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EDITORIAL

I have a sort of feeling that my mailing list of subscribers, which if it existed would be a simple word processor file, might (if it existed) contravene the Data Protection Act. This would be because the people who would be named in it would not have had their consent sought. I intend to make such a mailing list immediately, and the consent of all subscribers is hereby sought. Silence will be taken for consent.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 25th April 1986 at St Brides. 15 attended.

(1) Money. Took up a lot of time, did this. The provisional accounts for the year just ended showed a tiny surplus (and an improvement of £150 on budget; though it is fair to say that the budget had allowed £150 for contingencies which didn't contingence). It was very much swings and roundabouts. Officers' routine expenditure was much higher than expected, and steps are being taken to monitor this. Junior expenses were also over budget, but this had been authorised some time back. We were saved from considerable losses by the Grading List, and associated services, which turned in an unexpected net surplus of nearly £600.

Juniors: it was agreed that, for open SCCU team events, the Union should in principle cover the Organiser's administrative expenses only. Hire of rooms and equipment should be the responsibility of those Counties taking part. For other events, such as the Metropolitan 40-board matches, the Union would take no financial responsibility. On another front, you may remember from the last issue that the Executive had decided to clarify the position on the SCCU contribution to the BCF Junior Squad/SCCU Junior Championships. The organisers of the event have said that the £100 we provide is more than sufficient, but the feeling of the Executive was that it should not be reduced. It pays for things like trophies, prizes, engraving and grants to players. On a third front, there was some discussion on the number of Junior Training Events to be held next year. The BCF has suggested two; Executive feeling seemed to favour one.

Your Bulletin lost about £20 in the year. It has always been supposed to more or less pay its way, and over the years it more or less has. It has now been agreed that the Bulletin should be allowed to go into the red. The reason is that a fair number of people, including County Secretaries and members of the Executive, get it free as a Union service; and it is hardly fair to ask paying subscribers to subsidise this. It will be proposed that the sub remain unchanged. It has also been suggested that attempts should be made to increase circulation. There are currently about 110 paying subscribers (yes, pitiful isn't it), and 27 people get it free.

(2) Grading. The Grading Secretary reported that he had not yet been able to send out the graders' Master List. The BCF had in fact provided one some weeks before, but so incomplete as to be unacceptable. The NCCU data were still missing, and in addition the SCCU supplementary list had not been taken into account. It is now hoped to have a proper Master List towards the end of May.

This is, of course, an exceptional year. Normally one would expect to have the Master List in September or October. But even this year it was expected in January. Until it arrives, no grading can be done. The danger is that when it comes many graders may feel unable to compress their work into the time available.

Graders have been asked whether they are willing and able to transcribe data to cassette, on Spectrums, for BCF Apple consumption. Seven or eight have said yes; which to your Editor seems an encouragingly high figure. Of graders with ready, as opposed to occasional, access to Spectrums few have declined. At least one person has agreed to transcribe data though he is not currently a grader. The good will is there. The BCF has provided three Spectrums for the SCCU, and they will obviously go to those most in need. A problem which occurs to your Editor is that sooner or later the Spectrum will fall into (deserved?!) oblivion and what then? Even now it is probably not as popular among graders as the almost equally long-in-the-tooth, though more serious, BBC B. Progress brings its problems.

(3) Inter-County Matches. It has been suggested that the programme may have to start earlier next season (maybe 21st September) in order to fit things in.

(4) X v X. The Executive seeks ideas for exploiting the World Championship Return. You will have seen the exhortations in Newsflash: we say what they say. The BCF Management Board meets 18th May to discuss this topic. Ideas urgently please, if it isn't already past the 18th, to John Poole or Bryan Fewell who will be there (phone numbers/addresses inside front cover). Too late, it is past the 18th. Send them anyway.

Such was the pressure of time that an extra Executive meeting has been arranged for the 22nd May.

LETTERS

Dear Richard,

I expect Newsflash will report on the World Championship; I would expect them to do so. I guess most Bulletin readers also take Newsflash, including Mr Reuben. So please don't duplicate their coverage. If however the Bulletin is present in person and can report in your own inimitable way, then however I am sure it will make distinctive entertaining reading.

Yours sincerely,
H Trevor Jones Tunbridge Wells

Dear Mr Haddrell,

As a point of interest, is there any precedent or principle governing defaults in senior matches? I always assumed that it was customary to default the bottom boards if there was a shortage of players... I refer to the Surrey - Kent match (168:10) (at which I was not present) and leave you to draw your own conclusions.

Kevin Thurlow Surrey Chess News

Dear Mr Haddrell,

With reference to your comment on page 168:9 of the March Bulletin re the Berks v Surrey match, regarding the adjudication becoming void, I have just been notified of a similar result on Board 1 of the Bucks v Berks match.

It occurs to me that a useful method for a match captain to secure a drawn result on an unfinished game is to distort the final position slightly. Widely followed this would have the effect on match scores of declaring all unfinished games as drawn.

In the case of the Bucks v Berks match, this did not affect the final score and Bucks were claiming a draw in any event. What is the grading position of such a result?

Yours sincerely,
RD de Coverly Bucks match captain

Dear Mr Haddrell,

I was delighted to see in the March Bulletin that the BCF and SCCU had between them declared void a game submitted for adjudication in which the positions given by each side were at variance.

This provides a marvellous precedent to be used by the weak and unscrupulous not only effectively to save half a point for their side but also to protect their grading.

Brilliant, isn't it? But keep it quiet!

Yours sincerely,
Alan Cox Reading

Ed: - To answer Mr de Coverly's question, it seems clear that a void game can't be graded. I hope Mr Cox would agree, he is the Union County Match Grader. To take up a point in Mr Cox's letter, I think we have to leave the BCF out of this. They (naturally) declined to adjudicate with two different positions in front of them; the decision to void the games was made by the Union County Match Controller. There are no explicit rules on the subject and it has never, as far as I know, been discussed by the Executive Committee. I expect it will be now.

The next letter should be read in conjunction with the MJ league table on page 7.
17.3.86

Dear Richard,

When is a 20-0 win not a 20-0 win? Answer: in the Southern Counties Chess Union. It turns out that under SCCU rules Herts II's default to Kent II could have cost Kent qualification for the next round. Kent II are losing, probably 8-12, to Essex II in their last match, but we had worked out in advance that such a score, producing a triple tie on match points, would give us a game point total inferior to that of Middx II but superior to that of Essex II. Not so! Rule 3 states that all matches involving a team which has defaulted are ignored for the sake of game points, putting Essex II through (they only beat Herts II 11-9 in one match).

If we had actually played Herts II, a win of better than 15-5 or so (quite likely in view of the relative strengths of the teams) would have put us through. The Herts II captain is very annoyed that he was not told this could happen, as he might have been able to play the match in some way (probably involving two matches in one weekend) if he had known of the possible adverse effect on Kent II's position.

We have asked for an extension of the normal timetable of county matches int

April, but have been told that this is not possible.

I thought you might like to know of all this to be able to explain the situation in the Bulletin. It might actually be possible for a team to ensure its qualification by defaulting a match, thus getting a previous result removed from the game point score!

I've certainly learnt a lot about County chess this season...

Yours sincerely,

Chris Howell Kent II match captain

Ed: - Mr Howell has accepted, since writing this letter, that he should have known about the rule in advance, and I don't think he really feels too aggrieved. (As he has pointed out, Essex II did score better than 50% in their two matches against Kent.) So when you answer this letter by the sackload, try to keep partisan remarks out of it...

I'm a bit daunted by the prospect of "explaining the situation" in the Bulletin. Rule 3(b)ii says:

If one or more of the teams involved in a tie [on match points] have won a match by default, any match or matches played by the defaulting team against other teams involved in the tie would be ignored for the purposes of assessing the final position [i.e. for game points], as would the defaulted match itself.

