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SCCU MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Board has had no meetings in the flesh, but one or two points raised last time have been cleared up. The SCCU Individual Championship will stay at Sutton for the time being; the (other) two British Championship qualifying places will be up for grabs at Upminster. There looks like being a new SCCU Quick-play Championship hosted by Berks in May 1988. Suggested Union contribution is £50 towards the prize fund.

LETTERS

Dear Mr Haddrell,

The September issue of the Bulletin contains some comments which I believe should not go unanswered.

The article "SCCU Management Board" says that the Board consider the time-scale and rate of play of the Berkshire Open (alias Bracknell Congress) render it unsuitable as a British Championship qualifier. I would like to point out that the Kings Head London Open (which had both SCCU qualifying places last year) has the same duration and almost the same rate of play. Is this another case of "London Bias"?

Peter Morrish's letter accuses the "Anti-London Faction" (Mr Fergusson's term - Ed) of illogicality with regard to Junior tournaments. He fails to understand our premises. What we object to is the poor outside counties, which have few chess events, having to pay money to the rich inner counties, who have many chess events, to organise chess events that are too far away for our juniors to attend. It does NOT involve very much more difficulty for Berkshire juniors to stay away from a chess event in Southend than it does for them to stay away from a chess event in London. We wish Peter every success in organising his local events, but we do not want to pay unless we get some benefit; even if it is only once every nine years!

My final comments concern "How to run the County Matches!". Oxfordshire pay their levy and have as much right as any other county to compete in the County Championship. Oxfordshire may not be very strong at the moment but their courage is greatly to be admired. Berkshire lost every match a few seasons ago but finished third last season ahead of Kent. Oxfordshire could do the same. Surrey have more strong players than either Berkshire or Oxfordshire and their gutless departure to the second division is to be deplored.

Having said this, I must agree that all is not well with the County Championship. There is a very great disparity between the populations of the counties which does make the competition unfair. I believe that the very big counties (Middlesex, Kent and others?) should be split up and the very small counties (outside the SCCU) should be amalgamated. The second and third divisions have the same problem as the junior competitions: they are local metropolitan events masquerading as regional events. Weak players in the outer counties do not need (or want) to travel long distances to get competition.

Yours sincerely,
Geoff Fergusson Earley

Ed: The award of the two British Championship places to Kings Head last season was not made by, or in consultation with, the SCCU. It was an unsatisfactory situation; I won't bore you with the details.

Dear Richard,

One of life's minor (very minor!) pleasures is nitpicking at SCCU Bulletin.

One "major" point?! - I'm surprised you don't mention en passant the recent London Evening Standard report that BCF lost £20,000 on World Championships and is being sued.

177:7 - Send is a village in Woking-ish area.

177:7 - Major Open et seq. Where is this SW18 town? I do hate this London geocentricity. Can we have places not postcodes please. (No. - Ed) One of the banes of my life was deciding what label to put in the Congress Programme...

177:8 - VGB is FIDEspeak for British Virgin Islands (cf VUS for US Virgin Islands).

177:9 - Hercules et al - What is correct grammatical term for this? (Ed: mixed metaphor, isn't it? Who's Al?)

Paul Buswell

St Leonards

Dear Mr Haddrell,

The Editor of "Sussex Chess 1987" has asked me to convey these comments to you in reply to your frequent references to that publication in the September Bulletin:

(1) It is regretted that the date of the Sussex Lightning (April 11th) was omitted - no personal slight was intended.

(2) The Cup in question is engraved "McArthur's Cup". Unpedantic but inaccurate usage in Sussex calls it the McArthur Cup. Both appear from different contributors in Sussex Chess 1987.

(3) St Margaret's School Ditchling won the U11 Team Championship. The report was printed as received.

(4) The remark "bald" about a Sussex 3rd team needs to be seen in context. Under the rejected SCCU proposals for teams of 16 in revised 2nd and 3rd divisions, Sussex were able to enter a third team. As this scheme was not implemented, Sussex were not able to field an extra team of 20 in addition to the unchanged second team of 20. Sussex do not have a problem: the problem lies with the SCCU, who cannot make the Montague-Jones an attractive competition.

(5) Sussex Chess was pleased to provide material for the Bulletin, and would have been happy to provide clarification of any of the above matters.

Incidentally, the remarks of J Poole in the same issue caused great amusement - is this the same person as the recent SCCU President, and the current Executive member for Buckinghamshire? A bold ploy by the BCF to label its Trojan Horse so clearly!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Watson

Hon Sec, Sussex County Chess Association

Ed: Like another gentleman, I just enjoy nit-picking. On (4), I had assumed that the difficulty in the way of a Sussex 3rd team was the SCCU's failure to reduce the grading limits. If it's just a question of numbers, that's different. It would still be possible to reduce the number of boards in divisions 2 and 3 without reducing the grading limits. Anyone thought of proposing this?

Dear Richard,

Herewith the result sheet of our friendly pre-season match v Hampshire II last Saturday for inclusion in your next Bulletin. I trust that, although this emanates from Sussex, you can forbear from editorial comment on this occasion!

Yours sincerely,

Douglas J Opie

Haywards Heath

ROUND THE COUNTIES

BUCKS Individual Championship 1986-7 was won by A Robbings with $6\frac{1}{2}/8$ in an APA tournament; 2 EN Bramley 6; 3 G Brown $5\frac{1}{2}$. Division 2: 1 R Ginger $8/10$; 2 D Forbes $7\frac{1}{2}$. Division 3: 1 N Mooney $7\frac{1}{2}/9$; 2 I Hall $6\frac{1}{2}$. Don't know how these events are played but we guess they're the arrange-your-own-date variety. "By now, everyone will be aware of the demise of the Chesham & Amersham Club. At least they went out with a bang by taking the Club Championship Trophy yet again." We weren't aware.

BERKS Leagues 1986-7: Division I 1 Earley A 18/24, 2 Crowthorne A 16. Division II 1 Earley B 20/24, 2 Maidenhead C 20. Division III 1 Met Office B 18/20, 2 Bracknell C 17. KO was won by Earley who beat ICL on board count in the Final. "This was the first time for many years when the no smoking issue was not raised [at the AGM]. Have we heard the last of it?"

