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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 26th April 1985. Fifteen attended. Items of general interest went something like this:

(1) Money.

The provisional accounts show a surplus somewhere above the £100 mark and there is no proposal to change the county levy for next season. Grading, always the largest factor, showed a surplus of £60-odd. This includes a hefty contribution from Trevor Jones's special services, without which the price of the Grading List would have to be considerably higher. As it is, a small increase will be proposed at the AGM. Your Bulletin made a (very) small surplus but the sub is bound to go up next year. An area in which costs seem likely to rise is junior competition and training.

(2) County matches.

(a) The Executive was called upon to rule on a rather curious dispute that had arisen in the match Kent I - Surrey I. One of the Kent players mistakenly thought the time control was on move 36 (actually it was on move 40). He was black. After white's 40th move - but before black's - the Kent player proposed stopping. His opponent declined, and left the board. The match still had some 20 minutes to run, most of it on black's clock. Subsequent events are unclear but it is established that the Kent player wrote the position down while his clock ran; and that a (Kent) official, seeing him doing so, assumed the game was over and took the clock away. The Surrey player asked to have it back and it was retrieved from the cupboard, restarted, and restored to the board. Some time later, and with his flag a minute or two from falling, the Kent player at last became aware of what was going on and made a move. Nothing was said, at this stage, about irregularities. Kent claimed a win on adjudication. Surrey did not send the position up, but claimed the game on the grounds that (a) the clock had been removed; (b) more than one Kent man had commented the position to the Kent player while he had still not made his 40th move; and (c) a Kent man had told the player he had not reached the time control. (It was also alleged (d) that the Kent match captain, seeing his player was in danger of losing on time, tried to have the match stopped early.) Kent categorically denied (b), (c) and (d). The County Match Controller ruled that the game should be void, and Surrey appealed against this ruling. The Executive unanimously upheld it. (Your Editor's opinion, for what it's worth, is that allegations (b), (c) and (d), since unsubstantiated, would have to be rejected; however, the removal and subsequent retrieval of the clock might have quite innocently played a part in waking the Kent player up to what was going on - though in fact he didn't wake up till some time afterwards. This seems the only reason, but a fair one, for not giving Kent the game.)

(b) The question of Cambridgeshire's participation in the Championship came up again. You may remember that it had been proposed to arrange all their matches in the University term, but that in exchange for this concession Cambs would be liable to play any match away from home if the opponents so required. What you will not remember, because it hadn't happened when the last Bulletin appeared, is that Cambs have found this condition unacceptable. (Surprise, surprise.) So the Executive thought again. There has always been a minority feeling that Cambs should not play in SCCU competition at all, and this opinion was voiced again. Some were unhappy, also, about Cambs defaults and general inefficiency this year; though others were unconvinced that Cambs were much the worst offenders, and thought we should not, anyway, damn future Cambs administrators for the sins of current ones. One thing that was clear was that we could not constitutionally exclude Cambs without asking Council to throw them out of the Union. A consensus emerged that we were in danger of being unfair to Cambs, and the following proposal was at length hammered out and agreed on: The county match timetable will take no account of the University term. If Cambs can prevail on their opponents to change dates to suit them, fine; if not, that is their hard luck. Thus some counties will have the chance of an easy fixture - or even a default - against an out-of-term Cambridgeshire. To avoid this falling to the lot of the same counties every year, the fixture list will be "rotated".

(c) The Fixture Secretary reminded the Executive that our nomination for the BCF Second Teams competition is made on the strength of the Montague-Jones league; which currently excludes a couple of second teams playing in the Amboyna/Ebony. He suggested a new KO competition open to all second teams. This idea may be put to Council in due course.

(d) Some minor modifications to the Tournament Rules were suggested. These will not happen in time for next season.

(e) The new late-season KO for Amboyna/Ebony teams was reported to be under way (some results on a later page). The proposed QP has fallen through this year, for want of sufficient entries.

3. Juniors.

There was some discussion of the SCCU U18 team championship, which is now split into Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan sections with a play-off. The non-Met part was something of a nonsense this year, with only one entry. Though reasons for this were

not entirely financial, it was suggested that a fares-equalisation scheme might improve matters.

About this time of year it is normally the Union's task to sift county nominations for British Chess Educational Trust awards, and forward either one or two to the BCF. To be honest, there is rarely much sifting to do: it is unusual for the nine counties between them, or do we mean ten, to come up with more than one or two nominations, and their standards are obviously exacting as the quality of the nominees is always high. This year the Executive is spared its task, as the counties have made no nominations at all.

4. Grading. The position on the BCF's centralised scheme is still unclear; it is still hoped to have it working in time to produce the next grading list but one. The position on the Data Protection Act is equally unclear. It certainly covers grading data held on disc or tape, but it is not obvious who, precisely, is liable to pay a registration fee. (An intrepid member of the Executive had not only read the Act but actually brought the thing with him. He showed it to your Editor, who got as far as clause 2 before giving up.)

The Annual Council Meeting will be held on the 22nd June - formal notice to counties in due course. It is not the practice, nor indeed practicable, to send notice to county delegates direct: prod your county secretary, if you are one.

CHESS TRAINING IN THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES

Eric Croker writes on a subject that has occupied him lately:

Both the BCF and the SCCU have been giving thought in recent months to chess training. The subject divides naturally into two parts, relating to juniors (i.e. generally Under 18s) and to seniors.

Junior Training

The BCF has instituted a national scheme for Grandmaster coaching of our strongest juniors at various centres across the country. Within our area efforts have been made in this direction, e.g. by Berkshire, Kent and CentYMCA, but on the whole the BCF is surprised that so little has been done by us, especially in the London area. It has been said in our defence that the strongest juniors would prefer to play chess, especially in weekend congresses, rather than be coached, but this is only half an answer. Juniors, even the strongest ones, may continue to adopt dubious practices over the board if nobody points them out and suggests how to avoid them. The SCCU Executive Committee has therefore decided to hold a first training weekend session at Highbury Fields School in London. A provisional booking has been made for 28/29 September. The plan is that with the aid of a BCF grant a Grandmaster will be obtained to coach a group of perhaps ten of our strongest juniors, chosen from the SCCU as a whole. There will also be two other groups of juniors who at the same time will receive coaching from strong senior players, and they will join with the first group for at least one session during the weekend. The Executive has agreed to pay up to £50 towards the costs, though the personal expenses of the players will be met by them or their parents or by their county organisations. If this weekend proves successful then others will follow, it is hoped, taking into account the lessons learnt in the first.

It should be emphasised that much of the detailed planning has yet to be worked out, but any practical suggestions would be welcomed. In any event, there is no wish to cut across plans made by counties or clubs for local training, especially of the younger and weaker players. Good luck to anyone who plans to help them!

