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With any luck the Grading List could be ready a lot earlier than last year. Some prophets even say "late August", which could wreak havoc in Southview Road as the Editor tries to produce the September Bulletin a fortnight early to go with it. It will help if you get your order in in good time, but do remember the publication date is uncertain.

SCCU ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The AGM was duly held on the 14th June 1980 at St Brides. The attendance was 30 (one less than last year) and every County was represented except Beds, who sent apologies, and Cambs, who didn't. The draft minutes run to four sides of A4; we hope readers will accept some degree of condensation here.

General Rules: The Special General Meeting which adopted the new Rules in January had referred to the Executive a suggestion for an additional rule enabling the Union to expel member organisations. In answer to a query the President said the Executive had deferred this matter.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a surplus of £61. The main reasons for this satisfactory state of affairs were a substantial increase in Grading List sales, the abolition of Union grants towards the Glorney Cup, and the full-year effect of having most of our reserves in the building society.

Budget for 1980-81: After a series of amendments the Meeting finally fixed on the following: County levy £4.50 per point (up 50p); Bulletin subscription £1.50 (up 25p); Grading List £1.40 (up 15p). The reduction for bulk orders of Grading Lists remains 10p. Some feeling was expressed during the Meeting that we ought to be very careful about excessive price rises; a proposal for a County levy of £5 was roundly defeated.

County Tournaments: The Bucks delegate raised a couple of points arising from his County's AGM. (a) board order: Bucks felt sure that one County had used an incorrect order against them in a Shannon match, presumably on purpose. This is, of course, cheating. Shortage of time curtailed discussion; Mr Lauder's observation that you can't draft an enforceable rule probably came nearest the mark.

(b) Some stronger Counties, finding themselves out of the race for the Championship, seemed to have given up half way through the season and stopped fielding their best teams. This, Bucks felt, had significantly affected the relegation issue. Again there was little time for discussion (though, in your Editor's view, there's really nothing to be done about this).

Minor Counties: Readers will know that Middx II had qualified for the Minor Counties semi-final. They will probably also know that Middx defaulted this match, being "unable to raise a team". Mr Thomas of Norfolk (Minor Counties runners-up in the SCCU competition) commented that his County would have liked to play in the semi-final and had been disappointed to hear of the default. (We suspect that some in Norfolk might have expressed themselves more strongly - Ed)

Mr Foley-Comer of Middx - who is not responsible for the second team, be it said - offered apologies on his County's behalf. Some discussion followed on the wisdom of holding important matches on Cup Final day. Mr Richmond wondered, and nobody seemed to know, whether the Union had a right to nominate a Minor Counties representative instead of running a competition. More than one person commented on the general lack of interest in the Minor Counties Championship. (Only four teams, out of 10 in the Montague-Jones league, entered the Minor Counties in 1979-80; and entry does not involve extra matches since MJ matches count for the Minor Counties as well.)

Grading: Mr Locke said there had been little response to his recent appeal for volunteer graders. He thought it would be necessary to offer 5p per game for the work, as some congresses were already doing. (If you can add and subtract and are short of cash, Mr Locke's address is inside the front cover.)

Junior County Matches: Mr Manning reported that these are to move to Highbury Grove School, Islington, next season. Some feared that this might disturb adult County match players if dates clashed; Mr Manning said he would check for clashes.

It was suggested that the 40-board U18 "Metropolitan" matches ought to be decided on games rather than matches, since the number of matches played was small. Mr Manning agreed that this would bear looking into, and said he would make the change at once if all four Counties agreed. He added that a game-point rule would have produced the same result as the match-point one this season, but only by a margin of half a point.

Presentation of trophies: The new Phillips and Drew Amboyna and Ebony Trophies were not yet available. The Montague-Jones Trophy had not been returned by the previous holders (surely a discourtesy? - Ed) but the Shannon and Stevenson Trophies reached their rightful destinations.

Individual Tournament Secretary's Report: Mr Manning said the play-off for the right to play in the British Championship had been won by DH Cummings who beat PG Large $1\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. The two share the SCCU title. There is every reason to think the Championship can be held along with the Surrey Congress again next year.

Elections: names and addresses of those elected can be found inside the front cover. Mr Lee-Pentecost volunteered at the last moment to fill the Secretarial breach for one year only. The 10 Executive Committee members were elected by ballot from 12 nominees.

Draft Tournament Rules: We shall now have to call these the "County Match Rules", which seems more sensible. Predictably, discussion tended to get bogged down and petered out half way through for lack of time. A Special General Meeting is to be arranged to complete the formalities (if that's the word). There were many small amendments to the draft, too many to detail here. We will just mention one point which seems more interesting than most:

Readers will remember that Middx won the Shannon competition from Kent in 1978-9 on game points after a tie on matches. Middx's games tally included a 20-0 win by default which boosted their score way above Kent's, and there was some suggestion at the time that this was unfair. There had been a rule, some seasons earlier, that in cases like this the defaulted match (and the corresponding one played by the other tying team) should be discounted. For some reason this rule had got deleted from the statute, and the Executive, wishing to bring it back, had included it in the new draft before Council. It aroused probably more comment than anyone had anticipated. The Middx delegates disliked the idea of bringing back the old rule, and instanced a case in which it would be unfair: Counties A and B have tied on matches. A has scored a 20-0 default against C, and B has lost to C. Discounting the matches against C would now put B ahead on match points, and even if that was ignored and only game points counted, B would gain an unfair advantage.

