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The SCCU Executive met on Friday 17th September 1982 at St Brides. Present were Messrs Fewell, Bamford, Cordon, Croker, Dennis, Douglas, Haddrell, Horn, Hooper, Jones, Lean, Lee-Pentecost, Locke, Manning, Morrish, Poole, Richmond. It was not an eventful meeting, but the main points of general interest were:

- (1) Levy appeals are with the BCF from Cambs and Beds. The BCF has also set up a sub-committee to review the working of the levy system as a whole.
 - (2) British Championship: The old BCQC is being phased out in favour of (probably) four regional congresses. The SCCU has suggested to the BCF that these congresses should be open to all; that they should provide more than the eight qualifiers apparently intended; and that there should be some weighting in favour of the SCCU because of its size. (It should be stressed that BCF thinking is by no means finalised.)
 - (3) SCCU individual championship: Following discussion at the AGM, Fred Manning (tournament secretary) is to use his best judgment in determining the number of players admitted. 24 may not be economic.
 - (4) Inter-County competitions: BCF stages. The SCCU will use the same method as last year for deciding its nominees. That means the two highest-placed eligible teams in each event; 2nd team nominees to be selected on the basis of matches played between them in the MJ. There are 2 Minor Counties places per Union this year.
 - (5) A questionnaire has gone to all Counties (and should have been returned by now) on their difficulties and preferences for inter-County matches. Questions are about number of players available, travelling problems, size of tournaments and the like. This could come up at next year's AGM. A related item was:
 - (6) East Anglian Union. Cambs have approached a number of Counties with a view to establishing a break-away (no value-judgment intended) Union. It was early days to say what the reaction of the Counties concerned would be, though members present thought there might well be a lot of interest. The Executive was agreed that should such a Union be formally proposed the SCCU ought not to oppose it.
 - (7) SCCU equipment. The AGM had instructed the Executive to consider the pros and cons of selling the Union's 48 clocks and 40 sets and boards. Readers will remember that these live in Surrey and are not often used except by Surrey. It was agreed that it would be a pity to disperse the equipment, but that a negotiated charge should be levied on all organisations using it.
 - (7) Not SCCU business, but a comment arising at the meeting. An SCCU delegate to the BCF expressed concern about the inordinate length and tedium of BCF Management Board meetings. There seems to be a tendency for officers to go to the MB with items they should have been capable of resolving for themselves. The result was something like 40 items on the agenda for the September meeting. The Executive thought there was a danger of slipping back into the bad old ways of pre-streamlining.
- The Executive next meets on Friday 26th November. Contact the Secretary quickly if you have any point that needs raising.

REMINDER

British Chess Educational Trust School Shields. Nominations from Counties should reach Peter Morrish (address inside front cover) by the end of March. Nominations tend not to be very numerous. Nor should they be, considering the prestigious nature of the awards. But make sure that any really deserving school comes to the Union's attention. (The Shields are now Boards. What they are now called is not known to the Editor.)

GRADING ADDITIONS

Brian Locke notifies the following additions and amendments to the 1982 published list. Additions:

A135 D'Cruz D	Brunel
A117 Johnson KW	South Lynn
A176 Lukey F	Mushrooms
Q117 Perkins P	Morley, Norfolk
A122 Ward G	Milton Keynes

Amendments:

Y145 Barkwill MA	Athenaeum; Natwest Bank
Q145 Blake RG	Ashford; Canterbury
Y168 Chapman KA	Zigzags, Norfolk
Y142 Fewell BA	Welwyn Gdn City
J Y158 Fewell DR	Welwyn Gdn City
Y117 Grant MJ	Central Electric; Charlton
Q154 Kiely D	Aylesbury
Y118 Martin PA	Charlton (same as Martin P)
Y188 Newton RCS	Chesham Amersham; Drunken Knights; Hayes (Middx)
Y159 Pelling Nich JA	Haslemere; WECU
J Y163 Walker Stephen G	Sutton Manor HS; Banstead

The grader's lot...

LETTER

We print this letter in full because it raises a number of questions that crop up over and over again. Most of them are unanswerable, from where the Editor's sitting, but we've tried to suggest some possibilities below.

Dear Richard,

I have just received my copy of the SCCU Grading List for 1982. As usual my own rating was out, this time by four points, and I wondered whether others had suffered a similar fate. Having regard to the note on page 1 of the list, it appears that all the events that I had played in were in fact graded so I can only assume that an error in calculation took place. But what about poor old George Leyton? Here is a demonstrable example of some form of grave error. I refer not to this year's rating, but to last year's when George had, supposedly, a rating of 178. We all know that the County matches were not graded that year, a year in which our hero won the trophy for best performance in the 1st team (10 games x 205 rating). His rating for that year is still published at 178! By simple calculation, for his rating to remain the same, after addition of these results to his 1981 grade, he must have played between 300 and 500 games that year! He didn't, so why the error?

In our club at Faling we have a player by the name of Neil Honan. Last year he played in most of the club's 26 competitive 1st team matches, and 5 the previous year - yet he doesn't appear in the list. Neither does B Arbery (over 30 games!). Are we to assume that their games were not rated? Or just a few of them? If so, what happened to the others and how will this in turn affect the ratings of their opponents?

Having spent 36 hours last season on a 19-page appeal to secure myself an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ point, to find that the equivalent of 5 losses have been added to my results is very upsetting. If a player with 3 years over 213 expects a rating of 213 and a British Master title to boot, gets instead a rating of (say) 209, having seen the introduction of payment for grading I would expect a high court action to take place with the BCF footing the bill for costs and being forced to amend the records. Anyone who charges money for a service is bound by law to get it right. BCF beware!

DJ Stewardson

Chiswick

Attempted answers: (1) on Mr Stewardson's grade. Calculation error is obviously possible. Or transcription error. Or DJ Stewardson error. (Odd how nobody's grade ever comes out too high.) Or some of his games may not have been submitted for grading. The fact that such-and-such a league goes down as having been graded doesn't mean that every single game in it was graded. And omissions may not be the grader's fault. There are many links in the chain. It always surprises us, incidentally, when people who've played a lot of games claim to know exactly what their grade should be. The Editor's experience is that some of his opponents are always ungraded, and he has to guess what estimate will be used for them. (2) on Messrs Honan and Arbery. These two gentlemen appear in the grader's master list with 12 and 16 games respectively for the season 1981-2. Obviously neither of them quite managed 18 games in the last two seasons put together. If they played more than the 12 and 16 games, some of their results didn't go in. They ought to make it next year. (3) on G. Leyton. It was decided some time ago that previous-season grades, even where amended by late results, should not be changed in the published list. It might be a good idea to put some kind of identifying mark by "amended" grades to show that they are no longer correct. This is actually done in the master list. (4) on payment-for-grading. Let's just say that the BCF doesn't charge for grading. Nor does the SCCU as far as we know. Some graders do. And many events are graded without any charge, however indirect. As for people who charge money being bound to get it right, tell that to the Editor's garage.

