



81st Hastings International Chess Congress 2005-06



The Mayor (Cllr. Pam Brown) and Hastings MP (Michael Foster) make the opening move for Geoffrey Makumbi (Uganda) against Alexander Khantuev (Russia).

The weather did its best to disrupt the start of this year's Hastings Congress. On 27 December (the day when the organisers set up the playing venue and when the non-local players travel) Hastings had the heaviest snowfall in the country. Train services were chaotic but the organisers' fears that this would seriously affect the numbers turning up proved unfounded as only a handful failed to appear.

This year the top tournament was an Open Swiss (the Hastings Masters), which attracted a higher entry than last year's knockout system. At the start of the event the presence of the World Under-10 Champion Sahaj Grover (India) was a centre of attention for the media. But by the end of the tournament attention switched to the outstanding performance of another player from India –Parimarjan Negi who, with one round still to go, achieved both the IM title and a GM norm. We understand that this caused a sensation in India. Simon Williams also achieved a GM norm.

Editorial

During his speech of thanks at the Hastings International prize giving ceremony 'Masters' winner Valerij Neverov (photo page 3) mentioned that to play in the Hastings International had been an ambition of his since childhood, and that in this world of turmoil and change the Hastings Congress had shone out like an island of peace and chess.

The tournament as usual was well run with a friendly atmosphere. The Hastings Council dignitaries who attended the prize giving buffet were on their second buffet of the day as they had earlier attended a 'switching on' ceremony for the new lights at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St Leonards.

Happy New Year to all of our Members.

Cynthia Gurney, Editor

Yearbook 2006

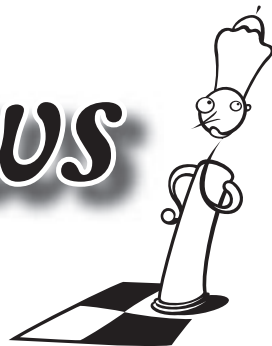
The ECF Yearbook 2006 is due to be produced in early Spring 2006.

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ECF News



New ECF Website and Email Addresses

If you have not already been notified the ECF now has a new website address and new email addresses. The new website address is **www.englishchess.org.uk**

The new office email address is **office@englishchess.org.uk** and all the old ...@bcf.org.uk addresses will now be ...@englishchess.org.uk e.g. webmaster@englishchess.org.uk and grading@englishchess.org.uk

Awards 2006

President's Awards 2006

Nominations are invited for the first ECF President's Awards. The awards are made annually for services to the game of chess. Previous winners include B H Wood, The BBC, Veteran IM Bob Wade and a host of grassroots players and organisers. The recipient of the award will receive a plaque.



John Robinson receiving his 2005 President's Award from Gerry Walsh

Nominations, with a short citation, should be sent to John Wickham, 55 Shakespeare Way, Taverham, Norwich, NR8 6SL, or email j.r.wickham@btinternet.com to arrive by 15 April 2006. Winners of the award will be announced at the ECF AGM in October.

Club of the Year & Small Club of the Year 2006

The ECF is looking for submissions from Chess Clubs for the first ECF awards. We are seeking details of clubs that stand out from the rest and ones that members are proud to belong to. It's time to get recognition of your club by becoming the first recipients of the award from the ECF.

The submissions should detail the clubs participation in local leagues and competitions, but also cover such items as how the club encourages membership among groups under represented in the general chess population, the contribution made to chess locally and nationally, the activities organised for juniors and comment on how the club interacts with schools and the local community.

The Club(s) selected for the award will receive a scroll, an engraved digital clock plus a further award -at the committees discretion.

Send your submissions to John Wickham, 55 Shakespeare Way, Taverham, Norwich, NR8 6SL or by email j.r.wickham@btinternet.com by the 30 May 2006.

ECF Chess magazine of the Year 2006

Nominations are invited for the first ECF Chess Magazine of the Year award. We are looking for nominations from either readers or editors of Chess magazines that are produced by volunteers.

The editor of the magazine selected will receive a scroll and a copy of the ECF Chess Book of the Year (any alternative to this is at the discretion of the committee).

Send your nominations to John Wickham, 55 Shakespeare Way, Taverham, Norwich, NR8 6SL, or by email, j.r.wickham@btinternet.com by 31 March 2006.



Roy Woodcock receives his Honorary Life Vice Presidency certificate from Gerry Walsh

ECF Chess Website of the Year 2006

ECF are seeking nominations for the first ECF Chess Website of the Year award. We are looking for nominations from either users or the webmasters of Chess Websites that are run by volunteers.

The webmaster of the site selected will receive a scroll and a copy of the ECF Chess Book of the Year (any alternative to this is at the discretion of the committee).

Nominations with the website address should be sent to John Wickham, j.r.wickham@btinternet.com by 31 March 2006.

Strategic Planning Officer (SPO) Vacancy

The English Chess Federation (ECF) is seeking to appoint a Strategic Planning Officer, reporting to the Chief Executive. The duties of the post are given in the following job description. Reasonable expenses incurred in fulfilling the duties of the post will be reimbursed. Anyone wishing to discuss this post should contact the Chief Executive, Roy Heppinstall (01376 512741 or email: roy.heppinstall@virgin.net)

Job Description:

The SPO is responsible to the ECF Chief Executive. The duties of the SPO are set out below:

- a) To provide advice on the identification of corporate strategies and prepare the following documents on an annual basis according to the following schedule:

	Draft to Board	Presented to ECF
Long-term Strategic Plan	June	AGM
Annual Business Plan*	March	Finance Meeting
Report against previous year's business Plan	June	AGM

*Includes the Annual Planning Calendar

- b) to liaise with the ECF Directors and Managers to obtain inputs to the Strategic Planning documents in a timely fashion.
- c) to provide a report for each Board meeting on the progress against the Business Plan.
- d) if requested by the Chief Executive, to provide support (e.g. preparation of reports) for any discussions with the DCMS to enhance and protect the annual government grant to the ECF.

