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EDITORIAL

Your subscription expires with this issue. There should be a re-order form in the envelope somewhere: fill it in and return it before you forget! No, the sub has not gone up. There is also an order form for this year's SCCU Grading List (expected to be published in September). County Secretaries are being sent lots of these, with a request to circulate them when convenient.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met at St Brides on Friday 22nd May 1986. 12 attended. Much was said, and done, but nearly all of it was in preparation for the forthcoming Council Meeting and you don't want to read everything twice. If that overstates your enthusiasm, skip the next page or so.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CHESS UNION COUNCIL MEETING

Council duly met at the LSE on Saturday 22nd June 1986 (a stifling hot day, as has become traditional). 32 attended, if we counted right, and we think all Counties except Cambs and Oxon were represented. This account is not, of course, a formal minute but we hope it's accurate.

(1) Money. The accounts, showing a surplus for the year of £37, were adopted after one or two queries from a Berks representative about junior expenditure. Budget for 1986-7: County Levy up from £6 to £7. The first rise in the levy for some time; indeed it was £7 about three years back. Grading List prices to rise by 10p across the board. Bulletin sub to remain the same. (It was proposed that we drop the practice of sending complimentary copies to anyone other than county secretaries. This motion was lost, and you'd have had a new Editor if it hadn't been. Now there's an opportunity missed.)

(2) County Matches. Dr Opie announced the results of the three leagues (see last issue) and said there had been 96 adjudications and four appeals, two of them successful. Six games had been declared void because the two sides' diagrams differed. (Some commented that voiding the game did not seem the right answer to this problem.) For next season, the starting and finishing dates might have to be a week earlier than hitherto: no county had objected. Various other suggestions had been made for improving the format of the competitions, and these would be looked at.

The Fixture Secretary had already circulated dates for the 1986-7 Championship. He said entries for the other two leagues were so few that he had had to combine the second and third divisions. Council did not think this acceptable, though at present there seemed to be only three teams in the MJ (and half a dozen in the Amboyna/Ebony). Surrey, who came bottom of the Championship this year, said they wouldn't mind their first team playing in the MJ. Another suggestion was that the larger counties might enter two or more regional teams, rather than a single County one, for divisions below the Championship. A working party has been set up to study the situation.

The late-season U180 KO had been won, narrowly, by Kent (results on a later page). Dr Opie had donated a handsome trophy. We should have said that Mr Lee-Pentecost had donated a medal for the match captain of the Champion county. This was presented to Mr Lee-Pentecost.

It was noted that our Champion Third Team county, Middx, had played (and won) an unofficial National Final against Warwicks. This gave rise to suggestions that the Union itself might play matches against outside bodies - not necessarily Unions. It was agreed that the idea was worth pursuing, so long as the matches were friendlies and did not make unacceptable calls on the time of top players.

(3) Rule Changes. The draft amendments to the County Match Rules went through with one amendment. An up-to-date version will be available for the start of the new season.

(4) Juniors. Berks said they felt that the Union had nothing to offer their juniors. They played numerous friendly matches, home and away, against counties in and out of the Union, and these far outweighed the two official jamborees (and one training event) provided in London. Berks had decided not to take advantage of the U18 Jamboree or the training event, though they had entered a combined team, in collaboration with Bucks, for the U14 Jamboree.

Berks objected to paying, through the levy, for events which did not interest them. They sought, and received, an assurance that they would not be dunned for a contribution towards the "fares equalisation scheme" for a jamboree they had not played in. (Note: the venues for the U14 Jamboree, and of course the "Metropolitan" matches, were fully paid for by the counties taking part. Your Editor is not sure

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about the U13 Jamboree. The training event was subsidised out of the levy.)

Oxon, though they were not there to say so, also feel they don't get value for money for their juniors. The Union President, John Poole, had discussed the problem with Berks at an informal meeting in the run-up to the AGM; Oxon, unfortunately, had not been able to attend. The problem is seen as a general one of geography rather than a specifically junior one.

(5) BCF Levy Numbers. Nobody understood the new proposals.

(6) Composition of the Executive Committee. You may have read something in recent Bulletins about the changes that are in the wind, and we shan't go into detail, particularly as there were no actual proposals on the table. But the basic idea is that the rather unwieldy Executive should delegate some of its functions to a much smaller body able to meet at shorter notice. It is also felt that the Counties should have representatives on the Executive. There was little agreement on how often the new Executive ought to meet, or when (weekends/evenings?). A delegate commented that he was in favour of rationalisation provided the flow of information (meaning Bulletin reports) was maintained. It was eventually agreed to pursue the suggestions; which presumably means it will come up at next year's Council Meeting.

(7) Election of Officers and Committee Members. The names and addresses of those elected are inside the front cover. The retiring Secretary, RCA Lee-Pentecost, was elected to a new post of Union Match Captain.

The Executive Committee, as always, met immediately after the Council Meeting. Its business was mostly routine, but it agreed to spend up to £100 in an effort to make the most of the K v K encounter.

