

Irish Championship 1988

ROUND BY ROUND

ROUND 1

M. CRICHTON	0	N. CARTON	1	K.I.A.
A. LUDGATE	1/2	A. FOX	1/2	Reti
J. REDMOND	0	E. O'REILLY	1	Nimzoindian
A. McDAID	0	D. DUNNE	1	Nimzoindian
T. CLARKE	1	H. SCARRY	0	French Defence
M. ORR	1	D. COLHOUN	0	Q.G.A.
A. McDONAGH	0	J. RYAN	1	Benko Gambit
P. CARTON	1/2	G. McELLIGOTT	1/2	Sicilian
B. PALMER	0	P. SHORT	1	Dutch Defence
E. McMAHON	1	S. BRADY	0	Q.G.Torre

P. REYNOLDS BYE

COMMENT

Despite the absence of such notable regulars as John Delaney NM and Colm Barry NM, this year's event had the makings of a very strong tournament with no less than 4 National Masters, SHORT, DUNNE, ORR and LUDGATE - all vying for the title. Expatriate Colhoun had many players asking "Colwho?"

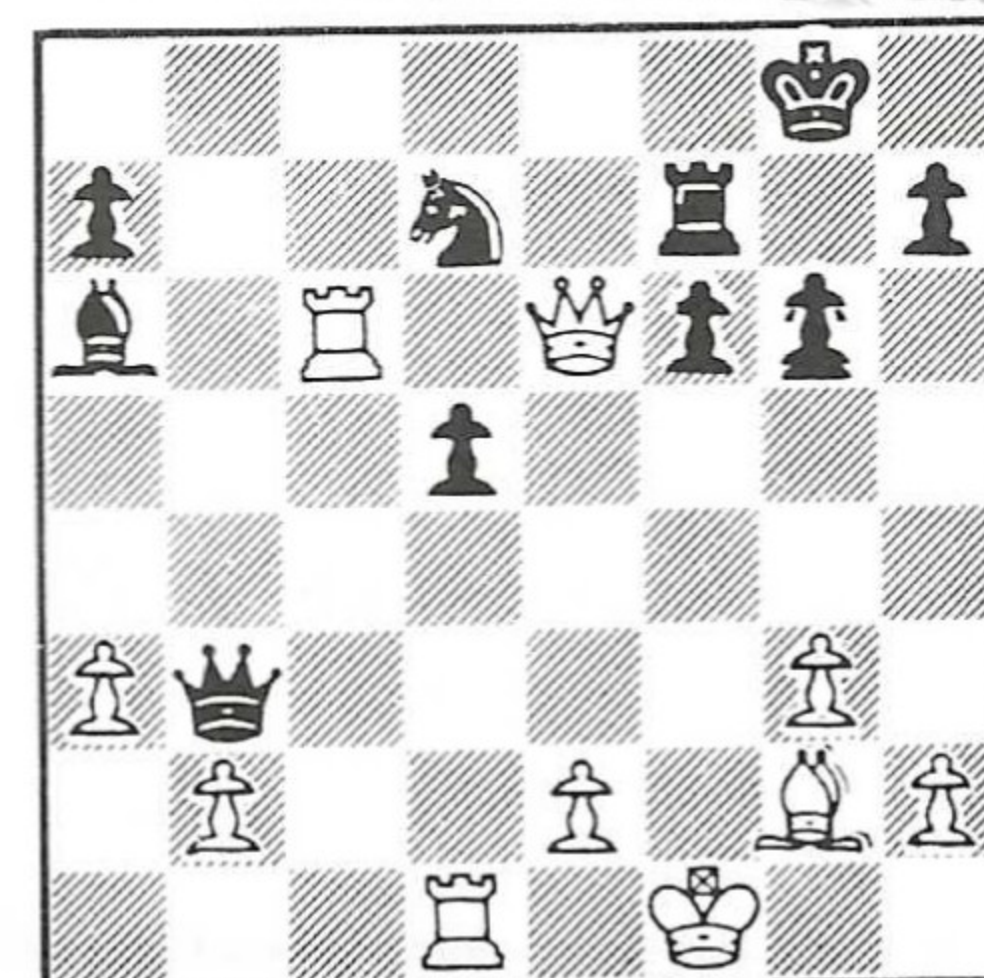
ROUND TWO

P.SHORT	(1)	1	J.RYAN	(1)	0	King's Indian
T.CLARKE	(1)	1/2	M.ORR	(1)	1/2	Nimzoindian
D.DUNNE	(1)	1	N.CARTON	(1)	0	Queen's Indian
E.O'REILLY	(1)	0	E.McMAHON	(1)	1	English
B.PALMER	(0)	1/2	A McDAID	(0)	1/2	Dutch
H.SCARRY	(0)	1/2	J.REDMOND	(0)	1/2	
G.McELLIGOTT	(1/2)	1/2	A.LUDGATE	(1/2)	1/2	
P.REYNOLDS	(1)	0	P.CARTON	(1/2)	1	Sicilian
D.COLHOUN	(0)	1	A.McDONAGH	(0)	0	
