Game No. 15	673 Fre	nch Defence			
	White: B.Eley		Black: J.Durao		
	P-K3	15 B-Q2	Q-B2	29 R-K3	KtxP
	P-Q4	16 QxQ ch	KxQ	30 R-Q3	B-B1
	B-Kt5	17 KR-K1	Kt-Kt3		P-B4
	P-QB4	18 P-B4	PxP	•	KtxKt
	BxKt ch	19 BxP	P-K4		Kt-B6 ch
6 PxB	Kt-K2	20 P-Q5	Kt-Q1		K-R1
7 P-QR4	QKt-B3	21 B-KR6	QR-Kt1	The state of the s	Kt-B4
8 Kt-B3	B-Q2	22 P-Q6 ch	KxP		Kt-K5
9 B-Q3	Q-R4	23 BxR	RxB		P-QR4
10 Q-Q2	P-B3	24 QR-Q1 ch	K-B2		Kt-B4
11 0-0	PxQP	25 R-B1 ch	K-Kt1		K-Kt2
12 KP _x P	KtPxP	26 P-R5	Kt-K3	•	Kt-Q2
13 Q-B4	0-0-0	27 P-R6	P-Kt3		Resigns
	1 P-K4 2 P-Q4 3 Kt-QB3 4 P-K5 5 P-QR3 6 PxB 7 P-QR4 8 Kt-B3 9 B-Q3 10 Q-Q2 11 O-O 12 KPxP	White: 1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 3 Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 4 P-K5 P-QB4 5 P-QR3 BxKt ch 6 PxB Kt-K2 7 P-QR4 QKt-B3 8 Kt-B3 B-Q2 9 B-Q3 Q-R4 10 Q-Q2 P-B3 11 O-O PxQP 12 KPxP KtPxP	1 P-K4 P-K3 15 B-Q2 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 16 QxQ ch 3 Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 17 KR-K1 4 P-K5 P-QB4 18 P-B4 5 P-QR3 BxKt ch 19 BxP 6 PxB Kt-K2 20 P-Q5 7 P-QR4 QKt-B3 21 B-KR6 8 Kt-B3 B-Q2 22 P-Q6 ch 9 B-Q3 Q-R4 23 BxR 10 Q-Q2 P-B3 24 QR-Q1 ch 11 O-O PxQP 25 R-B1 ch 12 KPxP KtPxP 26 P-R5	White: B.Eley Black: 1 P-K4 P-K3 15 B-Q2 Q-B2 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 16 QxQ ch KxQ 3 Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 17 KR-K1 Kt-Kt3 4 P-K5 P-QB4 18 P-B4 PxP 5 P-QR3 BxKt ch 19 BxP P-K4 6 PxB Kt-K2 20 P-Q5 Kt-Q1 7 P-QR4 QKt-B3 21 B-KR6 QR-Kt1 8 Kt-B3 B-Q2 22 P-Q6 ch KxP 9 B-Q3 Q-R4 23 BxR RxB 10 Q-Q2 P-B3 24 QR-Q1 ch K-B2 11 O-O PxQP 25 R-B1 ch K-Kt1 12 KPxP KtPxP 26 P-R5 Kt-K3	White: B.Eley Black: J.Durao 1 P-K4 P-K3 15 B-Q2 Q-B2 29 R-K3 2 P-Q4 P-Q4 16 QxQ ch KxQ 30 R-Q3 3 Kt-QB3 B-Kt5 17 KR-K1 Kt-Kt3 31 R-Q6 4 P-K5 P-QB4 18 P-B4 PxP 32 KtxP 5 P-QR3 BxKt ch 19 BxP P-K4 33 B-B4 6 PxB Kt-K2 20 P-Q5 Kt-Q1 34 K-Kt2 7 P-QR4 QKt-B3 21 B-KR6 QR-Kt1 35 KxKt 8 Kt-B3 B-Q2 22 P-Q6 ch KxP 36 K-Kt2 9 B-Q3 Q-R4 23 BxR RxB 37 R-Q4 10 Q-Q2 P-B3 24 QR-Q1 ch K-B2 38 P-B3 11 O-O PxQP 25 R-B1 ch K-Kt1 39 R-Q6 12 KPxP KtPxP 26 P-R5 Kt-K3 40 B-K3

THE 1971 IRISH CHAMPIONSHIP Cork - July 10th - 18th 1971

Kt-B4

28 P-Kt3

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This year's Irish Championship, played from July 10 to 18 at Cork, turned out to be a sort of Northern Ireland Benefit tournament. Moles, Henry and McGrillen, all from the North, dominated the proceedings throughout, with only Coldrick threatening danger at certain points. Once, however, he had missed his pronounced winning chances against McGrillen (the game ending in a draw) and immediately afterwards lost to Moles, the Northerners were by themselves, the final result being: (1) Moles 8 (+7, =2, against Henry and O'Riordan); (2) Henry 7½ (+6, =3, against Moles, McGrillen and McCurdy); (3) McGrillen 7 (+6, =2, -1, draws with Henry and O'Riordan, loss to Moles); (4) Coldrick 6; followed by (5) Ray Burne 51/2; (6-8) McCurdy, McDavitt and Murray, 5 each. There were 23 players, playing a 9-round Swiss.

Of the non-prizewinners O'Riordan started well, being up with the leaders for four rounds, but losing two and drawing three of his last five games. McDavitt, after a loss to young Tom Ireton, scored four wins in succession but then, paired with the three leaders, quickly subsided. O'Siuchru lost to Henry in the first round, but then played solidly and well, climbing to 41/2 after the 7th round — then Moles and Coldrick proved too much for him. Murray played none of the leading players, and his 5 points came from opponents well down the list

throughout.

14 PxP

QR-B1

This was Moles' second championship, his first having been achieved at Belfast 1966, in an infinitely stronger tournament. It was unfortunate that most of the strongest Southern players - not only Littleton, Keogh, the two Cassidy's and the reporter, but also the youngsters, Cox and Kernan - were unavoidably absent. One can but hope that Dublin 1972 will revert to the strength of the 1966, 1967 and 1969 championships.

A very weak Irish Ladies Championship, played as a double-round allplay-all of four players only, resulted in a tie between Aileen Noonan and Cecile Meuliens. A two-game play-off ending in one win each, the players agreed to

hold the title jointly.

The Congress was run with both enthusiasm and efficiency by Morris Coveney, who had his flock under better control than many a non-participating tournament director.