BCF COUNCIL MEETING 12th July 1986 at the Great Eastern Hotel

A brief report from a Union delegate. (Your Editor, as usual, stayed away.) It was not, perhaps, as hot as the 22nd.

(1) Elections. Your own President, John Poole, was elected Director of Home Chess in succession to Peter Wilson. The new Convener of the Levy Appeals Committee is Jeff Douglas of Surrey. There is also a new office of Director of Womens Chess, filled by Lady Thelma Milner-Barry. There was much argument about this one, but it got the required two-thirds majority. Some objectors felt that the new Director's terms of reference were too vague; at least one felt that he was already doing the job. Whether there were others who considered the whole idea an insult to women, the Bulletin does not know.

(2) K v K. RD Keene revealed that we would get much more TV coverage than expected. Both BBC and ITV intend to provide (probably fairly late-night) coverage of each game as it happens.

The Meeting was, we understand, disrupted by Road Drills. The Bulletin seriously doubts whether this reached the scale or irritation value of the Disco Practice suffered by the SCCU Council Meeting.

THOUGHTS OF A GRADER

Here's my master list, and we're hardly into June. Only four or five months after the target date. Well, all that waiting has given me plenty of time to put the game results on disc, so all I have to do is type in the players' grades and their new BCF reference numbers. Easy! And the new-style master list is more helpful than the old one as well, it gives more information about last year. And it covers the whole country, unlike the old SCCU one, so I don't have to run for help when a player from Notty Ash crops up. Hang on a minute though, where are the North of England players? Oh yes, I forgot, the North of England didn't supply any data. Never mind, I'm only grading Kent juniors.

I wonder if J Smith is in the list. Let's see, there are only ten J Smiths, not counting the JB Smiths and the BJ Smiths and the Jeff Smiths. All I need is a J Smith with a Kent reference number. Here's a junior one. No, wrong end of Kent. Why in hell can't this list give the players' clubs, instead of just club reference numbers? The SCCU one used to. Using a list as a key to a list is no joke. Here's one from a club down the road from his school. Expect that's him. Better carry on down the list, though, there might actually be one from the school... No. Can't be sure it's the one I found before, though. Common name. Put him down as a New Player.

They were right to put check digits into these player-reference numbers. I'm much less likely to get a misprint into the beast now. Just a moment, I've a sort of feeling I typed that one wrong. Beast didn't beep, I expect I'm imagining it. Better

check anyway. Yes, I've typed one digit wrong. That shouldn't have got past the check. Ah, yes, I'd forgotten they were using a rather eccentric (and inefficient) method of calculating the check digit. I wonder why?

Damn, I've slipped a line again. Trouble is, with these sequential reference numbers, alphabetically adjacent entries start with the same 3 or 4 figures! Never used to happen with the SCCU list. Perhaps they should have printed them backwards. It'll stay like that for a while as well, because they've left gaps between the numbers to fit new players into, to keep the file alphabetical. Don't know why the file has to be alphabetical. Bet they'll run out of gaps somewhere before too long. Come to think of it, didn't the SCCU fall into the same trap, with the result that some SCCU clubs ran out of space and had to acquire a second reference number?

That's it then. Job done. Just have to print the data out, now, and send it off so someone else can type it into a different sort of computer so the BCF's computer can read it. Funny, really, the BCF's computer is a different sort again. I wonder if there isn't scope for rationalisation somewhere?

What's that? You're typing my data in? Oh good. What? Why not? Couldn't load the BCF's program into your computer? Oh well...

This sketch, while based firmly on fact, is not intended as a criticism of the BCF. It's the first year and there's been a lot to do; though inevitably there seem to be things which could have been done better. And yes, my observations have already gone to the BCF! We are still expecting the new grading lists to be ready in September.

RJH

REVIEW

ROYCROFT'S 5-MAN CHESS ENDGAME SERIES

A series of exhaustive computer analyses of endgame positions. Published by Chess Endgame Consultants and Publishers, 17 New Way Rd, London NW9 6PL. Order in multiples of five.

There are an indicated 38 pamphlets to be issued in the series, all of which involve 5 pieces (including two Kings). This review covers the first two of these pamphlets:

- (1) Queen and Pawn on a6 against Queen. 20 pages soft covers, price £4.50
- (2) Queen and Pawn on a2 against Queen. 8 pages soft covers, price £2.50

Perhaps if I did not have a distinct love of computers I would have immediately dismissed these endgame treatises as extremely expensive clinical analyses. But Kenneth Lane Thompson, who is the computer genius behind the analysis, was the principal originator of the Unix operating system and a co-author of the language C. Both these developments are having a profound impact on the computing world, and I felt obliged to look further.

One is set three different but typical King and Queen positions with the Pawn's indicated. The analysis itself is very clinical; the comments are all symbolic - all related to optimising the solution. As you might expect I detected no errors, which is a welcome departure from most books; but more importantly the themes stood out, and my approach to this type of ending will be much more systematic in future.

