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Editorial

After a prolonged break the Chess Kids Newsletter is finally back in production. This magazine appears quarterly and contain news, events, calendars and coaching articles.

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The Interschool Chess Championships across Australia look like breaking all records again this year after 2004 numbers were nearly double those in 2003. Already there have been 9 zones in Tasmania, 14 in Victoria and 5 in South Australia. Over 1600 students participating with the expectation of running about 40 zones with 2800 students around Australia in the next 3 months.

If your school is not involved in the Interschool Championships then you are missing out! Get involved by surfing from interschool.chesskids.com.au. We have zones in Metro Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart and Launceston as well as numerous Regional Zones in all states.

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Interschool Chess events are thriving all over Australia.

The best of the best are invited to be part of our Chess Kids Elite program which re-started in 2005 with a big bang. For the first time the program was fully-attended with the maximum 40 players involved. A report is included in this issue.

The long-standing problem of lack of female participation by girls is going to be addressed in Term 3 with the initiation of a Girls Elite program, Girls Clubs and Girls Only Tournaments. We hope to be able to provide more news about who will be running all these events in the next month or so.

In the meantime, girls, don't get discouraged. Keep on playing!

In world news, Garry Kasparov, the long time World # 1 player has announced his retirement from chess - to concentrate on politics! What a shame.

As a tribute to the greatest player of our time we have re-printed an article on Page 4 where our own Chess Kids star, Sam Chow, played against Kasparov. Enjoy getting out the chessboard and playing through this exciting game.

Finally, anyone wishing to have news/advertisements included in the next Chess Kids should contact me by email magazine@chesskids.com.au.

-David Cordover

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Chess Kids Elite

The top 10% of players in each region of Victoria are invited together to participate in the Chess Kids Elite coaching, training and tournaments. The best of these are offered selection opportunities to State and National Title events.

The first day for 2005 was held on April 3 with Elite Coaches, IM Leonid Sandler, FM Chris Depasquale, Frank Meerbach, Denis Bourmistrov and Julian McDonald. For the first time the program was fully-attended with a few players having been given priority placement into the next Training Day.

Players were graded within the program in groups A-E. Next time, the 3 best players in each group will advance to

the higher group, replacing the lowest 3.

Group A

James Morris, the top seeded player in the Australian Under 12 Championships this year, won 4/4 to stay on-top of the table. However Kozo and Alex will be up there challenging him next time.

Group B

Will Sitch proved why he was part of the Chess Kids team at the Nationals earlier this year with a 3.5 score to guarantee an A-place next round. Sean Hyatt showed he will be one to watch out for in future years.

Group C

Declan's of all kind dominated this group, both scoring 3.5 and pushing up

into Group B.

Group D

The only group with a bye, but didn't effect the winners with David Leong and Nathan Lee left undefeated on the day.

Group E

This was the hardest fought group - with 3 players all managing to score 3/4. And particularly good to see a girl moving up through a male-dominated group.

An Elite Girls' Chess is due to start in Term 3 to develop greater numbers in female participation.

The next Elite Day is scheduled for the weekend of May 6 and 7. Details will be available posted to members.

Group A									
Seed	Names	Surname	Points	Zone	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	TOTAL
1	James	Morris	8.0	Glen Eira	1	1	1	1	4
2	Jamie	Kenmure	5.0	Casey	1	0	0.5	0	1.5
3	Kozo	Simutanyi	5.0	Bayside SC	1	1	1	1	4
4	Alexander	Cox	7.0	Whitehorse	0	0	0	0.5	0.5
5	Rhys	Hopkins	7.0	Mornington	1	1	0.5	0	2.5
6	Ned	Richards	7.0	Casey	0	0	0	0	0
7	Brandon	Harry	6.0	Maroondah	0	0	1	0.5	1.5
8	Peter	Rogers	5.0	Bayside SC	0	0	0	0	0
9	Alex	Balnionis	7.0	Glen Eira	1	1	1	1	4
10	Michael	Wicks	6.5	Stonnington	0	1	0	1	2

Zone by zone					April 3rd		Round	Pairing				
Rank	# players	Total Points	Av.	Zone	Total	Average						
1	7	42.0	6.0	Glen Eira	20.0	2.86	1	1v6	7v2	3v8	9v4	5v10
2	5	25.0	5.0	Monash	13.0	2.60	2	4v1	2v3	6v5	10v7	8v9
3	4	23.0	5.8	Whitehorse	9.0	2.25	3	5v2	1v8	3v4	7v6	9v10
4	10	50.5	5.1	Manningham	22.0	2.20	4	2v1	5v3	4v7	6v9	8v10
5	2	10.0	5.0	Bayside	4.0	2.00						
6	5	27.5	5.5	Stonnington	8.5	1.70						
7	1	4.0	4.0	Kingston	1.5	1.50						
8	1	6.0	6.0	Maroondah	1.5	1.50						
9	2	13.0	6.5	Mornington	3.0	1.50						
10	4	24.0	6.0	Casey	2.5	0.63						

The zone-by-zone table shows that, based on the most recent Elite Program, Glen Eira is the strongest Zone, with an average Elite score of 2.86. Manningham was the best represented with 10 players participating and the highest qualifying score (of 50.5). Casey Zone players had a bad day today, being relegated to the bottom of the table. While Kingston and Maroondah will need to work just to qualify more players.