S.BRADY	(0)	1	M.CRICHTON	(0)	0	

A. FOX DEFAULT

An uneventful round with the players "jockeying" for position.

Here's a typical "SHORT" finish from this round.



SHORT

v

RYAN

28Qxf7+!

ROUND THREE

P.SHORT	(2)	1/2	D.DUNNE	(2)	1/2	Nimzo
E.McMAHON	(2)	0	M.ORR	(1/2)	1	Q.G.D.
P.CARTON	(1/2)	1/2	T.CLARKE	(1/2)	1/2	Ruy Lopez
N.CARTON	(1)	1/2	G.McELLIGOTT	(1)	1/2	Sicilian
J.RYAN	(1)	1	P.REYNOLDS	(1)	0	Sicilian
D.COLHOUN	(1)	0	E.O'REILLY	(1)	1	K.I.A.
J.REDMOND	(1/2)	0	B.PALMER	(1/2)	1	Nimzo
A.LUDGATE	(1)	1/2	S.BRADY	(1)	1/2	Reti
A.McDAID	(1/2)	1	H.SCARRY	(.5)	1/2	Nimxo
M.CRICHTON	(0)	1/2	A.FOX	(.5)	0	K.I.Def.

A. McDONAGH BYE

Another unexciting round with the top three "seeds" emerging as joint leaders.

No major upsets

DUBLIN CLASSIC

The 14th Dublin Open Classic Tournament which was held in the United Arts Club over the August Bank Holiday weekend was won by **GERRY O'CONNELL** (Dundrum) with a score of 5/6. **2-4 DAVID DUNNE FM** (Rathmines), **ERIC McMAHON** (Kevin Barry) and **PAT REYNOLDS** (Kevin Barry) all on 4.5. Grading Prizes were awarded to **JACK LOWRY** (Kilkenny) and **DARAGH LOWRY** (Kilkenny).

