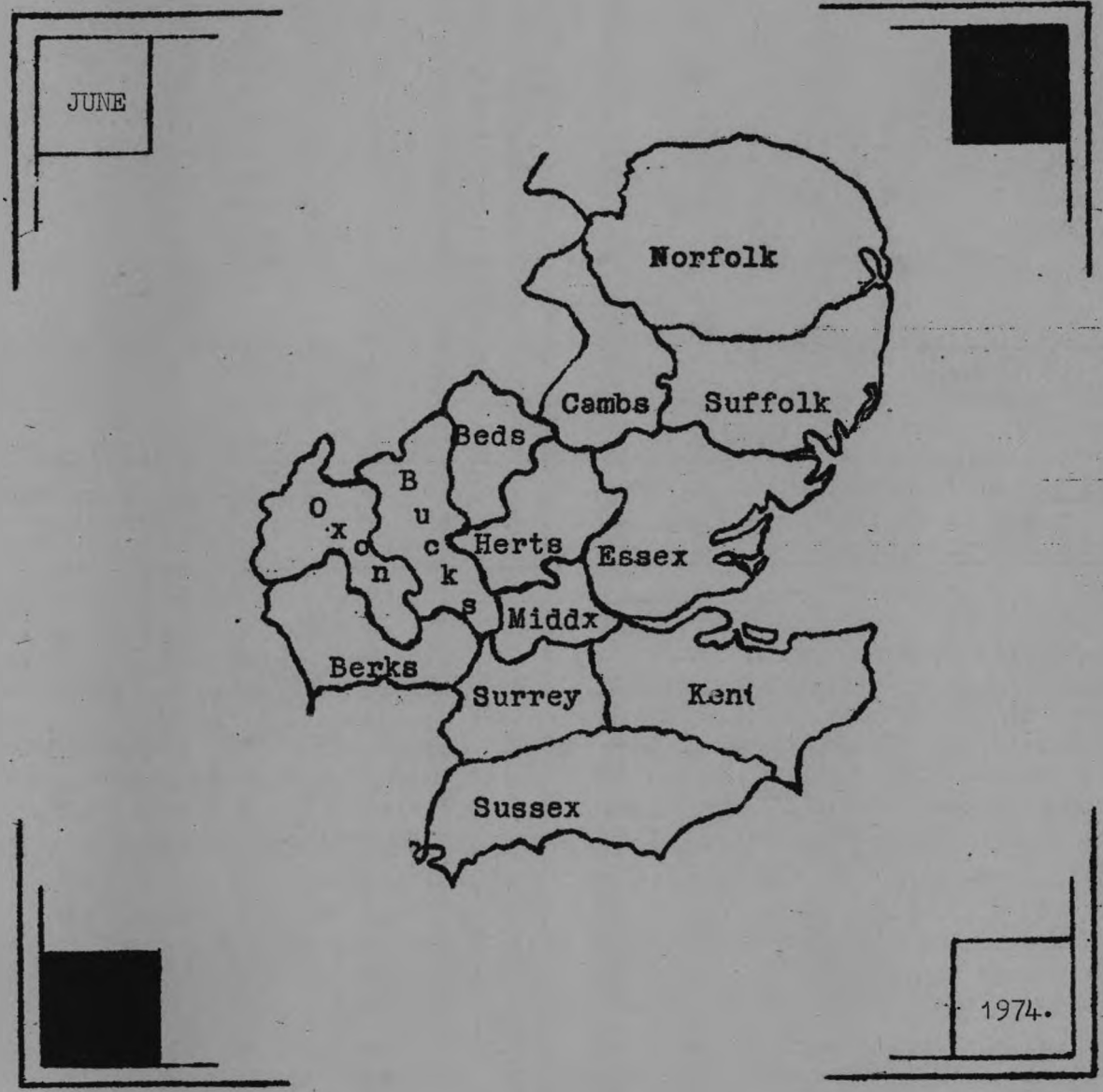


SOUTHERN COUNTIES'

CHESS UNION.



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Results of Adjudicated Games

(c) Berks	10½	Bucks	8½	(c) Surrey	7½	Herts	11½
12 G.Varty	0	P.Porter	1	2 J.F. Wheeler	½	P.V.Byway	½
16.3.74	10½		9½	9.3.74	8		12
(C) Essex	13½	Surrey	5½	(C) Herts	7	Middlesex	11
15 R.A. Walker	1	J.M.Soesan	0	4 T.K.Hemingway	½	P. Timson	½
				11 Mrs.D. Wright	1	S.Crouch	0
23.3.74	14½		5½	23.3.74	8½		11½
(M-J) Norfolk	7½	Middlesex	10½	(M-J) Essex II	7	Surrey II	9
8 P.Coleman	1	R.M.Cameron	0	5 R.L.Smith	0	N.Rose	1
15 D.Abbott	½	B. Silver	½	6 R.Asch	0	D.L.Meen	1
23.3.74	9		11	23.3.74	7		9

