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EDITORIAL

Happy new year. About a quarter of this issue is devoted to a review. I make no apologies for this: it interested me and that's what counts. But if you want more about chess, or chess results, or chess players, you know what to do. Point it in my direction.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 29th November 1985, in its old home at St Brides where the squeaky chairs welcomed us back like old friends. Your Editor will not say whether the absence of a bar at St Brides affected the deliberations.

(1) Data Protection Act. A report back from the BCF Management Board dispelled some of the fog. It appears the BCF will (?may) negotiate an agreement with the Registrar whereby any grader working by computer can enter into a contract with the Federation. This contract would prevent his divulging data in any way not approved by the BCF; and in return he would be covered by the BCF's £22 registration fee. Swiss pairing by computer is within the scope of the Act, incidentally, and of course the grading contract won't cover it.

(2) SCCU Council Meeting 1986 has been moved from the 21st to the 28th June because of a clash with a Management Board meeting. The venue has yet to be fixed.

(3) Junior Matters. The Executive noted the resignation of DJ Blackman, the SCCU Junior Organiser, and appointed PE Morrish to take his place.

The SCCU Under 18 Jamboree will be held on the 1st March 1986 at the City of London School. There was much discussion, and not for the first time, of the pros and cons of moving this event around. The consensus seemed to be that nearly everyone except the host county would suffer.

The Under 14 Jamboree is to be an official SCCU event. No decision was taken on the 40-board Metropolitan matches; as they don't seem to be provided for in the Junior budget, they would presumably have to be self-supporting. We assume they generally are anyway.

Someone remarked that the new Minor Counties Junior competition ought not to be run on a Union basis. The eligible counties would probably be peripheral ones falling naturally into groups with peripheral counties from other Unions. No doubt it's too late to do anything about that this year.

The BCF had asked our reaction to a Midlands proposal that a player should not be permitted to play for one county as a junior and another as an adult. The SCCU will not support this proposal.

(4) SCCU Individual Championship will be incorporated, as usual, in the Sutton Easter Congress. There will be a prize of £50 as last year. Ties for the SCCU nomination to the British Championship will be split in favour of the highest graded player.

(5) County First Team Match Captains met on the 27th September. At least the Cambs, Essex, Kent and Sussex ones did (and Middx sent apologies). They discussed a number of things, and disliked the new rotation of fixtures. A further meeting is planned.

(6) Junior Training event 14-15 December was reported to be on target for the hoped-for 30 participants. Grades ranged from 156 to 206. (A brief report of the event appears in the Junior section of this issue.)

(7) SCCU Grading. As reported last time, the London and Middx Leagues submitted their results late and the Union has had to produce a supplementary list to accommodate them. It emerged that a number of other significant events had also gone in late. The major offenders will probably make a financial contribution towards the extra costs.

(8) BCF Grading. Philip Clemow reported that a detailed timetable has been produced for the switch to national grading. (For more details, see below.)

(9) The Executive welcomed a Midland Counties suggestion for a match between our respective Third Team Champions, for an unofficial national title. (Your Editor assumes that Fourth Teams would be eligible.)

NATIONAL GRADING

If things are on schedule, all Union data should have reached the BCF computer by the 31st December 1985. The master list should go out to graders in mid January. Sinclair Spectrums plus software will be issued to the Unions about the end of January. There are not likely to be more than two per Union! Graders with Spectrums have been asked whether they are prepared to transcribe data for those without. We await their answers with interest. (Transcription to cassette looks to be a real weakness in the system. The BCF computer can't accept data in any other form. In the SCCU, transcription has always been done at the computer end; mostly by Grieveson, Grant whose charge included an element to cover this. The additional manpower now required looks like a hidden extra on the costs.)

Grading results, on cassette, have to reach the BCF by the 1st July and it is hoped that the new Union Grading Lists will be available on the 1st September.

On the Data Protection Act, Paul Buswell has written confirming many of the details published in the Executive report. He thinks your Editor's lunchtime tournaments for the kids at school are probably exempt on the grounds that they are 'purely for your private recreational purposes'. Not quite sure how to take that. We think they're OK anyway because no one objects (they'd better not!) to the data being held on disc, and they all have every opportunity to inspect it - the complete file goes on the notice board every week. As for our suggestion last time that an event might be exempt if you made it a condition of entry that no one objected etc., he has reservations which are too technical for the Bulletin to understand.

### JUNIOR NEWS

Metropolitan Under 18 matches at Highbury Fields, 16.11.85

<u>Essex</u>			<u>Middx</u>			<u>Surrey</u>			<u>Kent</u>		
1	J Rogers	0 1	MJ(so) Hennigan	IM Sim	1 0	PJ Morris					
2	M Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JP Sharp	R Allicock	0 1	CG Ward					
3	R Brown	0 1	G Wall	SA Steel	1 0	IA Galloway					
4	R White	0 1	A Summerscale	PA Lingard	0 1	RA Morrison					
5	R Fulford	0 1	AM Stone	S Dishman	0 1	AI Armstrong					
6	Robert Tokeley	0 1	BD Beake	J Ahmad	0 1	TE Farndon					
7	def	0 1	J Cavendish	J Leake	1 0	AE Tucker					
8	M Nwankwo	0 1	M Josse	def	0 0	def					
9	A Keehner	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Simmons	GF Thompson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AL Mack					
10	T Webber	1 0	N Peters	DM Hubbard	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Morrison					
11	B Hawkins	0 1	R Thavkers (sic)	T Herring	1 0	DP Fulton					
12	J Baptie	1 0	SE Low	M Wood	0 1	IT Moroney					
13	D Harvey	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Lomibao	D Thomson	0 1	L Jones					
14	J Hayes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Hon	DP Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Bourne					
15	S Beales	1 0	G Haslinger	N Callow	1 0	ELA Ionides					
16	D Seacombe	1 0	S Danji	A Jobson	0 1	DG Hogg					
17	S Ansell	0 1	D Kumeran	CA Wells	0 1	E Neill					
18	R Webster	1 0	A Jones	M Stockwell	0 1	JG Smith					
19	D Ewart	0 1	A Ethelontis	N Vella	0 1	DN Cook					
20	T White	0 1	J Danji	MN Anderton	0 1	A Harakis					
21	A Williams	1 0	J Inwood	AM Ford	0 1	C Howell					
22	A Spencer	0 1	R Mohindra	DC Canning	0 1	S Peters					
23	A Baum	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Phillips	NM Gough	0 1	A Pettey					
24	B Boss	0 1	W Myers	A Mukherjee	1 0	A MacKillop					
25	S Rickett	0 1	J Philipsz	G Travers	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JMC Ionides					
26	S Burtt	0 1	R Barker	PE Randall	0 1	T Lee					
27	R Slade	0 1	D Deacon	P Hennessey	0 1	M Barrett					
28	def	0 1	J Slowe	SD Tijou	1 0	B Swift					
29	G Wallace	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P McDonagh	MB Rothwell	0 1	M Pratt					
30	A Davies	0 1	D Rosenberg	K Nithi	0 1	J Greeves					
31	J Sadler	0 1	P Behrman	ME Barrett	0 1	C Allard					
32	A Gooding	1 0	C Haslinger	AJ Stedman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Sabaratnam					
33	R Adams	1 0	N Smith	S Lawrence	0 1	O Gard					
34	J Howie	1 0	M Watts	P Eade	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Fox					
35	G Savage	0 1	P Bird	B Stratton	1 0	M Allison					
36	T McIntosh	0 1	C Bates	K Cormack	0 1	D Gleed					
37	T Ambrose	0 1	J Myers	G Pietersz	0 1	T Rogers					
38	def	0 1	J Scowen	PJ Kyte	1 0	C Mann					
39	def	0 1	P Williams	P Softley	0 1	T Allard					
40	def	0 1	M Hurles	K White	0 1	D Steel					
		12 28			12 27						