Group B					Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	TOTAL
Seed	Names	Surname	Points	Zone					
1	Stephen	Guest	6.0	Casey	0	0.5	0.5	0	1
2	Bradley	Tjandra	6.0	Glen Eira	0	1	0.5	1	2.5
3	Jesse	Landes	6.0	Glen Eira	0	1	1	1	3
4	Otto	La Rosa	6.0	Mornington	0	0.5	0	0	0.5
5	Philip	Grecea	6.0	Whitehorse	1	1	0	0	2
6	Sean	Hyatt	5.5	Monash	1	0	1	1	3
7	Will	Sitch	5.0	Stonnington	1	1	0.5	1	3.5
8	Jamie	Yung	5.5	Manningham	1	0	0.5	0	1.5

Group C					Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	TOTAL
Seed	Names	Surname	Points	Zone					
1	Michael	Simmonds	5.0	Glen Eira	0	0.5	1	0.5	2
2	Alexander	Zenin	6.0	Stonnington	0	1	0	0.5	1.5
3	Adam	Piasentin	6.0	Casey	0	0	0	0	0
4	Declan	O'Reilly	5.0	Whitehorse	1	0.5	1	1	3.5
5	Aleks	Stojilovic	5.5	Monash	1	1	1	0	3
6	Henry	Chiu	5.0	Manningham	1	0	0	1	2
7	Declan	Jamieson	5.0	Manningham	1	1	1	0.5	3.5
8	Ian	Wong	5.0	Manningham	0	0	0	0.5	0.5

Group D					Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	TOTAL
Seed	Names	Surname	Points	Zone					
1	David	Leong	5.0	Manningham	1	1	0.5	1	3.5
2	Mathew	Bradshaw	5.0	Manningham	0	1	0.5	0.5	2
3	The	BYE	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
4	Billy	Kanakis	5.0	Monash	0.5	0	0.5	1	2
5	Stuart	Holdsworth	5.0	Stonnington	0	0	1	0	1
6	Nathan	Lee	5.0	Whitehorse	1	0.5	0.5	1	3
7	Beau	Landes	5.0	Glen Eira	1	0.5	1	0	2.5
8	Joseph	Van De Garde	5.0	Monash	0.5	1	0	0.5	2

Group E					Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	TOTAL
Seed	Names	Surname	Points	Zone					
1	Mark	Koh	5.0	Manningham	1	0	1	1	3
2	Terence	Lo	5.0	Manningham	1	1	0	1	3
3	Benjamin	Neal	5.0	Manningham	0.5	0	0.5	0	1
4	Richard	Niu	5.0	Manningham	0	1	0	1	2
5	Sam	White	4.0	Kingston	0	1	0.5	0	1.5
6	Jessica	Van De Garde	4.0	Monash	0	1	1	1	3
7	Matthew	Hince	5.0	Stonnington	0.5	0	0	0	0.5
8	Anthony	Elmer	5.0	Glen Eira	1	0	1	0	2

Round	Pairing			
1	1 v 5	6 v 2	3 v 7	8 v 4
2	4 v 1	2 v 3	5 v 8	7 v 6
3	1 v 2	3 v 5	6 v 4	8 v 7
4	7 v 1	4 v 3	2 v 8	5 v 6

Highlighted players will be promoted.

WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2000 - NEW YORK/CHESS WORLD

Garry Kasparov vs. Sam Chow

As part of the launch of Kasparov Chess Online (now defunct, www.KasparovChess.com) the world number one player took on 30 players under age 15 in a simultaneous exhibition with a slight difference. 20 of those games were being played via his website.

Kasparov had 2 hours to play the 30 games (4 min per game) while each competitor had 1 hour.

Sam Chow was Australia's only representative and played very well, nearly outcheapying the great Kasparov.

As it was televised live in New York City I would like to print the game for you with imagined comments by the overzealous American commentators.

Imagine 2 American commentators following Sam's game, Bill and Jim.

B: Well, Jim, here we are about to start in this sy-mul-taneous display. The great Garry Kasparov will be taking on a 12 year old boy from Down Under. From Australia. Do you think Kasparov will play the Orangutan opening?

J: He hasn't played one before....

B: We'll be following the moves closely and hopefully get a chance to talk to the young fellow as soon as the game is over. And, oh...the first move has been made. Jim.

J: That's right Bill, that was the first move.

1.d4

B: A Queen pawn opening, I wonder what Sam will have prepared against that. We know young Sam was informed only a matter of days ago, however this potential champ must have given some thought to his opening moves.

J: That's right Bill, he must have.

1...e6

B: Ooh, an interesting choice of opening. He only moved his pawn one square. I wonder what he is thinking.

J: Croissants in Paris?

B: Sounds great to me Jim.

2.g3

B: Looks like Kasparov has a pawn strategy going here. I've heard he likes the pawn scene.

J: I heard he was a queen man myself.

2...f5

J: Ahh, an opening involving dykes....

B: Jeez, Jim, not in front of the children!

J: I meant windmills and dykes, not queens and dykes you fool!

3.Bg2 c5

B: Very unorthodox play by the young Chow. Who did he learn to play chess from??