Senior training

Here the problems are rather different. Many seniors care little - so they say - whether their chess improves; they are content to enjoy the game, win, draw or lose. Family, work and social ties also limit the amount of time devoted by most seniors to improving their chess. For all that, there is perhaps a case for organising coaching of those who are willing to be coached. A suggestion put to county first teams via their match captains was that we might invite a Grandmaster to spend one day (not more) in coaching a group of strong county players provided they or their counties contributed to the cost, which might well total £150 or so in all. The circular sent to the county match captains asked players to say whether they were interested in such a scheme and, if so, whether they were prepared to pay £5, £10 or £20 a head towards the cost in addition to their personal expenses. The response by the deadline in late April was disappointing, with replies only from Berkshire (very prompt) and Herts. Kent replied later. The Executive Committee therefore decided to defer action till a more representative group of replies had been received. So, if you are a county first team player and you have not seen the questionnaire sent to your captain please

persuade him to take action; or if you prefer, write to Eric Croker, 3 Berridge Green, Edgware, Middx HA8 6EQ with your replies to the questions indicated above.

The SCCU, if encouraged by players' replies to go ahead with coaching plans, will probably have to provide for stronger players only - perhaps those graded from 180 or 190 upwards. Evidently there is a strong case for coaching relatively weak players too, but sheer numbers suggest that is best left to county organisations.

Finally, the author of this article simply loathes putting pen to paper and wrote this only at the insistence of your Editor and the Executive Committee; he resolutely declines to institute a long correspondence with anyone. But we can promise that any suggestions you put forward will be very seriously considered, whether your concern is with juniors, or with seniors, or with both.

JUNIOR NEWS

Some missing match results this year. A couple of Metropolitan ones have not reached us, and we don't know who won the BCF U18 titles (finals scheduled for the 30th March, last we heard). We don't even know who won the SCCU Girls play-off between Surrey and Sussex. But the (Open) play-off went Middx 11 1 Sussex (played at Highbury, 3.3.85)

Middx			Sussex			Middx			Sussex		
1	D Watts	1 0	M Hepworth	7	A Mortazavi	1 0	A Cooper				
2	J Sharp	1 0	L Howlett	8	J Carlin	1 0	M Rausch				
3	G Wall	1 0	M Rich	9	B Beake	1 0	S Wade				
4	A Stone	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Graves	10	C Duncan	1 0	P Garland				
5	M Ross	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P New	11	J Cavendish	1 0	R Escombe				
6	M Smith	1 0	J Thompson	12	M Josse	1 0	R Polak				

LLOYDS BANK SCCU/BCF JUNIOR SQUAD CHAMPIONSHIPS

* means SCCU Champion, ** BCF Squad Champion.

First weekend, 22-24 March 1985:

Under 21 (28 pl) 1 S Conquest*** (Sx) 5/6; 2-4 J Gallagher (Sy), N McDonald (K), PK Welis (Hants) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 5-6 NF Dickenson (K), IL Thomas (H) 4; 7-11 D Griffin (Scotland), MT Hennigan (M), DL Lee (M), DM McFarlane (Br, Aus), PJ Morris (K) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 16 (59 pl) 1 G Quillan** (Merseyside) $5\frac{1}{2}$ /6; 2-3 DA Wood* (K), BD Beake (M) 5; 4-6 PA Dargan (Northumberland), A Mortazavi (M), AP Summerscale (M) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 7-13 J Cavendish (M), P Georghiou (M), JR Goddard (Hants), RJ Kynoch, G McPeake (Scot), P Mukherjee (Shropshire), MD Sadler (K) 4...

Under 12 (76 pl) 1-3 JR Poulton** (Hants), DA Triggs* (M), A Webster (Sy) 6/7; 4-9 N Callow (Sy), SJ Cullip (Northants), PF Hennigan (M), A Hon (M), A Selkirk (M), D Neil (Hants) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 10-16 DP Harvey (E), AC Keehner (E), GJ Haslinger (M), F Lau (M), BMH Hong (K), PE Jowett (Lancs), MI Walker (Hants) 5...

Under 10 (incorporated in U12: 42 pl) 1 D Kumaran*** (M) $5\frac{1}{2}$ /7; 2 DW Essex (Lincs) 5; 3-7 D Hassapis (M), DB Rosenberg (M), MJ Jacob (Hants), M Phypers (Derbys), D Woods (Bu) 4...

Second weekend, 19-21 April 1985:

Under 18 (53 pl) 1-5 M Adams** (Cornwall), JR Goddard (Hants), AP Summerscale (M), PJ Morris (K), DA Wood* (K) $4\frac{1}{2}$ /6; 6-11 PT Georghiou (M), MT Hennigan (M), M Hazelton (Durham), DJ Mason (Warwicks), SG Moetteli (Hants), SD Singh (E) 4... (Michael Adams is only the third 13-year-old to win a national U18 event.)

Under 14 (102 pl) 1 G Buckley** (Staffs) $5\frac{1}{2}$ /6; 2-5 SAM Foister (Br), JR Poulton, MI Walker (Hants), MD Sadler* (K) 5; 6-10 EL Godber (Hants), A Selkirk (M), DA Triggs (M), S Singhal (Warwicks), T Ulicsak (K) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 11-21 N Bastick, D Neil (Hants), C Briscoe (Sy), O Duncan (M), D Kumaran (M), A Graham (Cleveland), J Hutchings (Devon), A Jamal (E), D Mehta (E), J Rogers (E), L Jones (Ches), I Moroney (K) 4... (It is very rare for a 10-year-old to win an SCCU U14 title.)

National Girls Under 18/16 (8 pl) 1 MA Hepworth***U18 (Sx) $4\frac{1}{2}$ /5; 2 S Christopher (Lincs) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 3 A Spiller**U16 (Glos/Wales) 3; 4 F Cohen*(?) (M) $2\frac{1}{2}$; 5-7 T Munday (Sx), SC Scott (K), L Cunningham (Hants) 2; 8 J Baxendine*U16 (Sy) $\frac{1}{2}$ ("Now there's a record which will take some beating!" - LWB)

National Girls Under 14 (8 pl) 1 N Regan*** (Bu) $4\frac{1}{2}$ /5; 2 A Bell (Sx) 4; 3 A Ranson (Hants) 3; 4 N Jones (Ches) $2\frac{1}{2}$; 5 R Rahamim (K) 2; 6-8 N Bradford (Sy), C Davies (Wales), J Owen (Gtr Mcr) $1\frac{1}{2}$

National Girls Under 12/10 (29 pl) 1 C Haslinger*** (M) 7/7; 2 E Holland**U10 (Hants) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 3-4 N Hon*U10 (M), J Smith (Lincs) 5; 5-8 J Eastwood (Somerset), C Joy (Yorks), G Lomimbao (M), G O'Farrell (Hants) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 9-11 AM Ashby (Warwicks), H Heron (Hants), M Johnson (K) 4...
Results Lloyds Bank/LW Barden

WEALD OF KENT JUNIOR 16 March 1985 attracted 124 players for the U14, U11 and U10, and one (!) for the U18. (He fancied his chances for the prize money, but they cancelled it.) See Newsflash for results.