The Bulletin does not undertake to answer questions like this in general. Queries should be taken up with the local grader; or, if you are willing to pay £5 for a computer print-out, HT Jones - address inside front cover - will give you a breakdown of your results included. And the Union will correct your grade if significant errors are its responsibility. No high court action needed.

(Another letter on grading: page 9)

QUOTE from Herts CA News Bulletin: "There is a marked tendency among those who worry about their grade to require of grading officers absolute accuracy on the strict understanding that they personally will not, under any circumstances, provide information about their names, their clubs, or their chess history." - R Talbot (County Grader)

And before we leave the subject of grading, perhaps we'd better expand what we said above about the BCF and SCCU not charging for grading. The SCCU will not grade unaffiliated congresses. It is true that affiliation costs money. But the money is paid to the BCF, not the SCCU; and the non-grading policy is certainly not the BCF's. Make of that what you will. And none of this applies to things like county leagues.

ROUND THE COUNTIES

BEDS: Bedford Chess Club has had to move from its home at the Grosvenor Centre where it has met on Thursdays for the last 25 years. It won't be doing badly if it stays put for the next 25.

BUCKS AGM has thrown out quick-play finish proposals in divisions 2 and 3 of the County league.

County Champion is Andrew Robbings, who finished ahead of K Beedle and A Horton. Beedle came second on SB. (Good Lord, are people still using SB? - Ed) Division 2 went to Ray Bott, division 3 to C Leigh.

Club leagues: division 1 Slough won narrowly from Chesham and Amersham; division 2 was won comfortably by Slough II ahead of Slough III; division 3 went to a new club, Equity and Law ahead of Gerrards Cross II.

HERTS leagues: division 1 1 St Albans 15/20; 2-3 Hilltop, Watford 12. Div 2 1 Pin Green 20/24; 2 Hertford 17. Div 3 1 Hilltop II 19/24; 2 Watford II 17 ahead of Stevenage II on board count. Div 4 1 Pin Green II 19/24; 2 Watford III from Hilltop III bd ct. Div 5 Hoddesdon 20/24; 2 Pin Green III 18. Sharp Trophy went to Marconi.

Club KO went to Watford who beat Pin Green in the Final. Individual KO: S Law beat R Arnot in the Final.

Paul Littlewood gave a simul at Hertford CC 5.6.82, scoring +22 =2 (P Baxter, P Nendick) -1 (G Davies).

KENT: Summer Quick-play Tournament went to Tunbridge Wells III who beat Charlton very narrowly in the Final. This tournament has time handicaps based on grades and Tunbridge Wells cunningly ran a third team composed of juniors who were indecently undergraded. (They beat the Tunbridge Wells first team in one semi-final.)

County Correspondence Champion is BR Cochrane; Team Correspondence Champions Ashford.

NORFOLK team lightning Championship 26.9.82 was won by a very strong team from Great Yarmouth ahead of Norfolk and Norwich A. 10 teams competed.

The County is considering the possibility of running a team (but in what competition?) in 1983-4.

SURREY individual competitions: Felce Cup - Croydon section RG White; Wimbledon section PD Kemp; Sutton section KN Mehendale. Wernick Cup - S Norwood section DMP Burford; Wimbledon section is between AJ Westfold and D Woodward. Slater-Kennington (Wimbledon section) CC Sherwood.

Final club results 1981-2: Alexander Cup Streatham; Surrey Trophy Streatham; Beaumont Cup Streatham II; Ellam Trophy Croydon; Centenary Trophy Coulsdon II; Minor Trophy Streatham IV.

SUSSEX: MacArthur Cup Final was won by Brighton who beat Worthing $3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$. We hear that a Worthing player, with a good position in the last game to finish, offered a draw under mistaken impression that it gave his side the match. They would have won on board count.

Mid-Sussex Champions East Grinstead got hammered 6-0 in the traditional Champions v The Rest match.

JUNIOR NEWS

KENT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Tunbridge Wells 30-31 Oct 1982

Under 18 1 Neil McDonald (Gravesend) 5/6; 2-3 Alan Downton (St Olaves), Dylan Gibbons (Folkestone) $4\frac{1}{2}$... 15 pl

Under 16 1-2 Ian Galloway (Chislehurst), Chris Ward (Sevenoaks) 5/6; 3 Philip Morris (Gravesend) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 4-6 Michael Weedon (Tunbridge Wells), David Wood (Chatham), Andrew Wrigglesworth (Canterbury) 4... 24 pl

Under 14 1 Crispin Allard (London) $6\frac{1}{2}$ /8; 2-4 Julian Morrison (London), Simon Parker (London), Alex Tucker (London) $5\frac{1}{2}$... 17 pl

Under 12 1 Graeme Jenkins (Ashford) 6/6; 2 David Fulton (Otford) 5; 3-8 Andrew Mack, Ilan Rubin, Matthew Sadler, David Spearman, Tom Ulicsak (all London), Roland Pepper (Sevenoaks) $4\frac{1}{2}$... 49 pl

Younger age groups in the new year.

ASHFORD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 6.9.82 attracted 78.

Under 18 (25 pl) 1 Graeme Jenkins 5/5; 2-3 Gary Ellis, Stephen Byott 4; 4-5 David Hamblin, Jeremy Thompson $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 13 (35 pl) 1 Lovene Bhatia $5\frac{1}{2}$ /6; 2-4 Martin Curtis, Mark Heyburn, Robert Payne 5...

Under 10 (18 pl) 1 Roland Rosier 7/7; 2 Jonathan Luckhurst 6; 3 Scott Roberts 5...

HERTS JUNIOR LEAGUES: U19 St Michaels; U16 St Michaels; U14 Haberdashers; Premier Cup St Michaels; KO Cup Richard Hale. Sorry we cannot locate any of these.