A number of possible rules were proposed to replace the draft version. One was that the Executive should act as a sort of "pools panel" to decide the results of defaulted matches. (As far as your Editor could tell, this proposal was made in all seriousness.) In the end it was agreed to approve the draft version, bringing back the old rule. We could always change it later if we decided we didn't like it. (For what it's worth, the Editor's opinion is that any rule will be unsatisfactory in the nature of things. 20-0 defaults are unsatisfactory to start with and it's no use trying to make silk purses with them. For a best-of-a-bad-job arrangement you probably can't beat the old rule that's been brought back.)

Publication of Grades: The Meeting discussed a proposal to be made by the Northern Counties Union at the forthcoming BCF Council Meeting. This would require all Unions to refrain from publishing the grades of unregistered players, on pain of exclusion from BCF competitions. Messrs Poole, Croker, Locke, Richmond and Douglas had circulated in advance a paper in which they strongly opposed this proposal. The Council (SCCU Council, that is) agreed with them to the tune of 22 votes to 2 with 5 abstentions. (The arithmetic does work: one delegate had left by this time.) There was some doubt about the constitutional validity of the NCCU's proposal, and a general feeling that we shouldn't let other Unions dictate our internal affairs.

Since Editorial comment has already intruded more than once, there can't be much harm in letting it in again. On a (very) quick reading of the BCF Constitution and other rules, we can't see anything that would make the NCCU proposal unconstitutional. But we do think it silly. The Unions have their differences, heaven knows, but we must either solve them amicably or learn to live with them. There seems to be great danger of emotion taking over completely on the grading issue.

LETTERS

Dear Mr Haddrell,

In a recent issue of the SCCU Bulletin you expressed yourself as ignorant about the Chiltern League. Let me enlighten you.

Some five years ago the counties of Beds, Berks, Bucks, Herts and Oxon (hence the name Chiltern) whose second teams had been playing in the Amboyna and who were dissatisfied with the distances they had to travel for matches in that competition decided to opt out and form a competition of their own. Since then Beds have dropped out and Berks now enter two teams, "A" and "B", and each county plays two games, home and away, with each of the other competitors. It runs smoothly and pleasantly and

those participating are happy in it. We have preferred to remain independent of the SCCU.

Chiltern rules OK?

Yours sincerely,
ET Ruddle Gerrards Cross

Dear Mr Haddrell,

It seems the boredom of typing county results might be getting to you! On page 7 of the May issue, MA Pagden achieves the considerable feat of drawing on board 2 for Sussex and Cambs at Amersham and Wanstead on the same day. What would Mr O'Brien say?

The subject of eligibilities seems rather confusing - especially with some players in the London area playing for clubs in two or more counties. Incidentally, I am informed that Mr O'Brien lives in Kent... What would Mr Foley-Comer say?

Keep up the good work!

Yours sincerely,
Kevin Thurlow

Redhill Chess Club (Surrey); Government Chemists (Civil Service and Middx); and sometimes Grays (Essex)

(Ed: I plead guilty to the boredom, but not the mistake. On checking up I found - much to my surprise - that I really did type out exactly what I received from the match captains! The Sussex one had been altered by hand, presumably in error. Who their board 2 really was I cannot say. Incidentally did you hear about the player a few years back who scored a quick win for his county second team and then went and played for the first team who had a match on at the same time? I believe they eventually got him for "conduct prejudicial to the game of chess"...)

ROUND THE COUNTIES

CAMBS: Cambs League Div I was won by University "A" 16/20; 2 Perse "A" 10/18; 3 Ely 7/18... 6 teams. Div II 1 City "B" 14/14; 2 University "B" 11; 3 City "C" 7...

Cambs Team KO is (was?) between University "A" and South Cambs.

Cambridge Univ Inter-College League has been won by Trinity for the third successive year. (Their second team came =2nd as well.)

The County will again expose themselves at the Victorian Fair and Leisure Fair in Cambridge this summer.

ESSEX: North Essex League Division I 1 Chelmsford "A" 22/24; 2 Braintree "A" 19; 3 Writtle "A" 17... 13 teams. Div II 1 Chelmsford "C" 20/22; 2 Chelmsford "D" 17; 3 Felsted "A" 16... 12 teams. Div III 1 Chelmsford "E" 22/24; 2 Chelmsford "F" 16; 3 Colchester "C" 15... 13 teams. (Wonder if there's a chess club in Chelmsford?)

North Essex League Cup went to Billericay.

North Essex League Individual Championships: Premier 1 B Thomas (Chelmsford) 5/5; 2 IJ Myall (Chelmsford...) 4... Challengers 1 T Dickerson (Colchester) 6½/8; 2 K Silvers (Writtle) 6...

Al Scibor Trophy for best individual results in league matches went to B Thomas.

KENT: New Editor of Kent Chess is Richard Eales. Welcome aboard.

MIDDX: Weekend Team Tournament 3-5 May 1980 at Highbury Hill High School: 1 Kings Head I 19/24; 2 Islington I 18; 3 Kings Head II 16½; London Central YMCA 16... 48 teams of 4. Best "little" teams: Camden 12½; Richmond Juniors I 12½; Wimbledon II 12½. Best percentage scores: Over 160 AJ Whiteley (Kings head I) 6/6; up to 160 Miss A Rakshit (Queens Gambit) 4/5. Poole Trophy for best score overall: AJ Whiteley. 250 players took part.

