

Daylesford in bid to take third student chess title

The first two (of six) rounds of the 1992 Student team Chess Championship were held at the School of Mines, with six secondary schools competing.

The winning and runner-up teams will play for the State titles in Melbourne later this year. The title defender is Daylesford Secondary School.

In round one St Patrick's defeated Ballarat High School, Ballarat College defeated Ballarat East, and Midlands defeated Daylesford Secondary College.

In round two Daylesford beat St Patrick's, Ballarat College beat Ballarat High and Midlands beat Ballarat East.

Daylesford and Ballarat College are the joint leaders with eight points each, followed by Midlands with seven points.

The Ballarat 1992 Chess Championship continued with the following results:

Round 4: A. Gibbs-S. Varga 1-0; R. Jacobs-P. Cook 0-1; P. Miitel-C. Gibbs 0-1; B. van Riel-P. Cook 1-0; R. Jacobs-W. Coutts 1-0; R. Stroet-K. Perrin 0-1; M. Clark-M. O'Brien 0-1; S. Stewart-S. Varga 0-1.



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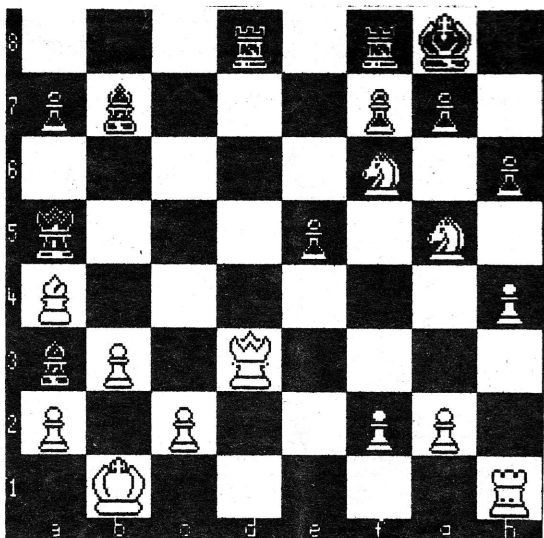
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Round 5: S. Varga-J. Males 1-0; S. Stewart-K. Perrin 0-1; M. O'Brien-A. Gibbs 0-1; G. Males-R. Jacobs 1-0; M. Clark-R. Stroet 1-0; C. Gibbs-B. van Riel 0-1; S. Stewart-P. Miitel 0-1; J. Males-K. Perrin 0-1.

Standings at the top of the ladder (in brackets the number of games played): 1. A. Gibbs 6 points (6); 2. K. Perrin 5½ (6); 3. G. Males 4 (4); 4. B. van Riel 4½ (5); 5. and 6. C. Gibbs, S. Varga 3½ (5) etc.

Amongst the title favourites, P. Miitel lost his game against last year's runner-up C. Gibbs, who then lost the important match against B. van Riel in the next round, when he blundered a piece in an exciting 'time-scramble'. S. Varga lost his unbeaten record when defeated by A. Gibbs, who is now leading the table with the 100 per cent score of 6 points. Primary school student M. Clark won his first game in good fashion.

The following game was recently played



for the 1992 Ballarat Chess Championship. It nicely illustrates the fluctuating fortunes during a chess game. First white ap-

peared to have a dangerous attack, but due to a careless move by white black suddenly could win decis-

ive material. Finally, when black prepared to consolidate his position he overlooked an original combination

which decided the game in white's favour. The white player has been runner-up several

times in recent years. White: G. Males. Black: R. Jacobs. Ballarat Championship Tournament, May '92.

1. e4,e5; 2. Nf3,Nc6; 3. Bc4,Nf6; 4. Ng5,d5; 5. exd5, Na5; 6. Bb5t+,c6; 7. dxc6,bxc6; 8. Qf3,Bb7; (Up till here both players had followed the theory books. Black's last move is unusual, though not demonstrably wrong). 9. Ba4,Bd6; 10. Nc3,0-0; 11. d3, Nd5 (?); 12. Ncd4(!),Be7; 13. Qh5,h6; 14. h4!,c5; (14.h4 looks like creating a strong attack. Black cannot

accept the knight sacrifice because of checkmate threats. Instead, he wisely chooses for a counter-attack on the other side of the board.) 15. Bd2,Qb6; 16. 0-0-0,c4! (still ignoring the temptation of taking white's knight on g5) 17. b3? (In a difficult position the not-so-obvious) 17. dxc4,Nxc4; 18. Bb3 ... would have been better) 17...cxd3; 18. Bxa5,Ba3+; 19. Kbl,Qxa5; 20. Rxd3,Nf4; 21. Qf3,Nxd3; 22. Qxd3,Rad8?; (Black had just created a winning position, but now he fails to see the following move. After 22...f5!; 23. Nd6,Bxg2(!); white would have had no compensation at all for his material disadvantage) 23 nF6+! (see diagram) and black resigned immediately as checkmate cannot be avoided.

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Team wins 3 in a row

The Daylesford Secondary College has won the team event of the 1992 Student Chess Championship for a record third consecutive year.

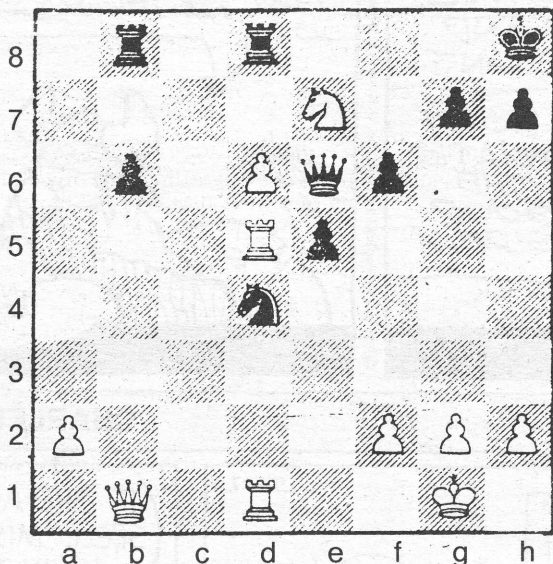
It is remarkable that this feat was achieved with a new team compared with last year, apart from topboard David O'Brien. The enthusiasm and support by the school's chess-mentor and coach, Mr Bromley King, does certainly contribute to the continuing success of the team.

The tournament was conducted over a period of three weeks. Daylesford will now represent the Ballarat area in the State championships, to be held in Melbourne.

Midlands College became the convincing runner-up. It will be eligible to play in the State's B finals.

The final scores were (after six rounds): 1 — Daylesford College 24 points; 2 — Midlands College 20½; 3 — Ballarat and Clarendon College 13; 4 — St Patrick's College 12½; 5 — Ballarat High 9½; 6 — Ballarat East College 8½.

The 1992 individual student chess championship will start on Friday, June 6, at 7 pm, at the School of Mines (Community Studies Building), Lydiard St Sth. The tournament will also run over three Friday evenings (six rounds). Participation is free. Those interested can still register before the start of the first round.



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An elegant and not-too-difficult brainteaser is shown in the above diagram from a game played in 1975 between two Russian masters. The question is to find the combination that forcefully wins the game for white. White to move first. See below for solution, but try it first!

