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In recent years the CCLA Council has done a lot of work to ensure the future of both Correspondence Chess in Australia, and the CCLA's own role in supporting this. Realising that the future of CC is based on online chess, the CCLA has made a big effort to move most of its events to the ICCF server. Fortunately most of the membership has been able to go along with this move, allowing the CCLA to provide a better service for all.

The flexibility of web based tournaments has allowed the CCLA to organise more events, more frequently. An example of this is the Interstate Teams Championship which is now growing into one of its strongest and most popular events. There is coverage of the 2016 tournament inside this issue, and the 2017 event is under way with a very strong field.

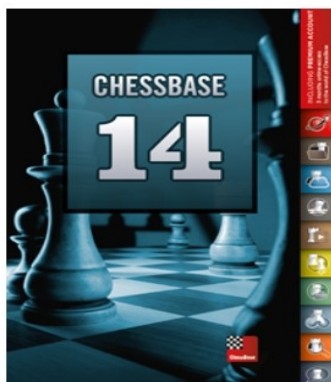
The CCLA is also updating its web services, with the address of the new CCLA webserver listed on the masthead. Of course technology isn't always perfect, and transferring the CCLA Ratings System across to the new server has resulted in missing CCLA ratings for this issue.

The Council would also like to welcome Ryan Luey, who has taken on the role of Masterpoints Recorder. This has allowed for a change of roles for other councillors, which are noted in this issue.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Tim Runting, who has been awarded Life Membership of the CCLA. Tim is the Immediate Past President of the CCLA, and devoted a number of years to serving the CC community in this role.

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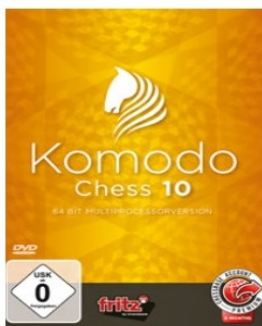
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Australian News

CCLA Major Tournaments 2017

The 2017 Australian Championship and supporting events have all commenced. For the webserver events, the Australian Championship has 11 players, all ICCF rated over 2100. There are 7 players in the Reserves, 9 players in the Seniors, 2 players in the Juniors as well as State Championships for NSW (7), VIC (3), QLD (2), SA (2) and TAS (2). Postal events will be reported separately by Peter Maylott.

Australian Interstate Team Championship

With only a few games remaining, Queensland are the clear winners of the 2016 Australian Interstate Team Championship with 27.5/35 ahead of Victoria (22/33), NSW (22/35), Tasmania (15.5/35), WA (12/35), ACT (11.5/36) and SA (9.5/31). The 2017 Interstate Team Championship has commenced with 6-player teams and average ratings as follows: WA (2109), Queensland (2098), Victoria (2084), NSW (2058), Tasmania (2004), South Australia (1915) and ACT (1816).

Other Australian CCLA events

From 1 June 2017, the Tournament Organiser (TO) of all BICYCLE, FAST, STANDARD CCLA 6/1, STANDARD CCLA 4/2, CHESS 960 and other domestic events on the webserver (except Major Tournaments) will be Peter Maylott. **Please send all entries to pmaylott@dodo.com.au**

Brian Jones

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International News

Olympiad 21 Preliminaries

After 9 months of play in Section 2 of the 21st Olympiad Preliminaries, Australia is in 4th place with 18.5/32 behind Iceland (23/39), Belarus (21.5/37) and Russia (20.5/33). Two teams will qualify for the Final. Individual scores so far are as follows: GM Chris Fenwick (2.5/4), IM Gordon Dunlop (2.5/4), SIM Stephen Kerr (3.5/7), IM John-Paul Fenwick (4.5/7), SIM Tim Runtig (3.5/6) and Barrie Mulligan (2/3).

PATT-7

The Australia/New Zealand team has made a slow start to the 7th Pacific Area Team Tournament and is currently in last place with 12/23 behind Russia (25.5/48), USA/Mexico (23/44), Canada (17/37), USA (16/30), Japan/Colombia/Indonesia (16/34) and Peru (14.5/32). Individual scores so far are as follows: IM Gordon Dunlop (1.5/3), GM Mark Noble (2/5), Barrie Mulligan (2/4), Derek Roebuck (5.5/9), Simon Jenkinson (0.5/1) and Max Willow (0.5/1).

ICCF Champions League

Champions League 7 commenced in May 2017. Gordon Dunlop is playing for the Chess Allies team in Division B4. Barrie Mulligan, Derek Roebuck and Brian Jones are

playing for the Czech Friends team in Division C6.

Africa Asia Team Championship

The 1st Africa Asia Team Championship started on 15 May 2017 and comprised 14 teams of six players with average ratings as follows: Indonesia A (2223), Indonesia B (2200), India A (2179), India B (2159), India C (2173), Asian Barbarians (2157), South Africa (2149), African Barbarians (2147), Australia A (2130), Australia B (2126), Australia C (2122), Oceania (2121), ASEAN (1947) and Cape Verde (1857).

