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EDITORIAL

This issue should reach you, with luck, about the same time as the new Grading List. If you've ordered a Grading List, that is. Both are somewhat late, though they should be September. The Grading List has been delayed, I understand, by tardy responses from people outside the Union. As for the Bulletin, well you wouldn't expect me to come out before the GL would you?

This is an appropriate time, and see below if you don't know why, for me to say what a good job I think Philip Clemow has done as Grading Secretary. His organisational skills have been matched only by his energy. A word, too, for Trevor Jones who is saying goodbye as Grading Programmer. I have reason to know how hard he has worked. And thank you also to the local and congress graders without whose unpaid work the whole operation would be impossible. (My own contribution in that direction is very small.)

This will be the last Grading List produced by the Southern Counties. For some more information about the new national scheme, see the Executive Report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 20th September. 15 attended. Interesting items, in no particular order:

(1) Grading. As much BCF news as SCCU, really. First thing was, Bryan Threadgall has resigned as Director of National Grading and his successor (subject to confirmation by the Management Board which was due to meet next day) is our own Philip Clemow. Appreciative things were said about Bryan Threadgall's hard work over the last few years, and the Executive felt sure the job had fallen into good hands.

One inevitable result was that Mr Clemow had resigned as SCCU Grading Secretary. The Executive appointed Mr Martin Cath of Surrey to take his place, with immediate effect. His address is inside the front cover. Mr Clemow will no longer be able to distribute the SCCU Grading List, and Tony Suttill has stepped into the breach. All future orders should go to him (and yes, his address is inside the front cover as well). To complete the changes, Trevor Jones will cease to act as Grading Programmer at some time during the next month. He has formally resigned, but been co-opted back onto the Executive. SCCU Grading Programmers, of course, are redundant now.

Mr Clemow gave some new information on the BCF national scheme. He has already started investigations into the financial operation of the scheme, and provision of manpower at St Leonards. It is envisaged that the BCF would produce separate Union lists - target date 1st September! - which would be sold and distributed by the Unions much as at present. Overall grading costs to the BCF could be around £5000. Some of this might be recouped through advertising in the Lists, and the remainder would have to come from the Unions in some form or other. One possibility is that they might pay royalties to the BCF. The SCCU, which has always had computing expenses to bear, should not be too hard hit financially. (It is believed that other Unions have so far spent very little on computing, and they could experience difficulty.)

There will be no interim List in 1986, and special services à la HT Jones will be introduced gradually and, perhaps, incompletely.

One of Trevor Jones's last acts as Grading Programmer has been to write programs for transferring the SCCU data to the BCF computer. These programs, though they sound to be doing the job by way of Brighton Pier, "worked first time!" on a test run. Your Editor does not know what arrangements the other Unions have made.

The SCCU List has a new look this year. The reduced A5 format will save costs and looks more professional, to your Editor, though it's hard to believe there's as much in it. (There is.) Inevitably there are some omissions, including the lower divisions of the London League. Orders to date are running about level with last year. For details of this year's special grading services, see below.

(2) Data Protection Act. Just a snippet gleaned from the meeting. The BCF is hoping to negotiate a blanket BCF registration to cover all Union graders.

(3) Inter-County Competitions. The first team match captains will meet (?have met) on the 27th September to discuss various things. There is still a question mark over the Kent 3rd team, which so far has no match captain. If it can't find one by the 5th October, there will be no 3rd team. (Not unless the 4th team changes its name.)

The late-season KO competition is to continue, but will be open to all counties (grading limit 180). Dr Opie will be unable to run a late-season Quick-play, and no one volunteered. The match captains' meeting may produce one.

There will be an appeals sub-committee consisting of DJ Opie, RCA Lee-Pentecost, EE Croker and GT Fergusson. Details have still to be worked out.

(4) Candidates Appeal. The Executive agreed to donate £100. The appeal, if you didn't know, is to provide backup to Nigel Short in the Candidates series. (Didn't know he'd qualified? We're not buying that.)

(5) Training events. Eric Croker reported that a junior training event would be held at Highbury Fields School on the 14th and 15th December. RD Keene, RG Wade and GD Lee were expected to be in attendance. There would be about 30 juniors, in three groups. It has not yet been decided exactly on what basis the juniors will be selected for invitation.

The mooted Senior training event looks like a dead duck. In fact, the Executive agreed it was one.

