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The 1991 Ballarat Chess Championship has been decided with last year's champion, Peter Miitel, defeating Cameron Gibbs in the third game of their play-off series. The first two games were drawn.

The two players finished equal first with 12 points out of 14 games after the completion of the tournament played during the year. Patrick Cook finished third for the third successive year with 11.5.

Patrick Cook won the B grade title, with John Baynham second.

Meanwhile, the 1991 Ballarat Summer Championship is under way with 14 players competing. These are the results of the first two rounds — Round one: W. Dekker-N. Hammond 1-0; W. Perry-A. Burrows 0-1; S. Stewart-P. Cook 0-1; J. Males-B. van Riel 0-1; G. Males-M. O'Brien 1-0; P. Miitel-S. Eckel 1-0.

Round two: B. van Riel-P. Miitel 1-0; C. Gibbs-G. Males 1-0; P. Cook-W. Dekker 1-0; A. Gibbs-S. Stewart 1-0; S. Eckel-J. Males 0-1; M.

O'Brien-W. Perry 1-0; N. Hammond-A. Gibbs 0-1 (catch-up game).

Two weeks ago a lightning tournament was held. The event was won by Victorian Chess Association president, Gary Was-tell, with 6/7.

In international news, world champion Gary Kasparov, who has been inactive for several months,

demonstrated that he has lost none of his dominance by winning the Interpolis tournament in Tilburg, The Netherlands. It was rated the strongest tournament in chess history.

Final results: Kasparov (USSR) 10-14; Short (Eng) 8½; Anand (India) 8; Karpov (USSR) 7½; Kamsky (USA) 7; Timman (Neth) 6½;



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In local chess news the results of the Ballarat summer championship of rounds 3 and 4 are as follows:

Round 3: A. Gibbs-P. Cook $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$; G. Males-W. Dekker 1-0; P. Miitel-C. Gibbs 0-1; S. Stewart-M. O'Brien 0-1; W. Perry-S. Eckel 1-0; C. Gibbs-B. van Riel 0-1 (catch-up game).

Round 4: B. van Riel-A. Gibbs 1-0; P. Cook-G. Males 1-0; M. O'Brien-C. Gibbs 0-1; W. Dekker-P. Miitel 0-1; A. Burrows-J. Males 1-0; W. Perry-D. Butt 0-1; S. Eckel-S. Stewart 0-1.

Leading scores with two rounds to play: B. van Riel 4/4; P. Cook $3\frac{1}{2}$; C. Gibbs 3.

We would like to invite comments and suggestions for future columns from readers. With this feedback we hope we will be able to cater for the widest possible public, from the beginner to the more advanced chessplayer.

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she had as much talent for the international as for the Chinese version.

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And that is just what she has recently done.

But whether she is stronger than the Polgars still remains to be seen, as the Hungarian girls have never played for the women's world championships.

For the Ballarat summer chess championship, the 5th and penultimate round was played with the following results:

Round 5: C. Gibbs-A. Gibbs 1-0; G. Males-A. Burrows 1/2-1/2, P. Cook-B. van Riel 1/2-1/2; P. Mittel-M. O'Brien 1-0; S. Stewart-W. Perry 1-0.

With one more round to go, the placings at the top are: 1 B. van Riel 4 1/2/5:2 and 3 C. Gibbs, P. Cook 4; 4. P. Mittel 3 points.

Gibbs vs P. Cook and B. van Riel vs G. Males in the last round will be the deciders for the tournament.

Try to find someone who claims to be no good at chess. Bet him he can solve this one no matter how hard he doesn't try. White (to move first) will give checkmate in 6 moves.

The Australian 1991-92 chess championship will be held in Melbourne (Radisson President Hotel, St. Kilda Rd) from December 28 till January 10.

Most of the top Australian chess players will participate in the champions group. Others (everyone is eligible) will be placed in the reserve group.

Some of the Ballarat players will enter for the reserves, while Ballarat's Gordon Males was appointed as the assistant tournament director.

