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SCCU ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The AGM took place at 2 p.m. on Saturday 27th June 1992 at Tavistocks, a pub near Paddington. (Why can't committee meetings have licensed venues?) 24 attended, if we counted right. The interesting bits:

(1) Money. The Treasurer presented the (unaudited) accounts for 1991-2, showing a deficit of £131. There were only five items under Income, so for a change we'll list them: Grading services (net) £391, Levy £300, Interest £112, Equipment hire £30, and Bulletin (net) £26. Biggest items under Expenditure: Room hire and admin £195, Centenary celebrations £300, Individual prizes £120, BCF Year Book entry £40. For Junior Training a provisional figure of £300 had been assumed, but in fact much less had been spent.

The accounts were adopted subject to audit, and the Meeting agreed a more or less no-change budget for 1992-3. Levy remains at £4 per point, Bulletin sub at £3.50, and grading lists at whatever they were (see inside front cover).

(2) Juniors. It was reported that the BCF Junior Director intends to revive the national coaching scheme, using money from the Challenge the Russians Appeal; and that the Oakham Tournament has lost its sponsor. Bruce Birchall, SCCU Junior Organiser, had some proposals on the table:

(a) The SCCU Junior Championship to be revived and run "in the context of" monthly junior training at the Barbican. His idea was to hold the championship in the mornings, at one round a month, with training in the afternoons. It was remarked that such a championship would require a lot of commitment from non-Londoners (or anyone, really), and one delegate believed we should not limit our thinking to the Barbican. Bruce took these points on board.

(b) The SCCU to recommend to the BCF that Junior Team Finals should be held in term time, and that any spare places should be offered to Union runners-up. The BCF Organiser had already said that he intended to effect the second bit, and the first seemed uncontentious.

(c) The SCCU to establish a Girls Team Tournament at U12 and U14 involving regular matches throughout the winter. The idea was to counter the tendency of girls to drop out of the game (can we say that?) after they left primary school. Some doubted the propriety of positive discrimination.

On (a) and (c) Bruce was asked to do as he thought best within his £300 budget.

(3) BCF Finances. The Federation was reported to have sold the BCM to Murray Chandler for £27,000 (£24,000 now and the rest in three equal annual instalments). Included also is a deal by which the BCM will provide some £3000 worth of books and clocks over the next three years, presumably as prizes, to promote junior and congress chess.

On the Levy Review Roy Brown commented: "This was to have been taken forward by the subcommittee comprising the Finance and Home Chess Directors and myself, but the other two have abandoned ship and in the absence of other volunteers I have been left holding the baby. I do not wish to criticise these particular Directors, they have plenty to do without this additional burden, but I am dismayed that no one else on the Board feels that the BCF's financial future is worthy of their attention." It was in this context that the Deputy President, no lover of the proposed scheme, made the remark quoted on the back page. (The official minutes will doubtless quote his hastily amended version, leaving the Bulletin to shoulder alone the burden of beauty and truth.) A Berks delegate, several months too late, spoke out against game taxes. Undeterred, RB will present a paper to the MB describing arrangements for a pilot scheme, targeting independent events, which could be introduced on the 1st May 1993. RB's feeling is that the only way we're going to find out if the scheme will work is to try it, and the Bulletin heartily agrees.

(4) Other BCF Things. Briefly: Lady Thelma Milner-Barry is to prepare a paper suggesting ways of getting women to join chess clubs; Paul Buswell is to take over as

Year Book Editor (which will at least give it a bit of character: Ed); six entries have been received for the revived (note lower case) Club of the Year award; Bridlington has fallen through as British Championship venue 1993, and the Championship is still without a sponsor; and the MB has still not sorted out who will lose their places in the streamlining operation. Some Board members had apparently not even realised their places were at risk.

A Maidstone man, whose club came second in the National Club this year, observed that the rules of the European Club Championship provide for two teams from the "strongest" countries. At present the strongest countries are officially the USSR, Yugoslavia, Hungary, and West (or was it East?) Germany. The regrettable non-existence of three-quarters of these countries casts some doubt on the list. Should England not be on the list anyway? RB said he would take this up with the BCF.

(5) Grading. Martin Cath, Grading Secretary, had little to report except that the schedule had been disrupted by the BCF computer's new-found inability to read Spectrum tapes. (It was reading them all right last year. This year, after several attempts, they gave up and someone had to type all the Spectrum data in by hand.) The overall schedule will not be affected.

The computer will still read data from discs prepared with the BCF's PC-compatible programs. Your Editor confesses to a recent disappointment about these programs. They always seem to get referred to as "grading programs", and in his innocence he had assumed that that was what they were. You know. Type the game results in and the grading scores come out the other end. Not so. The only thing you can type in is the processed grading scores (Player 123456Z, games X, points Y) and how you work those out in the first place is your problem. But this is silly. Given that you've got a PC to type the scores into, it seems an obvious step for someone to write some real grading programs for it. Or perhaps someone has, and the BCF doesn't know? The Bulletin regrets that its own programs won't work on a PC.

