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MEETINGS

Two SCCU Executive meetings for the price of one this time, but we'll sandwich a BCF one between them for (chrono)logical reasons.

SCCU EXECUTIVE met on Friday 27th March 1992 at the Friends House opposite Euston station. 15 attended.

- (1) Deputy President. DR Sedgwick was elected.
- (2) Grading. Martin Cath, Grading Secretary, said that sales of lists were down but he still expected to make a fair profit.
- (3) County matches. The Executive managed, just about, to decide its nominees for the BCF stage. Technically one or two were unclear, because of outstanding adjudications, but there was no real doubt. The only play-off was between Kent III and Kent IV in the Third Teams. It had to be played within 24 hours and they hadn't been told yet, but a Kent man present fancied this would be no problem. The same Kent man observes that it certainly would have been a problem if two different counties had been involved, and he thinks it's time we changed the rules to prevent it happening. But see the next meeting.

The Executive discussed the withdrawal of Middx I with two matches still. Dr S Peachey, Middx President, said he would ask the Second and Third Team match captains not to play anyone in the BCF stage who might have become ineligible if the First Team had completed its matches.

It was reported that, in the Championship match Oxon v Sussex, the Sussex players had refused to set their clocks back 30 minutes for the second time-check. The Executive, which had not come across this one before, wondered how they had expected to know when the half-hour was up. (Ed: - I don't like messing around with the clock either. The only suggestion I've ever seen for getting round it involves fixing wire spokes to the clock, giving in effect three extra minute hands and a flag-fall every 15 minutes. Or of course you could just say "all your moves in n minutes", where the duration of the match is 2n minutes. I know that gives a bigger advantage to the faster player. So do Quick-play finishes. Messing around with the clocks is also an objection to QPFs; I've never seen much justification for the initial time-check if you're going to have a QPF anyway.)

Oxon said they had not heard about the date of the U130 jamboree. (The date had in fact been in the Bulletin.)

The Executive briefly discussed the BCF proposals to move to grading limits for matches other than Open and Minor Counties. There was no attempt to reach a consensus. Mr Sedgwick said he had asked the BCF whether they would seek to impose grading limits at Union level, and the BCF had said no.

- (4) Juniors. Bruce Birchall circulated a full report. He had suggested (see last issue) that Surrey might be allowed to go forward to the Major Girls Finals. The Executive did not decide to make representations to the BCF on this, but Mr Birchall was invited to prepare a paper on rule changes for next time.
- (5) Oxon committee were reported to have passed a vote of no confidence in Bryan Fewell over the Direct Membership Scheme.
- (6) Year Book. Kent raised the problem of clubs with AGMs in September/October and new officers they can't notify in time for the YB. It was hard to say much about this, since no one seemed to know when most clubs have their AGMs.

BCF COUNCIL held its annual "Finance" meeting (preceded by a Management Board one) in Birmingham on Saturday 25th April 1992. The following is gleaned from an SCCU representative's report.

- (1) Money. An approximate break-even is forecast for 1991-2, compared with a budgeted surplus of some £4000. DES grant for the coming year is about £46,000 with no restriction on the proportion that can be spent on admin/travel. In future years the grant will be based on costed forward planning on a three-year basis. The county levy was set at £231 per point, a 5% increase. (Three votes, out of 178 cast, were for £250.) There will be a discount of 8% on levies paid by the 1st July: less than last year's 10%, but in line with falling interest rates. League affiliation fee goes up from £1.65 to £1.75, and congress one from 20p to 25p per player/game. Fees for non-territorial affiliates go up as well, and their right to travelling expenses for Council meetings is abolished.
- (2) BCM. "The more radical elements of Murray Chandler's offer seem to have fallen by the wayside." The less radical ones were discussed, and Council favoured the sale in principle by 24 votes to 22. The impression is that many delegates found the decision very difficult, and the trustees will bear in mind the closeness of the vote in their future negotiations.
- (3) Direct Membership. There are - were - currently 969 DMs and no discernible sign that recent MB appeals have had any impact. Council agreed to Bryan Fewell's proposals

to increase DM representation in Council; each class of membership will be entitled to one representative for every 200 members. We assume, though our paper doesn't say, that this means every complete 200. (In this case, presumably no representative for Corporate Members.) How the representatives would be selected was not decided; there will be an announcement in ChessMoves.

(4) Levy Review. If you haven't heard of the proposals by now, go away and do your homework. A paper setting out implementation proposals was accepted. Our understanding is that formal adoption of the scheme will be for the September Council meeting.

(5) BCF Congress 1993. Bridlington was proposed; there is still no sponsor.

(6) BCF Stage County Matches. We called it wrong. There was "surprisingly little" discussion, perhaps because the meeting was already six hours old, and only two delegates voted against the proposals. (Kent was one. Not sure about the other, but non-SCCU.) From September 1992 the competitions, at the BCF stage, will be: Open, Minor, U175, U150 and U125. The Unions will be entitled to the same number of nominations as before. A county may enter any number of teams in any of these (with the obvious proviso about being a Minor County), and two teams from the same county may qualify for nomination in the same competition. But no one may play for more than one team in the same competition at the BCF stage.

SCCU EXECUTIVE met again on Friday 15th May 1992, in panelled sober splendour at the headquarters of the Free Church Federation Council. (A few hundred yards from the Friends House. Readers are assured that the SCCU retains its secular status.) 15 attended again, though the 15th arrived very late after spending 45 minutes trying to find the right door bell.

(1) Money. Tony Suttill, Treasurer, presented a preliminary revenue and expenditure account for 1991-2 plus budget for 1992-3. He wasn't helped by not having the Bulletin's figures for the year just ended, but his estimate wasn't a million miles out. The Union is somewhere near the break-even point for the season, compared with a budget forecast of £64 surplus. Don't panic, we have reserves of £3000. You may remember that the SCCU bit of the county levy was reduced last year from £8 to £4 a point, to mark the Union's centenary, and it was agreed to recommend that Council retain this reduced level next year.

(2) Grading. Martin Cath, Grading Secretary, said he was just about to send his list of deadlines and instructions to the Union graders. (This, apparently, is a matter of careful timing. If you wake the seasonal graders from their slumbers too late they don't have time to finish the job. Too soon and they go back to sleep again.)

Someone asked about correcting mistakes (like wrong clubs) in the grading list. The answer was, tell your grader. The computer has had problems with corrections in the past and Martin didn't know whether they'd been solved yet. We'll find out.

Do you remember the item last time, where the BCF grading secretary proposed postponing GL publication by a month and got sat on by the Management Board? Turns out he knew exactly what reaction he'd get and merely adopted that position as a bargaining counter. What he got in exchange for it was a commitment that grading would have prime call on computer time in June/July. Isn't chess interesting?

(3) Juniors. Bruce Birchall, Junior Organiser, had spent hardly any of his £300 allowance for last year (no blame implied, he is new in the job) and he fancied the idea of carrying it forward with a view to (perhaps) reinstating the Union Junior Championships. He was asked to come up with some ideas for a later meeting.

Bruce had threatened to present the Executive with a proposed draft for new rules in the National Junior Team Championships. Mercifully it turned out that the BCF organiser is doing his own draft, encouraged partly at least by Bruce's suggestions. The national rules, presumably still current, were last published in 1976 and they are inexplicit about things like tie-break.

(4) Nigel Short. Bruce Birchall thought we should make every effort to capitalise on NDS's achievements in the World Championship cycle. Thoughts went back to the soaring membership of chess clubs inspired by Robert J Fischer in (was it?) 1971. BB was asked to come up with some ideas.