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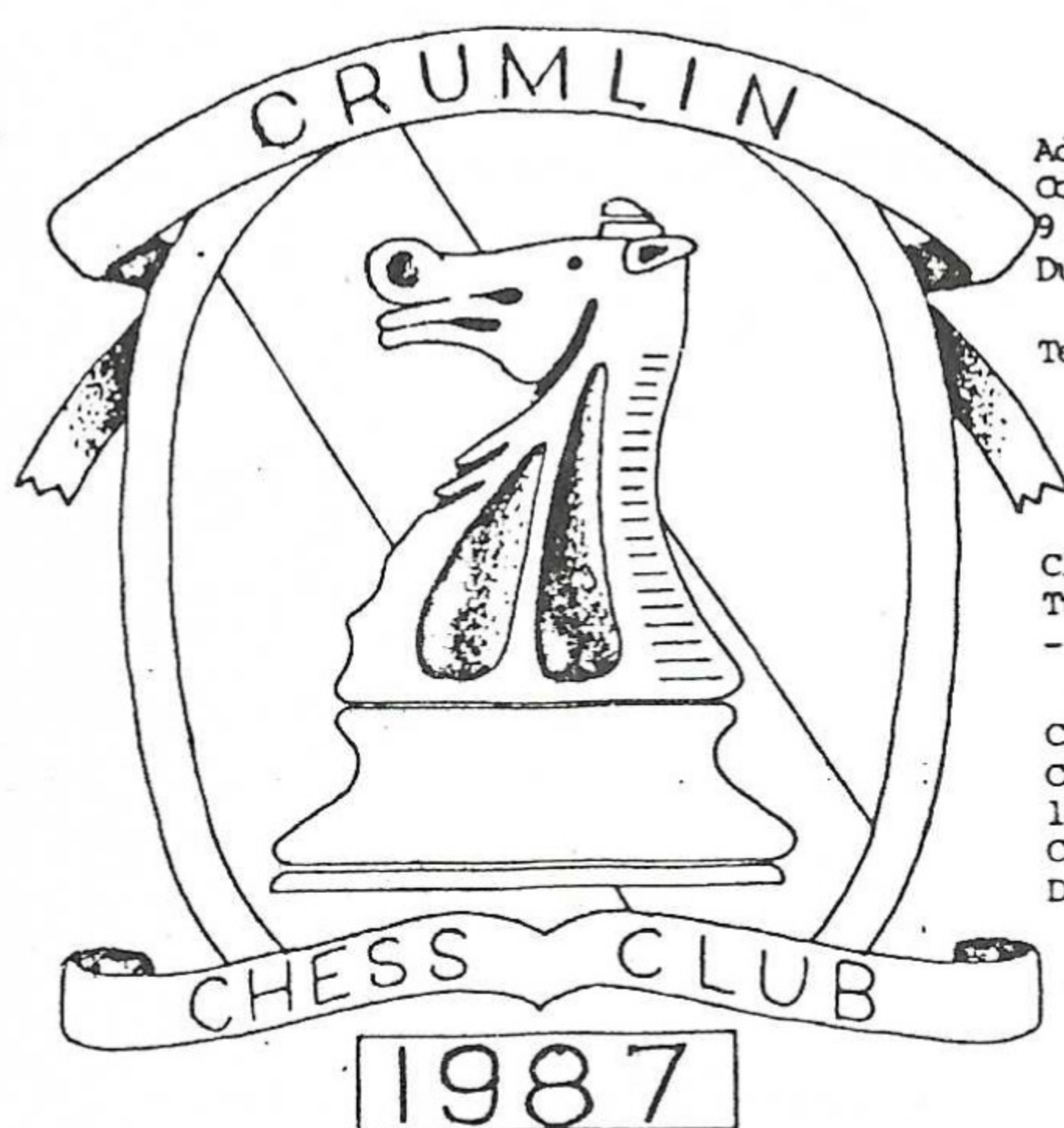
EAST OF IRELAND OPEN

1	COLM BARRY NM	6
2/3	(DIARMUID SIMPSON	4.5
	(GERRY O'CONNELL	4.5
	(MICHAEL O'BRIEN	4
	(BRENDAN LYONS	4

GRADING PRIZES

C. GILMER
F. ARMSTRONG
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PHIBSBORO' - THE ODYSSEY

WHERE WILL IT END?

Phibsboro' Chess Club have moved premises yet again - this time returning to an old haunt of their's formerly known as Maguire's, situated at **Baunreagh House**, 19a North Frederick Street Dublin 1. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday night at 7.30 p.m. Club Secretary Bob Leggett welcomes new members.

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IRISH TEAM

At a recent meeting of the Irish Chess Union the following players were selected to represent IRELAND at the OLYMPIAD in Thessaloniki, Greece in November 1988.

