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EDITORIAL

This is an unusually brief issue, as January issues go. Mostly because County matches are now quite sparse either side of Christmas, after the marathon run-up in the autumn. I'd welcome more contributions from readers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

3.12.92

Now that the county match season is half over it is nice to reflect on a few points. The first is your observation about the number of drawn matches in the U125 competition. When we have a team competition where all the players are graded within a few points of each other, as we have in the U125, any result is possible as the players tend to cancel each other out. Oxon lost 5-7 to Essex when a win in the last game would have made it 6-6. It all makes for good matches, which is good for chess. The U175 and U150 are also giving much closer results than last year's 2nd and 3rd team competitions, once again because the teams are much more closely matched.

The QPF in the Open has proved a great success as far as I as a match captain am concerned. So far none of my players have objected to playing QP in county games. Although two have said they disagree with the concept it has not stopped them from playing when needed. (Guess who one of them was.) So far no one has lost on time and few, if any, have gone to the wire (2 mins each on the clock). We can now clear the venue quickly because we don't have to decide the result of games and barter the result a match. Most of all, the players have full control of their own games. Is that the reason for players winning when outgraded by 20 or more points?

It is very disappointing to see so many defaults, especially from a county as large as Middlesex (perhaps the maps were not good enough?). My own team counts one - my fault as the player concerned was new to Oxford and couldn't find the venue. A captain's life is not a happy one, especially a new captain, so let's hope things improve in the second half of the season.

It is very gratifying to see all the matches played on the dates I set out for them.

David Metcalfe (SCCU Fixture Secretary/Oxon match captain)

Dear Richard,

rec. 29.12.92

..The new-players lists are an excellent addition to the Bulletin, for those interested in county results and captaincy... I like Lester Millin's letter (208:1), particularly the last paragraph (all forms of finish have their uses, supporters and detractors). Obvious but rarely heard... The other letters hit upon an old subject. Is it really fair to expect chess players to get from A to B and still play a game? As for thinking ahead, or looking the route up before they start, or allowing time for getting lost or delayed, that's asking too much. Next we'll be having letters about expecting players to set up their pieces before the game, and even clear them up afterwards. I am glad that I play for a County Captain who is very experienced.

Kind regards,

Gary Kenworthy

Waltham Abbey

Both these letters have been edited. Not censored!

CONGRESS RESULTSMETROPOLITAN CONGRESS 17-18 Oct 1992

Open 1 Demetrios Agnos (Richmond & Twickenham) 4½; 2-3 P Morris (Charlton), A Perkins (British Airways) 4...

"Major" 1-2 Ben Hirsch (Ilford), John Rety (Camden) 4½; 3-4 Guy Simpson (Hackney Boro), Ian Graham (Hockley) 4...

"Minor" 1 AT Chan (Harow) 4½; 2-5 Anthony Cooper (Horley), S Hamilton (Metropolitan), DH Ramsey (Fulham), L Smith 4...

WESTMINSTER CONGRESS 21-22 Nov 1992

Open 1-2 Demetrios Agnos (Richmond & Twickenham), Richard Bates (Tiffins/Richmond Juniors) 4½; 3-5 G Abayasekera (Brighton), Jonathan Walton ("Hayes"), Nigel Donovan (Charlton) 3½... Grading M Houska (Slough), H Hunt (Cowley), Joseph Conlon (Earley)

"Major" 1 Gerald Jacobs (Greater London) 4½; 2-5 Ben Hirsch (Ilford), JT Munday (Bracknell), Adam Corper (Hoddesdon), VR Harper 4... Grading Mark Daniells (Wallington), L Sinclair (Redhill), R Oakley
 "Minor" 1 Alec Webster (Sutton & Cheam) 4½; 2-4 C Blackburn (Northampton), S Hamilton (Metropolitan), R Fitzpatrick (Northampton) 4... Grading M Tucker (Beckton), Patrick Daly (Finchley)

M25 RAPIDPLAY 6 Dec 1992 at Waltham Abbey

Open 1-3 G Kenworthy (Waltham Abbey), DA Sands (Barking), MS Twyble (Barking) 3½/5...
 "The organiser took part to prevent a bye due to the fact that there were only six players" (it says here). "Plenty went to Wolverhampton and Spain for even bigger prizes."

