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EDITORIAL

Not that it took long, but I've just dialled all the London numbers inside the front cover to find out which ones are 071 and which 081. Why couldn't BT have retained the 01 for everybody, and added a 1 to all existing numbers? That would have saved me the bother, and given them 10 times as many numbers instead of twice as many. I expect there were technical reasons, like "sod the customer". Sorry, this doesn't seem to be about chess.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 13th May 1990 at St Brides. Eleven attended. Your Editor was less bored than usual. Well, hardly at all really. Main points:

(1) County matches. Fred Manning reported the final results (see page 6). There had been one unfortunate misunderstanding over BCF-stage nominations: Fred had gained the impression, from telephone conversations with the two Sussex match captains, that the county did not wish to go forward in the Minor Counties. So Sussex, in spite of being top Minor county, didn't get nominated. What they'd actually said was that there wouldn't be time for a play-off should one be needed. It isn't always easy to arrange a match at two weeks' notice, especially if you're the home side. (The fact that Sussex II declined to play off in the Second Teams may also have contributed to the confusion.)

We had incurred some displeasure by passing our nominations on to the BCF rather than the County. This, it seemed, was mostly because of outstanding adjudications: another aspect of the tight-schedule problem already raised by Sussex. Speaking of which, Sussex had sent a formal proposal to solve the problem by discontinuing play-offs. They said in the Minor Counties, but their delegate felt sure they would not mind extending it to the other competitions, and that was what the Executive discussed. The proposal would mean nominating the top two eligible teams, even if there were (say) just two teams in the higher division. The Executive decided, by 6 votes to 3, not to put this change to Council. But it thought something should be done about the scheduling, and it agreed by 7 votes to 3 on a rather radical proposal which will be put to Council. This is that adjudications should be replaced by quick-play finishes. Should Council reject that one, there will be a standby proposal to introduce quick-play finishes for matches played in March. The details of the QP finish would have to be worked out later. Your Editor suspects that it may also be necessary to bring matches forward a bit if we are to retain play-offs.

There had been a problem, fortunately solved almost as soon as it arose, with the Third Teams nominations. We had understood that the SCCU got two nominations, but it turned out at the end of the season to be one only. The lucky bit was that the WECU failed to nominate anyone, and our second nominee was sitting on the doorstep ready to fill the gap. A splendid piece of opportunism, but don't tell the other Unions. Seriously, no one knew offhand what the BCF rules say about numbers of nominees, but we have a letter from the BCF controller, received earlier this season, saying quite specifically that we get two. Your Editor still doesn't know what the rules say, because no one's given him a free copy of the Rules-and-Constitution book and he isn't going to fork out money for it. But there does seem to have been some confusion on the BCF's part.

(2) Juniors. Peter Morrish, the Union Junior Organiser, has resigned. Largely, we think, because of the growing difficulties with dates and venues and disappearing sponsorship. (The Lloyds Bank event has disappeared, of course.) The Executive did not discuss a successor. A problem which will have to be addressed is that of accommodating all the counties with dates and venues for SCCU jamborees; two counties were effectively left out this year.

A lot of budgeted expenditure has not occurred, mostly because training events haven't. It was agreed to spend the money on assistance with fares for this year's jamborees, plus the final stage in Birmingham.

Peter Morrish proposed a couple of nominations for British Chess Educational Trust Schools Awards. It turned out that Oxon had done the same, but sent them to David Jarrett who had said he would redirect them to the Union. In Peter's absence no one knew whether he had received these. Investigations will be made, and the nominations will be considered by the President and Secretary (who have no territorial connections with any of the nominees!). In case you're wondering, nominations are supposed to be made through the Unions and not directly to the BCF, though apparently the BCF Newsletter said otherwise one or two issues back.

(3) Grading. Martin Cath reported that things seemed to be on schedule. The new BCF Rapid Play (not Quickplay any more!) grading list included more SCCU people, though he was not sure all the results sent had gone in. Sales of SCCU lists had declined pretty

massively. The Rapid one was actually costing us money because we got nothing from sales. As far as you could tell, no one was buying it anyway.

(4) Money. We looked like ending up with a small surplus for the year. Proposed charges for next year: SCCU grading list to cost the same (£3.40) in the hope of building up sales again; Bulletin to go up to £4.50. (Sorry, but £3 was ridiculously cheap and we were starting to lose money.)

(5) SCCU U180 KO is to be a jamboree again for lack of time. Chances are it will be in Wimbledon, maybe 21st July.

(6) County match nominations. Lester Millin returned to the attack with new proposals for nominations; largely the result of suggestions from Chris Howell of Kent. Nomination lists would be abolished, and instead a player would be ineligible if he had appeared anywhere in the top 10 boards for a higher team in the previous season. Provision would be made for reserves. Your Editor's notes don't say whether the Executive took a decision on this, and he can't remember for the life of him, but it is obviously a reasonable idea. It would avoid the bad feeling that sometimes arises over phantom nominees who don't play. (There have been a lot of these in Middlesex and Kent this year; most likely there always are. Surprisingly, you can make a strong case for saying little harm's been done. Lester himself accepts that Kent have played fair. Don't take that as an accusation about Middlesex, we just haven't heard what he thinks about Middlesex. Some analysis appears on page 3.)

(7) BCF Levy. The Executive noted that the April Council Meeting had approved the new levy of £225 per county per levy point. Expect you knew. The BCF President has written to all counties explaining the reasons and setting out the background.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear RJH,

I know the Derby issue is all but closed but as I was attacked by two contributors in the March Bulletin perhaps I may sneak past the barrier if I am brief.

To Paul Buswell I point out that the FA Cup Final is between two clubs whose full-time paid occupation is playing football whereas chess is played (mostly) by amateurs in their spare time. Clubs do not enter the National Club Championship expecting to reach the final; it's just a pleasant surprise. I must tell Paul I did not write on behalf of Southend Chess Club but since my club reached the finals it was right for me to cite that example. Incidentally, Southend have not entered this year. I cannot remember why.

Bryan Fewell, defending Derby again as next year's venue, commends the opportunity of playing in a Quick-play tournament, no less. Not without staying overnight in Derby. I summarise Bryan's comments as: "The BCF knows best. So pay your affiliation fee and shut up."

Brief enough?