HERTS Leagues 1986-7: Division 1 Bs Stortford 16/24, 2 Pin Green 13. Div 2 St Albans 18/24, 2 H Hempstead 18. Div 3 Pin Green II 24/28, 2 Hoddesdon II 20. Div 4 Bs Stortford II 22/24, 2 Stevenage II 17. Div 5 Old Elizabethans 17/20, 2 H Hempstead II 14. Div 6 H Hempstead III 16/20, 2 Stevenage III 12. Div 7 Bs Stortford III 20/20, 2 Barnet 13.

Puller Cup at Watford was an 8-team jamboree, won convincingly by Hilltop. Russell Trophy was won by Pin Green; Burn Cup by P Maguire; Capel Cup by G Kenworthy. Glynne Jones, who controlled the two last, comments ruefully on the differences. Both are arrange-your-own-date affairs. The Burn Cup, which is a KO, worked. The Capel, which had largely the same entrants and just happens to be for the County Championship, suffered 13 withdrawals from a field of 18. It's a Swiss! (The winner's score of 6/6 included 2 defaults, and a game against the organiser.)

KENT Summer Quick-play 1987 was won (again) by Charlton who beat Tunbridge Wells 9½-6½ in the Final.

SURREY annual Quick-play at Sutton 17.10.87 attracted 12 teams of 6. 1 Battersea 18/24; 2 Sutton & Cheam 15½... Best school RGS Guildford 12. Results FC Manning

CHILTERN LEAGUE: some results. Bucks II 8 12 Oxon II 3.10.87; Bucks II 16½ 3½ Bucks U18 24.10.87; Berks U18 7 13 Bucks II 14.11.87

CONGRESS RESULTS

GERRARDS CROSS Active Quick-play 19.9.87

Section A 1 M Trent (Slough); 2 G Moore (Amersham); 3-6 G Abayasekera (Slough), D Curtis (unattached), GK Joshi (Slough), S Peters (Swindon)... Slow starters G Edmonds (Gerrards X), G Chapman (Swindon)

Section B 1 F Day (Bourne End); 2-3 D Carrod (High Wycombe), SJ Deeks (Slough)...

Slow starters NA Sweetman (Gerrards X) Results ET Ruddle

CHELMSFORD 25-27 Sep 1987

Under 191 (65 entries) 1-3 AJ Ledger (Bedford), IJ Myall (Chelmsford), G Reid (Norwich) 5/6... Junior Mark Walker (Southampton) 4½; Grading 161-170 J Poulton (Fareham) 4½; 151-160 JM Shepley (Guildford) 4; 141-150 M Handley (Fishponds) 4½;

Under 141 PL Williamson (Rayleigh) 3½

Under 141 (83 ent) 1 IJ Burrige (Colchester) 5½/6; 2-4 K Cook (S Woodham Ferrers), JM Robinson (Charlton), SL Wedlock (Southend) 5... Junior M Osborne (Wallington) 4;

Grading 121-130 AS Kochen, A Drake (both Hadleigh) 4½; 111-120 Alec Webster (Sutton & Cheam) 4; 101-110 AJE Barker (Wickford) 3½; Under 101 B Remmer (Colchester) 3½

Results DJ Millward

HITCHIN 24-25 Oct 1987

Premier (70 pl) 1-3 P Hutchinson (Brigg), CG Ward (Tunbridge Wells), SH Berry (Hendon) 4½/5; 4-8 G Kenworthy (Herts Cup), PM Stimpson, PG Large, DC Osborne, S Finlayson 4... Grading PM Stimpson, P Cook, RD de Coverly, JR Denton, M Handley.

Slow starter P Maguire; Junior R Tozer

Under 151 (56 pl) 1 S Ledger (Bedford) 5/5; 2-7 EA DuBoulay, M Brown (Herts Cup), J Cohen, MH Cooper, D Reid, M Thomas 4... Veterans DG Wayte; Junior S Wedlock, S Ansell, J Hastings, TC Gavriel; Ladies J mith, J Moore; Slow starters N Staddon, DJ Lawrence

Under 126 (70 pl) 1-3 D Belton (Stevenage), G Gray (Pin Green), ET King 4½/5; 4-8 W Algar (Veterans prize), H Carter, P Joyce, P Pelton, G Heilbuth 4... Ladies G Sullivan; Slow starters F Batchelor

Under 14 (14 pl) 1 S White (Marston) 7½/8; 2 A Taylor (Fakenham) 6½; 3-5 R Morgan, P Colburn, M Robbins (Herts Cup)... Girls L Ross (Ilford)

Under 11 (34 pl) 1 N Shearman (Oxshott) 5½/6; 2-3 J Rawlings, B Connell; 4-5 L Jacobs, D Clifton... Girls G Shearman

Results J Glynne Jones

JUNIOR NEWS

NATIONAL UNDER 16 Team Championship now comes in two versions, both under the auspices of the same body (the National Youth Chess Association). The old three-round event has been joined by a one-rounder. This latter was held on Saturday 10th October 1987 at Hazlemere (S Bucks). Nine teams of 12 competed. 1 (bd ct) Surrey 10; 2 Hants 10; 3-4 Humberside, Manchester 7½... The other teams were West Glamorgan, Berks, Shropshire, East Glamorgan, and Bucks, but not necessarily in that order.

The NYCA, like Richard the Third, is one of those things which Ought Never To Have Occurred. Or if the temptation was too great, at least it might have chosen an honest name for itself. It holds three one-day team events in the year, and an AGM.

