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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 24th April 1987. Your Editor was not there, but has received a report.

- (1) Money. There is a provisional deficit for 1986-7 of £84 (but see the comment at the end of this paragraph: Ed). It may be necessary to increase the county levy for next year, but a more plausible answer is an increase in the price of the Grading List from £2 to £2.50. There are no immediate plans to change the Bulletin sub. (Actually the Bulletin has met its budget target for 1986-7 with a mile and a half to spare, and had omitted to tell anyone; which could mean, unless the Treasurer did some pretty astute predicting, that the position is better than he thought.)
- (2) SCCU Council Meeting 1987 will be held on the 27th June at the Great Northern Hotel (Kings Cross), starting 2 p.m. County secretaries will receive formal notice in due course. Notice will not be sent direct to county delegates.
- (3) SCCU County Matches 1986-7. The Controller presented the final league tables (see page 8). Kent were not entirely happy about the adjudications in their match v Surrey I; the details, if you want them, are on page 9. It is understood that Kent may make noises at the Council meeting.
- (4) SCCU County Matches 1987-8. It was agreed that the number of players, and the grading limits, should be reduced in the second and third divisions. Intended grading limits are respectively U180 and U160. Any changes would need the consent of Council.
- (5) BCF Matters. The new BCF General Secretary, with effect from 11th May, is Graham Lee. The Federation is considering raising the county levy from £110 to £115 per levy point.
- (6) SCCU President John Poole is to stand down at the Council Meeting.

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Letters

Dear Editor,
 SCCU Bulletin 174, page 1. I'd welcome a comment on the absurd statement that the SCCU "does not control" the SCCU Junior Championships. Is the absurdity the statement or the situation? If the SCCU doesn't like the way the event is organised why doesn't it get new organisers?

Yes - I know it's not that simple - but really, what an absurd state of affairs.

That said, it has always seemed to me that London organisers of all levels think the world must come to them. All SCCU events, giving a willingness to organise them, should rotate between London and "outlying" counties. Perhaps we should start by re-projecting the map so that London is stuck out on the edge!

Paul Buswell St Leonards

Ed: I was going to keep my mouth shut, until I noticed that Mr Buswell had actually asked for a comment. The statement isn't absurd: it's true; though of course the SCCU Junior Organiser is involved. The situation is not ideal, but think of a better one. Rotating events may be good politics but I doubt if it's good sense. How many counties would benefit from holding an SCCU event in, say, Oxford or Maidenhead or Brighton?

Dear Mr Haddrell,

Yes, I have to confirm that Dafydd Davies (whose father played board 1 for Wales in the Glorney Cup in the 1960s) spells his name like this rather than in the form which I apparently gave to you in my report on the Berkshire Junior QP.

However, those who live in glass houses... Where is "High Wickham" to which you refer on page 4 of the March issue? Is it anywhere near High Wycombe, Bucks?

I enclose a report on Bourne End 1987. I hope that the spelling is correct!

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Alan Cox

Reading

CONGRESS RESULTS

12th BOURNE END ONE DAY CONGRESS 11.4.87

Section A 1-2 G Moore (Chalfont St Peter), AMJ Robbings (Slough) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 3-5

RD de Coverly (Bourne End), KG Hyde (Basingstoke), MV Lambshire (Pinner) 3...

Section B 1-4 EN Bramley (Windsor), C Evans (Banbury), BE Glaze (Princes Risborough), N Reeder (Aylesbury) $4/5$...

Section C 1-4 MD Harrison (Strood), S Roberts (Wellington College), P Smyth (New Denham), TG Townsend (Winnersh) $4/5$...

Section D 1 P Trehwela (Aylesbury) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-3 R Buzzard (Flackwell Heath), KS Jeffrey (Edgware) 4...

Section E 1 P Atkinson (Hemel Hempstead) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2 MA Wade (Goring on Thames) 4; 3-5 K Byese (Hemel Hempstead), SA Jones (Weybridge), G Trent (Slough) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Team Event: 1 Slough II; 2 Wellington College; 3 Slough I (!)

Results (and exclamation mark) AJ Cox

SOUTH HERTS CONGRESS "1987". (Date and venue not supplied. We looked them up, as a matter of fact, but on principle decline to publish them. Same goes for grading limits.)

Premier (45 pl) 1 JC Benjamin; 2 P Large; 3-4 RF Holmes, D Osborne... Grading JW O'Loghlen

"Major" (Brown)(??!) (73 pl in the two "Major" sections) 1 SC Ledger; 2-4 W Hicks, J Beedle, MJ Morgan... Grading ML Brown, P Glass

"Major" (Green)(...) 1-5 A Atkinson, M Morris, S Weston, JM Shepley, GJ Haslinger... Grading N McBride, RA Lanzer

"Minor" (Red) (90 pl in "Minor") 1 P Lim; 2-6 WD Rawlings, JC Robertson, MR Johnson, GS Lee, MK Brannigan... Grading T Allen

"Minor" (Black) 1 J Barfoot; 2-6 A Theophilus, A Gibson, V Litvin, D Woods, R Vinter... Grading T Allen

Sorry about the minimal information. We did get details of prize money, but not of the players' clubs or scores!

GASCOIGNE-PEES SURREY EASTER CONGRESS at Sutton, 17-20 April 1987, attracted 394 players, 30 more than last year.

Frank Winter Memorial Open (incorporating the SCCU Championship: 130 pl) 1-2 KC Arkell (Droitwich), PJ Rossiter (Portsmouth) $6\frac{1}{2}/7$; 3-4 APH Kinsman (Wimbledon: SCCU Champion), RP(sic) Willmoth (Hackney) 6; 5-7 SK Arkell (Droitwich), TJ Upton (Streatham), EJ Whipp (Charlton) $5\frac{1}{2}$... Grading U185 K Barnes (East Ham) 5; U170 MPL Inzani (Ilford) $4\frac{1}{2}$; U155 DN Cook (South of the Thames) $3\frac{1}{2}$. Junior U18 A Mortazavi (Muswell Hill) $5\frac{1}{2}$; U16 Andrew Webster (Sutton) 4

Major Under 150 (123 pl) 1 B Blackburn (Streatham) $6\frac{1}{2}/7$; 2-3 K Morris (Hayes Mx), H Williams (Morley College) 6; 4-8 RJ Banbury (Oxford Univ), H Bhatia (Islington), D Jarvis (Streatham), R McCorry (Margate), RJ Wilcox (Wimbledon) $5\frac{1}{2}$... Grading U140 PM Shaw (Sutton) $5\frac{1}{2}$; U130 VF Jansen (Richmond) 5. Junior U18 C Maxwell-Scott (Worth Sch) 4; U15 M Morris (Barnet Ns) 4

Minor Under 115 (36 pl) 1-2 RC Burroughs (Metropolitan), J Forster (Raynes Pk High Sch) $6\frac{1}{2}/8$; 3-4 T Allen (Powdermill), SS Overy (Ashted) 6... Grading U100 CE Lusher (Fareham) 5. Junior U18 G Willard (St Albans) $5\frac{1}{2}$

All-Play-Alls:

Main A 1-2 J Bass (Richmond), RW Bauld (Woking) $5\frac{1}{2}/7$... Main B 1 KN Mehendale (Sutton) $6\frac{1}{2}/7$; 2 JE Fardon (GLC) 4... Main C 1 APB Moody-Stuart (Ashted) $5\frac{1}{2}/7$; 2-3 WGV McLaughlin (Metropolitan), WK Saylor (Woking) 4... Main D 1 SJ Whitehouse (Ilford) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2 RH Saunders (Worthing) $3\frac{1}{2}$... Main E 1 PA Lawrence (Dorking) $4/5$; 2-4 DA Baldock (S Norwood), R Bone (Sutton), JA Akhurst (Sidcup) 3... Main F 1 RA Conway (NALGO Met) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-4 GD Maclean (Battersea), CL Micallef (Croydon), PD Poland (Sevenoaks) $2\frac{1}{2}$... Main G 1 TGT Maclean (Battersea) $3\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-4 GH Ilott (Sutton), JE Oakley (Claremont Fan Court Sch), C Roberts (Richmond) 3...