NORFOLK: County Seniors beat their Juniors 11½-6½ in a match played 26.4.80 at Norwich.

"It seems unlikely that there will be a Norfolk 'seconds' team next season. The much vaunted East Anglian League appears to have ground to a premature halt." - Norfolk Bulletin.

PR Vivian is retiring as County Match Captain after some 11 years in the job. He is succeeded by Peter Lamont.

County Championship Congress was won by Martin Woolnough of Norwich Anonymous Golden Star; 2-3 R Fuller (Bland Payne), S Ruthen (NAGS). Owen Hindle came fourth.

Teams Lightning Championship 18.5.80 was won by NAGS 38½/44; 2 Norfolk and Norwich "A" 30; 3 Gorleston 29½... 12 teams. The Norfolk Bulletin records that Morley Movers' team list for the final round read Hindle, Hindle, Hindle and Hindle but is inexplicit about the number of Hindles actually involved.

Norfolk League Division I East Norfolk and Norwich "A"; II East Gorleston Dwarfs; I West NAGS "A"; II West Fakenham "A"; II Central NAGS "B". We do not know if there is a Division I Central.

Norfolk and Suffolk Cup (Norfolk Final): Gorleston beat Wymondham on board count.
 Williamson Cup: Gorleston beat Morley 2½-1½ in the Final.

Eye Chess Club are reported to be examining the pros and cons of playing in Norfolk and Suffolk. The Bulletin does not know which County they are actually in.

SURREY Club Tournament results:

Alexander Cup Final is between Wimbledon and Streatham.

Surrey Trophy: Probable winners are Streatham. Beaumont Cup has been won by Redhill I; Ellam Trophy by Wimbledon IV; Centenary Trophy by Dorking. Final of the Minor Trophy, between Stoneleigh II and South Norwood III, was scheduled for the 29th May but we have no result yet.

NOT AN APPEALING DECISION

			(R)		(K)	
(P)	(P)		P		(F)	(P)
		(B)				
		(N)		R		
			(P)	P		P
P			P		P	B
(Q)	(R)		B		Q	K
		R				

The position on the left was adjudicated won for Black. White appealed, claiming a draw. A whole match, and a place in the last four of a national team competition, depended on the result.

White's extensive analysis was rejected by the adjudicator because:

- 1 R-Q1 N-Q2
- 2 Q-K2 QxP

and Black wins the King Pawn. White had failed to submit any analysis to 1....N-Q2 but, in the line given above, regarded 3 R-B7! as more than adequate. Can Black defend against Q-K6 or B-K6 or Q-N4?

White's other extensive analysis was not commented on. What do readers feel the correct result should have been?

Just for interest:

- 1.... B-R5 fails to 2 B-N2 etc.
- 1.... NxP 2 Q-K2 N-B8 3 Q-K6ch! QxQ
- 4 R-B8ch RxR 5 BxQch R-B2 6 RxN RxBch
- 7 K-R3 B-Q2 8 R-B8ch! (or 7.... R-K7 8 RxB!)

Or is 1.... N-N6 2 R-K5 good for White?

White to play
 Forsyth check: 4r1kl/pp2P1pp/2b5/2n2R2/3p1P1P/P2P2PB/qr1B1Q1K/2R5

Appeals on adjudication in some areas are done on a panel basis, i.e. three adjudicators get the same position. Is this a good or bad thing? As an adjudicator for over 20 years and having been part of a panel (and also, on occasions, "the" appeal adjudicator) I would say each system is fraught with danger. There is no certificate or examination for adjudicators, and I can assure readers I know of at least one occasion when the three appeal adjudicators came to three different decisions!

I would be interested to hear from anyone who has suffered doubtful (or just plain wrong) adjudications. The most horrific example could be published in the next issue. Letters on any aspect of adjudications would be welcomed. Please send them to me care of the Editor.

JE Scholes

(Ed: What I've always wanted to know is, do appeal adjudicators base their decisions solely on the analysis provided or do they adjudicate the position itself? As far as I can tell from my limited experience, the practice seems to vary. Letters, please! It will be assumed that correspondence can be published unless you say otherwise.)

JUNIOR NEWS

SUSSEX: A match between the Worthing and District Schools League and the Brighton and Hove District Schools League (16.5.80) resulted in a double victory for Worthing (Under 17 5-4, Under 14 7-3). Thanks for this information to Peter Barton, the new Sussex Junior Organiser.