UNDER 18 METROPOLITAN MATCHES 14.11.87 at Highbury Fields School

<u>Surrey*</u>			<u>Middx</u>			<u>Kent*</u>			<u>Essex</u>		
1 S Dishman (B)	0	1	D Kumaran	MD Sadler	1	0	J Rogers				
2 A Webster	1	0	G Haslinger	AL Mack	½	½	D Sands				
3 D Hubbard	0	1	A Selkirk	TA Ulicsak	1	0	D Mehta				
4 D Johnson	1	0	M Morris	RC Pepper	0	1	A Keehner				
5 N Callow	0	1	R Vujayovic	IT Moroney	1	0	D Harvey				
6 M Stockwell	0	1	D Hassapis	DN Cook	1	0	def				
7 D Thomson	½	½	C Haslinger	AM Harakis	1	0	D Ewart				
8 A Kyte	0	1	C Bayes	ELA Ionides	1	0	A Baum				
9 C Wells	1	0	W Myers	JPH Greeves	1	0	S Ansell				
10 H Anderton	0	1	D Dobbs	D Lintern	0	1	G Bach				
11 def	0	1	D Deacon	M Pratt	½	½	W Rawlings				
12 A Wong	½	½	P Griffiths	IM Rubin	1	0	D Seacombe				
13 C Clarke	1	0	P Behrman	T Lee	0	1	A Gooding				
14 G Cohen	1	0	P Pelton	JMC Ionides	0	1	A Alcock				
15 B Sotheran	0	1	C McGrath	N Holmes	½	½	C Ratcliffe				
16 S de Silva	½	½	J Scowen	C Howell	1	0	E Philllips				
17 C Briscoe	½	½	J Liu	L Kemmis	1	0	R Harvey				
18 P Randall	½	½	D Rosenberg	O Gard	0	1	H Patel				
19 A Dias	1	0	J Myers	M Fox	1	0	M Bautista				
20 P Langdon	1	0	Andrew Eyton	N Collacott	1	0	def				
21 G Sotheran	1	0	D Hennigan	R Rahamim	0	1	A Davis				
22 S Sarma	1	0	M Dennis	JA Coles	0	1	D Martin				
23 C Bowes	1	0	D Turner	JR Barton	0	1	R Slade				
24 A Chambers	½	½	J Guha	S Hamlet	1	0	J Overend				
25 J Snelling	0	1	K Hoare	D Artt	1	0	D Tilley				
26 HW Tsang	1	0	M Guha	B Quine	0	1	M Cohen				
27 M Goatcher	½	½	J Fries	R Stewart	1	0	T Allen				
28 S Lawrence	1	0	K O'Sullivan	M Dawoodbhai	1	0	A Myall				
29 S Palmer	0	1	D Jagoe	Adam Matthews	0	1	I Champelovier				
30 def	0	1	A Cydzik	J Wickham	1	0	M Lester				
31 S Hampton	1	0	D Garrod	D Semal	0	1	K Chown				
32 R Bone	1	0	G Nadasy	J Belsey	1	0	T Ambrose				
33 A Overy	½	½	Angela Eyton	Anna Matthews	0	1	A Sugarman				
34 S Langdon	1	0	J Sweeney	J Walton	1	0	J Ely				
35 S Overy	½	½	J Munro	D Rahamim	1	0	T Lawrence				
36 J Barwell	1	0	V Sood	P Harakis	0	1	M Lawrence				
37 N Banasevic	1	0	F Cooper	T Walton	0	1	A Yelverton				
38 J Hampton	½	½	S Venables		24½	15½					
39 M Rothwell	0	1	K Sweeney	Essex defaulted boards 38-40.							
40 M Osborne	1	0	D Beyzade	Friendly games Kent - Middx:							
	23	17		DN Cook	1	0	D Deacon				
				N Collacott	½	½	A Cydzik				

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Guildford?) 6-8 November 1987

Under 18 (26 pl) 1 S Dishman (Trinity) 5; 2-4 DP Johnson (Sutton Manor), AL Mack (Trinity), A Webster (S Manor) 4½; 5-8 GD Cohen (County School), MN Anderton, SC Hampton, CA Wells (all RGS) 4...

Under 15 (23 pl) 1 GJ Sotheran (RGS) 5½; 2-3 N Callow (Whitgift), S Langdon (RGS) 5; 4-6 RD Cohen (County School), SS Overy (Ewell Castle), EJ Stovell (Glyn) 4...

Under 13 (20 pl) 1 AM Warren (Heath End) 5; 2-3 AJ Cohen (Q Eleanors), J Oakley (Claremont) 4½; 4-6 MCR Bryant (RGS), ME Osborne (Wallington), KE White (Reigate) 4; 7-9 G Connell (County), SM Pickup (Cranmore), ND Shearman (Danes Hill) 3½...

Inder 12 (18 pl) 1 A Delenda (Danes Hill) 5; 2-3 B Connell (Tillingbourne), PA Smalley (RGS) 4½; 4-5 I Chaplin (Danes Hill), JS Thompson (RGS) 4; 6-7 DR Todd (Whitgift), J Wilson (Salesian) 3½...

Inder 11 (24 pl) 1-2 HM Burns (Cheam Park), GC Shearman (Danes Hill) 5; 3 HA Schnoes (Cranmore) 4½; 4-8 SJ Burns (Cheam Park), JI Hampton (St Bedes), EJJ Hawthorne, P Tomnie (both Donhead), B Shore (Claremont) 4...

REVIEW

THE COMPLETE CHESS ADDICT

Mike Fox and Richard James: Faber and Faber
Short algebraic, paper covers 264pp £5.95

This is an extravagant collection of fact, fable, foible, games, blunders, personalities and problems. The authors have scoured, or so it seems, every book, magazine, tournament bulletin, movie guide, literary gazette, court circular, gossip column, scandal sheet and Daily Telegraph of the last several centuries. (With one notable exception, and this annoyed me.) The first part, take it or leave it as you will, selects teams from the ranks of royalty, rogues, sportsmen, politicians, entertainers, thinkers and so on. (Would Frank Bruno have beaten Albert Einstein? Did you know that Rabelais gave the first description of castling in literature?) There follow sections on the Greatest Players (statistically arranged, of course), egregious blunders, Cheating (a bit thin, this bit), world records, computer chess, unorthodox chess, and strange ends (Which Greek dramatist was killed by an eagle dropping a tortoise on his head? This isn't in the book as far as I've discovered, but I couldn't resist asking and it's a fair illustration of what is).