Arising from Points of Law in recent Bulletins, I read in "Chess" a while back that no less a player than Nigel Short had bemoaned a fellow team-member's ruining his game by not noticing he had made the time control and playing two bad moves thereafter. The Arbiter should have told him he had reached the required number of moves! If Nigel really said that, then Nigel, I believe world no. 3 at the time, was wrong! Only when a flag falls should the Arbiter indicate this.

Now something to debate. FIDE Laws seem designed to cover just one situation: 2 players, 1 clock, 1 Arbiter. Except in the World Championship this does not occur too often. Some years ago I was controlling the Southend Open Championship (time limit of 40 in 2 then 20 moves per hour) and watching 3, perhaps 4, clocks in one area of the room. Watching one game from approx. 2½ paces away I saw white make a move. Before his hand could stop his clock, the flag fell. Black seemed to observe this and to look around for a Controller. Not seeing one, as he was surrounded by spectators, he played another move, being quite short of time himself, and started white's clock. White instantly replied, at which point I reached the board and discovered from the scoresheets that black's last move had been his 40th. Now, dear reader, what, as Arbiter, should I do?

On the grounds it is easier to criticise than make a decision, I am not going to tell you what I did until after your readers have committed their thoughts to paper. You have two months, gentlemen. Remember, I had two seconds.

Yours,

Jack Spiegel

London W12

Ed: - Telephone votes, if you haven't the energy to write, will be received on 0892 32361. That's my number, not JS's. (Yes, I would like to know what readers think.)

A new one 26.5.90: Leonard Barden in today's Guardian writes about the Interzonal incident where black played an illegal move and white, short of time, resigned. The appeals committee ruled that the resignation stood because illegalities can't be rectified after the game is over. LWB appears to think that a case could have been made for a different ruling. Can't see it. Can you?

NOMINATIONS

Alan Cox writes to say that having completed the county-match grading (except for Cambridge-Bucks and some outstanding adjudications) he thought he would look back to the nomination lists published last November (190:6). The following analysis is partly his and partly your Editor's. The mistakes are probably your Editor's. We give figures for first-team nominations only.

Middlesex I

| | | |
|---|-------|---|
| 6 | games | Berry |
| 5 | | Whiteley |
| 4 | | Ward, Duckers |
| 3 | | Yerbury |
| 2 | | Wade, Foster |
| 1 | | Shovel, Lee DL |
| 0 | | Speelman, Agnos, Levitt, Cavendish, Lee GD, Crawley, Law, Townsend, Holmes. |

between them the 18 nominees played 28 games from a maximum of 126 (22.2%).

Kent I

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| 7 | | Hanreck |
| 6 | | Sugden |
| 5 | | Morris, Watson, Johnson |
| 4 | | Sadler, Stebbings |
| 3 | | Eales |
| 2 | | Ady, McDonald |
| 1 | | Ward |
| 0 | | Chandler M, King, Barber, Cooley, Wicker, Chandler C, Clark |

Total 44 (34.9%)

Surrey I

| | | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| 7 | | Sedgwick, Walker |
| 6 | | Allicock |
| 5 | | Harris, Linton, Rosen |
| 4 | | Pinto, Singleton |
| 3 | | Cath, Holland, Upton |
| 2 | | |
| 0 | | Granat, Roche, Sullivan, Walker |
| 0 | | Benjamin, Blackwell, Prendergast |

Total 56 (44.4%)

Sussex I

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| 7 | | Denman, James, Kwiatkowski, Graham, Hawes, Nicholas, Farr, Norman, Cannon |
| 6 | | Elliston, Newman, Webb |
| 5 | | Lewis |
| 4 | | Frost |
| 3 | | Rutherford |
| 2 | | |
| 1 | | Moss, Simpole |
| 0 | | Rivers |

Total 95 (75.4%)

Editor's ruminations

What's more important, perh9ps, is the effect on second teams (which is what the rule's all about). Never mind the phantoms, can a county produce a list of 18 players at the end of the season, all of whom have played for the first team only and have a reasonable claim to be of genuine first-team strength? If so, I would say the county's played pretty fair. (Strictly speaking it's a watered-down requirement: it still leaves the way open for high-board first-team players to turn out for the second team, and I'm afraid that happens in some circles.) I've done a bit of counting and I'm going to be rash enough to give my results, but with the caveat that it was a very quick check.

Middx are slightly dodgy. They have nine phantoms, but you can find 6 or 7 pretty genuine first-team players who weren't nominated in the top 18, yet played for the first team only. OK then: Mackle, Sharp, Bracken, Forster, McVicar, Vlahos, Lyell. You can certainly bring the list up to 18, but I think it means drafting in players not

of real first-team standard. I would say that maybe 2 people played for the second team who shouldn't have. (Yes, they did play for the first team as well.)

Kent have more in hand. To replace their seven phantoms, choose any 7 from: Dickenson, Trangmar AG, O'Kelly, Cook, Scholes, Whipp, Taylor, Hammond, Ward JP. Mostly second-team nominees, but they played for the first team only. Most of them are arguably at least as strong as anyone who played for the second team, and I would give Kent a clean bill of health.

Surrey are OK. For their three phantoms you can insert Kemp, Bass and Shepley. Sussex, not surprisingly, are OK as well. Lewis.

Counties will argue, rightly, that they can't always help nominating phantoms. A player may well "intend to play" but be prevented. Not sure about the GM who says, "I'll play against Kent/Middx if I'm available, but don't count on it". That's a bit vague as intentions go. And I don't think you should nominate the GM who will only be available for the BCF stages. The nomination rules are SCCU ones, not BCF.

I hope this analysis will help to dispel the doubts that have been flying around lately. Counties are nominating too many phantoms, but the effect on lower teams is less than you'd think. Match captains, by and large, have respected the spirit of the rules. For a completely new way of handling nominations, if you haven't already seen it, look at page 2: Executive Report, item 6.

ROUND THE COUNTIES

BUCKS INTERNAL RESULTS

Individual Championship: 1 Doug Smith (Bourne End) $6\frac{1}{2}/8$; 2 Manfred Egby (Bourne End) 6.
Club Championship: Division I 1 Bourne End $6\frac{1}{2}/8$; 2 Slough 6; 3 Slough II 6... (but an appeal will, if successful, make Slough I champions). Div 2 1 Poisoned Pawns (Chesham) $8/8$; 2 Equity & Law (High Wycombe) 7; 3 Slough III 5... Div 3 1 Holmer Green $8\frac{1}{2}/10$; 2 Bourne End $6\frac{1}{2}$; 3 RGS High Wycombe $6\frac{1}{2}$...