Esko Nuutilainen Memorial Team Tournament

The preliminaries of the Esko Nuutilainen Memorial team event will start in June. The tournament is restricted to ICCF member federation teams of six players rated below 2300. Australia has entered one team as follows: 1. Brian Jones (2290) 2. Richard Egelstaff (2255) 3. Ryan Luey (2238) 4. Simon Jenkinson (2234) 5. Garvin Gray (2216) 6. Mike Gross (2203).

World Championship

Gordon Dunlop will shortly start play in the World Championship Semi-Final (WCCC41SF) which starts 20 June 2017. Brian Jones and John Mulder are both currently

playing in the World Championship Preliminaries (WCCC41PR) which started in March 2017.

Australian Masters

The 2015 Australian Masters tournament is now complete and the winner is SIM Ken Holroyd (USA) who finished with 6/10, half a point ahead of SIM Olli Ylonen (FIN). Leading the 2016 Australian Masters and 2016 Australian Candidate Masters are Finnish players Asko Havumaki (5.5/9) and Tuomo Teeriaho (5.5/10) respectively. The 2017 events start on 30 June 2017 with four Australians in the Masters (CAT 3) and five Australians in the Candidates (CAT L).

WCCF Invitational

Jeff Plew finished 3rd on tiebreak in the 1st Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation Invitational event, scoring 7/12 behind Lars Milde (GER) who was the clear winner with 7.5/12. Jeff now has one CCM norm to add to his CCE norm. (A few other Australian players have scored CCE norms but more of this later when these tournament finish!)

CCM Barrie Mulligan

Congratulations to Barrie Mulligan who is the first Australian player to be awarded the new ICCF titles.

Barrie achieved Correspondence Chess Expert (CCE) at the end of 2016 and Correspondence Chess Master (CCM) in March 2017 with norms achieved in the Malcolm Peltz Memorial and the Australian Masters 2016.

Veterans World Cup

The 10th Veterans World Cup is open to all players who are 60 years old or more at the start of the tournament on 1 September 2017. The closing date for entries is 1 August 2017.

New Chess Websites

Please note that Australia is no longer in the North America/Pacific Zone – we are in the Africa Asia Zone. Australia also has a new website. Our new websites are as below - please visit regularly for news and send feedback to me.

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 23 May 2017

Games Column

by IM John-Paul Fenwick

We have two interesting games for this issue. The first is a pre-computer era game where White neatly exploits Black's failure to develop his pieces and secure his king. Notes by Bob Seaman unless noted.

White : Bob Seaman

Black : Alfred Kranzl

**ICCF Cup Intermediate Rounds
1971-3.**

**1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4
Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4
Qb6 8 Qd2 Qxb2**

Today in 2017, accepting the "poisoned pawn" in the Najdorf Sicilian is still considered ok. But black needs to tread carefully, particularly while behind in development.



9 Nb3

Played in July 1971, when 9 Rb1 was more usual. Now fast forward a year or so to August 1972, when Spassky played 9 Nb3, followed by Bxf6 Be2, OO and Kh1, subsequently winning in fine style against Fischer in the 11th game of their legendary World Championship. Of course I didn't know anything of this in 1971 when I played 9 Nb3. And the pundits in the Spassky-Fischer match were quick to point out that Fischer had played poorly ("... could be improved, to put it mildly", Cecil Purdy). But none of this diminished my vicarious delight in 1972 at Spassky's win using a similar line.

JPF: We have to remember that this game was played in the pre computer, pre database era. 9. Nb3 has largely fallen out of favour with 9. Rb1 Qa3 10. e5 h6 11. Bh4 de5 12. fe5 g5 being a popular line in correspondence which seems to eventually lead to a draw – hundreds of games have continued 13. ef6 gh4 14. Be2 Qa5 15. 0-0 Nd7 16. Kh1 Qg5 17. Rf4 e5 18. Nd5 ed4 19. Qd4 Kd8 20. Ne7 Qe5 21. Qd2 Be7 22. fe7 Qe7 23. Bg4 f5 24. Rf5 Re8 and despite Black's king being stuck in the centre he has no problems defending.

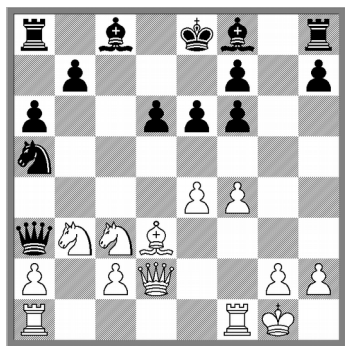
9...Nc6

JPF: Most Correspondence players these days would play 9...Qa3 which removes the possibility of the queen being trapped by a3 followed by Ra2. Black seems to be doing well after 10. Bf6 gf6 11. Be2 and now either 11...Nc6 12. 0-0 Bd7 or 11...h5 12. 0-0 Nbd7

10 Bxf6

JPF: The point of 9...Nc6 is that 10. a3 can be met by 10...Na5!