MONTAGUE-JONES

Norfolk 18.5.74

1 OM Hindle	1	R/O'Brien	0
2 R Bellin	½	J Stebbings	½
3 TC Noyce	0	R Watts	1
4 J Ferrers Dunn	0	A Martin	1
5 M Woolnough	1	T Whitton	0
6 S Ruthen	½	F Dorn	½
7 Vernon D.Burke	1	SJ Abbott	0
8 J Pugh	@	J Watson	@
9 J Scott	0	R Franklin	1
10 D Hall	1	RA Wagstaff	0
11 A Pond	½	A Kinder	½
12 I Gladden	1	N. Goldenberg	0
13 D Abbott	1	BC O'Neill	0
14 J Birchley	1	R Hatch	0
15 A Dickinson	1	BJ Bullwinkle	0
16 A Platten	0	P Wyeth	1
17 RG Round	1	default	0
18 AT McDonnell	1	default	0
19 A Rans	1	default	0
20 NG Thomas	1	default	0
@ Norwich	13½		5½

British Chess Federation Minor Counties Championship

SEMI-FINAL 11th May 1974

Middlesex II	Lancashire II	
1 AG Kerr	1 AP Ashby	0
2 GM Hayes	½ TJ Stuttard	½
3 JV Skilleter	1 JE Horner	0
4 Ian Marshall	0 P Adams	1
5 RA Batchelor	0 J TennantSmith	1
6 HB Angel	0 RJ Starkie	1
7 JE Redon	1 A Baruch	0
8 C Jahn	0 RA Barton	1
9 Brian Gunnell	½ E Rayner	½
10 JGR Stainton	1 DE Hustler	0
11 SJF Walsh	0 LJ Glazier	1
12 WG Raines	½ VJ Innes-Reid	½
13 S Ingolfsrud	1 PH Copeland	0
14 VP Aeron	½ D Miller	½
15 LC Fincham	½ WA Cottram	½
16 KR Clark	0 P Lamford	1
@ Birmingham	7½	8½

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP In the Brighton-Bolton semi-final (see page Four) board 1 was given as a win for Brighton and board 3 a draw, which made the match a 3 - 3 draw Brighton winning on board count. Bolton are appealing against the board 3 result - winners meet Cambridge University in the Final.

CORRECTION In the Ebony match reported on Page Three between Herts III and Middlesex IV the result on board 9 should have been shown as a draw and the final score Herts III 8½ Middlesex IV 10½

GRADING As readers are probably aware the Union is in process of computerizing part of our Grading operations and in March Brian Locke appealed for additional help. About thirty volunteers came forward and in May the first stage of the task was completed with the transfer of existing records on to a computer. Mr. Locke has expressed the thanks of the Union to all who took part in this operation and also to H.M. Cath and B.T. Williams who did the checking work and P.L. Eastwood and J.J. Lauder who assisted where revisions were required. Also Eric Croker and Brian Threadgall accomplished a full check on the details of every junior on our list: this was a major effort and our special thanks are due to them for their arduous work in this task.

Each grader has now received a copy of the computer print-out of the records of all players who played graded chess in the 1972/73 season. Thus the graders have the go-ahead for their usual operations at this time of year and we look forward to the computer performing the collating job and some time in September the end-product, namely the September bulletin should be available complete with the new Grading List.

Members will appreciate that the financial aspect of the new system must involve extra cost, but it is felt that this will be accepted as a worth-while expenditure. Orders for extra copies should be sent to the Editor some time in August.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Once again the Editor records his thanks to the Editors of the following publications which he has read with pleasure: B.C.F. New Flash - May and June issues; M.C.C.U. bulletin - April issue; W.E.C.U. "westward Ho" - April; Surrey Chess News - March and May issues; Norfolk County Bulletin - May issue.

A quote from the NEWS FLASH: The M.C.C.U. Executive has approved a proposed sanction that "Any County can instruct the Grading Committee not to publish the grade of a non member, but to insert 'non member' against the name", thus adopting a firm line against players who receive and sometimes expect to receive facilities provided by, but who cannot be persuaded to register with and pay fees to, the B.C.F. and M.C.C.U.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS PLEASE !!!

As many readers are aware, during the past season we have asked subscribers, as and when their subscriptions fell due, to pay varying sums which would bring the due date of the next payment to August 1974, so that in nearly all cases this issue completes their entitlement.

I am asking members to accept this paragraph as a request for payment of 50p representing an annual subscription beginning with the September 1974 (Grading List) issue and continuing until June 1975. Please send subscriptions as soon as possible to the Editor or the Hon. Treasurer, whose addresses are as given above. Receipt by the reader of the September (Grading List) issue will acknowledge receipt of the subscription paid.

