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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met on Friday 26th September at St Brides. Present were Messrs Douglas, Bamford, Croker, Dennis, Fewell, Haddrell, Jones, Lauder, Lean, Lee-Pentecost, Locke, Parker, Richmond, Thomas and Waldron; apologies from Messrs Manning, Mayers and Smith.

The main items of general interest were:

(1) Trophies: We now have a new Shannon Trophy which should by now have been presented to Middlesex. The Phillips and Drew Amboyna and Ebony Trophies should also be in commission by the time you read this. Our main Trophies are thus complete. We also have (in theory) a fair number of old trophies which have not been seen or heard of since the war. It seems reasonable to suppose that most of these are no longer in existence. The Executive is to do a complete check on available trophies and those we can lay our hands on may be assigned to current competitions.

(2) British Chess Magazine Ltd: This is by way of being past history now, but the Executive spent a lot of time discussing the BCF's proposed purchase of the BCM. The Union's delegates to the BCF Council were instructed to vote according to their best judgment at the Special General Meeting called to decide the issue. Readers will know that the BCF Council actually decided by a large majority to go ahead with the purchase.

(3) Minor Counties: The Executive expressed some concern about the definition of a "Minor County". There was some suggestion that the Minor Counties competition should be restricted to the first teams of "minor" counties, which in practice would presumably mean first teams taking part in the Montague-Jones.

It was also suggested that inter-Union matches could profitably be held at a central venue, and preferably not on bank holidays.

(4) Inter-County Tournaments: Mr Douglas made a few comments in advance of the Special General Meeting scheduled for the 3rd October to finalise the new Rules. There had been some reaction from Sussex to the proposed new Rule 15(e) which would require 20 nominations for the first team. They felt this would make things hard for the smaller Counties. Similarly they thought a player should be allowed to appear three times, rather than twice, for a higher team without becoming ineligible for lower ones.

There was some feeling that it would be unfortunate if smaller Counties were forced to field fewer teams, as might happen if the new rule came into force. On the other hand at least one member of the Executive thought Counties should not enter more teams than they had players for without overlap.

It has been suggested that in order to prevent abuse of the nomination system we should refuse to accept the names of people who were nominated in the previous season but did not actually play.

Hertfordshire commented on the lack of refreshments at some away matches. It felt that the Union could not insist on refreshments but ought at least to make encouraging noises.

(5) Grading: The Executive decided that all results received this season would be accepted for grading. Starting next season (i.e. after the end of April or thereabouts) we would accept congress results only from BCF-affiliated events. This means congresses which have paid their 10p-per-game to the BCF (half of that goes to the grader, remember). Congresses run by the Counties are exempt from payment and will thus be eligible for grading anyway.

The Executive took no decision on Leagues because the BCF deliberations are still in progress.

The grading sub-committee is to consider the position of New Players (i.e. players who have as yet no grading records by their names in the computer records). New Players cause the most work, and it may eventually be decided that their results will be rejected if submitted late. "Late" might mean after the first week in June. There was also a suggestion that New Players with only one or two games should be excluded.

HT Jones, the Grading Programmer, has written a program to produce lists of players within a single Club or County. Players can be listed in grade or alphabetical order, and details are given for the last three seasons. It is intended that lists will be offered for sale to Clubs or Counties. Details of prices will appear elsewhere in this issue if they are sorted out in time.*

Plans for an appeal system against grading are also in the pipeline.

The Union has received a donation of £90 from the Aaronson Foundation for improvements to the grading system.

The Executive meets again on Friday 12th December.

* Sorry, no prices available but contact Mr Jones if interested.

This Meeting never happened. Jeff Douglas writes:

The Special Council Meeting called for Friday 3rd October to complete the discussion on the new Tournament Rules which we were unable to finish at the Annual Council Meeting was not held because we did not have a quorum.

Only one County representative was present and apologies were received from 4 others.

As it will not now be practical to introduce these rules for the current season (because one month's notice is required for a Special General Meeting) they will now be left over and presented at next year's Council Meeting.

In the meantime Counties may like to consider the rules - a copy was sent with the notice of the Special Meeting, but I can provide further copies if required - and let me have their comments by the end of January.

The fact that this year's Council has already considered Rules 1 - 10 need not deter you from making further suggestions here if you wish.

Ed: For the record, Mr P Watson of Sussex came to the non-meeting where he was outnumbered 8-1 by members of the Executive. The quorum is 12. Only one County representative (as distinct from County reps who also happen to be on the Executive) bothered to send apologies.

FROM THE TOURNAMENT SECRETARY

Jeff Douglas, with a different hat on (or possibly the same one), writes:

There have been complaints about the lack of provision of refreshments by some home teams at inter-county games.

Whilst it is appreciated that, on occasion, it is not possible to provide refreshments it undoubtedly does tend to give a bad impression and may seem discourteous when there is an apparent failure to repay hospitality.

Where a match captain is aware that he will not be able to offer refreshments it would, I think, be helpful if he notified his opposite number when notifying him of the venue so that the visiting team may make their own arrangements if possible, even if it means bringing a thermos flask with them.

A little thought in such matters is surely conducive to good relationships.

LETTERS

Dear Mr Haddrell,

As a newcomer to the job of Club Secretary, I have not seen your SCCU Bulletin before the September issue no 135. I find it very entertaining. In particular, may I add a further dissenting voice (page 8) in favour of game points as against match points in deciding championships and the like? The point, it would appear, is that a chess game is played between only two people, and that matches with more than this number of people present are for obvious convenience, and not to alter the effect of the individual game results. Please, one game = one vote? Otherwise it gets parliamentary.

Yours faithfully,
KW Crawford Caterham

Dear Sir,

I cannot pass over the Editorial in the September number without commenting on its self-contradiction.

You stated - "Quite a lot of games have gone ungraded this year. It's a lottery, really, and in my opinion a totally unacceptable one." I entirely agree. Totally unacceptable.

You then go on to advocate a way to make the situation even more unacceptable. You wrote - "It's high time all events wanting their games graded were required to pay a fee... We could then concentrate on doing them, and ignore the non-paying events."