This would seem to run into trouble if the defaulting team is itself one of the tying teams; but at least we didn't have that complication here. What could have been more serious in this case is the fact that the rule wasn't written with double-round tournaments in mind. One assumes that if the defaulted match is a first-round one, then only first-round matches will be disregarded; but the rule doesn't say that. (What it actually says would be a complete nonsense: the beneficiary of the default would lose its 20 points for that one match, while the other tying team(s) would lose their game points from both rounds!) As it happens, you get the same result in this case whether you ignore just the first-round matches, or all matches against Herts (though certainly not if you apply the rule literally!).

Readers who have followed us this far will have discovered that you also have to ignore the results against Oxon, but that's another story and it doesn't seem to make any difference anyway.

My opinion is that the rule, or a tidied-up version of it, is about the fairest solution you're going to get. If a County feels that receiving a 20-0 default is not going to be in its interests, it can always move heaven and earth to get the match played (though admittedly the opponents will have to co-operate; and it seems Herts probably would have done). Kent would have needed a fair bit more than 15-5, I think; and the Controller would have been wrong to allow an extension, even if it was practicable: if you're going to refuse the default you must in fairness do so at the time rather than waiting to see where your interest lies, and how many points you need!

Kent had, in fact, been trying to re-arrange the match for some time, but it had proved difficult. An interesting point is that it was supposed to be the first match of the season, which means that hordes of First Team members would still have been eligible to play. Kent had said, in effect, "OK we'll play the match but only on condition that First Team members can play as though it were the first match of the season." The Tournament Controller had (rightly, in my opinion) agreed to this.

LLOYDS BANK NEWS

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UNIVERSITY MATCH 8.3.86: Oxford won again (5½-2½), taking their run of victories to six (but Cambridge lead 45-42). 1 McNab ½ Bell; 2 Howell ½ Dyson; 3 Wells 0 Walker; 4 Shovel 1 Watts; 5 Dickenson 1 Lawson; 6 Gnam ½ Cannings; 7 Hallett 1 Blackwell; 8 (womens board) Rakshit 1 Cohen.

46th ANNUAL BRITISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP

was expected to be dominated by Oxford and Cambridge but both were without some of their strongest players. Scores: 1-2 London, Manchester 27/36; 3 Southampton 21; 4-5 Warwick, Leeds 20½; 6-7 Oxford, Cambridge 20; 8-9 Liverpool, Lancaster 19½; 10 Birmingham 19; 11-13 Bristol, London II, Exeter 18½; 14-15 Manchester II, Edinburgh 18; 16 Kent 17½; 17 Oxford II 17; 18-20 Bradford, Cardiff, Warwick 16; 21 York 13½; 22 Bangor 13.

JUNIOR NEWS

OAKHAM SCHOOL U21 INTERNATIONAL

2-10 April 1986

42 played, including 5 IMs, 11 FMs and an IWM. 1 Robert Kuczynski (Poland) 6½/9; 2-5 Viswanath Anand (India), Mark Condie (Glasgow), James Howell (Harrogate), Csaba Horvath (Hungary) 6; 6-14 Mihail Marin (Rumania), Pavel Blatny (Czechoslovakia), Nebojsa Nikolic (Yugoslavia), Oliver Schulte (W Germany), Neil McDonald (Gravesend), Kenneth Shovel (Hampstead), Eduardo Rojas (Chile), Peter Wells (Portsmouth), Graham Waddingham (Nottingham) 5½; 15-18 Angus Dunnington (Castleford), Ian Thomas (Watford), Chris Ward (Sevenoaks), Patrick Wolff (USA) 5... Other SCCU names: Neil Carr (Dagenham), Stuart Conquest (Hastings) 4½; Michael Hennigan (London) 3. Brilliancy Prize: Condie. Special game award to an English player: Thomas. McDonald missed becoming an IM by half a point. The sponsors will support the event again in 1987.

LLOYDS BANK BCF JUNIOR SQUAD/SCCU JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

at the City of London Girls' School, 11-13 April 1986

** BCF Squad Champion. * SCCU Champion

Under 21 (23 played) 1 M Adams** (Cornwall) 5½/6; 2-4 NF Dickenson*, PJ Morris (both Kent), PJ Rossiter (Hants) 4½; 5 MF Hennigan (Middx) 4; 6-8 J Cavendish, RF Willmoth (both Middx), GW Lane (Devon) 3½...

Under 18 (30 pl) 1-2 JP Sharp** (Middx), CN Dunworth (Notts) 5/6; 3-4 IA Galloway* (Kent), JD Lee (Oxon) 4½; 5-6 SG Moettali (Hants), NA Peters (Middx) 4; 7-12 AI Armstrong (Kent), BA Barlow, IA Sim (both Sy), R Burgess (Notts), PG Hughes (Middx), AJ Ledger (Beds) 3½... (Don't know why Sharp not SCCU Champion)

Under 16 (48 pl) 1-2 J Hutchings** (Devon), DG Craggs (Yorks) 5/6; 3 SAM Foister (Berks) 4½; 4-12 GN Buckley (Staffs), SR Clark (Glos), S Dishman (Sy), M Hann (Northants), JW Rogers, DA Sands (both Essex), MD Sadler (Kent), D Stewart (Hants), RJD Tozer (Huntingdon) 4...

Under 14 (61 pl) 1-2 K Akehurst** (Cleveland), A Webster* (Sy) 5/6; 3-7 N Callow (Sy), A Graham (Cleveland), M Piper (Cornwall), JR Poulton, DR Worsfold (Hants) 4½; 8-16 R Akehurst (Cleveland), M Arnold (Leics), EL Godber (Hants), GJ Haslinger, D Massapis, JG Wilson (all Middx), PF Houston (Northants), LBT Jones (Kent), AB Stockwell (Sy) 4...

Under 12/11 (71 pl) 1 LR Tattersall (Spain!) 6½/7; 2-4 B Hong** (Kent), DP Harvey* (Essex), P Tozer (Huntingdon) 6; 5-7 S Anand (Staffs), MJ Dilley U11** (Northants), D Woods U11* (Bucks) 5½; 8-13 D Elliott, D Oates (both Sx), S Evans (Hants), S Florence (Northd), S Hampton (Sy), J Merriman (Merseyside) 5; 14-27 CJ Bates, P Bird, C McGrath (all Middx), S Bibby, W Minott (both Kent), J Crockett (Notts), F Davies (Hants), AR Jones, E Roberts (both Wales), X Mistry, J Oakley, D Starling (all Sy), M Phipers (Derbys), J Scott (Lincs) 4½...

Under 10 (incorporated in U12: 49 pl) 1 A Panchapagesan*** (Sy) 5½; 2-4 J Rosenberg, N Hon (both Middx), JE Parker (Notts) 5; 5 M Turner (Lincs) 4½; 6-12 A Eytton, K Hoare, I Nathoo, H Pryor (all Middx), B McFarlane (Scotland), R Smalley (Sy), A Taylor (Norfolk) 4...

National Girls U13/16 1-4 C Hallett**, L Cunningham (both Hants), M Hepworth* (Sx), L Powell (Wales) 3½/5; 5-6 A Franklin (Sy), N Regan U16*** (Bucks) 2; 7 J Harwar (Glos) 1½; 8 J Baxendine (Sy) ½

National Girls U14 1 C Haslinger*** (Middx) 4½/5; 2 R Rahamin (Kent) 3½; 3-6 C Joy (Yorks), J Owen (Gtr Mcr), A Ranson (Hants), N Watt (Norfolk) 3; 7 N Bradford (Sy) 2; 8 H Heron (Hants) 1½; 9-10 A Eytton (Middx), J Rhan (Hants) 1

National Girls U12/11/10 (31 pl) 1-2 R Harvey** U10* (Essex), S Joy U11* (Yorks) 5½/7; 3-5 J Myers* (Middx), E Holland, G O'Farrell (both Hants), R Mothersill (Lincs) 5; 7-9 D Baum U11* (Middx), K Early (Kent), J Eastwood (Somerset) 4½; 10-15 M Johnson (Kent), C Millichope U10** (Yorks), J Newman (Hants), E Phillips (Essex), J Smith (Lincs) 4...