(6) SCCU County league structure 1992-3. You know what this is about. So fairly briefly: It was agreed by 14 votes to 4 to switch to the BCF system, i.e. Open (but 20 bds), Minor Counties (20), U175 (16), U150 (16), and U125 (12). The Open and Minor Counties will be combined. It will be permissible to enter more than one team in a division, and some overlap of players will be allowed. (A Berks delegate thought that a county wishing to enter two teams in the Open should split them on a geographical basis, though he saw no such necessity for the lower divisions. A Kent man said his county had far more over-174s than it could fit into one team, but not enough for two if they were 20-player teams.) A straw poll conducted at the meeting suggested 10 entries in the Open, 5 in the U175, 3 in the U150 and 6 or 7 in the U125. (But see page 8.)

Much fun was had with the draft Rules. The bit about grading limits had to be sent back to the shop; basically, the meeting desired that normal OTB grades, even last year's, should have precedence over QP ones; but the drafting was too complex to accomplish at a meeting.

A delegate expressed concern about the widespread adoption, throughout the country of the same grading limits for all sorts of events. He thought organisers should ring the changes to discourage grade-riggers (people who lose games on purpose to stay below the required grade).

(7) Smoking. This one got through by 16 votes to 2, and at least one of the two was a non-smoker standing up for Smokers Rights. Smoking is now banned at SCCU events.

(8) Quick-play finishes. Rather to the Bulletin's surprise, this got through as well (14 - 5). All SCCU county matches will have QPFs next season. Again the drafting defeated Council, but the substance, or most of it, is that matches will last 4½ hours except by mutual agreement and that the clocks will go back 30 minutes each.

(9) Election of Officers. We still have no Secretary. We have, however, a Miniute Secretary (JA Philpott) and a new Fixture Secretary (D Metcalfe). The last was actually a contested election. All names and addresses are inside the front cover.

(10) New scoring system? Someone suggested giving 3 points for a win, 2 for a draw, 1 for a loss (and 0 for a default). Someone else made the obvious point that this is the same as deducting half a point for a default. Last time the suggestion was made it got nowhere, and no vote was taken this time.

(11) SCCU Nominee for the British Championship is AL Mack, after seven others declined.

(12) Publicity and sponsorship. Our notes record that much was said, but they don't say what. ND Short came into it. Tunbridge Wells Chess Club has a semi-permanent spot in its AGMs, at the end of AOB, for How to Recruit New Members. All very worthy, and the same things are said every year, and nothing ever comes of it. This could be why we're a small club; but your Editor tends to be cynical about publicity, especially when it comes right at the end of a meeting, and he apologises for not having taken notes.

The meeting lasted four hours and a minute.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met after the AGM, as always, for routine purposes. It elected our delegate to the BCF Management Board (R Brown); our delegates to BCF Council (R Brown, WA Suttill plus 2 others); the SCCU Rules-and-appeals sub-committee (R Brown, DR Sedgwick, RCN Lee-Anderson); and the sixth member of the SCCU Management Board (RJ Haddrell). Also, somewhat illicitly, the fifth (DR Sedgwick). The Rules have it that the SCCU MB consists of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, County Match Controller, Junior Organiser, and one other. We haven't got a Secretary, and DRS is a good man, and the MB never does anything anyway...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

8.6.92

Please permit me to clarify the report you gave in the May issue of the SCCU Bulletin concerning the increase in representation for Direct Members of the Federation as approved by the April 1992 Council Meeting.

There will be a MINIMUM of one representative on Council for the following classes:
Vice Presidents/Corporate Vice Presidents

Full Members
Family Members
Veteran Members
Student Members

In addition, Life Members of the previous scheme retain their one representative on Council. The level of representation will change according to the following scale depending on the number of members in each class in benefit at 31 March each year:

1 - 300 members	1 representative
301 - 500	2
501 - 700	3

and one additional representative for each increase of 200 members.

Based on the present total of Direct Members in their respective classes, representation will increase from a total of 4 to 8. Further details including plans for the election process will be given in the June issue of ChessMoves.

Yours sincerely,

Bryan (Fewell)

Director, Home Chess

Dear Richard,

14.6.92

205:1 (clocks back). I do remember Brian Eley as an arbiter in the late 1970s taking the view - and acting on it - that he preferred to rely on his eye in letting the clock advance than on his hand in turning it back.

205:11. I was surprised to see a player in the SCCU U180 who, in the July 1990 FIDE list, is 200+ and who, although not in the BCF 1991 list, is in the unpublished master list at 185 from 10 games. One wonders if their match captain was perhaps less than rigorous in his investigation of the player's grade.

