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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to MIDDLESEX on regaining the Counties Championship after one year. And on the Junior front to MIDDLESEX again, for their National Under 18 Team Championship; and to OXON for their Under 18 Minor Championship.

On an unhappier note, Middlesex II have done us no credit this year. Accidents happen in the best of circles, but 26 game defaults in 6 matches, including 8 in two matches of the BCF stage, looks like carelessness. It was unfortunate, also, to see Kent II pull out of a quarter-final match. Some other Unions seem to have been no less accident-prone, but that's hardly an excuse.

It has not been a happy year on the home front either, so far as county matches are concerned, but I have no useful comment to make.

ORDERS

Your Bulletin sub expires with this issue, unless you're the man who's just paid for next year. There is a renewal form somewhere in the envelope. I know I say this every year, but fill it in and return it at once if you want to renew. You will forget if you put it off. County Secretaries and members of the Executive get a free copy, unless they choose to pay. Other county officers receiving free copies do so because their counties have subscribed on their behalf. They should remind their secretary/treasurer they think it prudent.

There is also an order form for Grading Lists. Afraid it has to go to a different address. Don't attempt to combine Grading List and Bulletin orders, it makes extra work at our end and could result in part of your order getting overlooked.

SCCU ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The AGM was held on Saturday 1st July 1989 at the Hotel Ibis behind Euston Station. (Ventilation was good; we hope this error will be avoided next year.) All counties were represented except Cambs and - for the second year running - Essex. It was a rather tame meeting by recent standards. Main points:

(1) Money. The freshly audited accounts were adopted. Surplus for the year had got edited down to £8, for reasons which your Editor noted but hasn't the energy to look up. The County Levy (SCCU bit) is to remain unchanged at £8 per point; SCCU Grading List goes up to £3.40, but more details inside front cover; and the Bulletin sub stays at £3.

(2) Grading. Martin Cath said that some congresses had been less than co-operative in providing results for grading. ("Oh, that was weeks ago. I'm not going looking for the pairing cards now.") He had suggested to the BCF that such congresses should be excluded from the Leigh circuit next year. Identify them, said some. The Grading List contains a list of congresses graded, but unfortunately it adds that the list may not be complete "because the results of some events are combined by local graders". That seems unlikely to happen with a major congress. Note: we said in Issue 185 that Leigh GP points could not be scored in a congress which wasn't graded. We had it on good authority, but it seems not to be true. The only way of finding out for sure would be to look at the Leigh rules, and we're not falling for that one.

(3) County Matches (Union Stage). The President outlined the difficulties experienced with adjudications this year. The new County Match Controller seemed not always to have acted with due promptness, and his resignation had been accepted some two months ago. The thirty-something missing adjudications were reported to have been very recently sent to the BCF Adjudication Secretary. Fred Manning, who has undertaken to sort out the mess and had been chasing the positions for two or three weeks, had just received copies of them. He said he would check that the BCF had them too. There may still be a question mark over two or three missing appeals. (Note: some of the results are now in: see page 4.)

Promotions and relegations for next season were confirmed. Surrey I and Kent III are promoted to divisions 1 and 2 respectively; Berks and Oxon are relegated to division 2. (Division 3 luckily gets two new teams: Kent IV and Middx III.)

There was a Middx proposal on the table to prohibit venues where smoking was not allowed at the board. After some wrangling about whether this had been proposed as a

rule change or not (No - Chairman), and some more wrangling about whether the wording was self-contradictory, the motion was amended to delete the confusing bit and then defeated by something like 14 votes to 7.

A Kent delegate said his County would favour reducing the number of boards to 16 below the first division. This would "make it easier to find match captains". (Or alternatively, we suppose, reduce the number of defaults.) Someone who knew said that the recent NCCU decision to go to 12 boards was being reconsidered.

The BCF Director for Home Chess and Services, who was present in another capacity, said he intended to suggest quick-play finishes "to the Unions". (That's what our notes say. We think he was talking about Union-stage matches.)

(4) County Matches (BCF Stage). The Director for Womens Chess had come up with a remarkable plan for promoting women's play. In all BCF-Stage matches there would be one extra, 17th, board reserved for women; the result to count only if the top 16 games went 8-8. The absurdity of this plan, not to mention its demeaning view of women, was more apparent to the SCCU AGM than it had been to the Director for Womens Chess. Apparently the BCF intends to put the proposal to the Counties. (At a later stage the one women's board would turn into two, counting normally.)

(5) Junior Chess. It was reported that Lloyds Bank were pulling out of the BCF Junior Squad/SCCU Junior Championships. Their financial support has been considerable.

(6) Election of Officers. No palace revolutions. Eric Croker stood down after two years in the job, remarking that it had been no sinecure lately. He is succeeded by the Executive's nominee, George Parker. And two major problems were solved. The Secretaryship, which has been looking for a home for months, found one when Chris Majer of Herts volunteered at the Meeting. He is a County Secretary so must have had some idea of what he was letting himself in for. And the ever-present Fred Manning volunteered to take over as County Match Controller. The office of Fixture Secretary had also fallen vacant, and yet another volunteer came forward in the shape of Chris Howell of Kent (who almost instantly discovered that there's no official procedure for entering a team in the leagues. The Fixture Secretary just keeps telephoning people until he strikes lucky.) Names and addresses of all Officers and County Delegates are inside the front cover.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive always meets briefly after the AGM, for routine business. It did this time, and made a few appointments:

BCF Management Board Delegates: The President and Treasurer. Rules and Appeals Sub-Committee: The President and Deputy President (only there isn't one at the moment) and County Match Controller; plus RCN Lee-Anderson and CE Majer. 6th member of SCCU Management Board: RJ Haddrell

It also agreed to allocate a small sum of money to the U180 KO due to be played, as a jamboree this year, on the 22nd July at Haywards Heath.

