Sc Po Sw CS Sp Ir Au

Den	Christensen, B	2555	•		1/2	1/2							
Bul	Metchkarov, V	2200		•									
Sco	Borwell, A P	2280	1/2		•						1/2		
Por	Costa, F V L S	2200	1/2			•	o						
Swe	Lundholm, Dr S G	2450 M				1	•					1/2	
CS	Krecmer, Ing M	2440						•				o	
Spa	Garriga Nualart, J	2570 M							•				
Ire	Harding, T D	2270			1/2					•		1/2	
Aus	Teichmeister, Dr S	2395					1/2	1		1/2	•		

BOARD 3 - S R GILLAM

De Bu Sc Po Sw CS Sp Ir Au

Den	Lassen, H J	2495	•										
Bul	Petrov, V	(2270)F		•									
Sco	Gillam, S R	2395			•								
Por	Quaresma, L M T	2200				•						1	
Swe	Gustafsson, G	2405					•						
CS	Kolin, J	2340						•					
Spa	Padros Simon, A	2340							•				
Ire	Gibson, J F	2395								•			
Aus	Aigmüller, Ing M	2360				o						•	

BOARD 4 - D M JENKINS

De Bu Sc Po Sw CS Sp Ir Au

Den	Sorensen, T	2450	•				1/2					1/2	
Bul	Sergiew, S	2310		•									
Sco	Jenkins, D M	2385			•							1	
Por	Castro, F A P S	2200				•							
Swe	Enterfeldt, L	2385	1/2				•					1	
CS	Machala, Dr R	2395						•					
Spa	Paredes Prats, J	2370							•				
Ire	Griffin, J	2200			o						•		
Aus	Hipfl, V	2350	1/2				o					•	

BOARD 5 - G D PYRICH

De Bu Sc Po Sw CS Sp Ir Au

Den	Jensen, IB V N	2440	•		1/2			1	1				1
Bul	Kostakiev, D	2200		•									
Sco	Pyrich, G D	2205	1/2		•	1/2	o					o	
Por	Cordiero, V L	2200			1/2	•							
Swe	Becker, J	2390	o		1		•						
CS	Marecek, Ing M	2340	o					•					
Spa	Bonay Toscas, S	2375							•				
Ire	Montgomery, R	2345								•			
Aus	Wenger, Dr K	2200	o		1						•		

BOARD 6 - T J CRAIG

De Bu Sc Po Sw CS Sp Ir Au

Den	Vefling, G	2430	•										
Bul	Parvanov, L	2300		•									
Sco	Craig, T J	2290			•			1/2					
Por	Palhares, P M B	2200				•							
Swe	Nilsson, J	2200					1/2	•					
CS	Novotny, Ing J	2415							•				
Spa	Ivanez Rico, F	2420								•			
Ire	Brady, L E	2265									•	1/2	
Aus	Koller, H	2200										1/2	•

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BOARD 7 D H DEMPSTER

			De	Bu	Sc	Po	Sw	CS	Sp	Ir	Au	
Den	Sogaard, O	2440	•								1/2	
Bul	Kossatschki, V	2270		•								
Sco	Dempster, D H	2135			•							
Por	Demetrio, A E R	2200				•						
Swe	Friberg, H	(2265)F					•					
CS	Rosenzweig, V	2365						•				
Spa	Montecatine Rios, R	2390							•			
Ire	Thomson, A	2200								•		
Aus	Strauss, Prof A	2200	1/2								•	

BOARD 8 - B J MARTIN

			De	Bu	Sc	Po	Sw	CS	Sp	Ir	Au	
Den	Berggreen, A J	2400 M	•									
Bul	Minkov, I	2200		•								
Sco	Martin, B.J.	2290			•		1			1		
Por	Flores, J M S	2200				•						
Swe	Erlandsson, C-E	2310			o		•					
CS	Lizan, Ing L	2380						•				
Spa	Bernal Caamano, J	2200							•			
Ire	Killane, J	2200			o					•		
Aus	Steinwender, W	2200									•	

BOARD 9 - A J SHAW

			De	Bu	Sc	Po	Sw	CS	Sp	Ir	Au	
Den	Nielsen, M	2395	•				o		1/2	1	o	
Bul	Atanasov, B P	2425		•								
Sco	Shaw, A J	2200			•						1/2	
Por	Morais, V M	2200				•				1		
Swe	Rydholm, L	2215	1				•					
CS	Stodola, J	2200						•				
Spa	Casares Ripoll, F	2200	1/2						•			
Ire	Gallacher, B	2200	o			o				•		
Aus	Roth, P	2300	1		1/2						•	