THE COST OF CHESS

For some time the British Chess Federation, of which we are all members, has studied in depth the complex problem of finding an equitable method of sharing (and meeting) the cost of national and international administration of the game. The study of this problem falls mainly to the Development Committee of the Federation, of which our President-elect, Mr. W. A. Cordon has been a member for several years. I have asked him for his up-to-date assessment of the problem, and Mr. Cordon writes:-

"For several years attempts have been made to find a substitute for the B.C.F. registration scheme. The present scheme can be faulted as being expensive, time-consuming and divisive, since co-operative counties see the ease with which other counties evade it.

The Development Committee sent two ideas to the B.C.F. Council for consideration. First, a Levy Scheme under which, briefly, each "county" would be allocated a percentage of B.C.F. expenditure to find - such an allocation would be partly based on the population and partly on the "Chess Activity" of its area. An annual meeting of "County" representatives would approve (?) the projected expenditure for the next year and then it would be up to each "County" to find its money as it wished.

The second alternative is a two-tier scheme whereby those who play in B.C.F. events, including the Union stages of the County Championships would pay a large fee - say £1.50 - and those who do not a small one - say 25p. Board fees would be abolished.

There is not room here to discuss the pros and cons, but personally I believe the cons to be stronger, and expect that we will have to live with the imperfect Registration Scheme - though perhaps with modifications - until the day when a voluntary membership can pay for the B.C.F. and its ventures and those for whom the B.C.F. has little relevance or interest need not be compelled to support it." W.A.C.

To which your Editor, who has suffered seventeen years service on the Federation Executive Committee would add his opinion that the last paragraph has his entire approval. Latest information is that two Unions have stated flatly that they would not be able to operate a Levy Scheme.

CLASSIFIED RESULTS

CHAMPIONSHIP:	Berks	10½	Bucks	9½	Essex	14½	Surrey	5½
	Herts	8½	Middlesex	11½	Surrey	8	Herts	12
MONTAGUE-JONES	Suffolk	3½	Beds	16½	Sussex II	8½	Beds	11½
	Middlesex II	11	Norfolk	9	Essex II	7	Surrey II	9
	Sussex II	7½	Surrey II	12½	Beds	6	Norfolk	14
	Essex II	5½	Norfolk	13½	(1)			
AMBOYNA SHIELD:	Kent III	10	Surrey III	10	Surrey III	9	Essex IV	9
EBONY SHIELD:	Herts III	8½	Middlesex IV	10½	Kent IV	10½	Middlesex IV	6½

FINAL TABLES

1973/74

CHAMPIONSHIP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Games	Points
1 Middlesex	X	10	13	11½	16½	11½	11½	12½	15½	102	7½
2 Cambs	10	X	11½	9	9½	15½	12	15	18	100½	5½
3 Essex	7	8½	X	14	12½	16	10	14½	14½	97	5½
4 Kent	8½	11	6	X	7	15½	11½	10½	12	82	5
5 Sussex	3½	10½	7½	13	X	10	10	10	11	75½	4½
6 Berks	8½	4½	4	4½	10	X	13	13½	10½	68½	3½
7 Herts	8½	8	10	8½	10	7	X	12	14	78	3
8 Surrey	7½	5	5½	9½	10	6½	8	X	13½	65½	1½
9 Bucks	4½	2	5½	7	9X	9½	6	6½	X	50	0

MONTAGUE-JONES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Games	Points
1 Middlesex II	X	16½	11	11	12	10½	13½	15½	90	7
2 Surrey II	3½	X	11	12½	9	9	12	12	69	5
3 Norfolk	9	9	X	9	13½	10	14	10½	75	3½
4 Sussex II	9	7½	11	X	7	11	8½	14	68	3
5 Essex II	8	7	5½	12	X	9½	10½	12½	65	3
6 Kent II	9½	11	10	9	10½	X	=	9	59	2½
7 Beds	6½	8	6	11½	5½	=	X	16½	54	2
8 Suffolk	4½	7	9½	6	7½	11	3½	X	49	1

AMBOYNA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Games	Points
1 Herts II	X	10½	16	10	11	10	16½	20d	12	106	7½
2 Essex III	9½	X	7½	12	12½	11	14	13½	15	95	6
3 Berks II	4	12½	X	9	11½	8	20d	10	13½	88½	5
4 Oxford	10	8	11	X	8	9½	11	20d	14	91½	4½
5 Surrey III	9	7½	8½	12	X	10	9	20d	14½	90½	4
6 Kent III	8	9	8	10½	10	X	12½	20d	7½	85½	4
7 Essex IV	3½	6	0d	9	9	7½	X	20d	11½	66½	2½
8 Middlesex III	0d	6½	10	0d	0d	0d	0d	X	14	30½	1½
9 Bucks II	8	5	6½	6	5½	12½	8½	6	X	58	1

