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Editorial Notebook

J. Robertson has won the Cathcart Club Championship with the commendable score of $8\frac{1}{2} / 9$, comprised of seven straight wins, one win by default and a draw against A. MacKinnon. The runner-up has not yet been decided. We hope to publish the full cross-table of this event at the beginning of next season, along with the final table of the 1963-64 West of Scotland Championship and the forthcoming Scottish Championship in Edinburgh.

The current issue of "Zugzwang" is the last for the present season. Despite our inability to publish at regular intervals, a failing we confidently expect to put right next season, our efforts have met with unexpected success. As we predicted in our first issue, we have learned and altered as we went along, with the result that our fifth issue is notably different from the first. And so we pass out of the present season, satisfied with our progress and expressing our gratitude to the various players who contributed articles to "Zugzwang".

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It is with mixed feelings that we greet the departure of Michael Fallone, the reigning Scottish Champion, for London. His ability is outstanding and his personality most agreeable, and we are sorry to see him go, yet he made it clear before he departed that his purpose for leaving was to improve his game against the much sharper London opposition, in preparation for the coming World Team Champion-

ship in Tel Aviv. Therefore, in all respects, we wish him the best of luck. On page 2 we publish an extensive analysis of what Fallone himself considered to be the best game he ever played: his game against Naylor in the 1959 British Championship at York.

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The timing of this "Zugzwang" is a shade unfortunate since it comes out on the day of the Cathcart lightning chess tournament, which means that we can neither preview nor review this event. However, the growing popularity of lightning chess in the club renders it worthy of comment.

A few years ago, the sight of two Cathcart players playing "five-minute chess" would have been exceptional. Now it is inevitable, and instead of the old-time challenge to a friendly return if a competitive game reaches an early decision, we now have the 1964 challenge to a series of lightning games. Though hardly instructive, these are without doubt highly entertaining.

However, in England, the passion for lightning chess has grown to such a pitch that every year they now hold a lightning chess team tournament.

J. Robertson

Played in the 1959 British Championship at York, Fallone considers this to be the best game he has ever played.

White - J.W. Naylor (Liverpool)
Black - M. Fallone (Hamilton)

1 N-KB3 P-Q4
2 P-Q4 B-B4
3 P-B4 P-K3

Black now has a Queen's Gambit Declined with the QB outside the pawn fold; a satisfactory position resulting from White's early development of the KN. If White intends to offer Black a Q.G.D. formation, he should play the opening moves in the conventional order, building up pressure against the black QP thus forcing his opponent into an early ..P-K3 blocking the QB.

4 Q-N3 N-QB3
5 B-Q2 ...

If White rashly captures the unprotected NP he runs headlong into trouble, viz. 5 QxNP, N-N5 !

The White Q is now isolated in enemy territory where it is a constant target for attack and Black has the immediate threat of 6..N-B7 ch winning the White QR with 7 K-Q1, NxR. If White then tries 8 Q-B6 ch, Black will be able to defend his position after 8..K-K2.

White's only reply, therefore, is 6 N-R3! Now 6..P-QR3 ! Any other move allows the white Q to escape, probably via QR4. White has nothing better than 7 B-Q2 since the strongly posted black KN is the crippling piece.

Thus: 7..R-N1; 8 Q-R7, Q-B1; 9 BxN, R-R1 and the white Q is lost.

5 ... R-N1
6 P-K3 N-B3
7 B-K2 B-Q3
8 B-B3 O-O
9 P-KR3 ...

This move is time-wasting. Its sole purpose here is to prevent Black from occupying his KN5, but in this type of formation he has no reason for doing so. If P-KR3 is needed in the unforeseeable future, it should be played in the unforeseeable future.

It also, quite incidentally, leads White to destruction later in the game.

9 ... R-K1
10 QN-Q2 N-K5

This pawn sacrifice marks the start of remarkable complications.