Swisses U100:

Novice A (32 pl) 1-2 R Dove (SW17), S Hamilton (E1) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 3-4 D Gunter (Wimbledon), O Karel (Kingston) 4... Junior 1 DR Todd (Sutton) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 2= PR Collins (RGS Guildford), D Constable (Sutton Manor HS), C How (Claremont Fan Court Sch) 3
 Novice B (26 pl) 1 S Hamilton (E1) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-4 D Constable (S Manor), J Goldsmith (Finchley), PG Softley (Reigate GS) 4... Junior 1= A Basman (Claremont etc Sch), M Bryant (Coulsdon) 3
Ladies Prizes for best % score: Open/Major/Main Mrs SK Arkell ($5\frac{1}{2}/7$ in Open); Minor/Novice Ms J Goldsmith (7/10 in Novice A and B)

Results HM Cath

31st SOUTHEND CONGRESS 17-20 April 1987

Open (86 pl) 1 CW Baker (Nuneaton) 6/7; 2-7 R Britton (Edmonton), N Crabb (Southend), SW Giddins (Gravesend), P Large (Mitcham), AD Martin (CentYMCA), MD Sadler (Maidstone) $5\frac{1}{2}$; 8-11 KA Freeman (Clacton), AJ Ledger (Bedford), IJ Myall (Chelmsford), R Tozer (Peterborough) 5... Grading prizes: various, but laborious to extract by hand from the complete results supplied.

"Major" A (21 pl) 1 C O'Connor (Ks Head) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-3 AJ Hammond (Dover), S Morris (Ks Hd) 4; 4 B Stevens (Norwich) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Major B (19 pl) 1 H Grist (Southend) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-3 G Fellingham (Norwich), R Francis (Upminster) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 4-8 FRE Elliott (Brentwood), R Gooch (Southend), RA Hubbard (Bs Stortford), D Lewis (Braintree), PDJ McCarron (Wanstead) 3...

"Minor" A (16 pl) 1 K Majewski (Maidstone) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2 G Jackson (Northampton) 4; 3 C Ratcliffe (Upminster) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 4-7 MB Connock (St Albans), RE James (Sutton & Cheam), E Lodge (Barking), HC Tanton (Billericay) 3...

Minor B (14 pl) 1 AWH Bowhill (Metropolitan) 4/5; 2-4 J Davies (Morley College), FA Sealey (Writtle), R Hudson (S Birmingham) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 5 M Harris (Northwood) 3...

Minor C (16 pl) 1-2 KJ Foalkes, C Lawrence (Southend) 4/5; 3-5 I Barker (Westcliff), EM Brendish (Wanstead), S Orpwood (Thorpe Bay) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 6 MB Forward (Shoebury) 3...

Under 15 (12 pl) 1-2 Marc Cohen (Westcliff), George Greer (Southend) 4/5; 3 Ian Dellow (Southend) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 4-5 John Greer, Neil Jackson (both Southend) 3...

Under 10 (10 pl) 1-2 Kevin Perks, Philip Walker (both Temple Perks Junior School) 4/5; 3 Christopher Hunt (ditto) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 4-5 Fadi Jafari (Bedford), Richard Sanders (Southend) 3...

5th ANNUAL DENGIE/NORTH ESSEX QUICKPLAY at Burnham on Crouch, 26.4.87. 40 played.

1 Ben Thomas (Chelmsford) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2 Chris Franklin (Braintree) 5; 3-5 Ivan Myall (Chelmsford), Scott Wood (Braintree), Daniel Harvey (Ilford) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 6-10 Kevin Freeman, Peter Keffler, Alan Williams (Clacton), Dave Millward (Marconi), Robert Latter (Braintree) 4... Grading U140 Richard Middleton (Chelmsford) $3\frac{1}{2}$; U120 Brian Remmer (Colchester) 3; U100 Ray Scott (Clacton) 3. Junior 1 Daniel Harvey, 2 Alan Williams; Junior Grading: Andrew Alcock (Chelmsford) 3. Results Clint Mann

A request to congress organisers. Please include with your results: (1) the date and venue; (2) the grading limits for separate tournaments (not just "Major" or "Minor"); (3) the number of players, and number of rounds, in each tournament; (4) the players' scores, and clubs or home towns. We will publish anything up to the top 15 places or so, depending on size of tournament and how the ties fall out. We will include grading prizes, brilliancy prizes, team prizes etc (even Ladies Prizes!) so long as you give them in an easy-to-read form. (Incidentally, where nine people tie for 2nd and 3rd prizes the Bulletin considers them to be 2nd - 10th equal, not 2nd - 3rd; but that's of small moment.)

ROUND THE COUNTIES

BUCKS Leagues: Div 1 1 Chesham and Amersham $8\frac{1}{2}/9$; 2 Slough 8...; Div 2 1 Beaconsfield Nomads $7\frac{1}{2}/9$; 2 Hazells (Aylesbury) II $6\frac{1}{2}$...; Div 3 1 Equity & Law (H Wycombe) 8/8; 2 RGS High Wycombe 6... Individual: County Championship 1 Andy Robbings (Slough) $6\frac{1}{2}/8$; 2 Eric Bramley (Slough) 6...; Second section 1 R Ginger (Bourne End), 2 DM Forbes (Bourne End); Third section 1 N Mooney (Slough), 2 I Hall (Berkhamsted).

ESSEX Individual Championship 1-4 May 1987 was held for the first time as an invitation FIDE-rating tournament. "Nearly all the top players in the County were delighted to play in such a tournament and make the County Championship once again a true reflection of the best in Essex chess." Six played. 1 AP Lewis $3\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2 AE Hanreck 3; 3 DJ Coleman $2\frac{1}{2}$; 4-6 NL Carr, DA Sands, AJ Stebbings 2.

KENT: Thanet news. Thanet League (6 teams) 1 Herne Bay 9½/10; 2 Margate 6½... Grading handicap tournament (8 teams) 1 Canterbury 6/6; 2 Margate B 2... Buzzer team tournament (8 teams) 1 Ramsgate A 7/7; 2 Herne Bay 6... Lohmann Cup (Thanet Individual Championship: 12 pl) 1 John Ferrar 5½/6; 2 DJ Horton 5; 3-4 GR Tidmarsh, BJ Westover 4... 10-second tournament (15 pl) 1 IA Hames 6½/7; 2 BJ Westover 5½...