(6) Executive Committee. It was agreed to look at the possibility of replacing the present "without portfolio" half of the Executive by County nominees. The topic was postponed for a later meeting, and obviously it would have to go before Council.

(7) BCF Matters: money! There was some discussion of the BCF budget for the Legal & General National Club Championship. The sponsorship figure is around £10000, and this has permitted prizes very much larger than in the past. However, the budget deficit runs into four figures; largely, it seems, because the BCF has felt obliged to spend money on publicity in order to be fair to the sponsors. Some members of the Executive suggested that spending on this scale was inappropriate; particular reference was made to entertainment, and payments to organisers. Your Editor would emphasise that the Executive did not have access to the detailed figures; but there was a consensus that it could bear looking at. There was no consensus on the plural of "honorarium".

Discussion turned to sponsorship in general, and the amounts of money that are spent on chasing it. Nobody suggested that sponsorship was a bad thing.

(8) BCF Membership. A BCF working party proposes a scheme by which certain services (including grading) would be directly related to BCF membership. (The County levy, if we've got it right, would be abolished.) One aspect of the scheme is that non-members would not have their grades published. This hateful proposal met some Executive criticism, but not from enough people.

(9) SCCU Council Meeting 1986. The date is fixed for the 21st June 1986, but this clashes with a BCF meeting. One of them will most likely have to give.

The Executive next meets 29.11.85.

SCCU GRADING SERVICES

You are reminded of the Union's special services. They will not be available for very long! The Grading Programmer has formally resigned, but will meet orders received by the end of October.

- (1) Club List. Price £2 plus SAE.
- (2) Itemised Club List. Gives breakdown of results by event. Price £5.
- (3) One-name List. An itemised list for all players with the same surname. £5 plus SAE.
- (4) County List. Sorted any way, within reason. Price £5. Up to five extra copies ordered at the same time, £0.50 each; or £1 each if sorted differently.
- (5) Over-174 List. £1.50.
- (6) Top 1000 List. £5.
- (7) A list of the 600 players with the highest changes to their grades. Can be ordered with (4) or (6). Price £2.

All lists include players with too few games for a published grade.

Write to HT Jones, Flat 2, 11 Guildford Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1SW. Cheques payable to SCCU, please.

MORE GRADING NOTES

It is still the intention to enter BCF grading data by means of cassettes recorded on Sinclair Spectrums. Who records the cassettes, for graders lacking a Spectrum, is unclear. As an extra check against errors, data received will be printed out and a copy sent back to the grader.

Players are to get new record numbers (with a check digit, which for some reason the present numbers lack). The numbers will appear on future grading lists, and players and organisers will be "encouraged" to use them. This could help a lot with the perennial problem of identification. (We assume they'll be encouraged to put the name as well: numbers alone might cause more problems than they solve!)

Congress grading will be easier, as the BCF will be able to supply a complete list for all Unions, and there will only be one address to send the results to. (In England, that is: Scots and Welshmen remain devolved.)

The lower divisions of the London League for 1983-4, omitted last year, have been included, a year late, in the new list. Unfortunately they're still a year adrift - this season's results have not been received yet. Amended grades for the players concerned will be published in the Bulletin in due course.

Dear Mr Haddrell,

Browsing through the Bulletin, I noticed (164:7) on board 10 for Essex v Surrey "R Tokeley" and next to it Essex v Kent "R Tokeley" on board 40! Odd, I thought. Then I noticed on board 8 of the same Essex v Kent match... "R Tokeley"! How many are there?

Sincerely,

Ian Hunnable Woodford Green

Two. Robert and Richard. The match captain gave all the first names, but I didn't have room for them...

On a more serious note, in the last issue Ray Williams of Sussex suggested that defaulting players other than at the bottom end should be named and the game graded as a loss for them.

Dear Richard,

It would be wrong to grade a game won by default - it could even help the defaulter into a grading limited tournament. But why not have a game points penalty, as for ineligible players, although a smaller penalty, for defaulting an intermediate board in between real players? Indeed why not have an even smaller penalty for the substitution of a weak reserve who is then out of order on strength down the team?

Yours sincerely,

H Trevor Jones Tunbridge Wells

Later, we heard about the new Surrey rule. For double defaults, there is no penalty. If a named player actually turns up, but too late to play, there is no penalty. Otherwise, defaults other than at the bottom end incur penalty points: two for the penultimate board, 3 for the next one up, and so on. At the end of the season, each complete 10 penalty points costs you a half match point.