Further inquiries: Gary Becker, phone (03) 808-9580.

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Ballarat wins opening round

The 1992 interclub competition (Country Victoria zone) has begun with a good 3-1 win by the Ballarat A team against Colac.

The favourite Geelong players convincingly beat Bendigo, which was weakened by the absence of their topboard P. Frost, also with 3-1. Ballarat B had a bye.

The winning team of this round robin tournament, to be played over the next few weeks, will go to the finals against the Melbourne clubs.

Detailed results of the first round — Ballarat A d Colac (3-1). Board 1: B. van Riel-I. Osmond 1-0; 2: K. Perrin-A. Robertson 0-1; 3: P. Cook-D. Cobbledick 1-0; 4: D. Lumsdon-D. Lorricco 12-0.

Geelong-Bendigo (3-1). Board 1: A. Anderson-A. Davies 1-0; 2: I. Boasman-L. Healey 1-0; 3: O. Courtis-J. Olle 0-1; 4: S. Sijercic-D. Schepisi 1-0.

It is common practice that after a chess game is finished both players will spend some time analysing the game and discussing alternative moves which were rejected or overlooked for some reason. Often they will discover that good chances were missed, or that mistakes were made.

I would like to explain some of the mistakes of a local chess player, myself, when I recently took part in the Reserve Group of the Australian Championships.



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drawing chances because of the bishops of opposite colours. 20...Qb6; 21.Nfd4, Ba6; I suddenly realised here that I was in real trouble, unless I could find something special: if black manages to develop his queenside then his powerful pair of bishops could prove too strong for white in the end.

22.Ba5, Qc5; 23.Qxc5?... Done in desperation, disappointed that I had been unable to advance further, a better position, and

(white)-B van Riel
(black).

It is clear that black has material advantage, but he still has to be careful, in view of white's nasty bishop on a3, and the pending loss of pawn b7, which would make the queen-ing of one of white's pawns a distinct possibility. Hence, black's decision to eliminate white's bishop.

24...Rxa3;
25.Rxa3, Nxe5;
26.Nxb7, Rb8; 27.a6, Nc4? Not having much time left on my clock, I panicked slightly. 28.Rc8, b6; 29.axb6, a7; 30.Ra8 and 31.Nc6 would have made the win easier for black. 28.Rc4, Rc8; 29.Na5, Nb6; yet I was relieved after this, convinced that I had now sufficiently stabilised the queenside.

30.Rxc8, Nxc8;

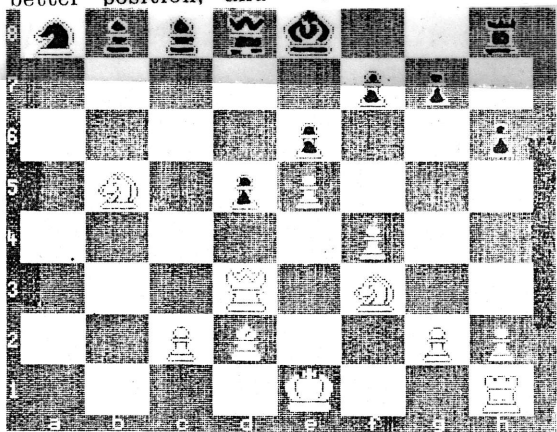


Diagram 1

that I was unable to prevent black's castling. After 23.Qb3, Bxb5; 24.Nxb5, 0-0; it is white to cannot castle. But after the game Kagan told me the beautiful solution 23.Bb4!, Qc4; 24.Bf8!!..., threatening checkmate on e7. 24...Kxf8; 25.Qxa6... and white's combined

31.Nc6+, Kd7; 32.Nxa7!? Having only three minutes left for my last eight moves, I panicked again, not realising that there was no reason to do so (in hindsight of course!)

32...Nxa7; even 32...Nb6 should have been sufficient for a

Beforehand, I had prepared myself well and I felt confident of being able to achieve a good result.

But I was still not sure about my main weakness, "chess blindness" — making silly and unexplainable blunders, often in better or winning positions.