(5) County Matches: grading limits. Can't put this one off any longer, and if your Editor's views come through too obtrusively, well, he's sorry. The Executive had to decide how to react to the new grading-limited structure in the BCF stage. Now, if at all, should this affect the SCCU stage? David Sedgwick had circulated a paper, quite unprovoked but all the more welcome for that, setting out three possible ways of handling the problem. We could:

- (a) reorganise into 4 divisions along BCF lines (Open and Minor amalgamated);
- (b) stay as we are, and hold jamborees for the grading-limited nominations; or
- (c) stay as we are, but with teams entered in accordance with the new grading limits. Nominate the top team at each grading limit, and hold jamborees to determine the other nominees.

Since you're dying to know: (a) was agreed by 7-votes to 5. As a recommendation to Council, that is. Some details:

Discussion never really got much beyond (a). An argument for (a), though we think it was mentioned only in passing, is that you could forget about nominations and the three-game rule; except where a county has two teams in the same division, anyone can play for any team at all so long as he's below the grading limit. One delegate added that it would be inconsistent for us to use one system and the BCF another. Others favoured (a) on the ground that it would (no doubt) lead to all first teams entering the Open, which was a good thing because first teams should always play first teams. They didn't say what they thought about second teams playing third teams, which is what would happen if some counties skipped the U175 and others didn't. (You were warned.) One of them, or it may have been two, felt that no county should be allowed to enter a "second" team in the Open. It was generally recognised, we think, that this would be unfair to counties with lots of over-175s who did not make the first team. Another, urging the superiority of (a) over the current system, instanced contingent defects of the latter, such as its failure to sort nominations out promptly, as though they were fundamental flaws. (You were warned. We think he also blamed game defaults on the system.)

If our presentation of the arguments for (a) has been less than dispassionate in places, it has not been consciously unfair. But we may have given the impression that it was an us-against-them thing: a re-opening of the old small-county versus large-county divide. That may have come into it, but it was not a deciding factor. The arguments against (a) were, on the whole, pragmatic. Essentially, the case for conservatism was that changing to (a) would involve a lot of bother and rule-drafting, at very short notice, for the sake of a scheme which might not even work. We didn't know what teams counties would enter, or whether a four-division structure would be viable. (It wasn't, ten years ago. The problem was raised at the meeting, briefly, but someone said "multiple rounds" and the point was not pursued.) The likelihood of 10-teams-plus in the Open could mean a regional split, not necessarily a problem but geography may not favour equalisation of strength. Both (b) and (c) would provide nominees for the BCF stage without fundamentally disturbing a system which more or less works. Considering the time-scale, it could do no harm to select (b) or (c) for the time being and reflect at leisure, over the next twelve months, on the course we wanted to take.

Anyway, Council must decide. DRS has agreed to draft rules for (a). He will also draft rules for (b) and (c) in case Council doesn't like (a). If it doesn't like those either, heaven help us.

You'll have guessed which way the Bulletin voted. It doesn't think it's against (a) in principle, if you can make it work. But there is a problem with the rule that says no one can play for two teams in the same division. Kent, say, would probably want to enter two teams in the Open in order to accommodate all their 175-pluses. But if no one can play for both they'd need to set aside a very large pool of first-team players, many of whom would only get the occasional game. That's if the rule applies at SCCU level. But does it have to? The current SCCU rules allow a limited overlap even within a division, and there is a strong case for retaining that. It would have to be on the understanding that only one of the two teams could go forward to the BCF stage. Later: we've seen the draft rule change and it does retain the current provision (if more precisely worded).

(6) County Matches: other things. The Berks representative said the "Berkshire" team in the U180 KO had no official county standing. The chairman, refusing to get led down that one, said it was Berkshire's affair.

Someone had suggested that we should have rules to discourage teams withdrawing part way through a season. Drafting them was thought difficult and not tried. Someone else withdrew a proposal to allow match captains to play for any team they liked. If the new scheme is adopted there will be fewer restrictions anyway. Two proposals actually will be recommended to Council:

First, and unanimously, that smoking be prohibited in the playing room at all SCCU events. Including, of course, county matches. There was initial doubt about whether we could impose this condition on congresses hosting the SCCU Championship; a doubt resolved when someone pointed out that all three of the congresses involved are non-smoking anyway.

Second, by 8 votes to 3, that Quick-play finishes be adopted in all SCCU county matches.

(7) SCCU Officers. Members were reminded that next season we shall be needing a new Secretary as well as a Minute Secretary. (And Fixture Secretary, but there are already one or two volunteers for that.) If readers know of, or are, likely candidates they are urged to contact the retiring Secretary. Note: we won't waste much of your time at meetings. We got through all of the above in two hours and 12 minutes; pretty good by BCF standards.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

6.4.92

I was interested to read the comments & opinions on the proposals for Counties Championships as a "Divisional Structure" & your comment that "half the delegates won't have heard of them - still less discussed them -..."

I think that I should point out that in September 91 I sent a beginning-of-the-season letter to County Match Captains with copies to County Secretaries/Treasurers, Union Secretaries and Controllers in which, as the final section, I outlined the proposals and the reasons for them & asked that Match Captains should give their views to Union Controllers & thence to Union delegates to BF by the end of October 91.

Was I merely wasting paper?

Sincerely,

Jeff Douglas      BCF County Match Controller

PS I personally received comments from one SCCU 2nd team Match Captain!

Ed: - I didn't know about the letter. (Write to the Press as well, Jeff!) The letter was, in my opinion, exactly what was required. But the issue wasn't raised at my own county's committee meeting on the 13th October 1991; it should have been, and actually was at our next meeting.

Dear Richard,

8.4.92

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I read with interest the latest SCCU Bulletin especially the comments on the proposals to change the operation of the counties championships onto a graded divisional basis from next season.

You indicate you were surprised to see that proposals are to go before the April 25 BCF Council meeting, raising the question whether sufficient time had been allowed for discussion. The concept was first raised as a Union-generated suggestion back in 1991 and I referred to it in my annual report to last September's Council Meeting as a strategic concept for counties to consider. Delegates to the November 1991 Management Board Meeting were reminded that comments were awaited by me. The proposals were then incorporated into the annual Home Chess policy document which was distributed in good time for the January 1992 Management Board Meeting, though, as you know, it was not then discussed through pressure of other business. The Management Board discussed the matter at the recent March Meeting and agreed to support putting the proposals to Council.

Publicity was given to the proposals in ChessMoves and I assume that Union delegates to the Management Board arranged for a discussion of the issues at Union/County meetings or, if they did not, then they obviously should have done so!

In addition, I have exchanged some correspondence with Union delegates to the Management Board on the matter and have had some individual discussions. This has resulted in some fine tuning of the proposals.

In a democracy there is always a balance between allowing adequate time for new ideas and in getting on with things! If Council delegates wish to have the proposed new system in operation from next season then a decision has to be taken later this month by Council so that detailed arrangements can be made.

I simply don't understand your gratuitous comment in your report on the March Management Board Meeting: "Someone would have had egg on his face if it hadn't been." I rather assume this refers to me and I can tell you that you couldn't be more wrong if this is the case.

I have absolutely no axe to grind on the possible reconstruction of the counties championships. Jeff and I have brought forward proposals in response to suggestions and it is entirely up to the Management Board and Council whether to approve them. If the proposals are rejected we will carry on as now until the next idea comes forward for change. If approval is given at the Council Meeting then Jeff and I will work towards the successful introduction of the new system.

As you will appreciate, chess activities are no more immune to change than anything else and, as officers of the Federation, Jeff and I must do our best to look at new ideas and to make sure they are, as far as practical, given an airing. On balance, I personally support them but I am very content to leave it to the decision of Council. I hope you will have the grace to put the record straight.

The next point for me to correct is that the Management Board did not propose to suppress the next issue of the Year Book. It was my suggestion in my January policy report that it was proving increasingly difficult to produce a Year Book, in its present style, without risking a financial loss and therefore we must think seriously about the matter before a decision were taken to go ahead or not this year, as well as looking at other possible options. The resignation of Brian Concannon as editor, after

5 years "hard labour", was an important consideration. My own view at the time was that, bearing in mind the state of the Federation's finances and those of counties too, the Year Book was not a viable proposition.