Under 155 1 Ian Capes (Edmonton) 5/6; 2-4 Steve Williams (Colchester), Steve Harris (Ilford), Robert Waldteufel (Wood Green) 4±... Grading U144 David Mander (Northants), U115 Alex New (City of London).

WESTMINSTER QP 7 Dec 1992 at the Civil Service Centre

1 G Kenworthy (Waltham Abbey) 5½/6; 2 BA Barlow (Epsom) 5...

WESTMINSTER QP 12 Dec 1992

Open 1 G Kenworthy (Waltham Abbey) 6/6; 2 MV Houska (St Dunstons College?) 5...

Grading U147 D Cutmore (Wood Green) 4½; U140 C Evbuonwan (sic: Wimbledon) 3½

"Minor" 1-2 T Pruchnicki (Metropolitan), W Estick (Streatham) 5/6; 3 T Holmes ("Hayes") 4½... "An improved turnout. An improved prizelist. Now a bookstall - run by Gary Kenworthy."

All results Gary Kenworthy

LEIGH GRAND PRIX 1992

Fullish results, briefly, since we've only seen potted details elsewhere:

Open 1 Adams 198.8/200; 2 Hodgson 190.1; 3 Hebden 185.5; 4 Howell 184.9; 5 Crouch 182; 6 Arkell K 179.2; 7 McNab 178.7; 8 Agnos, first name spelt yet a third way, 178.2; 9 Ward 173.2; 10 Wells 168.9; 11 Webster 165.6; 12 Levitt 164.8; 13 Emms 163.9; 14 Sadler 162; 15 Rossiter 156.4; 16 Flear G 144.3; 17 Motwani 140.8; 18 Britton 133.5; 19 Suba 126.4; 20 Martin 113.9

Prixette 1 Arkell; 2 Sheldon; 3 Haslinger; 4 Harvey; 5 Regan; 6 Webster; 7 Ashby; 8 Jackson; 9 Norman; 10 Hunt

Junior 1 Adams; 2 Sadler; 3 Webster; 4 Naylor; 5 Parker; 6 Buckley; 7 Poulton; 8 Haslinger S; 9 Kumaran; 10 Mortazavi. U14 Gaughan; U12 Beckett; U10 McShane.

Amateur 1 R Burroughs (Brentwood); 2 M Daniells (Wallington); 3 N Moss (Ashton Under Lyne); 4 R Harper (Eastbourne); 5 S Leadbetter (Stevenage); 6-7 R Jennings (St Annes), Savory (Dereham); 8-10 A Johnson (Wrexham), R Kearsley (London), F Simms (Harlow)

£25 Merit Awards for Leigh Congresses doing most to help British chess: BCF Junior Squad; Cambridge; Crewe (Rolls Royce); Edinburgh; Frome; Sutton; Walsall; Whitby.

Results LW Barden

JUNIOR RESULTS

NATIONAL UNDER 14 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS at Wolverhampton 28.11.92

The event was a three-round jamboree with 32 teams of 12. Top eight teams after rd 1 went into a "Championship" section, with scores carried forward.

1 Richmond 29/36; 2 Kent A 24½; 3 Hants 23; 4 Manchester A 21½; 5-6 Suffolk, Wilts 21; 7 Essex 19; 8 Lancs A 18. Minor section: 1 Warwicks A 28½; 2 Surrey 27; 3 Somerset A 24½; 4 Glamorgan A 22½; 5 Berks 22; 6-7 Bucks, Warwicks B 21½; 8-9 Kent B, Hereford & Worcester 21; 10-11 Kent C, Manchester B 20... Results Dave Vigus

LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 1992

Under 21/18 12-14 Dec (23 pl) 1-2 Graeme Buckley, Jesse Kraai 5/6; 3-5 Matthew Anderton, Harriet Hunt, Daniel Rosenberg 4; 6-10 Mark Ferguson, David Moskovic, Stuart Pink, Matthew Piper, Andrew Webster 3½... (Don't know who was U18)

Under 16 28-30 Dec (30 pl) 1 Thomas Hinks-Edwards 5/6; 2-4 Marc Bautista, David Gibson, James Vigus 4½; 5 Rowan Brown 4; 6-13 Joseph Conlon, Andrew George, Paul Griffiths, Philip Hobbs, Nicholas Moloney, David Moskovic, Joel Newman, Andrew Ram 3½...

Under 14 28-30 Dec (47 pl) 1 Karl Mah 5½/6; 2 Ben Rich 5; 3 Frederick Molyneaux 4½; 4-13 Andrew Bamford, Christopher Beckett, Matthew Cave, Rohan Churm, Catherine Holmes, Nicholas Lee, Nicholas Stephens, Ieuan Ward, David Whitehead, Jay Wolfenden 4...

Under 12 28-30 Dec (151 pl) 1-3 Stephen Deall, Peter Levermore, Tom Remington 8½/10; 4-7 Richard Colfer, Mandy Haslinger, Timothy Manuel, Brendan Newell 7½; 8-17 Simon Armour, Abdel Azzam, Leigh Debbage, Adrian Fairburn, Jessica Ho, Stephen Jones, Phillip Perry, Adam Nicholson, David Titmas, John Titmas 7...

Under 10 12-13 Dec (128 pl) 1-3 Leigh Debbage, Edmund Player, John Warris 6/7; 4-11

Thomas Dougherty, Thomas Fletcher, George Hassabis, Murad, Jonathan Mutton, Richard Pike, Ross Rattray, Claire Thrower 5½; 12-23 Edward Armstrong, David Bates, Stephen Casement, Stephen Clark, Anthony Eskinazi, Matthew Feld, David Kay, Peter Kemp, Rosalind Kieran, Christopher Milton, Vanessa Smith, Matthew Tillett 5...
 Under 8 13 Dec (46 pl) 1 Leila Nathoo 5½/6; 2-4 Toby Haslinger, Alvin Kissoon, Emily Manuel 5; 5-6 Mark Johnson, Thomas Smallwood 4½; 7-13 Alexander Barnes, Richard Crampton, Jack Gillett, Phillip Hamilton, Thomas Kneafsey, Peter Titmas, Graham Walker 4...

Results Peter Morrish, we think. Who won the various London titles we can't say (towns/clubs not given, and we don't know the rules anyway*). But the scores are of more general interest. Nine Stephens played, and no Stevens. Just thought we'd mention it.

* Just heard them. London = inside the M25. (So someone's found a use for it.)

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Just the Round 1 winners, SCCU only. Round 2 was due to finish in late January. Open Charlton, Hendon, Kings Head, Hounslow, Maidstone, Sutton & Cheam, Richmond & Twickenham, Mushrooms, Barbican, Wood Green, Hackney.
Major Cambridge Univ, Hayes (don't know which), Cowley Community Centre, Powder Mill, Oxford Univ, Tunbridge Wells, Kingston, Ilford, Maidstone, Southend, Kings Head A and B, Reading, Fulham.
Intermediate Ashford, Sevenoaks, Bourne End, Fulham, Cambridge City, Dartford, Hastings, Reading, Slough (Lady Haig), Oxford Univ, Ilford, Finchley.

No details of Minor. Acknowledgments PI Clemow, JA Leake, PC Gibbs

Clubs have been asked their views on two proposals: (a) number of boards in the Minor to be reduced to four (or five by mutual agreement); and (b) - from Barbican - a specific day, "probably a Sunday", to be laid down for each round; earlier days to be allowable by mutual agreement. The Bulletin has no particular opinion on (a). It sees the point of (b): it would save the controllers having to make difficult decisions. It's rather inflexible, though, and open to abuse. And shouldn't it be a Saturday (but the Sunday permitted by agreement) to allow for those who can't get venues on Sundays? Surely this was the rule not so long ago, or are we thinking of a different competition?