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"TIMES" Schools Tournament

Round 1 (SCCU): St Pauls London (15.7) 3 3 Trinity Croydon (14.11); Judd Tonbridge (15.8) 4 2 Dulwich College (15.11); Watford GS (15.3) 3 3 RGS H Wycombe
Round 2: RGS Colchester (15.10) 3½ 2½ Watford GS (15.4); St Pauls (15.8) 5 1 Judd (15.9); Nottingham (17.5) 3½ 2½ St Bedes Bradford (16.2); Q Marys Walsall (16.5) 3½ 2½ Kings Peterboro (16.11); KESS Soton (14.2) 6 0 Forest, Wokingham (14.7); Blue Coat (16.3) 4½ 1½ Bolton School; RGS Newcastle (16.1) 4½ 1½ Greenwood Acad (14.9); Plymouth (14.10) 5½ ½ Neath College (17.10)
Round 3: Colchester v St Pauls; Newcastle v Blue Coat; Plymouth v KESS Soton; Nottingham v QM Walsall

ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS CA Team Championships, Southern Zone

Under 11 30.3.85: 1 SE London 45½/60; 2-3 Barnet, Hants 44½; 4 Wey Valley 42; 5 NW London 41½ (these 5 qualify for the Finals); 6-7 Tower Hamlets, Kent 39½; 8 Avon 31½; 9 Wycombe 29; 10 S Devon 24; 11 W Glam 22; 12 Somerset 21½; 13 Berks 16½; 14 Gwent 16; 15 W Wilts 13½; 16 Thamesdown 9

Under 9 9.3.85: 1 Tower Hamlets 29/36; 2 London 28; 3 Hants 27; 4 Barnet 22; 5 Wycombe 19½; 6-7 B'ham, Northampton 19; 8-9 Wey Valley, Kent 18½ (these qualify); 10 Avon 17; 11 S Staffs 16½; 12 Solihull 14; 13 Wolverhampton 13; 14 Walsall 5½; 15 Gwent 5

Three-cornered U11 friendly over 50 boards 2.3.85: 1 SE London 93½/150; 2 Kent 79; 3 Barnet 51½ (and we think there must have been a double default).

WEY VALLEY Schools leagues - Farnham: Wm Cobbett; Camberley: Watchett's; Godstone: St Stephens; Woking: W Byfleet; Godalming: Cranleigh Prep; Chertsey: Woburn Hill; Guildford: RGS; Leatherhead: Danes Hill

KENT Schools League winners: Senior (27 teams) Tunbridge Wells Boys GS; Under 16 (43 teams) St Edmunds RC School, Dover; Under 13 (37 teams) Simon Langton Boys GS, Canterbury; Primary (47 teams) Adamsrill, Sydenham

TUNBRIDGE WELLS and District Schools League - Senior: TW Boys GS; U16: Beacon (Crowborough); U13: Wm Parker (Hastings)

ROUND THE COUNTIES

HERTFORD CHESS CLUB staged a Tony Miles simul 13.4.85. The GM scored +24 =1 (N Barltrop) -1 J Holland.

KENT Finals Day took place 19.5.85 at Dartford. All the finals, club and individual, under one roof, simultaneously. Can't be a bad idea and Kent have been doing it for a while now, though as far as we know no one's copied it yet. Results - County Cup: Sidcup beat Tunbridge Wells 3½-2½; Lewis Cup: Charlton III beat Thanet on board count; Stevenson Cup: Charlton V beat Canterbury II 3½-2½; En Passant Cup: Black Lion beat Sittingbourne II 4½-1½; Harvey Cup: Charlton IX(!) beat Rainham II 4½-1½. Individual Championship: NR Oliver drew with DA Wood - to re-play; Major: MH Micklethwaite beat A Raof; Intermediate between R Hyde and A Paterson, postponed; Minor: H Sharples beat K Fillmore by default.

SURREY: Slater-Kennington Final was won by RFT Abayasekera. Surrey Trophy goes to either Guildford or Mitcham; Ellam Trophy to Battersea; Centenary Trophy to Kingston 3; Minor Trophy to Ashtead 3. Ellery Williams Memorial Trophy (QP 1 hour) is down to the final between Kingston and S Norwood.

SUSSEX Championship is between Gary Kenworthy and either FJ Kwiatkowski or APH Kinsman (will GK return to Sussex to play it?). W Sussex Queen went to D Clarke (Crawley), Veterans title to DJ Opie. MacArthur Cup West to Worthing; Central/Eastern to Hastings.

CHILTERN LEAGUE: Herts III (7½ 10½) Bucks II 20.4.85

CONGRESS RESULTS

SURREY EASTER at Sutton, 5-8 April 1985

Frank Winter Memorial Open (89 played) 1-3 DH Cummings (Bracknell: SCCU title, plus £50 prize, on tie-break), JM Hodgson (Streatham), G Crawley (Athenaeum) 6/7; 4-5 R Abayasekera (Guildford), RA Harris (Mushrooms) 5½... Grading U185 PJ Sullivan (Sutton) 5; U170 NE Foster (Hampstead) 4½; U155 RF Willmoth (Hackney) 5. Junior U18 IM Sim (Sutton) 4

Under 150 (110 pl) 1-2 POC Byrne (Kingston), BA Pittman (Crystal Palace) $6\frac{1}{2}/7$; 3-4 AO Alabi (Ks Head), T Woo (Brighton) 6; 5 PD Dupre (Chertsey) $5\frac{1}{2}$... Grading U135 DG Maclean (Battersea) $5\frac{1}{2}$; U120 G Deards (Morley) 5. Junior U18 S Dishman (Trinity School) $4\frac{1}{2}$; U16 A Webster (Sutton) $4\frac{1}{2}$

Main APAs (8 player sections): "A" 1-2 BA Barlow (Richmond), RJ Wilcox (Wimbledon) $4\frac{1}{2}$; "B" 1-3 HM Lawrance (Hammersmith), SA Silver (Ashtead), J Vaughan (Wallington) 5; "C" 1-2 S Eastwick-Field (Ks Head), WGV McLaughlin (Athenaeum) $5\frac{1}{2}$

Main APAs (6 players): "E" 1 AS Osborn (Redhill) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 GHJ Kendall (SW19) $3\frac{1}{2}$; "F" 1 DP Johnson (Sutton Manor School) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 2-3 DA Baldock (S Norwood), JPR Cook (W Wickham) 3; "G" 1 PJ Brown (Addington) 4; 2 B Swaffield (Redhill) 3; "H" 1 WG Ward (Beckenham) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 DM Holder (Dorking) 4

Novice Swisses (doesn't say here what's meant by novice, and we don't feel like looking it up): "A" (29 pl) 1 S Gangadharan (Wimbledon) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-4 R Bone (Cuddington Croft School), A Franklin (W Wickham), R Hermann (Mitcham) 4... "B" (16 pl) 1-2 1-2 S Gangadharan, R Herman 4; 3-4 A Wilson (Cobham), PP Eade (Reigate GS) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Novice APAs (6 players): "A1" 1 GV Swanepoel (Islington) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 DJ Gill (Crystal Palace) 4; "A2" 1 P Battersby (Sutton) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 R Hall (SW4) 4; "A3" 1 VC Howard (Crystal Palace) 5; 2 CA Sturdy (Ashtead) $3\frac{1}{2}$; "A4" 1-2 NM Gough (Glyn School), A Overy (Ashtead) 4; "B1" 1-2 J Wilson (Cobham), VC Howard 4; "B2" 1 MC Wallace (Ealing) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 2 DJ Healey (Watford) 4

Ladies Prizes: GV Swanepoel, MC Wallace

29th SOUTHEND EASTER 5-8 April 1985

Open (113 pl) 1 A Martin (CentYMCA) 6/7; 2-6 K Bowden (Brentwood), N Carr (Ilford), CS Crouch (Harrow), MP Townsend (Wood Green), PJ Sharp (Reading) $5\frac{1}{2}$... The organisers have not chosen a very Editor-friendly way of indicating grading prizes, but we'll try to pick them out: 155-169 N Donovan (Ely), IJ Sutton (Southend) 5; 145-154 I Stevenson (Shettleston), R Tiggelman (Holland) 5; 135-144 C Gorka (Basingstoke), P Laundry (Laindon) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 121-134 RT Hare (Romford), DG Wayte (Muswell Hill) $4\frac{1}{2}$; U121 Tony Marcham (Bexleyheath) 4

Major "A" (12 pl) 1 DJ Faulkner (Brigg) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2 P Turp (Ilford) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 3-4 E Dawe (British Gas), JA Dodgson (Brighton) 3...