Since then we have had the volunteer situation, to which you refer, and this is currently under investigation. I hope to be in a position to publicize our future plans in a month or two.

Finally, let me confirm that the Leigh Interests National Club and Counties Championship Finals will be held on 20-21 June at a new venue in Birmingham: the Clarendon Suites, 2 Stirling Rd, Edgbaston. These facilities have been viewed and compared with last year's venue at Aston University. We believe they represent an improvement and should contribute to an even more successful "Finals" weekend.

May I suggest you might save us both time and provide a more accurate report on such issues in future if you took the trouble to phone me before publication to check the facts, as well as taking the opportunity to ask my opinion where you feel this would be helpful to your presentation.

Kind regards,

Bryan Fewell                      Director, Home Chess

Ed: - Gosh. Such as which? Such in what respect? I've been trying to see what facts I got wrong, and can't find any with the possible exception of who said exactly what about the Year Book. The points Bryan makes in his second and third paragraphs, apparently intended as a correction of my report, are entirely consistent with it and consist largely of things that were in it to start with. Including the fact that the ideas for change were mentioned at last year's September Council Meeting. I did not "raise the question whether sufficient time had been allowed for discussion", though I suggested that counties might in practice not have noticed the ideas early enough. (I wasn't aware of any local discussion until well into the new year.) My "surprise", as I said clearly enough, was not at the existence of the ideas but at the premature ChessMoves announcement that they would be formally put to Council. As for the egg on his face, yes of course I meant Bryan and I can't understand his reaction unless he's mistaken the meaning of the phrase. I made no reference, direct or otherwise, to his opinions, and I don't know what I said to provoke his seventh and eighth paragraphs. Does that put the record straight?

My only reservation about the timing is the fact that it didn't leave much scope for the Unions to adjust their own competitions, if they felt adjustments were needed. It's water under the bridge now.

Dear Mr Haddrell,

3.4.92

Concerning your remarks on the Braintree results in the March Bulletin, I feel that an explanation is required of the use of Elo ratings for juniors. (Some readers may not be aware of the nature of the Elo calculation: it is a comparison of expected score from a selection of games against actual score, and the precise formula can be found in the FIDE Laws of Chess, published by Batsford.)

Where tournaments for juniors are regularly organised, a reliable source of information is required. The BCF list is woefully inadequate for this purpose. This is because few juniors actually appear on the list, and many of those who do, progress remarkably during a short period of time (a gain of 200 Elo points in a month is not unknown) and the BCF list is only updated annually. A regularly updated list is required, and since October last year I have been producing one for Essex-based juniors. Suffolk junior chess have been using a list of this sort for nearly 4 years now, and it was partly pressure from them, and partly some disastrous pairings in the Essex Junior Championships last October, that persuaded me to produce the list. Suffolk use a piece of software written by Steve Lee of Ipswich, which runs on an IBM compatible. I own a Commodore Amiga, which cannot use IBM format software, so I rely on a spreadsheet ("Maxiplan"), although the cross-table I sent you were produced on Digicalc, a much more primitive spreadsheet which nevertheless has some useful features.

Many Essex juniors take part regularly in tournaments in Suffolk, so conforming to the standard Suffolk set seemed sensible. The list is updated continually and produced on paper on a monthly basis. There are advantages to this: firstly, each child can keep track of his/her own progress, and this acts as a great incentive. Secondly, tournament organisers have a readily available pecking order from which to do Swiss pairings. Thirdly, board order for team events (eg EPSCA championship events) are easier to decide upon.

The list is not intended to be translated into BCF, hence the very low ratings of some of the players. However, after recent discussions with Kevin O'Connell, I have decided in future not to allow ratings to fall below 500, though the weakest players' results cannot support a rating of 600. The purpose of this is conformity: Suffolk don't allow it, and the result is that the continual injection of rating points at the

bottom end quickly finds its way around the entire list as the strong players beat the weak and take the rating points from them. This boosting is necessary, as it cannot be guaranteed that more than a fraction of all results from the children on the list actually get rated, and it is therefore the case that the occasional player will "load up" with points on the few occasions that their results actually reach me.

The purpose of rating an Under 8 tournament is that outstanding performances (rating compared to rating performance) can be quickly identified and the individuals concerned singled out for extra coaching. Seeing the same name on a high score regularly will obviously draw the organisers' attention, but what if this is the only tournament that child plays in 6 months? Immediate action may be necessary to point out to parents who may not otherwise know, that little Johnny has actually displayed a remarkable talent. In response to your question "Would you grade an Under 8 event?" I would ask "Would you grade Luke McShane's games?"

The only reason in Essex to translate from BCF to Elo is where adult meets child. There are plenty of factors outside of the rating list which mean that you are not comparing like with like. A brief example: 1400 Elo translates to 100 BCF. It is undoubtedly the case that a child on 1400 is an immensely more talented player than an adult on 100. However, to win a game of 40-odd moves requires a level of consistency which even some strong juniors lack, especially if the game is to be played in an evening league, and may well endure well past the child's normal bed-time. In a nutshell, a talented player who is careless will always lose to a careful player who is talentless.

The fourth list I produced, in early November, contained some 70 names. This month it reached 300. It is of tremendous practical value to all of us who organise junior chess in Essex and, as it grows, so will its usefulness grow. I believe that all local associations adopted such a method, it would add tremendously to our knowledge of the players for whom we are responsible, and would aid considerably in BCF Junior Squad tournament selection and the like.

Readers who would like a copy of the Essex rating list are invited to send an SAE containing 2 first class stamps to me at 43 Stuart Rd, Southend on Sea, Essex SS2 5JS.

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Yours sincerely,  
Peter Walker Southend

Ed: - Mr Walker has kindly sent me a copy. I suggest a DL envelope - the size the Bulletin comes in.

#### NATIONAL CLUB

OPEN Quarter finals: Barbican 5 1 Oxford Univ; Breadsall 4½ 1½ Cambridge Univ; Gosport 1 5 Maidstone; Slough 3½ 2½ Paisley

Semi final draw: Breadsall v Barbican; Maidstone v Slough

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Quarter finals: Guildford 4 2 Hounslow; The Albert 4 2 Northampton; Wood Green 6 0 Cosham; Writtle 1½ 4½ Bradford

Semi final draw: The Albert v Bradford; Wood Green v Guildford

MAJOR Quarter finals: Gt Lever 3½ 1½ Bolton; Kingston 3 2 Bushbury; Cowley Community Centre 2 3 Oxford Univ; Guildford 3 2 Hackney A

Semi final draw: Gt Lever v Oxford Univ; Guildford v Kingston

Plate

Quarter finals: Morecambe 4½ ½ Hereford; Aberystwyth 1 4 Lichfield; Tunbridge Wells 3 2 Basingstoke; Saxmundham 3 2 Hounslow

Semi final draw: Lichfield v Morecambe; Saxmundham v Tunbridge Wells (which is one of my excuses if this issue is late).