Paul Buswell

St Leonards

Ed: - Don't know who PB's referring to; I checked down to board 3½ then got sick of it. I'll take issue with Brian Eley, though. No one's likely to dispute an arbiter's setting of the clock when the time check's a good half hour off. A competent arbiter will make sure that both players agree what the clocks say before he touches them, and any disagreement over a few seconds should be swiftly resolved since a few seconds one way or the other doesn't matter. And once you've agreed the setting, you don't argue with flag-fall. It's right by definition. An arbiter's subjective impression that my clock says exactly half past, when I'm in the middle of playing my last move, certainly isn't right by definition.

Must admit I claimed flag-fall the other week in a QP game, when my opponent had just moved, and he said "Actually it fell the move before, while your clock was going." A witness agreed, and no one had joggled the table. And he certainly wasn't cheating, since he accepted the loss on time anyway.

Dear Richard,

7.6.92

I always enjoy reading the SCCU Bulletin even though I stopped playing chess for the BBC some two years ago and am therefore a passive supporter. One of the reasons for temporarily retiring is that a deal in (and organise large-scale fairs selling) old postcards. I'm finding great difficulty in obtaining old postcards featuring chess,

however, and it occurs to me that some of your readers may have some which they might like to part with in exchange for a nice cheque. I buy other old postcards as well of course - particularly English topographical cards featuring inland towns and villages - and a whole galaxy of subjects. If any of your readers can help me on the chess front, though, I'd be pleased to hear from them. By old, incidentally, I mean pre-2nd-World-War; preferably pre-1920.

Michael Goldsmith

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VILLAGE CONGRESS 10-12 July 1992

Open (38 pl) 1 CG Ward (Tunbridge Wells, it says here) 5½/6; 2 J Rogers (Nottingham Univ) 5; 3 D Agnos (Richmond) 4; 4-9 D Hassapis (Christ's College), PD Kemp (Sutton & Cheam), T Lee (Sidcup), PJ Rossiter (Cavendish), AP Spice (Orpington), A Tucker ("Hayes") 4...

Under 160 (51 pl) 1 JC Manley (Crystal Palace) 5½/6; 2 JD Lyth (Morecambe) 5; 3-6 I Duvall (Camberley), ND Grey (Battersea), AM Harakis (Portsmouth), TR Spanton (Kings Head) 4...

Under 125 (35 pl) 1 N Hams (Charlton) 5½/6; 2 P Lebreton (South of the Thames) 5; 3 A Matthews (Leighton Buzzard) 4½; 4-8 J Brief (Barnet Knights), R Hayley (Waltham Forest), EM Hazell (DHSS), J Nelson (Hammersmith), M Peat (St Albans) 4...

Results Ty Jefferies

NATIONAL CLUB semi finals and finals will no doubt be in the July ChessMoves, but as we've not seen it yet:

Semi finals

Open Breadsall 2 3 Barbican; Maidstone beat Slough. Plate: The Albert 4 2 Bradford; Wood Green 4½ ½ Guildford

Major Gt Lever 2 3 Oxford Univ; Guildford lost to Kingston. Plate: Lichfield 2½ 2½ *Morecambe; Saxmundham 3 2 Tunbridge Wells

Intermediate Kings Head 3 2 Metropolitan; Liverpool beat Warley Quinborne. Plate: Hammersmith 4 1 Bridgend; Prescot & Knotty Ash* 2½ 2½ Grimsby

Minor Salisbury Junior 2 3 Fulham; Calderdale 3½ 1½ Rushall. Plate: Sutton in Ashfield 3 2 Prescot & KA; Hastings & SL 1 4 Bourne End

Finals 21.6.92

Open Barbican 4 2 Maidstone; Plate Wood Green 3½ 2½ The Albert

Major Kingston 3 2 Oxford Univ; Plate Morecambe 4 1 Saxmundham

Intermediate Liverpool 3 2 Kings Head; Plate Hammersmith 3 2 Prescot & Knotty Ash

Minor Calderdale 3 2 Fulham; Plate Bourne End 5 0 Sutton in Ashfield

KENT CCA RESULTS 1991 2

County Cup Maidstone; Lewis Cup Lewisham IV; Stevenson Cup Black Lion I; En Passant Sittingbourne III; Harvey Cup Sevenoaks II. Individual Champions: County Champion JD Wager; Major J Walton; Intermediate PD Fenn; Minor D Hamblin. Individual Postal Champion: MH Micklethwaite

THANET (Kent) results 1991-2:

Millar Cup Herne Bay; Minor (U131) League Broadstairs. League Jamboree Birchington. 10-second Team Herne Bay. 10-second Individual: "The final details are obscure because the results were lost, but it is agreed that Brian Westover won; who else did what, and how many took part, is lost in the mists of time." Results Mick Croft (you can tell by the way he staples things in the top right-hand corner)

INSURANCE CC results 1991-2

Division 1 Bacon & Woodrow; Div 2 Rodney-Smith. Bowring-King KO Bacon & Woodrow; Durham Trophy KO Bain Clarkson. Individual Champion is Dave Sedgwick who beat Martin Page in a play-off. Major Champion JH Aldred; Minor David Downing. Insurance won the Eastman Plate competition; who won the Cup we don't know.