It is thus in the realms of teaching that these pamphlets have their place; whether that be the young (or old) aspiring grandmaster, libraries, or (dare I suggest) the Moscow Central Chess Club. The price is prohibitive for the weak or casual player and may well be indicative of the "very serious" market at which the series must be aimed.

I learned a lot.

JES

We have also received the pilot edition (June/July) of the new style BCF Newsflash. For those not in the know, the venerable stencil-duplicated version from St Leonards is no more. It is to be replaced, from mid July, by a professionally printed weekly newsletter edited by David Goodman IM. For details, write to BCF Newsflash, Room 270, Great Eastern Hotel, London EC2 (or telephone 01 283 4367 ext 270, or 01 992 3580). Existing subscriptions to the old Newsflash will be honoured "until the end of the year". The new venture has been made possible by sponsorship from Peterborough Software.

We confess to a more-than-certain regret at the passing of the old Newsflash. Messy and inefficient it may have been; amateurish certainly. To be honest, it couldn't even count. Both of the last two issues were labelled "Issue 234". But we liked it, misprints, solecisms and all. And if the Bulletin's own obituary, and who

knows how soon that may be, is couched in similar terms we shall have no cause for regret.

What of the new one? Too early to say. The pilot edition, shiny and photoful and new, is professional and informative but contains little BCF news. But then it is a pilot edition, and, one feels sure, unrepresentative. The new Newsflash must never lose touch with local issues, and local players, and club news, and serious (which does not mean sensational) debate. It will, we trust, continue the tradition of publishing readers' letters, no matter how obscure those readers may be. And we are sure it will find better use for its space than full-page advertisements for musicals.

With our help the new Newsflash can be a mirror of English chess more up to date than ever before. If we don't write to it, it will fail.

JUNIOR NEWS

Not very much of it this time.

TIMES Schools Competition: Finals held at the Great Eastern Hotel 10-11 July 1986. Semi-finals: RGS Colchester 4½ 1½ Methodist College, Belfast; Plymouth College 5½ ½ Bluecoat, Liverpool. Third Place Play-off: Bluecoat 3½ 2½ Belfast. Final: Plymouth College 4 2 RGS Colchester (no age handicap). Though they're foreigners, we'll give the names of the Plymouth team: Chris Butt, Tim Kendall, Peter Lane, Miles Taverner, Anthony Starkey, Peter Somner. Your Editor is sure that he's only exposing his own ignorance by saying he'd never heard of any of them. He's looked them up, and their grades are 175, 172, 143, 122, 121, 99. Which would have made them somewhat outgraded in the Final.

ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS CA

Under 11 National Champions are Mayflower, Tower Hamlets; Under 9 Virginia, and we've forgotten where they're from. London, we think. The Finals, for four teams, were held on a Saturday. At least the U9 ones were, but the U11 ran into religious difficulties. One of the finalists was a Jewish school which would not play on a Saturday. Another refused, also for religious reasons, to play on Sunday. So they played on Monday, which apparently wasn't anyone's sabbath.

EPSCA Area Championships: Under 11 SE London; U9 Tower Hamlets.

LONDON PRIMARY SCHOOLS CA Champions are Adansrill (Sydenham). The Association hopes to form a 12-board Superleague covering the whole of London. (Current Championship is regionalised until the final stages.)

You may remember that Adansrill and John Ball Primary School (Blackheath) set up a world record some while back by playing a match over a hundred-plus boards. They've broken it. The new record, set up 20.6.86, is 151 boards. (Adansrill won 106½-44½, for what it's worth.) The shortest game lasted 32 minutes. No, not seconds, minutes.

INTERNATIONAL Under 11 tournament held 10.7.86 at Southampton: 1 England, 2 France, 3 Denmark, 4 Scotland. The Danish team stayed in London afterwards, and lost 9½-10½ to SE London. A return visit (whether by England or SE London we're not sure!) is planned.

BUTLINS training week runs from Sunday 20th July at Bognor. Butlins are providing free accommodation and facilities for 30 young players and coaches. This is Butlins' first venture into chess, but they already have schemes for gymnastics, athletics, snooker, judo and swimming.

ROUND THE COUNTY

KENT Finals Day (18th May 1986 at Dartford) produced the following winners.

County Cup Gravesend I 3½ 2½ Charlton I; Lewis Cup Thanet* 3 3 Kildown I; Stevenson Cup Canterbury II 5 1 Charlton V; En Passant Cup Sidcup II* 3 3 Beckenham 2 Bronley IV; Harvey Cup Charlton VIII 4 2 Black Lion II. Individual tournaments: County Championship to be decided (finalists are - were - IR Watson and DA Wood); Major R Hyde (Charlton) beat H Sharples; Intermediate DG Hogg (Sevenoaks) beat H Sharples(!); Minor HJ Jones (Tonbridge Wells) beat MR Croft.