To change the subject slightly, we reported rather briefly last time that the BCF Management Board were considering an SW Reuben proposal to change the tie-split rules in the 5-board sections of the National Club. New rule would be, board count is suspended and bottom board elimination is used. We got this wrong: the MB actually accepted the proposal and it will be effective from next season.

The intention is to "iron out" (ChessMoves) the advantage of having three whites. In fact if you analyse the ways in which a 5-board match can be drawn, counting only the cases in which White wins more games than Black, it turns out that board-count-then-elimination already slightly favours the side with three blacks. (They win 8 games out of 15.) Elimination-only favours them more heavily (9 out of 15). Well, it's in the right direction, though we can't help wondering whether SWR realised how small the effect was going to be. If you're wondering why we counted only the matches where White wins more games than Black, the reasoning behind the change is that most of the time White will win more games than Black. So most of the time, the rule will favour the side that had three blacks. But the thing's symmetrical anyway, so the underdog still comes out ahead if everyone's been wrong all along and Chess is better for Black.

Your Editor has never much liked either board count or elimination, because they're arbitrary. He knows of a five-board competition which does have them; but if all games are drawn, the winner is the side which had three blacks. This is not silly.

Perhaps SWR should turn his attention to matches with an even number of boards. Here, though no one has a surplus of whites, board count (and elimination) unfairly favour the side that had white on odd. Or black, if Chess is better for Black. Alternatives? A five-minute play-off (= penalty shoot-out?) would be better, only you'd have to get rid of adjudications first. And retrieve the fellow who won in 30 minutes and went shopping. Spinning a coin would doubtless be rejected as too honest, but it has one thing going for it. It would reduce the incidence of people sacrificing themselves, and their grades, in a hopeless attempt to win because a draw's not good enough.

GAME

"[I have been forced] to abandon any plans I may have had to assassinate the President." - SCCU Deputy President, writing in our last issue. The following brevity (QP 15 min) was played at, but not necessarily in, the SCCU Juniors v Seniors Centenary Match.

White DR Sedgwick, SCCU Deputy President. Black R Brown, SCCU President.
 1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 Bc4 Bg7 5 Qe2 c6 6 Bg5 b5 7 e5 dxe5 8 dxe5 Nfd7 9 Nxb5 Nxe5
 10 Rd1 Qb6 11 f4 Bg4 12 Nf3 Bxf3 13 gxf3 Nxf3+ 14 Qxf3 cxb5 15 Bd5 1-0

COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES

including all results received to 30.1.93

CHAMPIONSHIP (20 boards)

	Br	Bu	C	E	H	K	M	O	Sy	Sx	MP
Berks		10½		5		2½	12	7½			2 : 5
Bucks	9½			2½	5½		8	4			0 : 5
Cambs					5½	6½	12½	7		9½	1 : 5
Essex	15	17½			16			9½	13		4 : 5
Herts		14½	14½	4					11	11½	4 : 5
Kent	17½		13½				12½		12½	8½	4 : 5
Middx	8	12	7½			7½				11½	2 : 5
Oxon	12½	16	13	10½					9½		4 : 5
Surrey				7	9	7½		10½		6	1 : 5
Sussex			10½		8½	11½	8½		14		3 : 5

UNDER 175 (20 boards)

	E	K	M	Sx	E	K	M	Sx	MP
Essex		9	7½	12				16	2 : 4
Kent	11		10				7		1½ : 3
Middx	12½	10		12		13			3½ : 4
Sussex	8		8		4				0 : 3

UNDER 150 (16 boards)

	E	K	M	Sy	E	K	M	Sy	MP
Essex		4	5	7					0 : 3
Kent	12		9	8					2½ : 3
Middx	11	7		10½					2 : 3
Surrey	9	8	5½						1½ : 3

UNDER 125 (12 boards)