COUNTY U18 MATCHES

Berks	6.10.82	Essex	Middx	6.10.82	Surrey
1 SM Piercey (B)	0 1	NJM Pelling	PE Johnstone (B)	1 a 0	P Kemp
2 SC Knight	0 1	GA Reid	D Watts	1 0	S Walker
3 A Buckland	0 1	DM Goorvitch	K Shovel	1 0	TJ Houghton
4 AJ Melvin	0 1	JE Duggan	R Blackwell	1 0	PA King
5 ST Bird	0 1	SJ Singh	S Iazarus	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B McKenzie
6 JMR Watkins	0 1	D Singh	A Stone	1 0	R Hessey
7 MA Fairmanev	0 1	B Kemish	M Hennigan	0 1	SN Khan
8 IR Lambert	0 1	JD Bakhshi	def	0 1	PR Loosley
9 JM Warbey	0 1	MS Abrahams	A Summerscale	0 1	LJ Charlwood
10 RGE Aust	0 1	H Bakhshi	M Smith	1 0	GT Francis
11 PM Mummary	0 1	I Sutton	N Peters	0 1	C McHale
12 MTC Topham	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Roberts	J Carlin	1 0	AJ Moore
13 PR Masters	0 1	S Kirk	P Hughes	1 0	ID Winter
14 DA Shakespeare	0 1	D Kemish	P Khan	0 1	RG Meade
15 DC Bennet	1 0	def	T Onona	1 0	G Thompson
16 PR Lindley	0 1	G Cornwell	C Duncan	1 0	M Tighe
17 TL Marr	0 1	ST Nicholls	S Kapila	0 1	P Bannister
18 CA Butler	0 1	P Grumann	H Dixon	1 0	K Ahmad
19 DA Watson	1 0	P Baker	G Wall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J de Silva
20 SAM Foister	1 0	P Miller	S Low	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Robinson
21 IA Connelly	0 1	R Selway	H Branch	0 1	P Lingard
22 AJ Doig	0 1	R Holman	R Thacker	1 0	CT Barnes
23 PH Norman	1 0	S Humphrey	K Jukes	0 1	W Gray
24 S Anneveau	0 1	M Heard	B Beake	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Wenban
25 RJ Lipscombe	0 1	JD Mitchell	J Faulks	1 0	JE Clatworthy*
26 K Mah	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Dennis	T Harbord	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Mudge
27 CDJ Bates	0 1	J Rogers	H Lawrence	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	I Ahmad
28 MP Eastgate	1 0	D Mehta	R Nash	1 0	MD Taber
29 SH Follett	0 1	M Branson	W Burt	1 0	JA Leake
30 AJ Bond	0 1	A Sullivan	J Philipsz	0 1	B Barlow
31 AS Robins	1 0	def	E Onona	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Arulia
32 SP Davies	0 1	M Sewell	J Slowe	0 1	D Curson
33 RA Lockey	0 1	A Quereshi	J Carr-Hill	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Stearne
34 CJ Brown	0 1	M Howe	H Niwa	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Farrant
35 SK Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Hart	M Long	0 1	G Morgan
36 JP Daniels	0 1	D Prentice	R Lawrence	1 0	S Gosling
37 MA Knight	1 0	R Rastogi	R Bull	1 0	AJ Varney
38 JS Lane	1 0	C Donner	def	0 1	J Cook
39 S Court	1 0	def	O Duncan	1 0	N Vella
40 MR Jackson	0 1	C Tyrell	M Peters	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Dias
	$10\frac{1}{2}$ $29\frac{1}{2}$			23 17	

* "Clapworthy" last time. Which is right?

We have declined to copy out the girls' first names. The Bulletin, unlike the BWCA, believes in equal treatment for women.

BROMLEY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT 18.9.82

Under 18"A" (21 pl) 1 Neil McDonald (Gravesend) 6/6; 2 Chris Ward (Sevenoaks) 5; 3-6 Martin Penn, Stephen Ruben, Richard Walker (all London), David Wood (Chatham) 4...

Under 18"B" 1 Andrew Allison (Eltham) 5/6; 2-5 Kevin Ansett, Stephen Holmes, Russell Mears, Stephen Williamson (all London) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$... 25 pl

Under 14 (28 pl) 1 Graeme Jenkins (Ashford) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /6; 2 Thomas Farndon (Sevenoaks) 5; 3-4 Gareth Day (Sevenoaks), Andrew Mack (London) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5-7 Paul Allen, Julian Morrison, Alex Tucker (all London) 4...

Under 12 (30 pl) 1 Tom Ulicsak (West Wickham) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /6; 2-3 Robert Bradley (Forest Hill), Ian Moroney (Sidcup); 4 Robbie Nicholson (Forest Hill) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5-8 Michael Allison, Laurence Glynn (both London), Juliet Wriglesworth (Canterbury), Damon Cook (Gravesend) 4...

Under 11 (36 pl) 1-4 Kathryn Day (Sevenoaks), Ilan Rubin (Canterbury), David Palmer, Richard Guest (both London) 5/6; 5 Seuhan Mevliit (Sydenham) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6-9 Michael Anderson, James Charlesworth, Matthew Downham (all London), Robert Thompson (Cranbrook) 4...

Under 10 (34 pl) 1-3 Jason Conway (Bexleyheath), Jonathan Luckhurst (Ashford), Richard Wiltshire (Dartford) 5/6; 4-5 Mark Pratt (W Wickham), Matthew Sadler (Chatham and not London as page 3 would have it) 4...

CHESS TRAINER no. 11 gives 15 positions designed to test all juniors invited to training weekends. "Can be sent out with the invitations, and looked upon as homework." Your Editor's pupils did most of them in the lunch hour but one caused problems. 8/8/q2n4/8/plp5/8/K2RR3/5k2 White to move. Given as mate in 12; the Bulletin can win the position but hasn't found the mate yet. No doubt readers will do better.

BUCKS juniors - about 80 of them - took part in a series of simulms given by 15 first-team volunteers 8.5.82. Some of the juniors managed to get in about half a dozen games. Two junior matches are laid on v Berks for this season. League results 1981-2: Under 16:1 RGS I 5/5; 2 Maidenhead 4... 6 team APA. Under 14 div 1: 1 Dr Challengers I 5/7; 2 Maidenhead 4½... 8 team APA. Under 14 div 2: 1 RGS II 6/6; 2 High Wycombe 4½... 7 team APA.

More junior results on a later page if they arrive in time.

REVIEW

BEST CHESS GAMES 1970-1980 Jon Speelman: George Allen and Unwin 328 pp £9.95 hardback. (short) algebraic.

I am not easily impressed by chess books these days, when publishers have seized on one bright spot in the encircling gloom to flood the market with hastily-written and ill-edited volumes. But this one is a real achievement and establishes Jon Speelman as a major writer on the game. It is also fair value at £9.95 for a hardback containing 47 deeply annotated games (averaging at least 4 diagrams each) and written in a style which is informal without being infantile. The choice of games is inevitably personal, but having made his choice of games in many different styles Speelman almost never fails in his thoroughness and concern for seeking out the truth. His approach has obviously been influenced by Jan Timman's celebrated "Art of Chess Analysis" (RHM Press, 1980) but few imitators could stand the comparison so well.

Criticisms are hard to muster, but perhaps it was a mistake to include 5 games actually in Timman's book and to which even Speelman can add little; a few more little-known scores might have gone instead. But I cannot recommend this book too highly.

RE

DRAW! W Heidenfeld: George Allen and Unwin 216 pp £8.95 hardback. Long algebraic.

Wolfgang Heidenfeld, who died in 1981, was a gifted analyst and an acerbic writer about chess and chess-players (remember his unflagging campaign against Petrosian in the 1960s?). In this posthumous volume, excellently edited by John Nunn, his style has mellowed somewhat and occasional dogmatism is offset by the humorous realism of many comments and the willingness to correct any errors (this is an expanded and corrected version of a book first published in German in 1968).