Results Alan Cox

KENT FINALS DAY at Dartford 18.3.90:

County Cup Charlton $3\frac{1}{2}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$ Maidstone; Lewis Cup Lewisham III 4 2 ChaXlton II; Stevenson Cup Black Lion I 4 2 Folkestone II; En Passant Trophy Folkestone III* 3 3 Swanley II; Harvey Cup Sevenoaks III $3\frac{1}{2}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$ Rainham III. Individual Championship is between Ian Watson and Paul Carey; Major is between T Lee and M Mortimer; Intermediate H Jones beat H Sharples; Minor PTS Sandon beat P Moor. Susan Scott has taken both the ladies' titles.

SUSSEX LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP at Horsham 7.4.90 was shared by Mike Nicholas (Brighton) and Mark Rich (Hastings).

CHILTERN LEAGUE results:

Bucks II $8\frac{1}{2}$ $8\frac{1}{2}$ Herts II +3 27.11.89; Bucks II $13\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2}$ Berks II 16.12.89; Bucks II 11 9 Oxon II 13.1.90; Berks U18 5 15 Bucks II 10.2.90; Bucks II 11 9 Bucks U18 3.3.90; Herts II $12\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$ Bucks II 24.3.90

And the final positions 1989-90: 1 Oxon II $7\frac{1}{2}$; 2 Bucks II 7; 3 Herts II $6\frac{1}{2}$; 4-5 Bucks U18, Berks II $4\frac{1}{2}$; 6 Berks U18 0. Out of 10, presumably.

LEIGH NATIONAL CLUB COMPETITIONS

OPEN

Quarter-finals: Dundee* 3 2 Hackney A +1; Bristol & Clifton 2 3 Atherton*; Kings Head Gosport; Wood Green $5\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Guildford.

Semi-finals: Atherton v Dundee; Wood Green v Kings Head or Gosport

Plate

Quarter-finals: The Albert $3\frac{1}{2}$ $2\frac{1}{2}$ Bushbury; Newport 1 5 Cosham; Bishops Stortford 2 4 Cavendish; Richmond 5 1 Tunbridge Wells

Semi-finals: Cosham v Richmond; Cavendish v The Albert

MAJOR

Quarter-finals: Darnall & Handsworth $1\frac{1}{2}$ $3\frac{1}{2}$ Warley Quinborne; Lichfield 1 4 Cardiff; Cambridge Univ 2 3 Kings Head; Fulham 3 2 Oxford Univ

Semi-finals: Cardiff v Warley Quinborne; Kings Head v Fulham

Plate

Quarter-finals: Rose Forgrove 3 2 Cheddleton; Rochdale 1½ 3½ Bushbury; Barnet 3½ 1½ Chichester Regnum; Ipswich 1½ 3½ Rainham
Semi-finals: Bushbury v Rose Forgrove; Rainham v Barnet

INTERMEDIATE

Quarter-finals: Great Lever 1 4 Calderdale; Hackney 4 1 Exmouth; Hammersmith* 2½ 2½ Sevenoaks; Thornbury 2 3 Charlton
Semi-finals: Calderdale v Hackney; Charlton v Hammersmith

Plate

Quarter-finals: Chletenham 3 2 Stock Exchange; Kings Head B 2½ 2½ Southampton*; Letchworth & Baldock 4 1 Bridgend; Prescott & Knotty Ash 4½ ½ Sutton in Ashfield
Semi-finals: Prescott & KA v Letchworth & B; Southampton v Cheltenham

MINOR

Quarter-finals: Calderdale 3 2 Prescott etc; Hastings & St Leonards 3 2 Metropolitan; West Leeds 2 3 Rushall (Staffs); Cardiff 3 2 Slough
Semi-finals: Cardiff v Calderdale; Rushall v Hastings

Plate

Quarter-finals: Sutton in Ashfield 2 3 Musketeers (Cheltenham); Oxford Univ 1½ 3½ Cowley; Maidstone 3 2 London Deaf; Alwoodley (Leeds) 1 4 Rose Forgrove B (Leeds)
Semi-finals: Musketeers v Rose Forgrove; Cowley v Maidstone

Results JA Leake, PC Gibbs, P Buswell

CONGRESS RESULTS

BOURNE END ONE-DAY 7th April 1990 attracted 100 players who competed in 5 five-round sections.

Section A 1-2 AD Harley (W14), Gerald Moore (SW7) 4½/5; 3 RM Webb (Yateley) 3½...

Section B 1 EB Sandercock (Chalfont St Giles) 4½; 2 M Lecey (Thatcham) 4; 3-5 BW Atkinson (Windsor), GK Joshi (Slough), P Fallon (Oxford) 3½...

Section C 1 Joseph Conlon (Reading: age 7!) 5; 2-4 Adrian Matthews (Leighton Buzzard), Monica Vann (Marlow), WG Whittow (Great Missenden) 4...

Section D 1 Anthony Heslop (Oxford) 5; 2-3 SR Chadfield (Swindon), KR Hiron (Stanmore) 4...

Section E 1 Mrs T Conlon* (Reading) 4½; 2-4 DAS Buckland (Oxford), SA Jones (Weybridge), CH Timbs (New Marston) 4...

*"Not to be confused with Mr T Conlon who plays occasionally for Earley, or Master T Conlon who is expected to follow elder brother Joseph soon!"

Team Competition 1 Blackbird Leys (Oxford) 15/20; 2 Berks Bunnies (mainly Earley) 14½; 3 Slough II 12½...

Results Alan Cox

SURREY EASTER at Sutton 13-16 April 1990

Frank Winter Memorial Open (67 pl) 1 Julian Hodgson (Central London/Streatham) 7/7;

2 Peter Large (Mitcham) 6; 3-4 Michael Basman (Chessington), Michael Franklin (Richmond) 5½... Grading U197 N Crabb (Streatham) 5; U184 P Moulton (Formby) 4½;

U174 JM Shepley (Guildford) 3½. Junior Matthew Anderton (Guildford) 4. Hodgson is the first ever winner with a 100% score (despite a field containing 3 IMs, a Spanish Master and ten other players graded 200+).