11 Pxp Pxp
12 QxQP N-N6 !
13 R-KN1 ...

If 13 PxN, then 13..BxP ch;
14 K-Q1, QxQ.

13 ... B-K3
14 Q-KN5 ...

White, a pawn to the good, clearly hopes to ease his position with an exchange of queens.

14 ... P-B3
15 Q-N5 P-QR3
16 Q-Q3 B-KB4

Black commits himself to the loss of a piece.

17 Q-B4 ch B-K3
18 P-Q5 P-QN4
19 Q-N3 ...

If 19 QxN, then:-

19 ... B-Q2
(not 19..R-N3; 20 QxR, PxB when White has more than made up the worth of the Q)

20 QxRP NxB
21 KxN R-R1
22 QxR QxQ.

Black will capture the QP and have the better chances since R, N and P are not quite adequate compensation for the Q.

Interesting is the following:-

19 Q-Q3 B-KB4
20 P-K4 NxP
21 PxN

(21 NxN, BxN; 22 Q-Q2 - alternatives cramp White even worse - 22..P-N5 whereupon Black has a pair of bishops against B and N and a much superior position.)

21 .. N-N6
22 Q-Q5 ch

(22 N-K4, NxB; 23 KxN, RxN ch and the white Q is lost on the next move.)

22 .. B-K3
23 Q-Q4

(23 Q-Q3, NxB; 24 KxN, B-B5 dis. ch.)

23 .. NxB
24 KxN P-N5

and Black recovers the piece with a much superior position.

19 ... B-B2
20 BPxN BxP ch

21 K-Q1 ...

If 21 K-B1, White plays the next stage of the game virtually a rook down. As it is, Black comes out a piece for two pawns down, but his compensation lies in the fact that White is cramped and threatened while his own pieces enjoy freedom, mobility and co-operation.

21 ... BxP
22 Q-B2 RxP
23 B-Q3 P-N5

Black calmly ignores the threat to his KRP and presses on with his attack, now designed to bring his last inactive piece, the QR, into play and at the same time create the threat of a queening pawn; this in contrast with the helpless immobility of both White's rooks.

24 B-Q4 P-N6
25 BxP ch

Not 25 PxP ? BxP winning the white Q.

25 ... K-R1
26 Q-N6 NxB
27 QxB ...

If 27 NxN, then 27..B-K5; 28 NxB, QxN ch; 29 N-Q2 (29 K-B1, B-B5 etc.), R-Q1 and mate is unavoidable.

27 ... PxP
28 Q-B2 B-N6 ch
29 NxB ...

If 29 K-B1 ? then 29..N-K7 ch; 30 QxN, RxQ etc.

29 ... NxN/N3 dis. ch.
30 K-B2 ...

30 N-Q2 holds little hope for White although there is one pitfall. If 30..NxR, White has combinative possibilities with 31 Q-R4 followed by 32 B-N6 dis.ch. etc.

Black's best reply to 30 N-Q2 is 30..Q-Q5 protecting both his loose rook and his KR5 square. He can now play ..NxR with impunity, therefore White must play 31 RxP.

Now 31..R-Q1 and Black threatens 32..QxN ch; 33 QxQ, RxQ mate.

The one move to prevent this is the suicidal 32 B-Q3. Now 32..QxB; 33 Q-R4 ch, K-N1 and whatever White tries comes to the same conclusion.

30 ... N-Q5 ch
31 K-B1 ...

31 NxN, QxN and Black has the threat of ..RxP ch. 32 K-B1 is met with 32..R-B6 ch winning the Q.

Strange as it seems, White's best chance is to invite the discovered check by playing 31 K-Q1.

Now Black cannot improve on 31..NxN dis.ch.; 32 K-B1, NxR; 33 QxR, KxB; 34 QxN, Q-Q4 and White has a contestable, if lost, ending.