County Finals played 17.5.87 at Charlton House: County Cup Charlton, I 3½ 2½ Lewisham I; Lewis Cup Thanet II 4 2 Tunbridge Wells II; Stevenson Cup Sevenoaks 4½ 1½ Maidstone II; En Passant Cup Black Lion II* 3 3 Charlton VII; Harvey Cup Charlton VIII(!) 4 2 Gravesend II. Individual Championships: County Championship JA Johnson 1 0 IR Watson; Major A Marcham 1 0 H Sharples; Intermediate DJ Brown 1 0 SC Scott; Minor (played next day) J Cordner 1 0 SC Scott

CHILTERN LEAGUE: Bucks II 9 11 Berks A 21.3.87; Oxon II 16 4 Bucks III; Bucks III 8½ 11½ Berks B. We don't usually get the final League table but this year we've had it from two different sources. They disagree in minor points. Here is the fuller version (typing not checked too carefully):

	H	Br	Bu	O	Br	Bu	H	Br	Bu	O	Br	Bu	GP	MP
1 Herts II		10½	13½	12½	18	10½		10	10	11½	9½	14½	120½	8
2 Berks II	9½		10	12½	15	17½	10		11	12	12	8½	118	7
3 Bucks II	6½	10		12½	11½	13	10	9		9½	11	11½	104½	6
4 Oxon II	7½	6½	7½		11½	14	8½	8	10½		12½	16	102½	5
5 Berks U18	2	5	8½	8½		13	10½	8	9	7½		11½	83½	3
6 Bucks U18	9½	2½	7	6	7		5½	11½	8½	4	8½		70	1

JUNIOR NEWS

2th WEALD OF KENT JUNIOR at Cranbrook 4.4.87

Under 14 (20 pl) 1 A Lucas (Crowborough) 5½/6; 2 J Powell (St Olaves GS) 5; 3-5 D Allport, M French (both Crowborough), M Dawoodbhai (St Olaves) 4... Team Prize: Crowborough CC

Under 11 (26 pl) 1 D Nash (Ashford) 7/7; 2 M Lang (St Marys!?!) 5½; 3-5 K Ask (Cranbrook), A Pierce (Chevening), G Spencer (Staplehurst) 5... Team Prize: Staplehurst

Under 10 (58 pl) 1-3 N Mantell (Ashford), J Newman, J Vigus (both Hayes Kent) 6/7; 4-5 G Bowles, C Whitwood (both Palace Wood Maidstone)... Team Prize: Palace Wood. (Don't know where the Weald of Kent gets all its primary-age players from. The Under 11 event would have been much larger but for clashes.)

13th MAIDENHEAD JUNIOR CONGRESS at Desborough School, 21-24 April 1987

Under 18 (22 pl) 1 Steven Foister (Maidenhead) 8/9; 2 Matthew Brown (Bs Stortford) 7; 3 Natasha Regan (Gerrards X) 6½; 4 Christopher Clarke (Godalming) 6...

Under 15 APA 1 Simon Ansell (Oxford) 6½/9; 2-4 Matthew Anderton (Guildford), Duncan Woods (Seer Green), Jonathan Hastings (Oxford) 5½...

Under 13 (27 pl) 1 Neil James (H Wycombe) 11½/12; 2 Nathan Evans (Reading) 10; 3-4 Marcus Bryant (Guildford), Balas Somoggi (Oxford) 8...

Under 12 APA 1-2 Neil Anderson ("Farnborough"), Christopher Blake (Eastleigh) 8½/11; 3-4 Simon Longley (Southampton), Mark Vanderberghen (Maidenhead) 7½...

Under 11 (25 pl) 1 Fan (Ian?) Edwards (Aldershot) 9/11; 2-3 Jonathan Mann (Reading), Matthew Mumford (Prestwood) 8½; 4 Timothy Woodcock (H Wycombe) 8...

Under 10 (31 pl) 1 Giles Dunn (Wellingborough) 9½/10; 2-4 James Foster (Amersham), Peter Hastings (Oxford), Daniel Lambourne (H Wycombe) 7½...

Under 9 (26 pl) 1 Daniel Clifton (Hackney) 9/9; 2 Alex Edmans (Earley) 7½...

Results Nigel Dennis

SUSSEX JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Brighton, 2-3 May 1987

Under 18 (13 pl) 1 Jonathan Barnes (Brighton College) 6/7; 2 Andrew Cooper (Dorothy Stringer Brighton) 5½; 3 Terry Hoxey (William Parker Hastings) 5...

Under 14 (42 pl) 1-2 David Oates (St Andrews Worthing), Matthew Lenton (Blatchington Mill Hove) 6/7; 3 Robert Sherlock (Blatchington Mill) 5½... Girls Prize Nicola Nunez (Eastbourne) 4½. Best Under 11 Mark Rowley (Haywards Heath) 4

Results Paul Watson

KENT SCHOOLS LEAGUE Champions 1986-7

Under 19 St Olaves GS, Orpington; Under 16 Dulwich College; Under 13 Dulwich College; Under 11 Palace Wood Primary School, Maidstone

BUCKS Junior Champion is Christopher Doe (Bourne End/RGS H Wycombe); Girls Champion Natasha Regan. Junior League went to RGS High Wycombe.

LLOYDS BANK BCF JUNIOR SQUAD/SCCU JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at the American School (London) 3-5 April 1987 attracted nearly 350 players. ** = Squad Champion, * = SCCU Champion. Ties were split on Sum of Progressive Scores, but the rules for awarding titles were a bit more complicated than that. Basically, nobody was awarded both titles unless he won his tournament outright. We think. The tournaments that combined different age levels must have caused headaches.

Under 21 (34 pl) 1 Michael Adams** (Cornwall: Champion for 2nd year running) 5/6; 2-5 S Conquest* (Sx), D Agnos (Mx), IL Thomas (Herts), CG Ward (K) 4½; 6-7 SE Lazarus (Cambs), N McDonald (K) 4; 8-14 BD Beake, PT Georghiou, JP Sharp (all Mx), PL Macklin (Gtr Mcr), G Quillan (Merseyside), DA Wood (K) 3½...

Under 18 (20 pl) 1 AJ Ledger** (Beds) 6/6; 2 AP Summerscale* (Mx) 4½; 3-4 CP Duncan (Mx), DA Sands (E) 4; 5-6 M Hann (Northants), MI Walker (Hants) 3½...

Under 16 (48 pl) 1 GN Buckley** (Staffs) 5½/6; 2-4 MD Sadler* (K), TA Ulicsak (K), A Hon (M) 5; 5-14 DJ Brothers, J Pillay (both Hants), DA Dickenson (Somerset), JM Dilley (Northants), LBT Jones (K), RC Pepper (K), S Mitchell (Durham), JW Rogers (E), R White (E), JG Wilson (Sy) 4...

Under 14 (62 pl) 1-4 GJ Haslinger** (M), JC Monk, JR Poulton (both Hants), AS Morley (Yorks) 5/6; 5-7 S Anand (Staffs), S Bibby (Warwicks), OR Worsfold (Hants) 4½; 8-17 NA Bathie (Scotland), BMH Hong (K), ELA Ionides* (K), GA Knott (Northants), J Merriman (Merseyside), M Morris (Herts), Selim (E), GJ Sotheran (Sy), P Tozer (Hunts), JJ Hastings (Oxon) 4...