The following somewhat unusual position occurred after the 17th move by black (diagram 1): B. van Riel (white)-M. Kagan (black). I realised that my (white's) development was superior and that I could prevent black's castling by the following move. But believing of one's better position is one thing, finding the winning sequence is another, and I had great trouble with the latter.

18.Qa3,Nb6;19.Qc5... After 19.0.0 or 19.Ba5 black could strongly play 19...Nc4. 19...Nd7;20.Qa3... I couldn't come up with anything better, than going back. 20.Nd6+, Bxd6 etc. would have given easy

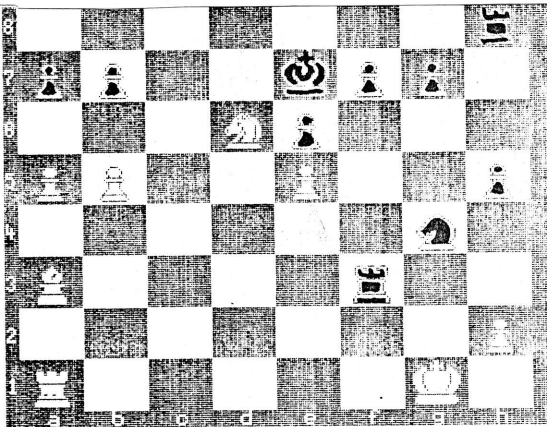


Diagram 2

threats of Nc6 and Qc8 are deadly. Also 23..Qb6; 24.Qc3..would severely restrict black's movements.

It is amazing how quickly white is going to lose the game after his missed chances. 23...Nxc5; 24.Bb4,Nc4; 25.0-0,Kd7; 26.Ral,Bb7; 27.Kf1,f6!; 28.exf6,gxf6; 29.g3,Rc8; 30.Ke1?,e5; 31.fxe5,fxe5;

32.Nf5,Rxc2; 33.Ra3,Rxh2 and black resigned.

During the next round I built up a winning position. In time; the following position (see diagram 2) was reached: S. London

win, although slightly more problematical. 33.b6,Nc6??; a terrible blunder, executed in haste. I must admit that this move has subsequently caused me a few sleepless nights; from a winning position the game was now suddenly lost. I should have played instead 33...Nc8; 34.b7,Kc7!; and the end game is easily won by black due to his three plus-pawns. Or 34.a7,Nxb6; etc. 34.a7... of course, white's a-pawn can't be stopped from queen-ing. I resigned, with many mixed feelings!

- trouble

Ballarat chess teams clash

In the second round of the Interclub/city competition (Country Victoria zone) the two Ballarat chess teams were drawn against each other.

After a closely contested match the Ballarat-A team managed to defeat the B-team with 2½-1½. Geelong beat Colac with 4-0, whereas Bendigo had a bye.

On board 1, P. Miitel (A team) played a dubious opening against G. Males (B), but the resulting complications were poorly resolved by the latter and compounded by a serious mistake.

Also on board 2, the game proceeded favourably for the A-side, when B. van Riel sacrificed a pawn in exchange for strong tactical and attacking chances. After an error, his opponent G. Gibbs was forced to lose material and he had to resign.

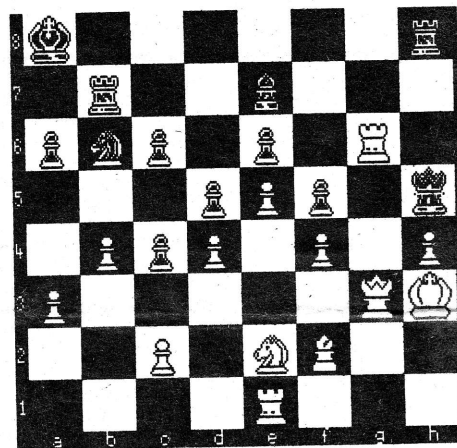
P. Cook (A), on board 3, appeared set to win decisive material when A. Gibbs found a very innovative defence, which soon resulted in a draw.