10...gxf6 11 Bd3 Qa3 12 OO Na5?



See the introductory remarks. This and the next move lose time, and allow white the important check Bb5, thanks to the half open "a" file.

JPF: Black should play a developing move like 12...Bd7. It

is hard to see White breaking through before Black completes his development and then the onus is on white to justify his pawn deficit which is one of the reasons 9. Nb3 eventually fell out of favour.

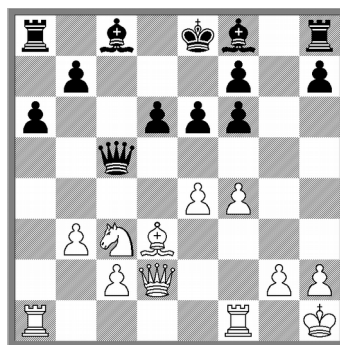
13 Kh1

JPF: White had an interesting possibility here with 13. Nd5!, the point being that 13...Nb3 fails to 14. Nf6 followed by 15. cb3 so Black would have to play 13...ed5 14. Na5 and Black will find it hard to keep his king safe.

13...Nxb3?

JPF: Black should have either played 13...Nc6 or 13...Bg7 with equal chances.

14 axb3 Qc5



15 e5!

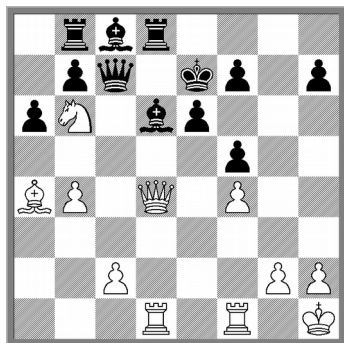
JPF: With all of Black's pieces

apart from the queen on their original squares and his king stuck in the centre, Bob takes the chance to open lines. It also clears a space on e4 for the knight.

**15...f5 16 b4 Qb6 17 Bb5+ Kd8
18 exd6 Bxd6 19 Na4 Qc7 20
Qd4 Rg8**

Here I was expecting black to give up the exchange by 20...axb5 which at least prolongs the resistance. But after Qxh8+ and Nc5 white probably still has an ugly win on material.

**21 Nb6 Rb8 22 Ba4 Ke7 23 Rad1
Rd8**



24 Rde1

Black is helpless. Although the two-jump sequence Rad1 and Rde1 may be unaesthetic to some, it seems to be the quickest way to win.

JPF: The move Bob played leads to an easy win but with some electronic assistance he could have finished the game in grand style with 24Nd5! ed5 25Rde1 Be5 26Re5 and Black has to give up the queen on e5 immediately or play 26...Kf8 allowing 27Re3! Be6 28Qh8 Ke7 29Re6! fe6 30Qg7 Kd6 31Qe5

**24...Bxf4 25 Qxf4 Qxf4 26 Rxf4
Kf6 27 Rc4 e5 28 Rc7 Be6 29
Nd7+ 1-0.**

Material down and still under pressure.

In the second game, after a slightly unusual opening, Black makes a costly strategic error which appears to have gone unnoticed by both players. Despite this White was able to exploit Black's error! Notes by Greg Devine unless noted.

**Greg Devine Qld vs Kelvin
Taylor WA
Australian Interstate Teams 2016**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. b4

I had a recent nasty experience playing in the friendly match against Ukraine in 2016. Devine-Korshunov in the main line of the King's Indian:

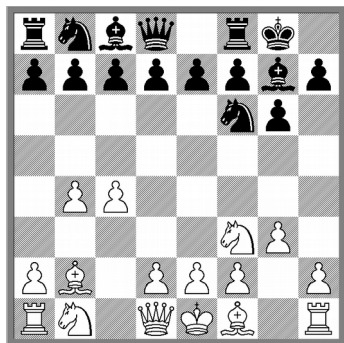
3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2

e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.Rc1 Ng6 14.Nd3 Nf6 15.c5 Rf7 16.Kh1 Bf8 17.Rg1 h5 18.Nb5 g4 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Qc2 Bd7 21.Qb3 g3 22.hxg3 fxg3 23.Bxg3 h4 24.Bf2 Nh5 0-1.

14. Nd3? Isn't the best move, better is 14. c5!, as has been played hundreds of times.

In the current game I wanted to determine the strategic pattern of the game from the outset. The move played aims to: 1. challenge Black's a1-h8 bishop 2. grab space on the Queenside.

3....Bg7 4.Bb2 0-0 5.g3



5... b6

Better is 5...Na6! Now White has only three reasonable moves 6.Qb3- develop & defend, b5-advance or a3-passive defence.

Also highly regarded are: d6, c6 & a5)

JPF: Actually Black has several good choices here. It is not clear to me why 5...Na6 is better than 5...d5, 5...Nc6 or the move played.