For the Ballarat 1992 chess championship tournament another round and some "catch-up" games were played. After two miraculous escapes from lost positions in the previous

rounds, Gordon Males this time defeated Bas van Riel without a shadow of a doubt. A big surprise was young Scott Stewart's win against Peter Miitel. Although there is still a long way to go, A. Gibbs and G. Males seem to be the players to beat for the title.

The latest results are: M. Clark-P. Cook 0-1; P. Miitel-S. Stewart 0-1; S. Stewart-C. Gibbs 0-1; G. Males-B. van Riel 1-0; C. Gibbs-M. Clark 1-0; A. Gibbs-P. Miitel 1-0; S. Stewart-W. Dekker 1-0; M. O'Brien-J. Males 1-0; W. Dekker-R. Stroet 1-0.

The standing at the top of the ladder is (in brackets the number of games played): 1 — A. Gibbs (7) 7 points; 2 — G. Males (6) 6; 4 — K. Perrin (6) 5½; 4 — B. van Riel (6) 4½; 5 — C. Gibbs (7) 4½.

● The solution to above problem is as follows: 1.R1xd4!, exd4; 2.Qxh7+!, Kxh7; 3.Rh5+,... checkmate.

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Deep in concentration, young chess enthusiasts have eyes only for the board on the final night of this year's Ballarat student championships.

Taking a serious look at chess

Daylesford students have shown themselves masters of the chess boards, winning both the team and individual titles in Ballarat Chess Club's annual student championships.

Following the recent win by Daylesford Secondary College in the team event, David Scrutton

went on to win the individual title.

Runner-up for the title was Scott Stewart of Midlands Secondary College.

The championships held over six weeks involved students from six district schools.

Although girls have taken part in the past, all this year's entrants were boys.

Ballarat Chess Club meets every Thursday night at 7.30 pm at the School of Mines. Further information is available from Gavin Perron on 39 3302 (after hours).

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David takes out students' title

The 1992 Student Chess Championship was convincingly won by David Scrutton, of Daylesford Secondary College.

David managed to score wins against all his six opponents.

Scott Stewart, of Midlands College, did well to finish runner-up with five points, losing only his first-round game.

Robert Bailey, of Ballarat East High, came third with four points. Six students tied for equal fourth placing with three points each.

This event, as well as the preceding school team championship, was organised by the Ballarat Chess Club, as part of its program to promote and stimulate chess among secondary schools.

An unusual and slightly embarrassing situation occurred in a recent game between M. Kagan (white) and B. van Riel.

White's sixth move (ie 6.Qd5) was a complete surprise and came as a thunderbolt for black (see diagram).

Only then did he see the terrible treat of checkmate by white's queen on square f7. Staring in disbelief at his terrible position, and believing that 6...Nh6 would lose a



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piece via 7.Bxh6 (again threatening checkmate on f7), he resigned immediately.

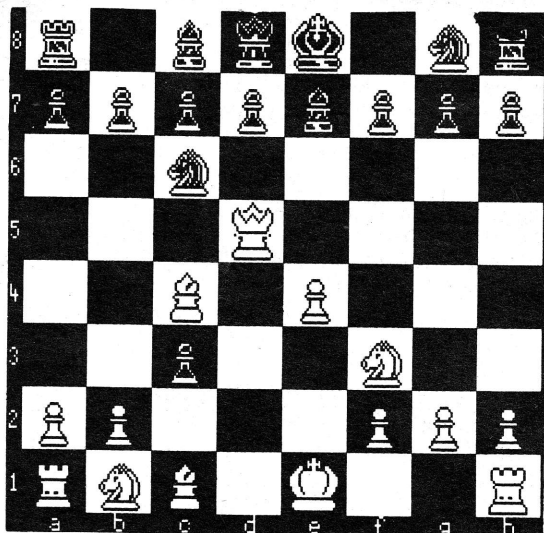
However, the next day, during the same tournament, he was told that some of the top players had analysed the game.

These players came to see the game as a chess curiosity. In fact, they discovered that black should not have resigned, as he had a curious life-saving recourse: 7.Bxh6, 0-0; 8.Bc1 (8.Be3, cxb2 and black wins the rook), Nb4!; 9.Qd1, c2 and black recaptures his piece!

Probably, white's best continuation would have been 8.Bxg7, Kxg7; 9.Nxc3.. Though the material is in balance, white is better off since black has weakened king position.

However, there still would be enough scope for black to continue the game.

It is clear that black has made two unusual blunders in succession: first, he overlooked a checkmating threat and, secondly, he resigned.



How the board looked at one stage during the Kagan-van Riel game.

The lesson learnt seems obvious: try to anticipate and plan ahead in chess.

For the Ballarat Chess '92 Championship, the following games were played:

P. Miitel-M. Clark 1-0; S. Varga-P. Cook 0-1; A. Gibbs-C. Gibbs 1-0; J. Males-R. Jacobs 0-1; W. Dekker-M. Clark 1-0; S. Stewart-G. Males 0-1; P. Miitel-B. van Riel 0-1; P. Cook-A. Gibbs 0-1; M. O'Brien-W. Dekker ½-½; J. Males-R. Stroet ½-½; G. Males-M. Clark 1-0; W. Dekker-J. Males 1-0; C. Gibbs-S. Varga 0-1; R. Jacobs-P. Miitel 1-0. These results have confirmed the positions at the top of the ladder held by Allistair Gibbs and Gordon Males, both of whom have won all their games.

The main contention for the title comes from K. Perrin, who has lost only ½ point up until now.

B. van Riel has also lost only ½ point, while S. Varga is down 2½ points.

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finished fourth ahead of the fancied English team, among others.

With two rounds to play, Australia shared the very credible 13-17th position, but could only manage half a point against England and Bulgaria to finish 45-47th on 29 points.

The women's competition was won by Georgia (led by the former world champion Maya Chiburdanidze) with 30.5/42, ahead of Ukraine (silver) on 29 points, and China (with the new world champion Xie Jun) on 28.5 points. Australia's women scored 21 points to finish a reasonable 36-39th.

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The Ballarat '92 Chess Championship has now moved into its decisive stage. With only a few rounds to play, the remaining games between the title-

contenders will decide the outcome of the championship in August.

In particular, Rodney Jacobs, though not considered to be a likely winner any more, has greatly affected the ladder, beating B. van Riel and K. Perrin in successive rounds, thereby reducing the chances of his victims considerably. Alistair Gibbs, who won from his nearest rival, Gordon Males, has benefitted most from the recent results: he still leads the table with a 100 per cent scores, and only five rounds to play.

Detailed results of the latest rounds are as follows:

W. Dekker, P. Cook 0-1; B. van Riel, R. Jacobs 0-1; A. Gibbs, G. Males 1-0; M. O'Brien, C. Gibbs 0-1; J. Males, P., Mittel 0-1; W. Coutts, S. Stewart 0-1; P. Cook, J. Males 1-0; R. Jacobs, S. Stewart 1-0; P. Mittel, K. Perrin 0-1; B. van Riel, R. Stoet 1-0; C. Gibbs, W. Dekker 1-0; P. Cook, M. O'Brien 1-0; K. Perrin, R. Jacobs 0-1; R. Stroet, P. Mittel 0-1.