The longest and most balanced game of the match took place on board 4 between D.



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Lumsdon (A) and W. Dekker (B). Under time pressure by both players, Dekker found the following nice combination deciding the game in his favour:

White: D. Lumsdon; black: W. Dekker.

Black to move.

1..Bxh4! 2. Qxh4... (2. Rg8+, R7b8; 3. Rxb8, Kxb8; would not have made any difference) 2.., Qf3+; 4. Bg3, Rxh4+; 5. Kxh4, Rh7; 6. Kg5, Qh5+; 7. Kf6, Nd7 checkmate! (Diagram).

The annual 26th Begonia Open Chess tournament will be

held in Ballarat, during the long weekend of March 7-9.

Coinciding with the Begonia Festival, it is not only one of the most popular recurring Australian chess events, but also the most prestigious.

Many of Australia's top players are expected to participate.

The venue is the Auditorium of the School of Mines, Lydiard St South and the first round will start on Saturday at 1.30 pm. For entries and further information contact Mr K. Perrin. Ph 39 3302 (ah) or 31 3711.

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Top Aussie player wins Begonia title

The annual Begonia Chess Championship, held in Ballarat as part of the Begonia Festival, was won by Australia's only grandmaster, Ian Rogers.

After beating England's grandmaster, Tony Miles, in the last round, he scored a total of 6½ points from his 7 games.

Eighty-four players, including a few overseas visitors and 12 Ballarat people, competed for top honours, and the attractive money prizes in the various categories.

Robert Jamieson, from Melbourne, finished in second place, conceding only a loss to Miles.

Five players tied for third place: Miles (England), Wohlfart (Austria), Delion, Johansen (both Melbourne) and the surprise of the tournament, Peter Dewar, of Ballarat, with 5½ points each.

Seeded only as number 48 for the tournament, P. Dewar managed to score many of his points against higher rated players, including a fine win against the no.9-placed D. Hacche.



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Other Ballarat players winning prizes were C. Gibbs (second place in Group C), W. Dekker and A. Burrows, who shared first place in Group D).

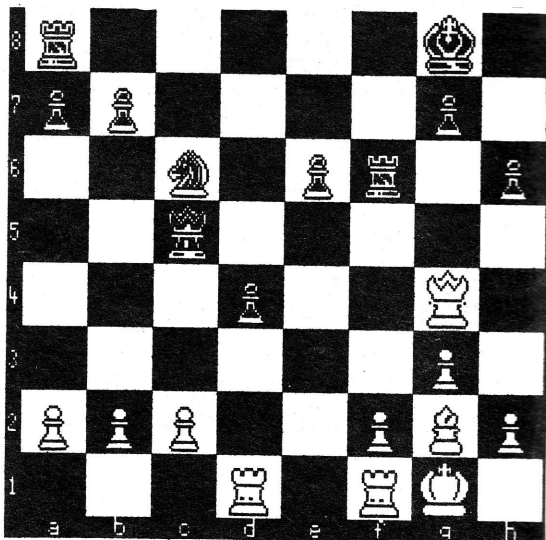
Scores of the Ballarat players were: P. Dewar 5½ points; C. Gibbs 4; D. Lumsdon, P. Cook, P. Miitel 3½; G. Males, W. Dekker, A. Burrows 3; M. O'Brien, S. Stewart 2½ (the latter playing his first ever tournament); J. Males 2; and J. Baynham 1;

The tournament was directed by international chess arbiter Kevin Perrin, of Ballarat.

As in previous years, Novag Chess Computers generously sponsored the event.

The following game in round 6 probably was P. Dewar's finest win of the tournament:

White (P. Dewar) versus black (D. Hacche): 1.e4,c5;2.Nc3,Nc6;3.g=



The situation after 17.Rad1,...