First Prize Winners received trophies, cheques, and scholarships for Lloyds Bank senior internationals in London, Jersey and Guernsey.

NATIONAL UNDER 14 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS at Newport (Gwent) 8.3.86 were sponsored by the NatWest. Twenty teams entered, and 19 actually turned up. 1 Kent 25½/36; 2 Hants 24½; 3 YMCA 19½... This is the first time a team has won twice running.

NATIONAL UNDER 18 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS in Birmingham were also sponsored by the NatWest. Middx won both the Open and the Girls titles, but we have no details. Kent and Surrey decided that the new Minor Counties events were not worth the journey. (We have heard that only two teams played.)

We hear Oxon have complained they were not invited to play in the SCCU jamboree(s). This may have had something to do with uncertainty over Oxon names and addresses.

ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS CA: Under 11 Team Championship Southern Eliminator at Farnborough (?Hants): 1 SE London 45/60; 2 Wey Valley 43½; 3 NW London 43; 4 Tower Hamlets 37; 5 S Bucks 36½; 6-7 Barnet, Kent 32. 12 teams played. Top 6 qualified, but Tower Hamlets have withdrawn letting Kent in. Under 9 Eliminator at Ashford Kent: 1 Tower Hamlets 26/36; 2 NW London 25; 3 Wey Valley 20; 4-5 Avon, SE London 18; 6 Wandsworth 17½. These qualified; 10 teams played.

3th WEALD OF KENT JUNIOR at Cranbrook 8.3.86

Under 14 (35 pl) 1-2 S Bibby (Maidstone), JA Coles (Sevenoaks) 5½/6; 3 T Hoxey (Hastings) 5; 4 M Osmond (Hastings) 4½; 5-10 A Farrow (Maidstone), M French (Crowborough), R Hampton, J Jackson (both Hastings), PJ Scholes (Tunbridge Wells), R Wiltshire (Dartford) 4... Team prize: William Parker School, Hastings

Under 11 (26 pl) 1 G Gooderhan (Maidstone) 5/7; 2 J Powell (Hayes) 5½; 3-5 P Dickens, R Rouse, A Penrose (all Maidstone), D Jarvis (Sittingbourne) 5; 7 M Glen (Maidstone) 4½... Team prize: Palace Wood Primary School, Maidstone

SURREY UNDER 12 12.1.86

We're a bit confused here. We thought we'd published the Surrey Junior Championships, including U12, last time. This event certainly produced a Surrey U12 Champion, according to Surrey Chess News, so maybe the other event was something else?

1 R Bone (Sutton) 5/6; 2 B Lewis (U11 winner) 5; 3 D Golechha (Downside) 5... Best U10 R Smalley (Tillingbourne) 4; Best U9 N Shearman (Danes Hill) 4; Best Girl C Gentry (W Ashtead) 3½.

KENT SCHOOLS LEAGUE winners: Senior Simon Langton Boys GS, Canterbury; Under 16 St Olaves GS (Orpington); Under 13 Adamsrill Primary School (Sydenham); Primary Adamsrill.

TIMES SCHOOLS KO inter-Zone stage

Round 1: Hyners College Hull (16.3) 4 2 Leeds GS (15.8); Marlwood Bristol (14.9) 4½ 1½ Monmouth (15.2); Manchester GS (15.7) 5 1 Handsworth GS B'ham (17.3); RGS Colchester (15.8) 6 0 Paston Sixth Form College Norfolk (17.2); Tunbridge Wells Boys GS (16.5) 4 2 Sutton Manor (15.7); Methodist College Belfast (15.8) *3 3 Greenwood Academy Irvine (15.0); Magdalen College School (16.7) *3 3 Aylesbury GS (18.1); Forest Hill Comprehensive (15.3) 5 1 Bedford Modern School

Round 2: Bluecoat Liverpool (15.5) 6 0 Hyners College (16.4); Queen Marys GS Walsall (14.11) *3 3 Magdalen College School (16.3); Plymouth College (15.11) 5 1 Marlwood (14.10); Manchester GS (15.9) 4 2 Nottingham High School (17.2); RGS Colchester (16.9) 4½ 1½ Haberdashers Elstree (16.3); Methodist College (15.3) 4½ 1½ RGS Newcastle (15.5); King Edward VI Southampton (14.0) *3 3 Trinity School Croydon (14.7); T Wells GS (16.6) 4 2 Forest Hill (15.9)

Round 3: T Wells (16.7) 1½ 4½ RGS Colchester (16.10); Q Marys 2 4 Belfast; Bluecoat beat AGS; Plymouth v XESS

BCF is to run a week-long training session for promising juniors (U16 or thereabouts) at Butlins! We forget which Butlins, but in the South East somewhere.

CONGRESS RESULTS

GASCOIGNE-PEES SURREY EASTER at Sutton 23-31 March 1986

Frank Winter Memorial Open (109 pl) 1 (and SCCU Champion) DJ King (Streatham) 6½/7; 2-3 PG Large (Mitcham), S Taulbut (Earley) 5; 4-8 CM Cooley (Thames TV), JA Johnson (Hendon), SJ Roe (Richmond), KJ Wicker (Lewisham), PJ Rossiter (Havant) 5½...

Grading U185 R Willmoth (Hackney) 5; U170 S Cullip (Rushden) 4; U155 MT Bolan (Ashtead) 3. Junior U18 PJ Rossiter; U16 J Cavendish (YMCA) 3½. (Hope we have

got all this right. The results came to us arranged by prizes won, rather than finishing position, so that people on the same score level sometimes got separated. Seems eccentric to us, but we didn't run the event.)

Major U150 (128 pl) 1 K Yusof (Wales/Malaysia) 6½; 2-3 K Morris (Hayes Mx), CH Wallace (Ks Head) 6; 4-7 L Davis (Bracknell), E Todorow (Battersea), RJ Kearsley (Mitchan), A Webster (Sutton) 5½... Grading U135 RJ Kearsley; U120 J Perity (Redhill) 4. Junior U13 A Webster; U16 JG Wilson (Cobham) 5; U14 M Stockwell (Trinity School) 4½

Main APAs (8 players): "A" 1 M Josse (Richmond) 5½; 2 JN Fraser-Mitchell (Soton Univ) 4½... "B" 1 STK Wilkinson (Wimbledon) 6; 2-4 TS Allen (Fulham), LR Fraser (SE19), K Wilsoncroft (Wimbledon) 4½... "C" 1 P Blackburn (Guildford) 5; 2 KC Bracewell (Surbiton) 4½... "D" 1 MA Holder (Dorking) 6; 2 RW Fairhall (Surbiton) 5...

Main APAs (6 players): "E" 1 GD Keane (S Norwood) 4½; 2 GF Thompson (St Georges College) 3½... "F" 1 RH Saunders (Worthing) 3½; 2 R Bone (Sutton Manor Sch) 3... "G" 1 ARP Davey (Streatham) 4½; 2 A Warren (Guildford) 3½... "H" 1 D Sykes (Addlestone) 3½; 2-4 DA Holder (Dorking), G Travers (Glyn Sch), ML White (Morley College) 3... "J" 1 FE Bleasdale (Ashtead) 3½; 2-3 CS Adkins (Sidcup), J Crick (Streatham) 3... "Following convention, there was no Section 'I'."

Novice Swisses (5 rounds): "A" (20 pl) 1 AJ Chambers (Reigate GS) 4½; 2-3 FJ Field (S Norwood), J Goldsmith (Finchley) 4... "B" (17 pl) 1-2 JA Akhurst (Sidcup), TGT Maclean (Battersea) 4; 3-5 A Hutchings (Surrey Univ), AT Newton (Croydon), DR Pederzolli (Ashtead) 3½...

Novice APAs (6 players): "A1" 1-3 AT Newton (Croydon), A Overy (Ashtead), C Tyrer (Hounslow) 3½... "A2" 1 PP Eade (Reigate GS) 5; 2-3 PR Collins (RGS Guildford), S Overy (Ashtead) 3... "B1" 1 FJ Field (S Norwood) 5; 2 MJ Honey (Ewell) 3...