Dear Mr Haddrell,

I have a couple of comments which you may care to include in the Bulletin. (These comments are personal views and not necessarily those of the Bucks CCA.)

(1) The fixture list has 1st team matches every 3 weeks before Christmas and every 2 weeks thereafter. Both as a captain and player, I would prefer every 2 weeks before Christmas and every 3 weeks after. What do other players and captains think?

(2) One of the problems with matches every 2 weeks after Christmas is that this period is the worst time for bad weather. In the case of Bucks our 3 defaults came on a Saturday when blizzards were blanketing the South East.

The SCCU competition rules do not cover the postponement of matches due to bad weather. I would prefer to postpone an away match if players felt unable to struggle through snowdrifts, rather than turn up short of players and suffer a heavy defeat.

Yours sincerely,

RD de Coverly Match captain, Bucks CCA

ROUND THE COUNTIES

BERKS have, or are going to have, a new county magazine edited by Peter Rice. Welcome to the game. We already have his first Berks Yearbook.

Berks and District League results: Div I Earley (for the fourth time in a row) 22/24; 2nd Reading 19. Div II Met Office A 18/22; 2nd Camberley 17 ("An embarrassing result for Camberley. At last year's AGM Camberley proposed a motion that they be automatically promoted from the Third Division to the First and boasted that they would certainly finish near the top of the First Division and probably win it.") Div III Earley C 21/24; 2nd Olympians (a new team) 18.

Premier Precision Cup went, for the third time in four years, to Earley who beat ICL 4-2 in the Final despite defaulting on one board.

Jubilee Plate Final is between Maidenhead A and Maidenhead B.

The County Championship was not run in 1984-5 because there were only three entries. Yet it is a proper weekend Swiss (or is this year, anyway).

Smokeless zones at matches have been voted down. Well, it was a bit more complicated than that.

HERTS League results: County Championship Hoddesdon; Div 2 Hertford; Div 3 Hemel Hempstead; Div 4 Hertford II; Div 5 Allenburys; Div 6 Hoddesdon III.

Herts KO went to Letchworth & Baldock; Sharp Trophy (for works teams) to Marconi. County Champion is Paul Byway, Minor Champion is Alan Riley.

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SURREY Chess News is now edited by RW O'Brien.* From it we glean:

Alexander Cup Final: Sutton $7\frac{1}{2}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$ Battersea. Surrey Trophy was won by Guildford I (2nd Mitcham I); Beaumont Cup by Mitcham II (2nd Chertsey I); Ellam Trophy by Battersea I (2nd Chertsey II); Centenary Trophy by Kingston III (2nd Croydon II); Minor Trophy by Ashtead III (2nd Redhill IV). Ellery Williams Memorial Quick-play was run in two sections with a play-off: South Norwood $2\frac{1}{2}$ $1\frac{1}{2}$ Kingston (12 teams competed). Individual tournaments are still in progress.

*As we type this (25.9.85) we hear that Mr O'Brien has resigned as editor. There is no successor as yet. He has also resigned as Surrey I match captain.

KENT Summer Quick-play is down to the Final (Folkestone v Charlton). Schools League entries are down again (80 schools, 132 teams). Sir Keith is partly to blame. (Even among those who have entered, a fair number seem likely to drop out. Your Editor's own school is closed in the lunch hour, which will make it very difficult to run junior teams.)

SUSSEX have lost George Self who died on the 19th July, aged 87. Appreciations of his remarkable services to chess have appeared elsewhere. We will not add to them, beyond recording our astonishment at the extent of his activities.

Insurance CC Champion is AM Simpson. Bronowski Trophy (competed for by the ICC, Civil Service CA and London Commercial League) was won by ICC with a match score of 3/3.

CHILTERN LEAGUE

(tables courtesy of Berks Yearbook)

	BrA	Bu	O	BrB	H	GP	MP
Berks A		$10\frac{1}{2}$ $12\frac{1}{2}$	14 10	13 11	$13\frac{1}{2}$ 13	$97\frac{1}{2}$	8
Bucks II	$9\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$		$5\frac{1}{2}$ $12\frac{1}{2}$	11 14	13 11	84	5
Oxon II	6 9	$14\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$		$13\frac{1}{2}$ 10	$12\frac{1}{2}$ 14	87	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Berks B	7 9	9 6	$6\frac{1}{2}$ 10		20d 17	$84\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Herts III	$6\frac{1}{2}$ 7	7 8	$7\frac{1}{2}$ 4	Od 3		43	0

WEST OF ENGLAND CU have had their mathematicians at work on the levy.