#### 50th ANNUAL DUPREE TOURNAMENT at Brighton, 30 Dec - 3 Jan 1986

Under 21 (14 pl) 1 Jonathan Barnes (Brighton College); 2 Julian Thompson (Varndean); 3 Keith Beard (Warwick Univ); 4 Andrew Cooper (Dorothy Stringer); 5 Andrwe Downard (Queens Univ Belfast)... Best Girl Tania Munday

Under 15 (38 pl) 1 Matthew Lenton (Blatchington Mill); 2 Robert Sherlock (ditto); 3 Adam Manser (Varndean)...

Results P Watson

BATSFORD/TCS LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 27-30 December 1985 (London Champions asterisked)

Under 21 (17 pl) 1 Bruce Baer (Muswell Hill) 6/7; 2 Robert Willmoth (Hackney) 5½; 3 Richard Walker (Southampton Univ) 4½...

Under 18 (30 pl) 1 Chris Ward\* (Sevenoaks) 6½/8; 2-3 Demetrios Agnos (Twickenham), S Dave Singh (Colchester) 6; 4-9 James Cavendish (Barnes), Chris Dunworth (West Bridgford, Notts), Iain Galloway (Sidcup), Mark Josse (Eltham Mx), Neil Peters (Kingsbury Mx), Gavin Wall (Richmond) 5...

Best game D Agnos (commendations AP Summerscale, AI Armstrong). Girls Champion Natasha Regan (Gerrards Cross) 4½  
Under 16 (39 pl) 1-2 Benjamin Beake\* (Ashford Mx), Alex Tucker (Biggin Hill) 6½; 3-4 Matthew Sadler (age 11.7: Chatham), Richard Stables (Leamington Spa) 5½; 5-12 R Allicock (Wandsworth), S Dishman (Coulsdon), C Duncan (Pinner), D Evans (Lee on Solent), D Kumaran (Harrow), D Mehta (Brentwood), I Moroney (Sidcup), R Singh (Colchester) 5...

Under 14 (60 pl) 1-2 Edward Holland (Waterlooville), Andrew Webster\* (Sutton) 6½; 3 Alexander Selkirk (Hampstead) 6; 4-12 M Anderton (Guildford), O Duncan (Pinner), G Haslinger (Hayes), D Hassapis (age 9.5: Finchley), A Hon (Hendon), L Jones (Beckenham), A Keehner (Chingford), R Lomibao (E Acton), M Stockwell (S Croydon) 5½...

Under 12 1 Lester Tattersall (Spain!) 9/10; 2 Andrew Jones (Caerphilly) 8½; 3-5 Caspar Bates (Richmond), Daniel Harvey\* (Ilford), Bernard Hong (Catford) 8; 6-8 Graeme Nadasy (Richmond), Edmund Neill (SE21), Lon Whittaker (SE26) 7½... Girls Champion Nicola Hon (Hendon) 6½

Under 10 (106 pl) 1-4 Matthew Brief (Edgware), Arjun Panchapagesan\* (Purley), Jonathan Parker (Radcliffe Notts), Lon Whittaker (SE26) 6/7; 5-7 Paul Janew (Nuneaton), Alal Miah (E2), Steven Woodford (E14) 5½... Girls Champion Rachel Harvey (Ilford) 5

Under 8 1 Andrew Calderwood (Loughborough) 6/6; 2-3 Marc Blenkiron (Durham), Lee Jacobs\* (Stanmore) 5; 4 Mark Williams (E2) 4½...

Schools Prizes: Senior Trinity (Croydon): S Dishman, A Mack, M Pratt, M Stockwell). Junior Priestmead (Kenton Mx): P Saffer, A Shah, H Shah, N Tarlton.

Results PE Morrish

SEVENT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Maidstone 7.12.85 (6 rd QPs, 40 min/player/game)

Under 18 (15 pl) 1 Philip Morris (Gravesend GS) 5; 2-3 Alastair Armstrong (Canterbury), Chris Ward (TWGSB) 4½; 4 Iain Galloway (Chislehurst & Sidcup GS) 4...

Under 16 (25 pl) 1-3 Alex Tucker (Colfes), Andrew Mack (Trinity School, SE London), Ian Moroney (St Marys & St Josephs GS, ditto) 5; 4 Graeme Hogg (TWGSB) 4½....

Under 14 (32 pl) 1-2 David Fulton (Judd, Tonbridge), Matthew Sadler (Chatham) 5½; 3-10 Leslie Jones and Bernard Hong (St Dunstons College), Edward Ionides (Dulwich College Prep School), David Lintern (Maidstone GS), Damon Cook (Gravesend GS), John Ionides (Dulwich College), Mark Pratt (Trinity), David McLean (Bexley/Erith THS) 4...

Under 12 (19 pl) 1 Simon Bibby (Maidstone) 5½; 2 Richard Wiltshire (Dartford) 5; 3 Gary Reynolds (Maidstone) 4½; 4-5 Alan Farrow, Malcolm Gooderham (Maidstone) 4...

(As this is your Editor's county, he feels free to say that he doesn't approve of one-day QP events for county championships. The idea was to increase the entry.

SCCU JUNIOR TRAINING WEEKEND at Highbury, 14-15 December 1985

Eric Croker reports that the first official SCCU training event went ahead as planned, with help from the BCF who provided a GM coach at rather short notice after the scheduled one had dropped out. Financial assistance came from the NatWest by arrangement with the BCF. 32 juniors accepted invitations and 29 actually turned up. We don't know what became of the other three. Only Berks and Cambs were unrepresented. Ages ranged from 12 to 17, and grades from 152 to 206. They spent most of the weekend in three separate groups with three separate tutors (ND Short, RG Wade, PA Lamford). All the tutors gave clock simulms and they all had quite a hard time of it. (Short scored +4 =4 -2; we hear that one of the others got something like 1½/9.) Sessions were spent on openings, tactics, planning, position play and endings, and Nigel Short's commentaries on some of his own games were much appreciated. Your Editor has seen the positions the juniors were given as homework, and he can't do many of them. The most fiendish of the lot is said to be the one which goes 8/6pk/3K4/16/1p1P4/1P6/8: W to move; what result? We don't know the answer but we know where to get it. Any offers?