It is a bigger book than you might think, from the number of pages. There is also a great deal of chess in it, though the authors (two self-confessed patzers, and that's all I know about them because the blurb says nothing) go in for snappy one-liners rather than in-depth analysis. I only wish they, or the publishers, had heard about the rule Always Say Whose Move It Is With The Diagram. I also wish they'd been a bit more scholarly with their cross-references: "Solution at end of Section" is irritating if you have to scan ahead, or look in the table of contents, to find out just where the section ends; and even more irritating if you haven't yet worked out what they mean by "section". There are goodies promised in the blurb which I haven't found yet! But I quibble. This is a most acceptable bedside book, and guaranteed to make you the club bore for months to come. It is well produced on decent paper, the print and diagrams are clear, I have spotted but lost track of one solitary misprint, and as for the price - well, I usually ask myself what I'd be prepared to pay before I look, when I have a book to review. I was 5p out.

RJH

BCF YEAR BOOK OF CHESS 1987-88

Price £4.50

Leonard Barden once told me he'd reviewed a grading list. Reviewing a Year book, while somewhat less eccentric, is nonetheless an oddish thing to do. One Year Book is much like another. My excuse, mostly, is that I want to put on record my appreciation of its unwonted promptitude. It was, to be sure, a little late; but I believe the management are now on the right course.

It is much the same as its predecessor. The layout, however, is greatly improved. In the county lists, the rule now is one page (or one column) per county; in contrast to the old style which had odd bits of counties sticking out everywhere. The penalty is smaller print, a greater proportion of white space (that's a penalty?), and about 15% more pages. And a bigger price I daresay, though I can't remember what last year's price was.

Criticisms? This wouldn't be the Bulletin without criticisms. The congress results towards the end are a bit selective (they say why, but that's no excuse). Why does Southend 1987 get a whole page to itself, very spaced out, while Sutton gets a corner of a page?

The Year Book is obtainable from the Editor, Brian Concannon, at 14 Painters Close, Bloxham, Banbury OX15 4QY; or from the Director of Home Chess and Services: John Poole, 27 Magnolia Dene, Hazlemere, Bucks HP15 6RF. Or you may get it cheaper from the SCCU Secretary, or from your county.

RJH

GRADING LISTS 1987

Alas I cannot emulate Mr Barden. The Grading Lists are not expected until middish-December. I know very little about the problems encountered with the computer in the St Leonards office this year; the half-explanation I heard, and it wasn't from the BCF, didn't seem to make sense. Suffice it to say that the Federation expects to start its print-out in early December, and the various publications should be available as soon as the printers have done their bit.

It seems obvious the BCF needs a bigger computer, and there appears to be a question mark over some of the programs as well. (That's not just me reading between the lines. It is odd, though, that some of the problems don't even seem to have been anticipated.) I did wonder, "What if they farmed the grading out to someone who has got the necessary hardware?"; but I'm told this might not be too easy.

RJH

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS: BCF stages 1987-8

P Buswell, Controller, notifies these dates. Please note them now, especially if you are a match captain. They apply to Championship, Minor and Second Teams, and probably Third teams.

23.4.88 Minor Counties Preliminary round if necessary
14.5.88 Quarter Finals
4.6.88 Semi Finals
2.7.88 Finals

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES

We're off again. The Bulletin is the only place you're going to see these results; so please, match captains, try to follow these "rules":

(1) Always send a copy of your result sheet to the Bulletin. Don't rely on your opponents to do it. (Even if they do, they may get your names wrong.) An asterisk by a county's name on the following pages means I have received the result from that side.

(2) Be prompt. Don't wait for adjudication results, I get those independently. Don't assume, because the official deadline is past, that you've missed the boat. You may not have. And don't assume, because the deadline's miles off, that a four-week delay is of no consequence. I like to spread my typing out. (And if the other side's version has been with me for ages, I may have typed it already and not be too careful about checking for discrepancies.)

(3) Put the home side on the left!

(4) Be legible!! If you can't write, get someone else to do it. Or borrow a typewriter. Writing in capitals is not usually the answer; if your lower case is illegible the chances are your upper case will be as well. (I speak from years of experience.)

(5) Try to give full initials, and spell names right. I try not to introduce any more of my own mistakes than I can help. Apart from obvious slips of the pen, my policy is to copy the spelling given by the player's own match captain, even when T

don't believe it. (Who am I to contradict him? He may, for all I know, have just discovered that everyone's been spelling the name wrong for years.) "Sic" (or "so") in brackets after a player's name means I have doubts.

(6) When there are adjudications, tell me the claims or probable claims (your own side's, at any rate). A simple "+" or "=" next to the result column is fine. I am sure readers are interested in this information. (And incidentally, if you must write just "A", put it next to the result column or offset it a bit. Damn sight easier to read, when I'm checking the scores.)

(7) I do check the adding up. More as a check on my typing than your arithmetic; but very occasionally I find you've got it wrong. This doesn't help!

RJH

Correction (see last issue, page 10)

In the friendly match Civil Service v SCCU, the SCCU board 8 was HL Duckers. (This really did come to me, quite legibly but from one side only, as "LH Dawkins"; which looks like a case of one match captain being illegible and one or the other being careless. See (1), (4) and (5) above...)

Change of date

Middx 2 v Kent 2 has been moved from 24 Oct to 12 Mar.

The matches scheduled for 17.10.87 went ahead despite the previous day's hurricane. Only Kent seem to have been much affected, with 6 named defaulters in an away match Cambs. One of them - the only one I have asked - assumed the match was off. He couldn't contact anyone because his telephone was out, and he couldn't have made it anyway, by car as intended, because there was a tree across his road. What the train services were like I don't know. Kent, whose match captain couldn't contact people either, have requested a re-play. The matter is with the Appeals sub-committee.