31 ... N-K7 ch
32 K-B2 RxP ch
33 KxR Q-N1 ch
34 K-B2 Q-N6 ch
35 K-Q2 Q-B6 ch
36 Resigns

Since 36 K-Q1, QxR ch; 37 K-B2, Q-B5 ch; 38 K-Q1 and Black can choose his mating piece.

This brilliant game is a classic demonstration of the principle that a piece is only as good as the work that it can do.

From the time of his piece sacrifice, Black was able to couple the threat of winning White's queen with the threat of recovering his lost material and obtaining an overwhelming advantage.

The woeful uselessness of both White's rooks was always in evidence while all Black's pieces, with the temporary exception of the queen's rook were exploited to the full.

This is an excellently conducted game by Black.

Notes by J. Robertson

A. S. Affleck

When, about two weeks ago, my friend George informed me that he had been learning how to play chess, I invited him along to my club "to see chess as it should really be played", as I put it. He was delighted, so the same evening found him in my company drifting quietly round the room before play began, taking in the abundant snatches of conversation and clearly fascinated by the peculiar vernacular of the chess-player.

"Hi, Tom", called one member to another. "How'd you get on against the Provanmill Pawnpushers' champion?"

"You didn't hear?" cried the other as if the first had committed a cardinal sin. "I won in a hundred and thirty-two moves".

George seemed impressed. "132 moves seems like a good score, doesn't it?" he asked.

I looked at him pityingly, and went on to explain to him some of the facts of chess life.

Presently the conversation dwindled and died as the club settled to its purpose and the members to their games, and a brooding hush descended upon the room. It was like watching the mind in visible exercise: a vast, intellectual keep-fit. Intricate manoeuvres, ingenious tactics, subtle and profound stratagems; here in the unspoilt purity of the greatest game, the peak of human thought had found its Utopia.

"You could hear a pin drop", whispered George, breaking my brief reverie.

"I don't see the point", said I with unintentional wit, and missing George's.

George laughed, and several heads turned and twice as many eyes glared. I motioned him to silence, and drew him gently from the scene of his minor crime. A few minutes later a piece, by some mischance, clattered to the floor. A rumble of irritation went through the brooding mental creature that was the club, and a score of eyes, the ambassadors of a score of brains, watched with ill-concealed disapproval as the embarrassed culprit retrieved the offending piece. But - seconds only - and Mind, temporarily arrested in the Pursuit of Purity, returned to Its quest.

Meanwhile, George, who seemed to grow impatient whenever my thoughts transcended their normal meagre plane, had found his way to the notice board and was gazing with interest at the Club Championship results.

"I say", he cried affably. "What do all those noughts after your name mean?"

He pointed to the sheet of paper which carried the progressive score of each player in the tournament. To the right of my name it read: 0-0-0-0-0-0-....

"That?", I stammered hurriedly. "Oh, that !! Yes, well - ah - that means continuous castling. It's a special phrase used by chess-players."

"I see. For special chess-players, I suppose," said George, looking suitably impressed.

Much elated, I offered to lend him my chess book - the one I had been carefully reading several evenings each week for years - "Elementary Chess (Simplified) for Absolute Beginners" by that famous English International Ivan Stravatski. (Not the one I hide under my bed and don't tell anyone about - "How to be an Also-Ran with Grace" by Harry Golombek.) He declined, however, saying he had one already, and pulled out "Fundamentals and Techniques of Zugzwang in relation to the Steinitz Defence Deferred in the Ruy Lopez. (With Theoretical Transpositions and Analytical Interpolations plus Bibliography with 327 References)" by Bick McGrath, one of the few American masters who can boast of beating Bobby Fischer (Manhattan Chess Club, 1952).

I smiled at George.

"An interesting work", I said knowledgeably, "but a bit advanced for you, don't you think?"

"Would you like a game", he asked in his delightfully modest way.

I shrugged to show I would condescend for a friend, 'though I had better things to do, and, seating himself at a table he began with trembling fingers to set out the pieces for his first ever game.