The Executive next meets on Friday 8th September.

OBITUARY: RA WAGSTAFF

Ian Hunnable writes:

Roy Wagstaff died suddenly on the 8th June. Co-founder of the Wanstead and Woodford Club in 1943, he held all the offices of the club at one time or another, and in the early years several at once. Indeed, he died holding two posts, not only President but also captain of the London League 1st team. His eight Club Championships is a record that will stand for a long time yet. In the 1950s and early 60s he also had connections with Ilford, captaining the side that won the London League and National Club Championship. He won the Championship of the Insurance Chess Club on at least one occasion, serving for many years on their committee and being for a time match captain and, more recently, Chairman.

At County level, Roy was General Secretary of the Essex Chess Association in the early 60s and President from 1970 to 1979. He was made a Life Member of the Association on his retirement from the Presidency.

Roy's abiding interest was the encouragement of young players and he coached many youngsters to County and BCF Junior titles. He had a great love of literature, particularly the works of Shakespeare. The Sherlock Holmes stories, and anything Holmesian, was another of his passions, typified by the adoption of the appropriate headgear - the Wagstaff deerstalker was a familiar sight at chess venues up and down the country.

The Wanstead & Woodford Chess Club stands as Roy's life work and we shall miss him greatly, but so will many others.

ROUND THE COUNTIES

HERTS Leagues 1988-9: Div 1 Hilltop I 21/24; Div 2 20/24; Div 3 Stevenage I 16/20; Div 4 Stevenage II 14/24 (really: the bottom team got 10, and was only 5½ game points behind the winners, and we wonder they could bear to relegate anyone); Div 5 Hemel Hempstead II 18/20; Div 6 Hoddesdon III 21/24; Div 7 Letchworth IV 19/20.

KENT: Thanet results 1988-9. League was won by Herne Bay, for the 13th time in 18 years. League Jamboree Margate. 10-second Individual BJ Westover, Team Margate.

MIDDX Leagues 1988-9: Div 1 Kings Head I 12/14; Div 2 West London I 12/14; Div 3 Metropolitan I 11½/14; Div 4 Finchley 3/3; Div 5 Kings Head V 11/14. Eight teams per division, except Div 4 (9). L*nd*n C*nt*r*1 scored -3 match points in Div 4.

Insurance CC Champion is JT Ward; inter-office champions (league and KO) Bacon & Woodrow.

LEIGH NATIONAL CLUB finals, played in Derby on the 25th June 1989:

Open Wood Green 4 2 Kings Head; Plate Streatham & Brixton 5½ ½ Hackney A
Major Oldham 4 1 Slough; Plate Streatham & Brixton 3 2 Rose Forgrove
Intermediate Oxford Univ 3 2 Southend; Plate Cambridge Univ 3 2 Hastings & St Leonards
Minor Calderdale 3½ 1½ Hackney; Plate Musketeers 3½ 1½ Prescott & Notty Ash
 Leigh Interests are to continue their sponsorship next year.

4th KINGS HEAD LONDON OPEN 10-11 July 1989

Open (74 pl) 1-2 S Cullip (Rushden), J Levitt (Finchley) 4½/5; 3 CW Pritchett 4½, don't know how split; 4-10 JG Cooper, A Dunnington, PG Large, N McDonald, LJ McLaren, RJ McMichael (Ks Head), PK Wells 4... Grading 200-209 S Cullip; 190-199 DC Osborne (Greindal) 3; 180-189 RJ McMichael; 170-179 P Moulton (Ks Head) 3; U170 NW Savage (Chiswick) 3½. Junior S Cullip

Under 160 (92 pl) 1-2 A Brocklehurst (Pin Green), RJ Kearsley (Wimbledon) 4½/5; 3 P Watson (Leeds Univ) 4½; 4-8 C Costello, RR Goodfellow (Tunbridge Wells), D Okike, RJ Peck, JA Spiegel 4... Grading 140-149 RR Goodfellow; 130-139 H Grist (Southend); U130 P Lucas (Ks Head). Junior K Hoare (London Central) 3½

Under 125 (74 pl) 1 RR Harper (Willesden) 5/5; 2-3 M Huba (Ks Head), VB Lewis (Chorlton) 4½; 4-8 DC Andreou (East Ham), S Ansell, DMW Gunter, MFC Joslin, D Ryan 4... Grading 105-114 BC Steele (Hayes) 3½; 95-104 ME Cooper (Burnham on Sea) 2½; U95 DC Andreou. Junior MR Taylor (Dulwich College Prep School) 3½

Special prizes (judged by GM Jon Speelman of the Kings Head club): Best Combination MC Forster (Ks Head); Best Combination by Junior H Stafford (Uppingham); Best Hack (not sure what this means, but it's further down the page) NW Savage.