Under 12 (combined with U11/10; 134 played altogether) 1-2 A Panchapagesan** (Sy), Shah* (M) 6/7; 3-4 S Ansell (Oxon), D Harris (N Ireland) 5½; 5-11 S Calderwood (Leics), A Crocker (Hants), MJ Dilley, D Phillips (both Northants), S Pickup (Sy), W Rawlings (E), M Riley (Bucks) 5...

Under 11 1 G Twyford (Ireland) 6/7; 2-3 P Griffiths** (M), D Turner* (M) 5½; 4-6 N Berman (M), D Dobbs (M), P Pinfold (Staffs) 5; 7-11 N Anderson (Hants), C Darby (Ireland), A Eyton (M), T Wan (E), S Woodford (E) 4½...

Under 10 1 B Keohane** (Herefordshire) 6/7; 2-3 M Brief* (M), J Baum (Wales) 5; 4-8 C Blake (Hants), P Fenn (K), R Ng Kwet Shing (E), M Pryor (M) 4½...

National Girls Under 18/16 1-3 J Harwar**U18 (Glos), N Regan***U16 (Bucks), C Haslinger*U18 (M) 3½/5; 4-5 L Powell (Wales), R Rahamim (K) 2½; 6-7 MC Linford (Norfolk), A Ranson (Hants) 2; 8 F Elder (Scotland) 1

National Girls Under 14 (17 pl) 1 AM Ashby** (Warwicks) 4½/5; 2 J Eastwood (Somerset) 4; 3-5 A Eyton* (M), H Hurst (Hunts), G O'Farrell (Hants) 3½; 6-7 C Joy (Yorks), J Newman (Hants) 3...

National Girls Under 12/11/10 (24 pl) 1-2 E Holland**U12, C Lusher (both Hants) 5½; 3-5 N Hon***U11 (M), S Joy (Yorks), E Phillips*U12 (E) 5; 6 A Kemmis (K) 4½; 7-11 F Hui (Sy), D Jacobs (M), M Jacobs (Hants), G Pelton (Herts), J Saunders***U10 (Bucks) 4...

Results Leonard Barden. Winners received trophies, cheques and Lloyds Bank Scholarships for senior international tournaments in London, Jersey and Guernsey. Michael Adams represents England in the World U16 Championship in Austria 10-23 May, and is the likely favourite. BCF Squad Championships for younger players (going down to Under 7) take place in May. Editor's note: BCF "news" flash for 8th May has a report of the April event consisting solely of the top five players in the U21. With two of them spelt wrong. Stick with the Bulletin.

SCCU UNDER 18 MINOR COUNTIES ELIMINATOR

played at High Wycombe 28.3.87

White		Black		White		Black	
1 A Cooper (S)	1 0	JD Lee (O)	13 M Chaplin (S)	0 1	S Ansell (O)		
2 MJ Nightall (Br)	1 0	M Ball (Bu)	14 B Collins (Br)	1 0	M Riley (Bu)		
3 A Baker (O)	1 0	T Townsend (Br)	15 J Hastings (O)	½ ½	C See (Br)		
4 K Buzzard (Bu)	½ ½	S Wade (S)	16 A McDonald (Bu)	½ ½	R Francis (S)		
5 P Worledge (S)	0 1	M Faulkner (Br)	17 R Sherlock (S)	½ ½	C Trinder (Br)		
6 J Vetta (O)	1 0	N Brisbourne	18 A Vetta (O)	½ ½	M Mayfield (Bu)		
7 D Woods (Bu)	1 0	P Ball (O)	19 J Cronin (Bu)	0 1	P Saxon (O)		
8 K Lowthian (Br)	1 0	R Polak (S)	20 R Burns (Br)	1 0	O Popoola (S)		
9 MA Knight (Br)	0 1	S Earl (O)	21 P Cooksey (Br)	½ ½	J Cooper (O)		
10 S Furby (S)	1 0	G Papasolomontos	22 D Elliott (S)	1 0	S Pickard (Bu)		
11 NS Jackubovics	a	D Oates (S)	23 T Smith (O)	½ ½	N D'Alterio (S)		
12 G Bullock (Bu)	1 0	R Bowyer (Br)	24 A Downie (Bu)	1 0	L McMath (Br)		

Team scores: 1 Oxon 7+1; 2 Berks 6½; 3 Sussex 5+1; 4 Bucks 4½

NATIONAL UNDER 18 TEAM FINALS in Birmingham (we think) 11th April 1987 were won by Kent with $8\frac{1}{2}/12$ ahead of Staffs, Hants, Durham and West Glamorgan (probably in that order, but adjudications were still being argued over when our informant left). The Girls event was won by Essex, narrowly from Hants (average age of Essex team about 13). Minor Counties was won by Northumberland with Oxon in second place. Results for National junior finals rarely come to the Bulletin officially; we have relied on dependable hearsay (as with the U14s last time).

Metropolitan Under 18 Matches

at the City of London School, 28.3.87

Surrey				Middx		Essex		Kent	
1	J Leake (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Hennigan	J Rogers	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DA Wood	
2	S Dishman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Wall	D Sands	0	1	MD Sadler	
3	G Thompson	0	1	J Sharp	D Mehta	0	1	AL Mack	
4	S Steel	1	0	B Beake	R White	0	1	AE Tucker	
5	D Hubbard	0	1	C Duncan	A Keehner	0	1	TE Farndon	
6	A Webster	1	0	S Lon	D Harvey	0	1	T Ulicsak	
7	M Stockwell	1	0	J Wilson	"R" Tokeley	1	0	JA Morrison	
8	A Mukherjee	0	1	A Selkirk	J Baptie	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	BMH Hong	
9	D Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Philipsz	A Williams	0	1	RC Pepper	
10	N Callow	0	1	G Haslinger	S Ansell	1	0	DN Cook	
11	M Anderton	1	0	D Deacon	I Richmond	0	1	AM Harakis	
12	V Lawrence	0	1	A Hon	B Hawkins	0	1	ELA Ionides	
13	D Thomson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Jamal	W Rawlings	0	1	JPH Greeves	
14	C Wells	1	0	M Morris	L White	0	1	M Brown	
15	S Tijou	0	1	C Bates	A Gooding	0	1	D Lintern	
16	P Eade	0	1	Selim	I Burridge	1	0	NS Holmes	
17	A Dias	0	1	C Haslinger	A Alcock	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I Rubin	
18	C Clarke	0	1	V Cole	C Ratcliffe	0	1	C Howell	
19	P Langdon	0	1	A Miah	E Phillips	0	1	MD Pratt	
20	M Goatcher	0	1	A Ethelontis	R Harvey	0	1	T Lee	
21	G Sotheran	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	W Myers	A Davis	0	1	S Peters	
22	P Randall	0	1	A Phillips	D Martin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Gleed	
23	S Hampton	1	0	J Guha	R Slade	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AR Pettey	
24	R Bone	1	0	G Nadasy	A Whitehouse	0	1	O Gard	
25	E Stovell	1	0	K O'Sullivan	J Overend	0	1	M Fox	
26	M Hortin	0	1	J Turner	M Brown	0	1	AJJ MacKillop	
27	X Mistry	1	0	A Hoare	C Joyce	0	1	T Allard	
28	G Cohen	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Hennigan	T Ambrose	0	1	R Rahamim	
29	S Lawrence	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Ang. Eyton	G Savage	0	1	AJ Coles	
30	P Collins	0	1	M Watts	R Menday	0	1	B Quine	
31	K Cormack	1	0	J Fries	L Sparrow	0	1	J Barton	
32	M Rothwell	0	1	E Myers	D Tunbridge	0	1	S Hamlet	
33	A Chambers	1	0	A Shah	P Henson	0	1	D Artt	
34	J Snelling	0	1	C Munn	G Edmonds	1	0	E Jones	
35	C Bowes	1	0	P Pelton	def	0	1	D Steel	
36	M Bryant	1	0	R Hillman	def	0	1	N Atkins	
37	A Warren	1	0	S Venables	def	0	1	R Wiltshire	
38	J Garrett	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Ram	def	0	1	N Collacott	
39	M McLeod	1	0	J Calliste	def	0	0	def	
40	M Osborne	1	0	G Pelton	def	0	0	def	
		20	20			$6\frac{1}{2}$	$31\frac{1}{2}$		