? Alphabetically (Not in Board order)

David Dunne FM, Mark Orr IM, Philip Short NM,
John Delaney NM, Colm Barry NM & Eddie O'Reilly

Reserves

Keith Allen, Pat Carton, Tom Clarke, Kilian Hynes

ROUND FOUR

M. ORR	(2.5)	1	D. DUNNE	(2.5)	1	Sicilian
E. O'REILLY	(2)	1/2	P. SHORT	(2.5)	1/2	Dutch
E. McMAHON	(2)	0	T. CLARKE	(2)	1	Reti
J. RYAN	(2)	1	P. CARTON	(2)	0	Sicilian
S. BRADY	(1.5)	1/2	B. PALMER	(1.5)	1/2	Reti
G. McELLIGOTT	(1.5)	1	A. McDAID	(1.5)	1	English
N. CARTON	(1.5)	1	A. LUDGATE	(1.5)	0	Modern
R. REYNOLDS	(1)	0	J. REDMOND	(1/2)	0	Dutch
A. FOX	(1)	1	A. McDONAGH	(1)	0	Modern
M. CRICHTON	(1/2)	0	D. COLHOUN	(1)	1	English

H. SCARRY BYE

COMMENT

Pat Carton self-destructs!
Mark Orr trounces David Dunne!
M. ORR (W) D. DUNNE (B)
1e4 c5 2c3 d5 3exd Qxd5 4d4
Nf6 5Nf3 e6 6Na3 cxd5?
(Better is 6...Be7 8Nb5 Na6
- FLESCHE) 7Nb5 Qd8 8Qxd5 (TN)
a6 9Qxd8+ Kxd8 10Ne5 Ke7 11
Nc7 Ra7 12Be3 b6 13Bxb6 Rb7
14Bc5+ Kd8 15Bxf8 Rxf8 16Nxa6
17Bxa6 Rb6 (Not 17...Rxb2?
18 0-0-0+!) 18Bxc8 and there
you have it, a National
Master totally lost in less
than 20 moves
(1 - 0 53 moves)

ROUND FIVE

P. SHORT	(3)	1	M. ORR	(3.5)	0	Q.G.A.
T. CLARKE	(3)	1	J. RYAN	(3)	0	Sicilian
D. DUNNE	(2.5)	1/2	E. O'REILLY	(2.5)	1/2	Sicilian
A. McDAID	(2.5)	0	N. CARTON	(2.5)	1	Q.G.A.
P. CARTON	(2)	1	D. COLHOUN	(2)	0	Ruy Lopez
B. PALMER	(2)	1/2	E. McMAHON	(2)	1/2	Nimzo
A. FOX	(2)	0	S. BRADY	(2)	1	Caro Kann
A. LUDGATE	(1.5)	0	P. REDMOND	(1.5)	1	Reti
H. SCARRY	(1.5)	1.2	G. McELLIGOTT	(1.5)	1/2	
A. McDONAGH	(1)	1	P. REYNOLDS	(1)	0	Nimzo