Premier U170 (71 pl) 1 RJ Barlow (W Midlands Municipal) 6/7; 2-4 R Bryant (Redhill), JD Eva (Hackney), TC Gavriel (Barnet/Muswell Hill) 5½... Grading U156 JR MacDonald (Kings Head) 4½

Major U145 (94 pl) 1-3 D Helsby (Lewisham), J Nyman (Kings Head), SN Khan (Mitcham) 6/7; 4-6 P Cogliatti (Stock Exchange), DW Gunter (Crystal Palace), DD Harvey (Streatham) 5½... Grading U134 M Patrick (Slough) 4½. Junior U18 J Titmas

(Maidstone) 4½, U16 M Osborne (Wallington) 4; U14 J Walton (Hayes Kent) 3½

Minor U120 (54 pl) 1-2 Harriet Hunt (Cowley), D Ryan (Hayes Kent) 6½/7; 3-5 P Bailey (Tulse Hill), R Burroughs (Hutton Essex), MJ Seabourne (Islington) 6... Grading U107

Karl Mah (Wanstead) 6 dammit that makes him =3rd but I'm not going back and typing it again. Junior U18 C Panayi (Sutton) 5½; U14 J Houska (Morley College) 5. Slow

Starter CJ Lethbridge (DHSS) 4½

Novice (U100) A (45 pl) 1-2 S Haslinger (Central London), T Hinks-Edwards (Richmond) 4½/5; 3-4 C Andrews (Hayes Mx), D Rees (Fidelis/Streatham) 4... Junior U18 Jeremy

Hodgson (Athenaeum) 4; U13 Charmaine Webster (Ashtead) 4

Novice (U100) B (28 pl) 1-2 T Hinks-Edwards, L Pereira (Swansea Univ) 4½/5; 3 G Gill (London Univ) 4... Junior U18 Nicholas Wood (Sutton) 4; U13 Thomas Walton (Hayes Kent) 3½

Special Prizes: Veterans (60+) Dr KW Lovel (DHSS), RG White (Coulson): both 4½/7 in the Major. Family Prize: Julian and Jeremy Hodgson and Lizette Pereira 79.63% We refuse to say who won the Ladies Prize.

Results Martin Cath

READING RAPID (30/30) 28.4.90

Open (34 pl) 1 Gerald Moore (Imperial College) 5/5; 2-3 JA Freeman (Northolt), Keith Martel (Abingdon) 4... Grading U180 JM Shepley (Godalming) 3½; U160 William Whittow (Gt Missenden) 3

Minor U140 (38 pl) 1 Harriet Hunt, (Oxford: age-12) 5/5; 2 Nigel Dennis (Henley) 4½; 3-4 HAJ Searle (Oxford), Salim Neil Khan (Mitcham) 4... Grading U110 Jeffrey Clifford (Wokingham) 3

Special Prize: Best performance by Reading Borough resident - Peter Sharp (Reading!). "Best performance by a Woman" offends us slightly less than "Ladies Prize", but we're still not saying who won it.

Results Alan Cox

COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES

CHAMPIONSHIP

| | Bu | C | E | H | K | M | Sy | Sx | GP | MP |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| 8 Bucks | | 10 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 6½ | 57½ | 1 |
| Cambs | 10 | | 11½ | 10 | 7½ | 15 | 10 | 9½ | 73½ | 3½ |
| Essex | 12 | 8½ | | 9 | 10+1 | 8 | 14½ | 11½ | 73½+1 | 3½+ |
| 2? Herts | 12 | 10 | 11 | | 10 | 9½ | 13½+3 | 8 | 74 +3 | 4 |
| 1 Kent | 13 | 12½ | 9+1 | 10 | | 10½ | 16½ | 11 | 82½+1 | 5½+ |
| Middx | 10 | 5 | 12 | 10½ | 9½ | | 10½+1 | 10 | 67½+1 | 4 |
| 7 Surrey | 12 | 10 | 5½ | 3½+3 | 3½ | 8½+1 | | 10 | 53 +4 | 2 |
| Sussex | 13½ | 10½ | 8½ | 12 | 9 | 10 | 10 | | 73½ | 4 |

MONTAGUE-JONES

| | M | K2 | K3 | O | Br | M | K2 | K3 | O | Br | GP | MP |
|------------|----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1 Middx II | | 12½ | 12 | 14 | 14½ | | 7 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 96 | 7 |
| 2 Kent II | 7½ | | 12 | 10 | 8½* | 9* | | 7½ | 13½ | 9½* | 77½ | 5½ |
| 3 Kent III | 8 | 5 | | 10* | 12½ | 7 | 8½* | | 12½ | 12 | 75½ | 5 |
| 4 Oxon | 6 | 10 | 9 | | 12 | 9 | 6½ | 7½ | | 14½ | 74½ | 2½ |
| 5 Berks | 5½ | 7½ | 7½ | 8 | | 8 | 6½ | 8 | 5½ | | 56½ | 0 |

AMBOYNA/EBONY

| | Sx | Sy | M | K | Sx | Sy | M | K | GP | MP |
|-------------|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 1 Sussex II | | 10½ | 10½ | 11 | | 9½= | 20d | 11½ | 73 | 5½ |
| 2 Surrey II | 9½ | | 13 | 18 | 9½= | | 11 | 9 | 70 | 3½ |
| 3 Middx III | 9½ | 7 | | 11 | Od | 9 | | 16d | 52½ | 2 |
| 4 Kent IV | 9 | 2 | 5 | | 8½ | 11 | Od | | 35½ | 1 |

* match won

= match drawn

Please tell the Editor if you spot errors in these tables. They're liable to find their way into the Yearbook if you don't.

Middlesex missed second place in the Championship when their adjudications against Sussex failed to produce the expected match point. We hear they considered an appeal but ran out of time. Nominations were made as follows.

Championship: 1 Kent, 2 Herts. It has to be said that Essex could theoretically still come second, if their outstanding adjudication is a win and the Herts ones are all losses. This would mean two people winning who have claimed draws, so we can probably discount it for practical purposes. Bit late to do anything about it if it happens.

Of course the BCF is wrong to let people win who have claimed draws, but there we are. Minor Counties: 1 Cambs, 2 Oxon. For the reason why Sussex were not nominated, see page 1. Why Surrey and Bucks weren't considered, we don't know.