INTERMEDIATE Quarter finals: Eastbourne 2 3 Kings Head A; Liverpool A\* 2½ 2½ Formby; Rose Foxglove 2 3 Metropolitan; Warley Quinborne 3½ 1½ Gravesend

Semi final draw: Kings Head A v Metropolitan; Liverpool A v Warley Quinborne A

Plate

Quarter finals: Bridgend 3½ 1½ Stock Exchange; Lucas/Birmingham Settlement 2 3 Grimsby & District; Prescot & Knotty Ash 3½ 1½ Lichfield; Tunbridge Wells 1 4 Hammersmith

Semi final draw: Hammersmith v Bridgend; Prescot & Knotty Ash v Grimsby and District

MINOR Quarter finals: Fulham 3 2 Eastbourne; Salisbury Jnr 3½ 1½ St Albans; Stockport 2 3 Rushall (Walsall); Warley Quinborne 1 4 Calderdale

Semi finals: Calderdale v Rushall; Salisbury 2 3 Fulham

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Quarter finals: Bourne End 3 2 Oxford Univ; Cardiff 1½ 3½ Sutton in Ashfield; Ilford Jnr 1½ 3½ Hastings & St Leonards; Prescott & Knotty Ash 4 1 Gt Lever

Semi final draw: Sutton in Ashfield v Prescott & KA; Hastings & SL 1 4 Bourne End

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FOUR-HANDED MATCH London v Cambridge 18.3.92 was won 5-1 by Cambridge. We have no details of the opening trap whereby both London pairs fell into a mate in two in the second round.

HASTINGS CONGRESS seeks a new sponsor. Foreign and Colonial have decided to call it a day after 6 years support.

### CONGRESS RESULTS

LETCHWORTH 15th March 1992 Sponsored by Viking Johnson

Premier 1-2 Peter Wells (Cambridge Univ), Demis Hassapis (Christs College) 4½/5; 3-4 S Drazic (Hampstead), Francis Rayner (Kings Head) 4... Grading U190 Andrew Ponting (Camb U), Nick FASTER (Hampstead) 3; U175 Alan Atkinson (St Albans) 4  
Under 160 1 HS Thomas (Black Lion) 5/5; 2 S Neill (Hemel Hempstead: Viking Johnson Cup) 4½; 3-4 David Boyle (Camb U), Karl Mah (Wanstead) 4... Grading U145 RH Newman (Camb U) 3½; U135 Malcolm Evans (Northampton), Scott Taylor (Stowmarket) 4  
Under 125 1-2 Martin Robertson (Watford Boys GS), MM Wali (Chess Forum) 5/5; 3-4 Karl Hardy (Letchworth & Baldock), Matthew Peat (St Albans), Rod Burroughs (also Grading U110), Matthew Fletcher (Stowmarket: best Junior), Gloria Sullivan (Islington: best Lady) 4... Best Veteran Brian Farr (Bedford) 3½; Slow Starters Jenny Goldsmith (Finchley), RG Green (Kings Lynn) 3; Best "Rook" (it says here) Ginette Pelton (Watford Girls GS), Tom Steer (Watford Boys GS) 3  
Under 90 1 Steve James (Maidenhead) 5½/6; 2-4 George Hassapis (Chalgrove), Steve Lacey (Stevenage), David Marsden (Hitchin) 5... Best Junior Michael South (Bourne End) 4½  
Junior U14 1 James Vigus (St Dunstons College) 5/6; 2 Nicholas Habershon (BMS) 4½; 3-4 Martin Childs (Kings School!!!), Darren Toogood (Kettering) 4...  
Junior U11 1 Francis Dickinson (BMS) 5½/6; 2-3 Sanjay Joshi, Peter McNamara 5; 4 Jimmy Pollon (BMS) 4½  
Teams: Chess Forum (MM Wali, Ben Savage, Alan Brewis, Andrew Morris) 68%

BOURNE END 11th April 1992

Section A (12 pl) 1-2 MV Lambshire (Bourne End), C Cobb (Swindon) 4½/5; 3 G Moore (SW7) 3½...  
Section B (22 pl) 1-2 BV McDonagh (Flackwell Heath), D Norman (Vokingham) 4½/5; 3-5 JF Kitchen (Blackheath), M Lucey (Thatcham), D White (Twickenham) 3½...  
Section C (24 pl) 1 DC Maddock (Calcot) 4½/5; 2-4 M Markkula (Finland), ML Patrick (Wandsworth), A Laurence (Ealing) 4...  
Section D (24 pl) 1 P Fallon (Iffley) 5/5; 2 J Shuttlewood (Bourne End) 4; 3-5 TE Conlon (Reading), S Joshi (Stanmore), M Vann (Marlow) 3½...  
Section E (24 pl) 1 D Smalley (High Wycombe) 4½/5; 2-3 AJ Hawkins (Marlow Bottom), A Pike (Prestwood) 4... Results AJ Cox

SOUTHEND 17-20 April 1992

Open (69 pl) 1 Jonathan Rogers (Brentwood: BCQ) 6½/7; 2-4 Andy Bryce (Leighton Buzzard), Andrew Ledger (Bedford), John C Moore (Rayleigh) 5½; 5-6 Chris Howell (Maidstone), Simon Lazarus (Finchley) 5; 7-19 David Coleman (Harlow), Nigel Donovan (Charlton), Andrew Dunn (Southend), Andrew Hammond (Folkestone), JA Feavyour (Saxnundhan), Andrew Lewis (Twickenham), Mark Mortimer (Folkestone), Ivan Myall (Chelmsford), Nicholas Pert (Ipswich Juniors), Adam Phillips (Wickford), V Barry Rumsey (Woodbridge), Mark Walker (Gosport), Jonathan Young (RAE Farnborough) 4½... Grading prizes not rapidly extractable from list, but nearly all won by people on 4½.  
Swiss A (16 pl) 1-2 Ken Norman (Crowthorne), Jia Stevenson (Finchley) 4/5; 3-5 Stephen Macdonald-Ross (Wimbledon), Dinah Norman (Crowthorne), Olu Olulode (East Ham) 3½...  
Swiss B (20 pl) 1 Mark Weighell (East Ham) 4½/5; 2 Martin Maanon (Fulham) 4; 3-4 John Greer (Southend), Jason Roberts East Ham) 3½...  
Swiss C (13 pl) 1 Kevin Wallsh (Ilford) 4½/5; 2 Simon Armour (Southend) 4; 3-5 Matthew Cain (Basildon), Melvin Pool (Customs Southend), Richard Weeber (Grays) 3½...  
Swiss D (13 pl) 1 Kar Hui (Univ E Anglia) 5/5; 2 Pat O'Neill (E Ham) 4; 3 Michael Silverstone (Southend High School) 3½...  
Junior U12 (34 pl) 1 Edmund Player (Stowmarket) 5½/6; 2-6 Ian Childs (Colchester), Thomas Fletcher (Stowmarket), Tim Hebbes (Ilford), Peter Kemp (Colchester), Daniel Storey (Ilford) 4½...  
Lightning (10 second) (12 pl) 1 Karl Mah (Wanstead) 5/6; 2-3 Alan Parsons (Southend), Mark Walker (Botley) 4½... Results GMA Smith

SURREY EASTER 17-20 April 1992 attracted 423 (437 last year, but "in view of the competition from the new Congress in Walsall, the total entry is still most satisfactory... the number of FIDE rated players in the Open - 26 - was most encouraging and an increase of 10 over last year.")

Frank Winter Memorial Open (77 pl) 1 Andrew Kinsman (Wimbledon: SCCU Champion and BC Qualifier)  $5\frac{1}{2}/7$ ; 2 Chris Ward (Maidstone) 6; 3-5 Jonathan Levitt (Finchley), Alan Perkins (Hanwell), Andrew Webster (Sutton)  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6-10 MJ Basman, AR Corkett, PE Johnstone, PD Kemp, PJ Rossiter 5... Grading Peter Kemp (Sutton), Brian Izzard (Brighton) 4, Richard Bates (Richmond) 4; Junior Paul Griffiths (Kings Head) 4.

Under 170 (63 pl) 1-2 Alexis Harakis (Portsmouth), Jonathan Walton (Hayes Kent)  $6/7$ ; 3-4 John Dodgson (Hastings), Travel Master Computer  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5-8 HM Carter (Guildford), GCW Coomber (Redhill), DJ Faulkner (Welwyn), GW Dormand (Sutton) 5... Grading PJ Horlock (Godalming) 5, J Cohen (Finchley)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ; Junior Charles Cobb (Lawn, Swindon)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ .

Under 145 (32 pl) 1-2 Christopher A Baker (Richmond), Paul Fenn (Sittingbourne)  $5/7$ ; 3-5 AD Brown (Hendon), DBA Hughes (Brighton), JKM Newman (Hayes Kent)  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ... Grading A Luaces (Kings Head) 5, C Panayi (Sutton)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ; Junior James Cliford (Richmond), Alex Edmans (Reading)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ .

Under 120 A (64 pl) 1-3 Ruth Bates (Richmond), Fraser Sim (Sutton), Nicholas Wood (Sutton)  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ ... Grading J Goldsmith (Richmond)  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; Junior PS Thuraisingham (Dulwich College) 4, RP Manning (Richmond) 4.

Under 120 B (57 pl) 1 Mark Daniells (Wallington)  $5/5$ ; 2-7 JJ Cowle (Cobham), C Gregory (Glyn School), N Harris (Charlton), RP Manning (Richmond), S Mills (Lewes), CP Lang (Hayes Kent) 4... Grading R Foreman (Cobham) 4; Junior Nicholas Wood (Sutton)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , Sanjay Joshi (Barnet Knights) 3.

Under 100 A (48 pl) 1-2 T Manuel Streatham, LW Vaill (Wallington)  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ ; 3-4 R McShane (Kings Head), RV Perry (South Norwood) 4... Junior Alexander New (City of London School), Jason Gregory (Glyn School) 4.

Under 100 B (32 pl) 1-2 GA Cobb (Petersfield), Eleni Hassapis (Hendon)  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ ; 3-4 JA Pacitto (Staines), J Sprackett (Wimbledon) 4... Junior Barney Brabham (Richmond) 4, Ross Rattray (Richmond)  $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

Special Congress Prizes: Veterans JA Pacitto, RV Perry; Family Jonathan and Thomas Walton; Best Game to be announced ("after the entries have been judged", as they used to say).  
Results Martin Cath

SCCU CENTENARY TEAM TOURNAMENT 2-4 May 1992 attracted 23 teams including one from Pirigeux who kindly donated a hamper of French goodies as additional prizes.

1-2 Barbican, Kings Head A  $16/24$  (Barbican take trophy on tie break); 3 Hackney A  $15\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4 Athenaeum A  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ... Best Medium Team (average grade 145-170) Insurance 13; Best Little Team (U145) Metropolitan B  $11\frac{1}{2}$ . Board prizes: 1 JN Sugden (Lewisham); 2 AP Smith (Lewisham); 3 CR Wismayer (Athenaeum A); 4 AM Stone (Streatham); Reserve R Brown (Hackney B). Best Game Gareth Anthony, David Sedgwick, Mark Lyell. Results accidentally anonymous (someone gave them to us at a meeting, we can't remember who, and there's no name on.)

An incident in a (non-SCCU) QP congress (acknowledgments GMCCA). Mr A and Mr B, clubmates who had travelled together, were paired against each other in the last round. White Mr A (4 pts), Black Mr B ( $4\frac{1}{2}$  pts). 1 f4 e6 2 g4 Qh4 mate. Mr A: "I thought he'd played 1...d6." Mr B won the tournament outright.

#### JUNIOR NEWS

BCF UNDER 18 TEAM FINALS 11th April 1992 at Keble College, Oxford

Major "Boys" 1 Surrey  $3/12$ ; 2 Suffolk  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3 Lancs 6; 4 Humberide  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5 Devon 4.

Major Girls 1 Oxon  $4/6$ ; 2 Staffs 4; 3 Devon 1

Minor "Boys" 1 Somerset  $3\frac{1}{2}/12$ ; 2 Sussex  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3 Staffs  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4 Beds  $3\frac{1}{2}$

Minor Girls 1-2 Suffolk, Somerset  $4/6$ ; 3 Lincs 1; 4 Cheshire 1. Bruce Birchall will have been interested in the tie-splitting procedure. Suffolk scored 0 1 1 1 1 0, Somerset 1 0 1 1 0 1 and we don't know what the rules were. Maybe Suffolk took it on "bottom board elimination". Or maybe Suffolk took it because they beat Somerset 2-0 in head-to-head games. Can't find any ways of giving it to Somerset offhand. Oh, in the other Girls one it was easier. Oxon scored 1 1 1 1 0 0. At least we suppose that made it easier.

Results AJW Thorn, BH Birchall

SUSSEX JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at St Margarets Ditchling 21.3.92

Under 9 1-3 Rachel Southworth (Battle), David Hare (Crowborough), Benjamin Wood (Ditchling) 7/8

Under 7 1 Henry Hozze (Ditchling) 100%, don't know what of.

DITCHLING ST MARGARETS CEPS have completed a memorable double by winning both the Mid Sussex U11 League and the Sussex U11 Championship.

KENT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (part 3) at Tunbridge Wells 11.4.92

Under 12 (24 pl) 1 David Titmas (Maidstone) 5/6; 2 Nathan Alfred (St Olaves) 5; 3 Trevor Jarrett (Maidstone) 4½; 4-6 Howard Thomas (Sittingbourne), Benjamin White (Maidstone: U11), Rachel Lang (Bromley) 4...

KENT SCHOOLS LEAGUE 1991-2: Champions are: Senior St Olaves Orpington; U16 St Olaves; U13 Palace Wood Primary (Maidstone); U11 Palace Wood.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS Junior 11.4.92

Under 19/16/parents (14 pl) 1 Paul Fenn (Sittingbourne) 5½/6; 2 John Briggs (parent) 5; 3-4 David Lettington (Oakwood Pk Maidstone), James Vigus (Chislehurst) 4; 5-9 Michael Bacon, Robert Dunsmore (both parents), John Potter (Folkestone), Lee Robinson (TWGSB), Jeffrey Titmas (Maidstone) 3...

Paul Fenn took both titles. Mr Briggs's entry wouldn't have been accepted if the organisers had spotted his grade (200). The solution, a time handicap of 15 minutes against 45, seemed agreeable to all concerned and may set a precedent. He generously put his prize money back in the fund.

Under 14 (25 pl) 1 Nicholas Mantell (Ashford) 5½/6; 2 Steven Willison (Bexhill) 5; 3-4 Jessica Ho (Maidstone), Colin Moore (Ashford) 4½; 5-6 Timothy Holmes (Hayes), Edward Milner (TWGSB) 3½...

Under 11/10 (40 pl) 1-2 Richard Murphy (Hayes), Rosalind Kieran (Hayes: U10) 5½/6; 3 Philip Richardson (Hayes) 5; 4 Martin Taylor (Gillingham) 4½; 5-13 Peter Willcocks (Amherst), Stephen Casement (Blean), Ben Hatcher (Tenterden), James Lloyd-Hughes (SB Maidstone), David Wiltshire Amherst), David Carpenter (Hayes), Eleanor Reeves (Beckenham), Adam Nicholson (Beckenham), Colin Goldblatt (Bexley) 3½...

Under 9/8 (32 pl) 1-3 Thomas Watson (Hayes), Alvin Kissoon (Barning: U7), Emily Manuel (Streatham: U7) 5; 4 Mithulan Jegapragasan (Palace Wood: U8) 4½; 5-8 Peter Titmas (Palace Wood: U6), Christopher Diprose (Maidstone), Paul Higgins (Amherst), Oliver Cooley (Hayes) 4...

SOUTHLANDS (Kent) JUNIOR 17th April 1992

Under 13 Major (6 pl) 1 Robin Clark (U12) 4/5; 2 Marcus Taylor 3½... Best Parent Shield: Ray Harper

Under 18 Minor (14 pl) 1-2 Amy Kieran, Glen Parker 5/6; 3 John Titmas 4; 4-6 Colin Moore, Rachel Reeves, David Titmas 3½...