After the event the juniors were invited to put their own comments in writing and these have been passed to the coaches. Though some suggestions were made for improvements, we gather that the event was much appreciated. (Our own mole isn't sure he learnt much but it was great fun.)

Berks have recently run their own training event with SM Taulbut as Senior Coach. There is one planned for March at the Central London YMCA.

SCCU JUNIOR JAMBOREES:

Under 14 25 Jan 1985: To encourage weaker counties to take part, Peter Morrish suggests that they may like to produce combined teams. Entries to him by 22nd Jan at the latest.

Under 18 1st March 1985: The Open is a qualifier for the new BCF Minor Counties final as well as the National championship. It seems that under the "experimental" rules everyone except Sussex and Middx is eligible for the Minor because no one else has won the National championship in the last five years. The winner of the SCCU event will go forward to the National championship and the next highest team eligible and interested goes forward to the Minor.

British Chess Educational Trust awards are made annually to schools showing outstanding merit in results and/or enthusiasm. Nominations to the BCF are made through the Unions. There were no SCCU nominations last year. If you know of a deserving school, send full details in triplicate, by mid March, to Peter Morrish, SCCU Junior Organiser. His address is inside the front cover.

ROUND THE COUNTIES

What Counties? Is there nobody out there? All we have is three Chiltern League results: Bucks II 10 10 Oxon II 28.9.85; Bucks II 13½ 6½ Herts III 30.11.85; Berks A 11 9 Bucks II 21.12.85

LEIGH GRAND PRIX

A record first prize of £3000 for a British open event, provided by Leigh Interests, was won by Peter Large after a very close contest which was only settled in round 4 of the Islington Congress, the final event. John Nunn, the runner-up, has already won the Grand Prix twice. He came close despite a heavy commitment in international tournaments and the Bundesliga. Mark Hebden, who took third place, finishes in the first three for the sixth consecutive year. "Merit Awards" go to the following congresses: Cork, Herts, Jersey, Kilmarnock, Rhyl, Salop, Seaham and Southend.

Grand Prix: 1 Peter Large (Putney) 189.8/200; 2 John Nunn (Putney) 188.9; 3 Mark Hebden (Leicester) 188.5; 4 Keith Arkell (Droitwich) 181.2; 5 Julian Hodgson (W London) 178.9; 6 Stuart Conquest (Hastings) 178.0; 7 Joe Gallagher (Wimbledon) 171.8; 8 Mark Condie (Edinburgh) 171.0; 9 Gavin Crawley (N London) 170.4; 10 Chris Baker (Coventry) 170.0; 11-12 Andrew Martin (Hounslow), Erik Teichmann (Cambridge) 167.7; 13 Darryl Johansen (Aus) 166.0; 14 Glenn Flear (Streatham) 165.5; 15 Colin Crouch (Harrow) 165.2; 16 Jonathan Speelman (Hampstead) 164.2; 17 David Norwood (Bolton) 162.6; 18 Robert Bellin (Gt Yarmouth) 162.5; 19-20 Tony Kosten (Chandlersford), Jonathan Levitt (Finchley) 161.5...

Petit Prix (a regional competition. The handouts never seem very specific about how it works, and we never try to understand the rules any more.): 1 Hebden 97.2/100; 2 Arkell, Baker 90.8; 4 Jeff Horner (Bolton) 90.2; 5 Teichmann 88.1; 6 John Littlewood (Skelmersdale) 87.0; 7 Nigel Davies (Wrexham) 84.4; 8 Victor Knox (Cheadle) 83.7; 9 Roddy McKay (Glasgow) 82.5; 10-11 Condie, Norwood 81.4...

Prixette (for women): 1 Sheila Jackson (SW London) 41.7/50; 2 Susan Walker (Droitwich) 41.2; 3 April Cronin (Dublin) 37.5; 4 Teresa Needham (W London) 36.4; 5 Jana Miles (Shrewsbury) 34.1; 6 Rani Jackson (Wilmslow) 32.5; 7 Bagyshree Sathe (Ind) 28.0; 8 Alison Franklin (Croydon) 24.0; 9 Alison Martin (Hounslow) 21.5; 10 Mandy Hepworth (Pulborough) 17.0...

Anateur Prix: 1 M Carroll (Swinton) 46.5/50; 2 R Beesley (NZ) 38.0; 3-4 F Chin (London Univ), M Lyell (Acton) 33.0; 5 R Clegg 31.5...

20th TORBAY CONGRESS 22-24 Nov 1985

Open 1-5 A Ashby (Bristol), MJ Franklin (Norbury), DC Osborne (Bristol), AC Kosten (Chandlers Ford), C Beaumont (Bristol) 4/5...

Major 1-2 GE Beales (Lowdham), D Roberts (Bournemouth) 4½/5; 3-4 A Hill (Bristol), K Payne (Bridgwater) 4...

Intermediate 1-2 BA Kogan (Hants), RM Lewis (Newton Abbot) 4½/5; 3 F Dusetti (Torquay); 4-9 RJ Hirons (Taunton), K Jones (Yatton), E Lodge (Ilford), SL Russell (Cheltenham), NJ Smith (Port Talbot), C Howard (Totnes) 3½...

Minor 1-3 W Adams (Truro), JW Fathers (Plymouth), RE Smith (Romford) 4½/5; 4-7 SJ Eales (Torquay), E Hampton (Brixham), D Hill (Exeter), AB Welch (Brixham) 4...

## COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES

## CHAMPIONSHIP

	Br	Bu	C	E	H	K	M	Sy	Sx
Berks			10	9½	11½				10½
Bucks					8		5	12½	
Cambs	10					6½		9	11
Essex	10½					8½			10+1
Herts	8½	12				4		12½	
Kent			13½	11½	16		6½		
Middx		15				13½		13½	
Surrey		7½	11		7½		6½		
Sussex	9½		9	9+1					

## MONTAGUE-JONES

	E	H	K	M	O
Essex II		11	8+2		14½
Herts II	9			4½	10
Kent II	8+2			10½	11½
Middx II		15½	9½		13½
Oxon	5½	10	7½	6½	

## PHILLIPS AND DREW AMBOYNA/EBONY

	E	K	M3	M4	Sy2	Sy3	Sx
Essex III				11			11½
Kent IV					8½	9	
Middx III				13	12½	10½	13
Middx IV	9		7				7½
Surrey II		11½	7½			15	
Surrey III		11	9½		5		
Sussex II	8½		7	12½			

Please tell the Editor if you spot errors in these tables. We believe everything is there. We have no detailed results for Herts II v Oxon (MJ 14.12.85). Neither of these teams has sent us any results this season.

ADJUDICATIONS from last time

Correction

AE Sussex II v Middx III 26.10.85: 4 Kelly ½ Lyell; 7 Williams 1 Alabi. Match score unaffected.