I do not wish to take part in a discussion on the finance of grading, about which others are better informed than I, but I direct my mind to the word "wanting". I don't care two hoots what they want. Statistical material produced must be as accurate as possible on the basis of the available data, and intentionally to publish bogus statistics for financial motives is offensive to anyone with an inkling of the meaning of the science. Every step along this road provides a good reason for the total discontinuance of grading before it becomes a disreputable shambles.

Yours faithfully,
DW Cay London SW13

Ed: On this one I'm going to exercise the totally unfair Editorial prerogative of having the last word. (For this issue, at any rate.) Grading is a shambles, and the grades published are bogus, because so many games have not been graded and nobody

can tell with any certainty which the ungraded ones are going to be. My proposals (and for the life of me I can't see anything inconsistent about them) were intended to introduce some sort of order into the shambles by determining in advance which games would be graded. My proposals stand or fall on their assumption that the Union would make special efforts to ensure that paying events (e.g. the London League?) got graded; and that the number of games graded would therefore not significantly fall. If we also adopted the practice of paying the graders, I would hope to see it rise.

I can understand Mr Cay's objections to "partial" grading, but "partial" grading is with us to stay until we get a lot more graders. So let us at least make the best use of the graders we have and concentrate on predetermined events. That way we'll know where we stand.

These arguments are not financial ones, they're about organisation. But of course finance does come into it. Computer time, and card-punching, and printing, cost money and I do give two hoots who pays.

So far as congresses are concerned, the Union will actually be working on payment-by-event next season (see page 1). Who knows, maybe they'll all pay. Then Mr Cay and I will both be happy and we'll really need some more graders!

Sorry, Mr Cay, I know that adding lengthy appendages to readers' letters is a nasty habit but I wasn't sure that the reasoning underlying my suggestions had got across properly and I wanted to clarify it. Naturally you have the right of reply and if you want to put something in the next issue I promise to keep quiet.

JUNIOR GRADING

Since we're (vaguely) on the subject...

I had a letter the other week from the father of an Under 11 player who wanted to know why his son hadn't got a grade although he'd played 60+ games in serious events last season. I replied that since most of the events he'd played in were specifically Under 11 ones I thought it unlikely that they'd been graded.

What do graders feel about (very) junior events? I once attempted to grade an Under 11 congress, only to discover that three (3!) players out of 80-odd had grading records. I could have gone ahead and graded the congress anyway, but the results would have borne virtually no relationship to the established scale. The best advice for parents of aspiring Under 11s, if any of them are reading this, seems to be: if you want your child to have a grade, take him to a chess club and enter him in adult events. Or are there any junior graders who make a practice of doing very junior events? If so I'd be interested to hear from them.

Incidentally I would exempt junior events - those that can sensibly be graded - from the payment-by-event system. I'm not sure what the Union's official position is on this.

ROUND THE COUNTIES

ESSEX: The County now has a new 5th division of the club championships, and two new clubs: Writtle and Chingford.

KENT: League results 1979/80: County Cup Charlton I; Lewis Cup Dartford I; Stevenson Cup Orpington II; Harvey Cup Greenwich; En Passant Trophy Petts Wood II
 Individual Championships: County Champion MP Cook (for the 4th time in a row); Major Championship MH Micklethwaite; Intermediate Championship Mark Ruston; Minor P Burns-Sweeney; Metropolitan E Liberman; Mid Kent P Neatherway; East Kent MH Micklethwaite.

The Summer Quick-play Tournament was won by Tunbridge Wells who beat Folkestone very narrowly in the Final. This tournament was a new idea which turned out to be highly successful (quite apart from the fact that the right team won). The time handicap allowed weakish players to compete on equal terms with the big guns. This may not be the place for the Editor to blow his own County's trumpet, but it really was a most exciting contest and worth copying if your County wants something different to fill the summer months. Teams were of 4 and each match consisted of 16 games, with 30 minutes per game split according to grades (so 2 hours plus for a match). The initial stages were on a regional league basis.

Thanet: Tony Miles gave a simul in Ramsgate 14.9.80, scoring +21 =7 -1 (MH Micklethwaite). He commented that he likes to play risky chess in simuls to provide maximum enjoyment, and doesn't mind losing one or two games in consequence.

The County has two rather new club magazines: Check Mate (Charlton) and Open File (Rainham). Both clubs have large and active memberships and - surprise, surprise - extremely hardworking secretaries. We get regular copies of both magazines and find them both instructive and entertaining.

SURREY: individual events

Wernick Cup Section "A" Dr B Sweetman; Section "B" DG Chambers. Slater-Kennington finalists are GK Sandiford and PM Stimpson; Felce Cup finalists FC Manning, RG Rusha, JDH Nicholas, KN Mehendale, PA Hart. It has not been found possible to hold the County Championship tournament for 1979/80.

Surrey Chess News records the death at the age of 86 of TW White, a Life Vice-President of the Association and a member of the Guildford club since 1910.

SUSSEX: The County Jamboree was held at Falmer 17.5.80 after the AGM. "Once again the pairing system saw to it that the strongest team on paper did not win." Results: 1 Brighton II 5½; 2-3 Brighton I, Varndean 5; 4-6 Seaford I, Horsham, Sussex Univ 4½... 18 teams of 6. We don't know which the "strongest" team was.

CAMBS: Tales of woe for the start of the new season. "Tempo" reports that last year's league adjudications are not yet available, with the result that promotion and relegation are not settled. The County third team may find itself with no matches if the East Anglian League collapses as it threatens to do. And "Tempo" itself is financially threatened. Seems few people are prepared to subscribe, now that the magazine can no longer be distributed free. If Cambs players can't recognise the value or even (seriously!) the literary merit of "Tempo" they want their heads examining.

On the other side of the coin, the County has a new congress: the 1st Cambridge Univ Congress takes place 30th Jan - 1st Feb. Contact Robert Richmond, address inside front cover.

Quote from a Cambs club newsletter: "Over half the Membership voted unanimously for a £6 subscription..."