Second Teams: 1 Middx, 2 Kent. Sussex II were not interested in a play-off.

Third Teams: 1 Kent, 2 Middx. (See page 1 again.)

The Championship result that didn't get away:

| <u>Cambs</u> | 10.3.90 | <u>Rucks*</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1 J Sharp (W) | 1 0 | SP Finn |
| 2 def | 0 1 | C Bowley |
| 3 A Baker | 1 0 | RD de Coverly |
| 4 S Foister | 0 1 | RDW Marsh |
| 5 P Masters | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | ACP Milnes |
| 6 T Buckley | 1 0 | R Eames |
| 7 R Vujatoic | 0 1 | D Smith |
| 8 P Crocker | 0 1 | EN Bramley |
| 9 D Craggs | 0 1 | RD Lancaster |
| 10 A Cooper | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | J Brookes |
| 11 N Regan | 1 0 | SC Scopes |
| 12 S Rix | 1 0 | AJ Cox |
| 13 D Johnson | 0 1 | A Dunlop |
| 14 K Freeman | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | P Taylor |
| 15 C Howell | 1 0 | N McHale |
| 16 T Mortimer | 1 0 | N Martin |
| 17 S Lovell | 1 0 | L Charlwood |
| 18 J Totty | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | J Springhall |
| 19 J Matheson | 0 1 | DJ Turner |
| 20 G Callan | 0 1 | R Morzeniewski |
| | <u>10</u> <u>10</u> | |

And adjudication results from last time. They are still incomplete. We really ought to be publishing the final tables in the May issue.

Championship

| |
|---|
| Herts $9\frac{1}{2}$ $10\frac{1}{2}$ Middx 20.1.90: |
| 9 Willmott 1 Thomas |
| Middx $10\frac{1}{2}$ $8\frac{1}{2}$ Surrey +1 10.2.90: |
| 2 Berry 1 Holland; 6 McMichael |
| 1 Allicock |
| Kent 9 10 Essex +1 10.3.90: 20 Milner- |
| Barry $\frac{1}{2}$ Kalinsky |
| Surrey $3\frac{1}{2}$ $13\frac{1}{2}$ Herts +3 10.3.90: |
| 10 Macdonald-Ross 1 Rudge; 14 Harris |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ Law; 17 Wilkinson $\frac{1}{2}$ Burrows (all |
| three conceded by Herts) |
| Sussex 10 10 Middx 9.3.90: 4 Graham 1 |
| Sharp; 13 Kelly $\frac{1}{2}$ White |
| <u>Montague-Jones</u> |
| Oxon $14\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2}$ Berks 3.3.90: 11 Fallon |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ Brown |
| Berks 8 12 Middx 17.3.90: 4 Watkins |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ Ball |
| <u>Amboyna/Ebony</u> |
| Kent $8\frac{1}{2}$ $11\frac{1}{2}$ Sussex 24.2.90: 1 Husband |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ Fryer |

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

Our thanks to the match captains who have sent results. They are identified by an asterisk next to the county's name. Unattributed results are from Jeff Douglas.

CHAMPIONSHIP

quarter-finals

| <u>Kent*</u> | 13.5.90 | <u>Lancs</u> | <u>Herts*</u> | 13.5.90 | <u>Leics</u> |
|-----------------|--|---------------|-----------------|--|--------------|
| 1 CG Ward (W) | 1 0 | JE Littlewood | NH Bradbury (W) | 1 0 | GW Lawton |
| 2 JJ Ady | 0 1 | G Quillan | SJB Knott | 1 0 | LA Edwards |
| 3 NL McDonald | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | SD Bell | PV Byway | 1 0 | IG Cragg |
| 4 PJ Morris | 1 0 | OB Lund | S Swanson | 1 0 | PR Davies |
| 5 CM Cooley | 1 0 | GL House | J Cook (r) | 0 1 | AJ Morley |
| 6 RG Fales | 1 0 | R Vogel | AM Simpson | 1 0 | A Hyslop |
| 7 AE Hanreck | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | MJ O'Hara | JG Foulger | 1 0 | J Mitchell |
| 8 RMR O'Kelly | 0 1 | HR Hughes | PG Maguire | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | S Calderwood |
| 9 IR Watson | 1 0 | NW Ivell | PAJ Brown | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | JK Robinson |
| 10 JN Sugden | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | MJ Conroy | JF Rudge | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | OH Hardy |
| AG Trangmar | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | NJ Holloway | KR Clark | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | R Ilersic |
| 12 MP Cook | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | GH Barnes | JR Denton | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | G Cole |
| 13 AP Smith | 1 0 | P Wheldon | HL Tebbs | + | JN Miller |
| 14 JP Ward | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | D Lees | JDH Sachs | 0 1 | PA Hogan |
| 15 AI Armstrong | 1 0 | P Fallon | S Law | 1 0 | MW Salisbury |
| 16 PJ O'Donovan | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | ML Williams | B Morris | 1 0 | B Denton |
| (Aston Univ) | <u>$10\frac{1}{2}$</u> <u>$5\frac{1}{2}$</u> | | (Hitchin) | <u>$(10\frac{1}{2})$</u> <u>$4\frac{1}{2}$</u> | |

MINOR COUNTIES

Preliminary round

Hunts & Peterboro

| | |
|------------------|---|
| 1 CW Pickard (W) | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2 P Kemp | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3 R Mann | 1 0 |
| 4 R Richmond | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5 D Hughes | 1 0 |
| 6 CE Pickard | 1 0 |
| 7 PN Walker | 1 0 |
| 8 N Taylor | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9 F Cockerill | 1 0 |
| 10 J Beck | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 11 FD Rogers | 1 0 |
| 12 R Ilett | 0 1 |
| 13 M Donkin | 0 1 |
| 14 P Dansey | 0 1 |
| 15 R Ferrer | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 16 M Misson | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| (Northampton) | <u>$9\frac{1}{2}$</u> <u>$6\frac{1}{2}$</u> |

Oxon

| |
|-------------|
| MC Truran |
| RJ Starkie |
| MH Thornton |
| R Dixon |
| def |
| A Mushens |
| MJ Nightall |
| GW Chapman |
| GP Alcock |
| P Fallon |
| B Bix |
| JN Stayt |
| NJ Hepworth |
| N Jenkinson |
| HAI Searle |
| D Metcalfe |

Other results (Championship):

Greater Manchester beat Gloucestershire (score unknown); Northumberland 10 6 Herts.