"Essex regrets this poor result, with Kent playing outstandingly well in a one-sided contest. The large number of defaults on the Essex side reflects the reluctance of some highly graded players to turn out to travel to play chess in London on a Saturday, and the limited number of squad players in the county this season. Perhaps the time has come to reduce the number of boards from 40? I anticipate that Essex will have difficulty in finding 40 county-standard junior players next year." - Clint Mann, Essex junior organiser

Final "Metropolitan" League Table

	K	S	M	E	MP	GP
1 Kent		$26\frac{1}{2}$	$22\frac{1}{2}$	$31\frac{1}{2}$	3	$80\frac{1}{2}$
2 Surrey	$12\frac{1}{2}$		20	29	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$61\frac{1}{2}$
3 Middx	$17\frac{1}{2}$	20		$16\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	54
4 Essex	$6\frac{1}{2}$	9	$19\frac{1}{2}$		1	35

SCCU "JUNIORS" ABROAD: International Cadet Championship 1987 at Montpellier (Easter):
2 CG Ward (K) 6½/9; 5= NL Carr (E) 5

"TIMES" SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT: Inter-Zone results. Average ages in brackets.

Round 1: Cheltenham College (15.6) 4½ 1½ Bishop Vaughan Swansea (15.8); King Edwards Birmingham (16.8) 3½ 2½ Magdalen College School Oxford (15.9); Nottingham High* (15.5) 3 3 Belfast Royal Academy (17.9); King Edward VI Southampton (15.4) 5 1 RGS Guildford (16.4); Kings Peterborough** (16.1) 3 3 Bedford Modern School (15.4); RGS Newcastle (14.5) 6 0 Woldgate School York (15.2); Saddleworth School Oldham (15.2) 4½ 1½

Harrogate GS (16.3); St Pauls London (14.9) 5½ ½ Simon Langton Canterbury (15.3)

Round 2: Millfield (15.10) 4 1 +1 Cheltenham (15.1); RGS Colchester (16.10) 4½ 1½

RGS High Wycombe (17.4); St Pauls London (14.10) 5 1 Haberdashers Elstree (17.4);

Greenwood Acad Irvine (15.8) 3½ 2½ RGS Newcastle (14.7); Saddleworth (15.3) 4 2

Bluecoat Liverpool (15.5); K Edward VI (15.5) 4½ 1½ Dulwich College (16.0); Q Marys

Walsall (15.11) 4 2 Kings Peterborough (16.2); King Edwards B'ham (16.9) 3½ 2½ Nottingham High School (17.4)

Round 3: RGS Colchester 1½ 4½ St Pauls; Q Marys 3½ 2½ KESS B'ham; Greenwood v Saddleworth; Millfield v KESS Soton. The semi-finals and final will be played on the 9th and 10th July.

* win on board count, ** win on age handicap.

REVIEW

Two new offerings from the Crowood Chess Library. We reviewed two books in September 1984 and to the best of our knowledge, though we are sadly not omniscient, these are the first since then.

CHESS OPENINGS

Mike Basman: the Crowood Press.

Figurine (short) algebraic, 256pp paperback £6.95

A book for the beginner. Not that I didn't learn from it, but opening knowledge has never been my strong point. (I shall ignore that question from the back row.)

The book starts with basic principles, and contains games by beginners and inexperienced players (mostly junior) as well as GMs. This is as it should be. Only five openings are covered (Giuoco Piano, Dragon, Queens Gambit, Nimzo-Indian, Morra Gambit), but they are covered in some depth. Each is built up progressively: weak moves are explored, rejected, improved on, further and further down the tree of analysis. (Odd how trees of analysis grow downwards.) This is a very satisfactory way of doing things. Complete games are frequently given, and there is a section at the end called "Towards the Middlegame" which encroaches on the territory of the companion title. I liked the book. It goes gently, but is not trivial and will give the learner a real understanding of the opening. I did not, however, like seeing the diagrams the wrong way up throughout the chapter on the Dragon (and without the slightest comment, too).

Some quibbles. Since Basman starts with first principles, shouldn't he have explained the notation? And the cryptic "W" or "B" next to the diagrams? There is a reference on page 67 to "doubled isolated pawns". Doubled and isolated pawns don't get explained until page 233 and there's no cross-reference (or index).* Little things, but they seem odd in a book which draws heavily on its author's experience of coaching juniors. The same carelessness comes out on pp 39-40 where a (presumably) junior player, forename represented by an initial, is called first "he", then "she".

The book is nicely produced, except that some of the diagrams have an over-exposed look. (This comment - both parts of it - also applies to the companion volume.) One diagram gives a new meaning to the phrase "double check" (both the black kings are in check). The price is reasonable. I recommend the book, and will use it in my school chess library.

RJH

* Also he doesn't say where the Fried Liver got its name, but then no one ever does. Anyone know? (I'm aware fegatello means something similar, but that doesn't help.)

WINNING ENDGAMES

Tony Kosten: the Crowood Press.

Figurine (short) algebraic, 119pp paperback £4.95

"I have attempted to avoid writing a dry, theoretical manual." With success. Still less is it a reference book. Unfortunately the desire for informality has resulted in a book very hard to find your way around in. The chapter headings are: 1 The Basic Mates; 2 Extra Material; 3 The Pieces; 4 Pawn Structure; 5 Space Advantage; 6 Pawns Versus Pieces; 7 Tactics; 8 Material Inequality; 9 Swindles; and 10 Think! So where do you look for, say, rook and pawn against rook? Answer: Chapter 3. My first

would have been 2 or 8 (and what is the difference?). Come to that, the title of the book is hardly more scrutable.

Obviously there are many ways of classifying endings, and the book was written for inexperienced players, not reviewers. Inexperienced players will get a good taste of what endings are about.