M. CRICHTON BYE

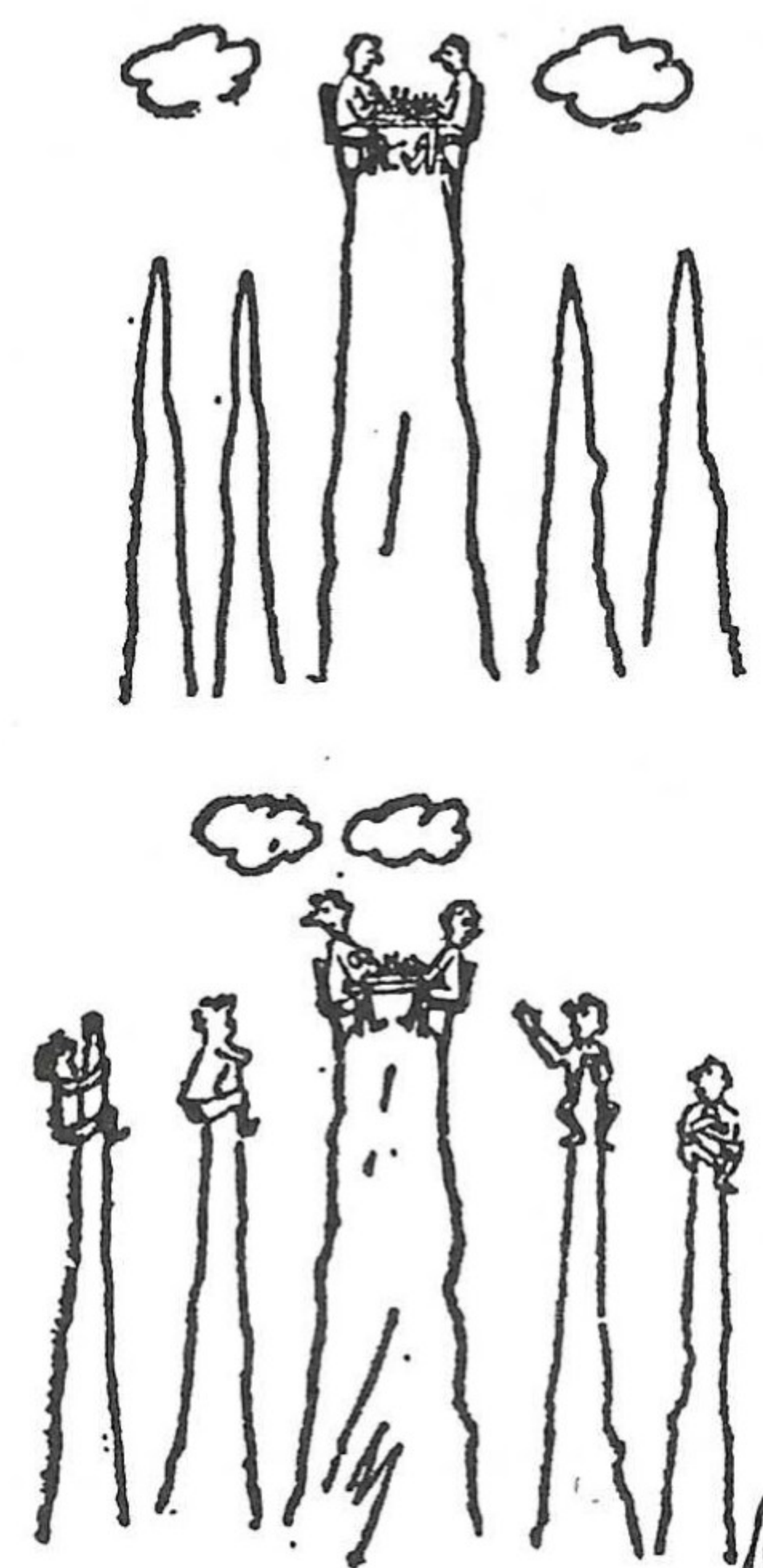
Orr loses in winning
position! (See GAMES) Palmer
v McMahon gave the impression
they were afraid of each
other and two white flags
were raised early in the game



ROUND SIX

T. CLARKE	(4)	0	P. SHORT	(4)	1	Ruy Lopez
M. ORR	(3.5)	1/2	N. CARTON	(3.5)	1/2	Q's Indian
D. DUNNE	(3)	1	P. CARTON	(3)	0	King's Ind
E. O'REILLY	(3)	1/2	J. RYAN	(3)	1/2	Q.G.D.
S. BRADY	(3)	0	A. McDAID	(2.5)	1	Dutch
J. REDMOND	(2.5)	0	E. McMAHON	(2.5)	1	Nimzo
D. COLHOUN	(2)	0	B. PALMER	(2.5)	1	French
H. SCARRY	(2)	0	A. FOX	(2)	1	Q.G.D.
G. McELLIGOTT	(2)	1	P. REYNOLDS	(2)	0	Q's Indian
A. McDONAGH	(1)	0	M. CRICHTON	(1/2)	1	Benko

A. LUDGATE BYE



ROUND SEVEN

Game 47

N. CARTON	(4)	1/2	P. SHORT	(4)	1/2	Bishop's Op.
D. DUNNE	(4)	1	T. CLARKE	(4)	0	Larsen
E. O'REILLY	(3.5)	1/2	M. ORR	(4)	1/2	Q.G.D.
E. McMAHON	(3.5)	1	A. McDAID	(3.5)	0	Dutch
P. CARTON	(3)	1/2	S. BRADY	(3)	1/2	Petroff
J. RYAN	(3.5)	1	P. PALMER	(3.5)	0	French
A. FOX	(3)	0	G. McELLIGOTT	(3)	1	Sicilian
J. REDMOND	(2.5)	1	A. McDONAGH	(1)	0	King's Ind.
P. REYNOLDS	(2)	1	H. SCARRY	(2)	0	French
M. CRICHTON	(1.5)	1/2	A. LUDGATE	(1.5)	1/2	Modern