But, as is usual with Heidenfeld, there is a thesis - that the best chess is often played in drawn games, precisely because both players avoid major errors - and he sets out to prove it with a collection of high quality games in which neither side has missed a demonstrable win. The danger is that a collection of 64 games dating from 1895 to 1980 will be just an anthology of favourites, but Heidenfeld never loses sight of his theme and analyses deeply to justify it, though the occasional "demonstrable win" slips under his guard. This is a very good book and I finished it largely convinced that drawn games do have their own merit and need not be dressed up as flawed wins to be appreciated.

RE

BCF YEAR BOOK OF CHESS 1982-3 Published by the BCF and available from the Editor: Peter Wilson, 99 Grange Rd, Darlington DL1 5NN. Price £2.50.

No serious chess organiser should be without his Yearbook. It is divided, I suppose, into two parts: on the one hand a record of the BCF's doings over the last year, including all important domestic results and many international ones; and on the other a huge quantity of essential information for the current year, including the principal BCF rules, calendars of events, and I don't know how many hundreds of names and addresses from BCF to club level. It would be foolish to imagine that the county lists gave every chess club in England, but they must be within shouting distance of it.

It would be hard to carp with the Yearbook on grounds of completeness. Indeed for the same price as last year you get 8 pages more (even if half of them are devoted to extra full-page advertisements). There are useful additions to the rules section: BCF rules for seeded Swisses - with worked example - and the FIDE laws themselves; though without Interpretations so useful only as a guide.

In such a work, typesetting and proof reading are of the highest importance. The only thing I have been able to check personally (because I typed and submitted it, retaining duplicates) is the entry for Kent CCA. I fear there are quite a few mistakes, not all trivial. There are also some in the SCCU entry, but I don't know whose fault those are. Kent's entry, if representative, suggests perhaps 8-10 errors per page and about a quarter of them non-trivial. Too many; though they will doubtless fade into insignificance beside the out-of-date entries, as the season progresses.

Quibble as you will, this really does represent a tremendous amount of hard work and I wouldn't be without it. Someone, incidentally, has actually looked up all the missing postcodes. My suggestion for next year: STD codes.

RJH

CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>Middx</u>	16.10.82	<u>Surrey</u>	<u>Bucks</u>	17.10.82	<u>Cambs</u>
1 JS Speelman (B)	1 0	CM Cooley	A Robbings	0 1	M Pagden
2 J Tisdall	1 0	MJ Yeo	RB Edwards	0 1	N Ivell
3 AJ Whiteley	0 1	WA Linton	GM Boyce	0 1	M Kerridge
4 P Large	0 1	RG Granat	RCS Newton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SD Bell
5 AP Law	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SR Gillam	JC Saunders	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SH Niman
6 C Hill	0 1	APH Kinsman	H Golombek	1 0	RJ Richmond
7 KI Norman	1 0	TW Pelling	M Townsend	1 0	C Mackenzie
8 K Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Prizant	P Hackman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Anthony
9 P Yerbury	0 1	RJ Carthy	DR Carless	1 0	G Heap
10 DJ Watts	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	IJ Upton	RDW Marsh	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JR Nellist
11 Darren Lee	1 0	MJ Lester	DA Bennett	1 0	BPQ Collinson
12 J Quinn	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AV Stachulski	RD de Coverly	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RP Bristow
13 S Spivack	1 0	RJ Stockwell	A Niedzwiedzki	0 1	SG James
14 C Blackwell	1 0	GW Dormand	BW Atkinson	0 1	NCT Wall
15 F Khan	1 0	GD Rees	EN Bramley	0 1	HLT Duckers
16 C Leach	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Lingard	DA Curtis	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RB Newbury
17 J Burke	1 0	PR Archer	AJ Cox	1 0	JR Sallares
18 S Lazarus	1 0	PL Terry	PR Rawcliffe	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MCD Knapton
19 G Wolfarth	1 0	FS Field	JE Povey	0 1	H Morris
20 DJ Stewardson	1 0	TK McAllister	PD Porter	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Nicholas
(Chiswick)	<u>13$\frac{1}{2}$ 6$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		(Amersham)	<u>9 11</u>	

<u>Herts</u>	9.10.82	<u>Kent</u>	<u>Beds</u>	16.10.82	<u>Berks</u>
1 PJ Gregory (W)	0 1	AC Kosten	P Habershon (B)	0 1	SM Taulbut
2 S Swanson	0 1	IR Watson	A Berry	1 0	MJ Staples
3 NH Bradbury	1 0	D Friedgood	A Perkins	0 1	JH Hodgson
4 J Rudge	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RMR O'Kelly	JN Wingfield	0 1	PJ Sharp
5 K Howells	0 1	M Macdonald-Ross	R Freeman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	WE Wilson
6 K Weinhold	0 1	JJ Ady	G Davies	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DS Tucker
7 P Maguire	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AG Trangmar	P Gayson	1 0	MA Johnstone
8 D Levin	1 0	JN Sugden	J O'Loughlen	1 0	DJ Banks
9 IL Thomas	0 1	PS Milner-Barry	W Osborne	1 0	F Coleman
10 H Tebbs	0 1	MP Cook	S Brocklesby	0 1	GE Borrowdale
11 A Wheatley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Webb	T McDade	1 0	SC Knight
12 P Primett	0 1	AP Smith	A Carabin	1 0	RS Todd
13 B Morris	1 0	J Dodgson	J Shaw	1 0	MF Redmond
14 C Purdon	0 1	I Pountney	P Hatton	1 0	A Buckland
15 J Denton	=0a 1+	SW Giddins	H Ingham	1 0	JR Mercy
16 S Law	0 1	N McDonald	G Blackbourne	1 0	JT Matthews
17 M Leahy	1 0	DLL Springate	M James	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AD Rouvray
18 C Majer	1 0	TH Stonehouse	P Gill	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	NM Stewart
19 J Simmons	1 0	AJ Smith	R Quince	1 0	D Evans
20 D Young	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RW O'Brien	R Woods	1 0	WH Norris
(Broxbourne)	<u>8 12</u>		(Dunstable)	<u>14 6</u>	