J: Some New Zealand IM I think, but maybe a wise plan, take Kasparov out of theory as early as possible. Make him really USE those two seconds on each move.

4.Nf3 Nf6 5.0-0

B: We all know about that move! (*whispers in background, "What the hell was that?!"*)

J: We sure do. (*whispered "Castling, now just shut up and watch the game."*)

5...Nc6 6.c4 cxd4

J: If Sam hadn't taken now then Kasparov could gain a good deal of time and space with d5.

B: Yeah, time and space. The two final frontiers.

7.Nxd4 Nxd4?

J: Capturing here loses a bit of time, I don't know if I would have recommend it.

B: You're always complaining about lost time. Just live for the moment, man....

8.Qxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rd1

J: With 30 games to worry about (at 4 minutes per game) Kasparov is playing very simple chess. No complicated plans, just pieces to their best squares. And we all know where Rooks belong, don't we Bill.

B: In jail?

J: Rooks, not crooks you dunderhead.

10...Qa5

B: Going for him with his queen. Go Sam, move in for the kill!

J: Actually not much choice. Black really can't get his Q-side pieces into play.

(*Bill goes for a walk, in a bit of a huff.*)

11.Bf4 Bc5

J: A plan is a plan, even if it doesn't look like much of one! And a series of one move cheapies sure looks like a plan to me!

12.Qd2 Qb6

J: Again with the one move threat...

[*Sam Chow:* I was thinking of 12...e5 then 13.Bd5+ Kh8 14.Bxe5 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 but I didn't see 15...Ng4+ 16.Kg2 Nxe5]

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13.e3

J: Another safe, no-thinking move. But, according to the guy on the other side of the room 13.Na4 Bxf2+ 14.Kf1 Qa6 15.Qb4 Bb6 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.Rd6! would leave a White a comfortable position.

13...Bb4 14.a3 Ne4 15.Bxe4 Bxc3

J: Obviously not 15...fxe4? because of 16.axb3 winning a piece.

16.Qxc3 fxe4

J: The exchange of pieces seems to have been a good thing for Black. Previously he had far less space and quincequantly his pieces had less maneuvering room. Now with a few minor pieces gone the space situation doesn't mean so much. Also, Kasparov has weakened the white squares around his own king. Leaving only opposite color bishops on the board can also give Sam a chance to threaten to get a drawn position sometime in the future. The only drawback is that Sam's pawn on e4 is stranded, alone, and defenseless, silent in a world of noise, chaos and bustle....

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17.Rd6?

J: Playing 17.Qc2 would give Black the chance to sacrifice with 17...d5 and activate his bishop.

(Bill walks back in with his friend Gary)

J: Garry, would you like to say something?

G: Can I just say this is the first time I've been on television?

J: No, I'm sorry, we haven't the time, Sam has moved again.

17...Qc5

J: It seems now that Sam is getting his Queen active. Perhaps Kasparov has played a little inaccurately.

B: Yeah, something like 17.Be5! would have been better. With a variation something like 17.Be5 Rf7 18.Rd6! Qd8 19.Qd4 Qf8 20.Rf1 and Black loses his e pawn.

J: Wow! That's great analysis, Bill.

B: Thanks, my German friend Fritz told me! What do you think Garry?

G: Can I just say this is the second time I have been on television?

J: No, there isn't time. Kasparov has moved...

18.Qd4?!

J: 18.Rad1 would have been my choice. Really the only move then for Sam would have been ...b5. 18.g5 loses to 19.Be5

B: Why not just move the Bishop thing to e5 straight away then?

J: Because then Black could win with 19...Rf5! Anyway, it seems that this is a pre-match strategy. Swap queens and play for the endgame. Seems much simpler,

rather than have 30 people attacking with their queens, play 30 simple (even) end-games and hope to beat the juniors with superior technique.

18...Qf5!

J: Good move little Aussie boy....good move. Now his queen is active!

19.Qe5

(Garry leaves the room)

B: Can I just say that he'll never be on television again?

J: Sure. Go ahead.

B: Kasparov sure is keep to swap queens!

J: But I think that was a mistake, Bill, I think that Sam has a chance at something here, maybe even win a piece!

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19...g5!

J: Ooh, although it looks as if Sam can grab a piece here, there is actually a way out.

B: The crowd is going wild!

20.Qxf5 Rxf5 21.g4!

J: Counterattack! Never say die.

B: Where there's a will there's a way. Where there's a feather there's a duck, or a pillow. Where there's smoke there's a fire, or cancer-man, or just smoke.

21...Rc5 22.b4 Rxc4 23.Bxg5

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23...a5! 24.b5?!

J: Can it be possible?? The world champion, at 2 seconds per move, can't see simple one move forks? Maybe he should

go to more Chess Kids coaching sessions?

B: My alter-ego thinks that 24.bxa5 Rxa5 25.Bf6 e5 was an alternative.

24...Rc5!

B: Sam Chow, cheapie master, has managed to out cheapie the World #1!! Who would have thought that this 12 year old star from Jebrovia ...

J: Where?

B: Oh, I mean, from Australia. He is a pawn up for nothing against Kasparov!

25.Bd8 Rxb5 26.h4!