E. McMahon (White)
A. McDaid (Black)

1d4 f5 2g3 Nf6 3Bg2 g6 4Nf3
Bg7 5 0-0 0-0 6c4 d6 7Nc3
Nc6 8d5 Ne5 9Nxe5 dxe5 10
Qb3 e6 11Rd1 Qe7 12dxe6 Qxe6
13Nd5 Ne8 14Bg5 c6 15Qa3 h6
16Be3 a6 17Nb6 Rb8 18Bc5 Rf7
19Rd2 Bd7 20Rad1 Nf6 21Bd6
Bf8 22c5 Bxd6 23Rxd6 Qe8
24Rxf6

1 - 0

D. COLHOUN BYE

ROUND EIGHT

Game 48

P. SHORT	(5.5)	1	E. McMAHON	(4.5)	0	Nimzo
J. RYAN	(4.5)	0	D. DUNNE	(5)	1	Sicilian
M. ORR	(4.5)	1	G. McELLIGOTT	(4)	0	Gruenfeld
N. CARTON	(4.5)	1/2	E. O'REILLY	(4)	1/2	Sicilian
B. PALMER	(3.5)	1/2	P. CARTON	(3.5)	1/2	Gruenfeld
S. BRADY	(3.5)	1	T. CLARKE	(4)	0	French
A. McDAID	(3.5)	0	J. REDMOND	(3.5)	1	Dutch
P. REYNOLDS	(3)	0	M. CRICHTON	(2)	1	Caro Kann
A. LUDGATE	(1.5)	1	D. COLHOUN	(3)	0	English
H. SCARRY	(2)	1/2	A. McDONAGH	(1)	1/2	Modern

J. Ryan (White)
B. Palmer (Black)

e4 e6 2d4 d5 3Nd2 Nf6 4e5
Nfd7 5f4 c5 6c3 Nc6 7Ndf3
Qa5 8dxc5 Qxc5 9Ne2 Qb6 10
Ned4 Nc5 11Nb3 Nxb3 12axb3
Be7 13Bd3 f6 14exf6 Bxf6 15
b4 0-0 16b5 e5 17Be2 Ne7 18
fxe5 Bxe5 19Bg5 Ng6 20Qd2
Bf4 21Qxd5+ Kh8 22Rf1 Bg4
23Rf2 Rf5 24Qe4 Rxe5 25Nxe5
Bxe5 26Qxe4 Be3 27Rf5 Rd8
28Qf3 Bc5 29Qh5 Be3 & 1 - 0

A. FOX BYE

ROUND NINE

S. BRADY	(4.5)	0	P. SHORT	(6.5)	1	K's Gambit
E. McMAHON	(4.5)	1/2	D. DUNNE	(6)	1/2	Benoni
M. ORR	(5.5)	1/2	J. RYAN	(4.5)	1/2	French
E. O'REILLY	(4.5)	1/2	A. LUDGATE	(2.5)	1/2	Modern
P. CARTON	(4)	1	A. FOX	(4)	0	Ruy Lopez
T. CLARKE	(4)	1	P. REYNOLDS	(3)	0	Sicilian
G. McELLIGOTT	(4)	0	M. CRICHTON	(3)	1	King's Ind.
J. REDMOND	(4.5)	DEF.	N. CARTON	(5)		
A. McDONAGH	(1.5)	1/2	B. PALMER	(4)	1/2	Nimzo
D. COLHOUN	(2)	0	H. SCARRY	(2.5)	1	French

Sensation in the final round
Brady makes fatal mistake,
hands Short title on a plate
Entering the last round a
3-way tie was a mathematical
possibility. Despite this
good fortune, Philip Short
was a most deserving winner,
playing enterprising chess
throughout.