Appeal

C Cambs 10½ 9½ Sussex 12.10.85: 19 Carr ½ Hollister (Sx appeal upheld)

Adjudications

C Sussex v Essex 12.10.85: results not yet received.

Berks 10 10 Cambs 2.11.85: 3 Sharp 1 Lawson; 8 Rice ½ Bristow; 10 Callow 0 Tsang

Kent 16 4 Herts 2.11.85: 5 Potts 1 Rudge; 17 Pountney ½ Badger

AE Surrey II 15 5 Surrey III 26.10.85: 15 Rusha 1 Baldock

Adjudication results given on the following pages were up to date 12.1.86.

Essex II v Kent II 23.11.85: The County match Controller has ruled that RW O'Brien who played for Kent on board 14 was ineligible by virtue of being a nominated Surrey first team player. He has not played for Surrey this season. Kent have appealed against the ruling. In the meantime they have been docked 2 game points, and the result stands at 8-8 with two for adjudication.

You've probably heard that the GLC, in its dying throes, has put in a bid to host the latest K v K encounter. There is also to be an international invitation tournament (11-27 March) featuring Spassky, Smyslov, Tal, Polugaievski, Larsen, Portisch, Ribli, Dlugy, Chandler, Mestel, Nunn, Plaskett, Short and Speelman. The Bulletin is delighted, but slightly mystified by the BCF's announcement of a reduced admission fee for "UB40s".

## CHAMPIONSHIP

Cambs*	23.11.85	Kent*	Essex*	23.11.85	Berks
1 SD Bell (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Martin	ML Carr (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S James
2 ACL Dyson	1 0	RG Eales	K Bowden	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PJ Sharp
3 DJ Walker	0 1	JJ Ady	AP Lewis	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JA Freeman
4 D Watts	0 1	IR Watson	J Hodgson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	ACP Milnes
5 G Anthony	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Hanreck	D Coleman	1 0	M Taylor
6 MC Forster	$\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$	A Trangmar	D Sherman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Cooper
7 DDA Lawson	1 0	A Potts	J Howson	1 0	A Buckland
8 R Cannings	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JN Sugden	J Goldberg	$\frac{1}{2}$ + $\frac{1}{2}$	SAM Foister
9 R Blackwell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Stebbings	R Heppinstall	0 1	I Clinie
10 M Vincent	0 1	AP Smith	I Myall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DS Tucker
11 S Lazarus	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JE Scholes	R Ellames	1 0	JM Way
12 S James	0 1	N McDonald	J Cooke	1 0	JG Brookes
13 A Harley	0 1	PR(sic) Morris	N Amor	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	OWS Jones
14 JR Nellist	0 1	TW Pelling	G Yates	$\frac{1}{2}$ + = $\frac{1}{2}$	PI Thompson
15 RP Bristow	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MP Loon(!!!)§	K Spurgeon	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MPA Connolly
16 M Thornton	0 1	PS Milner-Barry	IBN Smith	1 0	ST Gargett
17 E Stewart §	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	I Pountney	T Whitton	0 1	MF Redmond
18 T Mortimer	0 1	E Whipp	S Kalinsky	0 1	PAF Watkins
19 H Tsang	0 1	JD Wager	R Wagstaff (sic)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GT Fergusson
20 N Savage	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DR Morris	M Mortimer	0 1	WP Tickner
(Pembroke Coll.)	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 13 $\frac{1}{2}$		(Wanstead H)	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	

§ Cook, obviously. (We know he played for Kent in this match, and drew.) The Essex match captain seems to have had trouble, here and elsewhere, with his counterpart's writing. "Stewart" on board 17 just could be "Stewart".

Middx*	23.11.85	Bucks*	Herts*	23.11.85	Surrey*
1 AJ Whiteley (B)	0 1	C Frostick	P Byway (W)	1 0	WA Linton
2 GC Crawley	1 0	RCS Newton	H Tebbs	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Blackwell
3 CM Cooley	1 0	H Golombek	A Simpson	1 0	PT Stimpson
4 SJB Knott	1 0	PC Girdlestone	JF Rudge	1+ 0	RJ Stockwell
5 SH Berry	1 0	P Hackman	PG Maguire	0= 1	DR Sedgwick
6 D Agnos	1 0	GM Boyce	G Scholes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Inglis
7 RF Holmes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Robbings	P Gregory	0 1	RA Allicock
8 CE Hill	1 0	CM Kennedy	W Tabakiernik	1 0	TO Brugger
9 T Farrand	0= +1	MK Reeves	J O'Loghlen	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Guilfoyle
10 SJ Rodericks	1 0	EK Tweeddale	T Sinkinson	1 0	MJ Lester
11 RJF Sams	0 1	RD de Coverly	R Arnot	1 0	def
12 E Flacker	1 0	MGL Leigh	S Law	0 1	CPL Parker
13 AM Stone	1 0	AJ Cox	B Morris	1 0	RE Wilkinson
14 BL Baer	1 0	M Egby	J Cook	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Edwards
15 R Kane	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RDW Marsh	A Vickers	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JE Pattle
16 RA Chapman	1 0	PR Rawcliffe	B Judkins	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	STK Wilkinson
17 JA Hunt	1 0	EN Branley	P Badger	0 1	S Retallick
18 AH Donkin	1 0	DJ Turner	P Weston	1 0	DA Baldock
19 M Francois	1 0	def	S Charles	1 0	K Wilson-Croft
20 R Jennings	0 1	H Granat	D Young	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Hay
(Highbury F)	15 5		(Hoddesdon)	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Surrey*	30.11.85	Cambs*	Berks	14.12.85	Sussex*
1 T Upton (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SD Bell	MJ Staples (B)	1 =0	DH Cummings
2 RA Harris	0 1	D Walker	MA Pagden	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	APH Kinsman
3 R Granat	0 1	D Lawson	MJ Surtees	0 1	FJ Kwiatkowski
4 TB Bennett	0 1	D Watts	S James	0 +1	GH James
5 MPF Singleton	$\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$	M Forster	PJ Sharp	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JIP Simpole
6 GJ Mason	0 1	R Cannings	JA Freeman	0 +1	MD Nicholas
7 RJ Stockwell	0 1	A Harley	MW Marlow	0 1	JA Dodgson
8 R Inglis	1 0	S James	M Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RV Elliston
9 DR Sedgwick	$\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$	J Nellist	PM Rice	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Rivers
10 KFI(sic) Inwood	0 1	E Stewart	ACP Milnes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DGA Shallcross
11 C Prendergast	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	H Tsang	SAM Foister	0 1	DB Graham
12 RA Allicock	1 0	N Savage	AW Hooper	1 +0	SON Hawes
13 CRA Clegg	1 0	S Danell	I Climie	0 1	SJ Newman
14 PE Barnard	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Gibbs	DS Tucker	1 0	JP Munday
15 MJ Lester	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Likeman	G Fergusson	1 0	P Fallon
16 FC Manning	1 0	def	OWS Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Watson
17 E Jones	1 0	def	MF Redmond	1 0	DB Scott
18 P Dupré	1 0	def	PI Thompson	1 0	LJ Cannon
19 S Retallick	1 0	def	JG Brookes	1 0	RTF Williams
20 STK Wilkinson	1 0	def	MPA Connolly	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PR Selby
(Sutton)	11 9		(Wokingham)	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	