Ladies Prize for best percentage score in any tournament: Miss J Goldsmith (4/5 Novice "A")

"Prestel ran a live results service throughout the Congress, publishing latest positions in each tournament and a selection of game scores every day. Jack Cohen and Jennifer Goldsmith, both Prestel Editors, played in the Congress and updated the information between rounds. Competitors were able to follow the details on a large screen and print-outs were pinned up after each round. Prestel's ChessSpot should appear at more congresses as a result of the success at Sutton." - Surrey Chess News. We're not sure how to interpret the "should".

30th SOUTHEND ON SEA EASTER CONGRESS 28-31 March 1986

attracted 200 players, "slightly down on last year. Competing events (not only Sutton) at GLC and Oakham took their toll."

Southend Open Championship (92 pl) 1 Paul E Littlewood (Stock Exchange) 6½/7; 2 Byron A Jacobs (Brighton) 6; 3-5 Karl Bowden (Brentwood), Peter de la Mothe (NALGO), Andrew Lewis (London Univ) 5½; 6-12 MJ Hughes (Brickdons), OA Jackson (Sale), D Kraszewski (Basildon), JE Littlewood (Ormskirk), A Marchan (Welling), C Ridley (Bushbury), D Vinke (W Germany) 5... Grading 180-185 MJ Hughes 5; 164-155 T Everett (Chester YMCA), SL Scopes (H Wycombe) 4; 154-145 C Ridley 5; 144-135 D Kraszewski, A Marchan 5; 134-121 N Jakubovics (Oxford) 4½; U121 PA Allison (Leeds) 3½

Major A (15 pl) 1-4 EN Branley (Slough), NM Norman (Athenaeum), KI Norman (Richmond & Twickenham), GF Yates (Ilford) 3½/5; 5-7 SR Capsey (3s Stortford), D Twitchell (Gorleston), EE Wright (Eastcote) 3...

Major B (17 pl) 1 G Fellingham (Norwich) 4/5; 2-4 MJ Likeman (Cambridge Univ), RP Stec (Slough), NEW Wijngaarden (Holland) 3½...

Minor A (16 pl) 1-2 RJG Bird (Leigh), SS Johal (Upminster) 4/5; 3-4 CM Edmunds (Crewkerne), TC Wright (Bs Stortford) 3½...

Minor B (15 pl) 1-2 Roy Adams (Bury St Edmunds), CJD Newman (Billerica) 4/5; 3-5 IL Brown (3s Stortford), PC McEwen (Thorpe Bay), M Siegel (Ilford) 3½...

Minor C (16 pl) 1-2 FA Sealey (Maldon), J Wijatyk (Slough) 4/5; 3-5 Ian Barker (Westcliff), R Hudson (Moseley), J Wiseman (Atticus) 3½...

Minor D (13 pl) 1-2 ERJ Barlow (Gravesend), DS Welton (Hadleigh) 4/5; 3-4 P Crapper (Manchester), J Glendinning (Southend) 3½...

Junior U15 APA 1 Nicola Watt (Norfolk and Norwich) 5/7; 2-3 Mark Ashkettle (Upminster), Austin Whitehouse (Rayleigh) 5...

Junior U12 APA 1 Neil M Jackson (Southend) 4/5; 2 Gary Perks (Southend) 3½; 3 Neil Lusher (Fareham) 3...

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FINAL COUNTY LEAGUE TABLESCHAMPIONSHIP

	K	M	E	Br	C	H	Sx	Su	Sy	GP	MP
1 Kent		6½	11½	13½	13½	15	13½	13½	12	105	7
2 Middx	13½		10	12½	12½	10	13	15	13½	100	7
3 Essex	8½	10		10½	12½	-	11	10½	16	79	5½
4 Berks	6½	7½	9½		10	11½	10½	14½	15½	85½	4½
5 Cambs	6½	7½	7½	10		14	10½	11½	9	76½	3½
6 Herts	4	10	-	3½	6		10	12	12½	63	3
7 Sussex	6½	7	9	9½	9½	10		13½	11	76	2½
8 Bucks	1½	5	9½	4½	8½	8	6½		12½	56	1
9 Surrey	8	6½	4	3½	11	7½	8	7½		56	1

Nominees for BCF stages: -

Counties Championship: 1 Kent, 2 Middx

Minor Counties: 1 Berks, 2 Herts

Bucks come above Surrey because they won the individual encounter. Herts v Essex, postponed because of bad weather, never got played.

MONTAGUE-JONES

	M	E	K	O	H		GP	MP
Middx II		13	9½	13½	15½			
Essex II	7		9	14½	11			
Kent II	10½	11		11½	20d			
Oxon	6½	5½	7½		10			
Herts II	4½	9	0d	10				
Middx II		9	13	11½	14½	(84)	99½	5
Essex II	11		12½	13	14½	(81½)	92½	5
3 Kent II	7	7½		15	13	(75½)	95½	5
4 Oxon	8½	7	5		18		68	1
5 Herts II	3½	5½	5	2			39½	

Nominees for BCF stages (Second Teams Championship): -

1 Middx II, 2 Essex II

Kent and Herts were 3rd and 4th respectively. Nomination was decided by the "Nemesis" Tournament, which is the same as the MJ but excludes matches against first teams (i.e. Oxon). On this occasion both MJ and Nemesis exclude, for the purpose of tie-splitting, first-round matches by M, E and K against Herts (because Kent scored 20 by default). Hence the figures in brackets. This is your Editor's interpretation of the rule, but any reasonable interpretation gives the same final order. Some comment on the rule appears on the Letters page.

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	M3	E	Sy2	Sx	Sy3	K	M4	GP	MP
1 Middx III		14½	12½	13	13½	10	13	76½	5
2 Essex III	5½		12½	11½	11	14	11	65½	5
3 Surrey II	7½	7½		11½	15	11½	15	68	4
4 Sussex II	7	8½	7½		9½	11	12½	56	2
5 Surrey III	6½	9	5	10½		11	9½	51½	2
6 Kent IV	9	5	8½	9	9		12	53½	1
7 Middx IV	7	9	5	7½	10½	8		47	1

Winners: Amboyna Shield, Middx III; Ebony Trophy, Essex III. Middx III will play winner of MCCU 3rd teams competition for the (unofficial) National Third Teams title.

Adjudications from last time:

C Surrey 8 11 Sussex 1.2.86: 9 Stimpson 0 Graham; 19 Clegg 1 Ratcliffe

Sussex 13½ 6½ Bucks 15.2.86: 9 Rivers 1 Smith

Cambs 14 6 Herts 15.2.86: 20 Miles 0 Charles

Berks 15½ 3½ Surrey 15.2.86: 1 Taulbut ½ Granat; 2 void (same reason as next)

Bucks 4½ 14½ Berks 1.3.86: 1 void (submitted positions differed)

MJ Essex II 13 7 Oxon 1.3.86: 9 Dorn ½ Baker

Middx II 13 7 Kent II 1.3.86: 12 Pearce 1 Howell

ME Sussex II 9½ 10½ Surrey III 8.3.86: 3 New 1 Macdonald-Ross; 9 Hollister 1 Mehendale

Essex III 14 5 Kent IV 8.3.86: 3 Smith 0 Waters

Correction

In the last issue we said: "In the last issue the result Middx III v Surrey III was wrongly ascribed to Middx IV." This should, of course, have read: "In the last issue the result Middx IV v Surrey III was wrongly ascribed to Middx III." All clear now?