BOARD 10 G W G LIVIE

			De	Bu	Sc	Po	Sw	CS	Sp	Ir	Au	
Den	Petersen, S	2345	•									
Bul	Tschankov, T	2200		•								
Sco	Livie, G W G	2200			•							
Por	Costa, L M C M	2200				•						
Swe	Sejer, G	2295					•					
CS	Hadraba, Ing V	2420						•				
Spa	Gude Fernandez, A	2420							•			
Ire	Humphrys, F J	2200								•		
Aus	Vodep, O	2280									•	

BOARD 11 - J SEYFRIED

			De	Bu	Sc	Po	Sw	CS	Sp	Ir	Au	
Den	Kleiminger, P	2200	•				o					
Bul	Tenev, T	2200		•								
Sco	Seyfried, J	2200			•							
Por	Pinto, N M F B	2200				•						
Swe	All, W	2400	1				•					
CS	Necesy, Z	2320						•				
Spa	Gil Matilla, C	2200							•			
Ire	Shaw, J	2200								•		
Aus	Tarnowiecky, Dr H	2340									•	

BOARD 12 - G R SPROTT

			De	Bu	Sc	Po	Sw	CS	Sp	Ir	Au	
Den	Danstrup, N	2535	•									
Bul	Mintchev, V	(2230)F		•		1						
Sco	Sprott, G R	2200			•							
Por	Fonseca, A V V	2200		o		•						
Swe	Olsson, S	2200					•				1	
CS	Malac, M	2200						•				
Spa	Guillen Marco, J	2200							•			
Ire	Shouldice, A	2200								•		
Aus	Urban, Prof F	2290					o				•	

READERS' LETTERS

The following is an extract from a letter from Mr. F. Andres, Kilmaurs. His letter deals mainly with ways we could increase membership numbers.

"What is the difference between a chess player and a person who plays chess? They speak different languages.

To attract new members they should be drawn, not only and not necessarily from chess players, but mainly from people who play chess and are ready to make the transition to become chess players.

While there are a number of chess players, the number of people who play chess is a wealth of untapped resources. The world of a chess player with its "notations", "en passants" and "openings" makes people who play chess feel that you need to be real good to participate in games other than the neighbour or the workmate.

A working man with real potential in chess who comes across any of the following: Bh4 or KB-KN3 or 1715 or 0-0-0 on a piece of paper, what can it mean to him? So a friend says to him "those are chess notations and denote moves". Will it mean any more to this person or rather would it not make him think that he better give up because he'd never get as good as "that" even if "that" is pushing a pawn to block another.

How then to tap that wealth of chess players who unknown to themselves are good enough to take part in games and competitions, thus enriching themselves, others and the treasury?

But we are talking big now, as there are many areas to cover.

- (1) New approach to the basis of chess correspondence to include explanations of all notations and basic unorthodox moves such as "en passant", "castling" for beginners.
- (2) A brand new competition on the basis of the Majors for all ungraded newcomers for a soft introduction. This competition would have a high number of drop outs, silent withdrawals and faltering first steps and the Controller would be a busy man.

Winners of groups (or 1st and 2nd) qualify for the Major on the second year, the rest for the start of the following year's intake. Thus better players get seeded and can enter into the grading world. The drop-outs and withdrawals would make a treasury profit on membership fees.

- (3) As I explained in my first letter a "Beginner's Corner" explaining sacrifices theories, opening ideas, what are the three parts of the game, a particular piece treated in some detail. These articles can rotate so every year different "beginners" get the same basic instruction.

Where are these people to come from? It would be very costly to reach them all. Of course, but there are certain areas where they are waiting for us. ie. A friend of mine graded 1410, deaf and dumb.

How many handicapped people who play chess in homes and hospitals up and down the country would be happy to join? An initial poster to these places inviting contact would maybe start something?

How many people learn to play chess in jail? How many of them may be long-term prisoners, lifers, wanting other things to do, maybe even that social contact would help them to rehabilitate.

Hospitals and old folks homes: how many people are there who are bright mentally and are in those places only due to physical weakness?

Highlands and Islands - small communities with two or three centres of meeting - the Community Centre, the Church, the pub.

Among all those people there are chess players, and among them there are correspondence chess players potential, and among them there are potential good players, and they don't know that we exist any more than we do that they exist."

[The membership questionnaires provided many interesting ideas and suggestions and we are particularly grateful to Mr. Andres for those contained in his letter. It is the intention of the Executive Committee to fully consider all possibilities for increasing membership and widening the appeal of our Association - Editor]

continued ..