The Best Game from the SCCU Centenary Team Tournament (acknowledgments ChessIns):

White DR Sedgwick, Black C Ellis

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 h4 Qd7 5 c4 Na6 6 cxd5 Nb4 7 dxc6 Qxc6 8 Na3 0-0-0 9 Be3 Kb8 10 Nf3 e6 11 Rcl Qd5 12 Bc4 Qa5 13 0-0 Bg4 14 Nb5 f6 15 exf6 gxf6 16 Bf4+ e5 17 Nxe5 1-0

SCCU COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES 1991-2

The tables now seem to be final; we give them in full.

CHAMPIONSHIP

	K	Sx	E	O	Sy	C	H	M	GP	MP
1 Kent		14	10	10½	12	12	16½	11	86	6½
2 Sussex	6		12	8	12	12	9½	20d	79½	4
3 Essex	10	8		13	11	8½	9	12	71½	3½
4 Oxon	9½	12	6		11½	11½	9½	7 (60)	67	3
5 Surrey	8	8	9	8½		12	14½	20d (60)	80	3
6 Cambs	8	8	11½	8½	8		12½	12 (56½)	68½	3
7 Herts	3½	10½	11	10½	5½	7½		9½ (48½)	58	3
8 Middx	9	0d	8	13	0d	8	10½		48½	2

For teams tied on 3 points, game points v Middx have been ignored (hence figures in brackets). Oxon finish above Surrey because they won the individual encounter. Actually on a strict reading of Tournament Rule 3(b)(ii) you have to ignore match points v Middx as well, which would mean that Herts leapfrog Surrey and Cambs. That method seems wrong to the Bulletin. On a totally unstrict reading, it's a bit hard on Cambs to put them below Oxon just because a third party didn't play Middx. What you really want to do is put Oxon, Cambs and Herts into order using their full results, then find a way of ignoring Middx to fit Surrey in. Can't think of one. Go and do something useful, Haddrell.

WINTAGUE-JONES

	M	E	K2	Br	Bu	K3	GP	MP
1 Middx II		15	9½=	9½*	13	16½	63½	4½
2 Essex II	5		5½	11	15½	15½	52½	3
3 Kent II	9½=	14½		7½	7½	16½	55½	2½
4 Berks	7½	9	12½		10	16	55	2½
5 Bucks	7	4½	12½	10		14	48	2½
6 Kent III	3½	2½	3½	4	6		19½	0

AMBOYNA/EBONY

	M	Sy	Sx	K	E	M	Sy	Sx	K	E	GP	MP
1 Middx III		14½	12	10½	17		13½	14	14½	12½	108½	8
2 Surrey II	5½		11	10	12	6½		7	11½	11½	75	4½
3 Sussex II	8	9		9½	9	6	13		12½	10½	77½	3
4 Kent IV	9½	10	10½		8	5½	8½	7½		13	72½	2½
5 Essex III	3	8	11	12		7½	7½	9½	7		65½	2

● match won
= match drawn

Adjudications hung over from way back, and we think they're now complete:

C Surrey 14½ 5½ Herts 29.2.92: 2 Holland 1 Swanson; 11 Bates 0 Neil;

15 Macdonald-Ross ½ Judkins

AE Surrey II 6½ 13½ Middx III 28.3.92: 3 Wilkinson 0 Alabi; 14 Clark ½ McShane

Also a correction.

C Oxon 11½ 8½ Surrey 2.11.91: 7 Selkirk ½ Osborne.

This one's a cautionary tale. The Surrey match captain (call him Fred) originally resigned the game on his player's behalf, some time after the match, because the Oxon match captain (call him Dave) said it was a book win for Oxon and Fred took his word for it. The Surrey player, when he found out, protested that it wasn't a book win at all. Fred had a belated look at the position, agreed with him and rang Dave, and Dave said "Oh, sorry, you seem to be right. Have a draw." By the time these gentlemanly exchanges had run their course, the result had already been posted as an Oxon win in the January Bulletin. The official result is Draw, and it is unfortunate that the grader could not have been told in time to correct his calculations. (Deadline for graders this year was 14th July and publication date is 1st August.) It seems extremely unlikely that the mistake can be corrected for this season's grading list; whether it can be sensibly corrected at all is not for the Bulletin to say. Ask Martin Cath.