GRADING ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS

Brian G Locke, Union Grading Secretary, writes:

The following are additions and alterations to the 1980 Grading List published with the September Bulletin. These are partly due to additional information from other Unions which we did not receive before the September list was published and partly due to grading for one individual being split between two entries previously.

The following additional names should be added:-

1980

A 115	Gerrard P	Cosmopolitan Bank
Q 175	Sandeman MC	Richmond and Twickenham; Athenaeum; NCCU

The following should have their grades amended as follows:-

Q 181	Baker LWD	Chadwell Heath; NCCU
Y 123	Byrne POC	Richard Chandler School; Kingston
Y 193	Cox JJ	Eton College; MCCU
Q 189	Harris KL	Cambridge Univ; NCCU
Q 175	Mackenzie AC	Cambridge Univ; NCCU
Y 196	Palmer Guy	Cambridge Univ; Stevenage

The following had two entries in the September list which should be merged to give the following single grade:-

Y 146	Dunlop AM	Slough (This absorbs Dunlop A)
Y 118	Ryan PJ	Silent Knights
Y 143	Upham JE	CentYMCA; London Univ; Camberley

JUNIOR NEWS

ESSEX Junior Championships: October 1980 at St Martins School

Under 18 1-2 K Bowden, N Pelling 5/6; 3 M Twyble 4½; 4 S Payne 4; 5-8 D Goorvitch, A Phillips, P Ramsey, N Haque 3½... 18 played

Under 15 1 S Leary 5½/6; 2 J Singh 5; 3-5 M Noble, J Whitely, M Abrahams 4; 6-8 S Kirk, K Ruddick, D Bakhshi 3½... 18 played. Clare Kemish 1/3 as highest placed girl is Essex Girls Champion at both U18 and U15 levels. Only 2 girls played.

Under 13 1 B Kemish 8/8; 2 H Bakhshi 6½; 3 R Lane 6; 4 D Singh 5½; 5-9 N Medford, H Branson, L Johnson, D Chaplin, J Parmar 5... 31 played

The U11 and U9 events are to be held in late November.

SURREY: Waverley Abbey School, Tilford, held their 2nd annual fund-raising event 19.7.80 in memory of Kim Williams, a promising player who died two years ago at the age of 15. Douglas and Tony Williams gave a simul +34 =3 -3. Proceeds (to Imperial Cancer Research Fund) may exceed £500.

KENT Junior Championships: 25-26 October 1980 at Northfleet

Under 18 1 DJ Edmonds (Dulwich) 5/6; 2-3 PJ Heaven (Tunbridge Wells), JP Ward (Meopham) 4½; 4-7 NR Calver (Dartford), PJ Chilcott (Dulwich), NS Hattersley (Orpington),

JR Richardson (New Cross) 4... 21 played

Under 16 1 RE Walker (Orpington) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2 JR Bayford (Folkestone) 5; 3-4 AP Dowton (Orpington), BS Rich (Dulwich) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 5-6 M Demmon (Orpington), N Stone (City of London) 4; 7-9 T Miller (Canterbury), SM Taylor (Maidstone), AR Wise (New Cross) $3\frac{1}{2}$... 22 pl

Under 14 1 CG Ward (Meopham) $6\frac{1}{2}/7$; 2 DA Wood (Chatham) 6; 3-4 N McDonald (Gravesend), A Wallace (Rochester) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 5-11 AI Armstrong, P Baker, I Galloway, I MacRury, P Morris, J Ould, M Penn 5... 57 played

Under 11 1 T Dawson (Dulwich) $6/6$; 2-8 J Atkins, D Harris, N Love, P Moren, J Smith, S Tottman 5... 90 played

Under 10 1 G Jenkins (Ashford) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2-5 A Bennett, S Luckhurst, K Mansfield, D Wylie 5; 6-7 T George, C Hine $4\frac{1}{2}$... 51 played

Under 9 1 D Fulton (Otford) $6/6$; 2-3 R Bellinger, R Lewis 5; 4-10 A Beckley, D Cook, D Guirdham, D Hall, R Morrison, M Scott, M Waite 4... 28 played

Girls Under 11 1 J Campbell (Blackheath) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2 S Traylor (Swanley) 5; 3 A Moyle 4; 4-5 A McMurtrie, J Wriglesworth $3\frac{1}{2}$... 14 played

Maidstone Junior Congress 11-12 October 1980

Senior Team 1 St Olaves GS $18\frac{1}{2}/24$; 2 Judd (Tonbridge) 16; 3 Simon Langton (Canterbury) $15\frac{1}{2}$... 18 teams of 6

Junior Team 1 St Marys Royston; 2 Higham CPS

Senior Individual 1-3 NF Dickenson, AP Dowton, PJ Heaven $4\frac{1}{2}/5$...

Junior Individual 1 P Sanders $5/5$; 2 J Arney $4\frac{1}{2}$...

Kent Schools League has 223 teams from 133 schools this season. It averages about 500 matches a year.

Canterbury U11 Tournament 11.10.80

1-2 D Harris, G Jenkins $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 3-6 C Bellas, T George, S Luckhurst, R Pearson 4...24 pl

REVIEWS

TEST YOUR CHESS: PIECE POWER JN Walker Oxford University Press Boards £7.95, paper covers £4.95 151pp, long algebraic.

John Walker's fourth book for juniors. There are five sections: The Quick Kill, Open Files and the Enemy Ranks, Diagonals and Bishops, Raiding Knights, and Combined Operations. The first four sections, as their titles imply, concentrate on clearly defined areas of tactics and strategy (tactics mostly, but there's a judicious blend). Each section consists of a series of tests comprising four problems and a Testgame in which the reader is asked to stop at frequent intervals and work out the next move. The point-scoring system should go down well, and will appeal to juniors' competitive instincts. Each test is followed by a "fun" section with unusual problems, egregious blunders, historical oddments and the like.

Be warned that this is not a book for out-and-out beginners. The reader who is just able to grasp the basic ideas and do the easy problems will find a lot of the questions beyond him on first reading and will benefit from coming back to the book later. (I didn't get anywhere near 100% on the Testgames and I didn't do them all that casually. My grade's 169.) It's a book which can serve the learner well for a long while as he progresses, and there's enough material in it to be well spread out.