EBONY SHIELD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Games	Points
1 Sussex III	X	10½	13½	10½	14½	15	13	15½	13½	106	8
2 Essex V	9½	X	12	5½	8½	12	20d	16	14½	98	5
3 Herts III	6½	7	X	11½	11½	8½	12	10½	11	78½	5
4 Kent IV	9½	14½	8½	X	4½	10½	10	12	=	69½	3
5 Berks III	5½	11½	8½	15½	X	5	10	0d	10	66	3
6 Middlesex IV	5	8	10½	6½	15	X	9½	9½	=	64	2½
7 Surrey IV	7	0d	7	9	10	10½	X	11	=	54½	2½
8 Berks IV	4½	4	9½	5	0d	9½	9	X	10½	52	1½
9 Beds II	6½	4½	9	=	10	=	=	9½	X	39½	½

SECRETARIES' COLUMN

Members of your clubs should be informed of forthcoming Congresses whose secretaries names and addresses are as follows:

June 28-30	Charlton	P.Hannan, 11 St.John's Road, Sidcup, DA14 4HA
July 26-27	Hereford	M.J. Proctor, The Twt, Almeley, Hereford.
Aug 3-17	Clacton	B.C.F.Championships, P.J.Ezra, "Suepet", Short Ditch, Haddenham HP17 8EA, Bucks
Aug 23-26	Marlow	A.Niedzwedski, Heathfield, Bois Lane, Amersham, Bucks.
Aug 30-Sept 1	Paignton	M.A.Frost, 3 Cott Meadow, Dartington, Nr. Totnes, S.Devon TQ9 6HB.

The Paignton Congress Committee have advised all competitors that they welcome entries from genuinely ungraded players. At the same time they have published a new set of rules in order to protect players from those who deliberately conceal their true grading. In view of the experience of controllers at other congresses recently, it might be suggested that the revised Paignton rules could be of interest to all Congress committees.

J.J.L.

<u>SUSSEX II</u> 6.4.74		<u>SURREY II</u>		<u>SUSSEX II</u> 23.3.74		<u>BEDS I</u>	
1 J. Corfield	1	MJ Lester	0	J. Corfield	0	RS Jones	1
2 P Watson	$\frac{1}{2}$	DE Noble	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Goldschmidt	1	P Habershon	0
3 G Rivers	0	CJ Todd	1	P Watson	0	AJ Booth	1
4 FJ Kwiatkowski	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Rastall	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Rivers	0	CW Johns	1
5 J Watson	1	JE Pattle	0	SO Reed	1	RA Parry	0
6 JH Reed	0	PM Shaw	1	RL Williamson	0	P Rawcliffe	1
7 JA Knott	1	GC Nurse	0	JA Knott	0	J Keen	1
8 RL Williamson	1	RE Mattocks	0	FJ Kwiatkowski	1	WK Osborne	0
9 BA French	0	DL Meen	1	JH Reed	$\frac{1}{2}$	JN Staddon	$\frac{1}{2}$
10 J Graham	0	BJ Valentine	1	J Watson	1	TF Fuller	0
11 P Rice	$\frac{1}{2}$	DE Luckin	$\frac{1}{2}$	# Huang	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Elkin	$\frac{1}{2}$
12 JL Whiteman	0	RD Barnett	1	J Graham	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Blackbourne	$\frac{1}{2}$
13 ML Roberts	1	WH Rayner	0	P Fallon	1	J Weidhoft	0
14 EJ Bowley	0	Dr. RG Fricker	1	DJ Chirgwin	0	A Gadd	1
15 E. Bolduc	0	K S Thurlow	1	JL Whiteman	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Wilson	$\frac{1}{2}$
16 M Goldschmidt	0	JDH Nicholas	1	EJ Bowley	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Montgomery	$\frac{1}{2}$
17 R Langridge	0	J Haison	1	J Valler	0	J Plaskett	1
18 DC Leach	0	N High	1	DH Cummings	0	F Brocklesby	1
19 AWT Hansford	0	SF Barry	1	MD Beishon	0	C Biggs	1
20 MD Beishon	1	FA Winter	0	FPE Green	1	P Tessoromatis	0
@ St. Bride's	$7\frac{1}{2}$		$12\frac{1}{2}$	@ St. Bride's	$8\frac{1}{2}$		$11\frac{1}{2}$