KENT: Trustee Savings Bank 2nd Thanet Junior Championships 11.5.80

Thanet Open: 1 GR Tidmarsh (Herne Bay) 5½/6; 2 N Lawrence (Chatham House) 4½... 4 pl

Under 16: 1 SA Chew (St Lawrence College) 5½/6; 2 J Horton (Chatham House) 5; 3 R Horton (St Lawrence C) 4½... 19 played

Under 13: 1 S Heminway (Chatham H) 5½/6; 2 L Gowers (Hartsdown) 5; 3 NA Dee (Chatham House) 4½... 26 played

Under 11: 1 M Cayzer (Drapers Mills) 7½/9; 2 D Shakeshaft (Upton) 6½... 28 played

Second Weald of Kent Junior Tournament 3.5.80

Under 16: 1-2 A Leisinger (Cranbrook), C Williams (Dulwich College Prep School) 6/7; 3-4 N Body, C Bowyer (Holmewood House) 5... 8 player APA

Under 13: 1 MPR Veck (Angley) 6/7; 2-4 T Finch (Staplehurst), H Perks (Cornwallis), S Reeves (Angley) 5½... 34 played

Under 11: 1 D Edwards (Kilndown) 6½/7; 2 K Watkins (Kilndown) 6... 42 played

Under 9: 1 A Stripp (Headcorn) 8/8; 2 A Taylor (Headcorn) 7... 9 player APA

LLOYDS BANK MASTERS 1980

The BCF Junior Squad has announced the names of those selected for Lloyds Bank and Slater Foundation scholarships for the Masters and Lady Masters. There are some 40 names on the list, including the following from the SCCU: Glenn Flear (Surrey/Leicester Univ); David Goodman (Acton/Oxford Univ); Simon Knott (Hammersmith/Cambridge Univ); Dugald MacPherson (Cambridge/Oxford Univ); Michael Pagden (Aldershot/Cambridge Univ); Malcolm Pein (Liverpool/London Univ); Peter Sowray (Chiswick/Oxford Univ); Shaun Taulbut IM (Swindon/Cambridge Univ); Gary Clark (Catford); David Cummings (Brighton); Julian Hodgson (Shepherds Bush); Richard Holmes (Richmond); Simon Hughes (Oxford); Daniel King (Bromley); Andrew Lewis (Chelmsford); Jim Plaskett (Bedford); William Watson (Barnes); Tom Farrand (Stockport/UEA); Stuart Conquest (Hastings); Byron Jacobs (Slough); Jonathan Levitt (Finchley); Neil Dickenson (Sevenoaks); Helen Granat (Merton Park); Teresa Needham (Queens Park). Names in approximate grading order; all except the girls are 190+.

The BCF has also announced the names of about 140 players chosen for the Lloyds Bank Junior Invitation. Grades range from the 120s to the upper 180s.

LLOYDS BANK GIRLS TEAM COMPETITION Croydon, 17.5.80

A record 34 teams and 130+ girls took part in what was the largest-ever all-girls event this side of the iron curtain.

Under 18 1 Coloma Convent School, Croydon 8/8; 2-3 Beacon, Crowborough, St Bartholomews, Newbury 7/8... 11 teams.

Under 13 1 St Philomenas, Carshalton 10½/12; 2-3 Westergate (Chichester), Coloma JI 9... 10 teams.

Under 11 1 Newbury Park Primary School (Barkingside) 11/12; 2-3 Kelvin Grove (Sydenham), Elmlea (Bristol) 10... 13 teams.

MAIDENHEAD JUNIOR CONGRESS 9-12 April 1980

Under 18 APA (invitation) 1 Kevin Beedle (Chesham) 6/7; 2-3 Jeremy Hart (Maidenhead), Gavin O'Brien (Maidenhead) 4...

Under 15 APA (invitation) 1 Brian Church (High Wycombe) 6/7; 2 Stephen Piercey (Maidenhead) 5; 3 Stephen Bird (Yateley) 4...

Under 12 APA (invitation) 1 Mark Seymour (Charril) 8/9; 2 Andrew Melvin (Maidenhead) 7; 3 Roger Meacock (Chalfont St Peter) 6½...

Seniors A 1 Ian Conway (Bracknell) 4½; 2 Mark Bennet (Wokingham) 4... 11 played.

Seniors B 1 David Dawson (Bourne End) 7½/9; 2 Christopher Smedley (Camberley) 6½...

Under 13 1-3 Philip Ash (Yateley), Paul Evans (High Wycombe), Simon Knight (Burnham) 8

Under 11 1-2 Brian Collins (Twyford), Lawrence Huxley (Bourne End) 9½...

Under 9 1 Steven Foister (Maidenhead) 12/13; 2 Mark Nightall (Crowthorne) 11½...

LONDON PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP 15.6.80

The top four primary schools in London met at Starcross School, Islington, to decide the Elephant Trophy, the London Primary Schools Chess Association's league Championship.

From an original entry of more than 160 schools the four qualifiers were Brooklands (NW London Champions), John Ball (SE London Champions), Newbury Park (Redbridge Champions) and Our Lady Queen of Heaven (Putney Champions).

In the Semi-final Jamboree John Ball had qualified in first place but had since been beaten 3-2 in the South of England Final by Newbury Park, the present All England Champions and London Champions three times in the last four years. So the scene was set for a very close encounter. In the first round of the APA, two very hard matches ended with John Ball beating Brooklands 8-4 and Newbury Park beating OLQH 7-5. The match between the big two took place in the second round and John Ball, with the aid of several adjudications, won 7-5. OLQH won their second round match 7½-4½. John Ball needed a draw with the Putney school to take home the Elephant, but with sound steady play made sure of the title by winning 9-3. Newbury Park held on to second place by beating Brooklands 7-5.

The victorious John Ball team, with score out of 3 in brackets, was: 1 Julian Morrison (3); 2 Eluned Jones (2½); 3 Alex Jones (2½); 4 Nicholas Love (½); 5 Jake Roe (3); 6 Daniel Hartley (2); 7 Lee Wyndham-Lewis (1½); 8 Anna Moyle (½); 9 Aaron de Marne (½); 10 Alastair Spink (3); 11 Jake Atkins (3); 12 Nicholas Hurrell (2).