6. Bg2 Bb7 7. 0-0 d6

7...c5 is a good alternative. For example 8. bc5 bc5 9. Nc3 d6 10. Rb1 Nbd7 11. d3 Bc6 =

8. d3 Nbd7 9. Nbd2 e5 10. e4

The stem game from for this variation is Reti-Capablanca New York 1924 where White continued with 10. Qc2 Re8 11. Rfd1 a5 12. a3 h6 13.Nf1 and curiously Capablanca blundered with 13....c5?! .Both players failed to see 14. Ne5 apparently winning a pawn.

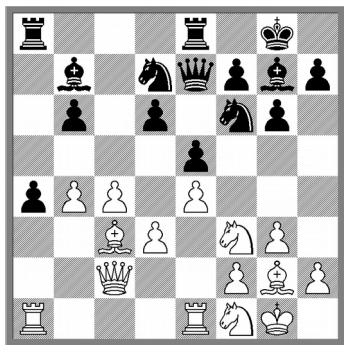
10... a5 11. a3 Re8 12. Qc2 Qe7 13. Bc3



13... a4?

JPF: This looks like a strategic mistake. 13...ab4 14ab4 c5 looks equal. After the move played White obtains a significant, if not winning advantage.

14. Rfe1 c5 15. Nf1 cb4 16. ab4



16... b5

JPF: Here we see the problem with 13...a4. After just about any other move the a-pawn is lost.

17. cb5 Rec8 18. N3d2 d5 19. ed5
Bd5 20. Bh3 Be6 21. Be6 Qe6 22.
Ne3 Nb6

22...Bh6 may be a better prospect
23.Ndc4 Be3 24. Re3 Nd5 25. Re4
f6 26. Bd2 f5 27. Rh4 (JPF:
27Reel suggests that this line is no
good for Black) 27...N5b6 (JPF:
27...f4 cuts off the rook and gets
Black back onto the game) 28.Qa2

23. Ndc4 Nfd5 24. Nd5 Nd5 25.
Bd2 Nb6 26. Rac1 a3 27. Be3
Nc4?

Instead of the text 27...Nd7 28. b6 Qd5 29. Qd2 Rf8 (JPF: I don't understand why Black would play this, perhaps 30...Bf8 was intended?) 30. Red1 (JPF: What about 30Na5 threatening to drop the knight on c6?) 30...f5 31. Qa2 Rfb8 32. Ra1 Kh8 33. Qc2 f4 34. Bc1 Nb6 35. Ra3 Ra3 36. Ba3 Nc8 37. Qe2 (JPF: 37Re1+- as white threatens to capture twice on e5, followed by Bb2) 37...Nd6 38. Re1 fg3 39. hg3 Nf7 40. Qe4 & black appears to be able to hold his own

JPf: I forget who said long variation, wrong variation but I think it applies here! Even in the final position White retains a significant if not winning advantage – the extra pawn must count for something. Black's move does hasten the end.

28. dc4 e4 29. b6 Re8 30. c5 a2

30...Qc6 31. Qa2 Be5 32. b5! Qb5
33. c6!

**31. b7 a1=Q 32. Ra1 Ra1 33. Ra1
Ba1 34. c6**

In memory of my High School

friend- John Edmiston- whose humming of “The Flight of the Bumble Bee” would swell as the first connected passed pawn crossed the sixth rank while my brow would sweat and my hand would shake.

34...Qd5

Or 34...Be5 35.c7! Bc7 36. Qc7

35. Qa4 Be5 36. c7 Bc7 37. Qe8+ Kg7 38. Kg2 Qf5 39. Bd4+ Kh6 40. Qf8+ Kh5 41. Qc5 Bb8 42. h3 Kh6 43. Qf8+ Kg5 44. Qb8 Qf3+ 45. Kh2 Kh6 46. Qf4+ Resigns.

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events and players will be closely matched where possible. For those players rated 1900 and above, we will make available an 11/1 tournament if sufficient numbers justify this.

Amici sumus
Peter Maylott (IA)

Council Meeting April 2017

The CCLA Council met on 29th April 2017 in Sydney.

Ryan Luey was appointed as the new Master Points Recorder, replacing Peter Maylott. Peter has taken on the roles of Game Starter for Postal and Webserver events.

The council decided that for Major Events and State Championships, tournaments that do not attract a minimum number of entries, these events can be combined to create a regulation sized event. Titles will be awarded based on results between players eligible for each title.

For Postal events that lack sufficient numbers, the council may change the format to make them double round robin events.

The council also confirmed the decision to replace prize money in Major events, with Medallions.

The issue of ‘sealed moves’ in CC was discussed (for players on leave). This will be forwarded to the ICCF for guidance.

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2016 Interstate Teams

by Shaun Press

The second edition of the reformed Interstate Teams event moved from being a Jamboree style event to becoming a fully fledged team competition. Each team fielded 6 players, playing a complete 6 board match against their opponents.