A. McDAID BYE

IRISH INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

1 - 2 P. GARDINER C. BRADY (5/6)
3 - 6 B. LYONS J. CROWLEY
S. CHRISTOPHER F. ARMSTRONG (4)

DUNDRUM CHESS FESTIVAL

This year's attendance was down drastically compared to last year, for what according to the organizers is Ireland's original Active tournament. Many players blamed this on the unhappy timing of the event as it clashed with the Irish team's appearance in the European Football Championships. In fact, as a result of this, one of the rounds was cancelled to facilitate those who wanted to see the big match. However, our roving reporter suspects that there may be more to this than meets all but the most discerning eye. As more and more of these Active tournaments are appearing it is possible that they may do so to the detriment of more 'important' events. We note with sadness, that **TONY DOYLE NM** has indicated his intention to withdraw from 'over-the-board' play next year. (Readers' comments are invited).

RESULTS

1. Bernard Palmer 8.5 -- £50 + Trophy
2. Adrian McDaid 8.5 -- £25 + Trophy
3. Eddie O'Connor 8.0 -- £15 + Trophy

Ladies Prize : Anne-Marie Bradley Medal
Best over 16 : Stephen Brady - £10
Best under 14: Graham Twyford - £10 + Plaque
Best under 12: Adrian Gillen - £10 + Plaque

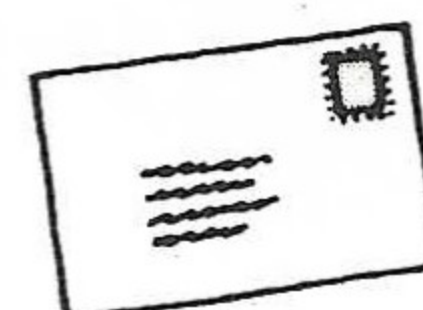


The tournament was sponsored by the EBS and a perpetual trophy of Cavan Crystal was presented by Mr. O'Shea of Floors and Walls.

Christy Hanley controlled in a most able and amiable fashion.



Your Letters



If only...

Having read recently that Chess has at last been given the recognition it requested from the **National Lottery** organisers, and that the **Irish Chess Union** can now apply for funds on the same basis as other sports, perhaps you could give us an article on this situation?

Like most clubs we are always in need of funds and would appreciate any information you could provide about the above. Our members welcome the I.C.J. and particularly enjoy the games of our leading Irish players.

Joe Meehan
Crumlin Chess Club

The latest information on this very important issue is that there is no change in official attitudes towards recognizing Chess as a sport. However, we are assured that the I.C.U. are working tirelessly on our behalf in this regard.