<u>Essex</u>	16.10.82	<u>Sussex</u>	<u>Berks</u>	30.10.82	<u>Essex</u>
1 AJ Stebbings (W)	1 0	FJ Kwiatkowski	SM Taulbut (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Stebbings
2 G Speed	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SC Conquest	MJ Staples	1 0	WL Saunders
3 DJ Coleman	0 1	GH James	JH Hodgson	1 0	IBN Smith
4 D Sherman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Kenworthy	PJ Sharp	1 0	AT Marshall
5 D Futter	0 1	JIP Simpole	DJ Banks	1 0	M Fleury
6 IBN Smith	1 0	RV Elliston	HM Ewans	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	IJ Myall
7 M Fleury	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SON Hawes	J Coleman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Heppinstall
8 AT Marshall	1 0	D Graham	GE Borrowdale	0 1	JA Goldberg
9 IJ Myall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	LJ Cannon	SC Chittenden	0 1	ID Hunnable
10 S Lowe	1 0	def	MF Redmond	0 1	GF Yates
11 JA Goldberg	1 0	Tung Tong	MR Wilkins	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SM Kalinsky
12 A Simpson	0 1	G Rivers	NM Stewart	1 0	K Barnes
13 ID Hunnable	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	L Rutherford	MD Baker	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	HI Woolverton
14 GF Yates	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Norton	SC Knight	0 1	GW Fernie
15 SM Kalinsky	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CE Cropp	A Buckland	0 1	C Ramage
16 KR Barnes	0 1	RH Williams	G Harrison	0 1	S Abbott
17 I Pheby	0 1	RTF Williams	SC Emmett	0 1	J Duggan
18 HI Woolverton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SR Boniface	ST Bird	0 1	DA Goorvitch
19 DM Goorvitch	1 0	D Smith	WH Norris	0 1	NH Twitchell
20 J Page	1 0	def	PS Norris	0 1	J Page
(Wanstead)	<u>11 9</u>		(Camberley)	<u>7$\frac{1}{2}$ 12$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	

<u>Cambs</u>	30.10.82	<u>Sussex</u>	<u>Bucks</u>	30.10.82	<u>Middx</u>
1 N Ivell (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JC Hawksworth	A Robbings (W)	a	AJ Whiteley
2 MP Townsend	1 0	def	RB Edwards	1 0	def
3 SD Bell	0 1	GH James	H Golombek	1 0	C Hill
4 PP Taylor	1 0	G Kenworthy	GM Boyce	1 0	K Norman
5 G Anthony	0 1	FJ Kwiatkowski	RCS Newton	0 1	T Parkes
6 RJ Richmond	a	JIP Simpole	JC Saunders	0 1	DP Lynch
7 G Heap	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DGA Shallcross	PC Girdlestone	a =	DJ Watts
8 C Mackenzie	0 1	RV Elliston	P Hackman	0 1	S Spivack
9 CI Howell	0 1	SON Hawes	GJ Nicholas	1 0	B Baer
10 JA Lawrence	a	AB Bamford	RDW Marsh	a +	S Tovey
11 HLT Duckers	1 0	def	DA Bennett	a	S Lazarus
12 SH Niman	1 0	DJ Hopson	KG Hyde	1 0	def
13 MC Forster	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CE Cropp	RD de Coverly	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Stewardson
14 SG James	1 0	RTF Williams	DA Curtis	a +	J Fryer
15 H Morris	1 0	LKG Eastoe	A Niedzwiedzki	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Burrell
16 RB Newbery	0 1	SR Boniface	AJ Cox	1 0	M Hagan
17 MCD Knapton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AE Hills	PR Rawcliffe	1 0	L Fincham
18 JR Sallares	1 0	D Hirsch	JE Povey	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Smith
19 J Mitchell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RH Saunders	PD Porter	1 0	M Crewdson
20 P Nicholas	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	IK Edgson	DA Jarvis	1 0	def

(Sir W Collins S) (10 8)

(Amersham)

(10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$)

<u>Surrey</u>	30.10.82	<u>Herts</u>	<u>Kent</u>	30.10.82	<u>Beds</u>
1 RG Granat (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Maguire	DJ King (W)	1 0	A Berry
APH Kinsman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	K Howells	RG Eales	1 0	A Perkins
3 M Prizant	1 0	K Weinhold	IR Watson	1 0	J Wingfield
4 DMP Burford	0 1	N Fox	AE Hanreck	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Kendall
5 GJ Mason	1 0	J Cook	M Macdonald-Ross	1 0	W Osborne
6 I Thomson	0 1	P Primett	RMR O'Kelly	1 0	T McDade
7 PJ Roche	1 0	J Sachs	AP Smith	1 0	def
8 JM Soesan	1 0	C Purdom (sic)	AG Trangmar	a	JS Shaw
9 RJ Stockwell	1 0	B Morris	PS Milner-Barry	1 0	P Hatton
10 MJ Lightfoot	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Leahy	JN Sugden	1 0	WA Cordon
11 M Stockwell	0 1	M Sutton	R Webb	1 0	G Blackburn
12 S Lingard	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Majer	D Powell	1 0	M James
13 PR Archer	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Simmons	JD Wager	a	P Gill
14 PC Wood	1 0	E Horton	I Pountney	1 0	R Quince
15 PL Terry	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Fewell	SW Giddins	1 0	R Woods
16 FC Manning	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Arnot	DC Taylor	1 0	N Beveridge
17 KM (sic) Mehendale	0 1	P Hodges	G Botley	1 0	C Watson
18 A Balatoni	1 0	D Young	PR Price	1 0	P Moulton
19 S Retallick	0 1	J Leake	S Macdonald-Ross	1 0	J Perry
20 def	0 0	def	RCA Lee-Pentecost	1 0	J Hynes

(Wallington)

10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

(Charlton House)

(17 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$)

AMBOYNA

<u>Sussex II</u>	2.10.82	<u>Middx III</u>	<u>Essex III</u>	16.10.82	<u>Sussex II</u>
1 JP Munday (W)	1 0	M Brougham	T Coote (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Watson
2 CC Harding	0 1	R Symonds	K Clow	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JP Munday
3 S Smith	0 1	C Swick	MPL Inzani	1 0	S Smith
4 LA Butt	0 1	JVA Franks	R Young	1 0	LKG Eastoe
5 A Blue	1 0	NRE Aldritt	G Fernie	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	TJ Sheldon
6 LKG Eastoe	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Dr R Glew	BS Virk	=0 a 1+	SD Rowson
7 TJ Sheldon	1 0	STK Wilkinson	NH Twitchell	1 0	IK Hardwick
8 IK Hardwick	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Rawlings	D Millward	1 0	FPE Green
9 FPE Green	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	TN Burrell	P Revell	1 0	DG Ratcliffe
10 JW Hall	1 0	S Farrier	P Turp	0 1	I Fayter
11 C Arthur	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Brigden	N Sutherland	1 0	RD Hirsch
12 RD Hirsch	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JB Norden	M Lynn	1 0	PH Benson
13 I Fayter	1 0	LJ Vrondisis	RG Rodie	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RH Saunders
14 PH Benson	1 0	JR Macdonald	KS Jones	1 0	RA Parker
15 BG Locke	0 1	BDA Fraser	R Wagstaff	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Curtis
16 RA Parker	1 0	R Jennings	C Bellinger	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MR Hickman
17 RH Saunders	1 0	OC Chataway	DG Cannan	0 1	BG Stevens
18 MR Hickman	1 0	P Baldwin	M Abrahams	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Downard
19 BG Stevens	1 0	S Brougham	P Heath	0 1	DJ Opie
20 M Barakat	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	V Litvin	I Leighton	0 1	RB Moss

(Falmer)

13 7

(Wanstead)

11 $\frac{1}{2}$ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

* given 1-0 by Sussex. But they agree 13-7.