The SPO will be invited to attend the Board meeting at which Strategic Planning is a priority.



Hastings International Congress

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The Congress included the usual well attended five-day events for club players and the Weekend Congress at the end. Once again there were evening events in the pubs and hotels in the town – the ever popular pair of Buswell & Bryant blitz tournaments, the Stewart Reuben Pairs Tournament, a Chess Quiz evening and a Variant Chess evening.



12-year old Parimarjan Negi

One other feature worth recording is that 30 federations were represented at Hastings, not just from Europe but from countries as far-flung as India, USA, Zambia, Uganda and South Africa.

Feedback from the players confirmed that the whole event was enjoyable and well organised. So credit must be given first and foremost to our chief arbiter David Welch. Alex McFarlane and Lara Barnes ran the Masters. John Constable made a much appreciated debut as an arbiter in Hastings for the first week as did Sue Carter for the Weekend. Local player Mel Young assisted throughout. Priscilla Morris (arbiting for the final five days) is now becoming a regular member of the team. Appreciation is also due to Stewart Reuben for the very interesting mix of players in the Masters.

Con Power

Left: The Mayor (Cllr. Pam Brown), Valerij Neverov (Masters Winner) and Hastings MP (Michael Foster)

Hastings International Congress

Results

Hastings Masters

(top 15 of the 107 players) 10 rounds

Valerij NEVEROV (UKR) GM.....	8
Vincent COLIN (FRA) IM.....	7½
Sergey ERENBURG (ISR) GM.....	7½
Merab GAGUNASHVILI (GEO) GM.....	7½
Vladimir BELOV (RUS) GM.....	7
Piotr BOBRAS (POL) GM.....	7
Mark HEBDEN (ENG) GM.....	7
Watu KOBESE (RSA) IM.....	7
Milos PAVLOVIC (SCG) GM.....	7
Simon WILLIAMS (ENG) IM.....	7
Simon ANSELL (ENG) IM.....	6½
Andrew GREET (ENG) IM.....	6½
Willy HENDRIKS (NED) IM.....	6½
Yuriy KUZUBOV (UKR) GM.....	6½
Jean-Pierre LE ROUX (FRA) IM.....	6½

Christmas Morning 'A'

(13 players, 5 rounds)

David HALL (Knoll Knights).....	4
Chris HOWELL (Maidstone).....	4
Helge HJORT (Hastings).....	3½

Christmas Morning 'B'

(22 players, 5 rounds)

Brian ATKINSON (Slough).....	4
Conrado QUINTOS (Hastings).....	4
Joe RICHARDSON (Hastings).....	4

Christmas Morning 'C'

(21 players, 5 rounds)

Michael BEECH (Hastings).....	4
Alan PAPIER (Clifton).....	4
Timothy ALLEN (Battersea).....	3½
Richard BEDWELL (Tun. Wells).....	3½
David FOWLER (Kilindown).....	3½

Michael GUNN (Guildford).....	3½
David MYLES (Tonbridge).....	3½

Christmas Afternoon 'A'

(14 players, 5 rounds)

Chris TODD (Albany).....	4
Geoffrey JAMES (Brighton).....	3½
Helge HJORT (Hastings).....	3½

Christmas Afternoon 'B'

(14 players, 5 rounds)

Elliott AUCKLAND (Crowborough).....	4
Ivan EVANS (Albany).....	4
Peter HORLOCK (Godalming).....	3½

Christmas Afternoon 'C'

(16 players, 5 rounds)

Roy WEBB (Hastings).....	4½
David DUNNE (Nottingham).....	4
Paul BUSWELL (St.Leonards).....	3½

New Year Morning 'A'

(14 players, 5 rounds)

Paul KELLY (Hastings).....	4
Conrado QUINTOS (Hastings).....	3½
John TURNOCK (Newcastle).....	3½
Ivan SOSNIN (Slough).....	3½

New Year Morning 'B'

(17 players, 5 rounds)

Russell GOODFELLOW (Tun. Wells).....	4
Samuel FRANKLIN (Crystal Palace).....	4
Paul SMITH (Brighton).....	3½
Jude LENIER (Crowborough).....	3½

New Year Morning 'C'

(15 players, 5 rounds)

Michael BEECH (Hastings).....	4
Douglas FORBES.....	4
Omer NAMOUK (Hastings).....	3½

New Year Afternoon 'A'

(25 players, 5 rounds)

John WATERFIELD (Monmouth).....	5
Russell GOODFELLOW (Tun. Wells).....	4
Michael LALLY (Phoenix).....	3½
Sheila DINES (Surrey Juniors).....	3½

New Year Afternoon 'B'

(18 players, 5 rounds)

Francisco CARO (Eastbourne).....	4
Hannah DALE (Lincoln).....	4
Joseph BERBERICH (Tonbridge).....	4

Weekend (5 Rounds)

Open (32 players)

Mark HEBDEN (Leicester).....	5
Andrew GREET (St.Austell).....	4
Colin CROUCH (Harrow).....	3½
Petr MARUSENKO (Ukraine).....	3½
Martin TAYLOR (Rainham).....	3½
Mark BROOM (Lewes).....	3½
Jurgen BRUSTKERN (Germany).....	3½

Major (34 players)

James ANGUS (Surbiton).....	4
John TURNOCK (Newcastle).....	4
Mel YOUNG (Hastings).....	4
Donny MUTER (London).....	4
Similan ANANDAJEYARAJAH (Richmond Juniors).....	4

Minor (43 players)

Marc BRYANT (Hastings).....	4½
Hugh OSBORNE (Eastbourne).....	4
Darren RADFORD (Portsmouth).....	4

Under-100 (53 players)

Adrian PAY (London).....	5
Paul BUSWELL (St.Leonards).....	4½
Barry ROLES (Rainham).....	4½

 **SONY ENTERTAINMENT**
TELEVISION SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS
- Celebrating five years of excellence in Asian sporting achievement -

On Saturday 4th February 2006, London will see the return of the annual Sony Entertainment Television Sports Personality of the Year Awards, which will take place at the London Hilton Hotel, Park Lane.