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FINAL SCORE TABLE

ROUND BY ROUND STATISTICAL BREAK-DOWN

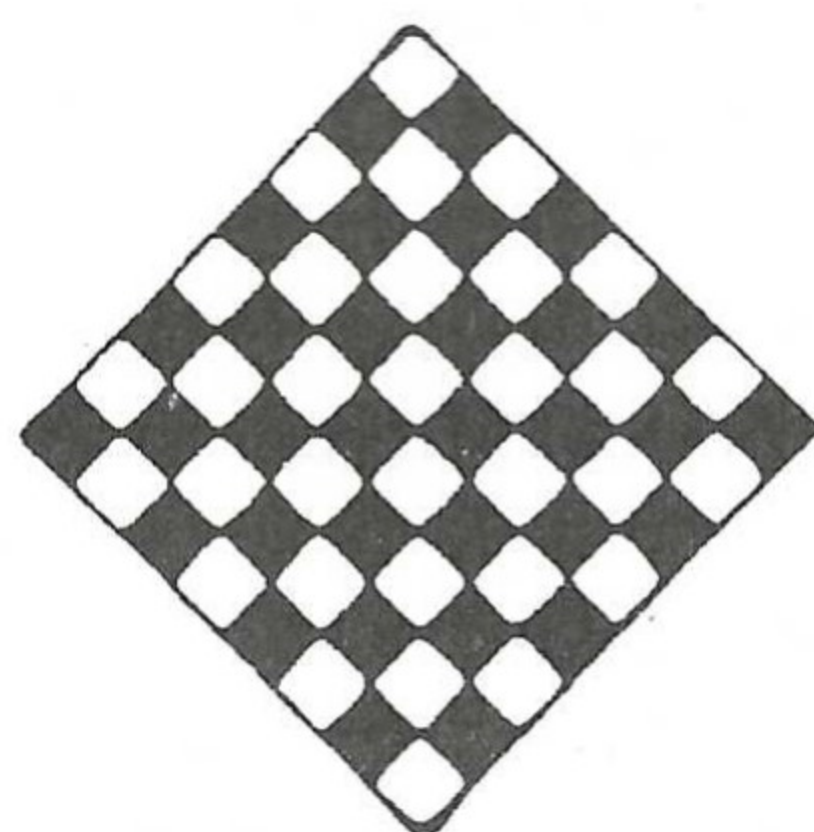
Place	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Rd8	Rd9	Tot	R(p)
1	SHORT P.	2272	11+	8+	2=	5=	3+	7+	4=	6+	10+	7.5	2470
2	DUNNE D.	2381	12+	4+	1=	3-	5=	9+	7+	8+	6=	6.5	2370
3	ORR M.	2272	18+	7=	6+	2+	1-	4=	5=	15+	8=	6	2309
4	CARTON N.	2204	13+	2-	15=	14+	12+	3=	1=	5=	W/O	6	2277
5	O'REILLY E.	2238	16+	6-	18+	1=	2=	8=	3=	4=	14=	5	2239
6	MCMAHON E.	2153	10+	5+	3-	7-	11=	16+	12+	1-	2=	5	2232
7	CLARKE T.	2196	19+	3=	9=	6+	8+	1-	2-	10-	20+	5	2187
8	RYAN J.	2157	21+	1-	20+	9+	7-	5=	11+	2-	3=	5	2179
9	CARTON P.	2207	15=	20+	7=	8-	18+	2-	10=	11=	17+	5	2133
10	BRADY S.	2130	6-	13+	14=	11=	17+	12-	9-	7+	1-	4.5	2133
11	PALMER B.	2042	1-	12=	16+	12=	6=	18+	8-	9=	21=	4.5	2105
12	MCDALD A.	2140	2-	11=	19+	15+	4-	10+	6-	16-	BYE	4.5	2065
13	CRICHTON M.	1896	4-	10-	17=	18-	BYE	21+	14=	20+	15+	5	2038
14	LUDGATE A.	2251	17=	15=	10=	4-	16-	BYE	13=	17+	5=	4.5	2031
15	MCELLIGOTT G.	2009	9=	14=	4=	12-	19=	20+	17+	3-	13-	4	2017
16	REDMOND J.	2029	5-	19=	11-	20+	14+	6-	21+	12+	DEF	4.5	2002
17	FOX A.	2042	14=	DEF	13=	21+	10-	19+	15-	BYE	9-	4	1982
18	COLHOUN D.	2046	3-	21+	5-	13+	9-	11-	BYE	14-	19-	3	1887
19	SCARRY H.	1919	7-	16=	12-	BYE	15=	17-	20-	21=	18+	3.5	1870
20	REYNOLDS P.	1805	BYE	9-	8-	16-	21+	15-	19+	13-	7-	3	1836
21	MCDONAGH A.	1815	8-	18-	BYE	17-	20-	13-	16-	19=	11=	2	1671

The R(p) is the rating performance of the player based upon the percentage scored against his opponents (byes, walk-overs and defaults are, of course, disregarded).

The table is constructed in rating performance order and corresponds, by and large, with actual points scored in the tournament - the bye and an "easier run" have caused slight distortion.

The 1987 Rating List has been used but, in consultation with Fred Harte, the ratings of some players have been adjusted to take into account significant changes - namely S. Brady and A. McDaid.

FINAL TABLE AND STATISTICS KINDLY PROVIDED BY EDDIE O'REILLY



IRISH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1 - 2 S.MAYCOCK S.GILLEN (5/6)
 3 - 6 J.PHELAN D.O'DOHERTY
 P.GILLEN A.GILLEN (4)

The Gillens might consider running
 their own tournament next year!