A Stonebridge

COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMI-FINALS

Middx	7.6.80	G'ter M'chester	Kent	7.6.80	Lancs
1 J Speelman (W)	1 0	VW Knox (B)	MG Chandler (W)	0 1	ND Short (B)
2 AJ Whiteley	0 1	AA Smith	D Friedgood	0 1	J Littlewood
3 AP Law	1 0	M Orr	DJ King	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Horner
4 GD Lee	1 0	RH Watson	AG Trangmar	0 1	P Littlewood
5 AH Perkins	1 0	OA Jackson	RMR O'Kelly	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Cafferty
6 J Hodgson	0 1	J Naujokas	M Macdonald-Ross	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Conroy
7 W Watson	1 0	H Lamb	MV Lambshire	1 0	MJ O'Hara
8 R Holmes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Adams	JN Sugden	0 1	D Lees
9 RJ Pearce	0 1	S Docherty	PS Milner-Barry	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JE Horner
10 JC Benjamin	0 1	A Baruch	MP Cook	0 1	N Ivell
11 C Leach	0 1	JT Stuttard	J Sommerville	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Doney
12 T Peterson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JL Powell	RL Johannes	1 0	G Ellison
13 T Parkes	1 0	B Sharpe	AE Hanreck	1 0	M Price
14 S Quigley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S McKenzie	D Powell	1 0	D Shuttleworth
15 G Dickson	1 0	P Siddall	NR Oliver	1 a 0	P Brooks
16 DP Lynch	0 1	C Franklin	PJ Heaven	0 a 1*	PC Hoad
17 S Goodman	0 1	C Gentile	AP Smith	1 0	P Joyce
18 J Levitt	1 0	A Cummins	G Botley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	W Cottam
19 J McCarthy	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Rhodes	CF Woodcock	0 1	B Lund
20 JE Redon	0 1	C Fegan	J Dodgson	1 a 0	P Dickinson
(Aston Univ)	10 10		(Long Lawford)	10 10	

Middlesex won on board count.

Lancs won on board count.

*Lancs appeal upheld

FINAL

	Middlesex	5.7.80	Lancashire	
236	1 J Speelman (W)	1 0	ND Short (B)	215J
211	2 RG Wade	+ a =	J Littlewood	223
216	3 GD Lee	1 0	J Horner	219
209	4 AP Law	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Littlewood	243
218	5 AJ Whiteley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Cafferty	207
207	6 PG Large	0 1	M Pein	202
206	7 AH Perkins	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Conroy	187
208J	8 J Hodgson	0 1	MJ O'Hara	195
208J	9 WN Watson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Lees	195
205	10 PJ Sowray	1 0	JE Horner	
207J	11 R Holmes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Ivell	198J
	12 C Leach	0 1	R Doney	193
200	13 RJ Pearce	1 0	G Ellison	195
190	14 S Quigley	1 0	R McMichael	185
190	15 T Peterson	= a +	M Price	195
190	16 T Parkes	0 1	P Brooks	
195	17 JC Benjamin	1 0	PC Hoad	185
187	18 C Hill	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Joyce	183
175J	19 J Levitt	1 0	B Lund	160J
196	20 G Dickson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Rutter	165J
	(Aston Univ)	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$		

Instead of the cosy all-SCCU encounter at Simpsons which had been expected (until Lancashire went and won that appeal against Kent), Middlesex had to go all the way to Birmingham for a repeat performance of last year's Final. Happily the result was also a repeat, and Middlesex are Champions for the second year running.

Lancashire fielded what was probably their strongest team and the result was in doubt until 20 minutes from the end - despite draws in 6 and 10 moves on boards 9 and 5 respectively! DN Foley-Comer, Middlesex's non-playing captain, reports that his worst moment came during the long tie-break in the Wimbledon Final, which he was watching on a portable television. Glancing over his shoulder, he was slightly perturbed to see about 10(!) of his team also watching...

Middlesex have now extended their unbeaten run to 22 matches; the last time they lost was against Kent in October 1978. The County's all-time record for consecutive wins is 26 from 1912 to 1914, and it looks as if this record could now be in danger.

KENT league results omitted from page 3:

County Cup Charlton; Lewis Cup Dartford; Stevenson Cup Orpington; Harvey Cup Greenwich; En Passant Cup Petts Wood II. County Individual Championship, last we heard, was between MP Cook and ? Stonehouse.