3.Nf6; 4.Bg2,e6;5.Nge2,d5;6.exd5,exd5;7.d4,Be6(?) (probably the origin of blacks following difficulties 7...c4 was needed, instead 8.dxc5,Bxc5;9.O-O,O-O;10.Bg5(!)... (white is attacking black's weak, isolated d-pawn) 10...h6;11.Bxf6,Qxf6;12.Nf4...(is stronger than 12.Nxd5.Qxb2) 12...d4? (this move will create a weak pawn-structure for black)' 13.Ne4,Qe7;14.Nxc5,Qxc5;15.Nxe6,fxe6;16.Qg4!...(white maintains the pressure on black weak pawns)

16...Rf6; 17.Rad1... (see diagram.) 17...h5? (the decisive mistake in a critical position. 17...e5;18.Qd7,Qb6.G. or 17...e5; 18.Rfel,Re8;19.Qd7,R6f8; would have given better defensive chances for black) 18.Qh4,Raf8? (a serious mistake, based on a misconception 19.Bxc6,Rxf2? (After 19...Qxc6; 20.Rxd4 black would have lost an important pawn, with more to follow) 20.Rxf2.d3;21.Rd2(!)... (the simple solution, whereafter black will remain a full rook down). Black resigned.(1-0).

Tour's a family affair

British protest singer Donovan is taking his eldest daughter on the road to show her the ropes of the pop music business.

Astellra Celeste, 21, is keen to follow in her father's footsteps, so she is to join his

British tour, starting in Bristol on April 4.

"She's going to learn it's often 15 hours of travel for two hours of music on stage," said Donovan, 46, whose sixties hits include *Mellow Yellow* and *Jennifer Juniper*.

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Ballarat down in intercity games

The last two matches in the Intercity Chess Competition (Country Victoria section) were played recently between Bendigo-Ballarat (A) and Colac-Ballarat (B).

The results were important only for the second placings, as Geelong could not be overtaken for the lead in the competition.

Ballarat lost its match in Bendigo, rather unfortunately, with 3-1.

Ballarat's K. Perrin gave a piece away, one move after his Bendigo opponent had just managed to reach the time control (with less than a second to spare).

At the same time, B. van Riel (oblivious of his clock!) lost on time, while in a clearly winning position.

Only P. Cook won for Ballarat in a regular fashion, while P. Miitel soon lost his way after the opening phase of the game.

After Ballarat (B) scored a good win (4-0) in Colac, the final standings of this section became: 1. Geelong with 12 board-points (Geelong will play in the finals in Melbourne); 2. Bendigo 10½; 3. Ballarat (A) 8½; 4. Ballarat (B) 8; and 5. Colac 1.

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Club, at its annual meeting, has elected its office-bearers for 1992. Gordon Males was re-elected president and tournament director Kevin Perrin the secretary. Peter Miitel is treasurer and Cameron Gibbs is vice-president.

The club has organised a number of very successful events in 1992, the highlight being the recently concluded 26th Begonia Tournament, with many of Australia's top chess players participating, as well as some strong overseas visitors.

The other traditional activity, the Ballarat Chess Championship of 1991, was won by Peter Miitel, for the second time in a row, after a play-off with Cameron Gibbs.

The annual school team competition (of the Ballarat region), which was supervised by the chess club, was convincingly won by the Daylesford Secondary College, with Midlands College finishing in second spot.

The individual student championship was jointly won by

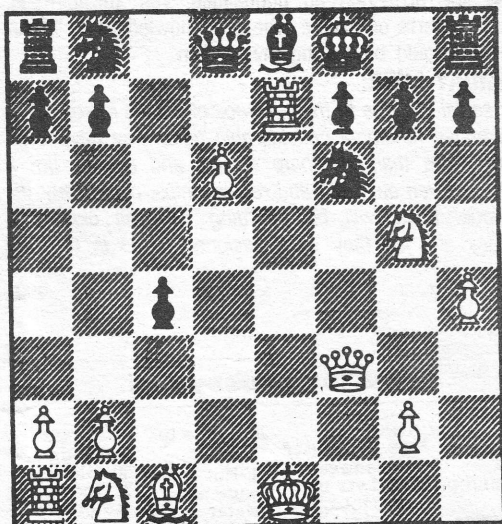


Diagram after 15 ... Nf6.