Celebrating its fifth year, the Sony Entertainment Television Sports Personality of the Year Awards prides itself on recognising and celebrating the substantial achievements of British Asian sporting talents from across the United Kingdom. As well as honouring professional British Asian sportspersons, the event has emerged as a unique institution for raising the profile of talented amateur and semi-professional South Asians involved in sport, who may not previously have received the recognition that their efforts have deserved.

This year sees 'Vishy' (Vishwanathan Anand) nominated for the International Sports Personality of the Year Award. Vishy has been labelled by many as the "greatest sportsman India has ever produced". He has excelled in and often dominated the chess competitions of 2005. One of his many highlights includes him winning the coveted "Chess Oscar" for a record fourth time. Today he is the 2nd highest rated player in the world, behind only Kasparov.

To vote text Sony: Vishwanathan to 81025 or call 090 1220 0172



Chess – Sponsorship & Support

Chess is a game with no barriers, open to all regardless of age, sex, physical ability and social Class. Chess is truly a 'sport for all'.

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Positive Sponsorship opportunities with Chess:

Chess sponsorship is the perfect opportunity to invest positively and wisely. Many previous sponsors have enjoyed widespread publicity as a result of their involvement and have experienced the popular benefits of their association with chess.

A surprising statistic (perhaps) is that chess is second only to football in the global rankings! FIDE, the World Chess Federation is only outnumbered by FIFA for the number of constituent member federations.

Chess has more competing nations than any other sport, excepting football.

Chess is universal – Chess is played globally by millions; race, creed, disability, status are all no barrier. Chess is truly a universal game, the oldest game in the world, rich in heritage, in diversity and magnitude. Chess is the fastest growing sport in the world.

Chess is international – The game enjoys immense popularity and exposure all over the world and now particularly in India (Vishwanathan Anand was recently voted Sports Person of the Year in 2003) and the world's fastest growing economy, China. Chess is also massively popular in Eastern Europe and in Africa. Over half of the world's chess federations enjoy full sport status in their respective countries and the Chess Olympiads enjoy participation of more competing countries than in any other activity outside of football.

Chess is educational – Chess is one of the most powerful educational tools available to develop and strengthen thinking and cognitive processes. Schools are increasingly embracing chess as a sport that complements education. (Over 66,000 youngsters took part in the British Land UK Challenge last year).

Chess as publicity – Chess is at the forefront of the public consciousness and chess imagery is widely used throughout the advertising and marketing industry. The subject is widely popular and this was proven by the recent *Chess as Sport* debate which generated tens of thousands of pounds worth of publicity in the national press, widely covered in the Independent, Times and Telegraph and also achieved regional television and radio coverage. *All* the major quality newspapers run chess columns within their pages.

Chess on the web – Chess has emerged in its element as a real force in the 21st Century. Modern technology has ensured the emergence of a whole new generation of enthusiastic players of all ages and both sexes. For example the 2004 British Championships web site had about 1 million hits from circa 100,000 individuals.

In summary, chess is a truly modern, intelligent, communicative pursuit from which many sponsors have derived tremendous, proven and positive benefits.

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World Championship Bid

Jovanka Houska will represent England at the Women's World Championship this March in Ekaterinburg, Russia. It will be the first time an English player has played in the current, knock-out championship, and is a great opportunity for Jovanka.

She qualified for this prestigious event not once, but twice! The European Women's Championships has contained qualifying places for the last two years, and on both occasions she finished in the top twelve. Since qualifying in June and acquiring her IM title, Jovanka has captained the England Women's Team at the European Team Championships in August, leading them to a magnificent 13th place, five places above their seeding. She then competed in the exclusive Staunton Memorial Tournament, where she won a historic game against GM Jonathan Speelman. Playing for her team, Hillsmark Kingfisher, she is a Division 1 player in the 4NCL, and recently she competed in the Hastings Congress.

Jovanka has enjoyed playing chess from the age of four, and has an impressive record representing England in World or European Girls Championships for her age-group for 12 years, culminating in 2000 with her victory as the European Girls' Champion (U20). She graduated from Kings College, London, with a law degree of which she is very proud, but her love of chess proved very strong and she decided to play chess professionally. Thus, she is one of England's most active women players, and plays for teams in the French and German leagues as well as all her other events in England and abroad.

She is training for the Women's World Championship with leading English grandmaster, John Emms, essential to help her compete with the likes of fellow qualifiers GM Susan Polgar and GM Antoaneta Stefanova. Participation in and training for such an event are costly, and while the ECF is happy to support her participation, Jovanka has asked for help from other sources to support her training. Anyone wishing to make a contribution is asked to contact the ECF Office. This is a rare opportunity for an English player, a former European Girls' Champion, and the ECF wishes her well.