Semi-finals: Kent v Greater Manchester; Herts v Northumberland.

Other results (Minor Counties):

preliminary round: Lincs & South Humberside $8\frac{1}{2}$ $7\frac{1}{2}$ Dorset. Quarter-finals: Wilts 9 7 Merseyside; Lincs w/o Cambs; Hunts & P beat Northumberland; Suffolk w/o Durham. Semi-finals: Hunts & P v Wilts; Lincs v Suffolk

SECOND TEAMS
quarter-finals

| <u>Middx II*</u> | 13.5.90 | <u>Lancs II</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 RJ McMichael (W) | 1 0 | S Woodcock |
| 2 JR Nellist | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | K Hoadley |
| 3 S Spivack | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | RK Taylor |
| 4 JM Quinn | 1 0 | S Foulkes |
| 5 DP Lynch | 1 0 | S Appleby |
| 6 DC Okike | 1 0 | JD Lyth |
| 7 SD Arnold | 1 0 | R Newton |
| 8 NCT Wall | 0 1 | PT Seery |
| 9 AI Wheatley | 1 0 | P Thurston |
| 10 NRE Alldritt | 1 0 | PM Taylor |
| 11 GA White | 1 0 | GM Jones |
| 12 yC Ball | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | AA Clarkeson |
| 13 AO Alabi | 0 1 | J Whitfield |
| 14 MK Bennett | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | DA Talbot |
| 15 R Brown | 1 0 | S Flaherty |
| 16 CJ Stephenson | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | D Glaston |
| (Aston Univ) | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |

Other results: Northumberland beat Gloucestershire 8 8 on board count; Warwicks 13 3 Hants; Notts w/o Kent. There's trouble in Kent about that. Semi-finals: Middx v Warwicks; Northumberland v Notts.

THIRD TEAMS
quarter-finals

| <u>Warwicks</u> | 13.5.90 | <u>Middx</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1 A Brown (B) | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | JD Llewellyn |
| 2 R Millward | 0 1 | DA Tarbuck |
| 3 R Farley | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | LJ Fincham |
| 4 J Pritchard | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | MJ Cresswell |
| 5 S Evans | 0 1 | WK Osborne |
| 6 F Jimenez | 0 1 | C Fewtrell |
| 7 R Reynolds | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | CICH Wallace |
| 8 L Hayden | 0 1 | JCH Nyman |
| 9 S Tebbutt | 0 1 | JA Simons |
| 10 T Farley | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | T Crouch |
| 11 W Harwood | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | R Winter |
| 12 R Tomkins | 0 1 | G Sherman |
| 13 J Llewelyn | 0 1 | PE Pickering |
| 14 J Asbury | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | J McVicar (r) |
| 15 A Russell | $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ | TC Black |
| 16 R Whissell | 0 1 | C Duddy |
| (Aston Univ) | 4 12 | |

Other results: Cambs w/o Cheshire; Notts beat Beds; Kent had a bye. Semi-finals: Notts v Kent; Middx v Cambs.

Despite our remark on page 1 about Middx being lucky to get in, it looks as though there were only 7 teams anyway. Really ought to find out about the rule.

There seem to have been 4 walk-overs in 17 matches so far. Not sure whether this is as bad as last year, but it's too many. Especially when two of the defaulters are SCCU nominees. Why does it happen?

The Kent III match captain wasn't too happy about his away draw v Notts for the semi-final, considering where Notts and Kent are in relation to Derby. But they're playing it at Cambridge.

JUNIOR RESULTS

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Eighth-final results: Haberdashers Elstree (14.8) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Abingdon (15.6); St Pauls (15.10) 6 0 Sutton Manor (16.0); Ipswich School* (13.2) 2 4 RGS High Wycombe (16.8); Nottingham High (15.7) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ K Edward VI Camp Hill B'ham (15.9); Truro School (16.0) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Sir Thos Rich's Gloucester (14.7); RGS Guildford (16.10) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ St Columb's College (14.4); Manchester Grammar 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Altrincham Boys GS

Quarter-finals: Haberdashers (14.9) $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ St Pauls (16.0); Ipswich (13.3) 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Nottingham (15.8); RGS Newcastle (15.4) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Manchester Grammar (16.3); Truro (16.2) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ RGS Guildford (16.10)

Finals (last 2 rounds) are at the Charing Cross Hotel 28-29 June. Your Editor, who runs a Zone, is constantly invited to look in but never has. He'll have to one of these years, considering it's about 30 seconds' walk from his train.

Results Mitchell Taylor

NATIONAL UNDER 18 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

at Birmingham, 7th April 1990

Usually we have to chase people to get even the bare totals of the finals; this year an anonymous correspondent has sent the whole thing. Thank you whoever you are, and we have taken the opportunity to print SCCU results in full. We could have fitted most of the first names in if only we'd had the boys' ones. An asterisk means the player had white.

| <u>OPEN</u> | | | | <u>MINOR</u> | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------|
| <u>Middx</u> | | <u>Opponents</u> | | <u>Sussex</u> | | <u>Opponents</u> | | | |
| 1 | J Wilson | 0 | 1 | A Jones EG | D Oates | 0 | 1 | S Lunn Sk | |
| 2 | D Hassapis* | 1 | 0 | J Naylor W | R Sherlock* | 0 | 1 | S Schemilt WG | |
| 3 | A Hon | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | M Walker H | M Lenton* | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J Chesters H | |
| 4 | G Haslinger* | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | J Boyd D | M Cooper | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | M Strens N | |
| 5 | C Bates | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | R Huq W | A Ridley | 0 | 1 | A Bosworth W | |
| 6 | V Cole* | 1 | 0 | T Phillips EG | N Green* | 1 | 0 | R Mortier W | |
| 7 | C McGrath | 1 | 0 | R Cunningham D | N Goddard* | 0 | 1 | J Krishanthan Sk | |
| 8 | C Haslinger* | 0 | 1 | M Jacob H | J Patrick | 0 | 1 | N Rizvi WG | |
| 9 | D Dobbs | 1 | 0 | A Ali EG | A Hatton | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | N Page H | |
| 10 | J Guha* | 0 | 1 | A-M Ashby W | A Newman* | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | M Swan N | |
| 11 | V Sood | 1 | 0 | A Crocker H | J Webb | 1 | 0 | A Watkins Sk | |
| 12 | K Hoare* | 1 | 0 | D Addison D | D Lenton* | 1 | 0 | def WG | |
| Warwicks | | | | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ /12 | 1 Suffolk | | | | 8/12 |
| Middx | | | | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 Humberside | | | | 7 |
| Hants | | | | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 Northumberland | | | | 6 |
| 4 Durham | | | | 4 | 4= Sussex | | | | 5 |
| 5 East Glamorgan | | | | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | West Glamorgan | | | | 5 |
| | | | | | Wilts | | | | 5 |