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sussex*		15.3.86		Herts*		Essex*		15.3.86		Cambs*	
1	AP Kinsman (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PV Byway	K Bowden (3)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Bell			
2	FJ Kwiatkowski	1	0	S Swanson	NL Carr	0	1	D Walker			
3	JC Henshaw	1	0	H Murphy	AP Lewis	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Lawson			
4	BJ Denman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Simpson	D Sherman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Watts			
5	GH Janes	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JF Rudge	D Coleman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Forster			
6	JIP Simpole	1	0	PG Maguire	J Hodgson	0	1	R Cannings			
7	MD Nicholas	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Jones	J Goldberg	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Harley			
8	RV Elliston	1	0	J Foulger	R McFarland	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Janes			
9	G Rivers	1	0	G Scholes	S Lowe	1	0	R Bristow			
10	DB Graham	0	1	P Gregory	D Singh	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	E Stewart			
11	RWB Moss	0	1	J Denton	R Ellanes	1	0	N Savage			
12	SJ Newman	$\frac{1}{2}+$	$=\frac{1}{2}$	AP Prinett	IBN Smith	1	0	J Feinstein			
13	M Gillings	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Sinkinson	J Page	0	1	T Mortimer			
14	SON Hawes	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Law	N Amor	1	0	A Gregory			
15	JP Munday	0	1	B Morris	M Inzani	1	0	M Likeman			
16	P Fallon	0	1	J Cook	S Kalinsky	0	1	S Leadbetter			
17	IG Kelly	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Judkins	G Yates	1	0	M Wallis			
18	J Graham	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Weston	G McDonald	1	0	def			
19	PR Selby	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Dyer	P Southwell	1	0	def			
20	DJ Opie	0	1	S Charles	M Mortimer	1	0	def			
(Horsham)		10	10		(Wanstead)	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$				

Kent*		15.3.86		Bucks*		Berks		15.3.86		Middx*	
1	IR Watson (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Frostick	SA Taulbut (3)	1+	=0	AJ Whiteley			
2	AE Hanreck	1	0	G Moore	PE Cunningham	0	1	RF Holmes			
3	AJ Stebbings	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Hackman	MA Pagden	1	0	CE Hill			
4	A Trangmar	1	0	RD de Coverly	MJ Surtees	1	0	A Jackson			
5	JW Sugden	1	0	C Kennedy	PJ Sharp	1	0	V Vlahos			
6	A Potts	1	0	RDW Marsh	S James	0	1	D Agnos			
7	JA Johnson	1+	=0	AJ Cox	ID Thompson	1	0	R Jennings			
8	AP Smith	1	0	PR Rawcliffe	AJ Staples	1	0	JP Sharp			
9	JE Scholes	1	0	H Granat	MV Taylor	0	1	R McMichael			
10	P Morris	1	0	BW Atkinson	PI Rice	0	1	SJ Rodericks			
11	RMR O'Kelly	1	0	DJ Turner	MW Marlow	1	0	JM Quinn			
12	TW Pelling	1	0	J Beedle	ACP Milnes	0	=+1	S Spivack			
13	NR Oliver	1	0	MGL Leigh	SAM Foister	0	=+1	DP Lynch			
14	LI Pickett	1	0	A Dunlop	AP Race	0	1	AI Wheatley			
15	JD Wager	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Springhall	AW Hooper	0	1	R Colston			
16	PS Milner-Barry	1	0	AW Hill	CT Callow	0	1	RJ Pearce			
17	MP Cook	1	0	J Taylor	DS Tucker	0	=+1	DA Farndon			
18	JW Briggs	1	0	F Day	A Buckland	0	1	R Kane			
19	D Morris	1	0	def	PI Thompson	0	1	JP Gorgol			
20	RCA L-Pentecost	1	0	RP Ginger	I Clinie	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	BJ Benjamin			
(Charlton)		18 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$		(Reading)	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$				

THE FLEMING TROPHY

Middx*		22.3.86		Sussex*		Bucks*		5.4.86		Beds	
1	AJ Whiteley (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	FJ Kwiatkowski	RCS Newton (3)	0	1	P Gayson			
2	CM Cooley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	BJ Denman	G Moore	1	0	A Berry			
3	PA Lanford	1	0	GH Janes	P Hackman	1	0	P Habershon			
4	RF Holmes	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JIP Simpole	P Girdlestone	1	0	KT Rose			
5	T Parkes	1	0	MD Nicholas	KG Hyde	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Perkins			
6	D Agnos	1	0	G Rivers	GM Boyce	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Bodily			
7	K Vlahos	0	1	DB Graham	A Robbings	1	0	PSN Kendall			
8	T Farrand	$\frac{1}{2}+$	$=\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Newman	MK Reeves	1	0	G Blackburn			
9	SJ Rodericks	$\frac{1}{2}+$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SON Hawes	CA Kennedy	1	0	RA Smith			
10	JM Quinn	1	0	JP Munday	RDW Marsh	1+	0	J Keene			
11	F Rayner	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Watson	E Tweeddale	1	0	PS Gill			
12	JT Ward	1	0	IG Kelly	D Smith	0	=1	P Salter			
13	J Burke	1	0	P Fallon	J Alster	0	1	JS Shaw			
14	M Lyell	0	1	J Graham	RD de Coverly	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Watson			
15	DA Farndon	1	0	RTF Williams	AJ Cox	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Mahoney			
16	R Kane	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	LJ Cannon	PR Rawcliffe	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Valerio			
17	AI Wheatley	0	1	RD Hirsch	EN Branley	1	0	M James			
18	MStJK Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PR Selby	M Broon	1	0	A Evans			
19	TW Burrell	1	0	R Sherlock	S Scopes	0	1	S Matthews			
20	R Jennings	1	0	def	N Reeder	1	0	R Sxze??iak(!)			
(Highbury F)		13	7		(Bourne End)	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$				

MONTAGUE-JONES

<u>Oxon</u>		?15.3.36	<u>Herts II*</u>		<u>Kent II*</u>		?17.3.86	<u>Essex II*</u>	
1	N Ekenberg	1	0	K Byard	DA Wood (3)	0	1	M Fleury	
2	P Walden	1	0	D Young	LJ Smart	0	1	B Kemish	
3	R Starkie	1	0	C Lean	SW Giddins	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	G Reid	
4	R Gray	1	0	Glynne Jones	IA Pountney	1	0	D Sands	
5	T King	1	0	def	G Botley	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	R Parker	
6	DG Hackett	1	0	BA Fewell	DJR Barnes	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	R Arundell	
7	R Hasan	1	0	G Brown	AJ Smith	0	1	T Coote	
8	N Hepworth	1	0	A Atkinson	MM Robertson	$\frac{1}{2}+$	$=\frac{1}{2}$	F Dorn	
9	G Tarrant	1	0	N Edwards	SH Johnston	0	1	N Twitchell	
10	A Britton	1	0	J Warren	CI Howell	1	0	C Ramage	
11	G Chapman	1	0	def	TH Stonehouse	0	1	R Nixon	
12	M Kimber	0	1	B Hare	J Wood	1	0	L Marden	
13	I Kingston	1	0	Q Latif	JM Allan	0	1	B Beavis	
14	N Jenkinson	1	0	T Wright	MH Micklethwaite	0	1	H Woolverton	
15	A Wyeth	1	0	D Stacey	AJ Pitt	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	P Turp	
16	S Harwood	1	0	M Johnson	MJ Reddie	0	1	M Rahman	
17	D Sayer	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	J Robertson	CM Brown	1	0	P Revell	
18	C Copeland	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	R Moye	A Waters	0	1	R Hammond	
19	E King	1	0	M Brown	PW Eldridge	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	D Read	
20	H Searle	0	1	J Hollingworth	PE Lane	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	P Heath	
	(Cowley)	13	2		(Rainham Kent)	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	12 $\frac{1}{4}$		