Although the tournament has not quite finished, the Queensland team has an insurmountable lead, having defeated the other 6 teams in their matches. Currently Victoria and New South Wales are tied for second, with the Victorian's slightly ahead on percentage score. Tasmania finished a credible 4th, while Western Australia, ACT/NT, and South Australia are tied for 5th (or last!), having won one match from each other, and losing to the other 4 teams.

Here is a selection of interesting games from the event, with annotations by myself.

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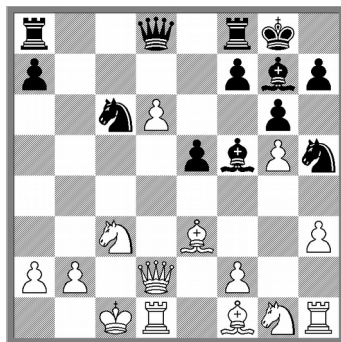
Stubbs, Mike (2002)

AUS/2016/IT (AUS) ICCF,

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1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.g4 Nf6 8.h3 After a slightly odd move order, the game has ended up as a Kings Indian. **8...c5 9.dxc6** [9.Bd3 was an older choice, but one that was OK for White.] **9...bxc6 10.g5**

Nh5 11.Qd2 0-0 12.0-0-0 d5 Black decides to sacrifice a pawn to open up the centre. **13.exd5 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bf5 15.d6 Nc6**



16.d7 There is an old saying that "passed pawns look more dangerous on the second rank than they do on the seventh" which may apply here. **16...Rb8 17.Nf3 e4** The White king is looking quite exposed. **18.Nh4 Bxd7 19.Qxd7**

Bxc3 It seems a shame to surrender the bishop, but it is clearly the best move. **20.Qxd8** [20.bxc3?? Qa5 wins for Black 21.Qxc6 Qxa2 22.Bb5 Rfc8-+] **20...Bxb2+ 21.Kc2 Nxd8 22.Bxa7** This looks obvious, but actually helps Black. [22.Rb1 Be5 23.Rxb8 Bxb8 24.Ng2 gives White some chance to fight on with the two Bishops.] **22...Rb7 23.Bc5 Rc7 24.Kxb2 Rxc5** At first glance the positions does not look

that bad for White. However Black is able to quickly increase his advantage, due to the precarious positioning of the White King. **25.Ng2** [25.Rc1 Rxc5] **25...Nc6** [25...Rxc5 26.Ne3 is also good, but Black decides position is more important than material, for now.] **26.Ne3 Nf4 27.h4 Nb4 28.Rd7 Nfd3+ 29.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 30.Ka1 Ra8** Endings are not just about promoting pawns! **31.f4 Kg7 32.Rb7 Ra3 33.Rb8 h5 34.gxh6+ Kxh6 35.f5 Nf2 36.f6** Black isn't the only player looking for checkmates. **36...Kh7 37.Rf1 Rxe3 38.Rxf2** Three against three might be a recipe for drawn rook endings, but White has his king to worry about. **38...Rf5 39.Rh2** [39.Rxf5 gxf5 is winning for Black] **39...Re1+ 40.Rb1 Rxb1+ 41.Kxb1 Rxf6 42.Re2 Re6 43.a4 f5 44.Kc2 Kh6 45.Re1 Kh5 0-1**

Cekulis, Maris (2013) -

Deacon, Graeme (1855)

AUS/2016/IT (AUS) ICCF,

30.06.2016

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a4 Entire generations of chessplayers may assume that 8.c3 is the only move in this position, but there are of course other choices. **8...Bb7** After this move the position is very similar to the Anti-Marshall system that begins with a4. **9.axb5 axb5 10.Rxa8 Bxa8 11.Qe2 b4 12.d4** A nice move,

taking advantage of Whites play down the e file. **12...0-0** [12...exd4 13.e5 dxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Qxe5 and White has plenty of play due to pin on the bishop.] **13.c3 bxc3 14.bxc3 h6 15.Nbd2 Re8 16.Ba4** Exploiting Black's last move. **16...Nd7** [16...exd4 17.cxd4 Bf8 tries to prevent d5, but White is still better.] **17.Nf1 exd4 18.cxd4 Bf6** Black tries to fight back by targeting the central pawns. **19.Qd3 Qc8** [19...Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Nc5 21.Qc4 Rxe4 22.Rxe4 Bxe4 is not adequate.] **20.Ng3** White's control of the centre allows him to conduct operations on both sides of the board. **20...Rd8 21.Nh5 Be7 22.Qc3** Attacking c6 and eyeing g7 **22...Qa6** [22...Ncb8 23.d5 Bf6 24.Nxf6+ Nxf6 25.Bxh6+-] **23.d5 Nce5 24.Bxd7 Rxd7 25.Bxh6** [25.Bxh6! A nice finish. 25...gxh6 26.Nxe5 dxe5 27.Ra1 and the Black queen cannot defend a8 and the kingside at the same time.] **1-0**