Regret some clubs missing, they weren't there. Kings Head have a way all their own of presenting results, and we've read between the lines a bit. Can't be sure we've done it right, really. They give scores, and clubs, for all prizewinners. They also give a separate list, names only, of all players on 4 points or more. Our (clubless) non-prizewinners on "4" points have been extracted from this list. Some of them may have got 4½. We have assumed not, since they didn't get a share of third prize, but it ain't necessarily so. If this confuses you, send SAE to WA Suttill (sorry Tony!).

NATWEST BRITISH SPEED CHAMPIONSHIPS at Leeds 1-2 July 1989

1 JDM Nunn 9½/11; 2 PK Wells 9; 3-4 H Adams, I Sokolov 8½; 5-11 A Kosten, J Hodgson, J Howell, C McNab, P Motwani, M Pein, W Hartston 8... A computer, Fidelity Mach IV, was among those on 7½. Its tournament rating was 2555.

"Best Hack" from the 4th Kings Head Open

White D Mayers (Hampstead: 174), Black NW Savage (Chiswick: 169)

1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5 (the Falkbeer Countergambit variation of the Kings Gambit) 3 exd5 c6 4 Qe2 (This move is unknown to Batsford Chess Openings, and probably to other reputable opening manuals! 4 Nc3 is recommended.) 4...e4 5 Qxe4+ Be7 6 dxc6 Nxc6 7 Bb5 Nf6 8 Bxc6+ bxc6 9 Qxc6+ Bd7 10 Qf3 0-0 11 Qd1 (The position now presents an amusing contrast of matter and energy) 11...Re8 12 Nf3 Bc5+ 13 Kf1 Bb5+ 14 d3 Ng4 15 Nc3 Nf2 16 Qd2 Ba6 17 Na4 Be3 18 Qc3 Rc8 19 Qa3 Nhxh1 20 Bxe3 Rxe3 21 Nc5 Rxf3+! 22 gxf3 Qd4 23 Ne4 Rxc2 24 Qxa6 Qe3! 25 d4 Qxf3+ 26 Ke1 Qxe4+ 27 Kf1 Qg2+ 28 Ke1 Qd2+ 29 Kf1 Qf2 mate. White's provocative play was brutally punished. Jon Speelman was tempted to award White a special prize for his bravado!

From the Natwest British Speed Championships:

White I Sokolov, Black JDM Nunn

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2 e5 7 Be3 h6 8 0-0 Ng4 9 Bc1 Nc6
10 d5 Ne7 11 Nd2 f5 12 Bxg4 fxg4 13 b4 b6 14 a4 g5 15 a5 Bd7 16 c5 bxc5 17 bxc5 Ng6
18 Nc4 dxc5 19 Ba3 Rf7 20 Bxc5 Bf8 21 Bxf8 Qxf8 22 Ne3 h5 23 Qb3 h4 24 Qc4 Kh7 25 Rab1
Rc8 26 Rb7 Nf4 27 Rxa7 Qa3 28 Nb5 Qb2 29 Rb7 Qd2 30 d6 Be6 31 Qc2 Ne2+ 32 Kh1 Qxe3
33 Nxc7 h3 34 f4 hxg2+ 35 Kxg2 Qh3+ 0-1

COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES

The tables are still incomplete, but we're getting there. Eighteen results in, 21 to go. Not counting a couple of mislaid appeals, which may or may not have surfaced. Final positions are given where your Editor thinks they're certain. Two fresh ones since last time! The adjudicator is staging a grandstand finish for the SCCU first teams championship. Did we guess right when we made our nominations? Find out in the next thrilling instalment. Sussex could still come second, if Middx lose to Bucks. Failing that, it's anyone's bet whether Essex or Middx will be Champions. Look at the game points. Suppose it's just as well they both reached the Final.

CHAMPIONSHIP

	Br	Bu	C	E	H	K	M	O	Sx	GP	MP
9 Berks		9	5	8 ¹	Od	6+1	7 ¹	4 ¹	6	46 ¹ +1	0
7 Bucks	11		11 ¹	7+1	7	5	8 ¹ +2	7+2	7 ¹	64 ¹ +5	2/7
Cambs	15	8 ¹		6 ¹	-	13	9	15 ¹ +2	7 ¹ +1	75 +3	3
Essex	11 ¹	12+1	13 ¹		10+3	10 ¹	9	14	10 ¹	91 +4	6/7
Herts	20d	13	-	7+3		7	7	14 ¹	9	77 ¹ +3	3/7
4 Kent	13+1	15	7	9 ¹	12		9	15	13 ¹	94 +1	5
Middx	12 ¹	9 ¹ +2	11	11	13	11		18	4 ¹ +3	90 ¹ +5	6/7
8 Oxon	15 ¹	11+2	2 ¹ +2	6	5 ¹	5	2		5 ¹	53 +4	2
Sussex	14	12 ¹	11 ¹ +1	9 ¹	11	6 ¹	12 ¹ +3	14 ¹		92 +4	6

MONTAGUE-JONES

	Sy	K	M	Sy	K	M	GP	MP
1 Surrey I		12 ¹	15		12 ¹	10 ¹	50 ¹	4
2 Kent II	6 ¹		10*	7 ¹		18	42	2
3 Middx II	5	9		8 ¹	2		24 ¹	0

AMBOYNA/EBONY

	E	K	Sy	Sx	E	K	Sy	Sx	GP	MP
Essex II		8 ¹ +1	10	10*		8+5	6 ¹	12	55 +6	2 ¹ /5
1 Kent III	10 ¹ +1		12 ¹	12	7+5		12 ¹	13 ¹	68 +6	5 /5
Surrey II	10	7 ¹		12 ¹	13 ¹	7 ¹		9 ¹	60 ¹	2 ¹
4 Sussex II	9	8	7 ¹		8	6 ¹	10 ¹		49 ¹	1

* match won

The Championship match Herts-Cambs was declared void.