Bucks*		14.12.85	Herts*		Kent*		14.12.85	Essex*	
1 C Frostick (B)	0	1	P Byway	LM Pickett (W)	0	1	K Bowden		
2 RCS Newton	1	0	A Simpson	IR Watson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	NL Carr		
3 H Golombek	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Murphy	A Hanreck	0	1	AP Lewis		
4 G Moore	0	1	JF Rudge	A Trangmar	$\frac{1}{2}+$	$=\frac{1}{2}$	J Hodgson		
5 PC Girdlestone	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PG Maguire	JN Sugden	1	0	JB Howson		
6 KG Hyde	1	0	def	AP Smith	0	1	S Lowe		
7 P Hackman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Tebbs	AJ Stebbings	1+	=0	I Robson		
8 GM Boyce	0	1	P Gregory	JE Scholes	0	1	J Goldberg		
9 A Robbings	0	1	J Denton	A Potts	1	0	R Ellames		
10 D Smith	1	0	def	R O'Kelly §	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Cooke		
11 RDW Marsh	0	1	G Hollis	TW Pelling	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Spurgeon		
12 M Egby	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Sinkinson	JA Johnson	1	0	N Amor		
13 AJ Cox	0	1	B Morris	MP Cook §	0	1	IBN Smith		
14 PR Rawcliffe	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Law	RM Webb	1	0	G Yates		
15 EN Bramley	0	1	J Cook	PS Milner-Barry	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	CF Dorn		
16 BW Atkinson	1	0	def	JD Wager	1	0	T Carr		
17 S Scopes	0	1	B Judkins	NR Oliver	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G McDonald		
18 H Granat	1	0	P Badger	G Botley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Southwell		
19 D Turner	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Weston	DC Taylor	1	0	M Mortimer		
20 A Dunlop	0	1	S Charles	RCA L-Pentecost	1	0	def		
(Bourne End)	3	12		(Chariton H)	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$			
				§ Essex readings					

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Oxon		23.11.85	Essex II*		Kent II*		23.11.85	Middx II*	
RJ Starkie (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Reid	DA Wood (B)	0	1	K Harman		
R Gray	1	0	def	FJ Ferrar	1	0	S Dabby		
D Buckland	0	1	K Clow	NR Oliver	0	1	JP Sharp		
GT Jones	0	1	N Twitchell	LJ Smart	1	0	Darren L Lee		
D Lee	0	1	C Ramage	JR Wood	0	1	A Jackson		
NJ Hepworth	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	L Marden	SW Giddins	1	0	S Spivack		
D Godfrey	0	1	R Nixon	AJ Smith	0	1	JM Quinn		
AE Gentry	0	1	P Turp	MD Sadler	1	0	def		
A Baker	0	1	F Dorn	DW Sadler	0	1	DJC Mackle		
GW Chapman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Woolverton	T Hare	1	0	def		
I Kingston	0	1	D Millward	M Robertson	0	1	F Rayner		
A Wyeth	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Goorvitch	G Botley	1	0	def		
G Alcock	0	1	M Rahaman	JS Williams	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DA Farndon		
DK Sayers	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	L Crane	P Heaven	1	0	M Lyell		
S Harwood	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Revell	T Stonehouse	0	1	JP Gorgol		
D Metcalfe	0	1	P Salmon	J Wood	1	0	def		
E King	0=	+1	JS Wood	J Allan	0	1	N Rutter		
T Collier	0	1	P Heath	L Wooldridge	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	BJ Benjamin		
C Byott	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Clarke	CI Howell	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	MStJK Brown		
Bally Baker	1	0	J King	MJ Pitt	1	0	J Grundy		
(Oxford)	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$		(Lewisham)	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$			

Count the White wins in Kent-Middx.

Challenge Match:

Essex II		14.12.85	Kent II*		Civil Service		7.11.85	Nemesis	
1 IJ Myall (W)	+	=	LJ Smart	J Sargent (W)	1	0	def		
2 R Heppinstall	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SW Giddins	S Gillum (sic)	0	1	AJ Stebbings		
3 TD Whitton	1	0	def	MJ Rose	1	0	AP Smith		
4 KP Warren	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IM Pountney	S Wilkinson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Norman		
5 R Parker	0	1	DR Morris	R Sefton	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs		
6 TD Coote	1	0	def	D Gleave	0	1	IM Pountney		
7 NH Twitchell	0	1	MM Robertson	JN Helps	0	1	DH Powell		
8 J Rogers	1	0	LM Wooldridge	B O'Gorman	1	0	NH Twitchell		
9 RJ Nixon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JS Williams	H Coles	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	CI Howell		
10 R Gooding	0	1	CI Howell	R Keane	0	1	RCA L-Pentecost		
11 G Clarke	0	1	J Wood	I Halsey	0	1	S Preston		
12 P Turp	0	1	TH Stonehouse	J Clarke	1	0	HW Wood		
13 B Beavis	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JM Allan	(CS HQ)	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$			
14 HI Woolverton	1	0	RW O'Brien §						
15 DJ Millward	1	0	L Gurr						
16 M Rahaman	=	+	MJ Pitt						
17 PR Salmon	0	1	MA Phillips						
18 P Revell	0	1	PW Eldridge						
19 RJ Hammond	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RE Lane						
20 DL Read	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Tassell						
(Wanstead)	(8	10)							

We have never been very clear about just what Nemesis is but we think it's something to do with Lewisham CC.

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## AMBOYNA/EBONY

<u>Middx III*</u>		16.11.85		<u>Surrey III*</u>		<u>Essex III*</u>		16.11.85		<u>Sussex II</u>	
1	N Alldritt (B)	0	1	J Guilfoyle	I Pheby (B)	0	1	P Watson			
2	J Cavendish	1	0	CR Clegg	K Clow	1	0	RWB Moss			
3	D Taylor	1	0	R Harris	N Twitchell	0	1	SJ Newman			
4	N Bowley	0	1	E Jones	H Woolverton	1	0	JB Mitchell			
5	A Hughes	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Cogger	P Turp	0	1	PS New			
6	G Simpson	1	0	HM Cath	D Millward	1	0	M Graves			
7	M Shaw	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	KN Mehendale	R Wagstaff	0	1	RTF Williams			
8	P Lunais	1	0	RE Mattocks	P Salmon	0	1	DG Ratcliffe			
9	I Bradshaw	1	0	B Blackburn	L Crane	1	0	J Thompson			
10	I Graham	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	FC Manning	R Hammond	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RD Hirsch			
11	K Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Barrett	R Rodie	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PR Selby			
12	M Haslinger	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	KR Chamberlain	S Wood	1	0	DJ Opie			
13	M Coles	0	1	AD Sim	R Maris	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PH Benson			
14	A Martin	0	1	Andrew Webster	M Burnett	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RH Saunders			
15	J Polak	1	0	RF Kirkby	C Bellinger	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Curtis			
16	D Triggs	0	1	A Westfold	A Sullivan	1	0	PJ Grant			
17	D Greene	1	0	DA Baldock	A Barber	0	1	IK Hardwick			
18	D Nicholson	1	0	A Balatoni	A Quartermain	1	0	AD Carter			
19	S Dabby	0	1	M Webley	C Dawson	1	0	RN Carter			
20	D Griggs	0	1	Alec Webster	M Taylor	1	0	J Richmond			
(Highbury F)		$10\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$			$11\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$				