Susan McFarland

Couldson Christmas International

12-16 December 2005

Jessie Gilbert wins her first WIM norm whilst Thomas Rendle misses out on his final IM norm by an agonising half a point. All the games are on the web site in PGN format http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Results/2005-12-16_International.htm

Player	Title	Fed	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	IM Norm	WIM Norm	PTS
Colin McNab	GM	SCO	2456		½	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	-	-	7½
Thomas Rendle	FM	ENG	2332	½		½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	½ short	-	6
Danny Gormally	GM	ENG	2566	½	½		1	½	0	0	1	1	1	-	-	5½
Andrew Bigg	CM	ENG	2295	0	½	0		1	½	½	1	½	½	2 short	-	4½
Peter Sowray	FM	ENG	2352	0	½	½	0		1	½	0	1	1	2 short	-	4½
Jovica Radovanovic	FM	SCG	2339	0	0	1	½	0		½	1	½	1	2 short	-	4½
Jessie Gilbert	WFM	ENG	2148	0	½	1	½	½	½		0	1	½	2 short	Achieved	4½
Nicholas Tavoularis	-	GRE	2211	½	0	0	0	1	0	1		½	0	3½ short	-	3
Alan Dunn	-	NZL	*2076*	0	½	0	½	0	½	0	½		1	3½ short	-	3
Ian Snape	-	ENG	2258	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	1	0		4½ short	-	2

For the purposes of IM norm calculation, Alan Dunn is calculated at 2100.

Junior News

World Junior Championships

Jessie Gilbert was the sole English representative in the World Junior Championships in Istanbul 9-22 November. We were unable to send a competitor for the open section because of the clashes with the new university term. A score of 4.5 points does not reflect the effort which Jessie put into her games in a very strong event. An example of her attacking skills follows;

Melissa Levacic v Jessie Gilbert

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c4 cxd4 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Nxd4 Nxe5 7. cxd5 Qxd5 8. Nc3 Qd8 9. Ncb5 e6 10. Qa4 Bd7 11. Bf4 a6 12. Bxe5 axb5 13. Qb3 Qa5+ 14. Kd1 b4 15. Qe3 Ne7 16. Nb3 Ba4 17. Ke1 Bxb3 18. Qxb3 Qxe5+ 19. Be2 Nc6 20. Kf1 Qxe2+ 0-1.

The venue for the Glorney and Faber Cups have been announced as Swansea, 2nd to 4th August 2006. The English team will be defending both trophies.

Cyril Johnson, ECF Director of Junior Chess & Education



Jessie Gilbert Reports:

I was thrilled to be invited to play in the World Junior Championships in Istanbul, which were held in November of last year. On arriving in Istanbul I was quite daunted by the city as I had never been anywhere like it and I was the only English player there. However I quickly found the chess organisers and travelled to the Golden Age Hotel in Taksim Square where the chess was being held. I was apprehensive when I was told I would be sharing with a Greek girl but luckily her English was far superior to my Greek and we got on very well.

The hotel was of a high standard and was conveniently located in one of the central areas of Istanbul which was particularly useful for the occasional McDonalds or Pizza Hut when the traditional Turkish food wasn't exactly what I wanted! Turkey in November is about as cold and wet as England but I still managed to see a lot of the city which was overwhelming but very interesting.

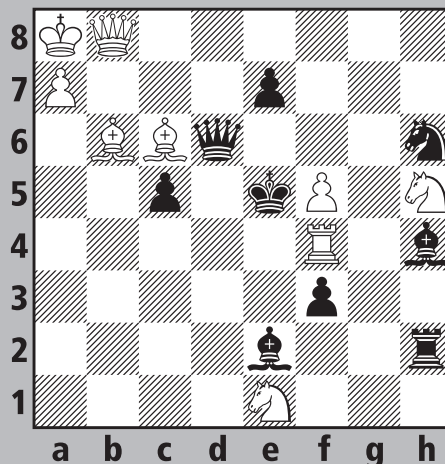
I played one of the top seeds in the first round so I was on one of the electronic boards but after that I used the new Monroi Personal Chess Manager devices. I had never used these before but I love all modern technology and I found them very easy and efficient to use. I have since used them during the Hastings Masters tournament and definitely prefer them over the traditional pen and paper system.

The tournament was strong and I was seeded quite low down so I found it a very tough event. The 13-round schedule with only one rest day was particularly tiring as I came straight from a 9-round event in Germany. I did not perform as well as I hoped in the event, only scoring 4.5/13, but I thoroughly enjoyed the tournament nonetheless and feel that I gained a lot of experience from playing.

ECF BATSFORD COMPETITION

**Congratulations to the
November/December Winner
Steve Mulligan from Orford, Warrington
The correct solution was 1.Nf5**

Jozefo Paluzie
Good Companions (October) 1914
White to play and mate in 2



Please send your answer (just the first move is sufficient) on a postcard to the

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Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD**

The first correct entry drawn on 10th March 2006 will win a Batsford voucher for any book on their current list.



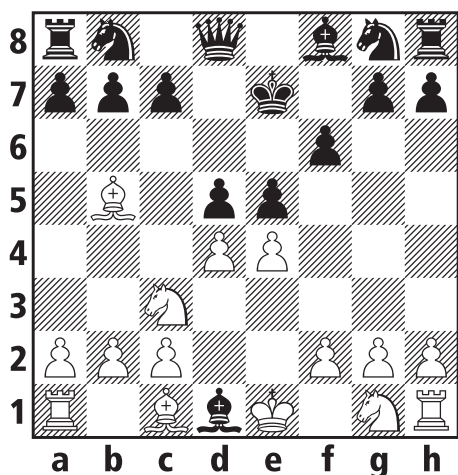
BATSFORD

Welcome to Fairyland!