"Responsibility for payment to the Union of the total WECU Counties BCF Affiliation Fee (to) be apportioned in accordance with the formula:

$$\text{Fraction to be paid by X} = \frac{\text{Sum of A + R for county}}{\text{Total sum of A + R for Union}}$$

Where A = number of adult players having 5+ games (in the season) known to the grading system and recorded on the master file, and

R = number of adults registered through each county association.

All such responsibilities would be rounded to 1/10 of a levy point. Only whole number equivalents would be notified to BCF in order to preserve full WECU county voting rights.

Transitional arrangement: No county shall be subject to an increase of more than 10% in levy pointage in any one year. In applying this arrangement no other county would be allocated a greater increase than might otherwise be due, but reductions otherwise due to other counties would be reduced."

Everybody got that? (And isn't there a hole in it?)

The WECU Grading List is expected to be about as late as the SCCU one...

CONGRESS RESULTS13th CHARLTON 12-14 July 1985

Open (86 entries) 1-6 P Littlewood (Stock Exchange), N Davies (Zellendorf/Charlton), R Bellin (Gt Yarmouth), J Sugden (Lewisham), I Upton, B Jacobs (Sussex Univ) 5/6... Grading 180-190 A Corkett, M Read, P de la Mothe 4. 170-179 M Ruston, BD Beake 4. U170 FCW Chin 4. Junior U18 PJ Morris (South of the Thames) 4. Highest Charlton member W Giblin 4.

Major (92 entries) 1 PL Terry (Wimbledon) 5½/6; 2-5 P Finney (Kennington), LJ Crane (Chelmsford), EJ Whipp (Charlton), AN Raof (Lewisham) 5... Grading 140-150 JM Shepley (Godalming), R Willmoth 4½. 130-139 AP Adkins (Sidcup), J Shaddick (Insurance) 4. U130 B Swift (Charlton), RA Conway 4. Junior U14 A Jamal 3. Highest Charlton member TJ Lloyd 4½.

Minor (88 entries) 1 C Edwards (Dartford) 6/6; 2-7 RS Chamier (Crowborough: veterans prize), D Ramsey (Fulham), G Bishop, WG Ward (Beckenham), L York (Frome), J van Schaik (Metropolitan) 5... Grading 100-115 JB Farrell (Metropolitan) 4½. U100 VC Howard (Crystal Palace) 4. Junior U14 AR Pettey, N Brisbourne 3; U12 D Penny (Adamsrill) 3; U10 L Whittaker (Adamsrill/Charlton) 3½(!). Highest Charlton members J Riley, T Fuller 4.

2nd BERKS AND BUCKS at Amersham 24-26 August 1985 attracted 153 players.

Championship Section (16 pl) 1-2 DH Cummings (ICL, Bracknell), SM Taulbut (Earley) 4/5; 3 JC Saunders (Mitcham/Earley) 3½...

Premier (16 pl) 1 M Trent (Slough) 4; 2-4 AJ Cox (Earley), KW Derrick (Seamills, Bristol), MV Taylor (ICL, Bracknell) 3½...

Challengers A (16 pl) 1 SAM Foister (Maidenhead) 4; 2-4 T Everrett (Chester), A Niedzwiedzki (Walsingham), MK Reeves (Hazells, Aylesbury) 3½...

Challengers B (14 pl) 1-2 J Butler (N8), J Watson (Bourne End) 4; 3 JD Lee (Abingdon) 3½...

Reserves A (16 pl) 1 M Broom (Hazells) 4; 2-3 P Lawrence (Watford), N Reeder (Hazells) 3½...

Reserves B (16 pl) 1 C White (Oxford) 4½; 2 A Lawrence (Watford) 3½; 3-5 RA Brown (Reading), JM Haslinger (Hayes Pk), JF Taylor (Oxford) 3...

Reserves C (16 pl) 1 DJ Carrod (H Wycombe) 4; 2-4 RHC Amis (Reading), A Jose (H Wycombe), GP Try (Gerrards Cross) 3½...

Reserves D (14 pl) 1 Andrew A Webster (Sutton & Cheam) 4; 2-4 O Chataway (Harrow), GB James (Whaddon), P Murnane (Reading) 3½...

Reserves E (16 pl) 1-2 N Clark (Marlow), Alec S Webster (Sutton & Cheam) 4; 3 R Nall (Henley) 3½...