I remarked some years ago that S Easterbrook Smith was a typist's nightmare, along with the Niedzwiedzki's and Kwiatkowski's and Szczeniaki's. He did the decent thing, soon afterwards, and stopped playing in county matches. He's back, and sporting a nice new hyphen (which fortunately does not prolong his name). I don't want to know about his other initials.

Adjudication results on the following pages were up to date 20.11.87. Matches not received (all Amboyna/Ebony): Kent IV - Surrey II, Sussex II - Kent III (10.10.87); Middx IV - Kent IV (31.10.87). Could be they've got postponed.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Kent	26.9.87	Herts*	Oxon	26.9.87	Middx*
1 N McDonald (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	SJB Knott	JN Walker (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Whiteley
2 IR Watson	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Byway	PL Walden	1 0	SH Berry
3 AE Hanreck	1 0	A Simpson	RJ Starkie	0= +1	G Wall
4 JN Sugden	1 0	P Brown	Alan Baker	1 0	RF Willmoth
5 RMR O'Kelly	1 0	JF Rudge	M Kimber	0 1	R McMichael
6 A Dunn	1 0	J Sachs	LR Millin	$\frac{1}{2}$	N von Schlippe
7 JE Scholes	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Boyce	NJ Hepworth	0 1	J Quinn
8 AP Smith	0 1	G Hollis	J Yates	0 1	DP Lynch
9 JA Johnson	0 1	J Denton	R Tomlinson	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Spivack
10 MP Cook	1 0	S Law	NS Jakubovics	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Colston
11 SW Giddins	0 1	B Morris	C Byott	0 1	J Burke
12 RW O'Brien	$\frac{1}{2}$	I Cary	N Jenkinson	1 0	C Mackenzie
13 EJ Whipp	1 0	J Cook	JJ Hastings	0 1	BJ Benjamin
14 PS Milner-Barry	1 0	RJ Arnot	HAI Searle	1 0	D Field
15 D Taylor	1 0	C Majer	ST Ansell	0 1	AO Alabi
16 CI Howell	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Weston	GP Alcock	0 1	SD Choudhry
17 JD Wager	1 0	B Judkins	DK Sayers	0 1	JR Macdonald
18 MA Adkins	1 0	JG Jones	P Ball	1 0	J McVicar
19 NR Oliver	1 0	S Charles	E King	0 1	CICH Wallace
20 M Sampson (Charlton H)	1 0	R Clark	T Smith (Cowley)	0 1	JCH Nyman
	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		8	13

<u>Sussex*</u>		3.10.87	<u>Essex*</u>		<u>Berks*</u>		3.10.87	<u>Cambs*</u>	
1	G Kenworthy (W)	0	1	AD Martin	ID Thompson (W)	1+	=0	WR Hartston	
2	FJ Kwiatkowski	0	1	K Bowden	RM Webb	1	0	DJ Watts	
3	JC Henshaw	* $\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Coleman	PJ Sharp	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AD Harley	
4	BJ Denman	1	0	D Sands	MV Taylor	1	0	GK Burgess	
5	GH James	1	0	M Fleury	JA Freeman	$\frac{1}{2}+$	= $\frac{1}{2}$	SD Smith	
6	JIP Simpole	0	1	ES Lee	SC James	1	0	HK Tsang	
7	SJ Newman	0	1	MS Twyble	C Bracken	0	1	CR Varrone	
8	RV Elliston	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Ellames	SAM Foister	0	1	PAN Webster	
9	DB Graham	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	GJ Moore	PI Thompson	0	1	SA Steel	
10	SON Hawes	1	0	IBN Smith	DS Tucker	0	1	TJ Buckley	
11	MD Nicholas	1	0	JH Hodgson	J Fowler	1	0	ST Leadbetter	
12	G Rivers	1	0	SW Ruthen	L Davis	1	0	TM Mortimer	
13	A Hall	0	1	B Kemish	KG Hyde	0	1	SA Brown	
14	APR Lewis	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	JC Moore	PR Masters	0	1	MJ Likeman	
15	IG Kelly	0	1	C Ramage	T Healey	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	CJ Doran	
16	J Graham	0	1	GF Yates	MF Redmond	1	0	GM Willard	
17	RW Nicholas	1	0	RJ Nixon	A Buckland	1	0	RA Stansfield	
18	LJ Cannon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Millward	AP Race	1	0	AM Franklin	
19	MR Stott	0	1	JR Cooke	CT Callow	1	0	def	
20	PR Selby	1	0	NH Twitchell	GT Fergusson	1	0	def	
(Hassocks)		$9\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$		(Earley)	$12\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$		

*Sussex have appealed.

<u>Middx*</u>		17.10.87	<u>Bucks*</u>		<u>Essex*</u>		17.10.87	<u>Berks</u>	
1	RG Wade (W)	1	0	A Robbings	AP Lewis (W)	0	1	ID Thompson	
2	G Wall	0	1	CA Frostick	ES Lee	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RM Webb	
3	J Cavendish	$\frac{1}{2}+$	= $\frac{1}{2}$	G Moore	JA Goldberg	1	0	def	
4	JS Walton	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RCS Newton	D Sands	0	1	PJ Sharp	
5	S Rodericks	0	1	RDW Marsh	R Ellames	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JA Freeman	
6	JT Ward	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Abayasekera	GJ Moore	1	0	MV Taylor	
7	F Rayner	1	0	PL Hackman	JP Manley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MA Johnstone	
8	J Quinn	1	0	RD de Coverly	SW Ruthen	1	a 0	SAM Foister	
9	KI Norman	1	0	K Beedle	IBN Smith	1	0	C Bracken	
10	R McMichael	1	0	C Purdon	SM Kalinsky	$\frac{1}{2}$	a $\frac{1}{2}$	PI Thompson	
11	T Kett	$\frac{1}{2}=$	+ $\frac{1}{2}$	EN Bramley	TD Whitton	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Fowler	
12	N von Schlippe	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	H Frostick	IJ Myall	1	0	def	
13	DP Lynch	0	1	EK Tweeddale	A Tredinnick	0	1	R Bhudy	
14	S Spivack	1	0	J Alster	GF Yates	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	KG Hyde	
15	M Josse	0	1	R Fox	RJ Nixon	1	a 0	AP Race	
16	DA Farndon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Dunlop	CF Dorn	0	1	AW Hooper	
17	J Burke	1	0	JE Beedle	D Mehta	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Sapioca (so)	
18	C Mackenzie	1	0	AJ Cox	I Hunnable	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RM Dickson	
19	JR Macdonald	0	1	BP Church	JR Cooke	1	0	GT Fergusson	
JCH Nyman	0	1	RP Ginger	D Harvey	1	0	NL Pilkington		
(Highbury Fields)		11	9		(Wanstead H)	12	8		