J: Watching Kasparov make these moves you can tell he is a champion. It takes him only a second to realise that he isn't going to get any play on the Q-side, so he has to cause some trouble on the K-side. This move doesn't do anything specific, but that is half the challenge. To have the self-control to do nothing until your opponent makes a mistake.

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26...a4?!

B: I heard a saying once that every pawn move weakens something.

J: True, and it can't be taken back either. This move weakens the b4 square. Also it means that White's one a-pawn can now hold both Black's Q-side pawns in a later endgame.

27.Bf6!

J: Going for the b4 square straight away. A strong player will always exploit any weakness in the position. And here Kasparov wastes no time.

27...Kf7 28.Bc3

B: I wonder where that's going?

28...Ra6!

J: Finally, more than half-way through the game and Sam can activate some of his pieces.

29.Rd2!!

J: Such a subtle way of playing for a win! Had Kasparov exchanged it would have been a certain draw. Keeping the pieces

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on gives Sam more chances to go wrong. So in effect Kasparov is still playing for a win here!

29...Rc6 30.Bb4 d5!

J: If Sam is ever going to play for the win then he will need his bishop from c8.

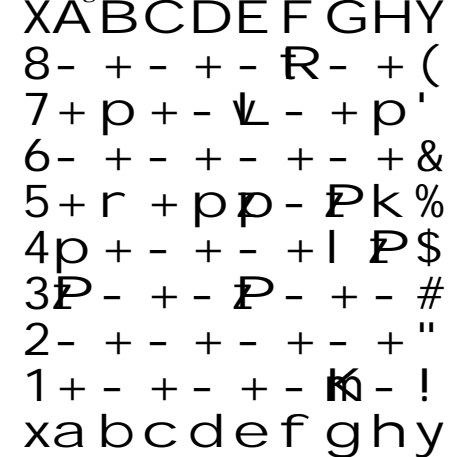
31.f4!

J: As I was saying before, Kasparov knows he can't win on the Q-side. This temporary pawn sac opens up some lines on the K-side.

31...exf3 32.Rf1 e5 33.Rxf3+ Rf6 34.Rxf6+!

J: Probably unnoticeable to many, but the logical looking 34.Rdf2 actually is worse because after Black exchanges rooks, White is left with a rook on f3, rather than f2. The reason this is bad is because the rook then has less mobility (and is on a white square).

34...Kxf6 35.Rf2+ Kg6 36.g5 Kh5 37.Rf8! Bg4 38.Be7!



38...d4?!

B: Not 38...Kxh4? 39.g6+ Kg3 40.gxh7! (40.g7? Rb1+ 41.Rf1 Rxf1+ 42.Kxf1 Be6) and game over.

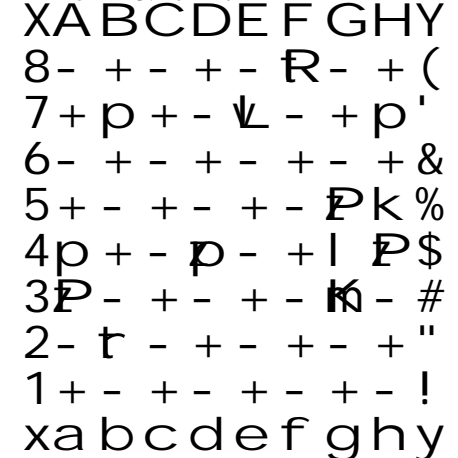
J: You sound like a computer! But really, this is the critical position. White dominates the black squares, but that isn't going to be enough to win. Will it be enough to draw? 38...d4 is a reasonable

way to try for a win (and good luck to Sam too, anyone who is brave enough to play for a win against Kasparov deserves to win!). There are other alternatives here for Black. 38...Rb2 probably doesn't lose, White's best would be to try for the h-pawn with 39.Rf7.

Or from my point of view the best would have been 38...Be2! swinging the bishop to c4 and allowing the Black King to come in via g4 to create mating threats.

39.exd4 exd4 40.Kf2 Rb2+ 41.Kg3

J: Well, Sam can force a draw here. There is a perpy with Rb3+, Rb2+, Rb1+ etc. Because White can never come across to the e-file or his bishop drops. Eg. 41...Rb3+ 42.Kf4 Rf2+ 43.Ke4 Re2+ or 42.Kf2 Rb2+ 43.Ke1 Re2+



What would you play against Kasparov in this position?

41...d3??

J: Ooh, the only move that loses! Sam has overlooked White's new threat. With the King now covering some white squares there are mate threats in the air.

B: (sings) Mate is in the air...

42.Rf6!

J: Ouch! Sam had obviously been worried about Rf7 and threats on the h-pawn but forgot now that with the King on g3 there is this move as well.

42...Rg2+

B: He's escaped from checkmate!

J: But not for long.

43.Kxg2 Kxh4 44.Rh6+ Bh5 45.g6+ Kg4 46.Rxh5! 1-0

J: Eliminates all possibilities for counter-play, so understandably Sam resigns.

The commentators move in on Sam....

J: Sam, what were your thoughts when you sat down to play Kasparov, the greatest player in the world, and some may say the greatest player ever?

Sam: Well, I was a little

B: Were you nervous?

Sam: Yes, a little. But

J: How did you feel when you got a pawn up against Kasparov?

Sam: I was confident of

B: Did you think you'd win.