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<u>Surrey II*</u>		22.3.36	<u>Middx IV*</u>		<u>Middx III*</u>		22.3.86	<u>Essex III*</u>	
1	SG Walker (W)	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	G Simpson	NE Foster (3)	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	IM Pheby	
2	POC Byrne	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	DM Taylor	D Field	1	0	David Smith	
3	SC Crowdy	1	0	def	AO Alabi	1	0	N Crabb	
4	JS Tynns	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	N Bowley	SH Band	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	RA Wagstaff	
5	JB Hawson	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	KP Jackson	RA Chapman	1	0	LJ Crane	
6	NS Lane	1	0	A Walden	SD Arnold	1	0	RJ Hammond	
7	CPL Parker	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	D Nicholson	B Stuart	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	RG Rodie	
8	IF Ramsay	1	0	D Keen	S Brandt	1	0	JS Wood	
9	PD Dupré	1	0	def	DP McGovern	1	0	R Maris	
10	DJ Best	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	A Selkirk	D Tomboline	1	0	P Keeley	
11	RJ Wilcox	1	0	def	GN Abbey	1	0	P Heath	
12	RG Rusha	0	1	JR Macdonald	MA Barkwill	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	Russell White	
13	EJ Brodie	1	0	def	Roy Brown	$\frac{1}{2}+$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Robert Tokeley	
14	DM Woods	1	0	G Gibson	AM Dunn	1	0	M Gurnett	
15	JJ Skielnik	1	0	J Rusz	AG Canning	0	1	A Sullivan	
16	RJ Kearsley	1	0	D Griggs	V Nikitin	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	C Mann	
17	I Hopkinson	1	0	P Walden	P Walton	0	1	AJ Barber	
18	E Weinmann	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	P Brindley	MR Crewdson	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	SS Johal	
19	PM Shaw	1	0	def	DJ Lawrence	1	0	M Bradford	
20	RE Janes	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	P Catt	JCH Nyanan	1	0	C Dawson	
	(Sutton)	15	5		(Highbury F)	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{4}$		

<u>Kent IV*</u>		22.3.36	<u>Sussex II*</u>	
1	DJR Barnes (W)	1	0	PS New
2	LR Gurr	0	1	M Graves
3	BR Cochrane	1	0	RH Williams
4	B Langridge	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	RD Hollands
5	AC Waters	1	0	G Trudeau
6	B Clemons	0	1	P Hollister
7	M Conden	1	0	PH Benson
8	H Tassell	0	1	M Penston
9	DN Cook	0	1	IK Hardwick
10	HV Phillips	1	0	RH Saunders
11	MR Croft	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	M Curtis
12	DA Tane	1	0	R Escombe
13	RG Morton	0	1	J Barnes
14	K Khoo	1	0	A Cooper
15	C Forton	0	1	G McCullogh
16	JMP Gilbert	0	1	M Gyure
17	BP Roles	0	1	MR Hickman
18	ME Reeve	0	1	JP Rix
19	K Nagy	1	0	DJ Opie
20	B Gilbert	0	1	GO Harvey
	(Rainham)	9	11	

COUNTY MATCHES: INTER-UNION STAGESCHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER FINALS

<u>Staffs</u>		25.4.86	<u>Middx*</u>	<u>Hants</u>	26.4.86	<u>Kent*</u>	
1 DP Wheeler (B)	0	1	AJ Whiteley	PJ Rossiter (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Eales
2 MA Wheeler	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SJB Knott	GH Bennett	1	0	IR Watson
3 MP Townsend	0	1	PA Lanford	A Faller	0	1	N McDonald
4 RA Beach	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	GD Lee	AJ Yeo	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AE Hanreck
5 G Orne	0	1	SH Berry	J Corfield	1	0	A Potts
6 DR Carless	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Wade	AJ Buckmaster	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Stebbings
7 GN Buckley	0	1	T Parkes	A Stirling	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AG Trangmar
8 GM Wellings	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Farrand	S Dean	0	1	JN Sugden
9 PD Porter	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JP Sharp	AR Noyce	1	0	AP Smith
10 RVH Butters	0	1	CE Hill	ML Newbury	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JE Scholes
11 PI Wilshaw	1	0	JS Walton	JE Arney	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Morris
12 RJ Marshall	0	1	DJC Mackle	JH Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R/R O'Kelly
13 GJ Sharpe	1	0	S Spivack	IA Stenhouse	0	1	RM Webb
14 L Cooper	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DA Farndon	AD Crossin	0	1	TW Pelling
15 CS Barnard	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Colston	TI Cowling	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PS Milner-Barry
16 EW Lees	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Jackson	W Purkiss	0	1	JD Wager
(Walsall)	6	10		(Basingstoke)	7	9	

MINOR COUNTIES QUARTER FINAL

<u>Dorset</u>		25.4.86	<u>Herts*</u>
1 MJ Freeman	0	1	P Byway
2 IC Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Simpson
3 P Varley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Murphy
4 SC Robinson	1	0	P Maguire
5 MA Isaacs	1	0	J Foulger
6 CV Johns	0	1	H Tebbs
7 PR Cook	0	1	J Denton
8 R Kinnersley	1	0	A Prinett
9 AJ Roth	1	0	RJ Arnot
10 R Valentin(?)	0	1	T Sinkinson
11 M Waddington	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Law
12 DK Bevis	0	1	B Morris
13 D Culliford	0	1	J Cook
14 TJ Hurdle	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Judkins
15 CI Romero	0	1	S Charles
16 JF Tilney-Basset	1	0	def
(Winchester)	7	9	

We assume that Berks played a quarter-final match against someone or other, but have no details. Berks don't send results to the Bulletin.

SECOND TEAMS QUARTER FINALS

<u>Hants II</u>		25.4.86	<u>Middx II*</u>	<u>Lancs II</u>	26.4.86	<u>Essex II*</u>	
1 MI Walker (W)	1	0	R McMichael	J Mulligan (W)	0	1	M Fleury
2 PJ Hebblethwaite	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Quinn	G House	0	1	B Kenish
3 SP Pezet	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JT Ward	C Murray	1	0	G Clarke
4 BN Otway	0	1	D Lynch	R Taylor	0	1	F Dorn
5 MG Buckley	0	1	A Wheatley	K Hoadley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Whitton
6 A Carpenter	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Stone	M Peacock	1	0	K Clow
7 LC Waters	0	1	M Lyell	S Appleby	1	0	N Twitchell
8 WH Silber	1	0	J Gorgol	P Seery	1	0	J Rogers
9 JR Poulton	1	0	R Pearce	P Taylor	1	0	R Gooding
10 PL Marshall	0	1	C Mackenzie	J Howarth	0	1	B Beavis
11 RD Perrin	0	1	N Rutter	N Smith	1	0	P Turp
12 DM Gardner	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Benjamin	J Tennant-Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Millward
13 DJ Webb	0	1	M Francois	L Kay	1	0	T Carr
14 J Pillay	0	1	JVA Franks	P Furlong	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Goorvitch
15 A Mills	0	1	J Grundy	J Foulkes	1	0	M Rahman
16 SD LeFevre	1	0	S Dabby	J Lyth	1	0	P Salmon
(Basingstoke)	6	10		P Hughes	1	0	L Crane
				M Williams	0	1	AJ Tredinnick
				(Aston Univ)	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	

COUNTY THIRD TEAMS FINALCHALLENGE MATCH

<u>Warwicks III</u>		26.4.86	<u>Middx III*</u>		<u>Civil Service</u>		24.4.86	<u>London League</u>	
1	M Harris (W)	1	0	NE Foster	G Moore (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	N MacDonald (so)	
2	G Varnon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Field	AC Ashby	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Granat	
3	W Harwood	0	1	SD Arnold	PS Milner-Barry	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Stebbings	
4	R Millward	0	1	AO Alabi	J Gibb	0	1	AN Potts	
5	A Aird	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SH Band	D Cordner	0	1	S Reuben	
6	DR Thomas	0	1	B Stuart	AP Prinnett (so)	0	1	P Andrews	
7	J Llewelyn	0	1	S Drandt	RS Sefton	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Norman	
8	K Jewsbury	0	1	DP McGovern	TB Packhan	0	1	RM Webb	
9	R Greateorex	0	1	GN Abbey	JJ McDunnell	1	0	NR Oliver	
10	C Darby	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MA Barkwill	MJ Rose	0	1	GK Sandiford	
11	N Ardin	1	0	Roy Brown	RJ Bauld	0	1	IM Pountney	
12	D Horsley	1	0	AM Dunn	STK Wilkinson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DC Taylor	
13	S Evans	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	NP Leeson-Smith	DG Wayte	0	1	D Norman	
14	C Jones	0	1	V Nikitin	KW Lovel	0	1	T Hare	
15	F Jimenez	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	CICH Wallace	HJ Williams	0	1	K Bowmer	
16	M Hogarth	1	0	MR Crewdson	M Hay	1	0	RCA L-Pentecost	
17	I Fisher	0	1	P Walton	RJ Shepiken	0	1	DH Powell	
18	R Whissell	0	1	JCH Nynan	PM Shaw	0	1	K Davis	
(Walsall)		$6\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$		D Scuffan	0	1	CI Howell	
					JW Helps	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Elwell	
					(Westminster)	5	15		

The Third Teams Championship is, of course, unofficial. Only the MCCU and SCCU run third team competitions.