Major "B" (12 pl) 1 S Harwood (Southend) 4/5; 2 DG Cannan (Southend) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Major "C" (12 pl) 1 B Stevens (Duke of Norfolk) 5/5; 2 K Johns (Hadleigh) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Minor "A" (16 pl) 1 S Rowles (Metropolitan) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2 RC Petherick (Rayleigh) 4; 3 CM Edmunds (Crewkerne) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Minor "B" (14 pl) 1 R Burroughs (Metropolitan) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-3 C North (Dagenham), S Savill (Writtle) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Minor "C" (16 pl) 1 AW Bevis (Westcliff) 5/5; 2 TJ Lake (Southend) 4; 3 D Legg (Southend) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Junior U15 (12 pl) 1 Adrian Wright (Ipswich) 4/5; 2-3 Alison Bell (Shoreham), ML Brown (Bs Stortford) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Junior U11-and-a-bit (11 pl) 1-3 Nicholas Herbert (Social CCA), Christopher Ratcliffe, WD Rawlings (Chingford) 4/5...

Total Congress entry was 218, of whom 5 withdrew or failed to turn up. The Congress was supported by Taylor Woodrow (Property) Ltd.

CHEQUERS MASTERS TOURNAMENT 6-17 April 1985

1-3 M Condie (Edinburgh), M Hebden (Leicester), C McNab (Dundee/Oxford) 6/9; 4-5 K Arkell (B'ham), J Howell (Harrogate) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 6 M Orr (Ireland/Edinburgh) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 7 J Hawksworth (Surrey/Oxford) 4; 8 J Horner (Bolton) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 9-10 P Carton (Belfast), J Gallagher (Wimbledon) 2

Average rating was 2377.5, IM norm $5\frac{1}{2}$.

ESSEX INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS at Wanstead 4-6 May 1985

1 AP Lewis (Chelmsford) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2 NL Carr (Ilford) 5; 3 MP Townsend (Wood Green) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 4 NH Twitchell (Ilford) 4... 24 pl. There will be a play-off for the Minor (U151) Championship between P Laundry (Laindon) and BA Sutton (Charlbury) who shared in a tie for 5th place on 4. (The top three are all graded over 200, no one else was higher than 167.)

Results GMA Smith

BERKSHIRE QUICKPLAY (30 min) CHAMPIONSHIPS at Earley, 11.5.85

Open (48 entries) 1-2 AC Kosten (Chandlers Ford), SM Taulbut (Earley) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 3 DH Cummings (Bracknell) 5... Grading U170 EK Tweeddale (Marlow) 4; Pergamon book prize N Foster (E18) 4; Slow starter prize I Millard (Woodley).

Minor U140 (32 entries) 1 RE Langham (Wargrave) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2 PJ Murnane (Earley) 5; 3 FG Day (H Wycombe) $4\frac{1}{2}$... Junior U15 Natasha Regan (Gerrards Cross) 4; book prizes D Davies (Earley), P Giles (Seer Green), T Walker (Hazlemere). Results AJ Cox

May we echo PB who has been making regular pleas in Newsflash for complete information on congresses. Please give grading limits for all sections ("Major" or "Minor" alone is no substitute), the number of players in each, and also players' clubs. The date of the congress helps, too!

COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES

CHAMPIONSHIP

	K	M	E	Sx	Sy	H	Br	Bu	C	GP	MP
1 Kent		8	13	13	10	11	12	11	12	90	7
2 Middx	12		13	10	15½	9	14½	15	15	104	6½
3 Essex	7	7		11½	10½	12½	11½	14	13	87	6
4 Sussex	7	10	3½		15	12	17	11	12	92½	5½
5 Surrey	9	4½	9½	5		12½	12	13	20d	85½	4
6 Herts	9	11	7½	8	7½		9½	11	5½	69	2
7 Berks	8	5½	8½	3	8	10½		15	-	58½	2
8 Bucks	9	5	6	9	7	9	5		13½	63½	1
9 Cambs	8	5	7	7	0d	14½	-	6½		48	1

MONTAGUE-JONES

	M2	K2	E2	0	H2		
Middx II		8	13½	16	16		
Kent II	12		10	18	14		
Essex II	6½	10		8½	15½		
Oxon	4	2	11½		13		
Herts II	3	6	4½	4			

We hope these are final tables.
Tell the Editor if you spot errors
in them. The BCF Second Teams
nominations went to Middx and Essex
(results v Oxon ignored).

	M2	K2	E2	0	H2		
1 Middx II		11	12½	9½	17½		104
2 Kent II	9		6½	12½	15		97
3 Essex II	7½	13½		12½	16½		90½
4 Oxon	5½	7½	7½		16½		67½
5 Herts II	2½	4	3½	3½			31

AMBOYNA/EBONY

	K4	Sx	M	Sy2	E	Sy3	K3		
1 Kent IV		11½	10	12½	11½	13½	20d		79
2 Sussex II	8½		12	12½	10	13½	14		70½
3 Middx III	10	8		9½	15½	12	11		66
4 Surrey II	7½	7½	10½		12½	11½	-		49½
5 Essex III	8½	10	4½	7½		12	12½		55
6 Surrey III	6½	6½	8	8½	8		8½		46
7 Kent III	0d	6	9	-	7½	9½			32

ADJUDICATION APPEAL: Kent I 10 9 Surrey I 9.2.85: 15 Milner-Barry ½ Bell (and board 14 is void)

We also have an appeal result for Sussex I v Cambs I but will not give it since nobody sent the results in the first place.

ADJUDICATION RESULTS from last time:

C Berks 15 5 Bucks 9.2.85: 10 Knight 1 Frostick; 13 Pagden 1 Bramley; 14 Edwards 1 Porter; 16 Fergusson ½ Dunlop; 17 Ashmore 0 Cox

Cambs 7 13 Essex 2.3.85: 2 Bell 1 Stebbings; 6 Anthony 0 Howson

Bucks 9 11 Kent 2.3.85: 16 Scopes 1 Taylor

Middx 14½ 5½ Berks 2.3.85: 11 Sams 1 Pagden; 13 Yerbury ½ Aslett; 15 Wheatley ½ Dixon

AE Surrey III 6½ 13½ Sussex II 9.3.85: 2 Guilfoyle ½ Moss; 7 Blackburn 0 Graves; 15 Baldock 0 Benson; 16 Chamberlain ½ Barakat

Adjudications on the following pages were up to date 17.5.85.

