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Day 6: More clear blue skies and heat—quite boring really! As day 5 was a 'rest' day there was no bulletin. It was certainly no rest day for some—especially after our website was hacked (see report overleaf).

Australian Rapid

Moulthun Ly, currently the youngest ever Australian Junior Champion, has now added his first adult national title to his impressive tally of chess successes. He outclassed a strong field of 49 players from as far afield as Tasmania and South Australia scoring 6.5/7, conceding only one draw along the way to Queensland **IM Stephen Solomon** who finished third. Second was **Leonid Sandler** and fourth **Charles Pizzato**. It was great to see Charles back after quite a long absence from the chess scene.

Moulthun has set himself a marathon task by playing (& is currently leading) in the Australian Junior Championships and the Australian Championships where he is also doing well. As if that's not enough, he will also compete in the Lightning on 6 January.

Australian Junior Rapid

Though only just 14, **Junta Ikeda** out-classed the field of 107 who ranged in age from 6-17 years, scoring an impressive 6.5/7 and conceding only one draw to **James Cronan** who finished 3rd with **Michael Morris** 2nd and **Edwin Wu** 4th.

Junta has won a number of national junior titles but this was his first win in an Under 18 event. In June 2005 Junta scored his biggest success in the NSW Open when he defeated **GM Ian Rogers**.

Polo shirts

Don't miss out—buy your souvenir polo shirt soon. Some sizes are sold out and others are running low. They are excellent value at $25.

See **Brian Jones** at the book shop in the analysis room.

Australian Juniors

Round five saw a log-jam at the top of the Australian Junior Championships, with eight players all on 3.5/4 playing each other. **Moulthun Ly** was the only winner (over **James Cronan**), with draws between **Vincent Suttor** and **Angela Song, Max Illingworth** and **Junta Ikeda** and **Michael Morris** and **Gareth Oliver**. So Moulthun on 4.5/5 now leads by half a point from 10 players on 4.

Once again the under 18 open event was choc-a-bloc full of upset results achieved by the following players: **Ben Lazarus**, **James Morris**, **Rengan Vijayakumar**, **Sam Grigg**, **Michael Gearing**, **Vanja Rozenblat, Nathanael Lim, Gregory Boyle**, **Daniel Ford**, **Jonas Muller**, **Nathanael Bielenberg**, **Michael D'Arcy** and **Caleb Eriksson**.

In the girls under 18 event, **Alex Jule** defeated **Jessica Kinder** to move to 4/5 and set up a board one, round six clash with **Sally Yu**, who drew with **Susan Sheng**. Four players, namely **Susan Sheng**, **Jessica Kinder**, **Miona Ikeda** and **Deborah Ng** are all just half a point behind the two leaders.

Kelvin Finke who is now on 5/5 defeated **Yuan Yi** in their vital top board battle in the under 12s. He will next play **Jonathan Ren** (now 4.5) who defeated **Gene Nakauchi** on board two. **Yuan Yi** is joined by **Edward Xing**, **Kevin Zhu**, **Liam McGarity**, **Bevan Lee** and **Joshua Lau** on 4.

Emma Guo defeated **Jasmine Zhu** in the girls under 12s, moving her to 4.5/5, and **Charmian Zhang's** defeat of **Karen Khoo** gave Emma the outright lead.

The Xstrata Australian Championships

IM David Smerdon defended extremely well with the black pieces in his top board clash with **GM Murray Chandler** to achieve a draw. He will now play his fifth consecutive GM, **Ian Rogers** in round 6. We believe that no Australian in Australia has ever played four, let alone five, consecutive tournament games against GMs.

Most other games in the championship event went with seedings. However, **James Obst** achieved a draw with **Aaron Guthrie** in the all South Australian clash, whilst **Raymond Song** drew with **Jonathan Humphrey** with the black pieces.

Eddy Levi lost to **Andrew Bird** and advised the arbiters that he was withdrawing from the tournament.

In the major, **Kevin Sheldrick** (5/5) took a clear one point lead by defeating **Craig Duxbury**. **Gavin Marner**, **Lee Jones**, **Malcolm Tredinnick**, **Mehmedalija Dizdarevic**, **Ilia Zvedeniouk** and **Neil Wright** are all on 4.

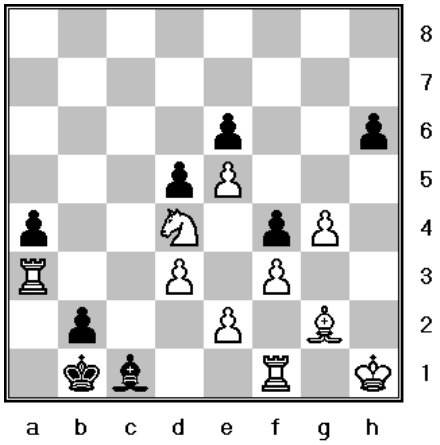
Problem Corner

Solution to Problem 4

1.Kc1. Kd4	2.Kd2. Kc4
3.Nh3. Kd4	4.Nf2. Kc4
5.Nd3. Kd4	6.Nc5. Kc4
7.Nb6. Kd4	8.C3+. Kc4
9.Nd5#	

Arthur Willmott's Problem No. 5

White to play and mate in 6



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David Smerdon - GM Darryl Johansen

David **Smerdon** has been playing some fantastic chess and continues to give a hard time to the grandmasters.