BERKS QUICK-PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS 17.5.86 (30 min/player/game)

Open (48 entries) 1-3 R Gerber (SW4), AC Kosten (Chandlers Ford), PG Large (SW15) 5/6; 4-6 JC Benjamin (SV19), RD Page (Reading Univ), SM Faulbut (Earley) 4½... Grading (U170) NP Pickner (Earley) 4. Pergamon Book Prize PAF Watkins (Wokingham); Slow-starter Prize DG Ellison (Poulton le Fylde).

Minor U140 (41 entries) 1 0 Worsfold (Basingstoke) 506; 2-4 J Kitchen (SE3), DC Maddock (Reading), L Sibley (Bicester) 5... Junior U15 J Lane (Hurst, Berks) 4½; Pergamon Book Prize RE Langham (Wargrave) 3; Slow-starter KR Ellis (High Wycombe).
Results AJ Cox

FIRST HALPERN AND WOOLF LONDON OPEN 7-3 June 1986

Open (93 played) 1-2 M Chandler (Hamburg), AD Martin (YMCA) 4/5; 3-8 CS Crouch (Durham), R Gerber, DJ King (Streatham), MB Pein (Wood Green), CW Pritchett, PJ Rossiter (Portsmouth) 4... Grading 204-190 PM Gayson (Luton) 3½; 189-175 LJ Smart (RAE) 3; 175-150 GM Abbey (Ks Head), NA Down (Flying Tea Pots!?!) 3. Batsford Book Prizes: Ladies CRM Flear (Leicester) 3; Junior U13 PJ Rossiter; U14 J Cavendish (YMCA) 3. First Round Losers JJ Essinger (Ks Head) 3½. Best Combination NAP McSheehy (Mitchem)

Major (123 pl) 1-2 MB Brown (Slough), A Kitchlaw (Clapham) 5/5; 3 PJ Moulton (Leighton Buzzard) 4½... Grading 144-130 MJ Clancy (GLC) 4; 129-120 SA Johnson (Newcastle Univ) 3. Junior U14 A Webster (Sutton & Cheam) 2. First Round Losers AJ Mant (Eastern Knights) 4. Best Combination S Weston (BP)

Minor (118 pl) 1 RC Burroughs (Metropolitan) 5/5; 2-6 R Cooper, SJ Groombridge (Electra), P Lee (Romford), VS Litvin (Camden), MD Williams 4½... Grading U105 AF Reed 3½. Junior U18 R Vujatovic 3½; U12 WD Rawlings (Wanstead) 3½. First Round Losers CL Micallef (Croydon). Best Combination R Vujatovic.

The organisers (Kings Head) report a bizarre incident in the Minor. A player, going to the wrong board and finding no one there, sat down and waited. A spectator sat down and played him. The Controllers were somewhat puzzled to receive two different results from this board, for four different players, one of whom wasn't in the tournament. The Bulletin is puzzled too. Did the official game finish so quickly that it was over before our friend turned up? Or did the unofficial one finish so quickly that it was over before either of the official players turned up? Or was it a case of "There's only two people using this board, let's have a game of chess"?

Informator Competition M Kirszenberg (Muswell Hill)

INSURANCE CC results 1985-6: Division 1 Bacon and Woodrow; Div 2 Equity & Law; Div 3 Bacon & Woodrow II. Individual Champion is Tony Paish.

"The ***** match which was due to be played on Saturday 5th April did not take place as when we arrived at the ***** Chess Club we found out that their Acting Match Captain had thought it was on the Saturday 6th April!" The Bulletin is even more puzzled. Which year was he expecting to play in?

Speaking of Hastings (oops!), the HASTINGS CONGRESS 1986-7 has secured an injection of £20,000 from Foreign and Colonial Management Ltd. This will be matched by £20,000 from Hastings Borough Council. The BCF has been instrumental in gaining support from Foreign and Colonial.

Milern League 1935-6 was won by Berks "A" with 3/3. No other details to hand.

GAMES from the Halpern and Woolf London Open (NB typing hasty)

White N McSheehy, Black SA Silver (best game prize)

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4 3 e3 Nf6 4 Bxc4 e6 5 Nf3 c5 6 0-0 a6 7 a3 b5 8 Ba2 Bb7 9 Nc3 Nbd7 10 Qe2 cxd4 11 exd4 Be7 12 Re1 Nb6 13 Bg5 Nbd5 14 Ne5 0-0 15 Bxf6 Bxf6? (...Nxc3! Speelman) 16 Nxf7+ Nxc3 17 Qxe6 Bd5 18 Nxd8+ Bxe6 19 Bxe6+ Kh3 20 Nf7+ Rxf7 21 Bxf7 Na4 22 d5 Nxb2 23 d6 Nd3 24 d7 Nxe1 25 Rxe1 Rf8 26 Re3 Be7 27 d3=Q 1-0