Reserves F (13 pl) 1 MC Wallace (Ealing) 4½; 2 DJ Healey (Watford) 4; 3-8 A Crafts (Marston School, Oxford), D Davies (Earley), I Harper (Newport IOW), AJ McDonald (Chalfont), D Smith, W Uppington (both Marston Sch) 3...

The Mrs J Stean Cup (most promising junior): Andrew Webster, age 11. Bucks Examiner Cup (best Chesham & Amersham player): Roly Newton (Championship Section, 3 points).

Bucks Free Press Tripartite Shield (competed for by Bourne End, Gerrards Cross and H Wycombe members) was won by H Wycombe.

Lightning Tournament (26 Aug) was won by Gerald Moore who beat David Carless in the Final. Roly Newton won the 3rd place play-off.

Results AJ Cox

LLOYDS BANK MASTERS 21-29 August 1986 attracted 159 players from 21 countries.

1 Belyavsky 7½/9 (the first outright winner since 1977); 2-5 Chandler, Nunn, Hebden, Mastel 7; 6-10 Chiburdanidze, Hodgson, Wells, Johansen (Aus), Morovic (it says 'CHI' here. Surely a player with a name like that can't be Chinese? Chilean?) 6½; 11-26 Berg (Den), Carlier (NL), Kuzmin, MacFarlane (Aus), Manor (Isl), P Singh (Ind), Wolff (USA), Bowden, Conquest, Crawley, Flear, Knott, Levitt, Norwood, SD Singh, I Thomas 6...

Ladies International, incorporated: 1 Chiburdanidze 6½; 2-3 Needham, Walker 5; 4 Norman 4½; 5-7 Hamid (Bang), Jackson, Wright (Aus) 4...

Junior Invitation U21 (10 rd 30 min QP) 1 V Anand (Ind) 9; 2 D Barua (Ind) 8½; 3 M Adams (Cornwall: U18 trophy) 7½; 4-5 D Agnos (Middx: U16 trophy), N Mishra (Ind) 7; 6-8 N Carr (Essex), J Howell (Yorks), A Mortazavi (Middx) 6½... 56 pl

Junior Invitation U14 1 A Hon (Middx) 7½/10; 2-3 J Rogers (Essex), M Walker (Hants) 7½; 4-6 L Jones (Kent), A Selkirk (Middx), A Webster (Sy) 7; 7-10 D Hassapis (U10 trophy), D Kumaran (Middx), A Jones (Wales: U12 trophy), E Holland (Hants) 6½...

Girls awards: C Haslinger, J Myers (both Middx), E Holland (Hants) 4½

More than 50 British juniors received Lloyds Bank awards or reduced entry fees.

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16th THANET CONGRESS 30 Aug - 1 Sep 1985

Open (28 entries) 1-3 B Eley (Rotherham), A Lewis (Finchley), T Wiley (Chester) 4/5; 4-8 S Barrett, P Dawes (both Folkestone), J Ferrar (Margate: Thanet prize), R Parry (Gillingham), J Wager (Charlton) 3½...

Major (40 entries) 1-2 C Davidson (Canterbury), A Marcham (Crayford) 4½/5; 3-6 H Dobson (Lewisham), R McCorry (Westgate), F Sadoughi (Canterbury), B Westover (Margate) 4...

Minor (38 entries) 1 N Shepherd (Folkestone) 4½/5; 2-5 F Bowers (Spalding), A Harvey (St Leonards), R Shipp (Whitstable), RN Smith (Suffolk) 4... Results MR Croft

35th ANNUAL PAIGNTON CONGRESS 1-7 Sep 1985

Premier 1-3 M Adams (Truro), A Ashby (Bristol), GW Wheeler (Plymouth) 5½/7; 4-6 N Crickmore (Plymouth), A Grant (Glasgow), T Headlong (Swindon) 5...

Challengers 1 R Burton (Weymouth) 6/7; 2 SEE Cranmer (Cranleigh) 5½; 3-7 B Gosling (Frome), D Smith (S Woodford), RJ Wilcox (London), M Page (London), AW Brusey (Newton Abbot) 5...

Swiss 1 JF Chambers (Worcester) 7/7; 2 A Spiller (Bristol) 5½; 3-5 GD Collings, EW Knapp (London), EJ Newton (Stafford) 5...

APA "A" 1 AH Challis (Lewes) 6/7; 2 PR Kings (Ks Lynn); 3 KAJ Francis (W Bromwich) 4½...