	E	K	H	Ma	Mb	O	Sx	MP
Essex			6	7		7	8	3½ : 4
Kent				6	5½		8	1½ : 3
Herts					10		4	1½ : 3
Middx A	5	6			7		6	2 : 4
Middx B		6½	2	5		2		1 : 4
Oxon	5				10			1 : 2
Sussex	4	4	6*	6				1½ : 4

* match won

We do not seem to have received Kent v Sussex (U175) 5.12.92. Otherwise nothing's missing up to the end of January, except for matches played on the 30th. Match captains, on the whole, are being more helpful than in recent years and in nearly all cases we're getting results from both sides, which is as it should be. The main exception is Middx I from whom we have had no results at all.

Notes from last time:

- (1) Cambs v Middx (Championship 17.10.92) was incorrectly headed "Middx v Cambs". Our mistake. The scores consequently got transposed in the league table. Thank you to everyone who pointed this out.
- (2) HUW PARKER of Cambs is Hw. Use of lower case (please!) would avoid this ambiguity.
- (3) Oxon v Cambs (Championship 21.11.92): The (L) on board 19 meant Lady. "I thought the grader ought to know for future reference. It wasn't intended for print." - Philip Fallon (Cambs match captain). In fact the printed page is our normal method of communicating with the grader. What he gets, you get. He works directly from results as published in the Bulletin, which is one reason why you should always tell the Editor if you spot mistakes.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Surrey*		14.11.92		Kent*		Midxx		28.11.92		Bucks*	
1	def (B)	0	1	CG Ward	S Berry (W)	1	0	G Moore			
2	C O'Shaugnessy	0	1	NL McDonald	T Fatin	1	0	SP Finn			
3	R Allicock	0	1	PJ Morris	R McMichael	1	0	N Regan			
4	CKD Holland	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IR Watson	P Cawte	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RDW Marsh			
5	R Bates	0	1	JN Sugden	J Quinn	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RD de Coverly			
6	R Abayasekera	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AP Smith	S Spivack	1	0	M Trent			
7	RA Harris	0	1	CI Howell	C Forbes	1	0	P Brencher			
8	R Stockwell	0	1	A Mack	N de Peyer	1	0	D Ham			
9	S Walker	0	1	JC Walton	R Vujatovic	0	1	M Ellis			
10	D Hubbard	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	NP Donovan	R Sagall	0	1	WH Whittoe			
11	D Sedgwick	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Botley	M Collins	1	0	AJ Cox			
12	DB Rosen	1	0	D Vigus (r)	N Crabb	1	0	EN Bramley			
13	K Mynett	1	0	PJ Heaven	T Hinks-Edwards	1	0	CD Floyd			
14	P Stimpson	1	0	JS Williams	C Wismayer	0	1	J Springall			
15	P Roche	1	0	DJ Horton	T Wheatley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	BW Atkinson			
16	S Macdonald-Ross	0	1	JD Wager	A Dunn	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Lambourne			
17	M Osborne	1	0	JE Vigus	A Alabi	1	0	J Foster			
18	J Marley	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Pullinger	S Bell	0	1	A Laurence			
19	P Barnard	0	1	PD Fenn	C Duddy	0	1	N Johnson			
20	J Hawson	0	1	NC Mackett	G Sweetland	0	1	DJ Turner			
(Sutton)		$7\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$		(CHESS)	12	8				