White J Goldberg, Black MG Chandler

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 0-0 5 Nge2 d5 6 a3 Be7 7 cd ed 3 Ng3 c5 9 Be2 Nc6 10 0-0 Be6 11 dxc5 Bxc5 12 b4 Bd6 13 Bb2 Rc3 14 Nb5 Bb3 15 f4 Re8 16 Bd3 Qe7 17 Nh5 Bg4 18 Nxf6+ Qxf6 19 Bxf6 Bxd1 20 Be5 Nxe5 21 fxe5 Bg4 22 Bf5 Bxf5 23 Rxf5 g6 24 Rf3 Re5 25 Rf1 Re7 26 Rf2 a6 27 Nd4 Rcl+ 23 Rf1 Rc3 0-1

White J Plaskett, Black AD Martin

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 g6 3 c3 Bg7 4 d4 Qc7 5 dxc5 Qxc5 6 Be3 Qc7 7 Bd4 Nf6 8 e5 Nh5 9 Qd2 f6 10 Na3 Nc6 11 Nb5 Qb3 12 exf6 Nxf6 13 Be3 a6 14 Bf4 d5 15 Nxd6+?! exd6 16 Bc4 (16 Bxd6? Ne4! Lynch) 16...Ne5 17 Nxe5 dxe5 18 0-0-0 Bf5 19 Rhel Nd7 20 Qd5 Rf8 21 Bd3 Rf7 22 Bc4 Re7 23 Qg8+ Nf3 24 Bg5 Qc7 25 Bxe7 Bh6+ 26 Re3 Qxe7 27 Qh3 Bxe3+ 28 fxe3 Rd3 29 Bd5 Be6 30 e4 Bxd5 31 exd5 Kd7 32 Rf1 Kc8 33 Qg3 Nd7 34 Qe6 Qxe6 35 dxe6 Nc5 36 e7 Re3 37 Rf7 Kd7 0-1

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHESCHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS

<u>Lancs</u>		7.6.86	<u>Middx</u>	<u>Kent</u>	7.6.86	<u>Yorks</u>
1	J Littlewood (W)	0 1	JS Speelman	N McDonald	1 0	JG Copper
2	N Ivell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	WN Watson	JJ Ady	1 0	JC Howell
3	J Hall	1 0	RG Wade	RG Eales	0 1	AJ Dunnington
4	M Corden	0 1	GD Lee	IR Watson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Kenworthy
5	B Lund	1 0	CA Cooley	K Wicker	0 1	DM Adams
6	B Dabulawicus	0 1	SJB Knott	AE Hanreck	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Littlewood
7	AA Smith	1 0	SH Berry	A Trangmar	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SC Brown
3	M O'Hara	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RF Holmes	JN Sugden	0 1	B Guero
9	P Brookes	0 1	CE Hill	AP Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Shephard
10	A Cooper	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	KI Norman	RMR O'Kelly	1 0	M Eke
11	M Conroy	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	K Harman	TW Pelling	0 1	S Barrett
12	A Beardsworth	0 1	Darren L Lee	MP Cook	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Madden
13	D Lees	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P de la Mothe	JD Wager	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JE Vickery
14	S Barnes	0 1	R McMichael	PS Milner-Barry	1 0	S Mitchell
15	W Cottan	0 1	G Wall	CI Howell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Firth
16	R Donay	0 1	DP Lynch	NR Oliver	1 0	DR Markham
(Walsall)		$5\frac{1}{2}$ $10\frac{1}{2}$		(Nuneaton)	$3\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$	

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

<u>Kent</u>	5.7.86	<u>Middx</u>
1 N McDonald (W)(203)	0 1	JS Speelman (245)
2 JJ Ady (213)	1 0	WN Watson (236)
3 RG Eales (209)	0 1	CW Pritchett (219)
4 IR Watson (202)	1 0	JP Levitt (224)
5 AE Hanreck (216)	+ =	AJ Whiteley (232)
6 AJ Stebbings (205)	1 0	GC Crawley (209)
7 A Trangmar (209)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AP Law (219)
3 JN Sugden (200)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PA Lanford (213)
9 JA Johnson (200)	0 1	GD Lee (213)
10 JE Scholes (206)	0 1	K Shovel (213)
11 AP Smith (190)	0 1	SH Berry (215)
12 RMR O'Kelly (200)	1 0	RF Holmes (208)
13 CG Ward (200J)	0 1	D Agnos (192J)
14 P Morris (202J)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Parkes (204)
15 DA Wood (192J)	1 0	CE Hill (201)
16 PS Milner-Barry (183)	0 1	Darren L Lee (197)
(County Hall)	$(6\frac{1}{2}$ $3\frac{1}{2})$	

Congratulations to Middx. It's hard to see who is going to stop them in the next few years, unless Kent surpass themselves. (This was actually a good result for Kent, on paper. Especially at the top end.)

