

# At the Club

## Ballarat

Rxf1 :3 f3g4 Rxf1+ 14 Kxf1 Qd6 15 e5 Qd5

### Club Championship

♠ Patrick Cook

This year's championship was a twelve-round event conducted during the winter months. It has resulted in a second-time victory for Bas van Riel with a near-perfect score of 11½. His previous win was in 1981.

The new champion conceded a draw to runner-up Cameron Gibbs whose 11 points would have won most years. Cameron also drew with Patrick Cook who finished third for the third time in four years.

The B-Grade title was won by joint 1993 Ballarat School champion, Scott Stewart.

The final outcome of the tournament was in doubt up to the final round. Gibbs, having finished all his games, had to wait for several nervous weeks while van Riel played several tough games held over while he was overseas earlier in the tournament. His final two games, against Cook and defending champion, Gordon Males, were crucial. Cook could force a play-off with Gibbs if he beat van Riel and Males, while van Riel would seize the title if he won his last two games. The new Champion demonstrated his strength by winning both games.

Here are two games from the tournament with comments from the new champion.

*The game I liked most as a whole was the game with Kevin Perrin, where he had to defend his queenside. He avoided a collapse here at the expense of a weakened kingside. Realising this, I exploited the changed situation effectively.*

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■ Kevin Perrin

#### Queens Gambit Declined

1 d4 e6 2 c4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Nf3 Be7 5 Bf4 O-O 6 e3 c6 7 Bd3 Nb8d7 8 O-O dxc4 9 Bxc4 Nb6 10 Bd3 Nb6d5 11 Bg5 h6 12 Bh4 Qa5 13 Qd2 Rd8 14 e4 Nxc3 15 bxc3 Kf8 16 Ra1b1 b6 17 Qc2 Bb7 18 e5 Nd5 19 Bxe7+ Nxe7 20 c4 Ra8b8 21 Rb3 Ba6 22 Qb2 b5 23 Rb1 g5 24 a4 g4 25 Nd2 b4 26 Be2 h5 27 Rd3 Nf5 28 Nb3 Qc7 29 Qc1 Bc8 30 Qg5 Ng7 31 h3 gxh3 32 Rxh3 Qe7 33 Qh6 1-0

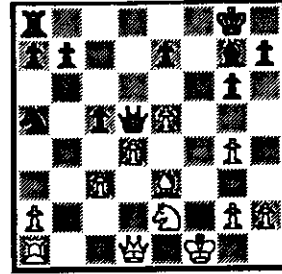
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#### Gruenfeld Defence

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 Bg7 7 Be3 O-O 8 Bc4 c5 9 Ne2 Nc6 10 O-O Bg4 11 f3 Na5 12 Bxf7+



After 16 Qd5

16 Kg1 Qe4 17 Bg5 e6 18 Ng3 Qd5 19 Be7 cxd4 20 cxd4 Nc6 21 Bf6 Bh6 22 g5 Bf8 23 Ne2 Nxd4 24 Kh1 Nxe2 25 Qxe2 Rc8 26 h3 Qc4 27 Qd1 Qc6 28 Rb1 b6 29 Rb3 Qc1 30 Rd3 Qf4 31 Qb3 Rc1+ 32 Rd1 Rxd1+ 33 Qxd1 Qc4 34 Qd8 Qf1+

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Sc	Player	Rtg	Perf	Incr
12	Cameron Gibbs	1577	1791	51
11½	Patrick Cook	1600	1644	14
	Bas Vanriel	1747	1890	25
9½	Gordon Males	1570	1569	4
9	Alistair Gibbs	1538	1501	-6
6½	Bill Dekker	1360	1384	7
6	Marc O'Brien	1147	1300	14
	Kevin Perrin	1647	1393	-45
5	Scott Stewart	1276	1306	1
4½	Chris Barlow	1204p	1283	0
3½	Peter J Mittel	1539	1360	-24
3	Daniel Butler	0n	1177	0
0	David Young	950p	0	0
	Daniel Jones	0n	0	0
	Lachlan Brown	0n	0	0
	Jeffrey Males	1163	0	-33

I mentioned to Don Maciulaitis that the results he has differ from those I was given for the OTM report. Don seemed a little confused, but it seems that BCC used one system of scoring to determine the tournament winner, and another for rating. It seems it has to do with late entrants. I don't particularly wish to hear from readers pointing out the differences between the text (the OTM report) and the results table (taken from the ratings system).

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