AMBOYNA

EBONY

Kent III		12.4.80	Surrey III		Surrey IV		31.5.80	Kent V	
1 R Lane (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Thurlow	DD Cox (W)	1	0	SP Lafferty		
2 K Tozer	0	1	PS Morton	GW Dormand	1	0	PR Newitt		
3 AP Dowton	1	0	HM Cath	MJ Cowley	0	1	RA MacBrayne		
4 Default	0	1	DM Woods	STK Wilkinson	0	1	RB Parkin		
5 MC Duncan	0	1	PJ Roche	DA Baldock	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MA Seton		
6 R Childs	0	1	GD Green	AJ Pollard	0	1	M Phillips		
7 P Cook	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	GC Nurse	D Mackle	0	1	AA Purchase		
8 W Stock	0	1	SG Walker	E Weimann	0	1	I Crouch		
9 P Homewood	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Lyons	JP Raison	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Hyde		
10 Default	0	1	FC Manning	R Kernley	1	0	K Staines		
11 P Giddings	0	1	PM Shaw	P Statham	1	0	DF Sexton		
12 I Stock	0	1	RH Griffiths	BJ Todd	0	1	E Cousins		
13 N Jones	1	0	RE Mattocks	SL Kearney	1	0	RJ Hale		
14 J Gilbert	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JDH Nicholas	JJ Lauder	0	1	T Atkins		
15 AJ Douglas	0	1	CJ Dennis	A Henry	0	1	J Hollands		
16 Default	0	1	EA Parker	DP Mons	0	1	M Brown		
17 R Mason	0	1	RE James	CC Williams	1	0	R Blackman		
18 Default	0	1	Miss SG Walker	CT McElligott	1	0	T Collins		
19 RG Morton	1	0	B Blackburn	A McElligott	0	1	P Ganszczyk		
20 B Gilbert	0	1	S Kearney	Dr B Gregory	0	1	M O'Connor		
(Kidbrooke House)	5	15		(Wallington)	8	12			

COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES 1979-80

CHAMPIONSHIP	M	K	E	C	Sx	Sy	Be	H	O	Bu	GP	MP
Middx		10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	120 $\frac{1}{2}$	9
Kent	9 $\frac{1}{2}$		11	14	9	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	113 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
Essex	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9		12 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	111	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cambs	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	7 $\frac{1}{2}$		14	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	93	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sussex	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	6		7	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	88	5
Surrey	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	13		13 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	96 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Berks	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$		9	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	70	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Herts	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	7	11		11 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	74	2
Oxon	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	4	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$		10 $\frac{1}{2}$	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
Bucks	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	7	8	11	9 $\frac{1}{2}$		75	1

MONTAGUE-JONES	E	N	M	Sy	K	C	Sx	H	Sk	B	GP	MP
Essex II		8 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	8
Norfolk	11 $\frac{1}{2}$		6 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	13	13	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	105	8
Middx II	9	13 $\frac{1}{2}$		-	19d	15	14	11	10	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	107	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Surrey II	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$		-	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	13	11	11	90	5
Kent II	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	0d	10 $\frac{1}{2}$		7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	81	4
Cambs II	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	77	4
Sussex II	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	6	5	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$		7	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
Herts II	6	7	9	7	7	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	13		10	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	83	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Suffolk	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	10	9	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10		7 $\frac{1}{2}$	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
Beds	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		69 $\frac{1}{2}$	1

AMBOYNA	M	Sy	E	Sx	K	M	Sy	E	Sx	K	GP	MP
Middx III		7 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$		12 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	17	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	103 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Surrey III	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		5 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	16	7 $\frac{1}{2}$		11	14	15	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
Essex III	10	14 $\frac{1}{2}$		15 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	9		15	20d	106 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sussex III	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$		13	3	6	5		8	52	1
Kent III	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	7		2 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	0d	11		41 $\frac{1}{2}$	1

EBONY	K5	S	B	E	K4	K5	S	B	E	K4	GP	MP
Kent V		10 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	10 $\frac{1}{2}$		12	9	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	83 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Surrey IV	9 $\frac{1}{2}$		8	10	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	8		10 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	14	86 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Berks II	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	12		8 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	11	9 $\frac{1}{2}$		10	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	85	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Essex IV	10	10	11 $\frac{1}{2}$		11	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	10		13	82	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kent IV	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	9		9 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	7		63	1

Editor's comment: Nice clearcut results on the whole (at least at the top ends). The first four in the Ebony couldn't have been much closer if they'd rolled dice for it, though. Must admit I'm a Game Points man myself - match points are too open to the winds of chance for my liking. Not that my opinion counts for much since I haven't played in one of these matches since 1975-6.

CONGRESS RESULTSBASINGSTOKE 14th Weekend 2-5 May 1980

1-2 BA Jacobs (Slough), S Triggs (Streatham and Brixton) 6/7; 3-7 RJM Bavin (Bognor Rogis), Miss K Cartmel (S Norwood), SC James (Sperrys), EJ Smith (Smiths Industries), TD Welsh (Basingstoke) 4½... 20 played.

SECOND CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONGRESS 3-5 May 1980

1 JG Nicholson (London) 5½/6; 2-4 MJ Basman (London), AJ Berry (Dunstable), J Wilman (Bar Hill/Cambridge) 5... Grading prizes: U160 A Hertz (Cambridge), D Millward (Chelmsford) 4½; U130 MR Pope (St Neots) 4, GS Hathorn (S Cambs), MN Capon (Kettering), JR Stobo (Hertford) 3½; U120 RE Langham (Reading), RN Smith (Eye), P Dansey (St Neots), JW Shales (London) 2½; Junior prizes: M Leahy (Royston), A Feldman (Cambridge) 3½. Grading and Junior prizes donated by MJ Basman, BCM, CHESS.