The following letter has been received from Andrew Muir from Dumbarton.

"Now that titles in correspondence chess will be based on ICCF grades, isn't it time to look at the number of games required to get an ICCF grade and the number of games required to achieve a title?

I believe one needs 20 games to get a provisional grade and 30 games to get an official ICCF grade. However, the IM title can be achieved in 16 games! (This could happen in preliminaries of European Team Championship or Olympiad if teams were split into sections of 9). The GM title can be achieved in 15 games (a 16 all-play-all tournament).

This can lead to anomalies where IMs or GMs for rating purposes have to be included at a nominal rating of 2200 when they are stronger than that.

The best method of solving this problem would be to reduce the number of games required for an official ICCF grade to 15.

If this would lead to too many extra players appearing on the grading list, then I would suggest the following automatic grades for players without ICCF grades:

½ IM	2300
IM	2350
GM	2400

These grades would then apply in categorising a tournament for norm purposes until a player achieves his ICCF grade."

[This suggestion would certainly seem more logical than the current arrangements. However, it was envisaged on the introduction of ICCF ratings that some refinements would be necessary and Andrew Muir's ideas have been forwarded to the ICCF Rating Commissioner for his consideration and comment. I will publish his reply in the next edition of our magazine - Editor]

ICCF

International postal chess is great fun. Make new friends and enjoy less hectic games! All standards of player are catered for in ICCF class events both European and Worldwide.

For details, see page 61.

WINNING CONTINUATIONS from page 12

SOLUTIONS

- A 1... Bb2 2 Bf3 b4!
0-1, very fine.
Wagner - Nikitin, XIII
USSR Chp.
- B 1 ... h5 2 Rg1 (forced)
Qf7!! 0-1
Diaz-Salcedo, CC 1985.
- C 1 ... Qxh2+! 2 Kxh2 Bxe5
0-1.
Van Houten-H. Nagel, CC
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- D 1 ... Rxd4! 2 Kxd4 Qg2+
0-1. Because 3 Qg3 f5+
4 Kf4 Qe4 mate or 3 Kf4
e5+ 4 Qxe5 Qh2+ etc.
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- E 1 ... Rxd2+! 2 Kxd2
Nxb4+ 3 Qxb4 Qxb4 and
wins 0-1.
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- F 1 ... Bxf2 2 b5 (Kxf2
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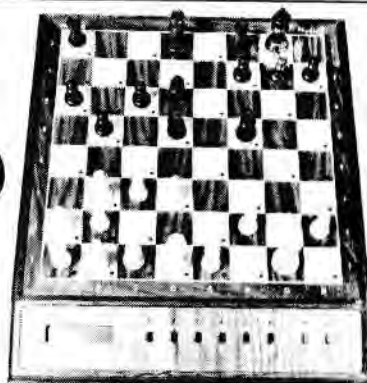
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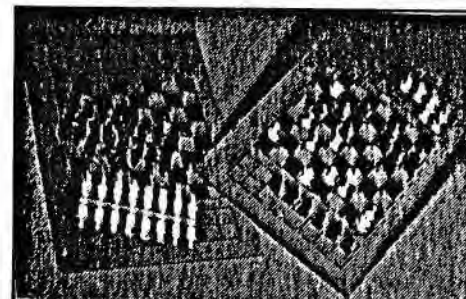
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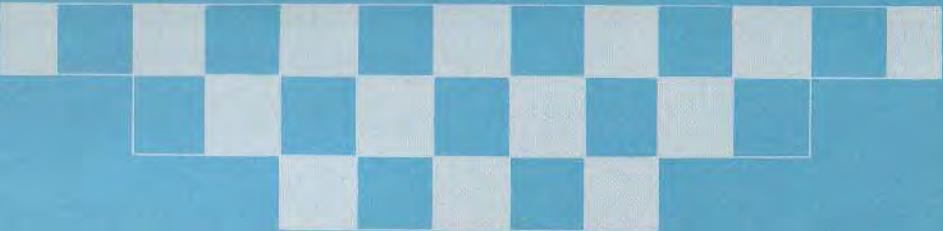
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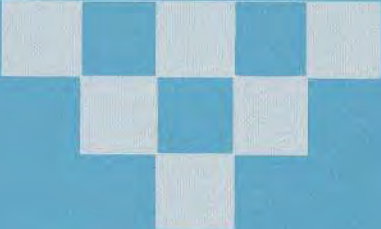
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