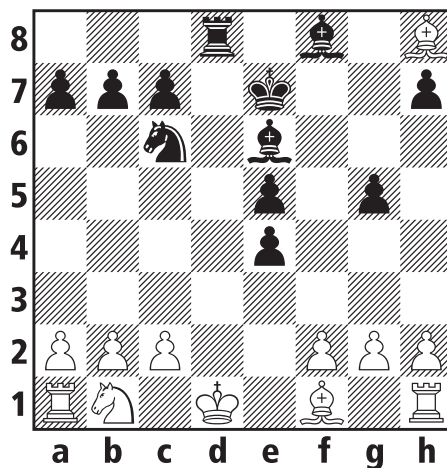
Enter the exotic world of the chess variant. Chess variants are games for the most part little removed from chess. Over two thousand have been recorded, from the simple and undemanding to games that exceed chess in complexity. Most grandmasters have experimented with variant games at one time or another from Alekhine and Capablanca to Karpov and Kasparov. A popular misconception is that variants seek to replace chess. With a few exceptions, this is untrue. Variants offer a light and entertaining sideshow; they can also be an adventure into near-virgin territory.

A normal chess set is all that is required for most variants. Almost all readers will have had experience of one or two of the more common. If these have included Fischerandom, a banal and boring game, they may have become disillusioned and dismissed variant games as frivolous. A mistake: there are many that are both challenging and exciting. The appeal of variants is largely to the imagination; if you enjoy openings analysed to the umpteenth move and long, drawn-out endings, variants are probably not for you.

One of the best known is the Progressive (Scottish) Chess. Thousands of games have been recorded, White opens with one move then Black plays two moves either with the same piece or two different pieces, White plays three moves and so on. The aim remains checkmate. A player in check must get out of check on the first move of his turn or he loses. In the English version of the game, a check ends your turn. A popular alternative is the Italian game in which it is illegal to check before your final move under penalty of losing. The average game ends about six or seven although games up to 17 moves have been recorded. Here is a sample from match play: 1. e4 2. e5, f6 3. Bb5, d4, Nc3 4. Ke7, d5, Bg4, Bxd1



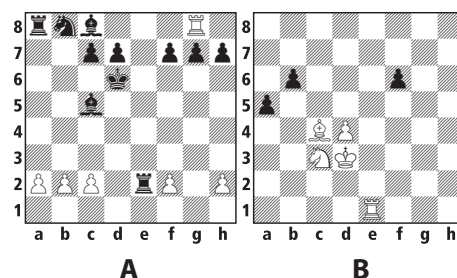
5. Nf3, Ng5, Ne2, Ng3, Nf5 mate. The following game is played to the Italian rule: 1. d4 2. Nc6, Nf6 3. Bg5, e4, Nf3 4. d5, dxe4, Qxd4, Qxd1+ 5. Kxd1, Bxf6, Bxg7, Bxh8, Ng5 6. f6, fxg5, e5, Ke7, Be6, Rd8+



7. Kc1, b3, Kb2, Ka3, Nd2, Nc4, Bf6 mate.

Another excellent but little-known variant is Alice Chess. Invented by Vernon Parton in 1953 and named after Lewis Carroll's eponymous heroine, this is Looking-glass chess. Two boards are set up side-by-side, one with the normal array (board A) and the other (board B) empty. White starts and transfers the man moved to the corresponding square on board B. Black does likewise.

From now on, players may, on turn, move on either board. If the square is occupied, the move is illegal. Play can be fascinating. Here is Fool's Mate (the letter after a move indicates the board to which the man is moved). 1. e4(B) d5(B) 2. Bd3(B), dxe4(A) 3. Bb5(A) mate. Any Black man interposing would in theory be transferred to board B! To enjoy the game it helps to have 'Alice vision'. The following position was reached in a recent correspondence game.



Here, White (to play) announced mate in 8. The analysis ran: 1. Nb5(A)+ Kc6(B) 2. Rxc8(B)+ Kb7(A) 3. Bd5(A)+ Ka6(B) 4. Nxc7(B)+ Ka7(A) 5. Nb5(A)+ Ka6(B) 6. Bb7(B)+! Kxb7(A) 7. Rc7(A)+ Ka6(B) 8. Ra7(B) mate.

The British Chess Variants Society conducts tournaments and publishes a regular journal, *Variant Chess*. The annual subscription, which includes four issues of the magazine, is only £8 (UK). New members are welcome. Write to the Secretary: John Beasley, 7 St James Road, Harpenden, Herts AL5 4NX. Email: johnbeasley@mail.com

Editors Note: This article was submitted by the late David Pritchard, some time before his death. Unfortunately he never saw it in print, as this is the first issue that has sufficient space.

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Book Reviews

by Gary Lane

Obituary

Chess for Tigers

by **Simon Webb** published by **Batsford** £15.99

There has been a lot of talk recently about what kind of animal you should be in order to play good chess. A few of us have always been told we play like a monkey but now it is being taken seriously by writers. A player now has to wonder whether his opening style should be in the style of a hippopotamus, whether you should change stripes to become a zebra but just about everyone agree that the first and best method is to be a tiger. This new revised edition by the late Simon Webb is a fitting tribute and guaranteed to make any ambitious reader a stronger, practical player. The idea is that you should try and play to your strengths while being aware of your opponent's weaknesses. Of course, that is a simplified version which is expanded at length in the book with the help of excellent illustrations by Edward McLaclan, which helps to make it a joy to improve. The style is aimed at the practical player with sound advice on "How to Catch a Rabbit" and "How to trap Heffalumps" which make it a good read for children and adults. Buy it!

How to Play The Najdorf Vol. 1

by **Garry Kasparov** produced by **ChessBase** £21.50

The next time that Garry Kasparov is in London why not invite him to dinner and ask him about the Najdorf. He would be delighted to talk about his favourite opening and will revel in the story of the three Argentinean players in the 1950s that played the same line on the same day and lost. I suspect he will still be going strong by the time you offer a coffee which means you must have mentioned the Poison Pawn Variation. Now one or two of you might not have a spare chair so he is not likely to come round so you could invest in the DVD. It means you can sit back and watch Garry chat about the opening for hours, while going through the games in a persuasive manner. It is a great way to become acquainted with the opening in a relaxed, easy manner while watching the television.