<u>Kent IV*</u>		16.11.85		<u>Surrey II*</u>		<u>Sussex II*</u>		7.12.85		<u>Middx IV*</u>	
1	JM Allan (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	GJ Mason	P Watson (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	N Alldritt			
2	MH Micklethwaite	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DR Sedgwick	SJ Newman	1	0	SVF Dickinson			
3	LR Gurr	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PDC Byrne	JP Munday	1	0	G Simpson			
4	TT Godwin	1	0	def	IG Kelly	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Taylor			
5	B Langridge	0	1	SC Crowdy	PS New	1	0	A Hughes			
6	AC Waters	1	0	JS Tymms	M Graves	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Shaw			
7	AW Husband	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PL Terry	DW Pownall	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Cumais			
8	RR Goodfellow	1	0	PE Barnard	LKG Eastoe	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Cresswell			
9	SR Pierce	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PJ Roche	DG Ratcliffe	1	0	D Greene			
10	RE Lane	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Lester	PR Selby	0	1	J Macdonald			
11	GP Hillman	0	1	JE Pattle	G Trudeau	0	1	I Graham			
12	PC Giddins	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	CPL Parker	P Hollister	0	1	K Jackson			
13	C Forton	0	1	PD Dupré	PH Benson	1	0	J Polak			
14	MR Croft	0	1	RJ Wilcox	M Penston	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Y Tello			
15	DA Tame	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Rusha	RH Saunders	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Nicholson			
16	R Hodges	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	EJ Brodie	M Curtis	0	1	M Coles			
17	J Cerdeira	0	1	DM Woods	IK Hardwick	1	0	D Triggs			
18	VC Webb	0	1	JJ Skielnik	MR Hickman	1	0	V Litvin			
19	AA Brown	0	1	E Weimann	JP Rix	1	0	R Collins			
20	K Khoo	1	0	PM Shaw	T Woods	1	0	D Griggs			
(Rainham Kent)		$8\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$			$12\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$				

<u>Surrey III</u>		7.12.85		<u>Kent IV*</u>		<u>Surrey II*</u>		7.12.85		<u>Middx III*</u>	
1	I Sim (W)	1	0	MH Micklethwaite	GJ Mason (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RF Willmoth			
2	E Jones	0	1	LR Gurr	POC Byrne	0	1	NE Foster			
3	RGR Harris	1	0	DR Heath	SC Crowdy	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RA Chapman			
4	SA Steel	0	1	AD Wriglesworth	JS Tymms	0	1	SD Arnold			
5	STK Wilkinson	1	=0	AC Waters	PL Terry	0	1	AO Alabi			
6	J Cogger	0	1	PW Eldridge	PE Barnard	0	1	SH Band			
7	HM Cath	1	0	C Davidson	JB Hawson	0=	+1	LHJ Fincham			
8	KN Mehendale	$\frac{1}{2}$	$+\frac{1}{2}$	ED Gardiner	PJ Roche	0	1	B Stuart			
9	RE Mattocks	0	1	SR Pierce	JE Pattle	0	1	DP McGovern			
10	B Blackburn	0	1	RE Lane	PD Dupré	1	0	GN Abbey			
11	TCD Moore	1	0	def	DJ Best	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	TN Burrell			
12	S Barrett	1	0	def	RJ Wilcox	1	0	MW Tasker			
13	K Chamberlain	0	1	S Johnston	PR Archer	$\frac{1}{2}$ =	$+\frac{1}{2}$	Am Dunn			
14	IK Cross	0	1	MR Croft	EJ Brodie	$\frac{1}{2}$ =	$+\frac{1}{2}$	Roy Brown			
15	A Webster	1	0	DA Tame	RK Hunt	0	1	N Louth			
16	J Hale	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	JA Morris	DM Woods	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Land			
17	FC Manning	1	0	C Forton	MT Bolan	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AG Canning			
18	DA Baldock	1	0	K Khoo	JJ Skielnik	1	0	MR Crewdson			
19	AD Sim	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JMP Gilbert	E Weimann	1	0	CICH Wallace			
20	AJ Westfold	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Webb	PM Shaw	0	1	JCH Nyman			
(Sutton)		$11$	$9$			$7\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$				

REVIEW"EXCELLENCE" CHESS COMPUTER

manufactured by Fidelity Inc; available from Competence Ltd, 17 St Martins St, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 OEA (0491 34663). Price £149 (optional mains adaptor £10).

I had never had much experience of chess computers. But when I saw the results this one had been achieving in competitive play I couldn't resist taking Competence up on their offer of one on loan for review purposes. It was a long time coming (demand is heavy), and before it arrived I heard that the machine had been granted endorsement by the BCF, so you can imagine that when it was finally delivered I was quite impatient to get my hands on it.

What came out of the parcel was a plastic box about 11 inches square and 1½ inches deep, with an 8-inch square playing surface on top. A sensible green and off-white board, and the magnetised plastic bits, when I'd found them in their compartment underneath, turned out to sit well on it. The board and men have been designed by chess players. While you wouldn't want to play a serious game with a set of this size, experience showed that it was more than acceptable for casual play. The sensory pads worked well and took very little getting used to. (It beeps modestly nearly every time you press anything. You can turn the beep off, but it is actually helpful.)

Some of the facilities: Playing levels are defined in terms of time controls. There are eight, ranging from 60 moves in 2 minutes to 40 in 2 or 2½ hours. The machine will think in your time, unless you ask it not to (and doing that effectively provides eight more levels). There is also an "infinite" mode in which it just keeps thinking until you tell it to stop, and three mate-finding modes for 2, 3 and 4-movers. You can set up any desired position for it to work on. An optional display shows how far ahead the machine is currently looking, and it will on request tell you the best move it has found so far (or suggest a move for you, if it's your turn). It will play either side, and will change sides with you if you don't like your position. You can take back moves (up to 16 at a time), or force the computer to play a specified move. It will not remember the game and tell you the moves afterwards. It is naturally capable of underpromotion, and knows the 50 move and repetition rules (only no one's told it the new rule that K v K is a draw). Its opening book can be cancelled. It can be switched from mains to batteries or vice versa, while in operation, without losing its memory. Claimed battery life (four of them, costing up to £1 each) is from 100 to 250 hours. The manual, not being Japanese, is fairly comprehensible though I had to find one or two basic things out for myself. (I found out quite a lot of unbasic things by asking Competence, who were very helpful.)

