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Sorry if the Bulletin's a bit late this month - though we should just about make September. The excuse is vaguely connected with the publication of the new SCCU Grading List; and that will also have to serve as an excuse if this issue is rather more haphazard than usual.

The Grading List should be out somewhere round the end of September. This has been a difficult time for our new Grading Secretary, Philip Clemow, and his hard-working Programmer Trevor Jones. A lesser pair would have foundered under the unusual burden, and they deserve our congratulations and thanks for a speedy and efficient job.

This year sees an innovation. There was a time when the Grading List was just a bumper issue of the Bulletin, produced on the normal Bulletin duplicator. In 1978 we got more professional, and the Grading List was produced separately by a commercial printer; but we went on sending the Bulletin out with it because it always seemed to contain information essential to users of the List. Gradually more and more of this information found its way into the Grading List where it belonged, and finally the process is complete. This year's List is self-contained, and will not have a "free" Bulletin with it. Henceforth the dark secrets of the Union are reserved for those who've paid for them. (If you've received GL and Bulletin in the same envelope, that's just a postage-saving exercise.)

There have been some grading omissions, as usual. The notable ones this year are Surrey; Berks; the County 4th team matches; and the Civil Service Assn. There are special reasons for the last named, but the others seem to be due to graders who, for reasons good or bad, were unable to do their jobs. The County Championship matches themselves were only graded through the good offices of someone who stepped in late to replace a defaulting colleague. This underlines the fact that grading remains an amateur service relying on the good will of numerous volunteers. We must never forget these volunteers, and I extend my personal thanks to them. (Even if my grade isn't as high as I'd like it to be!) Their names will appear in the Grading List.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 23rd September at St Brides. Sixteen attended, and the main points covered were:

(1) East Anglian Chess Union. The Executive noted the BCF's acceptance of EACU membership; precisely on what basis they have been accepted did not seem too clear, at least to your Editor, but they do not seem to have full "Union" status as yet. Of course they will not provide any qualifiers for the BCF stages of the national competitions this season. The Cambs 1st team will be eligible to qualify through the SCCU.

The SCCU Annual Council Meeting had asked the Executive to find out what Trophies, if any, were spare and to offer one or two to the new Union if possible. We still don't know what's spare but investigations continue.

(2) Second Teams National Final. Various complaints have been flying around, but the Controller has ruled that the match result (published in full on a later page) will stand. Though there is still time for a Kent appeal, it looks like a win for Middx II on board count after an 8-all draw.

(3) Insurance. The Executive noted the new BCF insurance plan (some details on a later page) and will consider whether to take advantage of it. (Essex and Kent, and possibly others, already have some form of County insurance but the terms may differ from the BCF ones.)

(3) Inter-County matches. It was noted that Essex IV have had to withdraw from the Amboyna/Ebony league for organisational reasons connected with the merging of the two competitions. The Executive decided that the Ebony Trophy will go to the runner-up.

It was agreed that the grading limits for the various competitions will take account of SCCU grades only. It was not thought appropriate to bring FIDE ratings into what is very much a domestic competition. Match captains will be informed, but there may not be time for this before the season begins. It would be appreciated if County Secretaries could pass the message on to them in case they don't see this. (Match captains, alas, are not always Bulletin subscribers.)

(4) SCCU Individual Championship. There was some rather inconclusive discussion on the future of this event. One speaker urged dropping it altogether; others would try to turn it into a really high-powered event by injecting money. A sub-committee will look at the problem.

(5) Grading. The Executive confirmed the appointment of Philip Clemow as Grading Secretary. He has, of course, been doing the job on an unconfirmed basis for two months or more. He reported that the publication date for the new Grading List was now in the lap of the printers. Sales were keeping pace pretty well with last year, and the financial side of things also looked satisfactory.

It was noted that there were some grading omissions; the Surrey ones at least will go into the system retrospectively. The Grading Programmer had refused to accept results from the Civil Service Chess Association; he said he had found their grader consistently unco-operative in the past, and was no longer prepared to handle Civil Service results except on his own terms (that is, the terms everyone else seems to accept). The Executive did not demur.

Readers will know, unless they're just back from Albania, that the SCCU will not accept grading results from Congresses unaffiliated to the BCF. No decision has ever been taken on unaffiliated Leagues (which are, of course, a much more recent phenomenon). In practice all league results are accepted, and the Executive agreed not to make any policy decision until a later date. We could hardly withdraw grading from leagues without notice anyway.

It was noted that AC Martin is doing some research for the BCF on grading drift, or Union bias, or something similarly mathematical. Also that the BCF survey of centralised-grading possibilities will not be complete until the end of 1983.

(6) Juniors. There is still no SCCU Junior Organiser. The job involves arranging three or four events for the "Metropolitan" league, plus U18 and U14 jamborees open to all Counties in the Union. The U18 jamborees are our means of selecting a nominee for the BCF competition; the BCF U14 one is open to all.