The five late adjudications will also have been too late for this season's grading list, though they can be inserted next year as "previous-season" games. Thank goodness we've finally got rid of adjudications in county matches.

SCCU UNDER 180 KO

quarter final:

<u>Berks</u>	16.5.92	<u>Middx II*</u>
1 M Marlow	0 1	M Ross
2 M ?	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Mackenzie
3 D Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Dunn
4 J Townsend	0 1	T Donnelly
5 A Buckland	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Bower
6 S Gilmour	0 1	R Brown
7 B Millis	0 1	P Flexner
8 Joseph Conlan	1 0	A Ethelontis
9 I Duval	1 0	F Carpenter
10 PAF Watkins	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J McVicar
	<u>4 6</u>	

Somehow or other, and not necessarily in the right order, we seem to have published every match in the U180. Thank you match captains, but you could have made our job easier by using A4 paper, by indicating competition/round/date/colours, by writing in one direction only across the page, by not hiding notes on the back, by not putting two competitions on the same sheet, and by writing legibly. Not all of you are offenders, of course, it just felt that way. And you did write.

semi final:

<u>Middx II*</u>	13.6.92	<u>Middx I*</u>
1 F Oris 179 (B)	1 0	David Dobbs 170
2 A Gilfillan 179	1 0	Vineet Sood 157
3 A Stewart 174	1 0	Tom Hinks-Edwards
4 A Alabi 168	0 1	Andrew Ram 155
5 A Dunn 168	1 0	Lee Jacobs 153
6 T Donnelly 169	1 0	P Goldstein 149
7 D Bower 166	1 0	David Gibeon 147
8 A Lee 166	1 0	Nich. Tarlton 140
9 A Ethelontis 148	0 1	Luke McShane 124
10 F Carpenter	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Chris Baker 137
	<u>7$\frac{1}{2}$ 2$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	

Final:

<u>Oxon*</u>	28.6.92	<u>Middx II</u>
F Van Hasselt	1 0	M Ross (W)
RJ Starkie	0 1	F Oris
GW Chapman	0 1	A Gilfillan
E Horton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Mackenzie
JN Stayt	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Alabi
M March	1 0	B Birchall
B Bix	1 0	def
MJ Nightall	1 0	def
A Mushens	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Ethelontis
H AJ Searle	1 0	def
(Long Hanboro)	<u>6$\frac{1}{2}$ 3$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	

One Middx car failed to make the match, spoiling what should have been a close Final.

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

CHAMPIONSHIP semi final:

<u>Kent*</u>		<u>Staffs</u>
1 CG Ward (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Bellin
2 IR Watson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	L Cooper
3 AJ Stebbings	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JN Bellin
4 AE Hanreck	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DW Anderton
5 AP Smith	0 1	MA Wheeler
6 JN Sugden	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AK Crombleholme
7 NF Dickenson	1 0	DR Carless
8 AJ Hammond	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Acey
9 JD Wager	1 0	MJ Gough
10 AI Armstrong	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Armstrong
11 JE Scholes	0 1	MO Costley
12 PJ Heaven	0 1	G Smith
13 CI Howell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RMA Allen
14 PJ O'Donovan	0 1	KR Thompson
15 DJ Horton	1 0	L Grinsell
16 LR Gurr	0 1	MW Johnson
(Cowley)	<u>7 9</u>	

We've got most of the results in, after a bit of telephoning around. Still a couple of omissions from the quarter finals, but what matters most is there. We have to congratulate Middx II on winning the Second Teams, and Middx III on winning the Third (even though their match captain generously minimises their achievement).

Counties Championship Final went Staffs 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hants; U131 Final Lancs 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cleveland.

Kent match captain had great difficulty getting out a full-strength team. For some comment on the Championship and Second/Third Teams, see page 7.

MINOR COUNTIES

semi final:

<u>Oxon*</u>	30.5.92	<u>Surrey</u>
1 S Rachels (B)	1 0	APH Kinsman
2 D Glueck	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Wall
3 ST Ansell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JC Benjamin
4 M Piper	1 0	P Kemp
5 M Hazelton	1 0	WA Linton
6 J Redmond	0 1	DB Rosen
7 G D'Elia	0 1	DR Sedgwick
8 F Van Hasselt	1 0	RJ Stockwell
9 RJ Starkie	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PM Stimpson
10 JJ Hastings	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	ME Osborne
11 M Rose	0 1	PG Roche
12 GW Chapman	0 1	RGR Harris
13 H Hunt	0 1	CR Clegg
14 A Lewis	1 0	JB Hawson
15 E Horton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MD Baker
16 JN Stayt	1 0	JJ Skielnik
(Cowley)	<u>8$\frac{1}{2}$ 7$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	