Under 12 (26 pl) 1 Samuel Coates 5½/6 (and Nuclear Electric Cup for best scoring Junior); 2 Junliang Chew 5; 3 Christopher Dunsmore 4½; 4-8 Rosalind Kieran, Matthew Noakes, Mark Roberts, Stuart Watson, Trevor Jarrett 4...

Under 10 (22 pl) 1 William Power 5/6; 2 Peter Willcocks 4½; 3-7 Michael Atkins, Alex Birkhamshaw, Stephen Clark, Alex Fuggle, James Warren 4...

Under 8 (20 pl) 1-2 Emily Manuel, Nicholas Murdoch 5/6; 3-6 Matthew Avery, David Ho, Alvin Kissoon, Peter Titmas 4...

MAIDENHEAD Junior

Under 13 (15 pl) 1 Miroslav Houska (Maidenhead) 5½/6; 2 Steven Hampton (Send) 5; 3 Charles Cobb (Swindon) 4½; 4-5 Andrew George (H Wycombe), Gulvay Reyatt (Reading) 3½...

Under 13 (21 pl) 1 Matthew George (H Wycombe) 3/9; 2 Michael Duggan (Twickenham) 7; 3-4 Ian Debbage Swindon), Aiden Leech (Maidenhead) 6...

Under 11 (24 pl) 1 Alan Huntley (Basingstoke) 7/9; 2-3 Matthew Inglis (Hindhead), Alan Allkins (Gerrards Cross) 6½; 4-5 Anthony Pike (Prestwood), Robert George (H Wycombe) 6

Under 9 (27 pl) 1-2 Leigh Debbage (Swindon), Richard Pike (Prestwood) 9/11; 3 Claire Thrower (Warlingham) 7½...

Results Nigel Dennis

EPSCA UNDER 9 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Southern Eliminator at Leatherhead 21.3.92

1 Richmond 31/36; 2 Essex 28½; 3-4 Bucks, Barnet 20½; 5-6 Kent, Devon 20; 7 Wey Valley 19½; 8 Berks 17½; 9 Wilts 14; 10 Avon 9½; 11 Hants 3½; 12 South London 6½

National Finals at High Wycombe 2.5.92

1 Suffolk 25/35; 2 Kent 22½; 3 Richmond 22; 4 Bucks 21½; 5 Gtr Mcr 20; 6 Barnet 19; 7 Essex 13; 8 Northants 15; 9 Notts 14½; 10-11 Devon, Solihull 14; 12 Lincs 10½

EPSCA UNDER 11 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Southern Eliminator in SE London 23.3.92

1 Suffolk 44½/60; 2 Kent 42½; 3 Hants 38; 4-5 Essex, Richmond 36½; 6 Wey Valley 35½; 7 Wilts 30; 8 Bucks 24; 9 Barnet 21½; 10 S London 13½; 11 Berks 7½

National Finals at Liverpool 16.5.92

1 Devon 41½/60; 2-3 Hants, Suffolk 41; 4 Gtr Mcr 40½; 5 Kent 40; 6 Essex 35; 7 Richmond 33; 8 Notts 30½; 9 Liverpool 27; 10 Solihull 25; 11 Humberside 24½; 12 Wirrall 23; 13 Somerset 20½; 14 Derbys 20; 15 Lincs 19; 16 Avon 13½

TIMES Schools KO

Round 2 Aberdeen\* (15.10) 3 3 Hymers ollege Hull (16.8); RGS Newcastle\* (14.6) 3 3 Manchester Grammar (15.3); Bancrofts (16.1) 4½ 1½ Ipswich School (12.10); City of London (15.1) 4 2 KESS Soton (14.8); Dr Challenors (16.3) 4 2 Trinity Croydon (14.7); Nottingham (16.3) 3½ 2½ Kind Edwards Bham (16.11); Monmouth (15.9) 5½ ½ Magdalen College School (15.11); Truro\* (15.2) 3 3 St Columbs (16.3)

Quarter Final City of London\* (15.2) 3 3 Bancrofts (16.2); RGS Newcastle (15.2) 3½ 2½ Aberdeen GS (15.11); Truro\* (15.4) 3 3 Monmouth (15.11); Nott'm\* (16.5) 3 3 Dr Challenors

The semi finals and final are at the Charing Cross Hotel 2-3 July.

Acknowledgments Mitchell Taylor

SCCU COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES 1991-2  
(almost) complete

CHAMPIONSHIP

	C	E	H	K	M	O	Sy	Sx	GP	MP
6 Canbs		11½	12½	8	12	8½	8	3	68½	3
3 Essex	8½		9	10	12	13	11	8	71½	3½
7 Herts	7½	11		3½	9½	10½	4+3	10½	56½+3	3
1 Kent	12	10	16½		11	10½	12	14	86	6½
3 Middx	8	3	10½	9		13	0d	0d	48½	2
Oxon	11½	6	9½	9½	7		12	12	67½	3
Surrey	12	9	13+3	8	20d	3		8	78+3	3
2 Sussex	12	12	9½	6	20d	8	12		79½	4

MONTAGUE-JONES

	Br	Bu	E2	K2	K3	M	GP	MP
4 Berks		10	9	12½	16	7½	55	2½
5 Bucks	10		4½	12½	14	7	43	2½
2 Essex II	11	15½		5½	15½	5	52½	3
3 Kent II	7½	7½	14½		16½	9½=	55½	2½
6 Kent III	4	6	2½	3½		3½	19½	0
1 Middx II	9½*	13	15	9½=	16½		63½	4½

AMBOYNA/EBONY

	E	K	M	Sy	Sx	E	K	M	Sy	Sx	GP	MP
5 Essex III		12	3	8	11		7	7½	7½	9½	65½	2
4 Kent IV	8		9½	10	10½	13		5½	8½	7½	72½	2½
1 Middx III	17	10½		14½	12	12½	14½		12+2	14	107 +2	8
2 Surrey II	12	10	5½		11	11½	11½	6+2		7	74½+2	5
3 Sussex II	9	9½	8	9		10½	12½	6	13		77½	3

\* match won      = match drawn

Positions 4 and 5 in the Championship are still unclear because of outstanding adjudication results. Actually, the Tournament Controller hasn't sent them up yet. The match was played in February. When all the tournaments are complete the Bulletin may de-alphabeticise them.

Adjudications from last time:

C Essex 13 7 Oxon 25.1.92: 12 White ½ Chapman  
Sussex 9½ 10½ Herts 15.2.92: 5 Hawes ½ Rudge  
Oxon 9½ 10½ Kent 15.2.92: 1 Glueck 1 McDonald; 10 Hastings 0 Wager  
Canbs 11½ 8½ Essex 15.2.92: 9 Hessenbruch ½ Myall  
Kent 10 10 Essex 29.2.92: 4 Watson ½ Twyble  
Canbs 3½ 11½ Oxon 29.2.92: 13 Totty ½ Vainker; 18 Best 1 Hastings

MJ Berks 7½ 9½ Middx II 1.2.92: 6 Townsend ½ Donnelly  
Kent III 4 16 Berks 22.2.92: 6 Mata ½ Deane  
Middx II 15 5 Essex II 22.2.92: 3 de Peyer ½ Heppinstall; 7 Eva ½ Whitton; 19 Gibson 0 Van Rooy. No Middx claims received.