<u>Surrey III</u>	16.10.82	<u>Kent III</u>	<u>Kent III</u>	30.10.82	<u>Essex III</u>
1 GJ Mason (W)	1 0	def	MA Phillips (B)	= a + I Pheby	
2 PD Kemp	1 0	AJ Sherriff	BA Crouch	= a + K Clow	
3 SK Walker	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JH Lewin	G de' Nucci	1 0	D Millward
4 PJ Roche	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MA Phillips	WP Tickner	1 0	L Crane
5 SC Crowdy	0 1	AVH Sands	R Williamson	1 0	N Sutherland
6 JE Pattle	1 0	def	CR Davis	1 0	M Lynn
7 RG Rusha	= $\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$ +	BA Crouch	PL Childs	0 1	P Turp
8 RJ Hessey	0 1	CT Callow	RA Kingdon	1 0	R Rodie
9 DM Woods	1 0	S Jacobs	P Finch	0 1	T Delieu
10 CPL Parker	0 1	WP Tickner	K Staines	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Langosz
11 EJ Brodie	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PL Childs	J Ryan	0 1	JS Wood
12 MT Bolan	0 1	RA Kingdon	RJ Hale	1 0	KS Jones
13 CJ Dennis	0 1	P Finch	D Sexton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Bellinger
14 PM Shaw	1 0	def	R Morton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Abrahams
15 B Lyons	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JMT Ryan	MP Mourant	1 0	def
16 EA Parker	0 1	RJ Hale	T Lloyd	0 1	P Heath
17 FC Manning	1 0	R Morton	M Allburt	0 1	D Church
18 DPG Moss	1 0	T Lloyd	J O'Sullivan	0 1	P Hebblethwaite
19 E Weimann	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PR Newitt	M Bone	1 0	I Leighton
20 KN Mehendale	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Allburt	A Armitage	0 1	S Allsop
(Sutton)	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$		(Charlton House)	(9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$)	

FBONY

<u>Kent IV</u>	6.11.82	<u>Surrey IV</u>
1 G Bullock (W)	1 0	FC Manning
2 R Ringham	0 1	P Wasserberg
3 J Williams	1 0	T McAllister
4 SJ Pullinger	1 0	E Weismann
5 P Eldridge	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	BJ Todd
6 P Ciddins	1 0	DW Cay
7 PC Shilling	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Baldock
8 I Hames	a	N Clifton
9 P Homewood	1 0	J Baxendine
10 RG Blake	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Burford
11 GF Steele	1 0	Dr B Swetman (sic)
12 AJ Dore	a	M Carvalho
13 D Shakeshaft	1 0	A Dobbyn
14 PA Tatham	1 0	Lizette Pereira
15 R Hodges	1 0	R Ellis
16 DJ Fowler	1 0	AJ Bearne
17 F Dussetti (sic)	0 1	J Hale
18 DJ Edwards	0 1	KW Crawford
19 Susan C Scott	1 0	Sarah Scott
20 R Cheeseman	1 0	J Morey
(Canterbury)	(13 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$)	

MONTAGUE-JONES

<u>Suffolk</u>	6.11.82	<u>Essex II</u>
SJ Gregory (B)	0 1	A Marshall
RJ Woodcraft	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Franklin
JP Fwens	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	K Spurgeon
CN Riches	0 1	I Hunnable
I Wallis	0 1	R Heppinstall
MJ Edwards	0 1	G Yates
PD Hurricks	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Page
JJ Galloway	0 1	J Goldberg
C Green	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	H Woolverton
D Packham	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Ramage
T Johnston	1 0	R Parker
N Whura	0 1	S Abbott
C Chambers	1 0	B Beavis
C Gold	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Millward
D Allsop	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	L Crane
M Baker	0 1	P Sagnella
D Mayers	1 0	R Hammond
K Shaw	0 1	JS Wood
J McAllister	0 1	J Marsh
D Horn	0 1	D Heard
(Holbrook)	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 13 $\frac{1}{2}$	

MONTAGUE-JONES

<u>Middx II</u>	23.10.82	<u>Surrey II</u>
1 PD Yerbury (B)	0 1	S Gillam
2 JS Friedland	+ a =	R Granat
3 JS Walton	1 0	def
4 SJ Tovey	= a +	M Singleton
5 RT Blackwell	1 0	I Upton
6 DJ Stewardson	0 1	R Carthy
7 GH Govas	0 1	M Lester
8 def	0 1	A Stachulski
9 J Laskowski	0 1	P Roach
10 R Symonds	0 1	G Mason
11 DV Booth	1 0	R Hessey
12 def	0 1	MR Tebb
13 D Hick	1 0	MJ Cowley
14 C Swick	1 0	A Smith
15 JVA Franks	0 1	G Woodhead
16 R Glew	1 0	D Staples
17 RS Walker	0 1	B Blackburn
18 TN Burrell	1 0	A French
19 S Farrier	1 0	def
20 R Jennings	1 0	def

(Highbury Fields) (9 9)

We thought we had another MJ to go in here, but Essex II v Surrey II turned out to be really Middx II v Surrey II. Thanks GW! Players' names: Where we have queried a name, that does not mean we necessarily think it wrong. The match captain may have a newly-corrected spelling, or it could be a new (or moved) player. The grader may check if so inclined! Our apologies to RB Newbery whom we have misspelt on page 6 - the match captain had it right. (Same mistake occurs in the new Yearbook, though.) Apologies also to any others we have got wrong. Adjudications: These, few as they are, were up to date on the 7th November. No result yet for KM 6.11.82 (MJ) or SyM (A). And welcome back H Golombek!

32nd PAIGNTON 5-11 Sep (we think)

Premier 1-2 JN Sugden (Beckenham), ID Hunnoble (Woodford Green) 5½/7; 3-4 P Walden (Paignton), D Norwood (Manchester) 5... Grading M Poolake, JC Cock, PJ Williams, A Exton. Challengers "A" 1-2 AW Brusey (Newtob Abbot), RM Bruce (Plymouth) 5½/7; 3-4 EA Horn (Penzance), NM Smith (Burnley) 5... Grading R Collinson, RT Farley, J Parker, CPL Parker. Challengers "B" 1 SA Wilks (Paignton) 5½/7; 2 GN Stokes (Sutton Coldfield) 5; 3-5 JR Mercy (Reading), RJ Kearsley (Mitcham), RH Storr-Best (Aylesbury) 4½... Grading RS Lowery, BH Boosma.

APA "A" 1 KAS Francis 5½/7; 2-3 MA Swystun, V Nunney 5... APA "B" 1 WH Norris 5/7; 2-3 DT Fairbank, S Lovell 4½... APA "C" 1 DH Tongue 5½/7; 2 PR Lloyd 5; 3 GC Walker 4... APA "D" a.m. 1 BH Turner 6/7; 2 G Homer 5½; 3 JA Speigel 5... APA "E" a.m. 1 EJ Holmes 5½/7; 2-3 I Cundy, EB Sandercock 4½... APA "F" (over 60) 1-2 AC Barton, CAS Damant 6/7; 3 E Chambers 5...