MINOR COUNTIESQUARTER FINAL

<u>Berks</u>	26.4.36	<u>Northants</u>	
1 Pagden	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Thomas	Sorry about the rather minimal information given with this match. It's what Berks sent. (Actually, they gave grades too but we didn't notice until we were some way into it, and anyway it isn't our practice to give grades.) The same remarks apply to the Berks semi-final below.
2 Cunningham	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Tibbert	
3 Sharp	1 0	Walker	
4 Surtees	1 0	Pribanich	
5 Thompson	1 0	Griffiths	
6 Staples	1 0	Fellows	
7 Taylor	1 0	Hann	
3 Rice	0 1	Masters	
9 Harlow	1 0	Arch	
10 Perrett	1 0	Houstan	
11 Freeman	1 0	Sawaik	The Final (and congratulations to Berks on winning it) came by telephone, so excuse mistakes.
12 Foister	1 0	Shaw DA	
13 Milnes	1 0	Dilley	
14 Callow	1 0	Edmonds	
15 Thompson	1 0	Daniels	
16 Buckland	0 1	Murray	
17 Clinie	1 0	Cullip	
13 Hooper	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Bishop	
19 Brookes	0 1	Thomas	
20 Watkins	1 0	Thompson	
(Cowley)	$15\frac{1}{2}$ $4\frac{1}{2}$		

MINOR COUNTIES SEMI-FINALS

<u>Berks</u>		7.5.86	<u>Merseyside</u>		<u>Herts</u>		7.6.86	<u>Derbys</u>	
1	Taulbut (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Carleton	P Byway	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JE Shannon	
2	Pagden	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Quillan	S Swanson	0	1	M Alcock	
3	Cunningham	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Abayasekra AG	def	0	1	AJ Mort	
4	Sharp	1	0	Ripley	H Murphy	0	1	RJ Gamble	
5	Thompson	+	=	Harrison	PG Maguire	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MD Smith	
6	Staples	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Barlow	J Foulger	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Greensmith	
7	Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Hardaan	G Scholes	1	0	R Forey	
3	Marlow	1	0	Makin	W Tabakiernik	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Banks	
9	Freeman	1	0	Campbell	J Denton	1	0	MJ Hill	
10	Rice	0	1	Gregson	T Siakinson	1	0	SN Gilmore	
11	Foister	0	1	Mahony	RJ Arnot	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Blackburn	
12	Callow	0	1	Leeson	S Law	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Bracey	
13	Pagden	1	0	Doran	B Morris	1	0	D Brown	
14	Clinie	1	0	McNaughton	A Vickers	0	1	M Johnson	
15	Hooper	1	0	def	B Judkins	0	1	J Wagenbach	
16	Masters	1	0	def	S Charles	0	1	B Oldham	
(Aston Univ)		(9 $\frac{1}{2}$)	(5 $\frac{1}{2}$)		(Daventry)	7	9		

FINAL

<u>Berks</u>		5.7.86	<u>Derbys</u>	
1	MA Pagden	1	0	JE Shannon
2	PJ Sharp	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Alcock
3	ID Thompson	1	0	AJ Mort
4	MJ Staples	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Gamble
5	JA Freeman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MD Smith
6	MV Taylor	1	0	I Iglesias
7	SC Knight	0	1	M Alderson
8	ACP Milnes	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Greensmith
9	PM Rice	1	0	RJ Forey
10	PI Thompson	1	0	D Banks
11	DS Tucker	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Blackburn
12	D Pagden	0	1	MJ Hill
13	IM Clinie	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SN Gilmore
14	SAM Foister	1	0	S Bracey
15	CT Callow	1	0	M Johnson
16	JG Brookes	0	1	G Breeze
17	PAF Watkins	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Brown
18	D Seawerts	1	0	WG Gregory
19	RM Dickson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JJ Wagenbach
20	K Clinie	0	1	B Oldham
(Abington Northants)		12	8	

SECOND TEAMS SEMI-FINAL

<u>Middx II</u>		7.6.86	<u>Warwicks II</u>	
1	M Lyell	0	1	M Simmons
2	R Colston	0	1	PD Kemp
3	S Spivack	1	0	M Wiper
4	DA Farndon	1	0	M Meakin
5	SVF Dickinson	1	0	RM Wilding
6	JP Gorgol	1	0	J Soesan
7	AI Wheatley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	HV Brockbank
3	C Mackenzie	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Lloyd
9	BJ Benjamin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Upjohn
10	AM Brown	0	1	J Murray
11	M Francois	0	1	D Dunn
12	G Goodwill	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Welton
13	N Rutter	1	0	R Barlow
14	M StJK Brown	0	1	G Stokes
15	LJ Fincham	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Martin
16	J Grundy	0	1	N Sibbett
(Walsall)		7 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Also received by telephone. Commiserations to Middx, though their match captain does not feel hard done by. We do not know who won the National Final; or who Warwicks' opponents were, for that matter.