It was observed that the Counties did not seem very distressed at the lack of an organiser. None had complained. Berks had busily arranged friendlies with all and sundry. The one serious lack seemed to be the BCF U18 qualifier. Nigel Dennis of Berks offered to lay one on in the spring, on the understanding that it would have to be in his own County and on a date convenient to him. This offer was gratefully accepted. It will cover both the Open and the Girls events.

(7) Publicity and Sponsorship. Jef Page reported that his activities were still at the investigatory stage.

#### Problem Corner

No problem this time, but we have to report the result of the July competition. Your Editor's retro-analysis problem attracted FOUR entries (well, that's about 100% better than the previous one). One was correct; one gave the right answer but was disqualified for insufficient proof; one was an unsuccessful attempt to prove the position illegal; and one ("Whoever answers this correctly - and proves it - deserves more than a free sub. He probably needs his psychiatrist's bills paid for a very long time!") gave a wrong answer followed by a convincing refutation of it.

To keep you in suspense no longer: the missing black pawn was captured on c7, and the lucky winner of a free subscription is BL McCague. We are sure he'll take that quotation in good part, otherwise we'd never have dared print it. And if you thought the position was illegal, have another look at black's g and h pawns.

#### LETTER

Well, just a note on the back of an order form actually, but we can't resist publishing it:

Dear Mr Haddrell,

Just a short note to say that I have found the Bulletin to be very enjoyable reading the last few years, particularly your reports of SCCU meetings etc and the (sometimes heated!?) correspondence on differing topics.

Yours sincerely,  
David Willmets Purley

So let's have some heated correspondence for November. - Ed

#### BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

It appears there has been some confusion this year over the grading limit for the Second Teams competition. The rule is that you have to have a published grade below 200 (which presumably means the rabbit with no published grade can't play, but we don't think it's interpreted that way). What caused some confusion was the BCF decision to count not only the Union autumn grades, but also the FIDE new year ones and the BCF Interim ones. It appears, though it wasn't made very clear, that the highest of the three grades was the one that counted (the Bulletin would have thought the lowest, on a literal reading of the rule). But aside from any confusion, is it right to use FIDE ratings? The members of a County 2nd team, even a strong one, are unlikely to have played many FIDE-rated games. What do readers think?

ROUND THE COUNTIES

BUCKS Leagues: Div 1 Chesham and Amersham from Slough; Div 2 Royal Grammar School, H Wycombe from Dr Challengers School, Amersham; Div 3 Berkhamsted from H Wycombe IV  
Res AJ Cox

BERKS Leagues: Div 1 Earley and Winnersh from Reading; Div 2 Maidenhead B from Univ of Reading; Div 3 Maidenhead D from Newbury B. Premier Precision Cup went to Earley and Winnersh who beat Bracknell on board count in the Final. Jubilee Plate: University beat Reading B in the Final.  
Res AJ Cox

ESSEX : Ilford Blitz (7 min) Team Championship attracted 22 teams (65% up) and was won for the 2nd year running by Ilford 1st (30½/40). Old Parks (27½) were 2nd and Newtered Knights (!?! ) 3rd.

North Essex League: Div 1 1-3 Marconi A, Writtle A, Braintree A all 20 match points. We suspect Marconi took it on goal difference. Div 2: 1 Colchester 19/22; 2 Marconi B 17; 3 Chelmsford C 15... Div 3: 1 Marconi C; 2 Writtle B; 3 Braintree E (all 15/24).

NEL KO: Writtle A beat Chelmsford A 3-1 in a re-play of the Final. (All games drawn first time round?)

Individual Premier: IJ Myall (Chelmsford) 7/7; Challengers D Heard (Braintree). Al Scibor Trophy (for best score in league matches): E Power (Marconi). Junior Trophy: C Tyrrell (Dengie, Burnham)

HERTS Leagues: Div 1 Watford; Div 2 Hertford; Div 3 Watford II; Div 4 IDEC; Div 5 Pin Green III. Herts KO Pin Green.

Individual Champion Phil Gregory; Minor Champion John Denton. The Sharp Trophy for works teams was won by Marconi.

KENT: The Kilndown/Charlton anniversary match turned out to be three matches. Charlton won the Gents Match 6-2 and the Junior Match 4½-1½ but lost the Ladies Match 1-3 (and with an honorary lady on board 1 at that).

Kent Summer Quick-play is now at the Final stage (Canterbury v Lewisham). No London club has won this yet.

Mid Kent League was won by Tunbridge Wells who beat Maidstone 3-2 in the Final. A primary school match John Ball v Adamsrill ran to 107 boards (planned as 100 but the reserves wanted to play). Is this a record? Adamsrill won 66½-40½. The quickest game took 20 minutes and that has to be a record.

We understand Kent have won the Ward-Higgs (correspondence, Div 1) Trophy.

And we hear that George Fifield is obliged, for personal reasons, to wind up his magazine Check Mate. This has been one of the liveliest bulletins around, and will be sorely missed.