Adjudications received from BCF Adjudications Secretary 11th and 20th July:

C/ Kent 7 13 Cambs 15.10.88: 3 Ady 1 Harley; 6 Wood 0 Hessenbruch;
15 Smart 0 Arundale

/ Bucks 8¹ 9¹ Middx (+2) 15.10.88: 5 de Coverly ¹ Kumaran

/ Essex 10 7 Bucks (+1) 3.12.88: 11 Hodgson 1 Bramley; 12 Crabb 1 Alster
(both games conceded by Bucks)

/ Cambs 6¹ 13¹ Essex 18.2.89: 1 Mestel 0 Martin; 12 Baker ¹ Hodgson;
13 Arundale 0 Crabb; 18 Rajendra 0 Tredinnick

MJ/ Surrey I 15 5 Middx II 5.11.88: 6 Sedgwick 1 Mackenzie; 11 Inwood 1 Okike;
14 Sheehan ¹ Graham

/ Middx II 9 10 Kent II 14.1.89: 11 White 0 Brown

/ Kent II 18 2 Middx II 28.1.89: 4 Mackett 1 Vielhauer; 7 Brown ¹ Bowles

/ Surrey I 12¹ 7¹ Kent II 11.3.89: 5 Singleton 1 Barnes; 8 Stimpson 1 Wright

AE Nothing yet.

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES
(Results not attributed are from P Buswell)

CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Finals

<u>Warwicks</u>	3.6.89	<u>Essex*</u>	<u>Middx*</u>	3.6.89	<u>Yorks</u>
1 CW Baker (B)	0 1	AD Martin	AJ Whiteley (B)	0 1	G Botterill
2 P Brooks	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	K Bowden	K Shovel	0 1	B Eley
3 R Evans	0 1	NL Carr	G Wall	0 1	SC Brown
4 RS McFarland	0 1	AP Lewis	RG Wade	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PM Gayson
5 A Collinson	0 1	G Kenworthy	JT Ward	1 0	RVM Hall
6 J Nelson	1 0	M Twyble	F Rayner	1 0	PD Rooney
7 K Escott	0 1	JA Goldberg	NE Foster	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DM Denison
8 M Harris	1 0	JP Manley	RJ McMichael	1 0	R Van Kemenade
9 A Hynes	0 1	I Myall	KI Norman	1 0	D Firth
10 D Dicks	1 0	P Hasson	JS Walton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Slinger
11 A Baruch	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JH Hodgson	DP Lynch	1 0	SJ Mann
12 GN Stokes	0 1	ND Crabb	AN Raof	0 1	S Hodge
13 A Lloyd	0 1	R Ellames	S Spivack	1 0	A Butterworth
14 A Southall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GJ Moore	KR Barnes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M White
15 A Singh	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JC Moore	AO Alabi	0 1	AL Deighton
16 G Hill	0 1	IBN Smith	R Sagall	1 0	L Keely
(Bedford)	5 11		(Walsall)	9 7	

FINAL

<u>Essex</u>	24.6.89	<u>Middx*</u>
1 AD Martin 228 (W)	0 1	D Agnus 226
2 K Bowden 227	1 0	GD Lee 219
3 NL Carr 220	1 0	AJ Whiteley 214
4 AP Lewis 205	0 1	SH Berry 218
5 DJ Coleman 200	0 1	P Sowray 216
6 G Kenworthy 201	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	K Shovel 215
7 M Twyble 199	1 0	AP Law 203
8 JA Goldberg 185	0 1	K Vlahos 204
9 JP Manley 193	1 0	C Mackenzie 172 (r)
10 IJ Myall 189	0 1	DL Lee 211
11 J Rogers 187J	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JT Ward 198
12 P Hasson	1 0	D Kumaran 182J
13 JH Hodgson 193	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Yerbury 196
14 ND Crabb 187	0 1	NE Foster 193
15 RG Ellames 190	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RJ McMichael 189
16 GJ Moore 184	1 0	MC Forster 189
17 JC Moore 180	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Pearce 187
18 IBN Smith 184	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DP Lynch 185
19 AJ Tredinnick 172	0 1	S Spivack 184
20 SM Kalinsky 170	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AO Alabi 175
(Derby)	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	