The positions at the top of the ladder are: 1. A. Gibbs, 10 points (from 10 games); 2. G. Males 8 (9); 3. K. Perrin 6½ (8); 4. B. van Riel 6½ (9); 5. S. Varga 4½ (7); 6. R. Jacobs 7 (10).

Farewell to the brilliant Tal

Three weeks ago, the chess world lost one of its greatest and most original chess-masters, with the sudden death of former world champion Mikhail Tal.

He was 55 years old, still one of world's leading grandmasters when he died.

His death came just before he was to play in the Chess Olympiad in Manila under the flag of the newly-independent Latvia.

Tal was born in Riga in 1936, and at a young age soon developed into a very strong chess player, winning the Latvian championship when he was only 16 years old.

While most masters believed in a scientific approach to chess, it was Tal who re-introduced artistry, brilliance and new and fantastic ideas into the game.

In 1960, at the age of 23, he became the youngest-ever world champion after he convincingly defeated the long-reigning titleholder Mikhail Botvinnik.

However, even then he was showing signs of the kidney problems which were to affect him and his chess career severely for the rest of his life.

When he had to defend his world title for the return match against Botvinnik, he was too sick to play, but he refused to postpone the match.

He consequently lost the title in 1961 with a large difference. Since then, a period of illness and irregular results followed.

He nevertheless managed to reach the finals of the Candidates (leading up to the world title) matches, where he lost against Boris Spassky, as well as the semi-finals in 1968 (defeated by Victor Korchnoi).

It was only the removal of a kidney, in 1969, that gave Tal a new lease of life: his enthusiasm for chess returned and



Mikhail Tal, pictured in typical playing pose.

since then he had hardly stopped playing, coaching and writing.

One of the examples of Tal's unique style can be seen in the following tournament game against Lev Polugayevsky (interzonal tournament in Riga, 1979):

White, L. Polugayevsky; black, M. Tal (English opening).

1. Nf3, c5; 2. c4, Nf6; 3. Nc3, d5; 4. cxd5, Nxd5; 5. e4, Nb4; 6. Bc4, Be6; 7. Bxe6, Nd3+; 8. Kf1, fxe6; 9. Ng5, Qb6; 10. Qe2, c4; 11. b3, h6; 12. Nf3, Nc6; 13. bxc3, 0-0-0; 14. g3, g5; 15. Kg2, Qc5; 16. Rb1, Bg7; 17. Nb5, Qxc4; 18. Qe3, Rhf8; (The opening has been a disaster for white: now Tal threatens 19...g4, or 19...Rxf3 and 20...Rdf8) 19. Rf1, g4; 20. Nh4, Nxf2!; (White cannot capture the knight, as he will lose decisive material, or goes checkmate) 21. Ng6, Rd3!; 22. Na3, Qa4; 23. Qe1, Rdf3!; 24. Nxf8, Nd3!; (The point of black's play. Now 25. Qe2 loses to



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25...Nd4; 26. Qd1, Rf2+!; 27. Kh1, Nf3;) 25. Qd1, Qxe4; 26. Rxf3, gxf3+; 27. Kf1, Qf5!; (Despite the extra rook, white is totally defenceless against the threat of 28...Qh3+) 28.Kg1, Bd4+ and white resigns.

The results of the latest two rounds in this year's Ballarat Chess Championship are as follows: S. Stewart-M. Clark 1-0; W. Dekker-S. Varga 1-0; J. Males-B. van Riel 0-1; P. Cook-C. Gibbs ½-½; M. O'Brien-K. Perrin 0-1; W. Coutts-P. Miitel 0-1; C. Gibbs-J. Males 1-0; G. Males-W. Dekker 1-0; R. Stroet-M. O'Brien 0-1; K. Perrin-S. Varga 0-1; R. Jacobs over leader Allistair Gibbs (his first loss in this tournament) undoubtedly has opened up the championship: it has improved the title-chances for some of the other competitors.

The aspirations of S. Varga were ruined after his defeat against W. Dekker, but in the next round he bounced back strongly via a solid win against front-runner K. Perrin.

A tight finish, in particular between Gibbs and G. Males (with one lost game each), is expected. K. Perrin and B. van Riel still have chances, albeit more remotely, each with 2 ½ points lost so far.

The championship is being contested over 15 rounds.

The updated positions at the top of the ladder are: 1. A. Gibbs 10 points from 11 games; 2. G. Males 9 (10); 3. B. van Riel 8 ½ (11); K. Perrin 6 ½ (9); 5. R. Jacobs 8 (11); etc.

Winning ways on the chess board

Now that the tournament for the Ballarat '92 Chess Championship is in its final and decisive stages, it seems appropriate to show a few recent games between some of the participants.



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The first sample is between the present leader, Allistair Gibbs and Rodney Jacobs, who lately has had excellent results against the frontrunners.

In this game he manages to inflict the first and, until now, the only loss for Gibbs.

R. Jacobs (white) — A. Gibbs (black). The Pirc Defence. 1.e4,d6; 2.d4,Nf6; 3.Nc3,g6; 4.Bc4,Bg7; 5.Nf3,Nbd7; 6.0-0; 7.Be3,Nb6(?). (Although perhaps not immediately apparent, this move is a weak one, as it does not fit into the intention of this particular opening: ie. trying to gain control over the squares e5 and/or c5).

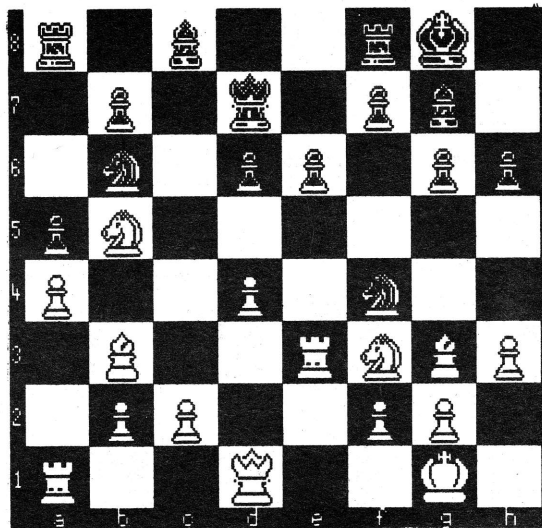
Therefore 7...e5 or 7...c5 was necessary; 8.Bb3,Ng4; 9.Bg5,h6; 10.Bh4,Qe8; 11.h3,Nf6; 12.a4,a5; 13.e5... (white has already won the battle of control over both the squares e5 and c5). 13...Nf5.

Out of 13 moves, black has played already four times with the same knight, and still it does not appear "happy" at the edge of the board... 14.Re1,e6; 15.Nb5 (!)... (A strong move, exposing the weak spots of black's position at c7 and d6). 15...Qd7; 16.exd6,cxd6; 17.Re3... (white is not in a hurry, and he quietly continues to improve his position.