CHILTERN LEAGUE results 1982/3:

	MP	GP	
1 Oxon	7	103	We don't know whether the East Anglian League has operated this year but assume some version of it will come under the EACU umbrella.
2 Bucks II	6½	96½	
3 Berks A	4	81	
4 Berks B (juniors)	2½	60½	
5 Herts III	0	59	

SURREY have a new Editor. Simon Gillam takes over Surrey Chess News for the Aug/Sep edition. The best of wishes. From his first effort we glean the following:

Surrey Junior Congress "1983": U12 N Callow (Woodcote); U13 DM Hubbard (Royal Grammar School), A Walden (Trinity); U14 GF Thompson (St Georges); U15 CJ Doran (Charterhouse); U16 SN Khan (Emanuel); U18 Susan Walker (Nonsuch), PE Johnstone (Hampton). Trinity School won the chess clock for the best 6 scores.

Briant-Poulter League 1982-3: Div I Sutton Manor 17/20; Div II Emanuel 13/18; Div IIIA Rutlish 14/16; Div IIIB John Griffiths 11/12; Div IV KCS 16/16. Guildford I RGS I 14/14; Guildford II Wavell 8/8.

Sorry we can't identify all these schools. (The SCCU Grading List used to be replete with clubs called "St Marys School" or the like, and you couldn't even tell what County they were in. Nous avons changé tout cela.)

We have learnt of the death of Brian Gould. Though he spent his retirement at St Leonards and was Secretary, for a year, of the Hastings Club he will be best remembered as the architect of the Surrey Girls teams. He did numerous other Surrey jobs, including a four-year stint as Editor of Surrey Chess News.

A friendly correspondence match Surrey v Lancs was won by Surrey 25½-14½. They also have a friendly on the go against Merseyside.

SUSSEX: Lots of results -

Juniors: Wilson Cup (U19) Grove School (St Leonards) beat William Parker 3½-2½.

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(The Grove reached the last 4 of the "Times" KO but, Conquest-less, got hammered.) Sadd Cup (U16) William Parker beat St Andrews 5-1. Butler Cup (U14) Weald School (Billingshurst) beat Wm Parker 4-2. Primary Championship (28 entries) was retained by Birchwood Grove (Burgess Hill), who beat Fermor (Crowborough) on board count in the Final. Girls Cup (9 entries) went to Fermor.

Mid Sussex League: Div 1 Seaford I; Div 2 Crawley II; Div 3 (North) Collyers Sixth Form College; Dix III (South) Brighton. KO Cup Seaford I beat Dorothy Stringer 4-2 in the Final. Best Match Average Tankard shared by RB Moss, P New (both Wm Parker).

MacArthur Cup (Sussex Championship) went to Hastings who broke Brighton's sequence of 10 wins by beating them 4-2 in the Final 28.5.83.

County Individual Championship reverted to GH James who beat FJ Kwiatkowski  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  "in a hair-raising match". (We hear that FJK made a clean sweep of his club's trophies, thereby landing them with an impossible bill for engraving.)

SCCA Annual Jamboree 7.5.83 attracted 16 teams of 6 and was won by Brighton I and Seaford I jointly with 5/6. Brighton II were 3rd with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  and would have had  $5\frac{1}{2}$  "had not \*\*\*\*\* forgotten to press his clock".

SCCA Lightning Individual Championship 14.5.83 went to G Kenworthy with 5/6.

The SCCA bulletin for Summer/September reprints an article advocating divination by chess pieces. No comment.

The stirrings of Autumn have brought forth news from seven Counties out of ten. Our thanks to the active moles.

#### BCF NOTES

YEARBOOK 1983-4: This is due some time in October, price £2.50 or £2.25 if ordered in advance. Not sure exactly what "in advance" means. Orders to P Wilson, 99 Grange Rd, Darlington DL1 5NN.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (3 sections): entries close 30th September. Clubs should have had entry forms; if you haven't, get moving rapidly. Late entries will not be accepted.

"TIMES" SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT: Entries closed long ago but the organiser is very flexible. You just might get in if you act instantly. (We think the competition actually starts about the end of September.) Contact M Taylor 01 959 6915.

BULLETIN of the Grieson, Grant Championships 1983 is available from BCM, 9 Market St, St Leonards, E Sussex TN38 0DG, price £3.40.

NATIONAL CLUB 1982-3: The big one went to Oxford Univ who beat Cambridge Univ  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  in the Final. No, neither side could manage to field 6 players! Plate Final was between Oxford Univ B and Leeds Univ, played 22.8.83 but we don't know the result. Minor Championship was retained by Cambridge Univ who beat S Norwood on board count.

GRIEVESON, GRANT CHAMPIONSHIPS 1984 will be at Brighton 29/30 July to 11 August. There is a proposal to start on the Sunday with 2 rest days, the middle Saturday and the last Thursday. Proposals also to scrap the separate U21 and award the title to the highest placed U21 in the Championship proper; and to introduce U9 and U12 Championships.

INSURANCE: The BCF has arranged a block insurance policy, with "a major UK insurance company", available to all Clubs. It will cover equipment up to £500, members' and visitors' personal effects up to £250, and public liability up to £250 000, for a premium of £3 plus a BCF service charge of £2. Higher cover can be arranged. Some Counties already provide block cover, though the package may be different, and clubs insuring through their Counties are asked to stick with them. (The BCF's package does sound a good buy to us.)