AE Essex III 7½ 12½ Middx III 25.1.92: 6 Davenport 1 Rety; 14 Hare 0 Hinks-Edwards; 15 King 0 Birchall; 16 Filer 0 Hamnett; 19 Weighell 0 Pelton  
Essex III 9½ 10½ Sussex II 22.2.92: 9 King 0 Scamardella

COUNTY MATCHES

CENTENARY MATCH: COUNTY CHAMPIONS v SCCU

STRAY AMBOYNA/EBONY MATCH

<u>Kent</u>		4.4.92		<u>Rest of SCCU</u>		<u>Surrey II</u>		28.3.92		<u>Middx III*</u>	
1	PJ Morris (B)	½	½	M Basman	def (B)	0	1	F Oris			
2	AE Hanreck	0	1	T Fatin	RJ Wilcox	0	1	N Crabb			
3	AP Smith	0	1	A Webster	RE Wilkinson	=	+	AO Alabi			
4	AI Armstrong	0	1	S Berry	DN Bellis	½	½	T Hinks-Edwards			
5	JD Wager	½	½	RG Wade	RGR Harris	1	0	J Rety			
6	MP Cook	0	1	BJ Denham (sic)	JB Hawson	0	1	R Brown			
7	N Donovan	0	1	ST Ansell	JED Hale	0	1	P Flexner			
8	JA Wood	½	½	G Wall	JC Marley	0	1	F Carpenter			
9	P O'Donovan	0	1	DJ Coleman	ND Grey	½	½	R Alster			
10	L Smart	0	1	G James	EJ Brodie	½	½	J McVicar			
11	R McCorry	1	0	FC Manning	CPL Parker	1	0	I Nathoo			
12	Z Mehnet	0	1	S Spivack	FC Manning	0	1	A Ran			
13	TR Jefferies	0	1	P Kemp	PE Barnard	½	½	T Black			
14	DJ Barnes	½	½	M Lyell	IRE Clark	=	+	L McShane			
15	I Pountney	½	½	PJ Sharp	N Fotherby	0	1	EH Birchall			
16	T Owens	0	1	M Twyble	DM Woods	0	1	D White			
17	PS Milner-Barry	0	1	P Cawte	KN Mehendale	1	0	R McShane (r)			
18	J Macdonald-Ross	½	½	R Brown	A Lim	½	½	A Nathoo			
19	PV Eldridge	½	½	F Dorn	D Baldock	½	½	T Hammett			
20	SC Scott	1	0	RCN Lee-Anderson	N Wood	0	1	P Saffer			
(Charlton House)		5½	14½			(6 12)					

"A much closer affair than the final result suggests, although Kent were heavily outgraded." Unfortunately, if predictably, Kent were way below full strength. It was a pity the match captains could not have got together to produce a more evenly-balanced match. (Actually, one of them says he wanted to but the other wouldn't, but we won't report that.)

SCCU UNDER 180 KO

Round 1:

<u>Sussex*</u>		2.5.92		<u>Oxon*</u>		<u>Bucks*</u>		9.5.92		<u>Kent</u>	
1	IG Kelly	½	½	RJ Starkie	RDW Marsh (B)	0	1	MD Brougham			
2	SJ Newnan	0	1	JJ Hastings	J Alster	1	0	DJR Barnes			
3	RJ Almond	1	0	GW Chapman	AJ Cox	½	½	LR Gurr			
4	AO Pickersgill	0	1	A Lewis	Stafford Scopes	1	0	MH Micklethwaite			
5	A Hall	0	1	JN Stayt	R Fox	1	0	MJ Reddie			
6	M Lenton	0	1	MJ Nightall	EN Branley	½	½	D Tuddenham			
7	AN Smith	0	1	T Dickenson	CD Floyd	1	0	def			
8	JP Munday	1	0	GP Alcock	DF Hill	1	0	RC Shilling			
9	RH Williams	½	½	LR Millin	WG Whittow	1	0	MR Croft			
10	RD Hirsch	0	1	HMJ Searle	R Korzeniewski	1	0	FA Hiron			
(Brighton)		3	7			(Amersham)		8 2			

Round 2:

<u>Middx I*</u>		16.5.92		<u>Herts</u>		<u>Oxon*</u>		17.5.92		<u>Bucks*</u>	
1	David Dobbs	1	0	H Tebbs	F Van Hasselt	1	0	RDW Marsh (B)			
2	Tom H-Edwards	½	½	K Clark	RJ Starkie	½	½	J Alster			
3	Vineet Sood	1	0	S Law	GW Chapman	1	0	AJ Cox			
4	Lee Jacobs	1	0	A Atkinson	A Lewis	½	½	AMJ Robbings			
5	David Jagoe	0	1	CE Majer	JN Stayt	½	½	Stafford Scopes			
6	Nicholas Tarlton	½	½	J Cook	B Bix	½	½	R Fox			
7	Luke McShane	0	1	BD Judkins	A Mushens	1	0	def			
8	Russell Manning	0	1	RJ Arnot	T Dickinson	1	0	DF Hill			
9	Paul Saffer	1	0	def	LR Millin	0	1	J Springall			
10	James Clifford	1	0	T Ray	HMJ Searle	1	0	MS Vann			
		5	4			(Cowley)		7 3			

Not received (Round 1): Middx II 6 4 Berks. The Middx I team consists entirely of juniors.

INTER-UNION STAGE  
Quarter Finals

## Championship:

<u>Kent*</u>	9.5.92		<u>Wilts</u>	<u>Leics</u>	9.5.92		<u>Sussex*</u>
1 AE Hanreck (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PA Richmond	GC Flear	1	0	FJ Kwiatkowski
2 AP Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SP Zeidler	M Hebden	1	0	BJ Denman
3 JN Sugden	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AC Cooper	G Quillan	1	0	GH James
4 RMR O'Kelly	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Varley	GW Lawton	1	0	MD Nicholas
5 NF Dickenson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Haydon	C Duncan	1	0	SON Hawes
6 SW Giddins	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JD Bourne	C Flear	1	0	KI Norman
7 AJ Hammond	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Garwell-Richmond	I Cragg	0	1	MR Stott
3 JD Wager	0	1	T Headlong	G Cole	0	1	PG Farr
9 AI Armstrong	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	EG Lea	S Calderwood	1	0	IG Kelly
10 CI Howell	1	0	JE Cobb	S Singh	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Almond
11 MP Cook	1	0	RC Lynn	JK Robinson	1	0	DR Oates
12 NP Donovan	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	CA Cobb	J Mitchell	0	1	J Graham
13 PJ O'Donovan	1	0	BR Johnson	AJ Morley	0	1	SJ Newman
14 LJ Smart	1	0	R Peck	PC Gibbs	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AO Pickersgill
15 DJ Horton	1	0	FF Cohen	R Northage	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Hall
16 PS Milner-Barry (Slough)	0	1	DL O'Byrne	O Hardy (Nuneaton)	1	0	AN Smith
	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$			$10\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	

'A bit close for comfort! Incidentally, Maidstone still fancy their chances in the National Club!' - Chris Howell

Minor Counties: Oxon and Surrey both won by default (and meet in the semi final).