Starting Out: Defensive Play

by **Angus Dunnington** published by **Everyman** £13.99

There are some people who dream of playing a swashbuckling attack like Kasparov or a stunning brilliancy like Shirov but Angus Dunnington is more interested in defending. This is a difficult concept for most club players because it seems to be a dull subject although the task of the author is to make it seem attractive. This is done by pointing out how lost positions can be saved by precise play and king walks need not end in checkmate. Dunnington is superb at explaining how the games develop and the useful tips are signposted in a pleasing manner. The only curious thing is that the most recent game is only from 2002 which seems a bit odd but the choice of examples is explained in the introduction "...selecting practical examples almost at random from a database." Still, it is a good way to uncover some of the mysteries of the neglected art of defence and will prove to be an excellent investment.

Chess Self-Improvement

by **Zenon Franco** published by **Gambit** £16.99

The idea of presenting entertaining games with points to be awarded if you can guess the next move is an established idea in chess books. Indeed, Daniel King's "Test Your Chess" has the same format. The argument here is that none of the games have been seen before by an English speaking audience because the examples have only been published in foreign magazines. The 50 games include plenty of classic examples over the last 100 years and the emphasis tends to be on analysis. If you have time this method of self instruction is a great way to improve.

David Pritchard

David Brine Pritchard died on 12th December after a fall.

He was a strong British amateur who, had the opportunities been there as today, would no doubt have reached international master standard. He was Southern Counties Champion on at least one occasion.

He was author of several books, all on mind games, including ones on chess variants. He said of his book 'The Right Way to Play Chess' that this was the best paid work he ever did due to the ongoing royalties.

He and his wife Elaine represented Britain in an airforce event in Russia relatively recently. He was Squadron Leader in the RAF and won the Malaysian Championship in 1955 during his period in the service. He also won the Battle of Britain Chess Competition of which organisation he was the President for some years.

He was an affable man with a dry sense of humour who was in no sense old-fashioned in his views.

It is amusing that one of his games on chessbase is against Elaine from 1959 in the Stevenson Memorial in Bognor. Their encounter was a no holds barred contest which Elaine should have won, but David eventually triumphed. He was not a player from whom one expected a quick draw. He was still playing in the 4NCL as recently as 2003.

Our condolences to his wife Elaine and daughter Wanda.

Stewart Reuben

Littlewood's Choice

by John Littlewood

Happy New Year to any readers I still have left! Although we must now look forward to all the new, young talent the future holds in store for us, may I just glance back nostalgically this month to the pre-computer era of correspondence chess for which I still have a soft spot despite my being primarily an OTB player. Trevor Thomas, a correspondence SIM and a BCF controller of the C and D CCC for 14 years, has played a successful part within the loyal group of players whose chess exploits take place away from the hurly-burly of the tournament hall. He once achieved a great win over Penrose and has played some excellent chess for England but here we go back fifty years to two interesting wins against Ritson Morry, one annotated by Trevor (with my comments initialled) and the other included for completeness.

BCCA Division 1 1956-7 Bd. 1

□ W. Ritson-Morry

■ Trevor Thomas

Queen's Gambit Declined D50

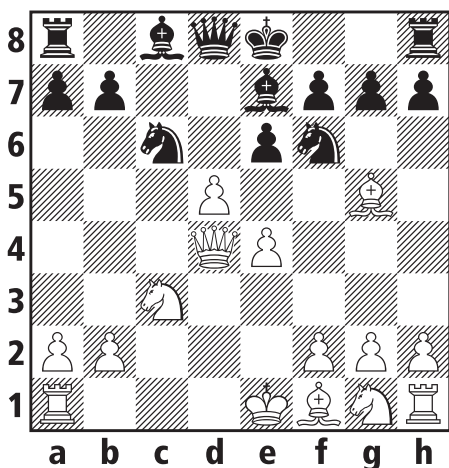
1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 c5!?

Trevor is determined to throw his opponent as quickly as possible onto his own resources, so this is an ideal way of avoiding the over-analysed lines of the QGD. JEL

5 cxd5 cxd4

Not, however, 5...exd5 after which Alekhine won a famous game against Kussman in a 1924 Simultaneous display by playing (by transposition) 6 Nf3 Be6 7 Bxf6! Qxf6 8 e4! with sharp tactics ensuing. JEL

6 Qxd4 Be7 7 e4 Nc6 Diagram



8 Bb5

By a strange coincidence I recently came across a game which illustrates the wild play that can result from 8 Qe3. The game Jenkins v Acers (US Open 1968) continued 8...Nb4 9 0-0-0 Ng4! 10 Bb5+ Bd7 11 Bxd7+ Qxd7 12 Qg3 Bxg5+ 13 f4 Qc7 14 d6 Nxa2+ 15 Kc2 Qc4 16 Qxg4 Nxc3 17 bxc3 Bh6 18 Nh3 0-0 19 e5 b5 20 Rd3 b4 21 Rb1 a5 22 Qf3 Rfb8 23 Nf2 a4 24 Ne4 b3+ 25 Kd2 Qb5 26 h3 a3 27 Ke2 a2 and White resigned. JEL

8...0-0 9 Qd2

A pleasant surprise, as I had expected the rather dull 9 Bxc6 bxc6 10 d6 giving back the pawn for equality.

9...exd5 10 Bxf6 Bxf6 11 Nxd5

Maintaining the extra pawn at the cost of development.

11...Nd4! 12 Bd3 Be6

Much stronger than 12...Re8 because this rook is needed on d8.