LAWS of chess: Not BCF but FIDE. We see in the September Newsflash that FIDE are to discuss a completely revised text at their AGM 1-9 October. We can hardly believe it! Let us hope (well, the Bulletin hopes) that it will (a) say what it means and (b) be written in better English than the present text. Yes, it does matter.

#### SCCU COUNTY MATCHES 1983-4

The fixture list is on the back page. We summarise, for general interest, the guidelines which Jeff Douglas has already sent to match captains.

(1) Match rules: any County official can have these from Jeff. Match captains really ought to make sure they have a copy. (We heard of a match captain, last season, who'd never even seen one!)

(2) Amboyna/Ebony: these competitions, of course, are combined. We wrongly said last time that the Rules do not prohibit playing for more than one team in the same competition. In fact they do. But this rule will not be rigorously enforced for the Amboyna/Ebony; Counties with two teams in it are asked not to switch players from one to the other if they can reasonably avoid it, but they will not be penalised unless they break the "normal" rule. (That is, a player may appear twice in the higher team without being banned from the lower. A third appearance bans him.)

It has not yet been decided how the Ebony trophy will be awarded. At least, not at the time of writing; but the Executive will no doubt decide on the 23rd September and an account of this meeting should find its way into this issue somewhere.

Counties with 2 teams in the A/E should play their "internal" match first.

(3) Adjudications and appeals: the fees are £3 and £5 respectively. Many Counties send a deposit to the Adjudications Secretary at the start of the season, to save messing around with small cheques. This system has worked well over the last 3 or 4 seasons.

(4) Jeff comments on the excessive number of defaults last year, and urges all match captains to keep these to an absolute minimum. In particular, if a team knows it is going to default it is essential to tell the opposition in advance. Apart from being common courtesy (our comment, not Jeff's), it will avoid claims against you for travelling expenses.

1982-3 FINALS

We gave a couple of these last time, but without adjudication results. As all three winners are from the Southern Counties we make no apology for printing everything here in full.

Championship			Minor Counties		
Kent	2.7.83	Yorks	Sussex	2.7.83	Bucks
1 DJ King (B)	0 1	J Hall	1 D Cummings (B)	1 0	A Robbings
2 AC Kosten	1 0	J Howell	2 JC Hawsworth	1/2 1/2	H Golombek
3 RG Eales	1/2 a 1/2	A Dyson	3 G Kenworthy	0 1	RB Edwards
4 JJ Ady	1 0	MJ Haygarth	4 JC Henshaw	1 0	GM Boyce
5 MV Lambshire	0 1	SC Brown	5 BJ Denman	1 a 0	RCS Newton
6 RMR O'Kelly	1 a 0	D Adams	6 GH James	1/2 1/2	JC Saunders
7 AE Hanreck	1 0	CC Shephard	7 def	0 1	PC Girdlestone
8 IR Watson	1 a 0	AJ Dunnington	8 JIP Simpole	1/2 1/2	M Townsend
9 AG Trangmar	1 0	J Burnett	9 RV Elliston	1 a 0	P Hackman
10 PS Milner-Barry	0 1	P Botto	10 DGA Shallcross	0 1	GJ Nicholas
11 M Macdonald-Ross	1/2 a 1/2	N Littlewood	11 D Graham	1 0	RDW Marsh
12 JN Sugden	1 0	DM Wise	12 SON Hawes	1 0	DA Bennett
13 R Webb	1/2 1/2	JE Vickery	13 AB Bamford	0 1	CA Frostick
14 NF Dickenson	1 0	B Gvero	14 L Rutherford	1/2 1/2	KG Hyde
15 J Sommerville	0 1	BA Jones	15 P Fallon	0 1	RD de Coverly
16 MP Cook	1/2 1/2	RD Westra	16 LJ Cannon	1 a 0	EN Bramley
17 DJ Edmonds	0 1	PD Rooney	17 RH Williams	1/2 1/2	A Niedzwiedzki
18 N McDonald	0 a 1	A Kawalec	18 CE Cropp	1/2 1/2	AJ Cox
19 DH Powell	0 a 1	D Firth	19 DJ Hopson	0 1	PD Porter
20 AJ King	1 a 0	S Deighton	20 RTF Williams	1/2 1/2	JE Povey
21 G Botley	1/2 1/2	M Eke		10 1/2 9 1/2	
22 AP Smith	0 1	G Senior			
23 SW Giddins	1/2 1/2	R van Kamenade			
24 J Dodgson	1 a 0	DR Markham			

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Second Teams

Middx II	2.7.83	Kent II
1 R Colston (W)	1 0	SJ Jacobs
2 DP Lynch	0 1	D Paterson
3 KR Clark	1 0	RW O'Brien
4 DL Lee	1 a 0	MCL Read
5 SJ Tovey	0 1	DC Taylor
6 PD Yerbury	1 0	NR Keene
7 JM Quinn	0 1	JD Wager
8 C Blackwell	1/2 1/2	G Stevens
9 A Jackson	1 a 0	PR Price
10 RT Blackwell	1/2 1/2	A Richardson
11 J Ward	0 1	D Morris
12 RJ Pearce	0 1	D Reilly
13 CHJ Orton	1/2 1/2	TH Stonehouse
14 BJ Benjamin	1/2 1/2	GM Brown
15 GH Govas	1 a 0	G Tredinnick
16 MD Houghton	0 a 1	MJ Reddie

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Congratulations to Kent I and Sussex; this is Kent's 5th Championship, but Sussex have never won a BCF title before apart from a correspondence one 35 years ago.