APA "B" 1 C Deakin (Totnes) 6/7; 2 DT Fairbank (Warley) 5½; 3 K Jones (Harrow) 4½...

APA Morning "A" 1-2 JA Speigel (London), R Whatley (B'ham) 5/7; 3 E Newman (Stonehouse) 4½...

APA Morning "B" 1 EB Sandercock (Chalfont St Giles) 4½/7; 2-3 RA Hubbard (Bishops Stortford), GMA Smith (Benfleet) 4...

REVIEW

TEACH YOURSELF CHESS

William R Hartston: Hodder and Stoughton,
200 pp paperback £3.50

Another book for beginners! (Must be some reason why they always send them to me.) I looked in vain for the Hartston humour: it is, of course, a perfectly straight treatment. So what, if anything, is different about it? Questions of emphasis.

A brief run-down of the chapters: (1) the rules (21pp): clear, though you'd get the impression that Queens Rooks can castle through things. (2) elementary endgames (13pp): basic mates, and K+P v K. Clear. (3) Elementary tactics (24pp): forks, pins, discoveries, mating combinations. (4) Opening principles (15pp): the basic rules of development. (5) Endings (28pp): all the basic stuff (except, oddly, K+Q v K+P on 7th). (6) Strategic planning (16pp): a few illustrative games, or part games; preceded by a useful introduction to things like pawn structure. "Strategic planning in chess can stem from an imprecise, fuzzy sort of thought process." Don't I know it, but it's not the sort of thing beginners' books tend to emphasise. (7) Basic opening theory (24pp): treats a few openings in reasonable depth, rather than lots none. Good. (8) Illustrative games (44pp): a historical survey, full of old favourites Anderssen (who else?) to Karpov. (9) The art of chess compositions (11pp): mostly, Hartston's concession to frivolity.

The book is clear and should give the reader, I think, a good understanding of the principles behind the game, without overburdening him with theory. Hartston has clearly tried to illustrate the beauty inherent in chess while not concealing its difficulty.

Presentation: the book looks good, stays open unattended, has clear print and diagrams. Moves are usually printed along the line, rather than in columns, which makes them harder to read though it gets more in. The book fails the who's-move-is-it-with-diagram test. I've spotted no misprints, though a spurious negative has crept in on page 13. The price is reasonable.

I don't buy beginners' books for adults (for children, yes, but this is not a children's book). If I were asked to recommend one, I think this would probably be it.

RJH

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 1984-5

The Final was won by Sussex, the holders, who beat Surrey 9-9 on board count. The adjudicated board 10 came back a draw: WA Linton (Sy) ½ ½ MD Nicholas. Congratulations to Sussex, and sorry it had to wait for the bottom of a page in the September issue.

SOME GAMES from the Lloyds Bank Masters 1985Iveil - Beliavsky (notes by White)

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 c3 Qb6 5 Nf3 Bd7 6 Be2 Bb5 7 c4

I played this line in a simul v Karpov 8 years ago and obtained reasonable attacking chances on the K side.

7...Bc4 8 Bc4 Qb4 9 Nbd2 dc 10 a3 Qb5 11 Qe2 cd 12 Nd4 Qd5 13 N2f3

13 N4f3 is also playable

13...Bc5 14 Be3 Bd4 15 Bd4 Nc6 16 0-0-0!? Nge7 17 h4 0-0 18 Bc3 Qb5

Black does not want to block his b pawn in this manner, but after ...Qc5 he will only lose a tempo after Ng5-e4.

19 Ng5

Now W has strong attacking possibilities. B thought for a long time over his next move, presumably wondering if he could get away with 19...Nd5. Not surprisingly he decided he couldn't. So:

19...h6 20 Ne4 Rad8 21 Nd6 Qb6 22 h5

intending to meet the natural-looking ...Nd5 with Rd5 and Nf5 with strong pressure on g7

22...Nf5

This came as a pleasant surprise; from now on the attack seems to play itself.

23 Nf5 ef 24 e6 Qc5 25 ef Kf7 26 Qf3 Kg8 27 Qf4!

This manoeuvre is tactically good in that it threatens a subsequent Qc7, and positionally good in that it restricts the scope of the black N.

27...Rd1 28 Rd1 Rf7 29 Re1 Rd7 30 g4

Obvious and very strong. For a moment I was tempted to think black was lost.

30...Nd4 31 Qb8 Kh7 32 Qe8

If 32 Re8, ...Nb3 wins.