I understand that "Excellence" has basically the same program as the same manufacturer's "Elite", which costs several times as much and has the advantage of being faster. Anyway, how good is it? Well, I wouldn't ask you to accept just my judgment. Matthew Sadler (age 11: 169J) has had an "Excellence" since August. He writes: "...The computer has, in most sharp positions, good tactical vision, often producing unexpected saving moves in otherwise lost positions. It has a particularly nice handling of the Sicilian defence and of the Pirc.

"Fidelity have succeeded in giving the computer positional ability, particularly in the 1 c4 e6 2 Nf3 d5 3 b3 lines which it seems to play very well. In contrast though, it does not handle the Four Knights variation very well.

"The opening book is very good, providing the computer with enough knowledge to stay out of trouble in most cases. There are a few inconsistencies, the trouble being that the book is cut off too soon.

"Most people imagine that computers, a couple of pawns up in an endgame, will still lose to a strong player. The days of grade 60 strength in the endgame are gone. Nowadays computers handle most endgames quite well, knowing all basic mates and being programmed with orders like pushing passed pawns etc.

"In my opinion, at tournament level 8 (40 in 2½) it plays at around 175 - 180 strength. At blitz, though, it is very quick at seeing tactical threats and cheapos and must be rated at around 190 - 200."

Matthew gives some examples of "Excellence's" play at level 8.

(1) White Sadler, black Computer. rlr3k1/5ppp/q2plb2/plnP4/P2BPP2/N3Q2P/5R1K/1R6. From this position black brought out 36 ...Ne4! and after 37 Rb6 fought its way out of the complications by ...Bd4 38 Qd4 Qa7 39 Nb5 Rc4! winning.

(2) White Computer, black Sadler. r5k1/pplbpbp/3p2pB/qlr1n2n/3NP3/1BN2P2/PPPQ2P1/2KR3R. In this Dragon Sicilian position black experimented with 14...Rc5 and white crashed through with 15 Bg7 Kg7 16 g4 Bf6 17 Qh6+ Kg8 18 Nd5! Rd5 19 Bd5 e6 20 g5 Nd5 21 Qh7+ Kf8 22 ed Rc8 23 Qh8+ Ke7 24 Qf6+ 1-0

(3) White Computer, black Sadler: Kings Indian. 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 c4 d6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 d5 Ne7 9 b4 Nd7 10 Be3 h6 (I did not know the book so I played safe) 11 Qc1 Kh7 12 Qa3 f5 13 Ba7 b6 14 Nd2 f4 15 Nb5 Nf6 16 c5 dc 17 bc gf 18 cb g4 19 Nc7 f3 20 gf gf 21 Bf3 Ng6 22 Na8 Nf4 23 Rab1 Bh3 24 b7 Nd7 25 Bg4 Qg5

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26 f3 Bg4 27 Kf2 Nb8 28 gf Qg4 29 Qf3 Nh3+ 30 Ke3 1-0 "White played the game very well, doing exactly what he should do, attack on the queenside, while black plays like a maniac on the kingside."

My impressions are similar. I entered it in a five-minute tournament, playing at 60 moves in 5 minutes - plus a rather inadequate time allowance for me to get the moves in and out - and apart from my own cock-ups like putting wrong moves in, or losing on time for it because I didn't handle it quick enough, it lost only two games (to players graded 206 and 156), drew with a 177 and beat the rest (120 - 150). In casual play with it on this level - but not restricting myself to five minutes - I find it insultingly easy to lose to if I don't concentrate, and easy enough if I do. (It keeps producing good moves that look like misprints.) My grade's 154. Our tame 200J didn't seem to have much trouble with it. I do better against it at tournament level - 40 in 2½ - when I really am trying. Here my score is around 50%, though I do sometimes take advantage of the fact that I know its weaknesses. I'm slightly surprised at reports of it beating players graded 200+. At tournament rates it is tactically very resourceful, but vulnerable if you catch it in a sharp opening it doesn't know. It will not go in for speculative attacks or long combinations, but is capable of squashing you positionally. It has one serious positional weakness and that is a positive liking for bad bishops, which it will go out of its way to achieve. This aside, its positional sense is what impresses me most; though it tends to be materialistic and I have a private bet with myself, which I have not lost yet, that it will never play a positional sacrifice. Its opening repertoire is limited: it employs only two replies to 1 e4, though it knows others if you play them. As White it always opens with e4, d4 or c4 (but Nf3 if you turn its book off). It knows variations of the Lopez to move 98 but plays a beginners' version of the Giuoco Pianissimo. (Again, it knows better lines if you play them against it. It is a pity that perfectly good parts of its opening library seem to be for passive rather than active use.) Of course, if you want it to play a particular line you can tell it the moves.

The ending is still the computer's Achilles heel, though "Excellence" is said to be the best at it and it's certainly better than 50 grade! I agree that it usually knows what to do, and its tactical ability may get it out of trouble even when it doesn't. I've tested it on routine technique and it won't often fail on basic things (simple opposition it always gets right; distant opposition sometimes not, at rates faster than 30 seconds a move). With R and P it's a bit dodgy, at least on the lower playing levels. If the techniques required are even slightly advanced, it will usually fail. It hasn't much idea how to play with Q v P on 7th rank. It wouldn't win the Lucena position in a million years, let alone a five-hour tournament game. It has no trouble mating with Q or R, or a pair of Bs, or three Ns come to that, but give it a B and N and it will rapidly drive you into the "wrong" corner, then shuffle its B around until kingdom, or 50 moves, come. It could have sacrificed a B against me the other day in order to leave me with RP and wrong B, but didn't because it didn't know about wrong Bs. (Even so, I couldn't see how I was going to induce it to give up its B for the RP rather than the other one. I needn't have worried. It obligingly walked its K out of the corner...) I know these criticisms, if they are criticisms, are unfair. My informants tell me that the state of the art will not allow programming for the numerous specialised techniques required in an ending. I am sure you could put some of the most useful ones in; but I wouldn't expect it in a machine of this size and price. So it has to rely on a few general principles plus analysis. And it hardly ever has time to look far enough ahead to solve a non-trivial ending. It knows what to do so long as it's making tangible short-term progress all the time; beyond that it's floundering. I tried two endings on it, one quite hard in human terms (at least I thought so when I first saw it) and the other easy. The hard one was the Saavedra position (you know, White Kb6, Pc6; Black Ka1, Rd5: W to move). On two seconds per move the computer played this perfectly, for either side, despite the "cleverness" involved. Though the solution is about seven moves deep, it never had to look that far ahead to see that its moves were the only ones to avoid a draw (or loss). I assume that, as White, it didn't want a draw so long as it had a queenable(!) pawn. The easy one came from a set of positions given to the participants in the recent junior training event at Highbury: White Ka8, Ra7; Black Kb5, Pa6: W to move. The solution is about the same length, and it's just as forcing, and just the sort of line a human player would automatically look at. The computer hadn't the foggiest notion what to do, even at twelve hours a move. There was no short-term progress to be made, and the long-term progress was way over its horizon. Oddly enough, the very next day I was browsing in a 1978 book on computer chess and it explained why it was difficult for a computer to solve the Saavedra position! We've come on since then.