He now creates the options of either doubling his heavy pieces along the e-file, and/or play his rook to c3, threatening thereafter to attack via square c7). 17...Nf4?; (See diagram 1. On this and black's next move, g5 was called for, in an attempt to exchange his useless knight against the bishop on g3, followed by 19...d5). 18.Bg3(!),Nd5? (see previous note; now black is going to lose decisive material).

19.Re2,Qc6; 20.Bxd6,Rd8; 21.Ne5,Bxe5; 22.Bxe5,Qc4; 23.Bxc4,Qxc4; 24.b3,Qc6; 25.c5,Nb4; 26.Bf6,Rd7 (Restricting the mobility of both black's queen and his bishop). 27.Re3,b6; 28.Rg3,Qe4; (The players were in serious trouble at this stage, and they had to move fast). 29.Qd2,Kh7; 30.Rael,Qc2; 31.Qe3,Qf5; 32.Rf3,Nc2? (This will lose a piece, but 32...Qc2 is not an attractive alternative either). 33.Qd2,Nxd4; 34.Rxf5(?),... (34.Bxe5,Qh5; 35.Rxf7+; 35.Rxf3,Rxd2; 36.Rfe3,Ba6; 37.Nc7,Ra7; 38.Nxa6,Rxa6 and black resigned (1-0) after a few more moves, as he is a full piece down.

A nice attacking game took place between Sandor Varga, who participates in the championship for the first time this year, and the very experi-



R. Jacobs-A. Gibbs after 17...Nf4?

enced secretary of the Ballarat Chess Club, Kevin Perrin.

K. Perrin (white) — S. Varga (black). Kings Indian Opening. 1.c4,d6; 2.d4,g6; 3.Nc3,Bg7; 4.e4,e5; 5.d5,Ne7; 6.Bg5,0-0; 7.Bd3,b6; 8.Nge2,f5.

After quickly developing his king-side, and ignoring his queen-side, black immediately goes into the attack. 9.0-0(?)... (9.f4... was necessary, to prevent black's next sequence of moves). 9...f4(!); 10.f3,h6; 11.Bh5,g5; 12.Be1,Ng6; A good position for the knight). 13.b4...

White has to try to create counter-chances on the other flank, as otherwise black can increase his kingside attack at his leisure). 13...a5; 14.a3,axb4; 14.axb4,Rxa1; 16.Qxa1,g4(!); (Played aggressively by black, and sticking to his original attacking plans). 17.Nb5?..

This, and white's next move, are serious mis-

takes, as they don't serve a purpose: they instead decentralise pieces needed for the defence.

On the ^{other} hand, 17.c5!,bxc5; 18.bxc5,dxc5; 19.Qa5... would have created good prospects for white on the queenside). 17...h5; 18.Qa3?,gxf3; 19.Rxf3,Bg4; 20.Rf2,f3; (why not push even further?). 21.gxf3... (The alternative: 21.Ng3,Nf4!; 22.h3,Bxh3; 23.gxh3,Nxh3+; 24.Kf1,Nxf2; 25.Bxf2,Qh5 also would not be very attractive for white). 21...Bxf3; 22.Ng3,h4; 23.Nf5,Qg5+; 24.Kf1,Nf4!; (see diagram 2).

A strong move, as black's bishop is indirectly protected via checkmate on g2. 25.Nxh5... (It seems to me that 25.Bd2... would have given white some better survival chances). 25...Qxh5; 26.Rxf3,Qxh2; (and suddenly white has no reply against black's threat: 27...Qh1+, winning a full rook). 27.Bh4,Qxh4; 28.Ncx7,Qh1+; 29.Kf2,Nh3+; and white resigns.0-1.

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Males takes out Ballarat chess championship

The Ballarat '92 Chess Championship has at last concluded with a victory by Gordon Males after a close finish with Allistair Gibbs.

For most of the tournament both players remained unbeaten until round 10 when Gibbs defeated Males.

But in the next rounds Gibbs lost to Jacobs, van Riel and Perrin respectively. Although Males had to overcome a few of the stronger players in the end, he managed to hang on to his lead, undoubtedly helped to a degree when his disinterested opponent offered him an early draw in the last and decisive round.

This year's championship has attracted the strongest field for many years. It is remarkable that the present two leaders were unable to qualify for last year's Ballarat A-chess team.

It should be noted, however, that Gordon Males in the past has been a runner-up five times.

Amongst the other players, junior Scott Stewart, in particular, was excellent considering that this was his first year of chess at club-level.

He is presently in-



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involved in a play-off with Bill Dekker to determine top-honours in the B section. Also the comeback of Rodney Jacobs was impressive.

The two top-scorers of last year, Peter Mitel and Cameron Gibbs, performed well below their usual standard.

The statistics of the tournament are shown on the score table. All Australian chess-players who participate in tournaments which are approved for rating purposes (as the Ballarat tournament is), will periodically receive an updated point/rating score.

This figure, called the ELO-rating, is a reflection of the relative strength of a player. Ratings are calculated following a formula based on the player's tournament-scores, the ratings of his opponents and his own current rating.

All these statistics

are fed into a computer, resulting in a list of updates published three times per year by the Australian Chess Association.

The Ballarat tournament started under the April rating list (column 1 on the score-table). However, the August list (column 2) came out before the championship was finished and the tournament results have not yet been used for the (official) August calculations.

Column 3 shows the impact of the Ballarat '92 Championship on the ratings of each participant if a new rating list were to be issued.

To show this in a

better perspective: Gary Kasparov, the reigning world champion has a rating of 2790; Ian Rogers, Australia's strongest player has 2565 points, whereas the 16 players who played for the recent Australian national championship had ratings varying between 2200 and 2450.

A major event on the annual chess-calendar is the Victorian Country Chess Championship to be held during the weekend of October 3rd and 4th in Maryborough.

Further enquiries and entries can be directed to Mr Kevin Perrin on 39 3302 (AH) or 31 3711 (BUS).

Score-table Ballarat Chess Championship '92

	1 April Jan '92 ratings	2 Aug '92 ratings	3 Rating change
1. G. Males	1611	1583	25
2. A. Gibbs	1474	1471	67
3. K. Perrin	1676	1656	-6
4. B. van Riel	1749	1728	-16
5. P. Cook	1576	1585	-12
6. R. Jacobs	1623	1623	3
7. C. Gibbs	1556	1568	-22
8. P. Mitel	1470	1504	-29
9. S. Varga	1578	1578	2
10. W. Dekker	1295	1352	-3
11. S. Stewart	-	1320	4
12. M. O'Brien	1129	1129	21
13. J. Males	1198	1193	-3
14. M. Clark	-	771	-
15. R. Stroet	-	788	-

Locals perform well in Vic chess finals

The finals of the Victorian School Chess Championships were played in Melbourne with both representatives of the Ballarat region performing admirably. From the original 120 teams entered, Daylesford Secondary College finished 11th in the A-finals with 7 points from 16 games. They lost in the 1st round from the ultimate winner, Melbourne Grammar, but thereafter they scored with 1 win and 2 drawn matches.

Midlands Secondary College became the 8th best team in the B-finals, also with 7/16 points.

Last time I reported about the outcome of the 1992 Ballarat Chess Championship, won by Gordon Males with 11 points from 14 games, followed by Allistar Gibbs with 11, Kevin Perrin and Bas van Riel shared 3/4 place with 10 1/2 points.