David Butt, of Ballarat East High, and David O'Brien, of Daylesford Secondary College.

Finally, the Country Chess Championship, part of the Golden Wattle Festival at Maryborough, was conducted by the Ballarat Chess Club in October. It resulted in a unique four-way tie for first place.

The meeting decided that the first round of the 1992 Ballarat Chess Championship would start on Thursday, April 9, at the School of Mines (Community Studies Building), Lydiard Street South (at 8pm). There will be A and B sections, depending on the playing strength.

Everyone who is interested is welcome to participate in this championship, or visit the club for a social game of chess. Further inquiries from Kevin

Perrin on 39 3302 (or 31 3711 BH).

After the official part of the meeting was concluded, members of the club participated in an animated lightning tournament, won by G. Males with 6½ from 7 games.

In conclusion, a "crazy game" was played called the "Kadas opening", named after the player with the white pieces. Black is a strong Russian master.

White: Kadas-black: Archipov. 1984.1.h4,e=5;2.d4,exd4;3.Nf3,c5;4.c=4,d5;5.e3,dxe3;6.cxd5,e=xf2+;7.Kxf2,Nf6;8.Bb=5+;9.Bd7;9.Ne1+;Be=7;10.d6,Bxb5;11.Rxe=7+Kf8;12.Ng5,Be8;13.Q=b3,Ng4+;14.Ke1,c=4;15.Qf3,Nf6;(see diagram);16.Qxf6!gxf=6;17.Ne6+;fxe6;18.Bh=6+;Kg8;19.Rg7+Kf=8;20.Rxb7+Kg8;21.Rg=7+;Kf8;22.Rd7+;Kg=8;23.Rxd8,Kf7;24.d7 and black resigned.

Great interest in competition

The Ballarat '92 Chess Championship has started with 16 players competing in a round-robin tournament, which will be stretched over several weeks.

Competition is expected to be greater than ever with most of Ballarat's top players taking part, with the return to competitive chess of Rodney Jacobs, and the entries of some strong new members.

The highlight of the first round was the game between P. Cook and K. Perrin which the latter won by some fine moves in a seemingly drawish position (see diagram).

In these type of positions, the reduced material and the bishops of different colours often make it difficult to win, even though in this case, black has an extra (advanced) pawn on a4. Capturing white's bishop by 1... gxf5; 2.Qxh5+..., etc would give white a large number of checks, perhaps enough to force perpetual check, which would result in a draw.

However, Perrin discovered an elegant move which quickly decided the game in his favour: 1...f4! Opening up the important diagonal c2-g6 for black's queen, and at the same time preventing perpetual checks after taking the bishop on h5. Hence 2.Bf3,fxg3; 3.Kxg3,a3(!). How to stop this pawn from reaching the back-rank and promoting it to a new queen? 4.h4(?)... (This is not the way. 4.Qe7,Qc4(!) would have made it more difficult for black to push the a-pawn forwards.) 4...a2;5.Kf4,a1 (Q=promotion of pawn to queen); 6.hxg6+, Qxg6+, Qxg6; 7.Be4,Qe5+ and white resigned.

Another good result was achieved by newcomer S. Varga, who drew with B. van Riel. R. Jacobs defended well against a strong king-side attack by W. Dekker, who had optimistically sacrificed a piece in the opening.