MINOR COUNTIES

Semi Finals

<u>Sussex*</u>	3.6.89	<u>Dorset</u>	<u>L & SH</u>	3.6.89	<u>Oxon</u>
1 BJ Denman (W)	1 0	MJ Freeman	JDL Ball (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PK Wells
2 GH James	1 0	SCE Robinson	N Birtwistle	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Starkie
3 FJ Kwiatkowski	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Shutler	N Stead	1 0	AJ Toll
4 DB Graham	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Simons	D Georgiou	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Addiss
5 L Rutherford	1 0	AJ Domett	GI Ladds	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Jakubovics
6 SJ Newman	1 0	MR Charter	MJ Turner	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Hastings
7 G Rivers	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	IC Clark	I Macdonald	1 0	J Ansell
8 JIP Simpole	1 0	M F Waddington	JC Vangemeren	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Hepworth
9 SON Hawes	0 1	RM Pegg	KJ Palmer	1 0	G Alcock
10 MD Nicholas	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Pleasants	K Shutt	0 1	J Stayt
11 IG Kelly	1 0	MJ Roth	R Ward	0 1	C Evans
12 PG Farr	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DJ Aldridge	G Wollerton	0 1	LR Millin
13 J Graham	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JF Catchpole	HK Kok	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Bix
14 PR Selby	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	FC Kingdon	G Seeds	0 1	P Fallon
15 A Hall	0 1	TE Simms	T Adams	1 0	N Jenkinson
16 MR Stott	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JM Davies	F Bowers	1 0	HJ Searle
(Minstead Hants)	10 6		(Leicester)	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	

MINOR COUNTIES FINAL

	<u>L & SH</u>	24.6.89	<u>Sussex</u>
Lincolnshire &	1 JDL Ball (W)	1 1	BJ Denman
South Humberside.	2 N Birtwistle	0 1	GH James
Should be a rule	3 NP Stead	1 0	FJ Kwiatkowski
against counties	4 D Georgiou	0 1	DB Graham
amalgamating	5 MJ Turner	1 0	SJ Newman
with names like	6 I Macdonald	0 1	SON Hawes
that. And no,	7 JC van Gemeren	1 0	IG Kelly
we don't know	8 KJ Palmer	1 0	PG Farr
how to spell	9 K Shutt	1 0	P Watson
their board 7/8.	10 R Ward	1 1	PR Selby
	11 G Wollerton	0 1	J Graham
	12 HK Kok	1 1	A Hall
	13 G Seeds	0 1	MR Stott
	14 R Blake	1 0	LJ Cannon
	15 S Lewis	1 1	RD Hirsch
	16 T Adams	1 1	R Sherlock
	(Derby)	8 7	

SECOND TEAMSSemi Final

<u>Lancs II</u>	3.6.89	<u>Middx II*</u>
1 D Jarvis (B)	0 1	PS Cawte
2 M Peacock	0 1	C Mackenzie
3 N Smith	0 1	JD Llewellyn
4 K Hoadley	1 0	AI Wheatley
5 B Skuse	1 0	J Grundy
6 CV Murray	1 0	G Goodwill
7 S Foulkes	1 0	def
8 S Appleby	1 0	MA Barkwill
9 C Vassilou (so)	1 1	J McVicar
10 JD Lyth	1 0	V Nikitin
11 D Rothwell	1 0	M Crewdson
12 S Myles	1 0	J Black
13 A Clarkeson	1 1	D Molineux
14 J Tennant-Smith	1 0	def
15 M Williams	1 0	def
16 PM Taylor	1 0	def
(Walsall)	12 4	

Lancs went on to beat Warwicks on board count in the Final. There was a remarkable number of close finishes in the Finals this year.

THIRD TEAMSSemi FinalFINAL

<u>Gtr Manchester</u>	3.6.89	<u>Kent*</u>	<u>Kent*</u>	24.6.89	<u>Hotts</u>
1 P Garner (B)	1 0	F Percival	F Percival (B)	1 1	A Erridge
2 B Currie	1 1	GR Tidmarsh	GR Tidmarsh	1 0	D Wightman
3*A Beresford	0 1	D Hill	D Hill	1 1	I Nicholson
4 N Arnsby	1 0	MH Micklethwaite	MH Micklethwaite	0 1	L Sewell
5 R Jackson	0 1	MD Brougham	MD Brougham	0 1	A Robinson
6*J Kirkbride	0 1	CJG Wright	CJG Wright	1 0	M Kennedy
7 JA Robinson	0 1	A Ropek	A Ropek	0 1	J Vere
8 E Goodall	1 1	Z Mehmet	Z Mehmet	0 1	MV Taylor
9 J Alderton	1 0	PL Childs	PL Childs	1 0	P Erentz
10*S Wild	1 1	RT McCorry	RT McCorry	1 1	R Webster
11 A Jablonski	0 1	RC Shilling	RC Shilling	0 1	A Dean
12 J Dodd	0 1	BJ Westover	BJ Westover	0 1	C Martin
13 A Banks	0 1	HEJ Dobson	HEJ Dobson	1 0	J Hornagold
14 A Walton	0 1	S Jacobs	S Jacobs	1 0	M Hailard
15 B Fitzpatrick	0 1	SC Scott	SC Scott	1 1	C Cantrill
16 A Pauly	0 1	RF Pooley	RF Pooley	1 1	PD Rees
(Northampton)	4 11		(Derby)	7 8	

The three Greater Manchester players asterisked are the ones who were not juniors! According to the Kent match captain, ages went down to about eight.

and yet incredibly they did it. After two seasons of playing in the BCF Tournaments (five matches) I am convinced that there are anomalies in the gradings from different areas. Either the SCCU are 15-20 points too high, or the MCCU and NCCU are too low."