RJH

COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES

CHAMPIONSHIP

	M	H	Br	K	E	Sx	Sy	C	Bu	O	GP	MP
1 Middx		9½	16	10	12	12	13	13	14½	17	117	7½
2 Herts	10½		10	7½	5	12½	12	12	13½	13½	96½	6½
3 Berks	4	10		11	12	8	10	12	13½	13	93½	6
4 Kent	10	12½	9		11	14½	8½*	9½	12	10½	97½	5½
5 Essex	8	15	8	9		13	14	15	9½	14½	106	5
6 Sussex	8	7½	12	5½	7		15	17	15	12	99	5
7 Surrey	7	8	10	10½*	6	5		3	12	13	74½	3½
8 Cambs	7	8	8	10½	5	3	17		8½	14	81	3
9 Bucks	5½	6½	6½	8	10½	5	8	11½		13	74½	3
10 Oxon	3	6½	7	5½	5½	8	7	6	7		55½	0

* See explanation on next page.

MONTAGUE-JONES

	K	M	K	M	GP	MP
1 Kent II		15½		12½	28	2
2 Middx II	4½		7½		12	0

AMBOYNA/EBONY

	E	M3	Sy	M4	Sx	K	GP	MP
1 Essex III		14	10	10	13½	12	59½	4
2 Middx III	6		11½	12½	14½	14½	59	4
3 Surrey II	10	8½		11	10	11	50½	3
4 Middx IV	10	7½	9		12	10	48½	2½
5 Sussex II	6½	5½	10	8		11½	41½	1½
6 Kent III	8	5½	9	9	5½		37	0

Nominations for BCF Stages

Championship: 1 Middx, 2 Herts

Minor Counties: 1 Berks, 2 Sussex

Second Teams: 1 Kent, 2 Middx

Third Teams: 1 Middx, 2 Kent

Please tell the Editor if you spot errors in these "final" tables!

We have a sort of feeling that Herts were eligible for the Minor Counties until they disqualified themselves by getting into the big one. The Third Teams nominations require some explanation. Fact is, Middx and Kent were the only third teams in it. Essex III was really Essex II, and Middx IV were ruled ineligible for a third teams event. Lucky old Kent.

Appeals against adjudication

C Bucks-Cambs 22.11.86: Cambs appeal on board 2 upheld: Newton O Lawson

Essex-Herts 30.1.87: Essex appeal on board 2 failed.

Adjudications from last issue

C Kent-Middx 7.3.87: 2 Eales ½ Wade

Essex-Oxon 7.3.87: 4 Fleury 1 Starkie; 7 Ellames 1 Crabb; 9 Twyble 1 Millin; 12 Manley ½ Hepworth; 20 Twitchell ½ Sayers. (Most of these results were agreed without adjudication; not sure which)

Berks-Herts 7.3.87: 3 Surtees 1 Bradbury; 4 Thompson ½ Murphy; 11 Thompson ½ Denton; 19 Race 0 Charles

Sussex-Cambs 7.3.87: 12 Hawes 0 Buckley; 20 Cannon 1 Likeman

Surrey-Bucks 7.3.87: 3 Linton 0 Moore; 5 Mackle 1 Hackman; 6 McSheehy 1 Robbings; 7 Clegg ½ de Coverly; 14 Stimpson ½ Egby

AE Kent III - Sussex III 7.3.87: 6 McCrory 0 Hirsch; 7 Parkin ½ Zubreski; 8 Croft 0 Eastoe; 15 Rubin ½ Huston; 16 Underwood ½ Opie

Sussex II - Surrey II 14.3.87: 2 Williams 1 Barnard; 12 Hickman ½ Manning; 18 Rix 1 Baldock

Kent-Surrey (Championship):

The final score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$ has been rather subtly arrived at. It was originally $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ with five for adjudication. Kent's claims were ruled invalid, as reported last time, because the county's adjudication deposit was in the red. After representations from Surrey, and a deposit from Kent, the BCF Director of Home Chess and Services requested the BCF Adjudications Secretary to get the adjudications done after all. Both counties seem to have been slow in re-submitting their claims, and when they finally did so there was a discrepancy in one diagram, and Surrey had omitted to enclose the required envelopes. The BCF Adjudications Secretary, understandably exasperated, sent the whole lot back with a note upholding his original decision (Kent claims invalid). Surrey were claiming three wins and two draws, which they have duly been given. The SCCU Tournament Controller has ruled that Kent don't even get the two draws. Hence $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$. The two draws make no difference to Kent, but an extra match point (which they were apparently expecting, had the adjudications got done) would have put them in second place and qualified them for the BCF Stages. The Bulletin is not sure where its sympathies lie, and it refrains from comment. Except, roll on quick-play finishes.

The SCCU Executive decided 24.4.87 that the two sides should be invited, for grading purposes, to get the games independently adjudicated. But so far as the tournament table is concerned, the figures given above are final; as are (were!) the nominations for the National stage.

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: BCF STAGESCHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINALS

<u>Glos</u>		25.4.87	<u>Middx*</u>	<u>Ches/N Wales</u>	25.4.87	<u>Herts*</u>
1	AT Mordue (W)	= +	K Shovel	D Tebb (W)	1 0	P Byway
2	DC Osborne	1 0	G Wall	P Bennett	0 1	S Knott
3	SJ Elliott	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RF Willmoth	NCT Wall	0 1	N Bradbury
4	DO Collier	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JP Sharp	I Dutton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Swanson
5	SJ Popham	0 1	BD Neake	G Morris	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	H Murphy
6	N Hosken	0 1	SJ Rodericks	CK Hoffman	0 1	A Simpson
7	SP Dilleigh	1 0	JP Gorgol	J Gorman	0 1	J Foulger
8	P Dodwell	0 1	JT Ward	JM Turner	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Maguire
9	CJA Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R McMichael	K Richardson	1 0	J Sachs
10	JR Boyce	0 1	DA Farndon	D Dugdale	1 0	M Boyce
11	ME Burn	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DP Lynch	AP Davies	0 1	JF Rudge
12	PJ Meade	0 1	TJ Kett	I Cheshire	+	G Hollis
13	S Clark	0 1	M Josse	P Taylor	+	J Denton
14	RO Powis	0 1	S Spivack	P Benson	0 1	H Tebbs
15	E Newman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Lyell	C Higgle	1 0	T Sinkinson
16	I Bourne	1 0	J Burke	D Barnett	0 1	S Law
	(Bristol)	($5\frac{1}{2}$ $9\frac{1}{2}$)		TJ Povall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Morris
				AA Parker	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Cook
				JD Clements	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Majer
				I Bates	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Judkins
				(Birmingham)	($7\frac{1}{2}$ $10\frac{1}{2}$)	