OPEN GIRLSMINOR GIRLS

| <u>OPEN GIRLS</u> | | | | <u>MINOR GIRLS</u> | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|---|---------------|-----|
| <u>Middx</u> | | <u>Opponents</u> | | <u>Oxon</u> | | <u>Opponents</u> | | | |
| 1 | A Eyton | 1 | 0 | def | T Thompson | 1 | 0 | K Hughes H | |
| 2 | J Fries* | 1 | 0 | A Ranson H | H Hunt* | 1 | 0 | N Marriott Sk | |
| 3 | J Myers* | 1 | 0 | A Mortimer G | I Ellory | 1 | 0 | H Bywater St | |
| 4 | A Nathoo | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | S Furmage G | K Ansell* | 1 | 0 | N Goringe St | |
| 5 | M Haslinger | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | M Jacobs H | A Maughan | 0 | 1 | J Nicholas Sk | |
| 6 | S Gupta* | 1 | 0 | def | S Siegrist* | 0 | 1 | M Walker H | |
| 1 Middx | | | | 5/6 | 1 Oxon (bd ct) | | | | 4/6 |
| 2= Gwent | | | | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 Humberside | | | | 4 |
| Hants | | | | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 Suffolk | | | | 3 |
| ??? (default) | | | | 0 | 4 Somerset | | | | 1 |

Must admit we're curious to know who the defaulter was, and why they defaulted (apparently without notice).

SOUTHLANDS JUNIOR at New Romney (Kent) 13th April 1990

Under 13 1 James Vigus (Chislehurst) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /6; 2 David Moskovic (Welling) 5; 3-4 Mark Rackham (Ashford), James Smallman (St Marys Bay) 4; 5-6 Paul Fenn (Sittingbourne), Oliver Kemmis (London) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 11 1 Thomas Walton (Beckenham) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /6; 2 Darren Lee (Northfleet) 5; 3-7 Robin Clark (Eastbourne), Adam Dodd (Wye), Nilesh Ameen, David Titmas, Rajesh Ameen (all Maidstone) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 9 1-2 Timothy Manuel (London), Benjamin White (Maidstone) 5/6; 3 Jessica Ho (Maidstone) 5; 4-7 Inundil Kumarasinghe (Maidstone), Timothy Holmes (Bromley), Richard Murphy (W Wickham), Mark Roberts (Sevenoaks)...

Results Bob Blake

MAIDENHEAD JUNIOR 17-20 April 1990

Under 18 (15 pl) 1-3 S Hampton (Send), JC Mansson (Horsham), AM Warren (Farnham) 7/9; 4 S Langdon (Farnham) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 15 (8 pl) 1 JE Cobb (Swindon) 7/7; 2 WG Whittow (Great Missenden) 5; 3 AP George (Holmer Green) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 13 (16 pl) 1-2 NJ Harmer (Hindhead), B Beecroft (Rake) 7/9; 3 R Phelps (Bourne End) 6; 4 M Handford (Caversham) 5 $\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 12 (12 pl) 1 CA Cobb (Swindon) 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ /11; 2-3 G Reyatt (Wokingham), NR Moloney (W1) 8; 4-5 I Henderson (Earley), A Hunt (Oxford) 7...

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Under 11 (46 pl) 1 AP Mills (Leatherhead) 9/11; 2 L Stables (Southampton) 8½; 3 RN Wilkinson (Headington) 8; 4-8 DW Haynes (High Wycombe), G Johnson (Basingstoke), JE Mills (Leatherhead), (J Lee (Sunningdale), J Smith (Pamber Heath) 7½...
Under 9 (39 pl) 1 L McShane (W9) 9½/11; 2 CJ Dark (Beaconsfield) 9; 3 AP Pike (Gt Missenden) 8; 4 RC Pike (ditto) 7½...

Team Tournament: 1 RGS Guildford 28/36; 2 Hamilton County Combined School 22; 3 Dolphin School Hurst 21... (best 4 players from each school, over first 9 rounds)
Results Nigel Dennis

SUSSEX JUNIOR CLOSED (date unknown)

Under 18 (20 ent) 1 Terry Hoxey (William Parker Hastings) 7/7; 2-3 Matthew Lenton (The Holt), Charles Maxwell-Scott (Worth School) 5...

Under 14 (37 pl) 1-2 Paul Boland (Oathall School Haywards Heath), Ian Henderson (Christ's Hospital School Horsham and Earley CC - honest) 6/7; 3-4 Alan Ridley (Oathall), Paul Sharp (Judd Tonbridge/Crowborough Albany CC) 5½... Best Girl Samantha May (Oathall) 3½; Best Under 11 Robin Clark (Eastbourne), Christopher Sharp (Crowborough Albany) 5

Best Game Prizes: Julian Tang (Worth), Charles Maxwell-Scott, Tom Glaister (Dorothy Stringer)

Results Paul Watson

SUSSEX UNDER 9 CHAMPIONSHIP at Hassocks 28th April 1990 had 47 competitors.

1 Matthew Orme (St Margarets Ditchling) 24/24; 2 Benjamin Wood (SMD: U7 Champion) 19½; 3-4 Peter Brand (SMD), Michael Hook (Brighton) 18; 5-7 Andrew Armitage, Jonathan Cameron (both Haywards Heath), Jacob Hodgkinson (SDM) 16½...