The results of the 1st round

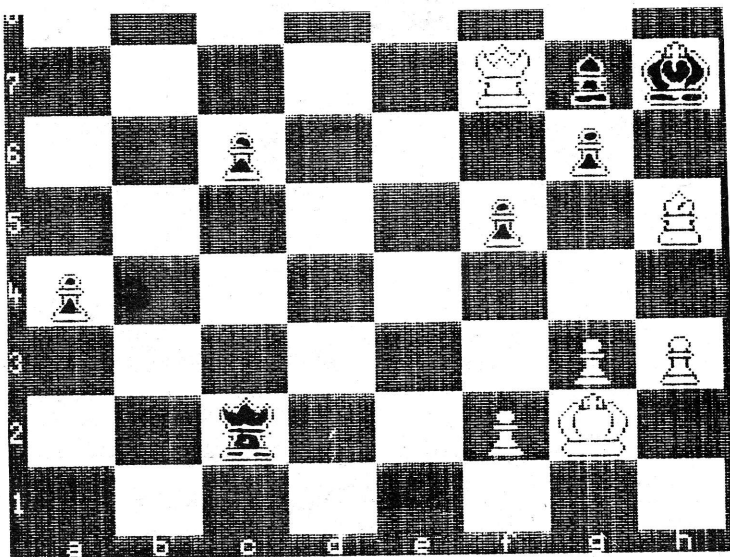


Diagram: P. Cook. Black: K. Perrin. Black to move.



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were: M. Clark — J. Males 0-1; M. O'Brien — P. Middel 0-1; W. Dekker — R. Jacobs 0-1; P. Cook — K. Perrin 0-1; S. Varga — B. van Riel ½-½; W. Coultts — G. Males 0-1; C. Gibbs — R. Stroet 1-0; A. Gibbs — S. Stewart 1-0. On the world scene, the young Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand seems to be the only player who can beat the reigning world champion Garry Kasparov.

Anand, only 22-years-old, has made a meteoric rise to the top.

His greatest achievement took place early this year in Italy, where he won the strongest tournament ever held, by finishing ahead of Kasparov and eight other super-grandmasters.

The highlight of the tournament, and probably of Anand's career was his great win against Kasparov. That game illustrates the great tactical skills of the popular "Vishy".

White: G. Kasparov. Black: V. Anand. Reggio Emilia '92. French Defence opening.

1.e4,e6; 2.d4,d5; 3.Nd2,c5; 4.exd5,Qxd5; 5.dxc5,Bxc5; 6.Ng3,Nf6; 7.Bd3, 0-0; 8.Qe2,Nbd7!; 9.Ne4,b6; 10.Nxc5,Qcx5; 121.Be3,Qc7; 12.Bd4,Bb7; 13.0-0-0,Nc5!; 14.Be5,Nxd3; 15.Rxd3,Qc4; 16.Nd4,Be4; 17.Re3,Qxa2; 18.Bxf6,Bg6; 19.Ra3,Qd5; 20.h4,gxf6; 21.h5,Qxd4; 22.hxg6,hxg6; 23.Rah3,f5; 24.Rh4,f4; 25.Qf3?... (25.g3... would have been better) 25...Rac8; 26.Rxf4,Qc5; 27.c3, Kg7; 28.Rhh4?... (the last mistake. Rfh4 would have been white's best chance) 28...Qe5; 29.g3,Qe1+; 30.Kc2,Rcd8; 31.Rd4,Qe5; 32.Rhf4,Qc7; 33.Qe3,e5; 34.Rdx8,Rxd8; 35.Re4,Rd5; 36.g4,b5; 37.g5,Qd6; 38.f3,a5; 39.Qe2,Qe6; 40.Qh2,Qf5,Qf5; 41.Qg3,Qd7; 42.Qe1,b4; 43.cxb4, Qa4; 44.b3,Qa2+; 45.Kc3,a4; 46.bxa4,Qa3+; 47.Kc2,Rd3; white resigned as checkmate cannot be prevented.

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Ballarat's chess title under way

Two more rounds have been played for the Ballarat '92 Chess Championship, with the following results.

Round 2: M. Clark — A. Gibbs 0-1; B. van Riel — M. O'Brien 1-0; K. Perrin — C. Gibbs ½-½; P. Cook — S. Stewart 1-0; P. Miitel — W. Dekker 0-1; G. Males — R. Stroet 1-0; J. Males — A. Gibbs 0-1.