Missing results

Championship: Sussex - Cambs 16.3.85. We have the match score but no individual results, despite chasing.

Montague-Jones: Herts v Oxon, both matches. Again we have the match scores only; the game results haven't even reached the Tournament Controller. Vacancy exists for experienced Medium.

Amboyna/Ebony: None

Congratulations to Middx on their moral victory in the Championship (see game points, which don't count) and to Kent on their actual one. Also to Middx II and Kent IV.

If you're looking for a scoring system which doesn't flatten the weaker teams into the ground - see last issue! - you could do a lot worse than switch to game points. When you lose all your matches, averaging 6 points per match, 54/180 is a pretty fair reflection of your performance. 0/9 isn't.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Surrey		15(?)	3.85	Bucks*		Kent*		16.3.85	Middx*	
1	J Gallagher (W)	1	0	G Moore	NR Davies (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		WN Watson	
2	R Granat	1	0	P Girdlestone	JJ Ady	0	1		AJ Whiteley	
3	R Harris	0	1	C Frostick	D Reilly	0	1		AP Law	
4	C Holland	1	0	A Robbings	RG Eales	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		GC Crawley	
5	T Chapman	0	1	K Beedle	AE Hanreck	0	1		GD Lee	
6	W Linton	1	0	RD de Coverly	JN Sugden	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		CM Cooley	
7	S Gillam	1	0	RDW Marsh	AG Trangmar	1	0		RG Wade	
8	D Sedgwick	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	EN Bramley	JA Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}+$	$=\frac{1}{2}$		A Jackson	
9	I Upton	1	0	PR Rawcliffe	R O'Kelly	0	1		SH Berry	
10	A Corkett	1	0	BW Atkinson	JD Wager	0	1		DJ Watts	
11	J Anderson	1	0	S Scopes	AP Smith	0	1		RF Holmes	
12	P Stimpson	0	1	PD Porter	W Giblin	0	1		KI Norman	
13	D Bell	1	0	AJ Cox	TW Pelling	0	1		T Parkes	
14	P Sullivan	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Dunlop	N McDonald	1	0		DL Lee	
15	R Woodcraft	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Turner	P Morris	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		T Farrand	
16	C Rose	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Reeves	PS Milner-Barry	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		R Colston	
17	Susan Walker	1	0	D Redfern	MP Cook	1	0		JS Friedland	
18	Stephen Walker	0	1	L Kovaks	DC Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		DP Lynch	
19	F Manning	0	1	C Floyd	NR Oliver	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		RJF Sams	
20	G Mason	1	0	D Carrod	D Morris	1	0		S Spivack	
(Sutton)		13	7			(Charlton H)		8	12	

Berks		16.3.85	Herts*		Essex*		23.3.85	Herts*	
1	MJ Surtees (B)	1	0	PG Maguire	NL Carr (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Swanson	
2	MJ Staples	1	0	JF Rudge	AT(so) Stebbings	1	0	PG Maguire	
3	PE Cunningham	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Byway	AP Lewis	1	0	M Leahy	
4	MW Marlow	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Simpson	D Sherman	1	0	A Simpson	
5	M Taylor	0	1	J Foulger	JH Hodgson	0	+1	P Byway	
6	PJ Sharp	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Murphy	D Coleman	1	0	J Foulger	
7	ACP Milnes	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	W Tabakiernik	JB Howson	0	1	H Murphy	
8	SC Knight	1	0	J Denton	JA Goldberg	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+\frac{1}{2}$	W Tabakiernik	
9	C Blackburne	0	1	A Harley	ES Lee	1	0	J Denton	
10	PM Rice	1	0	T Sinkinson	AT Marshall	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Harley	
11	D Pagden	1	0	J Cook	IJ Myall	1	0	J Cook	
12	DS Tucker	1	0	B Morris	LP Burnett	0	1	T Sinkinson	
13	P Edwards	0	1	S Law	IBN Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Morris	
14	OWS Jones	0	1	A Vickers	SM Kalinsky	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+\frac{1}{2}$	A Vickers	
15	CT Callow	1	0	R Lee	ID Hunnable	1	0	C Majer	
16	AW Hooper	1	0	T Acton	TD Coote	1	0	R Arnot	
17	RN Dixon	0	1	C Majer	GF Yates	1	0	T Acton	
18	PI Thompson	0	1	R Arnot	DM Goorvitch	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Taffel	
19	RE Ashmore	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Dyer	J Page	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Dyer	
20	D Evans	0	1	P Nendick	def	0	1	P Nendick	
(Tilehurst)		10 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$			(Wanstead H)		12 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

Surrey		30.3.85	Essex*	
1	R Granat	0	1	NL Carr
2	RA Harris	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Stebbings
3	DR Bell	0	1	AP Lewis
4	WA Linton	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Lowe
5	IJ Upton	1	0	JH Hodgson
6	J Anderson	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	ES Lee
7	RW O'Brien	0	a 1	JA Goldberg
8	SR Gillam	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	IJ Myall
9	AR Corkett	0	1	JC Moore
10	SK Walker	1	0	R Heppinstall
11	CNJ Rose	0	1	MP Inzani
12	PJ Sullivan	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	IBN Smith
13	RJ Woodcraft	1	0	SM Kalinsky
14	PM Stimpson	0	1	A Kinder
15	GJ Mason	1	0	D Bellis
16	RJ Stockwell	1	0	NH Twitchell
17	SG Walker	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	TR Carr
18	MJ Lester	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	D Millward
19	JG Brogden	1	0	R Hammond
20	J Hawson	0	1	HI Woolverton
(Sutton)		9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	

This match cost us a deal of trouble, and we're not sure why we bothered. Our correspondent sent the result very late, after being chased, and when it arrived there was a board missing. You couldn't even tell which, as he'd omitted all the board numbers. We've put it, and them, back in. (Moral for match captains: please don't omit board numbers. It makes typing harder at this end, and improves your own chances of error.) Of course, as soon as we'd sorted the correct result out we got a Surrey Chess News which contained it anyway. Surrey don't seem to be sending us many results at the moment.