Sam: Yes, I was

J: Did you have a pre-game strategy?

Sam: Well, I expected 1.d4, but I prepared for a Nimzo-Ind

B: Which piece did you plan on moving?

Sam: What?

B: Which pieces did you want to use at the start?

Sam: I was hoping, all of them!

J: Were you worried that your Bishop was trapped?

Sam: My light-squared bishop? Yes, but then

B: How would you like a rematch, one-on-one?

Sam: I don't think that I'd go to well.

J: Are you disappointed?

Sam: Not that much, he is the #1 in the world after all.

B: So, you are pretty upset then. Well, don't worry. Bad luck, hey. Better luck next time.

Bill and Jim go off to put their story together for various TV stations.

B: Hmph, Sam isn't that talkative is he?

J: No, not really...doesn't matter. We can just make stuff up.

B: True, journalistic license and all that.

FINAL RESULT

Kasparov	29.5
Rest of the World	0.5

The only draw was by Veronica Zags from Israel.

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Brain Strain? Do some puzzles!

(Answers on Page 11)

<p style="text-align: center;">1.</p> <p>X A B C D E F G H Y 8- + - + - + - + (7+ N+ - + - + - ' 6- + - p - + R p & 5+ n + P p - + - % 4k p K + P + - P \$ 3+ - + - + r + - # 2- P - + - + - + " 1+ - + - + - + - ! x a b c d e f g h y</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Black to play and mate in 2.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2.</p> <p>X A B C D E F G H Y 8- + l + r k - + (7+ - + - p - v p ' 6- v Q + P + p + & 5p - + - + p + - % 4P + - + - + - + \$ 3+ - + - + - + - # 2- + - + r P P P " 1+ - + R + - k - ! x a b c d e f g h y</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White to play and mate in 2.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3.</p> <p>X A B C D E F G H Y 8r + - w - + - + (7+ - + r k - + - ' 6- p R p - + - p & 5+ P + P p R p P % 4p + - + P + P + \$ 3P p w - + - + - # 2- + - + - + - + " 1+ K + - + - + - ! x a b c d e f g h y</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White to play and mate in 2.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4.</p> <p>X A B C D E F G H Y 8- + - + - + - + (7k P + - + - + - ' 6- + - + - + - + & 5P - + - + - + - % 4K + - + - + - + \$ 3+ - + - + - + - # 2- + - + - + - + " 1+ - + - + - + - ! x a b c d e f g h y</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White to play and win.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5.</p> <p>X A B C D E F G H Y 8- + - + - + - + (7P K + - + - + - ' 6- P - + - + - + & 5+ K + - + - + - % 4- + - + - + - + \$ 3+ - + - + - + - # 2- + - + - + - + " 1+ - + - + - + - ! x a b c d e f g h y</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White to play and win.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.</p> <p>X A B C D E F G H Y 8- + - + - + - v (7+ - + - + - + - ' 6- + - + - + - + & 5+ - + - + k + K % 4- + - + - + - + \$ 3+ - + - + P + - # 2- + - + - + - + " 1+ - + - + - + - ! x a b c d e f g h y</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White to play and win.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7.</p> <p>X A B C D E F G H Y 8- + - + - + - + (7+ - + - + - + - ' 6- w - + - + - + & 5+ - + - + - + - % 4- + - + - + - + \$ 3k - + - + - + - # 2- + - + Q + p + " 1+ k + - + - + - ! x a b c d e f g h y</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Black promotes and White to draw.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.</p> <p>X A B C D E F G H Y 8- + - + - + - v (7+ - + p + - + p ' 6- + - P - + - R & 5+ - + k + p + - % 4- P - N - p - + \$ 3+ P + - + P + - # 2- + K + - + - + " 1+ - + R + - + - ! x a b c d e f g h y</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A rather hard mate in 3.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.</p> <p>X A B C D E F G H Y 8- + - + N + - + (7+ - + - + - + - ' 6- + - + N + - w & 5+ K n - p k + p % 4- + Q + - + - + \$ 3+ - + - + L + - # 2- + - + - + R + " 1+ - + - + - + - ! x a b c d e f g h y</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The hardest mate in 2 I have seen.</p>

4TH APRIL 2005 - 15TH APRIL 2005

Tasmanian Interschool Championships



Rachael Thompson from Strahan Primary, stares down her opponent during a game.

North Hobart Secondary Zone

Place	Name	Score	
1	CALVIN SECONDARY	20.5	4 players
2	CLAREMONT HIGH	20.0	15 players
3	FRIENDS' SCHOOL	20.0	10 players
4	NEW NORFOLK HIGH	19.5	13 players
5	HUTCHINS	17.5	15 players
6	ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGIATE	14.5	8 players
7	CLARENCE HIGH	13.5	5 players
8	OLGIVE HIGH SCHOOL	9.5	4 players
9	GILFORD YOUNG	7.0	2 players

Individual Placings

Place	Name	School	Total
1	Isaac Hays	Calvin Secondary	7.0
2	Dylan Moores	Claremont High	6.0
3	Meg Briant	St Michael's Collegiate	6.0

North Coast Secondary Zone

Place	Name	Score	
1	ST BRENDAN SHAW	23.5	6 players
2	DEVONPORT HIGH	14.5	6 players
3	ULVERSTONE HIGH	14.5	8 players
4	YOLLA HIGH	12.0	6 players
5	SHEFFIELD HIGH	8.0	2 players