MINOR COUNTIES QUARTER-FINAL

<u>Sussex*</u>		25.4.87	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>Civil Service</u>	<u>London League</u>
1	G Kenworthy (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CJ Weeks	AC Ashby (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ R Wade
2	FJ Kwiatkowski	0 1	D Littlejohns	OS Phillips	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ AJ Stebbings
3	JC Henshaw	a	AL Hill	TB Packham	1 0 AP Smith
4	BJ Denman	1 0	GI Miller	D Vaughan	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ RM Webb
5	JA Dodgson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SR Boniface	EC Hughes	0 1 S Reuben
6	JIP Simpole	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JA Borkowski	G Szrasvari (so)	1 0 D Smith
7	GH James	1 0	RJ Tabor	J Toon	0 1 NR Oliver
8	SJ Newman	1 0	RW Gregory	def	0 1 RJ Pearce
9	DB Graham	1 0	GN Jepps	WEC Richards	0 1 MS Twyble
10	MD Nicholas	1 0	BGE Gosling	S Purdy	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ CI Howell
11	G Rivers	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CE Winch	PM Shaw	0 1 M Adkins
12	AJ Dommett	1 0	DG Woodruff	RJ Shephard	0 1 AC Martin
13	APR Lewis	0 1	DA Jones	EW Godly	0 1 AO Alabi
14	J Graham	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	HG Thomas	STK Wilkinson	1 0 K Davis
15	IG Kelly	1 0	BK Towers	DH Gleave	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ RE Craven
16	I Climie	1 0	D Eggington	def	0 1 S Jacob
17	RW Nicholas	1 0	C Giles	KJ Luxton	0 1 RCA L-Pentecost
18	PR Selby	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Kilminster	R Dennington	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ K Sear
19	LKG Eastoe	1 0	P Underwood	RBC Potter	0 1 LJ Smart
20	P Watson	1 0	def	R Cooper	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ GH Monk
	(Basingstoke)	14 5			$6\frac{1}{2}$ $13\frac{1}{2}$

Berks v Cumbria never arrived, so a friendly match:

SECOND TEAMS QUARTER-FINALS

Devon II		25.4.87	Middx II*	Kent II*	25.4.87	Staffs II
1	J Hayward (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Pearce	EJ Whipp (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	DW Clark
2	A Osborne	1	SVF Dickinson	PJ Heaven	$\frac{1}{2}$	JE Crump
3	J Parker	0	AO Alabi	LJ Smart	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Hughes
4	M Tavener (sic)	0	A Wheatley	SW Giddins	$\frac{1}{2}$	RMA Allen
5	R Bruce	0	C Mackenzie	JP Ward	0	JA Friar
6	A Pickering	1	S Low	KJ Verney	0	KR Thompson
7	A Fayle	0	KR Barnes	JS Williams	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Jones
8	J Ridolfo	$\frac{1}{2}$	ME Simmons	SJ Pullinger	1	LJM Tarbuck
9	C Deakin	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Francois	AI Armstrong	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Stamforth
10	EG Sparke	$\frac{1}{2}$	BJ Benjamin	CI Howell	1	MP Horrigan
11	RH Jones	0	JR Macdonald	J Wood	1	JF Shemilt
12	DVP(?) Hutchison	0	J Grundy	DJR Barnes	1	SR Hill
13	JE Allen	1	MA Barkwill	L Gurr	0	CP Hibbard
14	R Liggitt	0	J McVicar	MA Adkins	1	ME Foster
15	J Thynne	0	JCH Nyman	JM Allan	1	MJ Hall
16	J Vasey	1	R Jennings	MM Robertson	1	A Richardson
(Bristol)		6		TH Stonehouse	$\frac{1}{2}$	N Dimmick
				PW Eldridge	1	RF Hayward
				RCA L-Pentecost	$\frac{1}{2}$	JP Beighton
				A Trehy	0	MJ Harris
				(Welwyn)	12	
					8	

All the results so far in the BCF stage of the County competitions. Thank you Paul Buswell. (No one's ever sent us these results in previous years.) Semi-finals (6th June) are (a) v (c) and (b) v (d).

Championship

(a) Devon	5	11	Greater Manchester	
(b) Staffordshire*	8	8	Lancashire	* win on board count
(c) Cheshire & N Wales	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Hertfordshire	(+2)
(d) Middlesex	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Gloucestershire	(+1)

Minor CountiesPreliminary round:

Lincs & S Humberside	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Cornwall
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Quarter-Finals:

(a) Bedfordshire			Lincs & S Humberside	Playing 9 May
(b) Somerset	5	14	Sussex	(+1)
(c) Berkshire	11	0	Cumbria	(+5)
(d) Derbyshire	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Merseyside	

Second Teams

(a) Kent	12	8	Staffordshire
(b) Warwickshire	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Yorkshire
(c) Lancashire	10	6	Gloucestershire
(d) Devon	6	10	Middlesex

"Third Teams"

(a) Middlesex			Bye	
(b) Lancashire	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Leicestershire	(+1)
(c) Warwickshire			Bedfordshire II (!!)	Playing 9 May
(d) Gloucestershire	w/o		Kent (scratched: don't know why)	

Pass the salt. - Ed

SCCU U180 KNOCK-OUT: Only two results received.Round 1:

Kent		4.4.87	Herts*
1	P Lucas (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Denton
2	MJ Reddie	1	S Law
3	RA Kingdon	0	B Morris
4	PA Tatham	0	T Sinkinson
5	BJ Westover	1	J Cook
6	PL Childs	0	C Majer
7	JT Beamiss-Bland	1	P Weston
8	RB Parkin	0	B Judkins
9	RC Shilling	0	P Badger
10	MR Croft	1	S Charles
(Ashford)		4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

Semi-Final:

Herts*		23.5.87	Berks
J Denton (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	KG Hyde
G Hollis	1	0	SAM Foister
S Law	0	1	J Fowler
B Morris	1	0	L Davis
J Cook	1	0	A Buckland
N Willmott	1	0	T Healey
C Majer	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	EJ Smith
B Judkins	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Fergusson
P Weston	1	0	AP Challenger
P Badger	1	0	AS Robins
	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	

GAMES

From the Lugano Open:

White Y Seirawan, Black R Simic: the decisive last-round game by the tournament winner. 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 f3!? (A modern line which tries to avoid the normal Grünfeld variations. As far as I know, it was introduced in important tournament praxis in a game Gheorghiu-Jansa, Zonal Tournament Warsaw 1979!) 3...d5 (Another possibility, but of course another opening, is here 3...c5) 4 cxd5 Nxd5 5 e4 Nb5 6 Nc3 Bg7 7 Be3 0-0 8 f4 f5!?

Black tries to create a blockade in the centre but even so the game is not completely even. After 8...Nc6 9 d5 Na5 10 Bd4! Bg4 11 Qd3 e5 12 fxe5 Nac4 13 Qg3 Qg5 14 Nf3 Qh5 Gheorghiu-Korchnoi, Zurich 1984, the game was very complicated and finally a fighting draw.

9 Qb3+! Kh8 10 e5 c6 11 Nf3 Nd5!? (So Black closes the position, but the c file will stay in White's power) 12 Nxd5 cxd5 13 Be2 Nc6 14 Kf2 e6 15 Rhc1 (Maybe here White could also try 15 h4 first) 15...Rf7 16 Bd2! Rc7 17 Bb5 Bd7 18 Bxc6 Rxc6