"Shucks!" - MR Croft (Kent m/c). He adds: "We outgraded them on every board; after 8 results we are leading 6-2, leaving us to score 2 1/2 from 8 games, and they need 6 1/2 (a tall order)

THE FLEMING TROPHY MATCH

	<u>Beds</u>	21.5.89		<u>Bucks*</u>
1	A Bryce (W)	½	½	N Davey
2	D Ledger	1	0	C Frostick
3	S Ledger	1	0	RD de Coverly
4	P Habershon	1	0	def
5	G Smith	1	0	C Bowley
6	P Roe	0	1	A Robbings
7	P Clarke	½	½	RCS Newton
8	R Shaw	0	1	J Beedle
9	J Newberry	1	0	M Egby
10	M Dunne	0	1	SG Peters
11	R Mahoney	0	1	EN Bramley
12	A Brown	0	1	D Smith
13	J Valerio	0	1	EK Tweeddale
14	P Thomas	1	0	I Edmundson
15	T Weir	1	0	H Frostick
16	S Matthews	1	0	def
17	R Goosey	0	1	DJ Turner
18	P Gill	½	½	N Johnson
19	C Hemmings	0	1	S Charles
20	K Williamson	1	0	D Webb
	(Luton)	10½	9½	

Our thanks to the counties who have sent results of the final BCF stages, even when they lost. After this season's spate of defaults the Controller, Paul Buswell, recommended to the BCF that counties defaulting matches in the BCF stage should be debarred from it in the following season. With immediate effect, we think he meant. The Director of Home Chess and Services said no, on the ground that the rules do not provide for it; but Mr Buswell has been asked to draft new rules which would provide for it, as well as for fines and financial compensation for individual game defaults. So far as the financial compensation is concerned, we hope it will be claimed and paid this year. Can't see any objection to fines, either. Not sure about the other bit. Defaulted matches can often be laid at the door of match captains who may not be there next year. Debarring the county is a bit harsh. On the other hand, it would concentrate the mind wonderfully.

SCCU UNDER 180 "KNOCK-OUT"

Hassocks 22.7.89

The U180 event looked like not happening this year, and when Douglas Opie came to the rescue there was no time for the normal KO. So, Jamboree. No doubt it will be a KC again next year.

<u>White</u>				<u>Black</u>		<u>White</u>		<u>Black</u>	
1	GR Tidmarsh (K)	1	0	APR Lewis (Sx)	M Stockwell (Sy)	½	½	H Tebbs (H)	
2	J Graham (Sx)	½	½	RJ Stockwell (Sy)	J Sachs (H)	1	0	JS Williams (K)	
3	MJ Reddie (K)	0	1	C Parker (Sy)	PR Selby (Sx)	½	½	D Drakeford (H)	
4	T Sinkinson (H)	½	½	A Hall (Sx)	KN Mehendale	1	0	D Hill (K)	
5	PM Shaw (Sy)	0	1	P Watson (Sx)	MH Micklethwaite	0	1	S Law (H)	
6	DB Scott (Sx)	1	0	RT McCorry (K)	B Morris (H)	1	0	FC Manning (Sy)	
7	BJ Westover (K)	0	1	R Almond (Sx)	EA Parker (Sy)	0	1	R Arnot (H)	
8	LKG Eastoe (Sx)	½	½	DA Baldock (Sy)	A Atkinson (H)	1	0	MR Croft (K)	
9	SC Scott (K)	1	0	Z Dzarbi (Sy)	RD Hirsch (Sx)	1	0	B Judkins (H)	
10	P Badger (H)	1	0	R Sherlock (Sx)	TJ Woods (Sy)	0	1	DJS Shipp (K)	

Team scores: 1 Herts 7½/10; 2 Sussex 6; 3 Surrey 3½; 4 Kent 3

JUNIOR NEWS

"TIMES" NATIONAL SCHOOLS KO: complete Inter-Zone results 1988-9, courtesy Mitchell Taylor. Average ages in brackets; the older team has to win by a number of points at least equal to the difference in years (ignoring fractions of a year). But maximum age handicap is 4 years, so 5-1 or better always wins. Board count and elimination are used for teams level on age. Winning team is named first.

Round 1 Bedford Modern (15.2) 4½ 1½ Plume School, Malden (13.11); Haberdashers Elstree (15.3) 3½ 2½ Watford Boys GS (15.9); City of London (14.8) 4 2 St Olaves "B" (13.0); Hymers College Hull (13.6) 3 3 Bradford GS (17.2); King Edwards Birmingham "A" (16.1) 4 2 Nottingham High School "A" (15.2); King Edward VI Southampton (16.2) 3½ 2½ RGS Guildford "A" (16.7); Cheltenham College (16.2) 4 2 Olchfa School Swansea (15.5); RGS Newcastle (14.4) 5 1 Holy Cross High School, "Scotland" (16.5)