Unlike some writers for juniors, Walker makes every effort to adapt his writing style to his readers. Too much for my taste; he's so Zam Splat Powee it isn't true and the printers must have had to put in a special order for exclamation marks. If you ever doubted that chess was one of the martial arts, his highly coloured sustained metaphors will put you straight.

This may be a quibble, but I do wish he'd given the players' names with all his problem positions. There's even an (uncredited) brilliancy of Edward Lasker's on page 15 in which Walker appears to have taken liberties with the last move in order to make it prettier. Unfair to chessplayers!

My other quibble is with the notation. I can't see how anyone, junior or otherwise, can feel happy with a score in which QxQ+ KxQ comes out as Qdlxd8+ Ke8xd8. Can this really help?

A good book, though. The layout is clear and diagrams plentiful - and, an important point, Walker has avoided the irritating habit of not saying whose move it is with the diagrams, so that you have to read into the text to find out. The games are well chosen and entertaining, and Walker does know how to put his points across. Presentation of the book is up to the OUP's normal excellent standards.

RJH

PLAY CHESS COMBINATIONS AND SACRIFICES David Levy Oxford University Press £8.95 boards, £4.95 paper covers. 186pp, short algebraic.

This book is divided into two parts: one on combinations and one on sacrifices. The combinations (80-odd, taken from actual games) come in sections devoted to pins,

forks, skewers and the like. Many of the positions are rather easy to solve because you know from the context what sort of ideas will be involved - apart from which you generally get a few hints before the solution proper anyway, if you care to sneak a quick glance. Even so this part of the book will provide many hours' entertainment. (Especially if, like me, you forget the solutions and can do them all again a few months later.)

The second part, on sacrifices, has a longish section on sacrifices associated with specific openings (mostly the Kings Indian Attack, French and Sicilian). Levy has written more on similar themes elsewhere. This is followed by Sacrifices to Get At the King, and a chapter on the psychological aspects of sacrifices. (Should you trust your opponent? Can you bluff him?) Largely Basmania, this bit. Plus 30 positions given without hints. This is the only part where solutions have been tucked away at the back of the book to discourage cheating. And finally, ten sacrificial games.

A pleasant book. I've enjoyed browsing in it; whether it will improve my chess I'm not sure. Of course the OUP's excellent presentation is a bonus.

RJH

FISCHER'S CHESS GAMES with an introduction by Raymond Keene. Oxford University Press Paper covers £12.50

There are amazingly about 870 games in this book; all algebraic and with almost no notes but clear notes and a unique code which identifies the date and place where the games were played.

Keene's introduction frankly tells us little that is new and whilst eloquent and translated into six languages (which I do not profess to understand) does little for a book which is no more than a collection of games plus a match and games record.

One is therefore left with Fischer's play! Surprisingly for those of us who come to worship his play Fischer's early games are mediocre with bad losses and even the wins are only reasonable. Yes, many readers have played just as badly (or as well) as Fischer did in 1956. By 1957 (and the games are recorded chronologically) Fischer's genius is beginning to be recognisable. In fact 1956-1962, when Fischer went from 13 years old to 19, were six triumphant years soon to be followed by a 2 year withdrawal from international chess (due largely to his inability psychologically to accept 4th place in the Candidates).

Fortunately Fischer came back and following impressive victories at Monaco and Skopje came to Sousse in 1967. Again under psychological pressure he withdrew partially from chess for 2 years.

The games in this next period depict Fischer at the heights of his power and right up to his victory at Reykjavik 1972 his games are unsurpassable.

The book owes nothing to Keene, something to Oxford University Press (good presentation, and cheapness per game) but really everything to FISCHER - what more can a lowly reviewer say of the greatest chess genius yet?

JES

HITCHIN CONGRESS at Hitchin Boys School, 25-26 Oct 1980

A record of 273 players competed for a prize fund of £900, which was shared by 63 winners (top prize £140). BCM Vouchers, and prizes from Tournament Chess Supplies. Premier 1 C Pickard (Huntingdon) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-4 B Baer (Muswell Hill), JM Quinn (Harrow), P Habershon (Bedford). Grading prize J Emms (Norwich). 42 played. Cup for highest Herts player: TK Hemingway (Stevenage)

Challengers 1-3 G Meitiner (Royston), C Lean (Hitchin), MJ Bride (Hemel Hempstead) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 4-6 P Thornton (Hilltop), P Vainker (Bishops Stortford), E Horton (Stevenage) 4; 7-14 D Bax, JM Staddon, RJ Woods, DL Read, S Law, BA Fewell, JA Speigel, RJ Lee $3\frac{1}{2}$... 59 played.

Major Green 1-6 P Dansey (St Neots), W Thurl (Weston), P Copperwheat (Bedford), M Smithson (London), E Shown (Thetford), NB Holland (Barnet) $4/5$... 38 played

Major Blue 1 JW Shales (London) $5/5$; 2 GL Guiste $4\frac{1}{2}$; 3-4 P Beniston (Pin Green), DJG Smith (Stevenage) 4... 38 played

Rooks (U18) 1 S Ledger (Bedford) $8\frac{1}{2}/9$; 2 C Frost (Bedford) $7\frac{1}{2}$; 3 T Dobrashian (Bedford) 7; 4 T Mortimer (St Albans) 6... 12 played

Bishops (U13) 1-2 R Horton (Stevenage), N Birtwistle (Boston) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 3-5 P Brown (Harrow), S Christopher (Brigg), M Williams (Royston) $4\frac{1}{2}$... 37 played

Knights (U11) 1 M Hennigan (Muswell Hill) $6/6$; 2 M Long (Barnet) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 3-5 OR Thomas (Watford), D Pennington (Hemel Hempstead), G Roe (Bedford) $4\frac{1}{2}$... 46 played

U8 1 P Hennigan (Muswell Hill) $4\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2 A Gibson (Royston) 4

Results from J Glynne Jones

CHILTERN LEAGUE

Two results from Berks: Berks A 8 10 Berks B 13.9.80; Berks B 4 16 Bucks II 27.9.80
Also Berks A 11 9 Oxon II

EAST ANGLIAN LEAGUE obviously is happening: Herts III $5\frac{1}{2}$ $14\frac{1}{2}$ Essex IV 18.10.80

ESSEX: An oddment from the Essex Bulletin for November. "There was a very disappointing number of entries for this year's (individual) tournaments, and the proposed ideas have had to be drastically revised." Both championship and minor tournaments ended up with 8 players.