Press, Shaun (1836) -

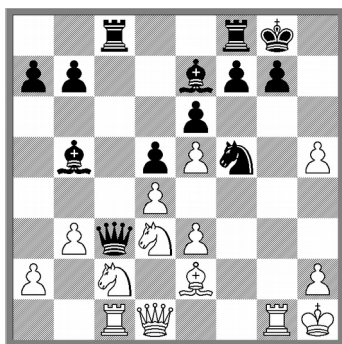
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Nge7 7.Na3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nf5 9.Nc2 Qb6 10.0-0 Rc8 11.Kh1 Na5 The game is following a line that up until at least 2010 was considered good for White. So much so that I chose to use it in the 2012 Friendly match against France. **12.g4 Ne7 13.Nfel Bb5**

14.Nd3 h5 15.gxh5 Nf5 16.Be3 Nc4 17.b3 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Be7 This was the move chosen by my opponent in 2012. **19.Rg1 0-0 20.Qd2** No doubt aware of my previous experience with this line, Maris decided to vary here. **20...Qc7** [20...Rc7 21.Raf1 Rfc8 22.Nce1 Bf8 23.Nf4 Kh8 24.h6 g6 25.Bxb5 Qxb5 26.Qg2 Bxh6 27.Qh3 Kg7 28.Nh5+ Kh7 29.Nf6+ Kg7 30.Nh5+ Kh7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Press,S-Garau,B/AUS v France 2012] **21.Rac1 Qc3 22.Qd1** [22.Qxc3 Rxc3 23.Nf4 Bxe2 24.Nxe2 Rc7 wasn't appealing as the e pawn will eventually be lost.]



22...Ba6 Here is the key move of the game. Black is going to give up the queen for various small pieces. I decided to accept the offer, as I couldn't see a reason not to! **23.Ncb4** [23.h6 might have been a better choice, although at the time I did not consider it. The idea is to deflect the knight on f5 before

winning the queen. However Black does not have to take the pawn, and has other choices. 23...Nxb6 (23...Bxd3 24.Bxd3 Nxb6 25.e4 dxe4 26.Bxe4 is fine for White; 23...g6 24.Ncb4 Bxd3 25.Rxc3 Be4+ 26.Bf3 Rxc3 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Nc2 Rfc8 29.Ne1 with a somewhat unclear position.) 24.Ncb4 Bxd3 25.Rxc3 Be4+ 26.Bf3 Rxc3 27.Nxd5 exd5 28.Bxe4 dxe4 29.Qd2 Rfc8 30.Qg2 Bf8 31.Qxe4 is almost totally forced for both sides. The game may well be decided by what happens with the d pawn.] **23...Qxc1 24.Nxc1 Rxc1 25.Qxc1 Bxe2** At this point I realised I was in some difficulty, due to the hanging knight and the check on f3 **26.Re1** [26.Rg2 was the better place for the rook. 26...Bf3 27.Nd3 Bg5 28.Qc3 Bxe3 29.Nf2 still favours Black however.] **26...Bf3+ 27.Kg1 Bxb4** Black is now much better, as the combined power of the minor pieces is greater than the queen. **28.Rf1 Be4 29.Kf2 Be7 30.Rg1 Kh7 31.Qc7 Kh6** Even the king gets into the game at this stage! **32.Qxb7 Bg5 33.Rxg5 Kxg5 34.Qxa7** Holding out the faint hope that the a and b pawns might count for something. **34...Rc8 35.Qxf7 Rc2+ 36.Ke1 Kg4 37.h6 gxh6 38.Qxe6 Kf3** And I'm getting mated at some point in the near future. **0-1**

Ferris, Stephen (1771) -

Mazza, Stephen

AUS/2016/IT (AUS) ICCF,

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bc4 Be7 8.Bg5 0-0 White has chosen a line that scores very poorly in OTB chess. The capture on c6 gives Black control of the important d5 square (normally weak in e5 systems) and an open b file to use if necessary. Modern engines may consider this position equal, but as far back as the 1970's IM David Levy used just these ideas as Black to win his famous bet against Chess 4.7 **9.Qd3 Qb6 10.b3 d5!** The other benefit of having a pawn on c6. At first glance it seems that this move can't be played, but the following tactical sequence is better for Black. **11.exd5 cxd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Bxg5!** The key move. White wins the exchange, but Black has an attack on the uncastled king. **14.Bxa8** Otherwise White is down a piece. **14...Ba6 15.Qf3** [15.c4 doesn't get mated, but leaves Black with two bishops against an open king. 15...Qa5+ to prevent castling 16.Ke2 Rxa8+] **15...Qa5+ 16.c3 Rd8** No respite for White. Bd2 is the threat **17.Rd1 Rxd1+ 18.Kxd1 Qxa2 0-1**

Peacock, J. C (1639) -

Groenhout, Ron (1853)