Round 2 King Edward VI Camp Hill School Birmingham (15.8) 3½ 2½ K Edwards B'ham (16.2); Manchester Grammar (15.6) 4 2 Blue Coat Liverpool (16.11); St Pauls "A" (15.11) 6 0 City of London (14.8); Bedford Modern (15.3) 3½ 2½ Haberdashers (15.3); Truro School (15.1) 6 0 KESS Soton (16.3); Abingdon School (17.7) 4 2 Cheltenham College (16.2); RGS Newcastle (14.1) 3½ 2½ Hymers College (13.7); Antrim GS (17.1) 5 1 Deacons School Peterborough (16.7)

Round 3 Antrim GS (17.1) 4½ 1½ KESS Camp Hill (15.9); Manchester Grammar (15.7) 4 2 RGS Newcastle (14.7); Truro School (15.2) 3½ 2½ Abingdon School (17.7); St Pauls (16.0) 6 0 Bedford Modern (15.4)

Semi-finals Manchester Grammar (15.0) 3½ 2½ Truro School (15.4); St Pauls (16.2) 5½ 1½ Antrim GS (17.2)

Third Place Play-off Truro School (15.4) 4 2 Antrim GS (17.2)

Final St Pauls (16.2) 5 1 Manchester Grammar (15.0)

The Semi-finals and Final (and third place play-off) were held at the Charing Cross Hotel on the 6th and 7th July. This is the eighth time St Pauls have won the competition. Their team was Ali Mortazavi, James Cavendish, Dharshan Kumaran, Alex Selkirk, Caspar Bates and Daniel Aldridge; mean grade 182. Yes, well. Truro School's top board wasn't a Grandmaster at the time.

4th WORLD YOUTH CHESS FESTIVAL (we think that's someone's way of saying Junior Championships) runs from the 27th July to the 10th August in Puerto Rico. English participants are Ali Mortazavi (age 17: U18), Matthew Sadler (15:U16), Dharshan Kumaran (13:U14), Miroslav Houska (10:U12), Patrick Finglass (8:U10), and Jovanka Houska (8:U10 Girls). Among their sponsors are the NatWest Bank, the CLK Consultancy, the Encyclopaedia (is that how you spell it?) Britannica, and Solihull Education Committee. First report from the English contingent dwells on the lack of Polgars and the abundance of cockroaches.

And the KENT SCHOOLS LEAGUE is finished at last! Under 19 Simon Langton GS, Canterbury; Under 16 St Dunstons College, Catford; Under 13 Dulwich College Prep School; Under 11 Adamsrill, Sydenham.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: DATES 1989-90

Teams:

Division 1 Bucks, Cambs, Essex, Herts, Kent, Middx, Surrey, Sussex (8 teams)

Division 2 Berks I, Kent II, Kent III, Middx II, Oxon I (5 teams)

Division 3 Essex II, Kent IV, Middx III, Surrey II, Sussex II (5 teams)

	<u>Championship</u>	<u>Montague-Jones</u>	<u>Amboyna/Ebony</u>	
Sep 23			ESx SyM	Chris Howell, the new fixtures secretary, remarks on the difficulty of fitting in 10 rounds in the MJ and AE. All the Cambs fixtures (and all the other first division fixtures, for that matter) are in term time. Chris has consulted the counties about dates to avoid, so there should not be too much need for changes. If you do change dates, tell the Tournament Controller and the Bulletin.
30		K2K3 M0		
Oct 7			SxSy KE	
14	SyK SxC HE MBu			
21		K3M BrK2		
28			ESy KM	
Nov 4	KSx CH EM BuSy			
11		OK2 K3Br		
18	SyC SxE HBu MK			
25		K2M BrO	ME SxK	
Dec 2	ESy BuSx KH CM			
9			SyK MSx	
16		OK3 MBr		
Jan 6		OM		
13		K3K2	SxE MSy	
20	SySx KC IM EBU			
27			SySx EK	
Feb 3		MK3 K2Br		
10	MSy SxH BuK CE		MK	
17		K2O BrK3	SyE	
24			EM KSx	
Mar 3		MK2 OBr	KSy	
10	SyH KE SxM CBU			
17		BrM K3O	SxM	
24				
31	Minor Counties play-off	Second Teams play-off	Third Teams play-off	The schedule goes right up to the end of March in all three

divisions, leaving no time for adjudications in the play-offs. (Well, at least the play-offs are listed, which is more than they were this season.) Quick-play finishes? The Third Teams play-off can only be between Kent III and Kent IV! The explanation for this curious state of affairs is as follows. Since there is only one eligible team in the second division, one nomination goes automatically to the highest-placed

eligible team in the third division; and Kent III from the second division have to play off for the other. If the team already nominated is Kent IV, Kent III aren't eligible after all because we can't nominate two teams from the same county. So no play-off. If the team already nominated is Middx III, the play-off between Kent III and Kent IV can go ahead. Really, this is all a bit of a loose end in the rules. Rule 14g(1) says rather glibly that the two nominees for any competition must come from different counties, but it does not explain how you decide whether Loamshire I or Loamshire II gets left out in the cold. If they're in the same division it's pretty obvious. What if they're not? We have adopted the view, above, that no team may take part in a play-off if another team from the same county has already taken a nomination. This could mean that the stronger of the two gets frozen out, but think of a better way within the rules. (We've tried.) There is a better way, but it would mean a Rule Change. If the three teams involved include two from the same county, in different divisions, then the play-off is automatically between those two. That sounds almost too simple, must be something wrong with it.