Trying to avoid any bias, the game between Perrin (white) and this columnist is believed to be a highlight of the championship. Let us have a look at the game and discuss/analyse three critical fragments:

In diagram 1 (with black to move) black's position is clearly better: he has an extra pawn; he can win another pawn (via 22...Rxa3), whereafter his queenside pawns are free to march to the other side, strongly supported by a powerful 'battery' of bishops; he controls the open d-file with a rook, while black's other rook is ready to join the battle as well.

Unfortunately, at this point, he began to 'chase ghosts', becoming fascinated by the possibility of an elegant rook-sacrifice on e3. 22...Rxe3(!); 23.Rxe3,Bd4; 24.Nf1,Bc4(!); 25.Kf2,Bxf1; 26.Bf3,Rc8; 27.Rxf1,Ne5; 28.Rfd1,Rc2+; 29.Be2,Ng4+? Black's first major mistake: after 29...Bb6! it is hard to see how white can avoid losing a full rook via 30...Ng4 or Nc4. In spite of this oversight, black still has a winning



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game. 30.Ke1,Nxe3; 31.Rxd4,Nxg2?. But not in this way. Taken the wrong pawn: 31...Nxf5; 32.Rd8+, Kg7; 33.Bd3,Rc5 would have given black a winning end game.

Instead, and in time-trouble, he missed his knight being trapped. 32.Kf2,Kf8(?) ...apparently played in panic, as 32...Kf6 would have made more sense. 33.Rg4,Rc5; 34.Rxg2,Rxf5. At this moment the position is perhaps in balance.

The game was adjourned for the first time in the position of diagram 2. 46...Kg5; 47.Re3..probably the only move which was not considered by black. 47...Rc6; 48.Bb3,Kf6; 49.Kf4,Rd6; 50.Rc3,e5+; 51.Ke3,h5; 52.Bc2.. White has to play a waiting game. 52...Kg5; 53.Kf2,e4; 54.Ke3,a5? The third mistake. This time black will be fighting a losing battle. Instead, 54...Re6; would have allowed black to march his centre pawns forward, and white would be in serious trouble 55.Rc5(!).. winning one or more pawns. 55...b4; 56.axb4,axb4; 57.Bxe4,Kh4? This makes it even worse! 58.Bxf5,b3; 59.Rb5,Rf6; 60.Kd2,b2; 61.Kc2..and white won the b-pawn and later also the h-pawn.

However, a curious situation emerged when the game was adjourned for the second time (diagram 3): white has to watch stalemate possibilities, as black will try to sacrifice his rook.

Black still had visions of drawing the game, but white had seen further. As it turns out white's extra pawn is a burden, and he

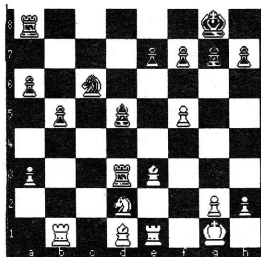


Diagram 1.

wisely decides to try and force black to capture it. 127.Kg5!,Re8; 128.Bf7!..

Only now did black realise white's 'devilish' plan. 128...Rc5+; 129.Kf6,Rc8; 130.Rd4!,Rb=8; 131.Rg4!,Rb6; 132.Be6,Rb=2; 133.Rg8+,Kxh7; 134.Rg=4,Rf2+; 135.Bf5+,Kh8; 136.Rd4!,Rg2; 137.Rh4+,K=g8; 138.Be6+...and black resigned because of Rh8 checkmate.

A final reminder that the traditional Country Victorian Chess Championships will be conducted during the coming weekend in Maryborough.

A total of 5 rounds will be played on Saturday and Sunday, 3 and 4 Oct-

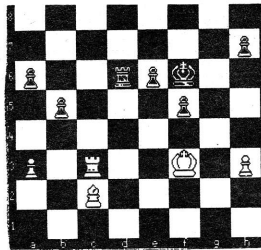


Diagram 2.

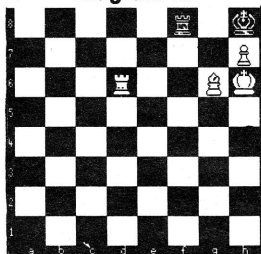
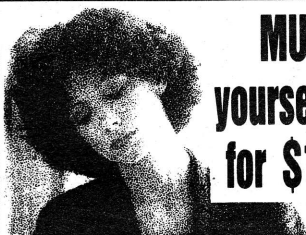


Diagram 3.

ober. The venue is the Anglican Church Hall. (First round starts at 9.00 am). Entries will be accepted up to 8.45 am on the first day of play. For further details and entries contact Mr Kevin Perrin, ph 39 3302 or 31 3711 (AH).



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Chess tournament festival highlight

Steady concentration, quiet surrounding and slow moves are features of the chess tournament planned for Maryborough as part of the Golden Wattle Festival.

The Victorian Country Chess Championship hosts players from around country Victoria and has been part of the Golden Wattle Festival program for 10 years.

It is held at the Anglican Church hall in Clarendon street, on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4 with both days starting at 9 am.

Championship play is divided into first, reserve and junior divisions.

Organisers say this tournament is popular with country chess players because it gives them the opportunity to enjoy the other activities being organised at the same time and many bring their families.

The tournament is organised by the Ballarat Chess Club and players follow strict guide lines for all play.

"The relaxed atmosphere and the added attraction of the Golden Wattle Festival will guarantee a well spent weekend in Maryborough for both the novice and more experienced chess player," publicity officer, Bas van Riel, said.

COUNTRY CHESS TITLE

The Victorian Country Chess Championship will again be held this year as part of the Maryborough Golden Wattle Festival. The tournament has been part of the festival program for more than 10 years. Players from all walks of life will come from as far as Gippsland and Horsham to this unique event. It is popular partly because it gives players an opportunity to enjoy other activities being organised at the same time. Many bring their families. The championships are divided into first, reserve and a junior divisions. The tournament will be conducted in the Anglican Church Hall, Clarendon St, on Saturday and Sunday October 3 and 4, both days starting at 9 am. Further inquiries to Kevin Perrin, (053) 39 3302 (private) or (053) 31 3711 (business).

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PRINCESS CROWNING

Chess players vie for title

The Victorian Country Chess Championships will again be held as part of the Maryborough Golden Festival.

The tournament is now firmly entrenched in the program of the festival.

Many chess players, from all walks of life will come from as far as Gippsland and Horsham to this unique event.

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Dual chess champions

The 1992 Victorian Country Chess Championship was held in Maryborough.

The 13th edition of this now traditional tournament attracted a field of 32 players in total, including a separate junior section.

As in previous years, the championship was held on the last weekend of Maryborough's Golden Wattle Festival. The committee of the festival sponsored the event generously, as did the National Bank and Mr R. McLeod, a great chess fan.

The event was organised and co-ordinated by the Ballarat Chess Club under the efficient supervision of Kevin Perrin.

The championship honour was shared by Stewart Booth (Sea Lake) and Bas van Riel (Ballarat), both finishing with 4.5 points from five rounds.