AUS/2016/IT (AUS) ICCF,

30.06.2016

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 Well down on the list of White choices, both in popularity, and results. **4...0-0 5.Nf3 b6 6.a3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Bb7 8.e3 Ne4 9.Bd3 d6 10.0-0 Nd7** The game has been following paths previously walked, although not by many. Black is simply playing a fairly standard attacking plan in these systems, planting the knight on e4, supporting it with f5 and bringing the queen across to the kingside via h5. **11.Rc1 f5 12.Qc2 Qe8 13.Rfe1 Qh5 14.Qa4** Nonetheless White wasn't worse until this move. [14.Nd2 Ndf6 15.f3 was a better try.] **14...Ndf6 15.Be2 a5** [15...Ng4 was a stronger choice. f2 and h2 both come under attack. 16.Rf1 loses to 16...Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bxf3] **16.Ne5 Qh4 0-1**

Egelstaff, Richard (2087) -

Priest, Stephen (1844)

AUS/2016/IT (AUS) ICCF,

30.06.2016

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.Nc3 fxe4 5.Nxe4 Nf6 6.Nxf6+ Qxf6 7.Qe2 d6 8.d4 Bd7 9.d5 Ne7 10.Bxd7+ Kxd7 11.Qb5+ Black had played into a bad variation, and after this move has the choice between losing quickly, or losing instantly. He chose the second option. **11...Kc8 12.Qe8# 1-0**

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Australia	Sweden	June 2014	April 2017	41	LOST 40.5 – 41.5
Australia	Bulgaria	June 2015	March 2017	27	LOST 17-37
Australia	India	December 2015	April 2017	20	WON 21-19
Australia	France	March 2016	February 2017	20	LOST 17-23
Australia	Japan	July 2016	February 2017	10	WON 14.5-5.5

Ongoing Matches (Australia)

Team	Opponent	Start date	End	Boards	Current Score
Australia	Scotland	October 2015		25	22.5 – 25.5 (2x)
Australia	Netherlands	December 2015		40	32 – 47 (1x)
Australia	Ukraine	January 2016		45	37.5 – 51.5 (1x)
Australia	England	February 2016		30	18.5 – 36.5 (5x)
Australia	USA	March 2016		40	30 – 42 (8x)
NZ/Australia	Finland	May 2016		27	19 – 24 (11x)

Australia	Lithuania	July 2016		16	10.5 – 11.5 (10x)
Australia	Hong Kong	July 2016		8	6.5 – 6.5 (3x)
Australia	Panama	September 2016		23	6.5 – 22.5 (17x)
Australia	Peru	September 2016		20	18 – 11 (11x)
Australia	New Zealand	November 2016		11	10.5 – 2.5 (9x)
Australia	Belarus	November 2016		20	7 – 10 (23x)
Australia/NZ	Germany	December 2016		40	15 – 17 (48x)
Australia	Indonesia	March 2017		20	0 – 2 (38x)
Australia	Spain	May 2017		35	0 – 2 (68x)

Ongoing Matches (Other)

Team	Opponent	Start Date	End Date	Boards	Current Score
Kangaroos	Netherlands Under 2000	February 2016		30	18 – 41 (1x)
Kangaroos	BCCA	November 2016		24	21 – 17 (10x)
Kangaroos	Germany U2000	December 2016		28	4 – 27 (25x)
New South Wales	Yorkshire	March 2017		16	3.5 -1.5 (27x)
Kangaroos	Scheming Mind	March 2017		12	2 – 0 (22x)

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S6101	3/8/2016	Stephen Mazza	5/6	Shaun Press	60841
S6102	24/9/2016	Guy Russo	6/6	Shaun Press	61357
S6103	1/10/2016	Nate Young	6/6	Shaun Press	61376
S6104	10/11/2016	Norm Wilson	5/6	Shaun Press	62055
S6105	1/1/2017			Peter Maylott	63861
S6106	1/1/2017			Peter Maylott	63862
S6107	1/1/2017			Peter Maylott	63864
S6108	1/1/2017	Alexander Sheward	6/6	Peter Maylott	63896
S6109	1/1/2017			Peter Maylott	63897
S6110	1/2/2017			Shaun Press	65491
S6111	12/2/2017	Shaun Press	5/5	Peter Maylott	65637
S6112	25/2/2017			Peter Maylott	65676
S6113	25/3/2017			Peter Maylott	66217
S6114	15/4/2017			Peter Maylott	66523

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STANDARD	Start Date	Winner	Score	TD	Event
S4201	5/9/2016	John Williams	5/6	Shaun Press	61193
S4202	11/9/2016	Nate Young	6/6	Shaun Press	61265
S4203	5/11/2016			Shaun Press	62054
S4204	10/11/2016			Shaun Press	62056
S4205	10/11/2016	Patrick Cook		Shaun Press	62057
S4206	4/12/2016			Peter Maylott	63648
S4207	1/1/2017	Charles Bishop	6/6	Peter Maylott	63898
S4208	1/1/2017			Peter Maylott	63899
S4209	1/1/2017			Peter Maylott	63900
S4210	8/1/2017	Joshua Culbert	6/6	Peter Maylott	64003
S4211	25/3/2017			Shaun Press	66219