As chance would have it, I had white. Remembering the title of his book, and conscious of my all-too-obvious superiority over this - must I say it - patzer, I decided to encourage him by playing straight into a Steinitz Deferred. It wasn't quite so easy. Black pawns marched across the board and pieces vanished from both sides as if by magic until on move 35 I was caught in zugzwang. Zugzwang in 35 ! The shame of it.

"B-b-b-bravo, my friend, " I stuttered. "You've picked it up well."

"What a memory!" I said to myself as we switched pieces for the next game. This time there would be no nonsense. I met his 1.P-K4 with 1..P-QB4. That stumped him. It took him 51 moves to reach an ending and 73 ! to achieve zugzwang; more than twice as many as last time! Talk about a one opening wonder...

By then it was time up and George bade me farewell with a look of gratitude as if to say, "Thanks" for letting him win.

I arrived late at the club the following week, but George was there, chatting amiably to some of the members while his opponent of the evening, the current Club Champion, sweated agonisedly over the board as he tried to avoid running into zugzwang. George called over his greeting as soon as he saw me. I saw he had a new book and rather recklessly asked him what it was called.

"It was written before the war," he said depreciatingly, "so it's rather out of date."

I gaped at the title and my mouth hung open. "Advanced Treatise on the Pavlonovitch Meditations on the Sicilian Defence Modified by Philosophical Conjectures as defined by the Einstein Hypothesis on Relativistic Spatial Relations" by Dr. Hass Hedindenclaus. It added on the inner cover: "This is the unbridged version. There is a popular edition moderated for the moronic masses by that efficient Soviet grandmaster Ivil Snatchisponski."

As the Club Champion turned down his king, George suggested that if I didn't mind we might have a game. I turned pale and with trembling hands set out the pieces on the board. Forty-one moves later I was in zugzwang.

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The following brevities are from the current West of Scotland Championship finals. The notes are by J. Robertson.

White - G.W.G. Livie (Cathcart)
Black - W. Ballantyne (Griffin)

1	P-K4	P-K4
2	N-KB3	N-KB3
3	N-B3	P-Q3
4	B-B4	B-K2
5	P-Q4	PxP

Black could have obtained a satisfactory game by leaving the white pawn on Q4 and playing instead ..B-N5.

Thus: 6 PxP (Black threatened 6..PxP; 7 QxP whereupon he could improve his development by attacking the white queen. If 6 P-Q5, Black can break on the Q-side with ..P-B3 after due preparation.), BxN; 7 QxB, PxP; 8 N-Q5 (Otherwise Black can consolidate by 8..P-B3), N-B3 (Not 8..NxN?; 9 BxN and Black cannot defend against both 10 BxP and 10 QxP ch.); and Black can build on the threat of ..N-Q5. E.g. 9 NxB, N-Q5; 10 Q-Q3, QxN; 11 B-N5, R-Q1; 12 R-Q1, O-O etc.

6	NxP	...
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White now has a considerable positional advantage stemming not solely from the strength of his three developed pieces, but from the development potential of his Q and QB as well.

6	...	O-O
7	O-O	P-QR3
8	N-B5	P-QN4

Preparing to develop the QB on QN2 and build up pressure against White's KP with ..R-K1 and, if NxB ch by White, ..QxN.

However, White's knight on B5 has too many attacking possibilities. ..BxN is probably imperative.

9	B-Q3	B-N2
10	R-K1	R-K1
11	Q-B3	B-B1

Now, if White had a pawn at B5 instead of a knight, this defensive formation would be extremely difficult to break down.

12	B-N5	QN-Q2
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White threatened 13 N-R6 ch, PxN; 14 BxN, Q-Q2; 15 Q-N3 ch, B-N2; 16 QxB mate.