Booth, who belongs to the top 30 strongest chess players in Australia, has outright or jointly won the championship no less



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than eight times. Nigel Barrow (Trentham) finished a surprising third this year.

The Reserve section was won by a newcomer, L. Ryan, of Wodonga, with K. Czucsman, Rushworth, and P. Weinrich, Geelong, tying for second.

Andy Copeland, Geelong, was the strongest in the junior section for the second time in a row, with Chris Barlow of Daylesford runner-up.

Final scores: S. Booth and B. van Riel equal 1, 4.5 points from 5 games; N. Barrow, 4 pts, 3rd; 4th to 7th, A. Anderson, A.

Davies, K. Perrin, L. Ryan, 3.5 pts; 8th to 13th, G. The, P. Cook, G. Males, A. Miitel, K. Cuczman, P. Wendrich, 3 pts; 14th and 15th, M. Buchalka and P. Miitel, 2.5 pts; 16th to 23rd, L. Healey, N. Garrow, W. Dekker, J. Baynham, D. Butt, D. Thiele, M. O'Brien, H. Westerdyk, 2 pts; 24th to 27th, D. Carriss, C. Eriksson, S. Stewart, A. Don Red, 1 pt; 28th, J. Males, 0.

The much publicised match between Bobby Fisher and Boris Spassky in war-torn Yugoslavia is still subject of much speculation. They played each other exactly 20 years ago for the world title.

At the moment a peculiar tournament is being played in Aruba between a team of six veteran grandmasters who 20 years ago (Fisher's time of glory) belonged to the world top, including ex world champion Smyslov, and a team of the six (at present) strongest women players in the world, with the exception of the Chinese world champion Xie Yun.

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The remarkable Kortsjnoi

One of the most remarkable chess-players is Victor Kortsjnoi, and not only because of his abilities on the chessboard.

On the height of his career, and just before he was entitled to challenge Anatoly Karpov for the world title, he fled from the Soviet Union in 1976 to the West. This was a very big blow for the ego of the communist rulers, as chess and sports were very much part of their ideology.

As a consequence, Kortsjnoi's name was banned from all Russian chess literature (a hard act to follow considering Kortsjnoi's prominence in the chessworld); other Russian grandmasters were forbidden to accept invitations for tournaments which also included Kortsjnoi; his family was not allowed to follow him to the West.

His two matches for the world title against Karpov displayed all



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the earmarks of a fight of the lone wolf (Kortsjnoi) against the world champion who was supported in all aspects by the Russians.

Kortsjnoi was clearly driven by his hatred against his former compatriots and their system, and the matches had all sorts of nasty undertones which had nothing to do with chess.

After 10 years his wife and son were finally allowed to join him in Switzerland where he had based himself but by then his marriage was beyond repair.

Soon after his escape to the West, Kortsjnoi had met Petra Leeuwerik, a woman who had been imprisoned in Siberia. She became a strong influence on his personal and professional life as his companion-cum-manager.

They married this year after 16 years of living together. Guess where they spent their honeymoon — at Kortsjnoi's place of birth, Sint Petersburg (named Leningrad when he was born there in 1931).

It seems that he was welcomed back as a hero by his old chess club. Things have indeed changed in the old Soviet Union!

Proudly, Kortsjnoi declared that he was ahead of Alexander Solzjenitsyn, the other famous (author-) dissident.

In the Chess Olympiad held last month in Manila, Kortsjnoi captained the Swiss team.

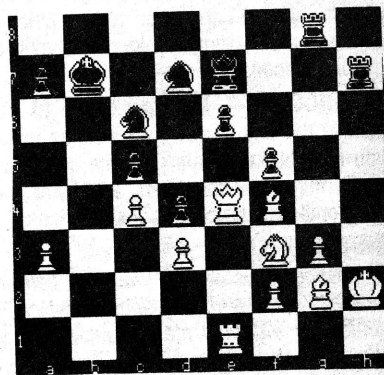
On a completely different note, one of the most brilliant games of

recent times was played in a tournament in England. I cannot resist the temptation to show it ...

White: Norwood-Black: Marsh.

1. g3, d5; 2. Nf3, Nf6; 3. Bg2, e6; 4. 0-0, Be7; 5. d3, c5; 6. Nd2, Nc6; 7. e4, b6; 8. e5, Nd7; 9. Re1, Qc7; 10. Qe2, Bb7; 11. h4, 0-0-0; 12. a3, h6; 13. h5 Rdg8; 14. c4, d4. 15. b4, g6; 16. bxc5, bxc5 (?); 17. hxcg6, Rxcg6; 18. Rb1, h5; 19. Ne4, h4; 20. Bg5, Bf8; 21. Nxb4, R6g8; 22. Nf3, Rh7; 23. Nd6+, Bxd6; 24. exd6, Qxd6; 25. Bf4, Qe7; 26. Rxb7!, (the start of a fantastic attack) Kxb7; 27. Qe4, f5; (see diagram). 28. Qxc6+!!, Kxc6; 29. Nxd4+ Kb6; 30. Rb1+, Ka6; 31. Bb7+, Ka5; 32. Bd2+, Ka4; 33. Bc6+, Kxa3; 34. Bc1+, Ka2; 35. Rb2+, Ka1; 36. Nc2+, checkmate, 1-0.

The Ballarat '92 Summer Championship has started with 18 players competing. Three of the eight rounds have been completed with the results of the third round as follows:



A. Gibbs-K. Perrin 1/2-1/2; B. van Riel-P. Cook 1-0; M. O'Brien-G. Males 0-1; C. Gibbs-R. Stroet 1-0; M. Clark-P. Miitel 0-1; D. Young-G. Rasmini 1-0; P. McGrath-B. Dekker 0-1; C. Barlow-S. Stewart 1-0; D. Butt-J. Males posttp; The positions at the top of the ladder are: 1. B. van Riel with three points; 2/3. K. Perrin, A. Gibbs 2 1/2 points; 4/8. P. Cook, G. Males, C. Gibbs, P. Miitel, D. Young two points. etc.

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Summer Championship

The Ballarat Summer '92 Championship is now well under way.

This tournament is being played according to the so called 'Swiss' pairing system, which is unique for chess.

Before every new round a decision is made which opponents with the same number of points for closely together) are to play each other, also based on a number of other factors including original seeding.

At the end, a Swiss-

tournament will generally see a fair distribution of placings of the participants, according to their relative strenths.

For example, a field of 100 players can be fairly accurately decided after only 7 rounds.

After 5 of the 8 rounds of the Summer championship are completed, the chances look bright for B van Riel, who scored consecutive wins.

The main opposition is to come from P Cookton (4 points), and A Gibbs, P Miitel (on $3\frac{1}{2}$).

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Correspondence chess a challenge

Correspondence-chess is one of the forms of chess that receives very little publicity.

Worldwide there is a hidden army of correspondence-chess enthusiasts who are competing in chess tournaments, national championships, world championships and even in a special Olympiad. Chess players take up correspondence-chess for various reasons: mostly they don't have the time and opportunities to play in 'over-the-board-chess' tournaments due to work commitments or because they live in the outback, where there is no competition available; others prefer to analyse their positions at leisure rather than being restricted by time as in 'normal' chess.