We'd like to bet that games are played in people's homes. Does this sort of tournament ever get a representative entry? Kent's doesn't.

FRIENDLY MATCHES played recently:

Berks II $11\frac{1}{2}$ $8\frac{1}{2}$ Oxon II 20.9.80; Berks III 10 8 the Army 18.10.80; Civil Service CA $8\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2}$ Middx III 4.10.80 (all final results: no adjudications)

In another friendly played 9.10.80, Charlton CC Juniors lost $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $23\frac{1}{2}$ to John Ball Primary School, Blackheath: information courtesy of Charlton's magazine. Charlton seem to have more junior members than most clubs have adult ones (but we think they'll have to do something about their junior training programme). Seriously, John Ball are rather strong.

QUOTE from the new BCF Year Book:

"Read all about it! County Match results are given in the BCF 'Newsflash' - first with all the news!"

That depends whether you live in the Southern Counties or not!

But thank you, BCF, for the large and (as far as I know) free advertisement for grading lists. There are still about 100 copies left but we can't say how long they'll last.

INTER-COUNTY COMPETITIONS

Here we go again. Results, especially MJ, have been rather slow coming in. Will match captains please send the full match score to the Bulletin as well as to Jeff Douglas, and promptly if possible because we like to be up to date. Don't wait for adjudication results first, we get those direct from Jeff. Matches not published may not get graded because the graders work directly from the Bulletin.

The traditional appeal for full initials is hereby abandoned as a lost cause. It would be appreciated, though, if captains would try to get them at least approximately right. (We once came across an M Rooney whose initials turned out, on investigation, to include no Ms at all; and we have the gravest doubts about D Bird of Essex!)

In the Championship, Middlesex's unbeaten run continues though they look to have cut it fine against Surrey.

The MJ match Middx II v Kent II scheduled for the 25th Oct did not take place because the Kent team did not turn up; we understand there was some doubt about confirmation of date and venue.

Adjudication results given below were up to date on the 9th November.

CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>Herts</u>	11.10.80	<u>Kent</u>	<u>Kent</u>	1.11.80	<u>Norfolk</u>
1 PV Byway (B)	0 1	RG Eales (W)	RG Eales (B)	a	C Cubitt (B)
2 W Tabakiernik	a	D Friedgood	D Friedgood	0 1	T Farrand
3 AC Cooper	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Chandler	MV Lambshire	1 0	TJ Turner
4 M Lexton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MV Lambshire	RMR O'Kelly	a	J Emms
5 KL Howells	a	IR Watson	IR Watson	1 0	A Charity
6 AI Wheatley	0 1	AG Trangmar	M Macdonald-Ross	1 0	K McEwan
7 N Bradbury	0 1	M Macdonald-Ross	JN Sugden	1 0	S Randall
8 PA Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PS Milner-Barry	RL Johannes	1 0	S Wood
9 J Cook	0 1	JN Sugden	AE Hanreck	1 0	G Evans
10 N Fox	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AE Hanreck	S Macdonald-Ross	0 1	M Shephard
11 J Nellist	0 1	J Sommerville	PJ Heaven	1 0	P Vivian
12 FB Ings	1 0	d	D Murphy	1 0	J Coote
13 AP Primett	1 0	NR Oliver	NR Oliver	1 0	R Hughes
14 C Watson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AP Smith	JR Richardson	a	D Carter
15 J West	a	D Murphy	AJ King	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Lyon
16 H Tebbs	0 1	JR Richardson	J Wager	1 0	S Livermore
17 J Sachs	0 1	J Wager	DJ Edmonds	1 0	D Abbott
18 D Pinch	a	CF Woodcock	DC Taylor	a	E Shown
19 L Fawcett	0 1	DC Taylor	P Taylor	1 0	R Lamont
20 M Dyer	0 1	P Taylor	I Pountney	1 0	S Moore
(High Barnet)	$4\frac{1}{2}$ $11\frac{1}{2}$		(Charlton H)	$13\frac{1}{2}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$	