In round 4 his victim was **GM Darryl Johansen**.

1. e4 c5 2. c3 *(The 2.c3 Sicilian is often employed by players who wish to cut down on the openings theory. In today's game David uses it as a surprise weapon.)* **2...Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. cxd4 d6 7. Bc4 Nb6 8. Bb3 dxe5 9. d5 Na5** *(After this move white has to part with his bishop pair. The alternative is 9...Nb4 10.Nc3 e6 or 10.Ne5 N4d5 11. Qf3)* **10. Nc3 Nxb3 11. Qxb3 e6** *(After 11...f6 white controls more space and enjoys fast development. 12. Be3 followed by 13.a4 give him enough compensation for a pawn.)* **12. Nxe5 exd5 13. Be3 Bd6 14. Qb5+ Bd7** *(Darryl decided to simplify the position, possibly rattled off by choice of the opening variation and the aggressive play. 14...Kf8 was a serious alternative, with chances for both sides.)*

15. Nxd7 Qxd7 16. O-O-O Qxb5 17. Nxb5 Rc8+?! *(17...Kd7! evens up the chances. The game move is just a tad too slow and allows white to develop some dangerous initiative.)* **18. Kb1 Bb8 19. Bxb6 axb6 20. Rhe1+ Kd7 21. Rxd5+ Kc6 22. Rf5 Rhf8 23. Rh5 h6 24. Nd4+** *(Black has defended stubbornly, but white's active pieces are generating too much pressure. Black can no longer avoid material losses.)* **24...Kd6 25. Nf5+ Kd7 26. Nxg7 Rc6 27. Nf5 Re8 28. Rxe8 Kxe8 29. g3 Rc5 30. b4 Rc3 31. Rxh6 Be5 32. f4 Bc7 33. Nd6+**

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Behind the scenes

After a couple of days shaking down in **Mission Control**, our computer network, things were running perfectly to plan – games were being entered and available to view or download within an hour or two of end of play.

Then the **bombshell!** Opening the home page or the index pages to every tournament yesterday morning displayed the message **"hackbsd Crew 0wnz y0u!"**. The site had been cracked by hackers, specifically a notorious group operating from Hong Kong. Being New Year's Day, technical support was rather hard to find, so we had to go it alone.

After a very harrowing few hours, we *(ie **Ian Murray**, bless his cotton socks—ed)* reworked the vandalised pages and got back on the air, this time with new passwords a bit harder to crack by brute force. The site is back to normal and, fingers crossed, will stay that way.

Molly McGarity - Sophie Eustace

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. g3 e6 4. Bg2 Nf6 5. d3 Be7 6. O-O O-O 7. Ne1 *(This move clears the path for the advance of the 'f' pawn, but gives black time to complete the development.)* **7...d5 8. Nc3 b6** *(After 8...d4 9. Ne2 white is playing a favourable version of King's Indian with reversed colours.)* **9. f4 dxe4 10. Nxe4 Bb7 11. Nxf6+ Bxf6 12. Be4 g6 13. Ng2 Qc7 14. c3 Rad8 15. Qe2 Ne7** *(A more straight-forward plan for black is to focus on the potentially weak Pd3 immediately by doubling the rooks on the 'd' file and playing Ba6.)* **16. Be3 Nf5 17. Rad1 Nxe3 18. Nxe3 Rfe8 19. Qf3 Ba6** *(The position has changes, and the siege of Pd3 is now too slow. Simple 19...Be4!? looks better.)* **20. g4 Rd6 21. f5** *(Enough with the preparation, it is time for action!)* **21...exf5 22. Nd5! Qd7 23. gxf5 Bg7 24. f6 Bf8 25. Rf2 Rd8 26. c4 b5 27. b3 b4 28. h4 Bc8 29. Rg2 Qh3 30. Qf4 Kh8 31. Rf1 Bb7 32. Rf3 Qd7 33. h5** *(After some beautiful manoeuvring, white gets into position for the final stage of the attack.)* **33...Bxd5 34. Bxd5 Re8. 35. Be4 Rde6 36. hxg6 fxg6 37. Qh4 Bd6 38. f7 Rf8 39. Bxg6 Rxg6 40. Rxg6 Be5. 41. Rg4 Bg7 42. Qg5 Rxf7** *(diagram)* **43. Qxg7+!**

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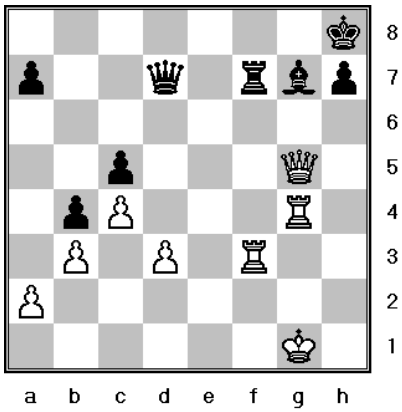
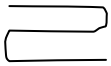


Things you need to know . . .

We are reliably informed that board numbers can be set up for chess either in **linear** or a **boustrophedronic** fashion. Some folks favour the former (as in this championships) and others prefer t'other. In case you feel you should be outraged if the latter is used—don't worry. Do a Google search on the internet using the words 'as the ox ploughs' and this strange word pops up and you will be able to work out that, applied to the chess set up, it merely means the board numbers wind in a snake-like way from one table to the next, thus:



There, you needed to know that didn't you?!

Thank you **Roland Eime** for this vital info.