13	Q-N3	R-K3 ?
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Disaster could have been avoided by 13..K-R1.

14	N-R6 ch	resigns
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Since 14..PxN is met by 15 BxN dis. ch. etc.

White - M.T. Partis (University)
Black - J.A. Johnstone (Griffin)

1	P-K4	P-K4
2	N-KB3	N-KB3
3	B-B4	NxP
4	N-B3	...

The Boden-Kieseritsky Gambit. 4 P-Q3 leads to an even game.

4	...	NxN
5	QPxP	B-K2

M.C.O. gives the line 5..P-KB3; 6 N-R4 (threatening Q-R5 ch), P-KN4; 7 P-B4, P-B3 (Black strives to cut off the bishop's threat with ..P-Q4); 8 P-B5, P-Q4; 9 PxP, PxB; 10 Q-R5 (threatening 11 P-N7 dis.ch. and 12 PxR/Q), K-Q2; 11 P-N7, BxP; 12 Q-N4 ch with considerable advantage to White.

6	NxP	O-O
7	O-O	P-Q3
8	N-B3	P-B3

To support 9..P-Q4. The manoeuvre is not good as the subsequent play clearly shows. Better would be 8..B-N5 and ..N-Q2.

9	B-B4	P-Q4
10	B-Q3	...

White's KB is driven to a square where its attacking role is altered but in no way diminished.

10	...	N-Q2
11	R-K1	N-B3
12	N-Q4	R-K1
13	Q-B3 !	

Before playing this move, White had to foresee all the consequences of Black's next move.

13	...	B-KN5
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14 Q-N3 Q-Q2

12 QxB N-N1
13 P-KR3 B-B1

Threatening 15..N-R4; 16 Q-K3, B-Q3.

15 P-KR3 B-R4 ?

Unattractive is 15..B-K3: 16 B-N5 threatening P-KB4 - B5. White has numerous threats. Black cannot play ..B-KB1 because of BxN. He cannot move the Q from the QB1-KR6 diagonal because of NxB followed by RxP and QR-K1. He cannot try ..P-B4 to force White's hand with his knight because of B-N5.

Probably Black's best chance is to give up a pawn with 15.. N-R4; 16 Q-R2, NxB ch; 17 BxP ch, KxB; 18 PxB dis. ch., K-N1 (although interesting is 18..K-N3; 19 QxN, B-Q3; 20 Q-B3, R-R1 etc.)

16 B-B5 Q-Q1
17 B-B7 resigns

White - J. Smail (Glasgow C.C.)
Black - M.J. Freeman (Do.)

1 P-Q4 N-KB3
2 P-QB4 P-KN3
3 N-QB3 B-N2
4 P-K4 P-Q3
5 B-K2 O-O
6 P-B4 ...

The formidable "Four Pawns' Attack" which has won many games with sheer brute force.

6 ... P-B4
7 N-B3 P-N3
8 O-O N-K1

The start of a remarkable display of back-peddling by Black.

9 B-K3 N-QB3 ?

This knight is on a precarious square with nowhere to go. Normally in the King's Indian it has K2 where it can retreat in case of P-Q5 by White to support a K-side offensive.

10 Q-Q2 B-N5
11 P-Q5 B/2xN ?

It is a well-known rule that to lose the KB in a king's fianchetto is a weakness, and the white QN was the least of Black's worries.

This cramps Black still further and leaves the well-placed white N in a position to do untold damage. Better, though by no means redeeming, is the elimination of at least one enemy piece by 13.. BxN.

14 P-B5 N-KB3
15 PxP RPxP
16 B-R6 R-K1
17 P-K5 ...

White drives home the attack simply, but accurately.

17 ... PxB
18 NxB B-N2 ?

Black cannot afford to abandon the QB1-KR6 diagonal as is shown by White's next move.

19 B-N4 ...

Threatening 20 NxB, Q-B2 (20.. KxN; 21 B-K6 mate); 21 B-K6 and White has the double threat of discovered check and B-B4.

19 ... B-B1
20 BxB QxB
21 N-N4 N-Q2
22 RxN N-K4

Hopeless; but then so was 22.. NxB; 23 NxN ch, PxB: 24 QxP and mate next move.