CHAMPIONSHIP

Essex	18.10.80	Sussex	Norfolk	18.10.80	Berks
1 JB Howson (B)	= $\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$ +	BJ Denman (W)	C Cubitt (W)	1 0	MJ Staples (B)
2 AP Lewis	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Kenworthy	RA Fuller	a	DS Tucker
3 WJ Stirling	1 0	JIP Simpole	SW Ruthen	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	K Bowmer
4 K Bowden	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SC Conquest	Rev PR Kings	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DI Stevenson
5 S Kalinsky	1 0	DGA Shallcross	JC Wells	0 1	GE Borrowdale
6 AT Marshall	1 0	M Nimt	R Hardy	0 1	JT Matthews
7 D Futter	1 0	SON Hawes	MJ Hughes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	FG Dingwall
8 I Robson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DP Frost	J Emms	1 0	MF Redmond
9 K Spurgeon	0 1	JW Cornforth	AL Charity	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DC Seawert
10 IDN Smith	1 0	DB Scott	KB McEwan	1 0	K Robbins
11 BL McCague	0 1	JMC Hepworth	T Lenton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JC Hart
12 JR Cooke	=0 a $\frac{1}{2}$ +	KI Homeyard	I Gladden	1 0	SM Piercey
13 K Barnes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Fallon	M Johnson	1 0	WH Norris
14 R Heppinstall	1 0	LJ Cannon	J Ferrars-Dunn	0 1	MJ Bruton
15 NJM Pelling	0 1	BH Richards	P Clemens	a	NW Dennis
16 JT Pascoe	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Tung Tong	MG Shephard	1 0	CJ Nichalson
17 IJ Myall	1 0	DG Ratcliffe	M Brock	a	MD Bennet
18 I Hunnable	1 0	S Coe	G Evans	1 0	AJ Robbins
19 H Woolverton	+ $\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$ +	PD Leat	D Carter	1 0	RA Bruton
20 TD Whitton	1 0	RTF Williams	G Lyon	0 1	JM Warbey
(Wanstead)	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$		(Thetford)	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Middx	18.10.80	Surrey	Oxon	25.10.80	Camb
1 AJ Whiteley (B)	1 0	G Flear (W)	GR Moore (B)	0 1	MA Pagden
2 AP Law	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Cooley	BPA Andrews	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Berry
3 J Hodgson	1 0	R Emerson	D Hackett	0 1	P Kemp
4 PG Large	0 1	JJ Ady	P Webster	0 1	MP Townsend
5 All Perkins	$\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$	W Linton	G Chapman	0 1	EOMC Teichman
6 JC Benjamin	1 0	T Pelling	CP Botham	0 1	RJ Richmond
7 KI Norman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Muir	R Starkie	a	PP Taylor
8 JB Adams	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S LeBlancq	S E'brook Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	V Gregory
9 T Parkes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Lightfoot	L Millin	0 1	N Walker
10 L Pinto	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Abayasekera	T Pavlovic	1 0	S Williams
11 T Peterson	$\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$	T Williams	J Yates	a	C Mackenzie
12 RJ Pearce	0 1	R Granat	A Britton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SH Strogatz
13 G Leyton	0 1	A Westwood	D Godfrey	0 1	N Donovan
14 KR Clark	1 0	S Drury	N Hepworth	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Bristow
15 DP Lynch	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Gallagher	G Jones	0 1	M Panchen
16 C Leach	0 1	A Kinsman	J Buttons	0 1	CI Howell
17 J McCarthy	0 1	R Stockwell	S Charles	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Swain
18 P Yerbury	1 0	D Rowson	M Kimber	1 0	DJ Best
19 JM Quinn	0 1	A Corkett	S Horwood	1 0	C Kemp
20 S Tovey	1 0	B Valentine	N Giffin	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	W Cruse
(Highbury Hill S)	10 10		(Oxford)	6 12	

Oxon	1.11.80	Middx	Berks	1.11.80	Essex
1 S Hughes (B)	0 1	WN Watson (W)	DS Tucker (B)	0 1	AJ Stebbings (W)
2 BPA Andrews	0 1	KI Norman	MJ Staples	1 0	K Bowden
3 D Hackett	1 0	JC Benjamin	R Moss	1 0	S Kalinsky
4 P Webster	0 1	JB Adams	PE Cunningham	1 0	D Futter
5 CP Botham	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	L Pinto	DV Lofts	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AT Marshall
6 R Starkie	0 1	T Parkes	JH Hodgson	+ a =	I Robson
7 S Easterbrook Smith	0 1	GA Leyton	K Bowmer	+ a =	IBN Smith
8 T Pavlovic	0 1	RJ Pearce	P Morrey	= a +	BL McCague
9 J Yates	0 1	C Leach	DI Stevenson	0 1	JR Cooke
10 G Jones	0 1	G Pearce	GE Borrowdale	1 0	K Barnes
11 S Charles	0 1	MJ Benjamin	JT Matthews	0 1	IJ Myall
12 N Hepworth	0 1	DP Lynch	TN Parrott	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Carr
13 D Godfrey	0 1	G Dickson	DC Seawert	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	I Hunnable
14 D Cooper	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Tovey	JC Hart	+ a +	NJM Pelling
15 JC Waldron	0 1	A Jusuf	MF Redmond	0 1	M Twyble
16 M Kimber	0 1	NA Perkins	AJ Stenton	0 1	HI Woolverton
17 D Buckland	0 1	DN Foley-Comer	PAF Watkins	0 1	E Lee
18 N Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Burrell	SM Piercey	1 0	d
19 S Hayler	0 1	M Crewdson	EJ Smith	0 1	K Warren
20 S Burbank	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DG Wayte	WH Norris	0 1	R Rodie
(Oxford)	3 17		(Sandhurst)	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	

<u>Surrey II</u>		4.10.80	<u>Sussex II</u>		<u>Bucks</u>		4.10.80	<u>Middx II</u>	
1	JJ Ady (W)	1	0	JM Hepworth (B)	PC Girdlestone	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Leyton	
2	RG Granat	1	0	AB Bamford	DA Bennett	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	GD Pearce	
3	SR Gillam	1	0	ML Roberts	R Edwards	1	0	G Wolfarth	
4	AV Stachulski	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Frost	MJ Freeman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	CHJ Orton	
5	DJ Rowson	1	0	PR Selby	RCS Newton	0	1	S Rodericks	
6	APH Kinsman	1	0	A Hall	KG Hyde	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Stewardson	
7	A Corkett	1	0	RH Williams	PJ Adams	0	1	GH Govas	
8	DL Barasi	0	1	T Norton	Dr EN Bramley	0	1	A Gaffney	
9	BJ Valentine	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	CP Tucknott	RD de Coverly	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SH Band	
10	DC Randall	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JP Munday	BW Atkinson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Bear	
11	JM Soesan	1	0	P Watson	AJ Cox	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Houghton	
12	PJ Roche	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AH Palmer	DR Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Lacome	
13	AT MacDonald	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Hopson	K Beedle	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Crewdson	
14	PR Archer	1	0	PD Leat	A Robbings	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Redon	
15	GW Dormand	0	1	H Rosenthal	J Alster	1	0	N Yiannoulou	
16	SG Walker	0	1	JL Whiteman	PD Porter	1	0	d	
17	MR Tebb	1	0	MR Hickman	JE Povey	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Fraser	
18	FC Manning	0	1	RD Hirsch	PR Rawcliffe	1	0	d	
19	JRM Moore	1	0	DC Leach	RDW Marsh	1	0	d	
20	DE Luckin	0	1	S Smith	MR Beauchamp	1	0	d	
(Wallington)		$12\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	(Amersham)		$11\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$		