At the right moment White trades Black's most important defensive piece. After 18...Bxc6 White could play simply 19 Bb4 dominating the black squares, or even 19 Ba5 b6 20 Ng5! because after 20...bxa5? comes, of course, 21.Rxc6 winning easily. 19 Qxb7 Rb8!? (Most probably, 19...Rb6 was a little better, for instance 20 Qc7 Rxb2 21 Rab1! with better play for White still) 20 Qxa7 Ra8 21 Qb7 Rb8 22 Qxc6! (A beautiful Q sacrifice, probably prepared by Seirawan already when he played 18 Bxc6. White has a very strong initiative and, more important, his opponent has no real counterplay) 22...Bxc6 23 Rxc6 Rxb2 24 Rac1 Bf8 (Or 24...Rb8 25 Ng5 or 25 Bb4 with decisive attack for White) 25 Rc8 Qe7 26 Rlc7! (Now White is winning by force, for instance 26...Qb4 27 Rf7! Rxd2+ 28 Kg3! Kg8 29 R8xf8+) 26...Rxd2+ 27 Kg3! (A beautiful move, showing that Black is completely helpless) 27...Qxc7 28 Rxc7 Rxa2 29 Ng5! (Now all the Black pawns are weak and Black is totally lost) 29...h6 30 Nxe6 Bb4 31 Rd7 Ra6 32 Nc7 Ra3+ 33 Kf2 Ra2+ 34 Kf1 Ral+ 35 Ke2 Ra2+ 36 Kd3 Ra3+ 37 Kc2 Rc3+ 38 Kb2 (So, Black doesn't have any more checks and the game will be won in just a few moves) 38...Rc4 39 Rd8+ Kg7 40 Rd7+ Kh8 41 Ne3! (The simplest way.) 41...Kg8 42 Nf6+ Kf8 43 e6! Rxd4 44 Rf7 mate. Notes by F Gheorghiu (slightly Englished).

White L Ftacnik, Black S Adzic 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 c4 Bg7 4 Nc3 d5 5 Qb3 dxc4 6 Qxc4 0-0 7 e4 a6 (An interesting continuation. The other normal moves here are 6(sic)...Nfd7 and 6...Na6) 8 Qb3 b5 9 e5 Nfd7 10 Be3 (Playable and very sharp is 10 h4 c5 11 e6 or 11 h5) 10...Nb6 11 Rd1 c6

Not bad but rather slow. After 11...Bg4 12 Be2 e6 13 h3 Bxf3 14 Bxf3 c6 Black does not stand too badly; also to be considered is 11...Nc6 with complicated play 12 Ng5 Nd5 13 Be2 Nxe3 14 fxe3 e6 15 Nge4 Nd7 16 Bf3! (Black has the Bishop pair, but White's extra space gives him the advantage) 16...Rb8 17 0-0 c5 18 Sd6 c4 19 Qc2 f6 (Black seems to have no problems, but e6 is weak as White will demonstrate beautifully) 20 Bg4! Qe7 (After 20...f5 21 Bf3 Black has very little counterplay) 21 Rf2! fxe5 22 d5! (the point) Rxf2 23 Qxf2 Nc5? (Of course, Black loses at once after 23...Nc5 24 Nxc8 Rxc8 25 Bxe6+, or 23...Nf6? 24 Nxc8) 24 Nxc8 Rxc8 25 dxe6! Rf8 26 Nd5! Qe8 27 Qh4! h5

Black had been relying on this. After 28 Bh3? Nxe6 29 Ne7+ Kh7 30 Bxe6 Ef6! everything seems to be in order. But:

28 Bxh5! (Very pretty. Now White wins in all variations.) 28...gxh5 (Or 28...Qxe6 29 Ne7+ and 30 Bxg6+) 29 Nc7! Qc8 30 e7! Qxc7 31 Rd8! (White has sacrificed heavily but the Rook and Pawn win all by themselves) 31...Ne6 (Or 31...Qc6 32 exf8=Q+ Bxf8 33 Qg5+) 32 Rxf8+ 1-0 (After 32...Nxf8 or 32...Bxf8 comes 33 e8=Q) Notes by F Gheorghiu, heavily Englished since written in German. The erroneous note will be the one your Editor inserted.

From the Lloyds Bank BCF Junior Squad Championships (notes anonymous, but probably LW Barden):

White D Agnos, Black S Conquest (U21, round 6). 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Be2 dxe4 6 Nxe4 Nd7 7 0-0 Ngf6 8 Nxf6+ Nxf6 9 c3 0-0 10 Bf4 Nd5 (Needing a win for first prize, Black over-presses. Simply ...h6 and ...Be6 is level.) 11 Be5 Bh6 12 Bd3 Be6 13 Re1 Qb6 14 Qc2 Bg4 (Here ...Nf4 is better. The sacrifice 15 Bxf4 Bxf4 16 Bxg6 is only a draw.) 15 Nd2! a5 16 h3 Bc8 17 h4! Bg4 18 Nc4 Qa7 19 f3 Bc8 (!: Ed) 20 h5 (Now there really is a sac threatened at g6, so Black has to further weaken his pawn front.) 20...f5 21 hxg6 hxg6 22 a4 e6 23 Kf2 Rf7 24 Rh1 Rh7 25 Rxh6! (A fine finish. White's pieces pour into the dark squares.) 25 Rxh6 26 Qd2 f4 (If 26...Rh7 27 Qg5, or 26...Rh5 27 g4. Ed: No prizes for 26...Kh7) 27 Bxf4 Nxf4 28 Qxf4 Rh8 29 b6 30 Ne5 1-0 (The winning threat is Bf7+.)

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Nigel Short's anti-Sicilian won well in an Under 12 first prize battle:

White G Twyford (Ireland), Black S Ansell (Oxon) 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be3 e6 7 f3 Nbd7 8 Qd2 b5 9 0-0-0 Bb7 10 g4 h6 11 h4 Nc5? (Here ...Ne5! is better so that if 12 Bh3? then ...Nc4) 12 Bh3! g6 13 g5 hxg5 14 b4! (Forceful play. If 14...Ncd7 15 hxg5 and Bxe6 is in the air. So Black gives up his N for three pawns.) 14...gxh4 15 bxc5 dxc5 16 Nb3 Qxd2+ 17 Rxd2 Rc8 18 Rhd1 c4 19 Nc5! Bc6 (If ...Bxc5 20 Bxc5 Rxc5 21 Rd8+ and 22 Rxh8) 20 Nxa6 b4 21 Nc7+! Rxc7 22 Rd8+ Ke7 23 Bc5 mate.

BCF COUNCIL MEETING (Finance) on the 17th May decided, as expected, to increase the County Levy from £110 to £115 per levy point; and to send no team to the World Students tournament in Puerto Rico. There might have to be further cutbacks if sponsorship money did not materialise. There was much inconclusive discussion on alternative ways of raising the "membership" income. BCF AGM is on the 11th July at Peterborough.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH Civil Service v SCCU has been arranged for Saturday 25th July over 20 boards. First time the SCCU's had a team since Lord knows when. Not sure how you get invited to play! The match captain is RCA Lee-Pentecost. Kick-off is 2.30 at the Civil Service Recreation Centre, Westminster SW1.

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Yes, really, that's all we have for June-July. A few for August-September, but it's a bit early to be publishing those. The majority of congress organisers seem to have decided that no one reads the Bulletin diary. Maybe they're right.

We sent a (free!) copy of the last issue to a well known player, asking if he'd like to comment on a certain item. His comment: "Put a stamp on the envelope next time."

Quotes

"Complimentary Copy." - On the front page of a chess catalogue we got the other day

"The winners will be announced after the entries have been judged." - Surrey CCA.

"Dear Sirs..." - From a recent BCF letter to the British Womens Chess Association.

"The weekly news magazine of the British Chess Federation" - BCF news flash, issue 30-32, page 1

"The fortnightly magazine of the British Chess Federation" - BCF news flash, issue 30-32, page 9

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