Anyway, congratulations to Middx on winning the first adult title of the season. (They already had two junior ones). They outgraded Warwicks all the way down, by about twenty points on average. It is interesting that both sides should have managed to field 13 players, whereas their more illustrious brethren can rarely seem to agree on more than the minimum 16.

SCCU SUMMER KNOCK-OUT (U130): QUARTER FINALS

<u>Herts</u>		12.4.86	<u>Oxon</u>		<u>Kent</u>		19.4.86	<u>Sussex</u>	
1	T Sinkinson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	NJ Hepworth	CI Howell (W)	1	0	SJ Newman	
2	W Tabakiernik	0	1	R Tomlinson	MH Micklethwaite	1	0	JP Munday	
3	G Hollis	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Tarrant	LR Gurr	1	0	P Watson	
4	S Law	1	0	AE Gentry	MA Phillips	0	1	IG Kelly	
5	T Thurstan	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	GW Chapman	AC Waters	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PS New	
6	B Morris	0	1	I Kingston	RA Kingdon	0	1	M Graves	
7	J Cook	0	1	N Jenkinson	P Finch	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DB Scott	
8	B Judkins	1	0	S Horwood	SR Pierce	1	0	LKG Eastoe	
9	P Weston	0	1	P Ball	SG Barr	0	1	DG Ratcliffe	
10	S Charles	0	1	HAI Searle	DN Cook	0	1	RD Hirsch	
(Hitchin)		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$		(Charlton)	5	5		

Kent won on board count.

<u>Bucks</u>		19.4.86	<u>Essex</u>	
1	MK Reeves (W)	0	1	IBN Smith
2	CM Kennedy	0	1	R Parker
3	RD de Coverly	1	0	K Clow
4	RDW Marsh	0	1	R Gooding
5	EN Bramley	1	0	def
6	MGL Leigh	0	1	R Nixon
7	M Broom	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Rahman
8	A Dunlop	0	1	P Turp
9	N Reeder	0	1	D Millward
10	D Lush	1	0	G Clarke
(Bourne End)		$3\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	

The other quarter-final was Berks v Middx, and Berks won 7-3. We have no details.

Semi-final draw:

Oxon v Berks

Essex v Kent

ROUND THE COUNTIES

SURREY Chess News has a new Editor, Kevin Thurlow. Welcome.

Surrey Quickplay Championship, for the Thorp Trophy, 12.10.85 attracted a disappointing 12 entries. This is a four-round Swiss for teams of six, with an U150 limit for the bottom four boards. Wimbledon, the favourites, won with 13/24, ahead of Streatham 16 $\frac{1}{2}$. Grading prize: RGS Guildford. We know this information is rather out of date, but we don't seem to have published it before.

Surrey Individual Postal Championship (5 player APA): 1 Chris Holland 7/8; 2 Tony Corkett 5... Section 3 1 Roger Abayasekera 6/6; 2 Martin Cath 3...

Surrey Individual Tournaments: Slater-Kennington Section A - 1 SC Crowdy 5½/7; DV Booth 5... Wernick Cup Section A - 1 NE Crees 4/5; 2-3 JV Jestico, S Ross 3... Surrey played two correspondence friendlies Feb-Nov. 1985, losing to Lancs 11½-13½ and beating Merseyside 15½-9½.

CHILTERN LEAGUE: Herts III 5½ 14½ Berks A 25.1.86; Herts III 15½ 3½ Berks B 8.3.86; Bucks II 5 14 Berks A 8.3.86

REVIEW

INFORMATOR No 40: available from Chess, Sutton Coldfield B73 5AZ. Price £11.90 plus postage £1.41. 435pp, paper covers.

This, the 40th edition of the Chess Informant over 20 years, includes 773 games played in the last six months of 1985. It is a must for serious players who need to be in touch with the latest theory and, along with its counterpart, the Encyclopedia of Chess Openings, is considered by many to be the chess player's bible. The games are arranged by openings and, while I was always put off by its apparent complexity, I now appreciate the excellent range of codes (although it does pose a difficulty attempting to memorise all the symbols) which avoids obvious problems in multilingual analysis. However it is debatable whether it would be more practical and indeed more profitable to have a different edition for each language - though admittedly the polyglot edition helps to increase one's foreign vocabulary! On top of the games, there are many sections including combinations, endgames, best novelties, tournament results etc; although one wonders whether it is all really necessary.

1984 saw the emergence of "New in Chess", the Informant's only competitor to date, but nevertheless allowing some sort of comparison:

The Informant has less diagrams and in my opinion is not as nicely laid out, but all its games are analysed including 92.5% by one of the players himself. They share similar coding systems and both refer to their respective keybooks: but Informant does so considerably less often, which can be a great advantage. NIC keybooks cost an additional £30 and, while ECO volumes are expensive, they are not compulsory. Unlike NIC, the Informant has no magazine series and its many more statistics are probably less concise and less relevant than those found in the NIC Yearbook, but overall I think the balance is tipped by its relative cheapness, being available in paperback.

CGV

We have also received the fat and expensively produced Tournament Bulletin of the 11th Open Scacchistico di Lugano (28 Feb - 9 Mar 1986). It's quite a novelty for someone to send us a tournament bulletin, and we're not sure how we got on their mailing list, but it's much appreciated. We are interested to see that most of the annotations are in English, though few are by Englishmen. (Italian comes a poor third to Spanish.) Is this normal? Suppose Rumanian would have less appeal. The Introduction, also in English, has a rather original flavour: "(Plaskett) even indulges in the luxury of winning over Sax in a tough and prolix game."

In case you hadn't heard, the Masters had an entry of 250 headed by 20 Gms. Results: 1-4 Korchnoi, Gutman, Plaskett, Short 7½/9; 5-8 Seirawan, Nunn, Nikolic, Tukmakov 7... Levitt and King finished on 6½; Miles, Conquest, Davies on 6; Flear, Miles J, Anderton on 5½; Kosten on 5.

GAMES

White Condie, Black Schulte: the Brilliancy Prize game from the Oakham International 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 Nc3 Nc6 4 d4 cd 5 Nxd4 e6 6 g3 Qb5 7 Nb3 Ne5

A sharp continuation which was popular several years ago, but which has been superseded by 7...d5; however, even this line may give White a slight plus after 8 cd Nxd5 9 Nxd5 ed 10 Bg2 Bb4+ 11 Bd2)

3 e4 Bb4

Black launches an early attack in the hope of proving that White's development is too slow. However if the attack fails Black's Ns will be driven back and he will suffer from an inability to develop the B on c8. In Polugayevsky-Ljubojevic, Tilburg 1985, Black changed plan by 3...d5, but after 9 f4 Ng6 10 Qe2 Be7 11 Be3 Qc7 12 Bg2

12 Nb5 is even better according to Cebalo, since a subsequent ...a6 to drive the N away will weaken b6

12...Bd7 13 Rcl 0-0 14 0-0 White had a clear advantage; Black won the game after many complications.

9 Qe2 a5

This sharp move is consistent. 9...0-0 is possible, but 10 f4 Nc6 11 e5 Ne8 12 Bd2 f6 13 c5 Qd8 14 a3 Bxc3 15 Bxc3 fe 16 Bxe5 Nxe5 17 Qxe5 is better for White: Dvoiris-Tal, USSR 1985.