MONTAGUE-JONES

Herts II		23.3.85		Essex II*		Oxon		23.3.85		Middx II*	
1	G Scholes (W)	0	1	T Whitton	DG Hackett (W)	$\frac{1}{2}+$	$=\frac{1}{2}$	N Rutter			
2	def	0	1	B Kemish	RJ Starkie	0=	+1	R Page			
3	def	0	1	Rob. Parker	G Chapman	0	1	M Lyell			
4	def	0	1	B Beavis	NJ Hepworth	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Benjamin			
5	D Judkins	0	1	P Sagnella	JO Yates	1	0	J Grundy			
6	C Lean	0	1	I Pheby	A Mushens	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Francois			
7	def	0	1	N Amor	D Blogg	0	1	L Fincham			
8	D Young	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	L Crane	E King	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Norman			
9	G Lawrence	0	1	S Payne	M Maguire	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D McGovern			
10	G Gittis (sic)	0	1	C Ramage	B Frost	0	1	TN Burrell			
11	G Brown	0	1	N Twitchell	S Horwood	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Abbey			
12	G Daniel	0	1	D Millward	D Metcalfe	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Barkwill			
13	L Moye	0	1	R Hammond	G Alcock	1	0	R Howell			
14	N Staples	0	1	RG Parker	RM Cherry	0	1	R Howell			
15	J Robertson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Turp	DAS Buckland	0=	+1	S Dabby			
16	T(?) Wright	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Woolverton	(Oxford)	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$				
17	R Hubbard	1	0	C Bellnger							
18	A Jeffries	0	1	A Barber							
19	A Mackenzie	1	0	C Dawson							
20	M Brown	0	1	T Rooney							
(Broxbourne)		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$16\frac{1}{2}$								

We do not know why this match was over 15 boards only. Oxon sent no adjudication claims.

Essex II*		13.4.85		Kent II		Middx II*		13.4.85		Herts II	
1	P McDermott (W)	1	a 0	L Smart	N Rutter (W)	1	0	A Burrows			
2	D Singh	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Wood	R Page	1	0	T Thurston			
3	K Spurgeon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Allan	def	0	1	G Zworeczki			
4	J Singh	0	1	MM Robertson	M Lyell	1	0	D Belton			
5	T Whitton	1	0	MJ Reddie	B Benjamin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Wright			
6	B Kemish	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Everson	J Grundy	1	0	P Thornton			
7	R Heppinstall	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Pitt	DD Conterno	1	0	J Robertson			
8	A Kinder	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	RCA L-Pentecost	M Francois	1	0	R Hubbard			
9	R Parker	0	1	M Phillips	L Fincham	1	0	A Jeffries			
10	K Clow	1	0	Wood	B Dodgeon	1	0	P Wood			
11	B Beavis	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Brown	N Foster	1	0	J Hollingsworth			
12	P Sagnella	1	a 0	A Raoof	M Barkwill	1	0	A Mackinze			
13	N Amor	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	NR(sic)Wiltshire	G Kitchin	1	0	N Gascoigne			
14	S Payne	1	a 0	Z Mehmet	J Cotterell	0	1	I Irving			
15	L Crane	1	0	H Dobson	S Dabby	1	0	L Arnot			
16	C Ramage	1	0	S Jacob	R Chapman	1	0	def			
17	N Twitchell	1	0	A Harris	A Hughes	1	0	def			
18	R Hammond	0	1	K Fillmore	D Norman	1	0	def			
19	H Woolverton	1	0	def	TN Burrell	1	0	def			
20	D Millward	1	0	def	DG Wayte	1	0	def			
(Wanstead)		$13\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$		(Highbury)	$17\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$				

PHILLIPS AND DREW AMBOYNA/EBONY

Kent IV*		9.3.85		Essex III*		Essex III*		30.3.85		Middx III*	
1	R Grover (W)	1	0	M Bird	R Watts (B)	1	0	def			
2	SJ Pullinger	1	0	L Crane	M Bird	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SD Arnold			
3	MH Micklethwaite	0	1	P Salmon	P Salmon	0	1	R Willmoth			
4	I Telfer	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Craven	R Craven	1	0	RH Becker			
5	A Armstrong	1	0	JS Wood	M Rahaman	0	1	AO Alabi			
6	ED Gardiner	0	1	M Rahaman	JS Wood	0=	+1	RA Chapman			
7	A Waters	0	1	J Page	P Heath	0	1	SVH Dickinson			
8	B Langridge	0	1	P Heath	P Barclay	0	1	MD Brougham			
9	A Wriglesworth	1	0	N Crawley	J Davenport	0	1	GN Abbey			
10	D Shakeshaft	1	0	S Johal	N Crawley	0	1	LHJ Fincham			
11	GF Steele	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Barber	A Barber	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DP McGovern			
12	H Tassell	0	1	D Sands	C Dawson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MPF Johnson			
13	C Santer	0	1	C Dawson	M Mortimer	0	1	Roy Brown			
14	C Davidson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Mortimer	J White	1	0	MA Barkwill			
15	H Phillips	1	0	J White	SS Johal	0	1	GS Kitchin			
16	AK Henderson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Pallett	P Southwell	0	1	MJ Cresswell			
17	PA Tatham	1	0	R Francis	B Gaze	0	1	MR Crewdson			
18	F Cole	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	C Green	RN Francis	0	1	KP Jackson			
19	IA Hames	1	0	P Russell	T Rooney	0	1	I Bradshaw			
20	MR Croft	1	0	def	P Russell	0	1	JCH Nyman			
(Canterbury)		$11\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$		(Wanstead H)	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$15\frac{1}{2}$				

Sussex II*	30.3.85	Kent IV*	Kent III*	30.3.85	Surrey III*
1 P Watson (B)	$\frac{1}{2} = +\frac{1}{2}$	JF Ferrar	AVH Sands (B)	0 1	IM Sim
2 RWB Moss	0 1	SJ Pullinger	RA Kingdon	1 0	def
3 D Frost	1 0	P Lucas	AJ Sherriff	0 1	JM Guilfoyle
4 IG Kelly	$\frac{1}{2} + = \frac{1}{2}$	L Wooldridge	JM Griffiths	$\frac{1}{2} = +\frac{1}{2}$	HM Cath
5 A Blue	0 1	D Heath	PL Childs	0 1	CR Clegg
6 JP Munday	$\frac{1}{2} = +\frac{1}{2}$	J Beamiss-Bland	S Barr	0 1	DJ Staples
7 M Graves	0 1	A Armstrong	B O'Gorman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RGR Harris
8 RD Hirsch	1 0	C Davidson	SJ Jacobs	1 0	def
9 SJ Newman	$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$	ED Gardiner	P Finch	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	KN Mehendale
10 DG Ratcliffe	1 0	A Husband	R Hyde	0 1	B Blackburn
11 LKG Eastoe	$\frac{1}{2} = +\frac{1}{2}$	D Shakeshaft	CR Davis	1 0	RA Lanzer
12 CJ Arthur	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GF Steele	LA Trangmar	1 0	AD Sim
13 PS New	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Langridge	DC Playford	1 0	EA Parker
14 RA Parker	0 = +1	PA Tatham	T Lloyd	1 0	FC Manning
15 PJ Grant	0 1	C Santer	AWR Harris	1 0	def
16 RH Saunders	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	H Phillips	GR Clifford	$\frac{1}{2} = +\frac{1}{2}$	J Baxendine
17 PH Benson	0 1	A Waters	AR Armitage	1 0	A Webster
18 JP Rix	$\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$	N Shepherd	H Gravelle	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	KR Chamberlain
19 MR Hickman	1 0	DN Cook	HG Samek	1+ =0	B Sweetman
20 EJ Bowley (Hassocks)	0 1 $8\frac{1}{2}$ $11\frac{1}{2}$	JA Morris	A Saddington (Charlton H)	0 1 $9\frac{1}{2}$ $8\frac{1}{2}$	AS Webster

In the Kent-Surrey match above, Kent III were penalised 2 points for winning by default on board 8 with an ineligible player...! (Well, it's better than being penalised 2 points for losing with an ineligible player.)