32...Qc6 33 gf

There is nothing better. 33 Kbl Nb5 looks good for him.

33...Nb3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Black is forced to go in for the perpetual. If 33...Nf5 34 Re6 Qh1 and 35 Bel wins; if 33...Rd6, one good line for White would be 34 Qg6 Rg6 35 fg Kg8 36 Bd4 Kf8 37 Bc3!

Ravikumar - Mortazavi

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 ed 5 cd d6 6 Nf3 g6 7 Bf4 a6 8 e4 Bg7 9 Nd2 0-0
10 Be2 b5 11 Qc2 Re8 12 0-0 b4 13 Nd1 Nd5 14 ed Re2 15 Be3 a5! 16 Qd3 Ba6
17 Nc4 Qh4! 18 f4 Re1 19 Rc1 Nd7 20 Nf2 Rf1 21 Rf1 Ne5 22 Ne5 Bd3 23 Ned3 Re8
24 Bc1 Bd4 25 b3 Re2 26 g3 Qh5 0-1

Peelen - Hennigan

1 c4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 g3 d6 4 Bg2 e5 5 d3 f5 6 Nf3 Nf6 7 0-0 0-0 8 Rb1 a5 9 a3
Nc6 10 b4 ab 11 ab h6 12 b5 Ne7 13 Bb2 Be6 14 Ra1 Rb8 15 Qb3 g5 16 Ra7 f4
17 Nd2 fg 18 hg Qe8 19 Nd5 Ned5 20 cd Qh5! 21 Rc1 Bh3 22 Bf3 Ng4 23 Ne4 Rf3!
24 ef Nh2! 0-1

Land - Mestel

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 g4
Be6 10 0-0-0 Ne5 11 h4 Bc4 12 Bh3 Ba6 13 b3 Qa5 14 Kbl Qa3 15 g5 Nh5 16 f4 Nc6
17 Bg4 Nb4 18 Bh5 gh 19 Nf5 Rfe8 20 Ng7 Kg7 21 Qd4 e5 22 Qd6 Rac8 23 Qf6 Kg8
24 Rd7 Rf8 25 g6! 1-0 (If ...hxg6 26 Rg1 threatens Rxc6+)

Hodgson - Kuzmin

1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 Ne4 3 Bh4 d5 4 Nf3 c6 5 Nbd2 Qb6 6 Rb1 Nd2 7 Qd2 Bf5 8 b4 Qa6
9 Rb2 b5 10 e3 Qa3 11 c3 f6 12 Rb3 Qa6 13 Qb2 Nd7 14 Nd2 Nb6 15 Ra3 Qc8 16 Nb3
e5 17 Bg3 Na4 18 Qc1 Be7 19 Be2 0-0 20 0-0 Qe8 21 Na5 Qd7 22 Qd2 Nb6 23 f3 Rfe8
24 Re1 Bf8 25 Bf1 Bg6 26 Rd1 Rad8 27 Nb3 e5 28 Nc5 Qf7 29 Ra6 e4 30 a4 ef 31 gf
Bh5 32 ab Bf3 33 Ra1 cb 34 Ra7 Qg6 35 Qf2 Qg4 36 Bb5 Nc4 37 Be8 Re8 38 Ra8 Re3
39 Re1 Be2 40 Qf4 Qh3 41 Qb8 h5 42 Nd7 Qd7 43 Qf8 Kh7 44 Qc8 Qe7 45 Qf5 g6
46 Qf4 Nd2 47 Qb8 Kh6 1-0

Powell - Nagel

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Be2 Bb4 7 f3 Qa5 8 Qd2 d5
9 a3 de 10 ab 1-0

To cap that, an anonymous game pinched from ChessIns:

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-KB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 P-K5 N-K5 5 QxP P-Q4 6 N-QB3 B-QB4 7 QxP
BxP+ 0-1

The amazing thing about this one is that it was a correspondence game!