<u>Cambs*</u>		15(?) .10.87	<u>Kent</u>		<u>Herts*</u>		17.10.87	<u>Oxon</u>	
1	WR Hartston (W)	1	0	def	SJB Knott (B)	1	0	*S E'brook-Smith	
2	U Ekenberg	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Eales	NH Brabury	0	1	ND Crabb	
3	DJ Watts	1	0	def	PV Byway	1	0	RJ Starkie	
4	AD Harley	1	0	R Granat	S Swanson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AD Wallace	
5	SD Singh	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Trangmar	HW Murphy	1	0	MJ Kimber	
6	GK Burgess	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JN Sugden	AM Simpson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	LR Millin	
7	JP Sharp	1	0	def	PAJ Brown	1	0	NJ Hepworth	
8	RC Cannings	1	0	def	JF Rudge	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	N Davies	
9	MH Thornton	1	0	G Botley	PG Maguire	1	0	N Jenkinson	
10	ED Stewart	1	0	def	JDH Sachs	1	0	J Hastings	
11	KW Saints	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IM Pountney	GA Hollis	1	0	J Stayt	
12	GF Thompson	1	0	def	JR Denton	0	1	HAI Searle	
13	DG Craggs	1	0	PS Milner-Barry	TA Sinkinson	1	0	P Ball	
14	CR Varrone	1	0	DC Taylor	S Law	1	0	G Alcock	
15	PAN Webster	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JS Williams	I Cary	1	0	S Ansell	
16	HK Tsang	0	1	MA Adkins	J Cook	0	1	DK Sayers	
17	RA Lamb	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	NR Oliver	P Weston	1	0	E King	
18	TJ Buckley	1	0	D Morris	CE Majer	1	0	C O'Shea	
19	SA Steel	0	1	MJ Pitt	RJ Arnot	1	0	D Metcalfe	
20	RD Griffiths	0	1	RCA Lee-Pentecost	PER Badger	1	0	DAS Buckland	
(Cambridge)		14	6		(Hitchin)	$15\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$		

*Easterbrook-Smith.

<u>Kent</u> 7.11.87			<u>Essex*</u>			<u>Oxon</u> 7.11.87			<u>Cambs*</u>		
1	JJ Ady (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AD Martin			F van Hasselt	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	WR Hartston (B)			
2	NF Dickenson	0 1	NL Carr			S E'brook Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DDA Lawson			
3	N McDonald	a	AP Lewis			ND Crabb	1 0	U Ekenberg			
4	RG Eales	1 0	JA Goldberg			RJ Starkie	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Watts			
5	IR Watson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Fleury			G Gavrosnski	a	AD Harley			
6	KJ Wicker	1 0	JP Manley			N Wallace	0 1	SD Singh			
7	JN Sugden	1 0	SW Ruthen			MJ Kimber	0 1	GK Burgess			
8	RMR O'Kelly	0 1	IBN Smith			AR Baker	1 0	JP Sharp			
9	LM Pickett	0 1	JH Hodgson			LR Millin	0 1	MH Thornton			
10	JE Scholes	1 0	B Kemish			NJ Hepworth	0 1	KW Saints			
11	MP Smith	0 1	P Hasson			G Chapman	0 1	A de Alwis			
12	JA Johnson	a	IJ Myall			N Davies	0 1	DG Craggs			
13	G Botley	0 1	CR Ramage			D Godfrey	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CR Varrone			
14	MP Cook	1 0	GF Yates			R Tomlinson	1 0	PAN Webster			
15	SW Giddins	a	RJ Nixon			N Jenkinson	0 1	GF Thompson			
16	PS Milner-Barry	0 1	J Rogers			HJ Searle	0 1	HK Tsang			
17	IM Pountney	0 1	CF Dorn			JJ Hastings	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Arundale			
18	M Adkins	1 0	ME Bird			GP Alcock	0 1	SA Steel			
19	JD Wager	1 0	DJ Millward			P Ball	0 1	ST Leadbetter			
20	JS Williams	1 0	JJ Boden			S Ansell	0 1	J McKee			
	(Charlton H)	(9 8)				(Cowley)	(5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 13 $\frac{1}{2}$)				

<u>Berks</u> 7.11.87			<u>Sussex*</u>			<u>Bucks*</u> 7.11.87			<u>Herts*</u>		
1	ID Thompson (W)	1 0	def			A Robbings (B)	0 1	N Bradbury			
2	RM Webb	0 1	BJ Denman			C Frostick	0 1	P Byway			
3	PJ Sharp	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Newman			G Moore	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Swanson			
4	MV Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JIP Simpole			G Abayasekera	1 0	H Murphy			
5	C Bracken	0 1	DB Graham			RDW Marsh	0 1	P Brown			
6	R Bhudi	0 1	MD Nicholas			GM Boyce	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PG Maguire			
7	SAM Foister	0 1	SON Hawes			P Hackman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Sachs			
8	PI Thompson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Rivers			SP Finn	0 1	JF Rudge			
9	DS Tucker	+ =	P Watson			K Beedle	0 1	J Foulger			
10	CT Callow	0 1	IG Kelly			D Smith	1 0	J Denton			
11	DM Norman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Hall			EN Bramley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Sinkinson			
12	J Fowler	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	KS Reed			H Frostick	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Law			
13	L Davis	0 1	PS New			A Dunlop	0 1	M Cohen			
14	KG Hyde	1 0	J Graham			J Alster	1 0	ID Cary			
15	ACP Milnes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JP Munday			M Egby	1 0	B Morris			
16	MF Redmond	1 0	APR Lewis			BW Atkinson	0 1	P Weston			
17	AP Race	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RW Nicholas			J Beedle	0 1	C Majer			
18	GN Crockhart	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PR Selby			P Lawryshyn	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Arnot			
19	GT Fergusson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MR Stott			S Scopes	0 1	J Cook			
20	PAF Watkins	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	LJ Cannon			D Woods	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Dyer			
	(Earley)	(8 11)				(Hazlemere)	(7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 $\frac{1}{2}$)				