The match Surrey II - Kent III, previously awarded to Surrey when the Kent team failed to turn up, has now been declared void. We have no details.

Defaults

The Bulletin's league table follows. We need hardly say that this is an unofficial survey. It is based purely on results published in the Bulletin, and it was up to date 17.5.85. It does not include complete match defaults or void matches.

	matches	def	def/match		matches	def	def/match
Sussex I	7	0	0	Cambs	5	4	0.8
Sussex II	6	0	0	Surrey II	5	5	1
Essex I	8	1	0.13	Oxon	6	6	1
Surrey I	7	1	0.14	Surrey III	6	7	1.17
Essex III	6	1	0.17	Herts II	6	15	2.5
Kent I	8	2	0.25				
Middx I	8	2	0.25				
Middx II	8	2	0.25				
Kent III	4	1	0.25				
Berks	7	2	0.29				
Middx III	6	2	0.33				
Bucks	8	3	0.38				
Herts I	8	3	0.38				
Essex II	8	3	0.38				
Kent IV	5	3	0.6				
Kent II	8	5	0.63				

We were going to congratulate Sussex, till we heard their first team had blotted its copybook in its last match. We have an impression that "occasional" defaults have been fewer than in recent years. Whether you can say the same of wholesale match defaults, or disputes, is doubtful.

AMBOYNA/EBONY KNOCK-OUT

There were four entrants (K3, K4, M3, Sx2) from the seven teams eligible. Berks, who weren't eligible, came in to swell the numbers. (We're not sure what Berks team it is but assume it's not the first team.)

This first round match went to Middx on board count.

Kent IV	20.4.85	Middx III
1 J Ferrar (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JT Ward
2 R Grover	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AH Donkin
3 SJ Pullinger	0 1	SD Arnold
4 DR Heath	0 1	SVH Dickinson
5 L Gurr	1 0	RH Becker
6 MH Micklethwaite	1 0	AO Alabi
7 E Gardiner	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	LHJ Fincham
8 D Shakeshaft	0 1	GN Abbey
9 PA Tatham	1 0	JCH Nyman
10 MR Croft (Charlton H)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 5	PJ Horam

COUNTY MATCHES: BCF STAGES

CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER FINALS

Kent*	26(?) .4.85	Leics	Middx*	27.4.85	Yorks
1 NR Davies (W)	1 0	LA Edwards	CW Pritchett (B)	0 1	JC Howell
2 RCA L-Pentecost	0 1	A Hyslop	AJ Whiteley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Dunnington
3 JJ Ady	1 0	A Hynes	AP Law	0 1	GW Lane
4 RG Eales	1 0	RA Barton	GC Crawley	1 0	D Adams
5 IR Watson	1 0	AJ Morley	GD Lee	1 0	def
6 JN Sugden	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Bryce	SJB Knott	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SC Brown
7 AE Hanreck	1 0	A Ward	SH Berry	0 1	CC Shephard
8 AG Trangmar	1 0	DJ Bray	K Shovel	1 0	JE Vickery
9 JA Johnson	1 0	JA Mitchell	DJ Watts	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Gvero
10 RO Kelly	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	OH Hardy	D Agnos	1 0	A Kavalec
11 N McDonald	1 0	BM Walker	RF Holmes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DA Fletcher
12 AP Smith	0 1	M Barnes	KI Norman	1 0	DR Markham
13 W Giblin	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Burgess	T Parkes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Madden
14 P Morris	1 0	PC Clarke	JC Benjamin	1 0	R van Kemenade
15 PS Milner-Barry	1 0	J Marlow	T Farrand	0 1	D Firth
16 MP Cook	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Wordsworth	R Colston	0 1	M Knapton
(Middx HQ)	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4		DL Lee	1 0	DM Denison
			DP Lynch	1 0	J Nicholson
			RJF Sams	0 1	D Craggs
			(Coventry)	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	

The semi-finals 1.6.85 are Kent v Lancs and Middx v someone or other.

MINOR COUNTIES

Surrey*	13.4.85	Cornwall	Surrey*	27.4.85	Lincs/S H'side
1 H Barber (W)	0 1	M Adams	H Barber (W)	1 0	A Coppin
2 R Granat	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	K Lloyd	R Granat	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Stead
3 R Harris		J Menadue**	I Upton	1 0	D Georgiou
4 C Holland	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Grime	D Sedgwick	0 1	G Ladds
5 I Upton	0 1	I George	P Sullivan	1 0	M Pettinger
6 S Gilling	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Williams	R Stockwell	1 0	I Kinghorn
7 W Linton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Kneebone	C Rose	1 0	N Birtwistle
8 R O'Brien	0 1	D Saqui	Stephen Walker	1 0	S Babski
9 J Anderson	1 0	S Piper	R O'Brien	1 0	M Kelly
10 D Sedgwick	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Nicholas	M Lister	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Renison
11 A Corkett	1 0	S Foalz	S Crowdy	1 0	G Jones
12 P Sullivan	1 0	A Barkhuysen	P Archer	0 1	G Wollerton
13 R Woodcraft	1 0	E Horn	F Manning	0 1	N Crabb
14 C Rose	1 0	D Bly	M Stockwell	0 1	R Davey
15 J Brogden	1 0	J Harrison	def	0 1	M Smith
16 Stephen Walker	1 0	D Burleigh	def	0 1	J Armstrong
(telephone)	(9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$)		(S Coldfield)	9 7	

** in dispute.

The Lincs match was a quarter-final, which presumably means there were more than eight qualifiers. If we knew, we'd forgotten. The other SCCU qualifier, Sussex, beat Shropshire 10-6 but we have no details yet.

SECOND TEAMS QUARTER FINALS

Middx II*	27.4.85	Staffs II	Glos II	27.4.85	Essex II*
1 P de la Mothe	1 0	W Clark (B)	V Robinson (W)	0 1	P McDermott
2 JP Sharp	1 0	JE Crump	PF Day	0 1	SD Singh
3 A Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Hughes	RO Powis	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Kemish
4 F Rayner	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JS Keaveny	A Beadle	0 1	R Heppinstall
5 JS Walton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GN Buckley	G Copeland	1 0	K Clow
6 N Rutter	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DE Shiers	RJ Dixon	0 1	A Kinder
7 JP Gorgol	1 0	KR Thompson	JW Neale	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Beavis
8 DR Macdonald	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CCV Benijon	P Denison	0 1	F Dorn
9 AI Wheatley	0 1	L Cooper	PW Cusick	0 1	R Parker
10 GH Govas	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AR Whitehead	IR White	0 1	P Sagnella
11 M Lyell	1 0	I Champion	ET Newham	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	L Crane
12 M Francois	1 0	J Hodgkinson	S Clark	0 1	C Ramage
13 BJ Benjamin	1 0	I McMillan	AR Bentley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Gooding
14 SJ Tovey	1 0	CP Hibbard	J Carr	1 0	D Millward
15 SD Arnold	0 1	T Brotherton	SW Maggs	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RG Parker
16 NE Foster	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Hodge	C Powhey	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Hammond
17 J Grundy	1 0	MJ Lawton	(Swindon)	5 11	
18 R Willmoth	1 0	SR Hill			
19 NA Peters	1 0	AT Leadbetter			
20 TN Burrell	1 0	RM Ewan			
(Coventry)	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$				