Swiss 1 MJ Cook (Dartmouth) 6/7; 2 D Sapiecha (Torquay) 5½; 3-7 GT Balls (Chandlers Ford), EW Engert (ditto), EA Hartford (Salisbury), SI Russell (Cheltenham), G Wood (Coventry) 5

4th CITY QP 19th Sep 1982 attracted 162.

1 J Hodgson (which?!?) 6½/7; 2-6 NL Carr, ML Hebden, M Inzani, J Levitt, J Tisdall 6... Grading 195-176 NL Carr; 175-156 M Inzani; 155-136 ST Wilkinson, DA Wood; Ull16 AF Reed, JW Rogers; Ungraded C White, A Lind.

5th CITY QP 17th Oct attracted 145. For the first time this year, the top graded player won. There was a record of 24 prizewinners.

1 J Tisdall 7/7; 2 D(?J) King 6½; 3-4 W Watson, M Inzani 6... (Sorry, can't have been DJ. His grade's higher than Tisdall's. Or are we using FIDE ratings which I haven't got? Stop blathering, Haddrell.) Grading JA Freeman, DL Lee, G Palmer 5½; R Sagal, P Hughes, R Symonds, D Wedge, D Bell, W Stanton, A Gregg, C Swick, P Barnet, D Crichton, R Smith, P Szabo, M Cooper, N Foster, JW Rogers 5; N Mauriello, A Lind 4½.

HITCHIN 23-24 Oct 1982 had a very large crop of late entries. (Seems George Goodwin isn't the only sufferer.)

Premier 1-3 G West (YMCA), J Gallagher (Wimbledon), B Jacobs (Slough) 4½/5... 54 pl. Grading "A" AJ Berry (Luton) 4; "B" AH Wadsworth (Cambridge), M Leahy (Royston) 3; "C" A Vickers (Letchworth), D Bax (St Albans) 2½. Best Herts S Swanson.

Challengers (52 pl) 1-2 G Zubreczki (H Hempstead), B Judkins (Hoddesdon) 4½/5; 3-4 RJ Woods (Bedford), C Howe (Reading) 4; 5-9 D Considine (Luton), RM Eames (Berkhamsted), RJ Quince (Luton), DA Saunders (Pin Green), C Watkins (Hertford) 3½... Best Herts G Zubreczki.

Major (51 pl) 1-4 RA Hubbard (Bs Stortford), C Fewtrell (Hilltop), CT Hayward (Borehamwood: best Herts), TM O'Brien (Islington) 4½/5; 5-8 N Foster (Hampstead), D Holdsworth (Hertford), MS Harding (Letchworth), P Sandford (Gamlingay) 4...

Junior U13 (26 pl) 1-2 Simon Hopewell (Oxford), Adrian Bird (Christ's College School) 5/6; 3-4 Lyndon Moye (Hoddesdon), Timothy Joyce (Harlow School, Oxford) 4½... Best Herts Moye.

Junior U11 (36 pl) 1 Adrian Roochove (Pin Green) 5½/6; 2-3 Timothy Sydenham (Bedford), Kurt Cormack; 4 Philip Tozer (Peterborough)...

Results J Glynne Jones

LETTER

Dear Mr Haddrell,

9.11.82

In the Sept 82 SCCU Bulletin you say that you agree with your new grading. If my experience is anything to go by for anyone who does not agree with their grading it's hard luck, because you have no chance of getting mistakes corrected or even admitted by the guild of chess graders, and that assumes you can find your way through the Byzantine complexity of grading administration.

Now, let me tell you a story. Once upon a time I noticed that my published grading was always below what the grading should actually have been, i.e. -

	SCCU List	Actual
1980/1	201	203
1981/2	201	205

As I seemed to be losing several grading points every year I decided to query my grade for 1981/2. Being a simple soul I thought that either the computer was stuck on 201 or the results of some random 120 were being included with my results.

So I wrote to Brian Locke (not Trevor Jones, he is only the programmer, that is Grader's Trap number 1) and enclosed a list of my results for 1981/2. Nice and simple. All Mr Locke had to do was compare my list with the results, make the amendments, I have the correct grade and everyone is happy. Wrong!

Brian Locke replies by sending me a list of results as submitted by 11 different graders (e.g. Surrey 10 games, 2099 points). However I was not going to be deflected

by this mathematician's double-speak, and I analysed my results by event so I could compare this with the graders' submissions.

The result was very interesting. I found that 8 out of the 11 graders have submitted incorrect data. In 5 cases the difference is small but in three (***** League, ***** League and ***** League) there is a discrepancy of several hundred grading points in each case. In two of these cases it would appear to be a case of results omitted, but the ***** League information was just total rubbish.

Now having found the problem, how to have it corrected? Write to Brian Locke again giving him all my analysis and he will be able to correct my grade. Wrong again! After about two weeks Brian Locke replies informing me that I have to contact each grader myself!! However, being in a determined frame of mind I do write to the three graders concerned, ***** , ***** and ***** . Then I encounter the next line of grader resistance, the Grader's Inertia. After two months and several letters I have had no reply from any of these "gentlemen".

I know when I am beaten, I give up. I know my grade's 205, not 201, but I have had enough. You win, graders. Like the KGB man said, "We never make mistakes."

Yours sincerely,
Disgusted of Shepperton,
KI Norman

Ed: - Mr Norman names names. We have preserved the graders' anonymity because we have had no chance to contact them. (Not clannishness, just courtesy!) In a general way the Bulletin does not approve of not answering letters; but you have to remember that grading's an amateur service, and we don't know the particular circumstances. It seems to us that Brian Locke's actions were as helpful as they could have been: he does not have a detailed breakdown of each grader's working. All he can do is tell you the grader's submission in terms of points scored and number of games included, and refer you to the grader for more details.

Mr Norman also sends a detailed table of results for the 11 events in question; giving, for each one, his own version of points-scored and number-of-games as well as the "official" version. In 8 cases the differences, if any, are small as he says. In each of the other 3 there seems to be one game omitted (and in one case there is an obvious arithmetical discrepancy on top of that). It just so happens that the Bulletin, thorough as ever, has been able to check one of these events - but not the "total rubbish" one. The omitted game was played near the end of the grading season, and would not have reached the grader until quite some time later. It may well be that he had already shut up shop by the time this result got to him; in which case it ought to go into next year's calculations. For the two games that were graded, the grader's figures are correct. The odd thing is that even if you include the other one, you don't get Mr Norman's figure. We've looked at it every which way and don't see how he can be right. We have sent him our working and will keep readers posted on his reply.

