

WHEN I previously edited this column in the late 60s, England had few internationally ranked players. Penrose, who had been English champion, was on I.M. although he did claim a famous victory over Tal, then world champion. Wade, an expatriate New Zealander, was still active in tournament chess and held I.M. rank while Golombek was not active.

Nowadays the situation is vastly improved. Eleven Grandmasters, with Short ranked tenth in the world and considered a "super" G.M., and over 40 I.M.s make England one of the most powerful chess nations in the world.

This improvement is reflected at all levels in the game and many promising young players seem destined to accept the mantle of their elders. I must point out that nearly all our ranked G.M.s and I.M.s are under 35.

More titled players mean a greater chance of meeting them in tournament play and causing upset results.

Local players Graeme Oswald regularly scores victories over I.M.s at the Portsmouth Congress, while this column gave Arthur Brameld's draw against G.M. Agdestein.

Now a local player has gone one better in the recent Luxembourg International Nine-Round Swiss.

White: Philip Rossiter (2210), Black: Gutman (G.M., 2530): 1, d4, Nf6; 2, c4, g6; 3, Nc3, Bg7; 4, e4, 0-0 (inviting 5, e5; this led to a spectacular result in Letelier (Chile) v. Fischer (U.S.A.) Leipzig Olympiad 1960); 5, e5, Ne8; 6, f4, d6; 7, Be3, c5!; 8, dxc5, Nc6; 9, cxd6, exd6; 10, Ne4, Bf5!; 11, Ng3? Ba6; 12, Nf3, Qc7; 13, Qb1, dxe5; 14, f5, e4!; 15, fxe6, exf3; 16, gxf3, f5!; 17, f4, Nf6; 18, Be2, Rfe8; 19, Kf2, Rxe6; 20, Re1, Rae8; 21, Bf3, Rxe3!; 22, Rxe3, Rxe3; 23, Kxe3, Qxf4+!!; (0:1) since 24, Kxf4, Bh6 mate or 24, Kf2,

Ng4+; 25, Kg2, Ne3+; 26, Kf2, Nd4; 27, Qh1, Ng4+; 28, Kf1, Nxf3 with a winning attack); 5, Nf3, c6; 6, Bd3, d5; 7, e5, Ne8; 8, Be3, dxc4; 9, Bxc4, Nc7; 10, 0-0, Nd7; 11, Bb3, Nb6; 12, Ng5, Ndb5; 13, Rc1, f6?; 14, exf6, exf6 (see diagram . . . and give some thought to what you would play); 15, Bf4!, Kh8 (if 15, . . . fxe4; 16, Bxc7, Qxc7; 17, Nxd5, Qb8; 18, Nc7+, Kh8; 19, Nxa8, wins); 16, Bxc7, Nxc7; 17, Nf7+, Rxf7; 18, Bxf7, f5; 19, Rc1, Qf6; 20, Qb3, Bf8; 21, a4, Bd6; 22, Bc4, Qxd4; 23, Rcd1, Qf6; 24, Ne4!, Bxh2+ (24, . . . fxe4; 25, Rxd6! wins e.g. . . . Qxd6; 26, Qc3+, mating. As well as threatening 26, Rxf6. White also has 26, Rd8(+) leading to the same Qc3+, mating line); 25, Kxh2, fxe4; 26, Rd8+, Kg7; 27, Rg8+, Kh6; 28, Qg3(!), Nd5; 29, Nd5; 29, Bxd5, cxd5; 30, Rh1 (1:0). An excellent victory.

Gutman won the tournaments with 7/9 while Rossiter, a junior, was 8th with six points in a field of 88.

White to move.