10 Bg2?!

I have not seen this modest move before, but it seems so natural I'm sure it must have been played at some time. The usual move is 10 Be3 Qc6 and now:

a) 11 f3 0-0 12 Nd4 Qa6 13 Nb5 d5. This sacrificial continuation was played in games Miles-Nunn and Karpov-Miles some years ago. Miles-Nunn went 14 cd ed 15 Bd4 de! 16 Bxe5 ef with a very dangerous attack for the pawns. Karpov played more strongly by 14 Nc7 Qc6 15 Nxa8. Now there are many complex lines, e.g. 15...Nxc4 16 Bd4 b5!? According to Karpov White should be better with accurate play.

b) 11 Bd2! This move, discovered by Stuart Conquest, is simple and strong. Now that the Q is on c6 White gains a tempo to play Nd4-b5, e.g. 11...a4 12 Nd4 Qb6 13 Ndb5 with advantage to White; or if 11...0-0 then 12 f4.

10...a4 11 Nd2

There are two differences between this and the last note: the B on c1 is blocked in and the N has retreated to d2 rather than advanced to d4. 11 Be3 Qc6 12 Nd2 a3 is bad.

11...h5? Too ambitious:

a) 11...d6 was correct and Black has easy equality after 12 0-0 Bd7 13 Nf3 13 Kh1 h5! is a much improved version of the game, e.g. 14 Nf3 Bxc3 15 bc Bc6 16 Nd4 h4 with dangerous threats.

13...Nxf3+ 14 Qxf3 (14 Bxf3 0-0 is also safe) 14...Bc6 (14...0-0? 15 Bg5) 15 Bg5 Nd7 16 Qe2 0-0 17 Nd5 ed 18 ed Rfe8 19 Qc2 Bb5! 20 cb Qxb5 intending ...Re2 and Black is at least equal. On the other hand:

b) 11...a3 achieves nothing as White can reply 12 0-0 ab 13 Bxb2 Ba3 14 Bxa3 Rxa3 15 Rfb1 and 16 Nb5 with a big lead in development.

12 Nf3!

A good move. 12 0-0 h4 allows Black dangerous counterplay while 12 f4 Neg4 13 e5 Ne3 14 ef Nc2+ is perpetual check.

12...Nxf3+

12...d6 might have been a little better, but 13 Bf4 Ng5

13...Nxf3+ 14 Bxf3 e5 15 Bxc5 Qxc5 16 Bg5 leaves Black's h5 pawn looking rather odd

14 Be3 Bc5 15 Bxc5 Qxc5 16 0-0 puts Black on the defensive since d6 is weak.

13 Bxf3 d6 14 0-0 h4?

Now Black is almost lost. 14...e5 was essential, but 15 Be3 Bc5 16 Bg5 leaves White a tempo up on the last note and gives him a clear advantage.

15 e5! Nd7

15...de 16 Qxe5 Bd6 17 Qg5 (better than 17 Qb5+, though even this is good for White) followed by Be3, Nb5, Rad1 with a decisive initiative

16 Nd5!

The start of a combination which wins at least a pawn.

16...ed

16...Qa5 17 Nxb4 Qxb4 18 ed Qxd6 19 Bf4 followed by Rad1 is also lost.

17 ed+ Kf3 18 Qe7+ Kg3 19 Bxd5 Nf6

19...Qxd6 20 Qxf7+ Kh7 21 Be4+ and mate

20 Qxf7+ Kh7 21 Be4+! Nxe4 22 Qh5+ Kg8 23 Qe3+ Kh7 24 Qxe4+ g6

24...Kg8 25 Qd5+ Kh7 26 d7 and White will be two pawns up.

25 Qe7+ Kg8 26 Qe3+ Kg7 27 d7 hg

If 27...Qd4 28 dc=Q Rxc3 29 Be3! is the simplest

28 Qe5+ Kf7

28...Qf6 29 Bh6+! Kf7 30 fg pins the Q; while 28...Kh7 29 Be3 Qa5 30 c5! gh+

(30...Bd7 31 fg Bf5 32 Rxf5 etc wins) 31 Qxh2+ Kg8 32 Qd6 Bxd7 33 Qxg6+ Kf8 34

Qf6+ Kg8 35 Bd4 Rh7 36 Qg6+ wins.

29 Qxh3 Bxd7 30 Qh7+ 1-0

Notes by JDM Nunn

White PG Large, Black DJ King: The decisive game from the Surrey Open

1 P-K4 P-Q3 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 NXP N-B3 5 N-QB3 P-K4 6 N(4)-N5 P-Q3 7 B-N5 P-Q3 8 N-R3 P-N4 9 N-Q5 B-K2 10 Nxb Nxn 11 Bxn PxB 12 Q-Q2 B-N2 13 0-0-0 P-Q4 14 PXP BxP!?

King is a specialist in this Pelikan variation and the Bishop capture is a sharper alternative to the equalising QxP.

15 P-QB4 Q-B2 16 P-QN3 0-0 17 K-N2 B-K3 18 B-Q3 KR-Q1 19 Q-K3 PXP 20 NXP R-N1 21 Q-N3+ N-N3 22 P-KR4 K-B1 23 N-K3? BxP! 1-0

If 24 PxB RxP+! 25 KxR R-N1+ 26 K-R4 Q-B3+ 27 K-R5/R3 Q-B6+

White Nunn, Black Tukmakov: Luzano 1986

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bc4 Qb6 7 Nb3

Another good try here is 7 Nde2

7...e6 8 0-0 Be7 9 Bg5 Ne5

Maybe it was better to play immediately 9...0-0, though White could continue 10 Bxf6.

10...Bd7 11 Kh1 Ng6 12 Be3!

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White regroupes his pieces, starting then the usual attack on the K side with the notable difference that Black's N is on g6.

12...Qc7 13 f4 0-0 14 Qe1 Rfe8 15 Rd1 Bc6

Normal, but maybe better would be 15...d5 16 e5 Ne4 17 Nxe4 dxe4 etc

16 Bf3 d5 17 e5 Ne4 18 Nd4!

A very strong zwischenzug! Now White is clearly better and Black does not have a clear counterplan.

18...Nxc3 19 Qxc3 Rac8 20 Qe1 Bd7 21 Qg3 Qb6 (Very risky, but what better plan could Black have?) 22 f5! exf5 23 Bxd5 Bh4 24 Nf5!!

A beautiful move which wins by force.

24...Bxg3 25 Bxb6 axb6 26 Nd6!

And in this very instructive position, where he is a piece up but defenceless against the multiple White threats, Black resigned.

Notes by F Gheorghiu

We couldn't resist this object lesson in timing, from a junior tournament.

(Acknowledgments to William Parker School.)

r2qlrk1/ppplbPPP/5n2/1B6/3p4/2N2nP/PPP2PQ1/R1BK3R; Black to move.

Black played 1...d4xc3 but WITHOUT GIVING CHECK. (This is vital. If you say "Check" it doesn't work.) White replied 2 Qxf3??!?, whereupon 2...c3xb2 and only now: "Check!!" said Black. After 3 Ke1 b2xa1=Q Black soon won.

LEGAL AND GENERAL CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS have reached the semi-final stage. The draw: Open Kings Head v Cambridge Univ; Gravesend v Oxford Univ. Major High Wycombe v Hastings & St Leonards; Rochdale v Warwick Univ. Intermediate Hammersmith v Lichfield; Prescott & Knotty Ash (honest!) v Kings Head A. Minor Upminster v Kings Head A; Rose Forge v Sutton-in-Ashfield. Finals at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool St EC2 12.7.36 (12.30 p.m. to a finish).

CONGRESS DIARY

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13-15 JOSHUA TETLEY BRITISH QP CHAMPIONSHIPS at Leeds. Open; U165; U125. Chess
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14 KENT PRIMARY at Maidstone. Under 11/9. RG Blake, 96 Manorfield, Singleton
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