The Second teams final is still undecided, or was last we heard. The match as it stands is a win for Middx on board count. However, a "barrage of complaints" (Newsflash) was made on several aspects of the match and these are still being considered by the BCF. The Bulletin's knowledge of the complaints is sketchy and probably incomplete. (Later: see page 1)

CONGRESS RESULTSDENGIE QUICKPLAY at Burnham on Crouch 3.7.83

1-2 Les Crane, Ben Thomas (both Chelmsford)  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ ; 3-6 D Millward (Marconi), G Luetchford (Witham), R Hall (Dengie), I Myall (Chelmsford) 4... 30 played. Grading U100 R Hall; Junior prize Trevor White (Chelmsford). This event was organised by the Dengie Chess Group, based at Burnham on Crouch (Essex). They are trying to overcome the difficulties of promoting active chess in a rural area and hope to establish quality QP events as a feature of their calendar. Results C Mann.

20th BERKS AND BUCKS at Amersham 26-29 August 1983

Championship (12 pl) 1 SM Taulbut (Reading)  $4\frac{1}{2}/6$ ; 2 B Eley (Rotherham) 4; 3-4 JF Rudge (Rickmansworth), PC Girdlestone (Lane End)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ...  
Premier (14 pl) 1-2 SJ Roe (Dunstable), RJ Starkie (Oxford)  $5/6$ ; 3 DJ Faulkner (Hull) 4  
Challengers (16 pl) 1 S Mitchell (Leeds)  $4\frac{1}{2}/6$ ; 2-3 A Buckland (Maidenhead), A Dunlop (Slough) 4...

Reserves A (16 pl) 1-2 S Charles (Long Crendon), C Kennedy (H Wycombe)  $4\frac{1}{2}$   
Reserves B (14 pl) 1-2 AD Meakes (Par, Cornwall), JF Gregson (Chalfont St Giles)  $4\frac{1}{2}$   
Reserves C (14 pl) 1-3 JM Haslinger (Hayes Middx), P Hinds (H Hempstead), D Samuel (Burnham) 4

Reserves D (16 pl) 1 S Scopes (Chesham) 6

Reserves E (14 pl) 1-2 D Carrod (H Wycombe), MK Reeves (Aylesbury) 5

Reserves F (16 pl) 1 W Goodwin (H Hempstead)  $5\frac{1}{2}$

Bucks Free Press Tripartite Shield went to High Wycombe ahead of Bourne End and Gerrards Cross; Bucks Examiner Cup to Paul Girdlestone (who beat Shaun Taulbut in the last round); Mrs J Stean Cup (most promising U14) to JG Lane (=3rd in Reserves F).  
 Lightning Tournament: 1 Gerald Moore (Chalfont St Peter/Dublin); 2 Jack Alster (Iver Heath); 3-4 Alex Buckland (Maidenhead), David Carless (H Wycombe).

Res AJ Cox

7th LLOYDS BANK INTERNATIONAL at the Park Lane Hotel, London, 24 Aug - 1 Sep 1983 attracted players from 24 countries; the 130 entrants included 7 GMs and 33 others with FIDE titles.

1 (tie-break) GM Razuvaev (USSR)  $7/9$ ; 2-4 GMs Nunn (Eng), Matanovic (Yug), IM Watson (Eng) 7; 5-10 GM Tarjan (USA), IMs Hartston and King (Eng), IM Johansen (Aus), IM Murey (Isr), IM Shvidler (Isr)  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ; 11-18 GM Keene (Eng), IM Ravikumar (Ind), Levene (NZ), FM Kopec (USA), FM Britton, FM Cummings, FM Wicker, Hawksworth (all Eng) 6... Other scores of players rated 2350+: GMs Quinteros (Arg), Bilek (Hung); IMs Rogers (Aus), Gutman (Isr), Pliester (NL); FMs Barua (Ind), Kosten (Eng); Thipsay (Ind), McKay (Sco)  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; IMs Hebert (Can), Iskov (Den); FM Cox (Eng); Lawton (Eng) 5; IM Gulbrandsen (Nor), FM Wockenfuss (W Ger) 4

Lloyds Bank Ladies International (incorporated in above) 1 (tie-break) WIM Fischdick (W Ger)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2 Pluymert (NL)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3-4 WIM Nieves Garcia (Sp), Needham (Eng) 4; 5-6 WIM Jackson (Eng), A Cameron (NL)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7-10 Hamid (Ban), I Hund (W Ger), Milligan (Sco), P Cameron (NL) 3; 11 WIM Sunnucks (Eng)  $1\frac{1}{2}$