Oxon*		28.11.92		Essex		Kent*		28.11.92		Berks*	
1	ST Ansell (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Kenworthy	NL McDonald (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MV Houska			
2	M Piper	0	1	N Carr	PJ Morris	1	0	ID Thompson			
3	P Jowett	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AP Lewis	IR Watson	1	0	DS Tucker			
4	GW Chapman	0	1	MS Twyble	AE Hanreck	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MD Peckham			
5	M Rose	1	0	J Manley	RMR O'Kelly	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	BG Millis			
6	DG Hackett	1	0	JH Hodgson	AL Mack	1	0	L Davis			
7	DE Jarvis	0	1	D Sands	CI Howell	1	0	MC Bowhay			
8	HV Hunt	1	0	J Nellist	G Botley	1	0	JT Munday			
9	JD Eva	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IJ Myall	NP Donovan	1	0	JE Hickman			
10	RJ Starkie	0	1	J Goldberg	JD Wager	1	0	WP Tickner			
11	A Lewis	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JC Moore	JE Scholes	1	0	Jovanka Houska			
12	P Vainker	0	1	M Roberts	LM Wooldridge	1	0	M Jacob			
13	R Penn	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IB Smith	IM Pountney	1	0	SG Gilmour			
14	A Hunt	0	1	R White	PJ O'Donovan	1	0	MF Redmond			
15	S Willetts	1	0	R Parker	MM Robertson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MA Saunders			
16	A Mushens	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Ashdown	JS Williams	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PAF Watkins			
17	E Smargiassi	1	0	D Millward	DJ Horton	1	0	NW Dennis			
18	G Crockart	1	0	CR Ramage	LR Gurr	1	0	AC Piggott			
19	T Thompson	1	0	S Harris	Z Mehmet	1	0	M Vandenberghen			
20	B Bix	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JR Cooke	PW Eldridge	1	0	SJR Turner			
(Cowley)		$10\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$		(Sevenoaks)	$17\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$				

Herts*		28.11.92		Cambs*		Sussex*		28.11.92		Surrey*	
1	P Maguire (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Reilly	BJ Denman	1	0	def			
2	S Knott	0	1	A Hon	FJ Kwiatkowski	1	0	RA Allicock			
3	S Swanson	1	0	NS Jakubovics	GH James	1	0	def			
4	S Roe	0	1	EN Holland	RV Elliston	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Stockwell			
5	P Byway	1	0	SAM Foister	KI Norman	1	0	D Hubbard			
6	C Majer	1	0	MKY Tan	LE Webb	1	0	DR Sedgwick			
7	J Rudge	1	0	JJ Hastings	GD Abayasekera	1	0	DB Rosen			
8	T Kett	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MH Thornton	DB Graham	0	1	JM Shepley			
9	G Hollis	1	0	P Garner	SJ Newman	1	0	K Mynett			
10	H Murphy	0	1	NC Pyper	PG Farr	0	1	N Maxwell			
11	J Cook	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Hague	SON Hawes	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Macdonald-Ross			
12	K Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PS Fallon	RJ Almond	1	0	def			
13	S Tovey	1	0	H Helbekkmo	IG Kelly	0	1	M Osborne			
14	C Briscoe	1	0	DA Shaw	IP Judd	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JS Tymms			
15	J Denton	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IR Gooding	MR Stott	1	0	AK Punnett			
16	S Ruthen	1	0	SJ Cook	J Graham	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Marley			
17	S Law	1	0	M Rothwell	AO Pickersgill	1	0	PR Archer			
18	B Morris	1	0	O Gard	LJ Cannon	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	WD Lowe			
19	A Atkinson	1	0	A Thurling	JP Munday	1	0	JJ Skielnik			
20	B Judkins	1	0	CC Kuan	A Hall	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	FC Manning			
(Welwyn)		$14\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$		(Hassocks)	14	6				

CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>Oxon*</u>	28.11.92		<u>Essex*</u>
1 S Ansell (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Kenworthy
2 M Piper	0	1	NL Carr
3 P Jowett	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AP Lewis
4 G Chapman	0	1	ML (so) Twyble
5 M Rose	1	0	JP Manley
6 D Hackett	1	0	JH Hodgson
7 D Jarvis	0	1	D Sands
8 H Hunt	1	0	JR Nellist
9 J Eva	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I Myall
10 R Starkie	0	1	JA Goldberg
11 A Lewis	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JC Moore
12 P Vainker	0	1	M Roberts
13 R Penn	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IBN Smith
14 A Hunt	0	1	RP White
15 S Willetts	1	0	R Parker
16 A Mushens	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Ashdown
17 E Smargiassi	1	0	DJ Millward
18 G Crockart	1	0	CR Ramage
19 T Thompson	1	0	S Harris
20 B Bix	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JR Cooke (r)
(Oxford)	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	