<u>BEDS</u> 20.4.74		<u>SUFFOLK</u>		<u>NORFOLK</u> 4.7.74		<u>BEDS</u>	
1 RS Jones	1	J Buis	0	OM Hindle	1	RS Jones	0
2 AJ Booth	1	JJ Galloway	0	SW Ruthen	$\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Booth	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 CW Johns	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Woolnough	1	CW Johns	0
4 AD Perkins	1	default	0	Vernon D Burke	$\frac{1}{2}$	RA Parry	$\frac{1}{2}$
5 J Myers	1	D Mayers	0	PL Coleman	0	J Meyers	1
6 RA Parry	1	J West	0	TJ Turner	1	P Rawcliffe	0
7 P Rawcliffe	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Bliss	$\frac{1}{2}$	JM Scott	$\frac{1}{2}$	JR Keen	$\frac{1}{2}$
8 J Keen	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Le Grys	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Pond	0	WK Osborne	1
9 P Tessoromatis	1	A Meakes	0	B Howard	0	JN Staddon	1
10 D Elkin	1	default	0	I Gladden	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Freeman	$\frac{1}{2}$
11 JN Staddon	1	I Wallis	0	M Cooke	1	D Elkin	0
12 B Kerr	1	default	0	J Birchley	1	H Plaskett	0
13 G Blackbourne	0	S Gregory	1	L Pott	1	J McLoughlin	0
14 J Weidhoft	0	P. de la Mothe	1	D Hall	1	C Biggs	0
15 IG Edmunson	1	A Pack	0	D Abbott	0	N Cannon	1
16 R Wilson	1	A Webb	0	PR Vivian	1	E Bee	0
17 TF Fuller	1	default	0	NG Thomas	1	default	0
18 S Brocklesby	1	default	0	G Blowers	1	default	0
19 L Hansford	1	default	0	D Blowers	1	default	0
20 B Kakol	1	default	0	A Platten	1	default	0
@ Luton	$16\frac{1}{2}$		$3\frac{1}{2}$	@ Cambridge	14		6

EBONY SHIELD

<u>HERTS III</u> 6.4.74		<u>MIDDLESEX IV</u>		<u>MIDDLESEX IV</u> 20.4.74		<u>KENT IV</u>	
1 PF Cockayne	1	JH Woolley	0	D Price	0	MH Mickelthwaite	1
2 AJ Bentley	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Price	$\frac{1}{2}$	default	0	default	0
3 AM Stock	0	JR Cotterell	1	BW Berdy	1	A Whittle	0
4 PR Bonafont	0	DW Berdy	1	DS Lindars	$\frac{1}{2}$	LT Canham	$\frac{1}{2}$
5 RJ Thompson	1	FG Wallis	0	default	0	default	0
6 RW Parles	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Healy	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Healy	0	GC White	1
7 ES Judge	1	JW Smith	0	Dr L Shenfield	0	S Morris	1
8 B Osland	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Lamb	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Lunais	1	FS Pett	0
9 A Chiang	1	LJ Vrondisiss	0	DA Roberts	0	H Jones	1
10 JA Lowe	0	B Fraser	1	LJ Vrondisiss	1	AK Reeve	0
11 HR Hurd	$\frac{1}{2}$	NR Lightly	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs O Chataway	$\frac{1}{2}$	PS Orridge	$\frac{1}{2}$
12 G Gray	0	DA Roberts	1	B Fraser	0	R. Shepherd	1
13 HB Foster	0	H Mohamed	1	Default	0	default	0
14 M Krawczynski	1	JH Bush	0	default	0	P Howley	1
15 JR Craig	0	H Fraser	1	JR White	1	KHM Claudius	0
16 default	0	default	0	JH Bush	0	PJ Yorke	1
17 MA Jay	1	F Batchelor	0	H Fraser	1	G Tidmarsh	0
18 R Ferrier	1	LSJ Litvin	0	VSJ Litvin	$\frac{1}{2}$	WP Tickner	$\frac{1}{2}$
19 DM Ward	0	HPC Satow	1	default	0	G Hillman	1
20 RD Stock	0	B May	1	default	0	AWR Harris	1
@ Southgate	12		7	@ St. Bride's	$6\frac{1}{2}$		$10\frac{1}{2}$

Quarter-Final Results

Manchester	1	Islington	5	Brighton	4	Middlesborough	2
Cavendish	3½	Bolton	4½	Cambridge Univ."A"	5	Oxford University	1

Semi-Final Results:

Cambridge Univ."A"		Islington		Brighton		Bolton	
1 MF Stean	1	S Webb	0	BJ Denman	@	PR Markland	@
2 AH Williams	½	AH Perkins	½	GH James	0	J Horner	1
3 NJ Holloway	1	JI Century	0	JIP Simpole	@	MJ Corden	@
4 JN Sugden	0	R Webb	1	JC Henshaw	½	MJ Conroy	½
5 AG Trangmar	½	BF O'Sullivan	½	JA Hardinge	1	H Lamb	0
6 A Kanamori	1	S Rueben	0	GJ Nicholas	0	J Hall	1
	4		2		1½		2½

INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

FRIENDLY MATCH

Quarter-Final

CAMBS		GLOUCESTER		BERKS III		OXFORD III	
1 RD Keene	0	SJ Hutchings	1	1 D Lewis	0	T Pavlovic	1
2 MF Stean	1	JM Aitken	0	2 GJ Sexton	½	D Cooper	½
3 AH Williams	½	NJ Patterson	½	3 TG Pollard	½	H Atkins	½
4 RG Eales	1	PJ Meade	0	4 K Wyld	1	BC Wallis	0
5 NJ Holloway	0	K Petschar	1	5 P Barnard	1	T Morgan	0
6 JN Sugden	½	ME Binks	½	6 Dr.NM Stewart	½	A Collins	½
7 A Kanamori	1	ME Brigden	0	7 W Makar	1	B Hayward	0
8 AG Trangmar	1	G Wolbarth	0	8 Nw Dennis	1	D Law	0
9 JG Cooper	@	MI Davis	@	9 MF Redmond	1	JS Hulford	0
10 JP Sommerville	1	RO Powis	1	10 JH Hasselt	0	M Parsley	1
11 RL Johannes	½	DC Jarrett	½	11 M Farrington	1	L Molloer	0
12 AC Cooper	1	CJ Hutchings	0	12 A Scarborough	0	A Baker	1
13 JG Nicholson	1	ME Poolake	0	13 A Baker	1	M Coleman	0
14 SJ Taylor	½	D Osborne	½	14 CKS Wilmot	1	C Ballard	0
15 RJ Pearce	1	IR Pickup	0	15 KJ Hastie	0	R Manuel	1
16 AP Shepstone	1	N Davey	0	16 AL Watkin	0	R Bridgewater	1
	11		4	17 R Bristow	½	Mrs. L. Darby	½
				18 RN Palmer	0	B. Cornes	1
				19 N Faulkner	½	J Duncan	½
				20 JJ Looker	½	C Kevis	½
				21 DC Maddock	0	M Kimber	1
				22 AM Drummond	1	C Brooker	0
				23 D Del Nevo	0	D Green	1
				24 A Morgan	0	BFC Cunliffe	1
				25 DS Reynoldson	0	G Brown	1
				26 D Brydon	1	MJ Duck	0
					13		13

A P P E A L

In the Amboyna match between Essex III and Herts II, Herts have successfully appealed against the adjudications on boards 9 and 11 where the results now read: 9 L Green 0 OV Stobart 1

11 R Asch ½ SG Peters ½

giving the match to Herts II by 10½ - 9½.

The original details were given on Page Six of our March issue.

Played at Kidlington
6th April 1974.

AMBOYNA SHIELD

SURREY III 30.3.74		KENT III		SURREY III 9.3.74		ESSEX IV	
1 S Death	0	B/ Hewson	1	Dr K Mehendale	1	G Forster	0
2 RE James	1	Default	0	J Williams	0	R Gerrish	1
3 RW Reid	1	CH Armstrong	0	B Lyons	½	A Kinder	½
4 J Wilcox	½	DJ Brown	½	RD Barnett	½	BC O'Neill	½
5 D Luckin	0	M Wiltshire	1	JDH Nicholas	½	K Clow	½
6 M Greenwood	0	AJ Douglas	1	MT Bolan	½	W Kereyro	½
7 RD Barnett	½	M Parkinson	½	JP Raison	½	M Learner	½
8 B Lyons	1	MOT Baldwin	0	Dr. GG Birch	½	E Whitehead	½
9 MT Bolan	0	DS Drew	1	D/ Cay	1	J Morse	0
10 Dr. G Fricker	1	A Smith	0	RE Rushbrook	0	D Dennis	1
11 N High	1	R Mason	0	SG Tyrell	0	A Brompton	1
12 JC Sherman	½	H Bitton	½	E Frydman	0	P Wyeth	1
13 R Filewood	0	T Baldwin	1	RH Griffiths	1	AJ Quare	0
14 L Cima	0	D Stevenson	1	Dr. B.S. Sweetman	0	DR Reid	1
15 G Beattie	1	R Cousins	0	D Barasi	1	G Gooding	0
16 F Field	1	I Bohdanowicz	0	FH Hill	1	Default	0
17 FA Winter	0	S Brown	1	H Whitaker	½	P Jessop	½
18 SF Barry	1	K Smith	0	P Boltwood	½	P Luck	½
19 P Boltwood	½	CR Muir	½				
20 H Whitaker	0	GG Homan	1				
					9		9

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Played at Wimbledon over 18 boards

INTER-COUNTY COMPETITIONS FIXTURES 1974-75

A fixtures list for thirty-five teams who will play one hundred and thirty-six matches involving two thousand seven hundred and twenty games means (assuming there are no defaults) five thousand four hundred and forty possibilities of complaint from individual players. So please, friends, don't shoot the Fixtures Secretary - he's doing his best. On the other hand, I have had help this season with constructive letters from several match captains. It is impossible to please all the people all the time, but it remains the ultimate objective.