No, it was 8 rounds. Scoring was 3 for a win, 2 for "the advantage but not clear-cut", 1½ for a draw, 1 for "the inferior game but with play", 0 for a loss. This was to "deter nettlesome adjudications". Tim Greenhill, who sent the results, comments: "I was shown this [scoring system] by Mr Colin Harding, the Sussex Primary Schools Chess Organiser. I'm sure if you wanted to 'fillet' it you could find holes. All I can say is that I've had no contentious adjudications since adopting it. I have always had reservations about strong players working out 'best play'. It is 'best play' to their standard. In general the younger the age group the less predictable the outcome. This scoring system is more like a snapshot of the game at its conclusion and is less like a predictor of the outcome. It stresses what the child has done rather than what an expert would do now." You probably know what the Bulletin thinks about adjudication. Is U9 too young to put them on clocks?

We also heard of a Sussex U11 Championship but hadn't the energy to chase the result.

12th WEALDEN JUNIOR at Cranbrook (Kent) 28th April 1990

Under 14 (6 pl) 1-2 J Duplock (Paddock Wood), C Rankin (Sevenoaks) 4/5; 3 P Sharp (Lamberhurst) 3½...

Under 12 (24 pl) 1 J Warrick (Cranbrook) 7/7; 2-3 N Chambers (Tunbridge Wells), B Mechen (Sandhurst) 5; 4 C Cheung (Ashford) 5... Team Prize: St Michaels Tenterden; Best Girl L Fuggle

Under 10 (34 pl) 1 A Dodd (Ashford) 7/7; 2 A King (Crowborough) 6; 3-6 J Chew, J Chew (!: both Ashford), B Hatcher ("St Michaels"), A Ramsden (Tenterden) 5... Team Prize: Ashford CC; Best Girl A King; Best U8 J Chew (which one?), B Hatcher; Best U9 A King

ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS CA

Under 11 Team Championship

Southern eliminator at Sittingbourne 28.4.90

1 Richmond 51½/60; 2-4 Barnet, Kent, Wey Valley 44; 5 Hants 35; 6 Wilts 25; 7 Somerset 24; 8 Berks 23; 9 South Bucks 20½; 10 Wandsworth 19½; 11 Sutton 16½; 12 S London 13. The top six teams qualified for the Finals.

Finals at Newton Abbot 19.5.90

1 Kent 46½/60; 2 Suffolk 42; 3 Richmond 41; 4 Greater Manchester 38; 5 Wey Valley 36½; 6 Barnet 36; 7 South Devon 33; 8 Hants 31½; 9 Lincs 28; 10 Wilts 26½; 11-12 Northants, Notts 24; 13 Wirral 23; 14 Avon 20; 15 Liverpool 17½; 16 Humberside 12½

Under 9 Team Championship

Zonal at Leatherhead 24.3.90

1 Kent 28/36; 2 Hants 27½; 3 Wey Valley 22½; 4 Richmond 20; 5 South Bucks 18½; 6 Wandsworth 16½; 7-8 Barnet, Somerset 12½; 9 South London 4

Finals at Wandsworth 5.3.90

1 Suffolk 26½/36; 2 Notts 23; 3 Greater Manchester 22½; 4 Lincs 20½; 5-7 Wey Valley, Hants, Richmond 18½; 8 Kent 17½; 9 Liverpool 16½; 10 Wandsworth 12½; 11 Humberside 12

CONGRESS DIARY

- Jun 2 FAMILY TOURNAMENT at Sevenoaks. U140: individual tournament but with prizes for "family" teams of (at least) 1 adult and 1 child. Child means U14 and family includes second cousins twice removed. Mrs D Jones, 4 Dartford Rd, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3TG 0732 457350
- 3 22nd WARLEY QUINBORNE QP 30/30 plus U16. J Lewis, 405 Court Oak Rd, Harborne, Birmingham B32 2DX 021 427 4988
- 9-10 FIFTH KINGS HEAD LONDON OPEN W2. Open; U160; U125. WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd W11 2BY
- 23-24 HITCHIN CHARITY CONGRESS in aid of Childline. J Glynne Jones, 9 Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1PA 0462 454171
- Jul 13-15 VILLAGE (formerly CHARLTON) Congress at Charlton House. Ty Jefferies, 112 Austen Close, Thamesmead SE2 8AZ
- 30-11 BCF CONGRESS at Eastbourne. Various British Championships, Major Open, APAs, 5-day and weekend tournaments, you name it. Congress Secretary, BCF, 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards, E Sussex TN38 ODD. The BF emphasises that the Congress will go ahead whether sponsored or not.
- Aug 25-27 BERKS & BUCKS at Maidenhead. Open; Challengers (probably 150-175); Reserves (graded sections). RJ Pidgeon, 12 Birch Grove, Windsor, Berks SL4 5RT 0753 863503

No other leaflets received.

Quote:

"There is a semantic (syntactic?) dispute concerning the correct plural of 'Woman Grandmaster'. Some authorities maintain the (sic) 'Woman Grandmasters' is the correct form; others say 'Women Grandmasters'. We await a definitive ruling from FIDE on this important point." - BCF Newsletter no. 18

Our first thought was, who cares? (We doubt if the Newsletter does.) Our second thought was that it's "Woman Grandmasters" by analogy with "boy wonders", "child prodigies", "girl students", "Grandmaster drunkards" and so on. Our third thought was, OK "girls students" is impossible but "women students" isn't. And "women drivers" seems to be obligatory. Woman is fickler than your average noun.

Our fourth thought was that "Woman Grandmaster" is a title. You might say "women teachers", but can you say "Women Police Constables"? (The nearest we can find in OED, for what it's worth, is a contextless "woman officers". We haven't asked the Met.) If the Army had a corps of women drivers, they'd be Woman Drivers. That's our reason, we think, for preferring "Woman Grandmasters". Of course it doesn't apply if you mean womwn, with a small "w", who happen to be ordinary Grandmasters. We do go on, don't we. Maybe we should have stuck with our first thought.

We hear the BCF will launch a new, professional, Newsletter in July.

Stop press: late adjudication results

Kent 10 Essex 10.3.90: 10 O'Kelly 1 Manley

Surrey 4½ 13½ Herts +2: 1 Kinsman 1 Byway

These results are not included in the league table on page 6. Final positions in the Championship are: 1 Kent; 2 Herts; 3 Sussex; 4 Middx; 5 Cambs; 6 Essex; 7 Surrey; 8 Bucks.

Nearly forgot: Kent II's appeals against Kent III both failed.