THE FLEMING TROPHY

A friendly match 11.4.85:

Beds	27.4.85		Bucks*	Civil Service CA	London League
1 A Berry (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Moore	AC Ashby (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ A Potts
2 PF Habershon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RCS Newton	WEC Richards	0 1 JA Johnson
3 P Grayson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	KG Hyde	RC Lawrance	0 1 AJ Stebbings
4 A Perkins	+		GM Boyce	MJ Rose	0 1 KI Norman
5 R Freeman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Beedle	RJ Shepherd	0 1 T Parkes
6 PL Roe	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RD de Coverly	D Gleave	0 1 S Spivack
7 JN Wingfield	+		RDW Marsh	B O'Gorman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ NR Oliver
8 R Coles	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	EN Bramley	MJ O'Neill	0 1 IJ Upton
9 R Smith	0	1	PR Rawcliffe	P James	0 1 DC Taylor
10 G Blackbourn	1	0	AJ Cox	D Scuffam	0 1 N Briggs
11 J Keen	1	0	PD Porter	R Blakesley	0 1 IM Pountney
12 H Ingham	1	0	MK Reeves	M Hay	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ RCA L-Pentecost
13 R Mahoney	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Dunlop	(CSCA HQ)	$1\frac{1}{2}$ $10\frac{1}{2}$
14 P Gill	0	1	J Alster		
15 G Valerio	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Turner		
16 JN Staddon	1	0	H Brown		
17 M James	1	0	L Kovaks		
18 I Wright	0	1	CD Floyd		
19 P Moulton	0	1	J Taylor		
20 I Evans (Bedford)	1	0	K Buzzard		
	(10	8)			

A game from the Varsity Match 9.3.85 (won 5-3 by Oxford):

White NF Dickenson (Oxford), Black G Anthony (Cambridge)

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-KN3 3 N-B3 P-Q4 4 B-B4 B-N2 5 P-K3 O-O 6 N-K5 P-B3 7 B-Q3
QN-Q2 8 Q-B3

Dubious, since the Q is exposed to a later black pawn advance. More logical is an immediate 9 P-KR4 to justify white's attacking formation.

8...N-K1 9 P-KR4 P-B3 10 NxNP

If white retreats his N then ...P-K4!

10...PxN 11 BxP P-KB4 12 P-R5? P-K4 13 P-R6 B-B3 14 O-O-O

Giving up another piece. The attack remains nebulous, but what can he do? If

14 PxP NxP opens up the centre in black's favour. 12 Q-N3 would have been a better follow-up to the earlier sacrifice.

14...PxB 15 PxP N-N3 16 Q-R5 N-Q3 17 R-Q3 K-R1

White has poor compensation for two pieces, so black starts his own action.

White's next stops ...N-K5.

18 P-B3 QN-B5 19 P-QN3 Q-R4! 20 PxN PxP?

Apparently decisive, but white now spots a clever tactic to save half a point.

Instead 20...NxP, with threats of BxP, P-N4-5 and Q-R6, would be hard to meet.

21 R-K3! BxP?

Even now 21...B-Q2 should win.

22 R-K7 QxN 23 R-R7+ K-N1 24 R-N7+! K-R1

White's last was a shock to black, who now realised that if 24...BxR 25 B-R7+!

KxB 26 PxB+ KxP 27 Q-R7+ K-B3 28 R-R6 mate.

So: drawn by perpetual check.

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Two games from the Chequers Masters:

White J Horner, Black M Hebden

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 O-O Be7 6 Bxc6 dxc6 7 d3 Nd7 8 Nbd2 O-O
9 Nc4 f6 10 Nh4 Nc5 11 Qf3 Ne6 12 Be3 g6 13 Qg3 Kh8 14 Rad1 Nf4 15 Rfel Be6
16 b3 c5 17 c3 Qc8 18 d4 g5 19 Nf5 Bxf5 20 exf5 b5 21 Na5 cxd4 22 Nc6 dxe3
23 Ne7 e2 24 Rd2 Qb7 25 c4 c6 26 Qf3 Qxe7 27 g3 Qb4 1-0

White J Howell, Black J Horner

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 O-O Be7 6 Rel b5 7 Bb3 d6 8 c3 O-O
9 d4 exd4 10 cxd4 Bg4 11 Nc3 Qd7 12 e5 Ne8 13 h3 Bxf3 14 Qxf3 Rd8 15 e6 fxe6
16 Bxe6+ Qxe6 17 Qxf8+ Kxf8 18 Rxe6 Nf6 19 Ne2 Nb4 20 Bd2 Nd3 21 b3 c5 22 dxc5
Kf7 23 Nd4 Nd5 24 Ba5 Rf8 25 cxd6 Bf6 26 d7 Bxd4 27 Rxd6 Bxf2+ 28 Kh1 Bh4
29 Rxd5 Nf2+ 30 Kgl 1-0

The bulletin of this tournament, with some games annotated, can be had from RW O'Brien, 48 Tierney Rd SW2.

Kennst du das Land, wo die Schablonen blühen?

Your Editor has done so much duplicating in the last few days he's got ink coming out of his ears. Apologies if it's appeared in any other wrong places.

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Black 8 pieces

(K)							(Q)
	(P)	P			P		
	K			(P)			
		(P)			(P)		
			P		Q		
	P				B		
						(R)	(B)

White 7 pieces

White to play and mate in 2.

k6q/1pP2P2/1K2p3/2p2p2/3P1Q2/1P3B2/8/6rb

CONGRESS DIARY

- May 24-26 LLOYDS BANK NATIONAL JUNIOR SQUAD in London. Under 9/8/7. J Hennigan, 78 Creighton Ave N10
- 25-27 UPMINSTER Open; U150. R Watts, 94 Corbets Tey Rd, Upminster RM14 2BA
- 25-27 COTSWOLD at Gloucester. Open; U156; U121. M Powis, Nutgrove House, New St, Painswick, Stroud, Glos GL6 6XH
- 31- 2 CIBA-GEIGY at Paisley. S Cameron, 33 Glenshiel Ave, Paisley
- Jun 1 COMET CIRCLE N4. U185. C Lai, 12 Lagan House, Sumner Rd SE15 5RB
- 2 AMERICAN EXPRESS BRIGHTON CONGRESS. Open; U140. Brighton Chess Congress, 19b Sussex Heights, Brighton BN1 2FR
- 2 BASINGSTOKE. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Basingstoke, Hants RG22 5DQ
- 3 BASINGSTOKE as above
- 8 KINGS HEAD W2. WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd W11 2BY
- 24 BASINGSTOKE as above

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CAPTION to a photograph: "Daniel Elliott, aged 9, of Tollgate Junior School, Eastbourne, winner of a chess competition last weekend. The event, sponsored by a building society, involved 85 children from schools in the Eastbourne area." - Times Educational Supplement, 26.4.85. Let's hope the sponsors didn't see that!