MONTAGUE-JONES

<u>Surrey I*</u> 14.11.87			<u>Middx II</u>		
1	PJ Sullivan (W)	0 1	F Rayner		
2	DB Rosen	0 1	S Elliot		
3	def	0 1	GN Abbey		
4	def	0 1	Roy Brown		
5	SG Walker	1 0	MJ Cresswell		
6	KFI Inwood	0 1	MA Barkwill		
7	def	0 1	T Donnelly		
8	RJ Stockwell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Cromwell		
9	RJ Carthy	0 1	CICH Wallace		
10	def	0 1	MPF Johnson		
11	CJ McSheehy	1 0	M Broad		
12	PJ Roche	1 0	A Bowles		
13	PJJP Gibbons	1 0	DJT Griggs		
14	BA Barlow	1 0	AG Bynnersley		
15	RA Allicock	1 0	C Torrero		
16	CPL Parker	1 0	SJ Henderson		
17	EJ Brodie	1 0	D Gunter		
18	JJ Skielnik	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Grant-Ross		
19	FC Manning	1 0	S Myatt		
20	E Weimann	1 0	G Fouchet		
	(Sutton)	11 9			

AMBOYNA/EBONY

<u>Middx III*</u>		10.10.87	<u>Middx IV*</u>		<u>Kent III</u>	30(?).10.87	<u>Surrey II*</u>	
1	KR Barnes (B)	0 a 1	D Mackle	P Lucas (B)	1	0	def	
2	SD Arnold	1 0	G Simpson	L Wooldridge	1	0	P Barnard	
3	C Duncan	1 0	AM Dunn	M Reddie	1	0	FC Manning	
4	NE Foster	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Roy Brown	R Kingdon	0	1	J Hawson	
5	P Cawte	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Lyons	HT Jones	1	0	R Kearsley	
6	AI Wheatley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Tasker	P Childs	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Wilsoncroft	
7	AO Alabi	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Houghton	B Westover	0	1	RJ Wilcox	
8	DP McGovern	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Cresswell	def	0	0	def	
9	J McVicar	* $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	KP Jackson	I Hames	1	0	D Brock	
10	B Stuart	1 0	D Nicholson	R McCory	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Rusha	
11	JR Macdonald	1 a 0	I Graham	M Croft	1	0	P Shaw	
12	NP Leeson-Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Eva	N Cannadine	0	1	E Weimann	
13	JVA Franks	1 0	D Greene	(Ashford)	15	4		
14	MA Barkwill	1 0	M Gesthuysen					
15	MR Crewdson	1 0	AG Bynnersley					
16	def	0 1	D Griggs					
17	MD Baker	0 a 1	M Brannigan					
18	TN Burrell	1 0	D Merryweather					
19	JCH Nyman	1 0	SJ Henderson					
20	AM Bowles	$\frac{1}{2}$ a $\frac{1}{2}$	R Thompson					
(Highbury Fields)		13 7						

Boards 13-20 were defaulted (in advance) by Surrey.

Pre-season friendly:

<u>Middx III*</u>		31.10.87	<u>Sussex II</u>		<u>Hants II</u>		26.9.87	<u>Sussex II*</u>	
1	KR Barnes (W)	1 0	J Graham	E Holland (W)	1	0	MR Stott		
2	SD Arnold	1 0	A Hall	PL Marshall	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Hall		
3	J Llewellyn	1 0	MR Stott	LC Walters	1	0	RTF Williams		
4	AO Alabi	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PR Selby	MC Hagan	0	1	A Cooper		
5	def	0 1	P Watson	MR Baker	1	0	RD Hirsch		
6	DP McGovern	0 a 1	A Cooper	J Monk	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	LKG Eastoe		
7	B Stuart	1 0	RD Hirsch	D Thompson	0	1	RH Saunders		
8	J Grundy	1 0	C Arthur	D Culliford	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RD Hollands		
9	JR Macdonald	1 0	MV Penston	AD Smith	0	1	PH Benson		
10	NP Leeson-Smith	1 0	PH Benson	F Kelly	0	1	D Elliott		
11	MR Crewdson	1 0	MR Hickman	PJ Hebblethwaite	0	1	D Oates		
12	TN Burrell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Oates	CW Laxton	0	1	J Richmond		
13	C Shuttleworth	0 1	S Furby	SD Le Fevre	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Curtis		
14	def	0 1	D Elliott	J Steward	1	0	R Sherlock		
15	DJ Lawrence	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CE Boyes	H Golding	1	0	CE Boyes		
16	CICH Wallace	1 0	RH Saunders	RM Prince	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Coulson		
17	JCH Nyman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Huston	(Southsea)	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$			
18	AM Bowles	0 1	TJ Woods						
19	DG Wayte	0 1	R Sherlock						
20	P Pickering	1 0	MR Amor						
(Highbury)		12 3							

HOW TO RUN THE COUNTY MATCHES!
(episode 2)

The story so far: Haddrell recommends promotion and relegation.

I've not changed my mind yet. GT Fergusson argues on another page that all counties pay their levy and are equally entitled to play in the County Championship. He's right. Equally. But I have not suggested that Middx should be immune to relegation! Of course Middx are "too" strong; but that's the way the world is. Mr Fergusson's counter-suggestion (split the larger counties up, and amalgamate the dwarfs) makes sense but has, I think, less chance of being accepted. (You can't impose a thing like that. I would favour counties doing it at their own discretion; and effectively, if not officially, at least one of the SCCU big boys has been known to do it at third-division level. I don't see them doing it in the Championship.)