Round 3: S. Varga — M. Clark 1-0; K. Perrin — M. Clarke 1-0; M. O'Brien — S. Stewart ½-½; W. Dekker — B. van Riel 0-1; P. Cook — P. Miitel 0-1; C. Gibbs — R. Jacobs 1-0; R. Stroet — A. Gibbs 0-1; J. Males — G. Males 0-1.

The upset in round 2 was the unexpected loss by title-defender P. Miitel against W. Dekker, when he "blundered a queen away". However, in the next round, he kept his chances alive by defeating another title candidate, P. Cook, in a game of high standards.

A long game was fought out between K. Perrin and C. Gibbs, which went until 1.30am, when both players agreed to a draw!

After round three, the positions on the ladder are provisional only, as not all players have completed the same number of games.

he scores at the top of the ladder are as follows (the number of games other than



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three is shown between brackets): 1 A. Gibbs (4) 4 points; 2 G. Males 3; 3-5 K. Perrin, C. Gibbs, B. van Riel 2½; 6 S. Varga (2) 1½; 7 P. Miitel 2 etc.

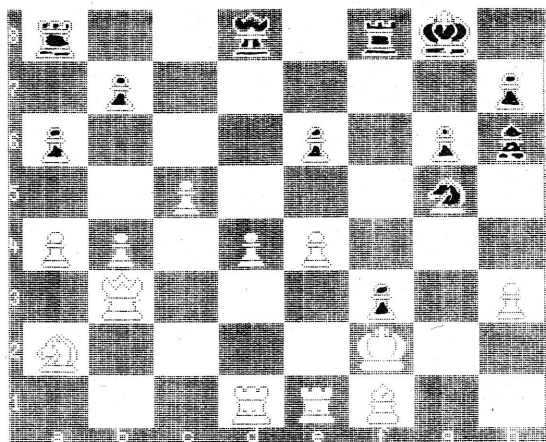
Two Ballarat chess players performed well in the Easter Open tournament in Melbourne.

In a field of 44 players, Bas van Riel won second prize with 5½ points behind Issay Kagan (Melbourne), who finished with the perfect score of seven points from seven games.

Third place was shared by five players with five points each. After a loss in the first round, van Riel conceded only one draw, winning all his remaining games.

Cameron Gibbs played a good tournament and finished at four points. In the last round, and after a difficult and long, tactical game, Gibbs missed an easy drawing chance in the end game against the strong A. Davies (Bendigo), losing instead.

If he had not met with this "sad phantom" right at the end of the tournament, he would have shared the (well deserved) first



This position was reached in the game between A McGregor (white) and C Gibbs (black).

prize in the group of players rated under-1600 ELO points.

Arbiter Gordon Males, of Ballarat, ran the tournament smoothly.

The following position (diagram) was played between A. MacGregor (white) and C. Gibbs (black).

Black to move, has a dangerous attack. However, he has to watch his weak e-pawn. 1...Nxh3+! (If now: 2.Bxh3?, Qh4+; 3. Kg1, Qg3+; 4.Kf1, Qxch3+; 5.Qxh3+ and checkmate on g2) 2.Kg3, Nf4 (a very nice win would have occurred after 3...Qg5!; 4.Kxh3, Qh5+; 5.Kg3, Bf4+; 6.Kf2, Qf2+; 7.Kxf3, Bd2+; 8.Kg4, h5+ checkmate!) 3.Kxg3, Qf6; 4.Kg3, Nh5+;

5.Kh3, Rae8; 6.Nc1, Qf2; 7.Be2, Rf4; 8.Bg4, Bg5!; 9.Bxe6+, Kg7; 10.Bg4, Qh5+; 11.Kg2, Rxg4+; (not the quickest way to finish black off, but effective nevertheless) 12.Kf1, Ng3+; 13.Kg2, Nxe4+; 14.Kf1, Qf2 checkmate.

The annual School-Chess Championships '92 will be organised again in the Communities Building of the School of Mines, Lydiard Street South, starting on Friday, May 15, at 7pm.

School teams (of five players each) and individual students may enter. The winner and the runner-up will represent the Ballarat region in the finals, to be held in Melbourne.

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