

Dutch reap rewards



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The young bloods of British chess missed out on the largest cash prize ever awarded to a junior player in the UK as thirteen year old Mark Haast of Holland scooped the £2,000 reward as winner of the UK Chess International held at Hinchley Wood Secondary School, in the Borough of Elmbridge, Surrey .

The victor won all his six games, defeating International Woman Grandmaster Elmira Mirzoeva of Russia in the fifth round and then crushing his final opponent in the game below. Haast's twelve year old sister Anne scored a highly creditable 4.5/6.

The tournament, held at the end of March was the culmination of a rigorous selection procedure in almost 300 secondary schools throughout the UK. The schools held their own heats in the Autumn Term and these led to eleven area finals from which eighty hopefuls were selected to face the foreign invitees over the Easter weekend.

Ameet Ghasi of King Edwards School Birmingham - Tony Miles' old school was second on 5.5/6 and International Woman Grandmaster, Elmira Mirzoeva of Russia was in the tie for third on 5/6,

As tournament organiser Michael Basman pointed out the frightening aspect of this result is that the winner is only 13 years old and ranked just third in Holland for his age. The Dutch are producing a stream of talented young players many of whom are already GMs and IMs. The Morra Gambit is declined but Black drifts into a passive IQP - Isolated Queen's Pawn position and denudes his kingside of defenders.

In the final position 22...Kh8/h7 23.Re3 mates.

M.Haast - B.Eames

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Sicilian Defence

	1 e4		c5		2 Nf3		d6
3	d4		cx d4		4 c3		Nf6
5	e5		dx e5		6 Nxe5		a6
7	Bc4		e6		8 cx d4		Be7
9	a4		0-0		10 0-0		Nbd7
11	Nc3		Qc7?		12 Qe2		Bd6?!
13	Re1		Nb6		14 Bd3		Nbd5
15	Bd2		Nxc3		16 bxc3		b6
17	Bg5		Nd5		18 c4		Nb4
19	Bxh7+!		Kxh7		20 Qh5+		Kg8
21	Bf6		gxf6		22 Qg4+		1-0

Eames

Haast

Position after 21.Bf6!!

Vassily Ivanchuk is playing the Capablanca Memorial at Havana. The following miniature was played in the 'B' group.

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Capablanca Mem Premier (2) Havana

Sicilian Najdorf

	1 e4		c5		2 Nf3		d6
3	d4		cx d4		4 Nxd4		Nf6
5	Nc3		a6		6 Bg5		e6
7	f4		Nbd7		8 Bc4		Qb6
9	Qd2		Qxb2		10 0-0		Qb6
11	Kh1		Qc7		12 Bxe6		fxe6
13	Nxe6		Qc4		14 e5		dx e5
15	fxe5		Nxe5		16 Qd8+		Kf7
17	Rxf6+		gxf6		18 Qxf6+		Ke8
19	Ng7+		Kd7		20 Rd1+		Kc7
21	Qxe5+		1-0				

Abreu

Perez

Final position after 21.Qxe5+



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