I am conscious that I skated over one problem last time: that of sorting out nominations for the BCF stage, when our first and second and third teams are all jumbled up. I said that play-offs would be an easy solution. It would; but it wants a closer look than that.

I am going to assume, for argument's sake, that third teams will be eligible for nomination in the Second Teams competition (or, for that matter, in the County Championship) if they do well enough in a high enough division. This seems only fair. I am also going to assume that no team may be nominated for more than one competition, and I will come back to this later.

For purposes of qualification, I shall treat the various divisions as a continuous array, with the top team in division 2 coming immediately below the bottom team in division 1. I was tempted, originally, to leave it at that and say, "Top two eligible teams qualify". But this would mean that a single second team in division 1 qualifies automatically; which is unfair because they are in that division by virtue of their results in the previous season. The same applies, of course, if there are just two second teams in division 1; with the added disadvantage that there would be no competition whatever for the two nominations. So: -

Rule number one:

Take the top three eligible teams. It is from these three that the two nominees will be selected. Not more than one play-off match will be needed. (Three teams is a handy number, and probably enough to take care of the automatic-qualification-on-previous-season problem. Four would be workable, but perhaps too much of a good thing.)

Rule number two:

- (a) If the 3 teams so selected are all in the same division, nominate the top two.
- (b) If they are in two different divisions, then two of them must have played in the same division and the higher-placed of these has already "proved" its superiority over the lower. The play-off, therefore, will match the lower of these two against the team from the other division. This applies whether the "other" division is a higher or a lower one.
This rule is obviously fair if the "other" division is a lower one; and equally it is fair if the "other" team is the bottom one in the next higher division. (It may have had a perfectly lousy season and be extremely weak.) If the "other" team has finished well up in a higher division, there may be an appearance of unfairness. But if it's as strong as all that it won't have any trouble winning its play-off, will it? And the real point is that until it has done so it will not have proved its superiority.
- (c) If they are in three different divisions(!), nominate the top two. Or, if you prefer, have a play-off between the bottom two. I'm easy, especially as it's unlikely ever to happen.

We are required by the BCF to place our nominees in order (that is, they will want to know who was first and who second). There are cases in 2(b) where the answer will not be obvious, but an arbitrary rule will do. I'm easy again.

You will notice that I have dropped my suggestion, made last time, that a team playing below its "proper" division should not be eligible for nomination. It wasn't necessary, and it spoiled the symmetry. (So, of course, does the rule that third teams can be nominated for the Championship but first teams can't be nominated for the Third Teams. There are more important things than symmetry.)

I must come back, as promised, to the rule that no team can be nominated in more than one competition. (I fancy the BCF might insist on this rule!) It would be quite possible for a team to reach the top three in two (or more) competitions, and you've got to thin them out at some point. You could either require them to choose at the outset - that is, before they take part in any possible play-offs - or, alternatively, allow them to try their hand in the play-offs and force them to choose only if and when they actually qualify for more than one nomination. The second course seems fairer. If they drop out, at either point, then that would leave the way clear for the other two teams to go forward. (No point in bringing in a fourth, just for the sake of having a play-off!)

RJH

CONGRESS DIARY

parse again. If you want a comprehensive diary, prod organisers into sending their leaflets!

- Nov 29 PIN GREEN QP at Stevenage. Open; U160; U125. Entry fee £6, first prizes £50. D Stapleton, 2a Icknield Way, Baldock, Herts SG7 5DE (0462 894456)
- Dec 13 CITY CHESS QP N5. G Goodwin, 5 Carlisle Rd N4 4NA
- 19-20 BATSFORD/TCS LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Sir William Collins School NW1. U10 both days, U8 19th. All players must qualify. Peter Morrish, 3 Elmside, 55 Stoneyfields Lane, Edgware, Middx HA8 9SG 01 959 1758
- 29-31 BATSFORD/TCS LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS U21/18/16/14/12 at St Benedicts School W5. U12s must qualify. U12 entries to Peter Morrish as above, others to LJCC, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar EN6 3HA
- 29-14 FOREIGN AND COLONIAL 63rd HASTINGS CONGRESS. Numerous events over 3, 4, 5 days or longer. C Power, 418 Harold Rd, Hastings, E Sussex TN35 5HG (0424 431970). Expected line-up for the Premier is Larsen, J Benjamin, Smyslov/Psakhis, Short, Speelman, Nunn, Chandler, N Davies.

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Stop PressBCF MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING 21.11.87

Stop press, because we had forgotten there was a meeting until Eric Croker rang ten minutes ago (22.11). In fact if the Bulletin production team had not had a hiccup this afternoon, the thing would have been already stapled and enveloped and you'd not have read this. As it is we also have an opportunity to apologise for putting the page number in the wrong corner.

The MB spent some time on matters relating to RD Keene's resignation and his projected English Chess Association. The Bulletin is not sure what this latter is, or even whether it's got the name right. Other items of interest:

- (1) Grading. There was, of course, much disquiet and some feeling that the whole thing had been badly mishandled. The Federation is considering the purchase of some kind of IBM clone, and expenditure in excess of £4000 was talked about. On the 1987 front, things are slightly better than we thought: there has been a preliminary run of the new grading lists, and if it passes muster the published lists could be out fairly early in December. Computer gurus up and down the country have been offering help with future development.
- (2) Levy numbers. Essex (and Beds) have applied for reductions. The MB rejected their applications. This was, apparently, to clear the way for them to go to the appeals committee!
- (3) Calendar of events. The one that went out with the new Year Book has come in for much criticism, and an improved version is to be prepared.
- (4) National Club grading limits have been increased since last year. (Must confess we hadn't noticed.) Some clubs have been squeezed out, and the limits will be reconsidered for next season.
- (5) National Club Quick-play has been abandoned for lack of entries at all levels.
- (6) Counties Quick-play is going ahead. No idea who, if anyone, has entered from the SCCU.