BASINGSTOKE 16th Weekend 22-24 June 1980

Henshaw Tournament (Open): 1 MJ Surtees (Reading) 4½/5; 2-3 SC James (Sperrys), MA Pagden (Cambridge City) 3½... 8 played.
Maydene Tournament (U160): 1 K Wyld (AWRE) 4/5; 2-4 A Kluth (Southampton), GD Rideout (Camberley), RH Saunders (Worthing) 3½... 12 played.
Richmond Tournament (U130): 1 K Fuller (Winchester) 5/5; 2-3 Miss K Cartmel (S Norwood), IK Cross (Richmond and Twickenham) 4; 4 R Newton (RAE) 3½... 18 played. Bottom with 0/3 was one Ida Wynne, apparently a Challenger 10 computer.

MORE FROM THE COUNTIESHERTS County leagues:

Division I 1 St Albans I 15/20; 2 Letchworth I 14... Division II 1 Hemel Hempstead 17/24; 2-3 Letchworth II, St Albans II 14... Division III 1 Hoddesdon I 16/20; 2 Stevenage II 15... Division IV 1 Stevenage IV 17/18; 2 Hemel Hempstead II, Pin Green 14... (Actually we think ties in Divisions II and IV were split on Game Difference - is this the same as Game Points?)

KENT: Thanet Chess League (an independent league) - 1 Herne Bay A 13/14; 2 St Lawrence 11... (Herne Bay's 6th win in succession, including one shared). The Lightning Tournament was won by Margate, and the Individual Lightning by D Patrick.

Tunbridge Wells: John Nunn gave a simul 5.7.80, scoring +20 =1 (PJ Heaven) -0. Your Editor regrets that he was one of the 20.

LLOYDS BANK CITY TROPHY

Murray Chandler gave a simul 20.5.80 against players from banks, insurance companies and stockbrokers. He scored +15 =8 -5 (SH Babbs, BA Cowan, IN Heppell, R Budd, PR Price). The simul was held at Lloyds Bank head office and was part of the Bank's £14000 a year sponsorship programme.

METROPOLITAN CHESS CLUB

A friendly match 17.5.80 between the Club and a Middlesex team was held to celebrate the Club's 90th anniversary. The Middlesex team won 14-5.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The BCF announces that entry forms for the following competitions are now in the process of distribution. All except Sunday Times will go with Aug Newsflash, and all can be had from the BCF office.

National Club Championship: closing date 30th September

Minor Club Championship: a new and experimental competition along the lines of the National Club, but restricted to players below 175, and only one player graded over 160 per team. Teams of 5. Closing date 30th September.

British Championship Qualifying Competition: Closing date 1st September

Sunday Times National Schools Chess Tournament: Closing date 1st August (good lord, my school hasn't had an entry form yet!), but 15th September for Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The BCF is currently seeking a Conductor for the National Club (with or without the new Minor) and Zone Conductors for both the BCQC and the Sunday Times. Apply, respectively, to: the BCF office; Peter Shaw, 47 Summerville Gardens, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey; and Mitchell Taylor, 4 Alders Rd, Hale Lane, Edgware, Middx. All expenses are of course reimbursed.

The BCF aims to produce a new edition of the Laws booklet for the start of next season. The current one is of course substantially out of date. We presume that only the booklet is intended, and not the larger "Laws of Chess and their Interpretations".

SCCU FIXTURE LIST

We publish once again the "permanent" (otherwise Phantom) Fixture List. Will Counties agreeing to change dates please inform both Nigel Dennis and the Editor, so that an updated List can be published in the September Bulletin.

	CHAMPIONSHIP	MONTAGUE-JONES	AMBOYNA	EBONY
Sep 27				
Oct 4		SySx, BuM, KBd, CH, SkE		
11				
18	OC, MSy, HK, NB, ESx		SySx, EM	
25		SxE, HSk, BdC, MK, SyBu		BK, SyE
Nov 1	CSx, BE, KN, SyH, OM		SxE, KSy	
8		BuSx, KSy, CM, SkBd, EH		
15	MC, HO, NSy, EK, SxB		EK, MSx	
22		SxH, BdE, MSk, SyC, BuK		EK, SyB
29	CB, KSx, SyE, ON, MH		KM, SyE	
Dec 6				
13				KSy, BE
20			MSy	
Jan 10				
17	HC, NM, EO, SxSy, BK		SxSy, ME	
24		KSx, CBU, SkSy, EM, HBd		ESy, KB
31	CK, SyB, OSx, ME, HN		ESx, SyK	
Feb 7		SxBd, MH, SyE, BuSk, KC		
14	NC, EH, SxM, BO, KSy		KE, SxM	
21		CSx, SkK, EBU, HSY, BdM		KE, BSy
28	CSy, OK, MB, HSx, NE		MK, ESy	
Mar 7	CE	SxM, SyBd, BuH, KE, CSk		
14	SxN, BH, KM, SyO		SyM, KSx	
21				
28		SkSx, EC, HK, BdBU, MSy		SyK, EB
Apr 4			SxK	

There is some doubt about Kent's ability to field a fourth team. Chiltern League fixtures have been arranged to fit in with the above, but this is hardly the place to publish Chiltern fixtures.

JUNIOR FIXTURES

Please note these are not phantom fixtures. They're real.