<u>Suffolk</u>		11.10.80	<u>Essex II</u>		<u>Surrey II</u>		25.10.80	<u>Bucks</u>	
1	LA Orton (W)	0	1	K Spurgeon (B)	JJ Ady	0	1	PC Girdlestone	
2	GH Riches	0	1	I Robson	R Granat	1	0	DA Bennett	
3	SJ Gregory	1	0	R Heppinstall	AV Stachulski	0	1	G Moore	
4	DP Hurricks	0	1	K Barnes	C Jones	1	0	JC Saunders	
5	IJ Wallis	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Woolverton	T Corkett	1	0	M Rose	
6	TG Dunmore	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I Myall	K Inwood	0	1	MJ Freeman	
7	GM Gold	0	1	K Warren	PL Symes	0	1	RCS Newton	
8	D Horn	0	1	G Gatheral	DJ Rowson	1	0	A Niedzwiedzki	
9	J Buis	1	0	P Harbott	PJ Roche	0	1	KG Hyde	
10	IR Pickup	= a +		A Abbott	G Mason	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RD de Coverly	
11	PG Markwell	1	0	P Thomson	S Dighton	1	0	BW Atkinson	
12	N Whurr	0	1	B Beavis	D Barasi	a		DR Smith	
13	D Mayers	0	1	L Crane	HM Cath	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Cox	
14	DWA Packham	0	1	S Payne	S Field	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PD Porter	
15	MJ Edwards	0	1	P Heath	S Mason	0	1	J Alster	
16	D Allsop	0	1	D Bird	S Homer	0	1	JE Povey	
17	AR Fuller	0	1	SJA Wood	JRM Moore	0	1	PR Rawcliffe	
18	I Stansfield	0	1	M Lynn	C Moorman	1	0	RDW Marsh	
19	DS O'Brien	0	1	P Sagnella	S Festing	0	1	MR Beauchamp	
20	KR Shaw	0	1	D Read	D Mackle	1	0	M Alster	
(Ipswich)		4	15	(Wallington)		$8\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$		

<u>Sussex II</u>		25.10.80	<u>Essex II</u>	
1	JM Hepworth (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Bowden (W)
2	D Frost	1	0	K Spurgeon
3	FPE Green	1	0	AT Marshall
4	Canon AE Smith	0	1	I Robson
5	N Volker	1	0	K Barnes
6	PR Selby	0	1	J Pascoe
7	CP Tucknott	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I Pheby
8	JP Munday	0	1	K Warren
9	C Arthur	1	0	G Moore
10	AH Palmer	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Woolverton
11	JL Whiteman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	F Chin
12	DG Ratcliffe	= a +		T Whitton
13	JW Hall	0	1	T Coote
14	RD Hirsch	1	0	R Langenham
15	PA Batchelor	+ a =		G Gatheral
16	MR Hickman	1	0	N Haque
17	J Richmond	0	1	JB Hawson
18	AP Davies	1	0	C Purdon
19	D Ku	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Forey
20	MP Hubbard	0	1	R Wagstaff
(St Brides)		$9\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$	

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<u>Essex III</u>		18.10.80	<u>Middx III</u>		<u>Surrey III</u>		18.10.80	<u>Sussex III</u>	
1	GJ Moore (B)	0 1	SJ Rodericks (W)	PJ Roche (W)	1 0	PR Selby (B)			
2	JP Manley	1 0	CJ Odle	GJ Mason	1 0	CP Tucknott			
3	FC Chin	1 0	TI Casswell	HM Cath	1 0	H Rosenthal			
4	MS Twyble	1 0	B Dodgeon	PC Wood	$\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$	PH Benson			
5	MPL Inzani	1 0	Dr R Glew	PS Morton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	EJ Bowley			
6	TD Coote	0 1	BL Baer	DD Cox	0 1	RH Saunders			
7	NH Twitchell	1 0	A Gaffney	d	0 1	P Grant			
8	SR Lee	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Faldon	J Pattle	1 0	R Moffatt			
9	NA Haque	1 a 0	MD Brougham	C Moorman	$\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$	IL Damen			
10	E Dawe	0 1	MD Houghton	DM Woods	1 0	SG Kirby			
11	J Page	1 0	R Jennings	B Lyons	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CA Jewell			
12	FRE Elliott	1 0	TN Burrell	FC Manning	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Prees			
13	P Heath	1 0	S Goodlife	JDH Nicholas	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Richmond			
14	RJ Hammond	1 0	d	E Weimann	0 1	H Gold			
15	D Bird	0 1	BA Smith	MJ Cowley	1 0	RA Parker			
16	S Hunt	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GS Kitchin	RE Mattocks	1 0	Miss D Garland			
17	R Young	1 0	MJ Cresswell	RG Rusha	1 0	DJ Opie			
18	WJ Hawthorn	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Cooper	EA Parker	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Smith			
19	P Turp	1 0	RC Cousens	CJ Dennis	1 0	Miss P Garland			
20	N Sutherland	1 0	LJ Vrondisis	B Blackburn	1 0	D Smith			
(Wanstead)		14 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$			(St Brides)	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$			

<u>Kent III</u>		1.11.80	<u>Surrey III</u>		<u>Sussex III</u>		1.11.80	<u>Essex III</u>	
1	PB Cook (W)	1 0	PJ Roche (B)	JL Whiteman (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JP Manley (B)			
2	D Taylor	1 0	GJ Mason	PR Selby	0 1	KW Clow			
3	K Gordon	0 1	HM Cath	CP Tucknott	0 1	MP Inzani			
4	MH Nicklethwaite	0 1	P Archer	MSR Paul	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	I Pheby			
5	D Heath	a	PC Wood	EJ Bowley	0 1	NA Haque			
6	MR Wiltshire	0 1	PS Morton	PH Benson	= a +	L Crane			
7	P Childs	0 1	DD Cox	T Sheldon	0 1	CF Dorn			
8	SP Lafferty	0 1	SG Walker	S Coe	0 1	FRE Elliott			
9	M Ali	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Moorman	L Butt	1 0	D Bird			
10	M Ruston	0 1	DM Woods	GR Opie	= a +	RJ Hammond			
11	RA MacBrayne	0 1	B Lyons	DJ Langridge	0 1	DJ Millward			
12	A Sands	0 1	FC Manning	PJ Grant	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JA Speigel			
13	WP Tickner	0 1	PM Shaw	RH Saunders	1 0	d			
14	R Newitt	0 1	JDH Nicholas	SG Kirby	1 0	d			
15	M Phillips	0 1	E Weimann	CA Jewell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Sutherland			
16	A Sherriff	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Cowley	J Richmond	1 0	J Page			
17	AA Purchase	a	Miss SK Walker	DM Cleasby	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	NH Twitchell			
18	B Crouch	a	RE Mattocks	S Smith	1 0	GT Gooding			
19	DF Sexton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RG Rusha	DJ Opie	0 1	FW Keeling			
20	RJ Hale	0 1	B Blackburn	D Smith	1 0	d			
(Charlton House)		3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 13 $\frac{1}{2}$			(Falmer)	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$			