I was never very sure just how far ahead "Excellence" was looking. In one game it swore blind it was looking three moves ahead, then announced mate in six. So I set up a mate in seven for it. To make it easy, every white move was the only possible check-or-capture (check, actually) and every black move was forced, and it found it in eight minutes after an alleged four-move search. Then it took 33 minutes,

and a five-move search (I think), to find the same mate extended to eight moves (and checks). Competence later informed me that when it says it's looking n moves ahead, that is the depth of its full-width search (i.e. the depth to which it is examining every single possibility). This search gets progressively deeper with time, but never, at tournament rates, goes beyond about four moves. On top of the full-width search it will also be doing a further look-ahead in selected lines, with an emphasis on things like checks and captures. Competence did not know, unless I misunderstood them, how much further the selective look-ahead might go; but my experiments suggest (don't they?) that it is three moves. A three-move limit seems rather disappointing, though I fancy there could be good reasons for it. It would mean that in tournament play the maximum look-ahead is about seven moves, maybe eight in an ending.

"Excellence" often forgets its analysis between moves. After announcing mate in n moves, and seeing its opponent's reply, it will go off and have another think before announcing mate in n-1. I am told that this is normal for computers. In fact it will remember its analysis if your move is the one it was expecting - that is, the one it considers best. It will have analysed this move further in your time, and will be ready to continue its analysis when you move. If you play anything else, then not only will its analysis in your time have been wasted, but also it forgets everything it had previously seen and goes back to square one. There is a certain low cunning in its "hint" facility. If you ask it to suggest a move for you, the move it suggests is the very one it's been analysing in your time!

Another foible is that it will sometimes spend quite some time on a move to which there is no reasonable alternative. And, while it will sometimes move instantly, it never, even in the most critical positions, settles down for a good long think. I have not known it to take more than five or six minutes over a move, even at 2½. Mind you, if it forgets its analysis between moves I can't say I blame it! These characteristics, together with its inability to learn from its mistakes, are the most obvious signs, perhaps the only ones, that you are playing a machine. (The fact that it never resigns, always plays as many spite checks as it can when about to get mated, and acknowledges eventual checkmate with a surly "I lose" rather than "Thank you for a delightful game", is if anything an indication to the contrary.)

There is, now I think of it, another mechanical thing about "Excellence", and that is its lack of common sense. Suppose it's your move, and you have seen that your opponent has an obscure mate in three which you can only prevent by immediately giving up your Queen for nothing. You have, however, another move which will win if he does not play his mate at once. Do you (a) resign? (b) give up your Queen? (c) play the other move and hope he won't see the mate? No prizes for guessing which "Excellence" will do. But I think this is a criticism of computers in general rather than "Excellence" in particular.

Problems up to four moves, of course, "Excellence" solves with ease. Two-movers it does in a couple of seconds, and it did a four-mover in twelve minutes which I wouldn't have done in twelve weeks (and then took another thirteen minutes to confirm that there were no cooks - useful facility for composers).

Grouses/suggestions? Yes, a few. It would be better if the user could select own time control. The ones provided are sensible but not exhaustive. And how about an all-your-moves-in-n-minutes (or quick-play finish) mode? And a built-in clock to show how much time the computer and its opponent have used? Yes, OK, it would cost more. The machine really ought to be able to tell you all the moves of a game after it's over. (More memory required? Well why not, it's only got 2K of RAM.) And it would be nice if, instead of just displaying the best move it had found so far, the computer would also say how good it thought it was. It has a private numerical assessment of how well it's doing, and this could easily be displayed. Apart from its intrinsic interest, it would be useful in determining whether or not it's "solved" the problem you've set it. I appreciate that you can't ask it if it's "found a win" yet; a "win" for it is synonymous with checkmate. But if its evaluation function suddenly leapt upwards you could draw conclusions. One other thing. The program occupies 16K of ROM. Now the manual puts this as 128K bits; which is correct. On the box it says plain 128K, which will lead the unsuspecting purchaser to think he's getting eight times as much program as he is. That's a cheap trick.

My overall assessment? Well, I've devoted a lot of space to things that might not interest the average buyer. You will attach what weight to those you will. If you want a program for solving endgame studies, or doing adjudications, you will look elsewhere and the best of luck to you because I'm sure it isn't written yet and it would want a mainframe to run on if it was. If you want one to play chess with and your grade's below 180-190 (maybe higher, for blitz), "Excellence" is a very good bet indeed. For all I've said about its limitations, it plays a very sharp and very "human" game, and all in all it's better than me, and I have no hesitation in recommending it. Especially at the price.

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- Jan 18 KINGS HEAD W2. Open. WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd W11 2BY 01 582 5550 (work)  
 18 ST MARYS ROYSTON U14. A Carroll, 3 Green St, Royston, Herts (R 43499)  
 24 CHEQUERS all-night 5-minute. 18 Chalk Farm Rd NW1 01 485 1696  
 24-26 NORTHAMPTON. GE Dellor, 27 Lake Crescent, Daventry NN11 5EB (D 77827)  
 31- 2 PORTSMOUTH at Southsea. Open; U160; U130; U100; graded APAs. P McEvoy,  
 77 Lime Grove, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth PO6 4DQ (P 388341)  
 31- 2 WIGAN (BCQ event). Open; U165; U125. A Gardner, 1 Cherwell Rd,  
 Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 3EY  
 31- 2 REDCAR. Recreation & Amenities Dept, Langbaugh Borough Council, PO Box  
 South Bank 20, Middlesborough Rd, South Bank, Middlesborough TS6 6EL  
 Feb 7- 9 BEDWORTH U165; U125; U16/14/12; U10 not Fri; U3 Sunday. D Evans, 47  
 Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth, Warwicks (K 58500)  
 7- 9 GREENWOOD at Irvine. S Taylor, 62 Woodlands Grove, Kilmarnock.  
 7- 9 GTR MANCHESTER WINTER at Stockport. Open; U175; U140; U110. Romiley  
 Forum, Compstall Rd, Romiley, Stockport.  
 8 BASINGSTOKE. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Buckskin, Basingstoke, Hants  
 RG 22 5DQ (B 478753)  
 8- 9 KIDLINGTON. T Williams, 13 Sunderland Ave, Oxford OX2 8DT  
 9 LETCHWORTH. T Thurston, 33 Brampton Park Rd, Hitchin, Herts 59873)  
 15 CHEQUERS as above  
 15 KENT JUNIOR CLOSED U11/10/9/8. RG Blake, 260 Hythe Rd, Willesborough,  
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 21-23 ARC YOUNG MASTERS (moved to Uppingham, Leics). P Barton, The Old School  
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