Lloyds Bank Junior International (also incorporated) 1 Hawksworth (Eng) 6; 2-6 Barua (Ind), Bowden, Dickenson, Levitt, FM Wells (all Eng)  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; 7-16 Mishra (Ind), Moulin (Bel), Howell, Lane, FM Conquest, FM Jacobs, Waddingham, Wall, Watts, J Hawthorne (all Eng) 5

Norms: IM Britton, Cummings, Hawksworth, Kosten, Levitt, Wicker; WIM Needham and that's just the British ones. There were 5 others.

Results Lloyds Bank

14th THANET at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate, 2-4 Sep 1983

Open 1-2 SD Brown (Orpington), I Murey (Israel)  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ ; 3-5 C Cooley, B Eley (Rotherham), E Shvidler (Israel) 4... 40 pl. Thanet Prize: IR Watson (Canterbury) 3

Major (36 pl) 1-2 DM Gibbons (Folkestone), LR Gurr (Gillingham)  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ ; 3-4 P Childs (London), NW Savage (Strood) 4...

Minor 1 RH Hosking (Broadstairs)  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ ; 2-6 JM Baldwin (Gillingham), PWL Clough (Canterbury), MD Sadler (Chatham, age 9), H Sharples (Sandwich), J Vaughan (Sutton) 4

Res MR Croft

GRIEVESON, GRANT BCF CONGRESS at Southport: See the September Newsflash. But congratulations, and we hope we aren't missing anyone, to the following SCCU players. British Championship AJ Mestel, MG Chandler (1st and 2nd respectively); Under 21 F Khan (=1st); Under 18 D Watts (=1st), S Walker (=3rd); Under 16 N McDonald (1st, with the highest score of the Congress); CG Ward (=3rd); Under 11 D Cook, S Follett (=3rd); Major Open JN Sugden (=2nd). (Your Editor managed  $3/5$  in a 5 day event and claims the dubious distinction of winning a prize for Crazy Chess.)



## LAW OF CHESS

If you know your Bulletin it will come as no surprise to you that the Editor sent for a copy of the proposed new FIDE rules (see page 4). They've just arrived. We've only had time for a quick look through them, but basically they are the old rules with the substance of the Interpretations, if not their verbiage, written in. A useful tidying-up exercise. There are some new bits, though. The most startling concern "mating force". It is proposed that a game should be declared drawn as soon as checkmate is impossible for both sides (e.g. Ks and same-colour Bs only); and that loss on time should be impossible if the opponent has a bare K (draw). In a few cases there is an attempt to tighten up the rules, reducing the arbiter's discretion; for example, "extremely pressed for time" is given a definition (admittedly a very generous one) and the "touched piece" rule is rather hilariously extended. We didn't spot a "touched-promoted-queen" rule. (Why not? This one is needed, and the Chairman of the Rules Commission is known to have views on it.) Some of the changes are probably typist's accidents; we can't really believe anyone's proposing that, where the player due to reply to a sealed move turns up late, his clock should not be started until he arrives.

Our impression is that the English is better. "When he arrives" is a distinct improvement on "at the time of his arrival". But we'll bore you no further.

A couple of simuls:

John Nunn at Sevenoaks 17.9.83 scored +31 =2 (RJ Haddrell, MA Lee) -1 (CG Ward).  
Jon Speelman at Ramsgate 18.9.83 scored +15 =2 (JG Lloyd, R Pooley) -0.

Civil Service CA: A postscript to the item at the top of page 2. When the Grading Programmer refused to accept the CSCA results he was unaware that they had affiliated their Congress to the BCF precisely in order to get it graded... What difference it would have made to his attitude if he had known, we don't know. Maybe he'd have accepted the Congress and refused the League?? Suppose it's an odd situation, really, when you have to affiliate to the BCF to be graded by the SCCU. Perhaps they'd better send their results to the BCF. Roll on centralised grading.

Some games from the Lloyds Bank International, courtesy of the Bank

White GM Keene    Black FM Cox

1 d4	d5	19 Rxb4	Nb6
2 c4	Nc6	20 Ke2	Kg5
3 Nc3	dxcc	21 Rgl+	Kf4
4 Nf3	Nf6	22 Rg3	Rd8
5 e3	Bg4	23 Kf1	Nc4
6 Bxc4	e6	24 Rb5	Ne3+
Black can't play ...a6 because of 7 Qb3,		25 Ke2	Rcd7
has to transpose to a rather inferior		26 R5g5	1-0
version of a Queens Gambit Accepted.		Notes by RD Keene	

7 h3	Bh5
8 Bb5	Bd6
9 e4	Bb4
10 Qa4	Bxf3?