## Second Teams:

<u>Ches/N Wales</u>	9.5.92		<u>Essex II*</u>	
1 P Taylor (B)	0	1	Steven D Harvey	We understand that Middx II also won, don't seem to have received their score sheet.
2 AA Parker	1	0	Steven Harris	
3 P Caulkett	0	1	S Robertson	
4 J Povall	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Robert Parker	
5 R Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Rodie	Also not received: Kent III's result in the Third Teams. They lost.
6 C Plaisted	1	0	MJ Ashdown	
7 C Coates	0	1	JSA Wood	Not sure how we managed to get all three SCCU Third Teams into the BCF Stage, but it was a good trick anyway.
3 G Dixon	1	0	DJ Millward	
9 K Evans	0	1	LJ Crane	A forest-friendly match captain is experimenting with envelope-free letters. He has not achieved good qualities of non-destructive penetrability.
10 DC Curtis	0	1	CFH Dorn	
11 A Silvester	0	1	S Williams	
12 def	0	1	NEI Twitchell	
13 D Cann	0	1	M Rahaman	
14 RJ Plaisted	0	1	A Van Rooy	
15 L Wolszczak	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MRA Murrell	
16 def (Nuneaton)	0	1	Stuart D Bates	
	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$		

## Third Teams:

<u>Leics III</u>	9.5.92		<u>Middx III*</u>	<u>Essex III*</u>	9.5.92		<u>Suffolk C</u>
1 P Hogan (B)	0	1	F Oris	JA Philpott (W)	1	0	Darren Porter
2 H Chandrashekada	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	N Crabb	S Jarwood	0	1	Gary Trudeau
3 J Calder	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AO Alabi	D Olulode	1	0	Philip Revell
4 C Horsley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Hinks-Edwards	M Bird	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Charlie Gold
5 I Dodds	0	1	R Brown	Howard Grist	1	0	Cliff Rutledge
6 G Booley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Flexner	WD Rawlings	1	0	David Spence
7 D George	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	F Carpenter	AJ Parsons	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Haran Jogeessvaren
3 J Simpson	1	0	C Fewtrell	PDJ McCarron	1	0	Kevin Greenacre
9 M Sandham	0	1	G Knott	John S Simmons	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Les Jones
10 M Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Alster	P Barclay	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Daren Harris
11 J Oliver	0	1	C Baker	RD Manning	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Kevin Delaney
12 J Glover	0	1	CICM Wallace	RT Hare	0	1	Darius Pour
13 D Ashfield	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Black	Andrew King	1	0	David Silver
14 J Pattinson	0	1	A Ethelontis	DG Cannan	1	0	Jonathon Wright
15 A Finch	0	1	M Cresswell	G Gooding (r)	1	0	Michael Clapham
16 M Badley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Brown	HJ Berlin	0	1	Michael Spalding
17 S Ward	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	BH Birchall	(Wanstead)	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	
18 D Carrot	0	1	J Nynan				
19 R Jones	1	0	def				
20 D Milton	1	0	def				
(Northampton)	$7\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$					

One result in the National U131 KO:

Sussex*	9.5.92	Norfolk
1 KA Andrews (B)	0 1	T Buttolph
2 TJ Woods	0 1	O Green
3 RH Clark	1 0	P Sneesby
4 B Horscroft	1 0	J Danger
5 J Webb	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Priestly
6 EJ Hillier	0 1	S Manes
7 M Curtis	0 1	P Balls
8 S Mills	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Goodwin
9 DL Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Harman
10 G Parker	1 0	W Alear
11 EJ Tapper	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Hansell
12 CD Clark (Cambridge)	1 0 5 5	B Rissman

Norfolk won on board count.

13 Kf2 ed5 14 Bc5+ Ne7 15 Be7+ Ke7 16 Qb4+ Ke6 17 Nf3 Qb6+ 18 Nd4+ Ke5 19 Qe7+ Be6 20 Rhel+ Kf4 21 g3+ Kg4 22 Qh4 mate

Note: The Bulletin's games do not carry a money-back guarantee of quality. It just publishes short ones to fill gaps. But it does at least play them through and reject the boring ones. (And correct the score, sometimes).

Some brevities from the Sutton Open:

White MN Anderton, Black MD Baker  
 1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef 3 Nf3 g5 4 h4 g4  
 5 Ne5 Nf6 6 d4 d6 7 Nd3 Ne4 8 Bf4 Bg7  
 9 c3 0-0 10 Nd2 Re8 11 Ne4 Re4+ 12 Kf2  
 c5 13 dc dc 14 g3 c4 15 Bg2 Qb6+  
 16 Kf1 Re8 17 Nb4 Na6 18 Qa4 Bf5  
 19 Bc6 bc 20 Qa6 Bd3+ 0-1

White AR Corkett, Black JM Shepley  
 1 Nc3 d5 2 e4 de 3 Ne4 Nd7 4 Bc4 Ndf6  
 5 Ng5 Nh6 6 Nlf3 e6 7 0-0 Be7 8 d4 0-0  
 9 Qe2 c5 10 Rd1 Qc7 11 c3 Bd7 12 Ne5 cd  
 13 Nd7 Qd7 14 Ne6 Rfc3 15 Rd4 Qc6  
 16 Bh6 gh6 17 Qe5 1-0

White DR Sedgwick, Black P O'Brien  
 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 h4 h5 5 c4  
 dc4 6 Bc4 e6 7 Nc3 Be7 8 Be3 Bh4 9 Qb3  
 b5 10 Nb5 cb5 11 Bb5+ Kf8 12 d5 Bf2+

13 Kf2 ed5 14 Bc5+ Ne7 15 Be7+ Ke7 16 Qb4+ Ke6 17 Nf3 Qb6+ 18 Nd4+ Ke5 19 Qe7+ Be6 20

Rhel+ Kf4 21 g3+ Kg4 22 Qh4 mate

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- Jun 6- 7 KINGS HEAD Open; U160; U125. WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd W11 2BY  
 7 WARLEY QUINBORNE. J Lewis, 405 Court Oak Rd, Birmingham B32 2DX 021 427 4988  
 So ChessMoves. When we listed the May W Quinborne with the same  
 contact name, an SCCU correspondent queried it ("W Quinborne is 12-14  
 June, and who is J Lewis?"). We have no reason to doubt ChessMoves, but  
 haven't checked.
- 12-14 WARLEY QUINBORNE BCQ. Open; U160; U120. Bruce Holland, 2a Bertie Rd,  
 Kenilworth, Warwicks CV8 1JP 0926 53230
- 13-14 CAMBRIDGE BCQ. Open; U170; U145; U125; U105. D Martin, 12 Caribou Way,  
 Cambridge CB1 4XG 0223 242953
- 14 CITY CHESS. G Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 9TP 031 446 8569  
 21 BARBICAN. G Goodwin as above
- 27-23 HERTFORDSHIRE. JG Jones, 9 Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts SG 1 1PA  
 0462 454171
- Jul 3- 5 SUFFOLK at Ipswich. M Clapham, 46 Constable Rd, Ipswich IP4 2UW 0473 280700  
 5 BASINGSTOKE. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, South View, Basingstoke 0256 472537
- 10-12 VILLAGE CONGRESS at Charlton. Open; U160; U125. TR Jefferies, 112 Austen  
 Close, Thamesmead SE23 3AZ 031 311 1370
- 10-12 CLEVELAND Open; U161; U136; U111; novice; age over 55. Cleveland County  
 Libraries & Leisure Dept, PO Box 41, Middlesbrough TS3 0YZ  
 0642 327533 X217
- 11-12 CLERICAL MEDICAL U18 at Fareham. L Haigh, 9 Crawford Drive, Fareham, Hants  
 PO16 7RN 0329 231270
- 11-12 BNFL Junior Blitz at Liverpool. K Brown, 71 Lakeside Close, Widnes, Cheshire  
 WA8 3RQ 051 424 0021
- Aug 3-15 BCF CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS at Plymouth sponsored by Rank Xerox. Congress  
 Secretary, BCF, 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards, E Sussex TN38 0DD
- 22-31 LLOYDS BANK MASTERS in London. Open. Tony Gaffney, 49 Reighton Rd E5 8SQ
- 29-31 BERKS & BUCKS at Maidenhead. 175+; sections 150-175, U150. No QPFs.  
 RJ Pidgeon, 12 Birch Grove, Windsor, Berks SL4 5RT 0753 863503

Quote: "It will only come about once a century." An SCCU Executive member, on SCCU Centenaries.

BCF Junior Squad now has a Newsheet Editor, we see. A New post, appropriately.

Fulham Chess Club: We are asked to say that reports elsewhere of this club's demise were premature. It is now in a permanent new home at the Atlas pub, 16 Seagrave Rd SW10 (tube W Brompton or Earls Court) and it still meets on Fridays.

SCCU President: Please note that Roy Brown's new address, temporarily, is 137a Hainault Rd, Leytonstone E11 1DT.

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