Each player generally is allowed to spend about two weeks to mail his next move to his opponent. Realising that a fairly average game may take about 40 moves each, this means that such a game may last for about 1½ years (80 weeks!) Apart from anything else, you do need a lot of patience! In major tournaments, even more time is allocated, and the world championship tournament, for instance, takes 5 years to be concluded.

How far apart the world of correspondence-chess is from the more familiar board-chess is demonstrated by the fact that one of its greatest players, the Australian grandmaster L. Endzelius (he once was second in a world championship behind Ragozin; he died in 1981), is completely unknown and forgotten (?) amongst the currently active Australian board-chess players.

To give a taste of the world of correspondence-chess, here is a title anecdote taken from the book written by the German player Frans Baumbach. At a certain phase in Baumbach's game for the world championship against his

main rival, Nesis, he completed his analysis, wrote his move on a postcard, posted it and went to bed. But while asleep he dreamt that this particular move was in fact a terrible blunder, allowing his opponent to make a winning sacrifice. He woke up in utter panic. All that was built up over the last few years destroyed at once! What to do? The next morning, Baumbach explained his problem to the duty-officer of the local post office. Fortunately, that man sympathised with Baumbach and together they spent a whole day searching for the postcard. To Baumbach's enormous relief they succeeded in finally locating it. He went home and spent days on end to find the truth about the sacrifice. At last, he concluded

that it was not correct, and after all he sent the same move as before. After a few more years he managed to win this game and the world title. This is to show how committed one has to be to play correspondence-chess at these high levels.

And I may add that one also has to have lots and lots of spare time available...



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The Ballarat '92 Summer Championship is now completed and won by Bas van Riel. He conceded only one draw, winning all his other (7) matches. Alistair Gibbs achieved a good result by finishing on 4th spot, ahead of the Ballarat '92 champion, Gordon Males, even after he had to forfeit one game without playing. Gibbs, also otherwise, had a very successful year also being the runner-up in the Ballarat '92 Championship. Chris Barlow in this, his first major championship, has played very well.

The final results of the Ballarat '92 Summer Championship are:

1. B. van Riel 7½ points (from 8 games); 2. P. Cook 6 pts; 3. K. Perrin 5½ pts; 4. A. Gibbs 5 pts; 5/6. G. Males, C. Gibbs 4½ pts; 7-9. P. Miitel, M. O'Brien, C. Barlow 4 pts; etc.

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Chess champ

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The Shore Inn Open Chess Championships were held in Sydney during the first two weeks of January.

With its 164 participants a record prizepool of \$11,000, and in the absence of a national championship this year (to be held every alternating year), it probably will already lay claim as Australia's most prestigious chess-tournament for 1993.

The strong field attracted Australia's strongest player and only grandmaster Ian Rodgers, two players from Hungary, one from Yugoslavia, one New Zealander, and a team of four very strong Indonesian women. The national champion Alex Wohl was seeded only number 16.

However, the star-attraction undoubtedly was the 13-year-old Hungarian Peter Leko, who currently is the youngest ever international chess-master.

While in Sydney he received much media-attention through the newspapers and TV.

As he is spending five hours a day, six days per week studying and playing chess (in addition to travelling the world), Peter has no time for conventional schooling. In all modesty, he hopes to become the world chess-champion when he is 20 years old!

For most of the 11 rounds of the tournament it was clear that the first spot was to be decided between Rodgers and Leko, who between them defeated most of the challengers. But after Leko drew with Jamieson as well as their game against each other, Rodgers secured his first place (with 10 points from 11 games) in the last round



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when he defeated Sandler from an inferior position, while Leko drew against the only other Hungarian, the strong woman grandmaster Zsuzsa Veroci.

Third prize was won by Guy West with eight and a half points. Gluzman (Vic), Veroci (Hung), Wohl (SA), Hacche (Vic), Pickles (NSW), Drummond (Vic) and Belin (NSW) shared fourth prize with eight points each.

In a monster tournament like this, and as consequence of the applied Swiss System, players who happen to win against players with a higher seeding are usually paired in the next round against even stronger opponents.

This happened in the extreme to Malcom Hodgkinson, seeded a moderate 95. After he caused the first major upset by beating 15th seed Max Fuller in the first round, he was then paired against the strong Novag Computer. Thanks to a mistake by the operator he also won this game. It should be noted that this computer usually is able to play a very strong game. Poor Malcom was next pitched against Alex Wohl (he duly lost) and even in round four had again to play a top-20 player. After these mo-

ments of glory Hodgkinson finally had fallen back into the group of his peers where he played a role more commensurate with his original seeding.

Other remarkable dramas were experienced by Eddy Levi and John Hanks. Levi was the sole leader after five rounds with five solid wins. In round six, however, he was virtually slaughtered by Rodgers. This terrible loss must have affected his confidence as he could scrape only one and a half points from his remaining five games.

The veteran (he is 68 years old) John Hanks, who is making a comeback in chess, was prominent in the leading bunch after seven rounds with five and a half points.

In the following round he lost in a marathon game against the champion of NSW, Gedevani, after he had winning chances earlier in the game. After this effort and disappointment, he went on to also lose his last three games.

Probably the most interesting game of the tournament is the encounter between Australia's leading player Rodgers and the number two Darryl Johansen.

It clearly showed Johansen's great tactical skills, when he slowly built up the pressure in the early phase of the game. On the other hand, it also demonstrated Rodgers' flexibility and foresight when he managed to enormously complicate proceedings by creating difficult long-term combinations. Johansen was unable to solve the complications, and he ultimately buckled under extreme time-pressure.

The Game:

White: D. Johansen; Black: I.

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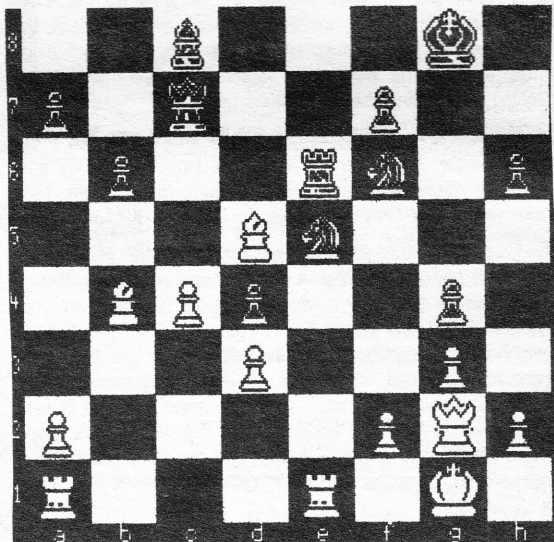
The Game:

White: D. Johansen; Black: I.