SCCU SUMMER KO

<u>SEMI-FINAL</u>				<u>FINAL</u>				
<u>Essex</u>		31.5.86	<u>Kent*</u>	<u>Kent*</u>		21.6.86	<u>Oxon</u>	
1	T Whitton (B)	0	1	LJ Smart	JS Williams (W)	1	0	D Lee
2	IBN Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PJ Heaven	JM Allan	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AR Baker
3	K Sturgeon(sic)	0	1	CI Howell	MH Micklethwaite	0	1	LI Millin
4	S Kalinsky	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	LR Gurr	LR Gurr	1	0	NJ Hepworth
5	F Dorn	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AC Waters	MJ Pitt	0	1	R Tonlinson
6	K Clow	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SR Pierce	AC Waters	0	1	G Tarrant
7	R Nixon	1	0	RA Kingdon	RR Goodfellow	1	0	GW Chapman
8	P Turp	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PL Childs	RA Kingdon	1	0	N Jenkinson
9	D Millward	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RR Goodfellow	PH Finch	0	1	I Kingston
10	AJ Tredinnick (Wanstead)	1	0	SG Barr	L Childs (Catford)	1	0	HAI Searle
		5	5			5 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Kent won on board count.

Of the semi-final Oxon - Berks we know what we have been told, i.e. nothing. Except that presumably Oxon won. The Tournament Controller, in his report to the SCCU Council Meeting, made the point that Kent had been lucky in that all their wins were close. The Bulletin's accolade goes to Kent on two counts. First, they won; and second, they took the trouble to send the results.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES 1986-7

The AGM rejected, if you remember, the idea of a combined MJ/Amboyna/Ebony and appointed a working party to see what could be managed. Not surprisingly, they have failed to conjure MJ entrants out of thin air. The fixture list:

	<u>Championship</u>	<u>MJ</u>	<u>Amboyna/Ebony</u>	
Sep 27	BuO MSy HK ESx			This may obviously get amended. Let the Bulletin know if it does.
Oct 4	CBR			
11			SyE KSx M3M4	
18	OSx BrE KC SyH BuM			
25		ME		
Nov 1			EM4 SxM3 SyK	
8	MO HBU CSy EK SxBr			
15		KM		
22	OBx KSx SyE BuC MH			
29			KE M3Sy M4Sx	
Dec 6	CM	EK		
13	HO EBU SxSy BrK			
Jan 10	OK SyBr BuSx ME			
17	HC			
24		EM		
31	CO EH SxM BrBu KSy			
Feb 7		MK		
14			ESx SyM4 KM3	
21	OSy BuK MBr HSx CE			
28		KE		
Mar 7	EO SxC BrH KM SyBu			
14			M3E M4K SxSy	

From the Halpern and Woolf London Open:

White AL Hebden, Black PJ Rossiter

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 Nc6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bc d6 8 Nd2 b6 9 Bd3 Na5
 10 Qf3 Ba6 11 Qh3 Qd7 12 Ne4 Nxe4 13 Bxe4 f5! 14 Bxa8 Rxa8 15 0-0 Bxc4 16 Re1 Qc6
 17 Bd2 Bd3 18 f3 Qc4 19 Qh4 Rf8 20 a4 Nb3 21 Ra2 f4! 22 Rb2 a5 23 Qf2 Qxa4 24 ef Bc4
 25 Qe3 Qb5 26 Bc1 Qd5 27 Rf2 b5 28 Bb2 a4 29 g3 Rb8 30 Qe4 c5 31 dc dc 32 Qd5 ed
 33 Re7 Rd3 34 f5 d4 35 cd cd 36 Rb7 Nc5 37 Ra7 Nd3 38 Rd2 d3 39 Rb2 d3 40 Rd2 Bb3
 41 Ra5 b4 42 Rc5 Bc2 43 Ra5 a3 0-1

CONGRESS DIARY

- Jul 23- 9 KLEINWORT GRIEVESON BCF CONGRESS at Southampton. Details from BCF, and of course you're horrifically late. There are second-week events.
- Aug 9-10 BARBICAN JUNIOR U21/16/14/12. LG Goodwin, Barbican Junior Chess, Barbican Centre, Silk St EC24 8DS 01 446 5089/6519
- 11-19 COMMONWEALTH OPEN at the Great Eastern Hotel EC2. RW O'Brien, 58 Davenport Rd SE6 (01 461 0435 NR Oliver)
- 15-17 BARBICAN Open; U161; U126. LG Goodwin, Barbican Open Chess, address as Barbican Junior.
- 15-17 GREATER MANCHESTER SUMMER at Manchester. Open; U170; U135; U105. Chess Congress, 1 Cherwell Rd, Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 3EY
- 15-17 MARYMASS at Irvine. Open; U175; U137; U119; U100; Ungraded; junior U15/12/9. F Park, 6 Fintry Place, Bourtreehill, Irvine, Ayrshire KA11 1JB Chiswell Green, Herts.
- 23-25 BERKS AND BUCKS at Amersham. Graded sections. R Pidgeon, 12 Birch Grove, Windsor S14 5RT (W 363503)
- 23-25 CHORLEY Open; U165; U125. Chess Congress, Public Baths, Union St, Chorley, Lancs PR7 1AB
- 24 CITY CHESS at Highbury Fields N5. Open. LG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Park N5 2AZ
- 29-31 CHEQUERS Open. Chequers, 18 Chalk Farm Rd NW1
- 29-31 THANET at Broadstairs. Open; U156; U121. MR Croft, 37 Upper Dane Rd, Margate, Kent CT9 2NA
- Sep 5- 7 SWANSEA FESTIVAL OF CHESS. "British Isles Open Championship" (first prize £1500); U1905/163; U1605/126. Frank Hatto, Furzeland, Trimsaran Rd, Llanelli, Dyfed SA15 4RN: L (0554) 810731
- 5- 7 UNIVERSE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP at Swansea. This event is fictitious.
- 14 CROWBOROUGH QP. U131. Bob Hanna, 38b Medway, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 2DL.
- 26-28 CHELMSFORD STARS BARRED. U191; U141. B Thomas, 43 Berwick Avenue, Broomfield, Chelmsford CM1 4AS
- 26-23 TYNE AND WEAR at Newcastle. Open; U151; U121; U91. FJ Fenwick, Green Law East, Mickley Square, Stocksfield, Northumberland NE23 7BU