CONGRESS DIARY

- Oct 4- 6 HEXAGON at Plymouth. Open; U151. MEE Clarke, Chapel House, Morwenstow, Bude, Cornwall
- 6 BEDFORDSHIRE. K Liddle, 1 Lime Tree Close, Sindon Park, Luton, Beds
- 6 WARLEY QUIMBORNE at Birmingham. K Langston, 8 Clent View Rd, Bartley Green, B'ham O21 550 3728
- 12 ASHFORD (Kent) Junior U18/14/12/11/10. RG Blake, 96 Manorfield, Singleton Village, Ashford TN23 2YP: A 39372
- 13-19 LLOYDS BANK GUERNSEY. Open; U145. PO Box 23, St Peter Port, Guernsey
- 16 BASINGSTOKE. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Buckskin, Basingstoke
- 19 RAINHAM (Kent) QP team and individual, with grading handicap. HW Phillips, 193 Allington Drive, Strood, Kent ME2 3TD: Medway 718563
- 19 CHEQUERS. 18 Chalk Farm Rd NW1 01 485 1696
- 19-20 HERTS at Hitchin. Open; U151; U126. JG Jones, 9 Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin SG5 1PA: H 54171
- 20 CITY CHESS. LG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Park N5 2AZ
- 25 CHEQUERS all-night 5 min. As 19th.
- 25-27 SCARBOROUGH Open; U161; U136; U111; junior U18. DCG McGregor, 15 Pinewood Drive, Scarborough YO12 5JP
- 26-27 LONDON OPEN JUNIOR TEAM. LG Goodwin as 20th.
- 25-27 LIVERPOOL. J Johnson, 7 Hetherlow Towers, Liverpool L4 6SL
- 25-27 YEOVIL. M Wheeler, The Barn, Crossway Mead, Chilthorne Davies, Yeovil 841098
- 26-27 ROCHDALE Open; U160; U120. R Plant, 7 Harrow Avenue, Bamford, Rochdale OL11 4DS
- Nov 20 BASINGSTOKE as above
- 22-24 TORBAY Open; U156; U126. P Short, Blue Horizon, Nut Bush Lane, Shipway Torquay TQ2 6LD

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Match captains, especially new ones, please note: the Bulletin publishes full results of all SCCU county matches. If you send them, that is. We aim for 100% but usually find there are one or two that don't get through. Please send a copy of every result sheet. Don't rely on your opponents to do it. Be prompt - don't wait for adjudication results - and try to be legible. The BCF also likes to have the results but won't publish them in full.

Random Quote: "Despite an increase in the membership subscription from 5/- to 7/6d, the total remained satisfactory at 124." Guess the year. Junior readers may omit this question.

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SCCU COUNTY MATCHES 1985-6

	Championship	Montague-Jones	Amboyna/Ebony
Sep 28		KH ME	
Oct 5			M4M3
12	CSx HBr MK BuSy	HM OK	
19			
26			EM4 SxM3 K3K4 Sy2Sy3
Nov 2	BrC KH SxE SyM	EH MO	
9			
16			M4Sy3 M3K3 K4Sy2 ESx
23	CK HSy EBr MBu	KM OE	
30	SyC		
Dec 7			SxM4 Sy2M3 Sy3K4 K3E
14	KE BrSx BuH	EK HO	
Jan 11			M4K4 M3Sy3 ESy2 SxK3
18	SxK ESy CBU HM	HK EM	
25			
Feb 1	MC BuE SySx KBr	MH KO	
8			K3M4 K4M3 Sy3E Sy2Sx
15	BrSy SxBu EM CH	HE OM	
22			
Mar 1	HE MSx BuBr SyK	MK EO	
8			EK4 SxSy3 K3Sy2
15	KBU BrM SxH EC	KE OH	
22			Sy2M4 M3E K4Sx Sy3K3

Please tell the SCCU Fixture Secretary and Tournament Controller if you change any of these dates. It helps if you tell the Bulletin as well. And please send the full score of each match to the Bulletin for publication.

SOME JUNIOR DATES

But only some.

Oct	9?	Surrey v Kent, Middx v Essex "Metropolitan" (We guess this is a misprint for 19th)
	26-27	Berks & Bucks Junior Congress at Burnham
Nov	2	Berks v Bucks U16
	9-10	Junior Congress at Guildford
	16	Surrey v Essex, Kent v Middx "Metropolitan"
		Berks v Oxon U16
	30	National U16 at Crewe
Dec	14	Berks v Bucks U14
Jan	25	Metropolitan U14 Jamboree
	31-1	Surrey Junior Congress at Ewell
Feb	1-2	Berks Schools Congress
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	8	Surrey v Middx, Essex v Kent "Metropolitan"
	15	Berks v Bucks U16
Mar	1	SCCU U18 Jamboree
	8	National U14 at Newport, Gwent
	15	Berks v Oxon U16
Apr	2-5	Maidenhead Junior Congress
	19	Berks v Herts U16

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