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		2016 BICYCLES		
Bicycle	Start Date	Winner	Score	TD
47	15/1/2016	Michael McNeil	6	Peter Maylott
48	23/1/2016	Lennard Mechowski	6	Peter Maylott
49	8/2/2016	Wayne Fraser	6	Shaun Press
50	14/2/2016	Bill Ward (ENG)	6	Shaun Press
51	14/2/2016	Christopher White	4.5	Shaun Press

52	1/3/2016	Stephen Mazza	6	Shaun Press
53	13/3/2016	John Perryn	6	Shaun Press
54	25/4/2016	Greg Waite	6	Shaun Press
55	19/6/2016	Michael McNeil	6	Shaun Press
56	10/7/2016	Greg Roberts	6	Shaun Press
57	23/7/2016	John Perryn	6	Peter Maylott
58	3/8/2016	Heri Darmento (INA)	5	Peter Maylott
59	7/12/2016	David Bubb	6	Peter Maylott

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Australian FAST summary

FAST	Start Date	Winner	Score	TD	Event
1	12/1/2016	Greg Wilson	6	Shaun Press	57396
2	26/1/2016	David Spatar	6	Shaun Press	57569
3	21/2/2016	George Carolin-Unkovich =	5	Shaun Press	57781
4	28/2/2016	Simon Wood	5.5	Shaun Press	58025
5	25/4/2016	Greg Waite	5.5	Shaun Press	58738
6	19/5/2016	Greg Wilson	5.5	Shaun Press	60406
7	10/7/2016	Joshua Culbert	6	Shaun Press	60627
8	1/10/2016	Darren Prickett	6	Shaun Press	61377
9	25/3/2017			Shaun Press	66220
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2534 SIM Bruce Oates	229	2128 David Flude	321
2511 IM Gordon	769	2118 Jamie Davidson	414
Dunlop		2115 Eric Staak	125
2455 IM John-Paul	312	2115 Brian Thew	417
Fenwick		2090 Peter Greenwood	38
2436 SIM Stephen Kerr	412	2067 Jim Ramsden	718
2397 Barry Mulligan	240	2064 Lennard	53
2386 IM Clive Barnett	232	Mechlowski	
2362 Colin McKenzie	408	2058 Anthony Martin	69
2348 SIM Tim Runting	358	2050 Maris Cekulis	42
2343 Derek Roebuck	80	2035 Michael McNeil	35
2317 Jeffrey Plew	44	2024 IM Douglas	725
2290 Brian Jones	721	Hamilton	
2289 LGM Veronica	364	2024 Brian Pott	311
Henri		2001 Stewart Booth	259
2288 Malcolm Stephens	39	2000 Norman Garland	42
2287 Mulder, John	153	1994 Kelvin Taylor	50
2255 Richard Egelstaff	112	1984 Gunter Stock	197
2245 Ben McGinnes	74	1976 Paul Dunn	82
2238 Ryan Luey	152	1975 Peter Maylott	233
2234 Simon Jenkinson	872	1972 Steve McNamara	70
2216 Garvin Gray	33	1969 Leon Kempen	215
2215 Peter Tobler	41	1949 Jonathan Chandler	150
2212 Max Willow	450	1946 Michael	37
2203 Mike Gross	280	Lydeamore	
2196 IM Les Rowley	236	1938 Joe McGirr	32
2195 Donald Keast	172	1936 Michael Allies	32
2189 Mike Stubbs	442	1931 Daniel Friere	294
2185 Joe Tanti	520	1923 Adrian Oats	86
2169 Kevin Brown	46	1920 Stephen Priest	78
2166 Max Kershaw	112	1914 Gregory Wilson	102
2158 Jeff Nutt	95	1913 Steven O'Reilly	30
2137 Stephen Mazza	42	1911 Scott Humphreys	124
2133 Nancy Lane	45	1910 Greg Hough	100

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1909 Marc Vlietstra	46	1620 Paul Lynch	40
1909 John Williams	88	1612 Reza Safari Nejad	70
1906 Peter Sanders	62	1608 J C Peacock	51
1860 Wayne Fraser	71	1603 Song Chen	36
1851 Peter Brackenridge	62	1601 Norm Wilson	178
1841 Ron Groenhout	193	1592 Chris Potter	275
1840 Alexander Sheward	69	1572 Brenden Walters	131
1821 Paul Jonovic	156	1561 Jason Gillard	63
1814 Peter Wark	171	1553 Chris Liles	75
1813 Adam Wilkes	60	1523 Barnaby Chiverton	50
1810 George Eraclides	92	1507 William Ramsay	57
1810 Greg Roberts	62	1492 Joshua Hunt	164
1807 Shaun Press	56	1447 Oscar de Jong	57
1805 Darren Prickett	136	1423 Gregory Jacobs	63
1776 Colin Parsons	108	1415 Terence Mills	72
1764 Christopher White	110	1406 Cameron O'Neill	39
1760 Graeme Deacon	85	1382 Steven Pickles	106
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1748 Stephen Ferris	33	QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2017	
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