Individual Placings

Place	Name	School	Total
1	Thomas Hendry	St Brendan Shaw	7.0
2	Jason Chan	St Brendan Shaw	6.5
3	Alastair Dyer	Sheffield High	5.5

Launceston Secondary Zone

Place	Name	Score	
1	LAUNCESTON GRAMMAR	21.5	6 players
2	QUEECHY HIGH	20.0	4 players
3	ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE	17.5	14 players
4	SEABROOK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	15.0	4 players
5	LAUNCESTON GRAMMAR B	12.0	6 players

Individual Placings

Place	Name	School	Total
1	Justin Bewsher	Launceston Grammar	7.0
2	Alistair Lippis	Queechy High	6.0
3	Jae-Woo Jung	Launceston Grammar	6.0

The Tasmanian Interschool Championships were run for the first time in 2004 and attracted 389 players from 40 schools. From there, 68 players from 14 schools competed the State Championship Finals with Launceston Grammar taking out the Secondary Championships and West Ulverstone Primary the Primary Division.

The 2005 Championships has already seen growth with 409 players from 42 schools, and still with 12 Zone Championships to run!

There will be fierce competition in the State Finals this year with last year's

runners-up (on equal score, but 2nd on countback), St Brendan Shaw looking determined to get revenge. Launceston Grammar did win their zone, but not nearly as comfortably.

The Primary Division is no less hotly contested with West Ulverstone Primary showing that they are working hard to defend their title. A massive score of 26 in their preliminary round secured their place in the finals.

I certainly wouldn't be discounting Longford Primary who took out the strong Launceston Zone, nor Princes St Primary with the Under 12 State Cham-

pion, Jamie Briant, leading their team.

There will be another 12 Zones around Tasmania in July with opportunity for more schools to claim a spot in the State Finals.

Zones will be held in: South Hobart, North Hobart, East Hobart, Tasman Region, Huon Valley, Kingston, Launceston, North Coast, North West, Devonport and possibly a Western Zone in Strahan.

For entries or more details go to WWW: interschool.chesskids.com.au/tasmania/

North West Primary Zone				South Hobart Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score		Place	Name	Score	
1	ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY	22.0	14 players	1	PRINCES ST PRIMARY	22.5	12 players
2	STRAHAN PRIMARY	17.0	11 players	2	HUTCHINS SCHOOL	22.0	15 players
Individual Placings				Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total	Place	Name	School	Total
1	Themis Murdoch	St Brigid's Primary	7.0	1	George Dargaville	Hutchins School	6.0
2	Simeon Cooper	St Brigid's Primary	6.0	2	Harrison Briant	Princes St Primary	6.0
3	Ryan Wheldon	Strahan Primary	5.0	3	James Briant	Princes St Primary	6.0
				4	Lachlan Crowder	Hutchins School	6.0

Hobart East Shore Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY	24.0	14 players
2	BRIGHTON PRIMARY	15.5	14 players
3	RICHMOND PRIMARY	14.0	10 players
4	BRIDGEWATER PRIMARY	13.5	7 players
5	LINDISFARNE NORTH	12.5	9 players
6	COTTAGE SCHOOL	9.0	2 players
Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Edward Furst	Cottage School	6.0
2	Sam Adams	Cambridge Primary	6.0
3	Dion Philips	Cambridge Primary	6.0
4	Jordan Rogerson	Cambridge Primary	6.0
5	Adrian Hutchinson	Cambridge Primary	6.0

North Hobart Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	NEW TOWN PRIMARY	21.0	17 players
2	THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL	19.0	8 players
3	SACRED HEART COLLEGE	17.0	8 players
Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Angus Ling	New Town Primary	7.0
2	Rhys Kilpatrick	The Friends' School	6.0
3	Cody Nelson	New Town Primary	5.0
4	Nathan Dawes	Sacred Heart College	5.0

Launceston Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	LONGFORD PRIMARY	24.5	14 players
2	LAUNCESTON GRAMMAR	18.0	13 players
3	NORWOOD PRIMARY	15.5	4 players
4	ST ANTHONY'S RIVERSIDE (GOLD)	14.5	9 players
5	ST ANTHONY'S RIVERSIDE (GREEN)	14.5	9 players
6	OUR LADY OF MERCY	13.5	6 players
7	SEABROOK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	2.5	1 player
Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Bradley Millar	Longford Primary	6.5
2	Jake Murfett	Longford Primary	6.0
3	Alex Jak	Longford Primary	6.0
4	George Pvecroft	Longford Primary	6.0

North Coast Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	WEST ULVERSTONE PRIMARY A	26.0	14 players
2	WEST ULVERSTONE PRIMARY B	17.5	14 players
3	FORTH PRIMARY	17.0	8 players
4	WEST ULVERSTONE PRIMARY C	16.0	14 players
5	ULVERSTONE PRIMARY	12.0	6 players
6	SASSAFRASS PRIMARY	9.0	3 players
Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Sam Brownrigg	West Ulverstone A	7.0
2	Vincent Horton	West Ulverstone A	7.0
3	Nina Horton	West Ulverstone A	6.0
4	Ethan Duniam-Douglas	West Ulverstone A	6.0