Crowborough Congress above boasts a £15 prize for Best Dressed Competitor.

BCF Yearbook: New Editor is Brian Concannon, 65 Camborne Crescent, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs. You are requested to contact him if your organisation wishes to take space in the new Yearbook. (This does not apply to club secretaries who just want an entry in the County list. That will - should! - be taken care of by the County.)

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LLOYDS BANK NEWS just in

BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP 1986-7 attracted 2423 entries to its initial stage. 1608 (or 66%) were correct. Your Editor is ashamed to admit that entries through the Bulletin totalled 2, and one of those was wrong. The correct solution, since it's obvious you're all still racking your brains, was 1 e7. What makes it harder to bear is that

BRITAIN ARE WORLD SOLVING CHAMPIONS. The team of three, sponsored by the Bank, took a narrow first place in the Championships, held 10-11 July in Paris. They were Jon Aestel, Graham Lee and David Friedgood. Scores: 1 Britain 165/170; 2 Finland 164; 3 Israel 149; 4 Sweden 145; 5 Yugoslavia 145; 6 W Germany 141; 7 France 139; 8 Netherlands 131. In the individual championship, incorporated in the team one, Aestel came second on tie-break (time) behind an unpronounceable Finn. Both scored 85/85; Lee was 3rd with 80, and a slightly more pronounceable Finn 4th with 79. We deduce that only your top two scorers count in the team event. (Friedgood was 14th with 53.) We note that a 34 norm for solving can only be achieved by scoring at least 90% of the winner's score in the (annual) championship. Three norms are needed. Small wonder there are only four solving 34s!

KASPAROV SIMUL 27 May at Uppingham against 20 top juniors produced his worst ever result in a non-clock simul. He scored +11 =6 -3. England results, in board order: IC Howell 0; N McDonald $\frac{1}{2}$; IL Thomas 0; NL Carr $\frac{1}{2}$; AJ Dunnington $\frac{1}{2}$; M Adams 0; CG Ward $\frac{1}{2}$; PJ Rossiter 1; DJ Watts 1; PJ Morris 1; MT Hennigan 0; A Dunn 0; MA Wheeler 0; G Quillan 0; DP Wheeler $\frac{1}{2}$; N Thomas 0; DA Wood 0; AP Summerscale 0; J Cavendish 0; MI Walker $\frac{1}{2}$.

GIRLS SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 10 May

Under 13 1 Priestnead (Harrow) 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ /12; 2 Rowan (Surrey) 8 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Sedgemoor (SE London) 3... 7 teams played.

Under 11 1 Newbury Park (Ilford) 11/12; 2 Tollgate (Eastbourne) 10 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Sacred Heart "A" 9; 4-8 Adansrill (SE London), Cuddington Croft (Surrey), Plas-y-Felin (S Wales), Emanuel "A" (SE London), Sheen Mount "A" (SW London) 3... 23 teams.

NATIONAL SQUAD CHAMPIONSHIPS at CentYMCA 24-25 May

Under 9 1 D Richards (Cornwall) 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ /7; 2 P Janew (Warwicks) 6; 3 J Baum (Wales) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4-8 P Griffiths, J Hennigan (Middx), D Martin (Wales), B Miah, J Tahir (E London) 5... 52 played.

Girls (incorporated): 1 K Fullen (Sx) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2 C Millichope (Yorks) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Under 8 1 A Miah (E London) 7/7; 2-3 N Lusher (Hants), J Walton (Lancs) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4-5 M Bautista (Essex), B Macfarlane (Scotland) 5... 30 played. Girls: K Millichope (Yorks) 3. (Yes, that is two different Millichopes.)

Under 7 1 J Rudd (Somerset) 5/7; 2 L Jacobs (Middx) 6; 3 M Burr (Leics) 5... 16 pl

John Nunn gave the traditional Lloyds Bank City Trophy Simul in the Bank's boardroom 9th May. His opponents represented the Bank of England, the major clearing banks, insurance companies and the Stock Exchange. He scored +22 =4 (C Collis, B Whitworth, J Hayward, CF Girling) -2 (Mark Calvert - "He crushed me.": JDMN - and Phillip Fawcett)