Final:

<u>Oxon*</u>		<u>Beds</u>
D Glueck (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Ledger
ST Ansell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Ledger
NJ Holloway	1 0	A Bryce
M Hazelton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Ledger
G D'Elia	1 0	T Hare
IR Dutton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Hare
F Van Hasselt	1 0	B Valentine
JJ Hastings	0 1	R Freeman
RJ Starkie	0 1	P Haresmon
M Rose	1 0	P Pritchard
GW Chapman	0 1	R Mahoney
E Horton	1 0	A Elwin
DJ Bruce	0 1	P Clarke
JN Stayt	0 1	M Ionides
T Dickinson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Chandler
H Heron	0 1	P Thompson
(Birmingham)	<u>7$\frac{1}{2}$ 8$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	

SECOND TEAMS

Semi Finals:

<u>Essex II*</u>		30.5.92	<u>Lancs II</u>		<u>Middx II*</u>		30.5.92	<u>Gtr Mcr II</u>	
1	IM Pheby 175 (B)	0	1	HR Hughes 191	DJC Mackle 195	1	0	R Gallagher 156	
2	SD Harvey 173	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Newton 170	SD Brown 193 (W)	1	0	S Bainbridge 153	
3	S Robertson 168	0	1	JD Lyth 159	DP Lynch 195	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Wilson 152	
4	R Parker 168	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PT Seery 176	M Paley 190	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	E Goodall 159	
5	P Williamson 168	0	1	K Hoadley 168	PS Cawte 189	1	0	M Abbott 147	
6	TD Whitton 167	0	1	RK Taylor 168	RH Thomas 185	1	0	B Clissold 146	
7	def	0	1	CV Murray 174	A Eilers 183	1	0	A Tyton 145	
8	LJ Crane 162	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Fallon 163	SSY Spivack 182	1	0	M Saunderson 146	
9	CFH Dorn 160	0	1	S Foulkes 165	NRE Alldritt 178	1	0	K Salman 145	
10	S Williams 158	1	0	SW Berkley 162	C Mackenzie 178	1	0	AJ Walton 135	
11	NH Twitchell 157	0	1	S Woodcock 170	DA Tarbuck 170	1	0	M Pollard 132	
12	M Rahaman 157	0	1	AA Clarkson 148	AM Dunn 168	1	0	J Clissold 132	
13	A Van Rooy 148	1	0	PM Taylor 140	T Donnelly 169	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Gaughan 131	
14	PR Barclay 146	0	1	J Tennant-Smith	DE Bower 166	1	0	S Crowley 132	
15	MRA Murrell 143	0	1	C Reaney 152	J McVicar 158	1	0	J Robinson 123	
16	SD Bates 133	0	1	MA Whitehead 145	AC Laurence 136	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Proffitt 113	
	(Nuneaton)	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$		(Nuneaton)	14	2		

Final:

<u>Middx II*</u>		<u>Lancs II</u>	
1	SD Brown (W)	1	0
	C Forbes	0	1
3	DJC Mackle	1	0
4	DP Lynch	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	M Paley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	PS Cawte	1	0
7	A Eilers	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	SSY Spivack	1	0
9	MJ Ross	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	A Gilfillan	1	0
11	NRE Alldritt	1	0
12	T Donnelly	1	0
13	D Bower	0	1
14	LHJ Fincham	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	G Brown	0	1
16	S Chalk	0	1
		$9\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$

We promised you some comment on the Championship and Second/Third Teams.

Championship: Chris Howell, Kent I match captain, was not really expecting to beat Staffs with the team at his disposal on the day. But he remarks that if board 5 (the last to finish) had gone the other way, as it could have done, Kent would have lost on woman-count. It appears that the tie-break rules go: 1 woman-count; 2 board count; 3 scores of women; 4 elimination. Which is not what the Bulletin thought, actually, but we're sure Chris is right. No one is suggesting that Staffs included their woman for that reason - they'd have been fools to do so, especially on board 3 - and the only Kent woman likely to get into a team on the strength of woman-count is known to have unprintable views

on the subject. Chris agrees with her, and so does the Bulletin, and so do Staffs for all we know, and we wish the BCF would adopt a less patronising attitude towards women.