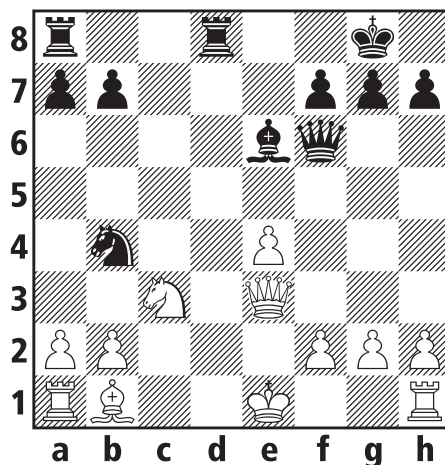
13 Nxf6+ Qxf6 14 Ne2 Rfd8 15 Qe3

15 0-0 may be better, although 15...Bc4 sets awkward problems. I must now prevent e5.

15...Nc6!

An excellent move which White takes too lightly. JEL

16 Nc3 Nb4 17 Bb1



17...Bc4!!

In making this move, Trevor had to foresee his coming attack. JEL

18 Qc5?

Missing my planned sacrifice after which I don't think it possible to avoid defeat. I had prepared for e5.

18...Rac8! 19 Qxb4 Qg5

Not, however, 19...Qd4 20 Bd3! Qxd3 (20...Bxd3 allows White to exchange queens) 21 Rd1 when it is Black who is in trouble. [In my nasty nit-picking way, I must regretfully point out that in this line Black has a forced win with 21...Qc2! (threatening mate in two) because 22 Rxd8+ Rxd8 23 Qxc4 either loses the queen to 23...Rd1+ or the rook to 23...Qc1+, whilst 22 Qxc4 loses to 22...Rxd1+ and 22 Ra1 allows 22...

Qd2 mate. So it is really a matter of style on which square Trevor chooses to play his queen. JEL]

20 Bd3

His best chance but there is no real defence.

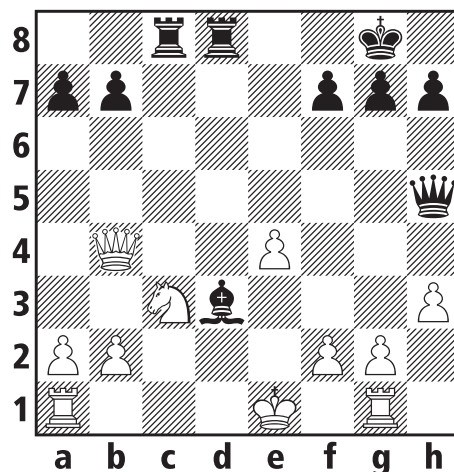
20...Bxd3 21 Rg1

What else is there? If for example 21 Rd1 Qxg2 22 Rxd3 Rxd3 23 Rf1 Qf3 when both 24 Qe7 Rcd8 and 24 Qb3 Rxc3 lead to mate.

21...Qh5

Threatening 22...Rxc3 23 g4 Qxh2 winning. JEL

22 h3



22...Ba6

How could Trevor resist the glorious finish he has planned but, in view of the messy lines after 23 g4, there was a more precise continuation with 22...Rc4! giving us 23 Qb3 Rxc3 or 23 Qb5 Rxe4+ or 23 g4 Qe5! 24 Qb3 Rxe4+ 24 Nxe4 Qxe4+ 25 Kd2 Bf1+ with a forced mate in all variations. JEL

23 a4?

Overlooking the full implications of my move. It was essential to play 23 g4 Qxh3 24 Rd1 (24 Ne2 Rc2 25 Ng3 allows 25...Qh2 winning) 24...Qh2 25 Rxd8+ Rxd8 26 Rf1 Qg2 27 Ne2 Rd1+ 28 Kxd1 Qxf1+ 29 Kc2 Qxe2+ mating or winning the queen.

23...Rxc3 24 g4 Re3+! 25 fxe3 Qh4+ 0-1

It is mate next move. A splendid game that shows what a dangerous correspondence player Trevor could be. I add his other game in which he was White and produced some fascinating tactics. Have a go at annotating it for yourselves! 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 d4 exd4 5 Nd5! Be7! 6 Bb5! 0-0 7 0-0-0 Nxd5 8 exd5 Nb4 9 Bc4 c5? 10 a3 Na6 11 d6! Bxd6 12 Ng5 Qf6 13 Bd3 h6 14 Nh7 Bxh2+! 15 Kxh2 Qh4+ 16 Kg1 Re8 17 Re1! Nc7? 18 Rxe8+ Nxe8 19 Qe2 Qd8 20 Bxh6!! gxh6 21 Re1 Ng7 22 Qd2 Qh4?! 23 Re4 Qd8 24 Qxh6 d5 25 Re8+ 1-0 JEL

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English Chess Federation Grand Prix 2005/6

To date the total of players who have scored Grand Prix points (at 20th January 2006)

	2005	Max		2006	Max
Grand Prix	242	1		126	0
Female Prix	107	6		66	3
Senior Prix	214	3		135	1
Junior Prix	362	9		239	0
Disabled Prix	34	2		31	1
Under 175	94	1		49	1
Under 150	170	1		94	0
Under 125	164	1		79	0
Under 100	129	0		61	0
Total	1516	24	9 Jan	848	5
			20 Jan	880 (+32)	6 (+1)

My judgement is that the year-on-year increase will continue. To date some 229 tournaments have been assessed.

I am still chasing up about three recalcitrant events and hope to have them included next time.

Neil Graham.



Results Round-Up

see the additional insert
for the full results round-up.

*Grand Prix 2005 Winners:
Barry Sandercock (Senior
Prix), Gerry Walsh, John
Constable (U100 Prix) and
Sheila Dines (Female Prix).
Other prizes were presented
at the 4NCL weekend,
photographs not yet
available.*

Leader Boards

20th January 2006

Players' names in bold have already reached the maximum possible score and to increase their score must replace a lower scoring event with a higher scoring event.