Black is a piece down, but if he wants to fight on under such circumstances his best chance is 22..P-K4.

23 RxP ch resigns

The George Gambit - from p. 5.

That was a week ago. Last night he took on the entire club, fifty-three players, in a simultaneous display. Fifteen crumbled quickly and resigned in hopeless positions. The rest sooner or later lost in zugzwang positions.

I saw him this morning. He told me he was studying Russian. He wanted to learn some more languages. He had only seven at present. "And that," he said in his typically modest way, "is only two per cent of all the available languages and dialects."

THE RESERVE

During the past season and indeed in the preceeding seasons, it has been my proud boast that Cathcart have never turned up for a match without a full team. It has become an important tradition of the Club, and one which should be carefully preserved in the years to come. Cathcart is a big club of course, with a high standard of chess among it's many members. Nevertheless it still takes a bit of doing to maintain 3 league teams at full strength throughout a season, taking into consideration the strict rules with regard to the interchanging of players.

The fact that we have succeeded in avoiding a shortage reflects greatly upon the enthusiasm and loyalty of all members for the Club and is a tremendous source of satisfaction and encouragement to the Committee and especially your humble Secretary who is responsible for the picture lists.

Now, while it is of the utmost importance that any player selected to represent Cathcart should make every possible effort to attend on the date of the match, it is often thought, particularly among those with little or no experience of the league competitions, that a Reserve is somehow superfluous. It may even be thought that to be chosen as reserve is meaningless and a waste of time.

I would like to take this opportunity to state that the Reserve is just as important to a team as any player in that team. Apart from the psychological benefits enjoyed by a side with a man to spare, it is essential that there be no risk of starting a match with a game already 'lost by default'. It has been proved time and again that a Reserve is a 'must' - so if you are chosen to fill this role remember you ARE needed!

This seems an appropriate time to thank all members for their co-operation and support and to wish you all a pleasant recess. Please do not get too rusty before September.

W.R. BARBOUR.
Hon. Secretary.

A BOW TO ARGENTINA

by

J. Robertson

If a total layman to the game asked a chess player which country led the world, the latter would without hesitation give just credit to the U.S.S.R. Suppose, however, that the interested inquirer wanted to know which country was second. Would the reply then be as easy? Two answers spring immediately to mind; Yugoslavia with such names as Gligorich, Ivkov, Matanovich, Parma, Trifunovich... and the U.S.A. who can boast a number of grandmasters headed by the formidable Bobby Fischer. Worthy challengers indeed, but there is another runner for this prize, one that shows its mettle year after year at the international team tournaments; Argentina.

Argentina is a country little mentioned by people who have no professional interest in it, perhaps the result of a prolonged absence from the battlefield of international politics and hence the headlines which educate the British public. Be that as it may, the prevailing image of the Argentine citizen seems to be one of a stoic-faced, droop-mustachoeed gaucho herding cattle to market for dissolution into beef cubes.

Argentina spreads itself over some one million square miles of the great South American continent. It has temperatures ranging from tropical to cool temperate; that is from very much hotter to comparable with the British Isles. Its sixteen million people are employed in a wide variety of industries, of which the most important is the export of chilled meat. They enjoy football as their major sport, and of course they play chess.

It is this nation which has given the chess world names like Najdorf, Eliskases (an imported Austrian), Panno, Sanguinetti, Guimard, Bolbochan and Rossetto, all well-known names despite the rarity with which they appear outside South America. Najdorf is the pride and joy of Argentine chess. In the Capablanca Memorial Tournament in Havana in 1962 he finished clear first ahead of Spassky, Polugayevsky, Smyslov, Gligorich, Ivkov, Matanovich, Pachman and others, and as recently as December 1963, he tied with Olafsson for third place in the Piattigorsky Cup Tournament in Los Angeles, behind Petrosian (newly World Champion) and Keres, and ahead of Reshevsky, Gligoric, Panno and Benko. He regularly turns in fine performances in the two-yearly International Team Tournaments. It is in this event that the Argentine chess team has really shown its worth in recent years. A glance at the table of Team Championship results since the war shows clearly that while the Soviet Union has undoubtedly supremacy and Yugoslavia a distinct second, Argentina is chasing hard on their heels, far ahead of the United States or anyone else.