The Ebony programme does not get under way until the 22nd November, if our information is up to date. Kent are not playing.

FORTHCOMING CONGRESS: Too late for the diary on the last page (already typed), but the Kings Head club is organising a new 40 minute (each) tournament on Saturday 24th January 1981 in central London. 5 rds. Contact WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd W11.

CHESSPEED 13 Dec: With reference to our comments in the Congress Diary - George Fifield, who is currently engaged in a learned correspondence with Paul Buswell in Newsflash about words, disclaims all responsibility for this coinage. He finds it as distasteful as we do. Sorry George, we should have known that a man of your sensibilities wouldn't do such a thing. We should have guessed B*11 B*nds was the culprit.

The Bulletin possesses quite a large collection of English dictionaries and was sorely tempted to join in the learned correspondence, but refrained on the grounds that it would be tempting fate. (PB would say something about hubris at this point.) You can't get things right every time when you're typing hastily, to a deadline.

Stage 2: over 230 entered, and 20 achieved all-correct solutions (figures last year were 180 and 5!). The Controller has decided that 20 is too large a number to accommodate (and mark) at the final stage, so those with 100% will now be asked to solve further problems in order to reduce the number of finalists to about a dozen. The final will be held in central London on Saturday 31 Jan 1981.

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Kings Head, after a round 1 bye, meet Hungarian Champions Spartacus in London in January or February. Kings Head's participation had been in doubt because of financial problems, but they now seem set to go ahead. A Christmas raffle is expected to raise £500.

16 teams remain in the competition.

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION
BRITISH CHESS MAGAZINE

We reproduce an important advertisement from the November Newsflash:

Editor/Manager required for the British Chess Magazine, to take office from 1 Jan 1980. The duties will, in outline, be to edit and supervise the production of the Magazine, and to manage the other aspects of the business of BCM Ltd. Applicants should be strong chessplayers, and should possess a good background knowledge of chess and its organisational structure. Relevant commercial experience will be an advantage. Applicants should be prepared to move to the Hastings and St Leonards area and to work if necessary outside customary office hours.

Details of salary and profit-sharing on application to The Secretary, British Chess Magazine Ltd, 9 Market St, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex TN38 0DQ. Applications for the post should be received by 30th November 1980. Correspondence should be prominently marked on the envelope: Job enquiry - private and confidential.

We wish the BCF every success with its new acquisition.

COUNTY SECRETARIES: Please note changes -

Berks Secretary is NP Gunther, 8 Ringwood, Great Holland, Bracknell, Berks.

Kent Secretary is GE Fifield, 22 St Alfege Rd, Charlton, London SE7 0L 853 5185
(not in new Year Book)

Cambs have no entry in the new Year Book but our latest information is that their Secretary is still SJ Emmerton.

CONGRESS DIARY

- Nov 21-23 CITY OF OXFORD Open; U170; U135. NC Jones, Shiho, Elms Rd, Botley, Oxford (tel Oxford 723439). You might squeeze in late.
- 23 LONDON ONE DAY OPEN LG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Pk N5
- 28-30 TORBAY at Torquay. Open; U155; U125. P Short, Blue Horizon, Nutbush La, Shiphay, Torquay 64259
- 29-30 BIRMINGHAM Open; U160; U130. KG Humphreys, 7 Mancroft Rd, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton
- 29-30 NORTHAMPTON U170; U130; U14/12/11/10/9. GE Dellar, 37 Lake Cres, Daventry
- Dec 5-7 GOODYEAR at Wolverhampton. Open; U131. D Bonner, 8 Wheathill Close, Penn, Wolverhampton WV4 5HZ (333319)
- 7 BASINGSTOKE Open. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Buckskin, Basingstoke
- 13 CHESSPEED (?!?) at Charlton: 30 min per player per game. GE Fifield, 22 St Alfege Rd, Charlton SE7. (If you invented that name, George, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. "Chesspede" (chess x stampede) OK; but Chessspeed... How d'you pronounce it, even?)
- 19-21 ISLINGTON Open; U171; U141; U121; ungraded. P Larsen, 72 Mildmay Rd N1
- 27-31 EVENING STANDARD LONDON JUNIOR. U21/18/16/14 each day; Girls U18/16/14 Sat only; U12 all days except Sat; U10 Sat and Sun; U8 Sat only. U12/10/8 must qualify. A Corfe, 464 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, Herts
- 29-15 HASTINGS Over 185 ends 8.1; graded events 30-7, 29-2, 3-7, 8-13. JW Hatton, 2 Cornwallis Terrace, Hastings
- Jan 2-4 COUNTY OF SALOP at Telford. Mrs N Cox, the Crown House, Kynnersley, Telford
- 16-18 BASINGSTOKE graded sections of 6 APA. RE Boxall as 7 Dec
- 30-1 FIRST CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CONGRESS Open; U161; U121. RJ Richmond, 25a Newmarket Rd, Cambridge CB5 8EQ

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BCF Newsflash for October and November; Check Mate (Charlton CC) issues 1-4; Essex CA Bulletin for October; Hertfordshire CA Report 1978-9; MCCU Newsletter for Autumn 1980; Surrey Chess News for October; Sussex Chess News for September; Open File (Rainham CC) issues 8-10; Tempo for October. Also Essex Bulletin for November.

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