Second/Third Teams: Middx II's semi final v Greater Manchester was rather embarrassing, and one or two Middx players complained about wasted journeys. The Middx match captain had assumed that Gtr Mcr would be strong, especially as their First Team had not reached the BCF stage. Not so; Gtr Mcr teams are kept pretty separate. Which brings us to the Middx II team selection. We admit we were surprised when Mr Spivack, who played in every First Team match in the SCCU stage and none of the Second Team ones, suddenly turned into a Second Team player for the BCF stage. He wouldn't even have been eligible for the Second Team by the end of the SCCU stage. We wondered about the assurance given by the Middx President that match captains would be asked not to play people who might have become ineligible had the First Team completed its Union-stage matches. It turns out, on investigation, that this had no effect on the Second Team at all, because the BCF exclusions apply only if a higher team has actually reached the BCF stage. All the Second Team had to do was satisfy the U200 grading limit. No one can complain about this unless they think the Middx First Team might have reached the BCF Stage by completing its fixtures. Actually, it might. But whatever you make of that, it seems wrong that the strength of a Second Team should depend on the fortunes of the First Team at Union level, and maybe the new grading-limited structure has something going for it.

The Middx Third Team, of course, was subject to exclusion of Second-team players. The rule is (something like) this: You can't play in the 3rd Team if you've played more than twice in the 2nd Team's last 5 matches. We have not attempted to check the Middx credentials, but we've spoken at some length to a Middx match captain who tells us that he was very conscious of the rules and of his President's assurance. (He was pleasantly surprised at the latitude allowed by the rules.)

Jeff Douglas, controller of the BCF Stage, tells us he is (was) unhappy about the exclusion rules because they are (were) virtually unpoliceable. He does get the SCCU Bulletin so could check us if he had the time; with other Unions he probably couldn't even if he wanted.

THIRD TEAMS

semi finals:

<u>Essex III*</u>		30.5.92	<u>Cambs II</u>		<u>Notts III</u>		30.5.92	<u>Middx III*</u>	
1	JA Philpott (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Firth	Matt. Tailby	152	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Femi Oris 179 (W)
2	O Olulode	0	1	A Downham	R Webster	148	1	0	Neil Crabb 174
3	M Bird	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Pinner	R Stevenson	147	0	1	Ayo Alabi 168
4	Mark Blyth	1	0	R Newman	B Hayward	147	0	1	Ton H-Edwards 151
5	Howard Grist	0	1	G(?) McCall	Ryan Randall	144	0	1	Roy Brown 163
6	J Davenport	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Turner	I Bundulis	143	1	0	Peter Flexner 160
7	PDJ McCarron	0	1	P McMahon	Neil Graham	141	0	1	A Ethelontis 148
8	John S Simmons	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Panther	Liam Sewell	149	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	F Carpenter 160e
9	Keith S Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Pride	Julian Cast	139	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Chris Fewtrell 158
10	SL Wedlock	0	1	L Retallick	P Faulkner	138	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Gavin Knott 158
11	Andrew King	0	1	F Jones	C Martin	136	0	1	* Ian Graham 157
12	RT Hare	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RH Donaghay	Andrew Dyce	132	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Chris Baker 137
13	DG Cannan	1	0	A Peachey	R Stansfield	132	0	1	Charles Wallace 151
14	D Filer	0	1	M Szymanski	AD Fidler	129	1	0	Tom Black 153
15	M Weighell	0	1	D Whitcombe	Abigail Dyce	110	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mike Cresswell 151
16	GT Gooding (Wanstead)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Ribbands	Richard Dyce	94	0	1	* Dave White 147
		5 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$		(Bedford)		6	10	

Final:

<u>Cambs II*</u>		20.6.92	<u>Middx III</u>	
1	L Thery (W)	1	0	F Oris 179
2	S Firth 155	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	N Crabb 174
3	M Pinner 149	0	1	* R Pearce 176
4	G McCall 157	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	* A Stewart 174
5	R Newman	0	1	* D Dobbs 170
6	P McMahon 140	0	1	A Alabi 168
7	P Turner 151	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	* T Lee 166
8	D Webb 154	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T H-Edwards 151
9	B Panter	0	1	A Ethelontis 143
10	L Retallick	0	1	* V Sood 157
11	F Jones 148	0	1	F Carpenter 160
12	S Pride 138	0	1	C Fewtrell 158
13	R Donaghay	0	1	G Knott 158
14	A Peachey 143	0	1	* I Graham 157
15	D Whitcombe 140	1	0	C Baker 137
16	P Ribbands 131	0	1	C Wallace 151
17	V Woodward	1	0	* L McShane 124
18	D Cattermole 139	1	0	T Black 153
19	R Remington 131	0	1	* D White 147
20	T Davison 131 (Edgbaston)	1	0	* J Fries 141
		7	13	

The Bulletin takes no responsibility for inconsistent spellings. (If Mr Panter has the "h" we feel sure his initial is wrong.) Of the Final Bruce Birchall comments: "Cambridge limited to U160 throughout, which is unfair. A re-match with both teams under 160 is planned for Sat 11 July." We haven't heard the result. It seems to us that a Second Team in a Third Teams competition was a nonsense to start with, and applying a grading limit to one side and not the other was hardly a recipe for making it better.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES 1992-3

Dave Metcalfe, the new Fixtures Secretary, has not yet received firm entries from all the counties. In addition he is still waiting for final word, from some of them, on which dates they can't manage. But some sort of picture is emerging. Briefly:

Open (10 teams): All 10 counties will enter one team. The dates are provisionally worked out, and they start in late September (5 matches before Christmas, and 4 after). Under 175 (?4-5 teams): Essex, Kent and Sussex are firm entries; Middx are expected to enter one or two teams. Under 150 (?1-5 teams): Kent is the only firm entry; Surrey, Essex and Middx (?2 teams) are likely. Under 125 (3-6 teams): Herts, Kent and Sussex are firm; Oxon are likely, and Essex and Surrey possible.