Summary of Term 1 Events						Last Year	
Zone	Date	Venue	Entries	Schools	Finalists	Entries	Schools
Nth Hobart Secondary	4-Apr	Claremont High	76	9	Calvin Secondary & Friends' School	69	8
Sth Hobart Primary	5-Apr	Princes St Primary	42	3	Princes St Primary	n/a	n/a
East Hobart Primary	6-Apr	Cambridge Primary	56	6	Cambridge Primary	70	6
Nth Hobart Primary	7-Apr	New Town Primary	33	3	New Town Primary	78	6
Launceston Primary	11-Apr	Launceston CGS	56	6	Longford Primary	75	7
Launceston Secondary	12-Apr	Launceston CGS	34	4	Launceston CGS	22	3
North Coast Primary	14-Apr	West Ulverstone PS	59	4	West Ulverstone	67	8
North Coast Secondary	14-Apr	West Ulverstone PS	28	5	St Brendan Shaw	8	2
North West Primary	15-Apr	St Brigid's Wynyard	25	2	St Brigid's	n/a	n/a

TERM 1, 2005

Victorian Interschool Championships

The first round (14 zones) of the Victorian Interschool Championships have been completed during Term 1, with 839 players from 74 schools. This is a decent increase from last year's 638 players (66 schools).

The increase paves the way for continued growth in Terms 2 and 3; by far the busiest terms. There are 22 zones scheduled in Term 2 and 32 in Term 3.

The Victorian Championships are run in

3 divisions. Primary (open to all students up to grade 6), Junior Secondary (only for Year 7-9 students) and Open Secondary (open to all students Year 7-12). Each winner progresses to a State Championship Final in that Division.

Primary team Grimwade House seems to be setting the pace with a perfect score in the Glen Eira Zone. However Berwick Primary is not far behind and Greythorn (last year's runner's up) had

a great result in the very strong Manningham Zone.

To ensure a truly state-wide competition there are Regional Zones in Term 2 in: Gippsland, Ballarat, Geelong, Warrnambool, The Peninsula and hopefully Shepparton.

For entries or more details go to WWW: interschool.chesskids.com.au/victoria/

Frankston Primary & Junior Secondary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	PENINSULA SCHOOL SENIOR	21.5	7 players
2	SOMERVILLE PRIMARY	18.0	5 players
3	THE PENINSULA SCHOOL	18.0	14 players
4	WESTERNPORT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	17.5	14 players
5	KUNYUNG PRIMARY	15.0	12 players

Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Rhys Hopkins	Westport Christian School	7.0
2	Otto Larosa	Peninsula School Senior	6.0
3	Andrew Hosking	Peninsula School Senior	5.5

Casey Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	BERWICK PRIMARY TEAM 1	27.0	14 players
2	BERWICK PRIMARY TEAM 2	14.5	10 players
3	LANG LANG PRIMARY	14.5	10 players
4	CRANBOURNE PARK PRIMARY	14.0	9 players
5	BERWICK PRIMARY TEAM 3	10.0	6 players

Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Ned Richards	Berwick Primary team 1	7.0
2	Amit Singh	Berwick Primary team 1	7.0
3	Sean Tomlin	Berwick Primary team 1	7.0

Whitehorse Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	SOUTHWOOD BGS	21.0	14 players
2	KALLISTA PRIMARY	19.0	9 players
3	DONVALE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE B	18.0	7 players
4	DONVALE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE A	15.5	8 players
5	VERMONT PRIMARY	4.5	2 players

Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Alex Cox	Southwood BGS	7.0
2	Phillip Grecea	Southwood BGS	5.5
3	Evan Smyth	Donvale Christian College B	5.0
4	Declan O'Rielly	Kallista Primary	5.0
5	Nathan Lee	Donvale Christian College B	5.0
6	Liam Parkinson	Kallista Primary	5.0

Glen Eira Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	GRIMWADE HOUSE	28.0	14 players
2	TUCKER RD PRIMARY	20.0	14 players
3	ST KEVIN'S PRIMARY	12.5	13 players
4	KEYSBOROUGH PARK PRIMARY	10.5	5 players

Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Alexander Balnionis	Grimwade House	7.0
2	Kai Chee	Grimwade House	7.0
3	Winston Dzau	Grimwade House	7.0
4	Alexander Gregory-Allen	Grimwade House	7.0

Summary of Term 1 Events

Zone	Date	Venue	Entries	Schools	Finalists
Glen Eira/Bayside Zone	1-Mar	Tucker Rd Primary	46	4	Grimwade House
Casey Zone	3-Mar	Cranbourne Park Primary	49	3	Berwick Primary
Melton Zone	7-Mar	Wedge Park Primary	28	2	No finalist
Frankston Zone	8-Mar	The Peninsula School	52	5	Somerville Primary & The Peninsula School
Manningham Zone	11-Mar	Doncaster Gardens Primary	159	11	Greythorn Primary
Kingston Zone	15-Mar	Mentone Girls Grammar	53	6	Our Lady of Assumption
Stonnington Zone	16-Mar	Glamorgan - Geelong Grammar	45	5	Our Holy Redeemer
Whitehorse Zone	17-Mar	Southwood Boys Grammar	40	4	Southwood Boys Grammar
Brimbank Zone	18-Mar	Sacred Heart - St Albans	70	3	Sacred Heart
Whittlesea Zone	18-Mar	Morang Sth Primary	57	5	Mill Park Heights
Maroondah Zone	21-Mar	Kilsyth Primary	92	9	Lilydale Primary
Monash Zone	22-Mar	Caulfield Grammar - Wheelers Hill	48	5	Caulfield Grammar - Wheelers Hill
Bayside Junior Secondary	30-Mar	Brighton Grammar	48	6	Melbourne High
Bayside Open Secondary	30-Mar	Brighton Grammar	52	6	Brighton Grammar