There's another loose end. What do you do about the play-off if there are exactly two eligible teams, in different divisions? Forget it? Technically you have to, because a play-off as prescribed by the rules is impossible. But then how do you decide who's number one? An SCCU trophy may depend on the answer (see Rule 14f). The solution seems to be, hold a play-off anyway. The same problem arises in the hypothetical case from the previous paragraph, where Kent III are ineligible because Kent IV have already qualified. Denying them a nomination may or may not be fair; denying them a trophy isn't.

There are other loose ends, but it's past one o'clock in the morning and hardly anyone's going to read this anyway (congratulations if you're still with me and conscious), and nothing will be done about it, and when disaster strikes I shall say "I told you so".

One match captain has said he will invite his opponents to play 15 boards only. Technically this means four double-defaults, which wouldn't help in a tie-break unless everyone did it. Do readers have any views?

New Match Captains

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Berks c/o M Saunders, 16 Pinehill Rd, Crowthorne, Berks RG11 7JP 0344 772539

Bucks RD de Coverly, 1 Kennedy Close, Marlow, Bucks 06284 6676

Cambs J Sharp, 1 Hawthorn Mews NW7 01 346 6294; and Downing College, Cambridge

Herts JR Denton, 43 Wordsworth Close, Royston, Herts 0763 7753

Kent 2nd team: NR Oliver, 58 Davenport Rd, Catford SE6 2AX 01 461 0486

4th team: MA Bone, 9 Lonefield, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent TN26 1HP 023373 2728

Middx 1st team: CA Mackenzie, 9 Allan Way W3 01 992 1849

2nd team: A Lawrence, 62 Langham Gardens, West Ealing W13 01 991 0120

3rd team: J McVicar, 162 High Rd, Leyton E15 01 539 2926

Surrey 1st team: FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 OPF 01 647 0063

2nd team: E Weimann, 11 Howley Rd, Croydon, Surrey 01 688 0497

Sussex 2nd team: RD Hirsch, 5 Orde Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, W Sussex RH10 3NG
0293 883244

Others as in 1988 Yearbook. There are only six others.

CONGRESS DIARY

Jul 31-12 BCF CONGRESS at Plymouth. BCF, 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards, E Sussex
TN38 ODD 0424 442500

Aug 26-27 BARBICAN JUNIOR. G Goodwin, 7 Ferncroft Avenue, Friern, Barnet N12 OLN
01 368 7701

Sep 1- 3 THANET at Broadstairs. Open; U156; U121. MR Croft, 37 Upper Dane Rd,
Margate, Kent CT9 2NA 0343 224525

1- 3 HE ATKINS MEMORIAL at Leicester. Open; U170; U145; U120. MJ Tate, 2 Carts
Lane, Leicester 775362

3- 9 PAIGNTON Over 159; Under 170; Under 125. Plus Open QP. L Moate, Waters
Edge, 46 Thatcher Avenue, Torquay, Devon TQ1 2PO. Check if it will be
graded!

Oct 20-22 DORSET at Weymouth. Open; U156; U126. AD Rookes, 6 Milton Close, Weymouth,
Dorset DT4 7NB 0305 774044

and that's all the leaflets we've seen.

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Just received:

HITCHIN CHARITY CONGRESS 8-9 July 1989 attracted 200 players and generated £150 for Help the Aged.

Premier 1 Michael Adams (Truro) 5/5; 2-5 AD Wallace (Gravesend), Andrew Webster (Sutton), Julian Ward (Kings Head), James Howell (Harrogate) 4... Junior Demis Hassapis, Philip Tozer. There's a bit in the middle we can't decode, or possibly read, so we'll print the scrambled version in case you have better luck: "Aa [or Ga?] (3¹) Rick McMichael, W Stanton, D Lynch Ab [?Gb] (3¹) Dave Ledger, Steve Law Gc (2¹) Martin Benson, Andrew Brocklehurst."

Under 151 1 E Vosa (Leicester) 5/5; 2 C Tandy (Norwich) 4¹; 3-6 Eric Key (York), Charles Wallace (London), NS Kokylka (Spalding), CEW Baker (Alton: grading prize)...

Under 126 1-2 John Ng (Flitwich), WD Rawlings (Loughton) 4¹/5; 3-7 Rod Burroughs, Mike Connock, Peter Grant-Ross, Glyn Hughes, Dermot Ryan. Junior Mark Ram, Peter Hastings. Ladies Jennifer Johnson. Vets (we're pretty sure it says Vets, and that does sound like Glynne Jones) PC Elliott, GS Hathorn, MM Wali, EW Engert.

Under 14 (1 day) 1 Darren Boone (Clacton) 5; 2-3 Ben McFarlane, Richard Morgan (both BMS) 4¹...

Under 11 (1 day) 1-2 Alex Edmans (Earley), Matthew Wells (Sudbury) 5/6; 3 Shazed Miah (Mayflower) 4¹; 4-5 James Rawlings (Wanstead), David Whitehead (Sudbury) 4... Best U7 Stewart Haslinger 3¹.

And we are asked to add to the Congress Diary:

Oct 21-22 HERTS CA at Hitchin. Open; U165; U145; U125; U105. JG Jones, 9 Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1PA: Hitchin 54171