The total number of teams could easily be higher than last season. (Another plus for the new system?) Likeliest shortage of teams seems to be in the U150. Dave Metcalfe intends to have things finalised before the end of August, and a complete fixture list (plus list of match captains) will appear in the September Bulletin. As far as possible, venues will be the reverse of this year's; teams with a surplus of aways this year can expect a surplus of homes next.

SUSSEX U11 GIRLS team championship was won by Sir Henry Fermor Primary School, Crowborough, who beat St Margarets Ditchling on board count over 5 boards. We haven't heard who won the 26-board friendly.

Grading: a short note 27.7.92. Everything's in the computer that's going to be (and that does not include the adjudications and correction mentioned on page 5) and the BCF is believed to be on course for publication at the start of August. You'll probably have to go to Plymouth if you want it before the middle of the month.

A number of graders have supplied Martin Cath with corrections lately (I did my adding up wrong for this player, please put it right). Martin typed the corrections into his PC, but the computer in St Leonards rejected them on the ground that the disc was in his name and one grader can't correct another grader's work. Or something. So there will be a small number of amended grades to publish, once they've got the beast to take notice. Oddly enough there was no problem, shortly before, with your Editor's own corrections which took exactly the same route to St Leonards. (No, he didn't do his sums wrong. He graded six matches twice, having failed to spot that he'd been given them twice.)

"Maybe Luke McShane's game may fill a gap: it seems a remarkable achievement for an 8 year old."

White L McShane, Black AN Ethelontis: Middx I v Middx II, SCCU U180 KO

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 ed ed 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 Ne2 Bd6 6 c3 Nge7 7 Qc2 Bg4 8 Nd2 Qd7 9 Nf1 0-0-0
10 Ne3 Be6 11 Bd2 f5 12 g3 Rdf8 13 Ng2 Qe8 14 h4 g6 15 Bh6 Rf7 16 0-0-0 Ng8 17 Bf4 Be7
18 Rdel Nf6 19 f3 Nh5 20 Bg5 Qd8 21 Bxe7 Rxe7 22 Ngf4 Nxf4 23 Nxf4 Rhe8 24 Qf2 Bf7
25 Bb5 Qd6 26 Bxc6 Qxc6 27 Rxe7 Rxe7 28 Rel Qe8 29 Rxe7 Qxe7 30 Kd2 Kd7 31 Qe3 Qxe3
32 Kxe3 Kd6 33 Nd3 Be8 34 Kf4 h6 35 h5 g5+ 36 Kxf5 Bxh5 37 g4 Be8 38 Ne5 Ke7 39 Nd3 b6
40 Ne5 a5 41 Nd3 Bb5 42 Ne1 a4 43 Kg6 Be2 44 Kxh6 Kf6 45 Kh7 Kf7 46 f4 gf 47 g5 Bh5
48 Nf3 Bg6+ 49 Kh6 Be4 50 Ne5+ Kg8 51 g6 f3 52 Ng4 Kf8 53 g7+ Kf7 54 Nf6 1-0 (The
Bulletin might have tried 54...f2, but with small expectation of getting away with
it.)

CONGRESS DIARY

- Aug 1 GOLDERS GREEN Junior Quickplay. Junior not defined, but U18 OK and prizes down to U11. Quickplay, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF; details Adam Raouf 081 458 8764
- 3-15 BCF CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS at Plymouth sponsored by Rank Xerox. Congress Secretary, BCF, 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards, E Sussex TN38 ODD
- 21-23 THANET at Broadstairs. Open; U161; U126 (1991 list). AD Hargreaves, 1 Medina Avenue, Whitstable, Kent CT5 4EN 0227 274885
- 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

SCCU President

Please note that Roy Brown's permanent new address is 80 Murchison Rd, Leyton, London E10 6NB (081 558 3045).

Quotes

"It was my third Queen that did it." - Could have been almost any junior, but actually an Insurance CC player v Hastings.

"If you were to fall under the proverbial bus, I myself wouldn't shed too many tears about it." - SCCU Deputy President, to SCCU President, in front of 22 witnesses. See AGM Report on page 1.

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