A weak move. Before playing 10 Qa4 I had spent half an hour on the main line 10...0-0-0 11 Bxc6 Bxc3+ 12 bxc3 bxc6 13 Bg5! h6 14 Bh4 g5 15 Nxc5 hxc5 16 Bxc5 (intending Qa5 or e5) e5 17 Qxc6 (less good is 17 dxc5 Qd3) Kg7 18 dxe5 when White has a winning attack since 18...Qd3 can here be met by 19 exf6+

11 Bxc6+	bxcc
12 Qxc6+	Ke7?

At least he should try ...Nd7

13 gxf3	Qxd4
14 Qxc7+	Nd7
15 Bg5+	f6
16 Rd1	Rfc8

Losing tamely, but if ...Bxc3+ 17 bxc3 Rfc8 18 Qg3! and wins after ...Qxc3+ 19 Bd2; or ...Qc4 19 Qd6+ or ...Qc5 19 Be3 17 Rxd4 Rxc7 18 Bxf6+ Kxf6

<u>White</u> FM Conquest	<u>Black</u> GM Keene
1 d4	g6
2 c4	Bg7
3 Nc3	d6
4 e4	Nc6
5 d5	Nd4
6 Be3	e5
(...c5 7 Nge2 Qb6 8 Nxd4 cxd4 9 Na4	Qa5+ 10 Bd2 Qc7 11 c5! favoured
White in Seirawan-Keene, Holland 1982)	
7 Nge2	Nxe2
8 Bxe2	Nh6
Simply ...Ne7 is preferable, eg 9 g4	f5 10 gxf5 gxf5 11 Bh5+ Kf8
9 g4	Qh4?
10 Rgl!	f6
Only now did Black see that 10...Qxh2?	fails to 11 Kd2!
11 Nb5	Kd8
12 c5!	Nf7
13 Qc2	Bd7
14 c6 (even better is cxd6 cxd6 15Qc7+	Ke7 16 Nxd6!)

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14 bxc6  
15 dxc6 Be6  
16 Bc4! Re8

If ...Bxc4 17 Qxc4 and White's Q delivers mate.

17 Bxe6 Rxe6  
18 Qb3 Re7  
19 Nxa7 Ke8

The only way to save the R against Qb7

20 Qb7 Rd8  
21 Nc8 Re6  
22 Qxc7 Bh6  
23 O-O-Q Qxf2  
24 Bxh6 Nxb6  
25 Kbl!

Now the K is away from checks and W can put a R on c1 to support the c P's advance

Nf7  
26 Qb7 1-0

Notes based on those by Stuart Conquest in the tournament Bulletin.

White GM Quinteros Black FM Conquest

1 d4 Nf6  
2 c4 c5  
3 d5 b5  
4 cxb5 a6  
5 e3 g6  
6 Nc3 Bg7  
7 a4 O-O  
8 Nf3 Bb7  
9 Ra3 e6

10 dxe6 fxe6  
11 Qd6 Qc8  
12 Be2 Ne8  
13 Qg3 d5  
14 O-O

This is a good practical method of meeting the Benko Gambit. The WQ is active while the a3R stops Black's usual Q side counter-action. I knew the game Tarjan-Benjamin, US Championship 1983, which went 14...Nf6 15 Qh3 Qe8 16 Rdl in W's favour. My opponent's move was worse, leaving the Pe6 decisively weak.

a5?  
15 Qh3 Bf6  
16 e4! d4  
17 Bc4 Ng7  
18 e5 Be7  
19 Ne2 Bxf3  
20 Rxf3 Rxf3  
21 gxf3 Qf8  
22 Bxe6+ Nxe6  
23 Qxe6+ Kg7  
24 Nf4 1-0

Notes by M Quinteros.

Journalist: "What was your decisive mistake in this game?"

KJ Wicker: "I had too many points at the start."

For the tournament bulletin, contact RW O'Brien, 48 Tierney Rd SW2.

### CORRECTION

We remarked last time that Essex had no Junior Organiser. (They'd be in good company.) In fact, though we did have some cause to believe it, it wasn't true. The Essex Junior Organiser is still DK Winter; see the 1982-3 Yearbook, and presumably the 83-4 one too.

### SCCU GRADING SERVICES

You are reminded that the following special services are available from the Grading Programmer, HT Jones, Flat 2, 11 Guildford Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1SW.

Club List. A print-out of all players in a given club, including those with too few games to get into the published list. Gives more detail than the published list, but may omit players new(ish) to the club and include lapsed ones. Only one copy per club, first come first served. Price £2 plus SAE about 9" x 4".

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Cheques should be payable to SCCU. Mr Jones cannot supply the published Grading List itself; that comes from the Grading Secretary (PI Clemow, 7 The Fairway, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4SP) and costs £1.70.

You're lucky to get this issue at all. The duplicator shed a drive band half way through the job. Happily, your Editor's skilled with the bootlace...