The Bulletin believes, with Mr Norman, that grading should be subject to scrutiny. If the KGB attitude prevails among graders, of course that is wrong. Trouble is, with a hundred and ninety eight graders all working in their spare time in a hundred and ninety eight different places, and holding on to a hundred and ninety eight different sets of calculations of which there is no central record - well, think of it. We understand Mr Norman's exasperation, even if he's wrong. (If, we said.) There is to be a Graders' Meeting shortly at which some of the problems may be discussed.

We said it on page 2 and we'll say it again: grading queries should not be sent to the Bulletin. Grouses, like this one, by all means. But queries go to the graders. Postscript: BGL is sorry Mr Norman is still unsatisfied, but queries the "2 months" wait. He gave Mr Norman the graders' addresses in early October.

EAST ANGLIAN CHESS UNION?

Norfolk, Suffolk, Beds and Hunts (plus Cambs) are reported to be interested in the idea of a new Union. Herts are not. It is felt in some quarters that five Counties could make a viable Union. Consultations continue.

COUNTY MATCHES, AND RULES

To take up a point raised by Newsflash a couple of issues back: The independent controller of a County match was surprised when one of the captains instructed a player to stop playing 25 minutes before the end of the session (after he could no longer lose on time). He was no doubt right to take no action, since both captains thought the practice normal. But is it? We mean, is it normal for a captain to give such an instruction? Seems tantamount to saying he thinks the player's winning; which was against the rules last time we looked. Of course the practice of stopping early cannot sensibly be outlawed, if the game is for adjudication. Might as well allow the player to be honest about it, rather than force him to sit there pretending to think about his move. Not so sure about sealing early; this could be just a ploy to lengthen a brief adjournment, thereby permitting the player to move the bits about outside while his clock runs.

COUNTIES AND DISTRICTS CORRESPONDENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
1 Surrey I	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 Gtr Mcr	23	1 Surrey II	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 Surrey III	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Essex I	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 Ches/N Wales	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 Merseyside II	14	2 Devon II	15
3 Warks I	18	3 Bucks I	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 Somerset II	13	3 Essex II	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 Somerset I	17	4 Kent II	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 Gloucs II	12	4 Somerset VI	12
5 Lancs I	16	5 Cumbria I	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 Lincs	12	5 Somerset VII	12
6 Middx	16	6 Cornwall I	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 Warks II	12	6 Somerset IX	11
7 Berks I	15	7 Herts	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 Somerset III	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 Kent V	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 Kent I	15	8 Staffs	15	8 Lancs II	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 Ches/N Wales II	9
9 Gloucs I	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 Northants	14	9 Worcs II	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 Surrey IV	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
10 Yorks I	14	10 Northd	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 Somerset IV	9	10 Warks III	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 Devon I	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 Durham	13	11 Somerset V	9	11 Cornwall II	8
12 Sussex	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 Beds	11	12 Yorks II	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 Lancs III	8
13 Dorset	13	13 Wilts	11	13 Kent III	8	13 Somerset VIII	8
14 Merseyside I	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 Norfolk	10	14 Kent IV	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 Gtr Mcr II	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
15 Suffolk	11	15 Notts	10	15 Berks II	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 Cumbria II	5
16 Worcs I	11	16 Oxon	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 Bucks II	2 $\frac{1}{2}$		
(30 bds)		(30 bds)		(20 bds)		(20 bds)	

Congratulations to Surrey, who now have something to live up to.

How to resign a correspondence game (from a woman teacher in the Philippines):

- "Dear Sir, I have the honour to resignate as my works are many and my salary are few. Besides which my supervising teacher makes many lovings to me which I only reply, 'Oh not, Oh not.'" - Mailers Oracle

GRADING Don't worry, it's only a further new grade just received from Brian Locke:
J A147 McHale C Glynn School

Chiltern League

One result: Bucks II 9 11 Oxon "A" 9.10.82. We could find space for more Chiltern results. Or East Anglian, if that's in operation.

BBC CC (London) play a telephone/telex match against BBC Birmingham 1.12.82. (Seem to remember they used to have chess on the radio before the box got hold of it. Seems a pity to descend to the telephone.)

SECRETARIES and others please note:

- BERKS Secretary is FS Woolford, 25 Hartsleap Rd, Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey: Tel Crowthorne 2814
- KENT IV match captain is MR Croft, 37 Upper Dane Rd, Cliftonville, Margate, Kent: Tel Thanet (0843) 24525
- MIDDX Secretary is PE Pickering, 3 Westbury Rd, London N12 7NY. (The Yearbook has a different postcode, don't know which is right.)
- NORFOLK bulletin editor is David Jones, Coldharbour Farm, Ludham, Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk NR29 5NT.
- SURREY II captain G Woodhead has moved to 47a Norwich Rd, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR4 8NA Home: 01 653 2873; work: 01 764 5000 ext 2483
- SUSSEX I match captain Gary Kenworthy is on the telephone: Crawley 543049.

And an SOS: The Bulletin still hasn't found the mate from the bottom of page 4. Answers, please!

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CONGRESS DIARY

- Nov 19-21 BEDWORTH U185; U140; U110; U16/14/12/10/8. (U8 Sun only.) D Evans, 47 Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth, Warks
- 20-21 CITY CHESS NOVICE at Highbury. U121. G Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Park, N5 2AZ
- 21 BIRMINGHAM QP Open. DA Mundford, 58 Overbury Close, Northfield, B'ham B31 2HD
- 21 WANSTEAD Open. ID Hunnable, 3 Ewanrigg Terrace, Woodford Green, Essex
- 21 STEVENAGE. A Roochove, 33 Ely Close, Stevenage.
- 22-1 LEWISHAM INTERNATIONAL SE6. RW O'Brien, 3 Roxley Rd SE13. Does not clash with:
- 27-28 PERGAMON BRITISH LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIPS SE6. Teams (of 4) Sat; Indiv Sun. RW O'Brien, 55a Streatham High Rd SW16 1PN. (Yes, it really is a different address.)
- 26-28 TORBAY at Torquay. Open; U156; U126. P Short, Blue Horizon, Nut Bush Lane, Shiphay, Torquay.
- 28 BRAINTREE lightning 2 p.m. MG Lynn, 33 Hitcham Rd, Coggeshall, Colchester, Essex
- Dec 3-5 GOODYEAR at Wolverhampton. Open; U131. DM Bonner, 8 Wheathill Close, Penn, Wolverhampton.
- 4-12 REGENCY HOTEL MASTERS at Ramsgate. Open. N Povah, 21 Johnston Green, Guildford
- 5 BASINGSTOKE. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Buckskin, Basingstoke, Hants.
- 10-12 CASTLEMILK at Glasgow. M Hanley, 14 Westmuir Place, Rutherglen, Glasgow 73
- 12 CITY CHESS Open. G Goodwin as Nov 20-21.
- 17-19 ISLINGTON NW1. Open; U171; U141; U121; Ungraded. P Larsen, 72 Mildmay Rd N1
- 28-31 LONDON JUNIOR. We've seen, and lost, a leaflet for this. Try Peter Morrish.