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Rodgers. Round 7, Shore Inn Open Australian. 1.c4, e5; 2.Nc3, Nf6; 3. g3, Bb4; 4.Bg2, 0-0; 5.Qb3, c5; 6.Nf3, Nc6; 7.0-0, d6; 8. d3, h6; 9. e3, Bxc3; 10.Qxc3, Qe7; 11.b3, d5; 12.Ba3, d4; 13.exd4, exd4; 14.Qd2, b6; 15.Rfe1, Qc7; 16. b4! (this opens up the position), cxb4; 17.Bxb4, Rd8; 18.Ne5!, Nxe5; (18...Bb7; 19.Bxc6, Bxc6; 20.Be7! would be very favourable for white) 19.Bxa8, Nfg4; 20.Qf4, g5; 21.Qe4, Re8; 22.Qg2, Re6 (!, a very innovative move, if only to complicate, but also threatening to take the pawn on d3; Johansen had only three minutes left to complete 17 moves); 23.Be4?.. (a waste of time, but the following apparently winning combination was hard to calculate: 23.Bd5, Nxd3; 24.Rxe6, fxe6; 25.Qe4!) 23...Nf6; 24. Bd5, g4!; (See diagram. This move seals white's king position. It is probably

the turning point in the game) 25.f4, (probably the only chance as 25.Bxe6, Nf3+; 26.Kf1, fxe6 and 27...Bb7 is winning for black) Nxd5; 26.cxd5, Nf3+; 27.Kf1, Nxe1; 28.Rxe1, Rxe1; 29.Bxe1, Bf5!; 30.Qe2, Qd7; 31.Qe5, Bxd3+; 32.Kf2, Qa4!; 33.d6, Qd1; 34.Kg1, Bb5; 35.h3, d3; 36.Qe3, gxh3; 37.Kh2, Bd7; 38.f5!, (up till here white had put up a very strong defence) 38...Qe2+; 39.Qxe2+, dxe2; 40.Kxh3? (a blunder just before the timecontrol, giving away the draw: first 40.g4, followed by 41.Kxh3 would have been a draw, in view of bishops of opposite colours in the endgame) 40...Bxf5+; 41.g4, Be6; 42.Kg3, Kf8; 43.a3, Ke8; 44.Kf3, Kd7; 45.Bg3, Kc6; 46.Kxe2, Bxg4+; 47.Ke3, Kb5; 48.Be5, Ka4; 49.Kf4, Be6; 50.Bb2, a5; 51.Kg3, h5; 52.Kh4, Bg4; 53.Kg5, b5; 54.Kf6, Kb3; 55.Bc1, Kc2; 56.Bg5, Be6; and white resigned: 0-1.



Top players contest our chess title

Chess players from around Australia, including the country's leading player, competed in the Begonia Open title in Ballarat over the long weekend.

The event is a part of the Australian Chess Grand Prix and attracted 80 players from Victoria, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory and South Australia.

Ian Rogers, from Sydney, is Australia's only international grandmaster and was a prominent player. He is currently Australia's best player.

Other outstanding players who contested the event at the School of Mines and Industries Ballarat were Melbourne players Darryl Johansen, Robert Jamieson and Guy West, who are all international masters.

Eleven players from Ballarat competed including the city's leading player Bas van Riel.

Players ranged in age from seven years to players in their late 70s.

Each competitor played seven games over the three days with the winner being the player with the highest number of points.

A number of players had to battle against the Novag Scorpio computer.

Cash prizes worth \$3000 were up for grabs in the event.

Results: First — Ian Rogers and Robert Jamieson. Second — ~~Darryl Johansen~~, Chris Depasquale, John Estiot and Michael Kontororitch.



Kathy Rogers from Sydney, wife of Australian champion chess player Ian, decides on her next move during the Begonia Open yesterday.

10/3/1993

Chess matches at the festival

The 27th Begonia Chess Tournament will be held this weekend as part of the Ballarat Begonia Festival.

The tournament has been an annual chess event for many years and it is one of Australia's major tournaments in terms of popularity among chess players, the number of participants, prize-money and its prestige.

It is unique, in that players across the spectrum of skills — juniors as well as seniors — will have a chance to win prizes within certain groups.

The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday at 1.30 pm at the School of Mines Auditorium. This will be followed by the first and second rounds. Rounds three to five will be played on Sunday from 9 am and the last two rounds on Monday.

Visitors and interested spectators are welcome to attend and entrance is free.

For more information and registration telephone Mr Kevin Perrin on 313 711 (bh) or 393 302 (ah).

Chess champs battling here

Many of Australia's strongest chess players will come to Ballarat this weekend for the traditional Begonia Chess Tournament.

The three-day event was one of the highlights on the national chess calendar.

Australia's only international grandmaster Ian Rogers will defend his title and is again the favourite.

Last month he won a tournament

in Jakarta securing a place in one of the two Interzonal Tournaments.

Marking the prestige of the Ballarat tournament is a special relay of the radio-program ChessChat by radio station 3BBB on Sunday, starting at midnight.

The championship starts this afternoon at 2 pm in the auditorium of the School of Mines, Lydiard St Nth.

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NEW BALLARAT CHESS CHAMPION

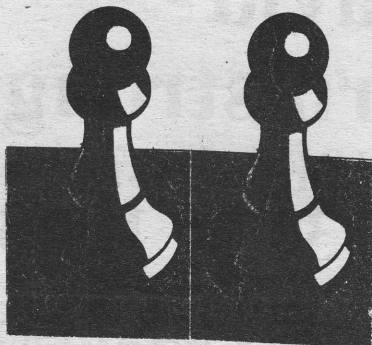
The 1993 Ballarat Chess Club Championship was a 12 round event conducted during the winter months and has resulted in a victory for Bas van Riel, with a near perfect score of 11½. The new champion conceded just 1 draw to the runner-up, Cameron Gibbs who scored 11 points. Cameron's only other draw was to Patrick Cook who finished 3rd for the 3rd time in 4 years, with a score of 9½.

The B grade title was won by the joint 1993 Ballarat school's champion Scott Stewart.

The final outcome of the tournament remained in doubt right up to the last round. With Cameron Gibbs having finished all his games, he had to wait out a nervous few weeks while Bas van Riel played several tough games held over while he was overseas earlier in the tournament. His last 2 games, against Cook and defending champion Gordon Males were crucial. Patrick Cook could force a play-off with Gibbs if he could defeat Van Riel and Males, while Bas van Riel would seize the title outright with wins against both players. The new champion demonstrated his strength by winning both games:-

The full score table of the tournament was as follows:

1.	Bas van Riel	11½
2.	Cameron Gibbs	11
3.	Patrick Cook	9½
4.	Gordon Males	8½
5.	Alistair Gibbs	8
6.	Kevin Perrin	6
7.	Bill Dekker	5½
8.	Scott Stewart	5
9.	Marc O'Brien	4
10.	Chris Barlow	3½
11.	Peter Miitel	2½
12.	Daniel Buttler	2
13.	Jeffrey Males	1



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THE BALLARAT ARTS INDUSTRY Board in conjunction with the Ballarat Chess Club, the Australian Army & Y.M.C.A., will present a live chess game at the Army Drill Hall, Curtis St on Saturday 16th October at 2pm. The game, featuring many Ballarat musicians, actors and artists as the major pieces, promises to be a lively event and everyone and their families are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun.

Champs in chess final

A team of chess players from Daylesford Secondary College will represent the Ballarat region in the Victorian Schools Chess Tournament later in the year.

The "A Team" from the school won the regional Interscholar Chess Tournament for the fifth year in a row.

The competitions were held at Ballarat Secondary College. Second place went to Daylesford's B Team.

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