Post-War World Team Championships

<u>Tournament</u>		<u>First Place</u>	<u>Second Place</u>	<u>Third Place</u>
Dubrovnic	1950	Yugoslavia	Argentina	West Germany
Helsinki	1952	U.S.S.R.	Argentina	Yugoslavia
Amsterdam	1954	U.S.S.R.	Argentina	Yugoslavia
Moscow	1956	U.S.S.R.	Yugoslavia	Hungary
Munich	1958	U.S.S.R.	Yugoslavia	Argentina
Leipzig	1960	U.S.S.R.	U.S.A.	Yugoslavia
Varna	1962	U.S.S.R.	Yugoslavia	Argentina

There is no denying the excellency of the Argentine standard of play, nor the consistency of their efforts. One day, the Russians will falter and when that time comes, the nation that takes their place could well be - Argentina.

Once again Glasgow C.C. have beaten Edinburgh C.C. and so retain the supreme award for Scottish teams. On top board W.A. Fairhurst scored convincingly against R.W.M. Baxter.

Spens Cup

Central C.C. are this year's winners of the Spens Cup. Howdens (Glasgow) are the runners-up.

Second Division Championship

Clackmannan County are the new second division champions. They beat Polytechnic C by $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Scottish Central League Champ.

In the deciding match for the S.C.L. Championship, Clackmannan County beat Cumbernauld and so take the title from Falkirk.

S.C.L. Individual Title

This title is still vacant as we go to press; the finalists are M.D. Thornton (Stirling) and R. Gibb (Clackmannan County).

Club Championship

As announced in the editorial, J. Robertson is the new Cathcart Club Champion. We give below the winners of this tournament from the inauguration.

All-play-all events

1953-54	Not known
1954-55	D.S. Beaton
1955-56	D.S. Beaton)
	A. Spence)
1956-57	R. Gibson
1957-58	D.S. Beaton)
	R. Gibson)
1958-59	R. Gibson
1959-60	R. Gibson
1960-61	H.D. Holmes
1961-62	G.W.G. Livie

"Swiss" events

1962-63	M.M. King
1963-64	J. Robertson

A good show

An average of more than thirty names were put in the register each night throughout the season.

M.J. Freeman, the winner of the West section of this competition, lost in the final to A.M. Davie (Dundee).

Tel Aviv, 1964.

The Scottish team for the World Team Championships in Tel Aviv has not yet been fully announced. So far, it is known, Dr. J.M. Aitken, W.A. Fairhurst and M. Fallone will be participating.

Glasgow Club Championship

With one round undecided, H.D. Holmes has a half-point lead over M.J. Freeman. In the adjourned position in the Freeman-Holmes game, Freeman has a decided advantage, and he requires to win to become the new champion.

Next Season

Members will be interested to learn that a plan is under consideration to open the Club's doors twice a week next season. Full details will, we hope, be available for the A.G.M. in September.

High School of Glasgow

A match of 12 boards has been arranged with the school section of the High School. The date will be Friday, 15th May.

King's Park - Rutherglen

Members hardly need to be told of the tremendous contribution which these two schools have made to the Cathcart success story in recent seasons. A match between the correspondence chess team run jointly by King's Park and Rutherglen and Cathcart will be held on Friday, 22nd May over 10 boards.

Both the above fixtures will be held at Craig Road.

Club Membership

As is already known, the target of 40 members for last year was reached. This year's target of fifty has now been passed for some time. We understand that Mr. Barbour has set next year's target at 60 paid members....