## \* CONGRESS DIARY

- Oct 1 COMET CIRCLE N4. U175. C Lai, 12 Lagan House, Summer Rd SE15. 26 Sep  
 1-2 ASHFORD JUNIOR U18; U14/11 Sat only. RG Blake, 260 Hythe Rd, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent (A 39372). 30 Sep.  
 2 DUNSTABLE. Graded sections + junior. K Liddle, 1 Lime Tree Close, Luton 51961  
 7-9 NORTH DEVON at Woolacombe Bay Hotel. U181; U131. MEE Clarke, Chapel House, Morwenstow, Bude, Cornwall (M 256)  
 7-9 PERTH Premier; U150; U120; Schools U100. DG Cowling, 5 May Place, Perth 20736. 3 Oct.  
 8 HACKNEY F9. Hackney Chess Club, 23 Mitford Rd N19. 30 Sep.  
 9 BELPER. IG Iglesias, 10 Broom Close, Belper 5043  
 10-14 NORTH DEVON Open (see 7-9)  
 14-16 NORTH DEVON Open; U151 (see 7-9)  
 15-16 NORTHAMPTON JUNIOR. P Denton, 58 King Edward Rd, Abington, Northampton  
 16 BASINGSTOKE. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Bucksin, Basingstoke  
 16-22 GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL at St Peter Port. Open; U145. Chess Festival, PO Box 23, Guernsey 56848  
 21-23 GWBERT ON SEA Open; U151. K Downey, 40 Fanthall Terrace, Carmarthen  
 21-23 SCARBOROUGH Open; U161; U136; U111; age U18. DCG McGregor, 15 Pinewood Drive, Scarborough, N Riding  
 21-23 LONDON OPEN FOR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED SW1. P Bond, 2 Stanley Rd N11 (tel S O'Brien 01 540 4001)  
 22-23 HITCHIN Open; U151; U126; age U11 (Sat); U16/13 (Sun). JG Jones, 9 Lancaster Ave, Hitchin 54171  
 22-23 ROCHDALE Open; U160; U120. R Plant, 7 Harrow Ave, Bamford, Rochdale  
 22-23 ENGLISH DEAF at Birmingham. PK Gardner, 98 Belvedere Rd, Bexleyheath, Kent  
 22-23 LONDON JUNIOR TEAM NW1. LG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Park N5  
 24-26 1st BURNHAM AUTUMN (Berks/Bucks Junior) U18. Sections by age; U10 25-26 only. A Challenger, 6 Boarlands Close, Cippenham, Slough, Berks (S 38589). 17 Oct.  
 28-30 BEDWORTH U185; U145; U110; ages U16; U14; U12; U10/8. D Evans, 47 Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth 0926 58500. 17 Oct.  
 Nov 11-13 AARONSON at Harrow. Open; U155; U120; ages U12; U10; U8. Jill Triggs, 33 Trevellance Way, Garston, Herts. 29 Oct.  
 20 PIN GREEN, Stevenage. Open; U151; U126; Junior. A Roochove, 33 Ely Close, Stevenage 68827  
 24-2 ACCOUNTANCY AGE MASTERS: International Open Swiss. RW O'Brien, 48 Tierney Rd, London SW2 (tel NR Oliver 01 461 0486)  
 Dec 2-4 ACCOUNTANCY AGE CLOSED (limited to members of accountancy profession). Suzzane Wood, VNU Business Publications BV, 53/55 Frith St W1A 2HG 01 439 4242  
 3-11 REGENCY MASTERS at Ramsgate. 9 rd Open International. N Povah, 21 Johnston Green, Guildford GU2 6XS 0483 234119

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And DA Horn is not, as alleged inside the front cover, a member of the SCCU Executive. Apologies for this error.

## Counties competing:

Championship Berks, Bucks, Cambs, Essex, Herts, Kent, Middx, Surrey, Sussex (9 teams)Montague-Jones Essex II, Herts II, Kent II, Middx II, Oxon (5 teams)Phillips and Drew Amboyna/Ebony Essex III, Kent III, Kent IV, Middx III, Surrey II, Surrey III, Sussex II (7 teams)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Championship:</u>	<u>M-Jones</u>	<u>Amboyna/Ebony</u>
Oct 1		MK OH	
8	SyM KH BrC SxE		SxM K3K4
15			
22		KO EM	
29	EBr CK HSy MBu		
Nov 5			MK3 K4Sy2 ESx
12		OE HK	
19	BuH SyC KE BrSx		
26			Sy2M Sy3K4 K3E
Dec 3		EH MO	
10	SxK ESy CBu HM		
17		HM KE	
Jan 7		KM HO	
14	MC BuE SySx KBr		
21			MSy3 ESy2 SxK3
28	BrSy SxBu EM CH		
Feb 4		OK ME	
11	HE MSx BuBr SyK		
18			K4M Sy3E Sy2Sx
25		EO KH	
Mar 3	KBu BrM SxH EC		
10			EK4 SxSy3 K3Sy2
17	CSx HBr MK BuSy		
24		HE OM	
31			ME K4Sx Sy3K3
Apr 7		MH EK	

To be arranged: Sy2Sy3 (Amboyna/Ebony).

Please send all results to the Bulletin without delay. No publication no grading. And it helps if you give the Bulletin advance warning of changed dates. This stops the Editor fretting over "missing" results.

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