Manninham Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	GREYTHORN PRIMARY	25.0	13 players
2	DONCASTER GARDENS BLUE	21.0	14 players
3	OUR LADY OF THE PINES	20.0	11 players
4	DONCASTER PRIMARY	19.5	12 players
5	CAREY BAPTIST GRAMMAR	19.0	12 players
6	KANGAROO GROUND PRIMARY	18.0	13 players
7	MONT ALBERT PRIMARY TEAM A	18.0	4 players
8	BLACKBURN PRIMARY TEAM B	18.0	12 players
9	ALPHINGTON PRIMARY	17.5	8 players
10	BEVERLEY HILLS A	17.0	7 players
11	BLACKBURN PRIMARY TEAM A	17.0	13 players
12	DONCASTER GARDENS JADE	17.0	14 players
13	MONT ALBERT PRIMARY TEAM B	16.0	4 players
14	BEVERLEY HILLS B	15.0	8 players
15	WATTLEGLEN PRIMARY	14.0	14 players

Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Bryan Lee	Greythorn Primary	7.0
2	Nima Kamal	Doncaster Primary	6.0
3	Sam Aslam	Greythorn Primary	6.0
4	Nicholas Lui	Greythorn Primary	6.0
5	Stephen Lui	Greythorn Primary	6.0
6	Raymond Chan	Doncaster Gardens Blue	6.0
7	Laurence Matheson	Carey Baptist Grammar	6.0
8	Belinda Pan	Greythorn Primary	6.0
9	Benjamin Li	Our Lady of the Pines	6.0
10	Joseph Ng	Greythorn Primary	6.0

Mentone Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION	22.0	14 players
2	MCKINNON PRIMARY	20.0	9 players
3	BRIGHTON PRIMARY	19.5	11 players
4	MENTONE PARK PRIMARY	15.0	5 players
5	CAMELOT RISE PRIMARY	15.0	4 players
6	KEYSBOROUGH PARK PRIMARY	11.5	10 players

Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Luke Wakeling	Brighton Primary	7.0
2	Dylan Glascott	Our Lady of the Assump	6.0
3	Ray Zhang	McKinnon Primary	6.0

Brimbank Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	SACRED HEART - TEAM 2	24.0	11 players
2	ST BRIGIDS PRIMARY	20.0	8 players
3	OUR LADY'S SCHOOL SUNSHINE A	19.0	11 players
4	SACRED HEART - TEAM 1	19.0	14 players
5	OUR LADY'S SCHOOL SUNSHINE B	16.0	10 players

Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Hernan Espindola	Sacred Heart	6.5
2	Patrick Yabut	Sacred Heart	6.5



A real stretch. Only just managing to get a new queen.

Maroondah Primary Zone			
Place	Name	Score	
1	LILYDALE PRIMARY TEAM A	24.0	11 players
2	MOOROOBARK EAST PRIMARY	20.0	8 players
3	LILYDALE PRIMARY TEAM B	19.0	11 players
4	COLDSTREAM PRIMARY	19.0	14 players
5	CROYDON WEST PRIMARY	16.0	10 players
6	KILSYTH PRIMARY	15.5	11 players
7	YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY	15.5	14 players
8	RUSKIN PARK PRIMARY	15.0	6 players
9	CROYDON NORTH PRIMARY	12.5	5 players
10	PEMBROKE PRIMARY	7.5	2 players

Individual Placings			
Place	Name	School	Total
1	Andrew Hutchinson	Lilydale Primary Team A	6.5
2	Brandon Harry	Mooroolbark East Primary	6.0
3	Corey Gerhard-Baulch	Croydon North Primary	6.0
4	Josh Petracca	Lilydale Primary Team A	6.0
5	Chris Rae	Lilydale Primary Team A	6.0

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* These clubs have different times for advanced and beginner students.

Brain Strain from page 7.

Answers:

- 1... Na3 2.bxa3 Rc3++
- 1.Qxe8+ Kxe8 2.Rd8++
- 1.Qxe5+ dxe5 2.Re6++
- 1.a6 Kxa6 2.b8=R! (if b8=Q it is stalemate)
- 1.a8=Q+ Kxa8 2.Ka6 Kb8 3.b7 Kc7 4.Ka7 wins
- 1.Be5 Kxe5 2.Kg5 gains the opposition and wins. Other 1st moves lose the pawn.
- 1...g1Q [if 1...g1R 2.Qb5+ Qxb5=] 2.Qd1+ Qxd1 1/2-1/2
- 1.Be5 Kxe5 2.Nxf5 Kxf5 3.Rd5++
- 1.Bc6!! And Black can't prevent mate.

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