Compared with last year's entry, we welcome second teams by Oxford and Cambridgeshire, who are becoming less wholly dependant on University players, but Essex V have withdrawn. There will undoubtedly be changes among match captains, but one in particular already known is that Frank Batchelor moves up from Middlesex II to take over the first team, and match captains for the other Middlesex teams are about to be named. It is understood also that Richard O'Brien will no longer be leading Essex.

Norfolk's promotion to the Championship section will, it is hoped, encourage their stronger players to turn out regularly and for the first time we may see a promoted team making a good showing in the competition.

COUNTY FIXTURES 1974-75

CHAMPIONSHIP

	BERKS	CAMBS	ESSEX	HERTS	KENT	MIDDLSX	NORFOLK	SURREY	SUSSEX
BERKS	-	H 16/11	H 25/1	A 30/11	H 15/2	H 26/10	A 15/3	A 5/10	A 1/3
CAMBS	A 16/11	-	H 1/3	A 1/2	H 18/1	H 30/11	A 15/2	H 19/10	A 15/3
ESSEX	A 25/1	A 1/3	-	H 11/1	H 30/11	H 15/2	A 26/10	A 22/3	H 5/10
HERTS	H 30/11	H 1/2	A 11/1	-	A 26/10	A 22/3	H 12/10	A 8/3	H 16/11
KENT	A 15/2	A 18/1	A 30/11	H 26/10	-	A 5/10	H 1/3	H 16/11	H 1/2
MIDDLSX	A 26/10	A 30/11	A 15/2	H 22/3	H 5/10	-	H 9/11	H 1/2	A 11/1
NORFOLK	H 15/3	H 15/2	H 26/10	A 12/10	A 1/3	A 9/11	-	A 18/1	H 30/11
SURREY	H 5/10	A 19/10	H 22/3	H 8/3	A 16/11	A 1/2	H 18/1	-	A 15/2
SUSSEX	H 1/3	H 15/3	A 5/10	A 16/11	A 1/2	H 11/1	A 30/11	H 15/2	-

MONTAGUE-JONES

	BEDS	BUCKS	ESSEX	HERTS	KENT	MIDDLSX	SUFFOLK	SURREY	SUSSEX
BEDS	-	A 1/2	H 1/3	H 11/1	A 9/11	H 23/11	A 15/2	H 12/10	A 22/3
BUCKS	H 1/2	-	A 11/1	A 19/10	H 23/11	A 22/3	H 5/10	A 1/3	H 9/11
ESSEX	A 1/3	H 11/1	-	H 30/11	A 1/2	H 15/2	A 19/10	A 22/3	H 5/10
HERTS	A 11/1	H 19/10	A 30/11	-	A 22/2	A 5/10	H 1/3	H 16/11	H 1/2
KENT	H 9/11	A 23/11	H 1/2	H 22/2	-	H 19/10	A 22/3	A 28/9	A 8/3
MIDDLSX	A 23/11	H 22/3	A 15/2	H 5/10	A 19/10	-	H 9/11	H 1/2	A 11/1
SUFFOLK	H 15/2	A 5/10	H 19/10	A 1/3	H 22/3	A 9/11	-	A 18/1	H 30/11
SURREY	A 12/10	H 1/3	H 22/3	A 16/11	H 28/9	A 1/2	H 18/1	-	A 15/2
SUSSEX	H 22/3	A 9/11	A 5/10	A 1/2	H 8/3	H 11/1	A 30/11	H 15/2	-

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	BERKS	BUCKS	CAMBS	ESSEX	KENT	OXFORD	SURREY	SUSSEX
BERKS	-	A 30/11	H 26/10	A 5/4	A 18/1	H 8/2	A 5/10	H 16/11
BUCKS	H 30/11	-	H 15/3	A 1/2	A 19/10	A 9/11	A 18/1	H 28/9
CAMBS	A 26/10	A 15/3	-	A 28/9	H 15/2	A 8/3	H 9/11	H 18/1
ESSEX	H 5/4	A 1/2	H 28/9	-	H 23/11	A 18/1	A 22/2	A 2/11
KENT	H 18/1	A 19/10	H 15/2	A 23/11	-	A 28/9	H 29/3	H 8/3
OXFORD	A 8/2	H 9/11	A 8/3	H 18/1	H 28/9	-	A 2/11	A 29/3
SURREY	H 5/10	A 18/1	H 19/11	H 22/2	A 29/3	H 2/11	-	A 8/2
SUSSEX	A 16/11	H 28/9	H 18/1	H 2/11	A 8/3	H 29/3	H 8/2	-