40 board County matches (U18):

- Nov 15 Kent v Essex, Middx v Surrey
- Dec 6 Kent v Middx, Surrey v Essex
- Feb 7 Surrey v Kent, Middx v Essex

Jamborees:

- 21 Metropolitan Counties U18 (20 bds)
- Mar 7 SCCU U18 (12 bds boys, 6 bds girls) - open to all Counties
- Apr 25 SCCU U14 (20 bds)

Other events:

- Dec 27-31 Evening Standard London Junior
- Apr 3-5 SCCU/BCF Junior Squad Junior Championships: U21, U16, U10/12
- May 1-3 " " U18, U14, Girls events
- Apr 24-26 North London Junior
- Apr 27 NLJ Quickplay

Standard reminder: If you are planning a congress, please get in touch with Peter Morrish (3 Elmside, 55 Stoneyfields Lane, Edgware HA8 9SG) who is trying to co-ordinate congress dates.

BCF COUNCIL

A quick survey of the main points from the BCF Council Meeting 12th July 1980. We have no doubt there will be a fuller report in Newsflash next month. This one is the result of a last-minute phone call to an SCCU delegate, followed by a rather hurried bit of typing to meet the deadline - so, if we've got anything wrong, at least you know why.

Congress Director voiced some doubts about BCQC representation in the British Championship. There will in future be 5 places in the Championship for people qualifying via congresses. We have no details.

Congress Membership: Congresses can now affiliate to the BCF on payment of a fee

of 10p per game. The BCF will then be responsible for getting the games graded. It was decided after some discussion that congresses organised by Counties and other affiliated bodies would qualify for membership without payment.

The congresses will have 4 representatives on the BCF Council.

Money: It was agreed to transfer £2000 to the Levy Equalisation Fund.

Publication of Grades: The NCCU proposal (see page 2) was made in a watered-down form, as a recommendation only (and without the sanction of exclusion from BCF competitions). It thus came out as a recommendation to withhold publication of unregistered adults' grades from September 1981. In this form the proposal was lost by 21 votes to 32. It was then immediately proposed, and not by an SCCU member, that all grades should be published; and this proposal was carried!!!! (We are not sure, but we imagine this is only a recommendation. What the WECU are going to say if it isn't we daren't think. Comment springs unbidden to the Editorial fingertips but we'll suppress it, just this once, since we've had no time to think about it.)

BCF Stage County Matches: An SCCU proposal (actually made by Kent) that all matches at this stage should be over 20 boards was lost by 16 votes to 26.

BCF Trophies: These are of considerable value and some have been vaulted away since the war. Should they be sold? Or if not, should they be fully insured? Should the active ones be presented each year, or kept in cold storage? Should some form of replica be presented? Counties' views are sought.

County Matches: Counties' views are to be sought on "eligibility for County matches", but we're not clear what this is about. The Meeting also discussed clashes between important matches and things like Cup Finals.

Next Year's Meetings: Finance meeting 16th May (London); "Annual" meeting July in Birmingham.

NORFOLK Schools Congress

Under 18 1 John Emms (Hellesdon) 4½/5; 2-3 K McEwan, M Johnson 3½... John Emms at age 12 is the youngest ever winner of the U18 title. Previous record was held by Robert Bellin who won it at 13.

Under 15 1 R Lamont 4/5; 2-3 S Moore, R Wilson 3½...

Girls 1 Ceinwen Evans; 2 Dawn Thirkettle...

Senior Premier N Unitt; Junior Premier A Fisher; Senior Major P Browne; Junior Major J Urwin

Jim Webb retired as President of the Norfolk Schools CA after more than 20 years of service to junior chess in Norfolk. He is succeeded by Owen Hindle.

SECRETARIES please note, if you haven't already, that the new SCCU Secretary is RCA Lee-Pentecost, 18 Longton Grove, Sydenham, London SE26.

FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES

- Jul 25-27 LONDON EVENING STANDARD SW6 - Open; U180; U145; U120. E Penn, 7 The Larch London N13 5AZ
- Aug 21-25 LLOYDS BANK JUNIOR INVITATION - R Beville, Flat 8, 111 St Georges Square, London SW1
- 22-25 TYNE AND WEAR at Newcastle - Open; U160; U135; U110; U14 Sat only.
WR Aynsley, 33 Riding Dene, Micklet Square, Northumberland
- 22-25 BERKS AND BUCKS at Amersham - A Niedzwiedzki, Heathfield, Bois Lane, Amersham
- 22-25 DORSET at Weymouth - EJ Clark, 9 Melcombe Avenue, Weymouth
- 23-25 CHORLEY - Town Hall Amenities Dept, Public Baths, Union St, Chorley, Lancs
- 23-25 PITMANS Enfield. E Penn, 7 The Larches, London N13
- 29-31 THANET at Ramsgate - Open; U156; U121. MR Croft, 37 Upper Dane Rd, Margate, Kent
- Sep 3-11 BENEDICTINE INTERNATIONAL at Manchester - Over 180. RA Furness, 9 Cranwell Ave, Culcheth, Cheshire
- 7-13 PAIGNTON - 160+; U170; U126; Over 60 (we think that refers to ages).
P Short, Blue Horizon, Nut Bush Lane, Shiphay, Torquay
- 12-14 LEWISHAM - A Smith, 3 Roxley Rd, London SE13
- 19-21 HULL - Open; U151; U111. JP Lawson, 355 Wold Rd, Hull
- 19-21 CLEETHORPES - Open; U161; U121. M Colebrook, 105a Station Rd, Healing, Grimsby
- 19-21 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH at Kettering - Open; U160; U130; U14; U11 (last two not Fri). K Ball, 259 Deeble Rd, Kettering
- 21 BASINGSTOKE One-day Open. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Basingstoke, Hants

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