Grand Prix (max 250pts)

1	Hebden, Mark, Leicester.....	211.5
2	Greet, Andrew, Hilsmark.....	136.5
3	Gormally, Danny, Guildford.....	114.5
4	Williams, Simon, Hilsmark K'Er.....	76
5	Grant, Alan, Cathcart.....	74.5

Female Prix (max 125pts)

1	Houska, Jovanka, Slough.....	94
2	Parmar, Amisha , West Notts.....	89.5
3	Dines, Sheila , Old Palace.....	89
4	Anandajeyarajah, Thilagini , Richmond...	83.5
5	Thilaganathan, Jessica, Richmond.....	67.5

Junior Prix (max 125pts)

1	Eggleston, David, Durham.....	84
2	Poobalasingam, Peter, Richmond.....	79.5
3	Franklin, Samuel, Crystal Palace.....	75
4	Farrington, Edward, Darlington.....	68
5	Khandelwal, Ankush, Nottingham.....	62

Senior Prix (max 125pts)

1	Hjort, Helge , Hendon.....	102
2	Sandercock, Barry, Chalfont St Giles.....	78.5
3	Kearsley, Raymond, Wimbledon.....	75
4	Jowett, Conrad, Blackpool.....	67
5	Sherwin, James, Bath.....	56.5

Disabled Prix (max 75 pts)

1	Rudd, Jack , Bristol.....	56
2	Hartley, Dean, Amber Valley.....	37
3	Plechaty, George, Basildon.....	18
4	Blencowe, Ian, Gloucester.....	18
5	Ross, Chris, Huntingdon.....	17

Graded Prix (174-150)(max 125pts)

1	Kobylka, Michael , Wood Green.....	93.5
2	Muter, Donny, Fulham.....	64
3	Round, Michael, Rose Foregrove.....	52
4	O'Gorman, Brendan, London.....	51.5
5	Ruston, Mark, Beckenham.....	43

Graded Prix (149-125)(max 125pts)

1	Goodfellow, Russell, Tunbridge Wells.....	78
2	Fallowfield, Jeremy, Stourbridge.....	64.5
3	Moreland, Finlay, East Ham.....	46
4	Adam, David, Harrogate.....	46
5	Lord, Peter, Hayes.....	37.5

Graded Prix (124-100)(max 125pts)

1	Blackburn, John, Holmes Chapel.....	74.5
2	Eckloff, Colin, Birmingham.....	70.5
3	Ince, Darran, Mansfield.....	50
4	Cameron, Ben, Willesden.....	46.5
5	Curtis, David, Haywards Heath.....	46

Graded Prix (U100)(max 125pts)

1	Cartlidge, Colin, Leeds.....	58
2	Strickland, Ian, Leeds.....	54
3	Lund, Christopher, Dewsbury.....	32
4	Barker, Michael, Ashton-under-Lyme.....	32
5	Galloway, James, Andover.....	28

Message of Thanks

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Acquaintances of Steve Boniface,

We are writing to thank you all for your kind words, tributes and memories of Steve that provided us with so much comfort at one of the most unexpected and saddest moments in our lives. It was a wonderful surprise to see that our brother and uncle had touched so many people's lives unbeknown to us and, probably, to him as well. Steve was truly one in a million and in our struggle to come to terms with what happened, seeing the amount of people who had their lives brightened by him has made the last couple of months that bit more bearable.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated to The British Heart Foundation in memory of Steve. You raised a phenomenal £934.78 so thank you all.

We would have loved to have shown our gratitude to you all personally but the amount of people that held Steve in high regard, was so overwhelming it would have been impossible; but please know you are in our hearts and we appreciate all you have done for us since the untimely death of our beloved brother and uncle. We feel very proud of him.

Paul, Sue, Catherine and Samantha Boniface

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~* 5 Feb: 20th STOCKPORT RAPIDPLAY

The Guildhall. P Taylor (Tel: 0161 440 0733, Email: pht@rover12.wanadoo.co.uk)

5 Feb: SUFFOLK JUNIOR OPEN

Woodbridge School. A Hunt (Tel: 01394 615000, Email: ahunt@woodbridge.suffolk.sch.uk)

~ 10 Feb: SURREY JUNIOR - TEAM TRAINING DAY 2 (CCF)

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~* 10-12 Feb: FRODSHAM CONGRESS

(formerly Crewe Congress), Frodsham Community Centre. J McPhillips (Tel: 01829 770762, Email: j.mcphillips@btinternet.com)

~* 11 Feb: GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY

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~* 11 Feb: GRAVESEND JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Gravesend Grammar School. Sue Maguire (Tel: 0208 656 6420, Email: sue.maguire@btinternet.com)

11 Feb: SUSSEX JUNIOR CHESS TRAINING DAY

Herbert Shiner, Petworth. S Fraser (Tel: 01342 318918)

~@ 11-12 Feb: 4NCL, Division 4

Nottingham Moat House. Mike Truran (Tel: 01993 708645, Email: mike@mtruran.fsnet.co.uk)

~* 17-19 Feb: PORTSMOUTH CONGRESS

The Portsmouth Grammar School. P McEvoy (Tel: 02392 388341, Email: pat@pdbs.co.uk)

~* 18 Feb: DARLINGTON QUICKPLAY

St Cuthberts Church Hall. William Metcalfe (Tel: 01325 286815, Email: william.metcalfe@btinternet.com)

~* 18 Feb: 10th EASTBOURNE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

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18 Feb: RICHMOND MASTER GROUP

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* 24-26 Feb: 35th DYFED CONGRESS

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~* 3-5 Mar: 31st EAST DEVON CONGRESS

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17-19 Mar: 1st GUERNSEY CONGRESS

The Peninsular Hotel. Norman Went (Tel: 07905 360659)

~* 18 Mar: CCF RAPIDPLAY

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