EBONY SHIELD

	BEDS	BERKS 3	BERKS 4	ESSEX	HERTS	KENT	MIDDLSX	OXFORD	SURREY
BEDS	-	H 15/3	A 5/4	A 16/11	A 22/2	H 14/12	H 30/11	H 8/2	A 25/1
BERKS 3	A 15/3	-	H 28/9	H 19/10	H 8/2	A 18/1	H 16/11	A 5/4	A 5/10
BERKS 4	H 5/4	A 28/9	-	A 1/3	A 23/11	H 19/10	H 15/2	H 25/1	A 30/11
ESSEX	H 16/11	A 19/10	H 1/3	-	A 15/3	H 22/2	A 28/9	A 8/3	H 15/2
HERTS	H 22/2	A 8/2	H 23/11	H 15/3	-	A 28/9	A 29/3	H 18/1	A 2/11
KENT	A 14/12	H 18/1	A 19/10	A 22/2	H 28/9	-	H 8/3	A 23/11	H 29/3
MIDDLSX	A 30/11	A 16/11	A 15/2	H 28/9	A 29/3	A 8/3	-	H 2/11	H 8/2
OXFORD	A 8/2	H 5/4	A 25/1	H 8/3	A 18/1	H 23/11	A 2/11	-	H 22/2
SURREY	H 25/1	H 15/10	H 30/11	A 15/2	H 2/11	A 29/3	A 8/2	A 22/2	-

S.C.C.U. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

24 competitors took part in this year's Championship which was held at the Southend-on-Sea Club Congress at Easter. The winner was G. H. Bennett of Essex with 5 points, second came C. R. Chandler of Herts with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points and third place was shared by F. Parr (Surrey), A. Pope (Essex) and A. J. Stebbings (Essex) all with 4 points. The event was controlled by David Eustace and our thanks are due to him and to J. A. Spiegel, the Congress organiser for their services to all who took part.

CONGRATULATIONS. Following on the win over West Germany, the England team for the first time in 18 years won the Clare Benedict Trophy with a score of $18\frac{1}{2}$, heading West Germany $17\frac{1}{2}$ and Austria 15. P. Markland won the best overall percentage score prize by scoring $5/6$ which also won him the 4th board prize, Whitely with $4\frac{1}{2}/6$ won the third board prize and Keene had $4/7$ at board 2.

WORLD STUDENTS CHESS OLYMPIAD

For the first time in history this event will be held in this country, at Thornaby near Middlesborough. Teams are of six players and come from countries all over the world. So far 28 teams have entered, and play will last from 16th July to 1st August 1974. Our selected players are: M. J. Corden, N. J. Holloway (Captain) A. J. Mestel, J. M. D. Nunn, A. J. Miles and M. F. Stean, and we wish them the best of luck.

CORRECTION In the Essex-Kent Championship, reported in our March issue, the result on board 9 should have read

	D. J. Masters 0	R. W. O'Brien 1	
making the final score	Essex 14	Kent 6	instead of 13-7 as published.

LONDON CHESS CLUB

Invitation Junior events will be held at the Mary Ward Centre on 21st and 22nd July, including International Candidates Tournament for under-18 Boys and Girls. Clubs and/or counties who wish to nominate players should contact Peter Morrish, 3 Elmside, 55 Stoneyfields Lane, Edgware, Middlesex.

ILFORD CONGRESS

24-27th May 1974. Joint winners were A. J. Miles and A. J. Mestel with $5\frac{1}{2}/6$, the next six places were filled by M. J. Basman, L. S. Blastock, M. J. Bulford, G. H. James, A. J. Stebbings and A. H. Williams, scoring five points.

SOUTHEND CONGRESS held on 12th - 15th April attracted 168 entries and first place was shared by G. D. Hillyard and P. F. Taylor with $6/7$.

ESSEX C.A. commemorated their 75th anniversary with a team Jamboree for club sides and an individual Lightning Tournament at Ilford. Ten teams competed in the Jamboree which was won by Ilford with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points; Altham Forest and Old Parkonians tied for second place with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points. Teams were eight a-side. 36 players entered for the Lightning event which was won by D. Sherman with $6\frac{1}{2}/7$, Dr. K. D. Sales was second with $5\frac{1}{2}$ and J. T. Pascoe third with A. J. Stebbings with 5 points each.

THE MIDDLE GAME by J.E. Littlewood offers Chess players of all grades a constructive way of thinking on this, the most difficult part of Chess to write on and, indeed, the least written about. Published by Collins Chess Books at £2.25, the Schoolmaster Author really knows how to impart information in a clear and understandable way for all readers. (G.W.K.)

A word of appreciation and thanks to the typer of this Bulletin, Mrs J. Bickers, is clearly indicated by the clarity of Page 1. When fully used to the special requirements of Chess, the S.C.C.U. Bulletin's standard must rise provided the producer can do justice to clear out Stencils. (Grateful appreciations. G.W.K.)