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<u>Middx*</u>	12.12.92		<u>Essex*</u>
T Hinks-Edwards	1	0	MJ Ashdown (W)
AI Wheatley	0	1	R Heppinstall
DA Tarbuck	1	0	TD Whitton
RJ Pearce	1	0	RG Rodie
PD Hatchett	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IM Pheby
Chris Gant	1	0	DJ Millward
AM Dunn	0	1	LJ Crane
Andrew E Ram	1	0	David Smith (r)
RC Cannon	1	0	Steven D Harvey
M Rogerson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Steven Harris
M Mashayekh	1	0	B Beavis
M Paley	1	0	NH Twitchell
DE Bower	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Parsons
JVA Franks	0	1	JA Philpott
T Donnelly	1	0	M Rahaman
AM Ethelontis	0	1	R Waldteufel
O Oris	1	0	N Rughwani
RJ Cannon	0	1	Andrew King
Tony KH Lee	0	1	PR Barclay
MJ Cresswell	1	0	MRA Murrell
(Euston Rd)	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	

<u>Middx*</u>	23.1.93		<u>Kent</u>
1 A Wheatley (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JE Vigus
2 P Hatchett	1	0	LR Gurr
3 M Cresswell (r)	0	1	AM Harakis
4 AM Dunn	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DIR Pagden
5 M Paley	0	1	AG Roper
6 RC Cannon	1	0	JH Lewin
7 M Rogerson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	GA Harvey
8 M McCall	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DJR Barnes
9 A Ram	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Pink
10 M Mashayekh	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JR Bayford
11 D Bower	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RJA Winterburn
12 A Ethelontis	1	0	CM Brown
13 F Oris	1	0	PW Eldridge
14 J Franks	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PD Fenn
15 RJ Cannon	1	0	AC Waters
16 T Lee	1	0	PC Rutland
17 G Knott	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Knights
18 T Spanton	1	0	RE Lane
19 C Baker	1	0	SJ Jacob
20 N Tarleton (so)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SC Scott
(Euston Rd)	13	7	

<u>Essex*</u>	23.1.93		<u>Sussex</u>
MJ Ashdown (B)	1	0	E Pesonen
R Heppinstall	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Graham
RG Rodie	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RW O'Brien
IM Pheby	1	0	LJ Cannon
CR Ramage	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	WH Partridge
KCC Mah	1	0	A Smith
DJ Millward	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JP Munday
LJ Crane	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	BJ Izzard
CFH Dorn	1	0	K Davies
SD Harvey	1	0	RR Harper
M Blyth	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PR Selby
S Harris	1	0	G Scamardella
JSA Wood	1	0	RH Clark
B Beavis	1	0	RJ Carthy
S Marsland	1	0	RD Hirsch
S Harwood	1	0	D Jones
JA Philpott	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Woods
AJ Parsons	1	0	MR Hickman
M Rahaman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DBA Hughes
R Waldteufel	1	0	PH Benson
(Wanstead)	16	4	

UNDER 150

<u>Middx*</u>	28.11.92		<u>Surrey*</u>
1 M Cooper (W)	1	0	JED Hale
2 D White	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	ND Grey
3 I Graham	0	1	CPL Parker
4 CICH Wallace	0	1	P Dupre
5 D Keen	1	0	CRA Clegg
6 A Trifunovic	1	0	B Patel
7 VR Harper	1	0	N Fotherby
8 V Pavlovec	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	DM Woods
9 R Hulbert	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Mehendale
10 G Jacobs	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	IRE Clark
11 N Crosswell	1	0	J Marshall
12 G Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Baldock
13 J Nyman	1	0	L Evboumwan
14 G West	1	0	D Parsons
15 C Farmer	1	0	S Gengadharan
16 D Tang	0	1	D Innes
(CHESS Euston Rd)	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	

<u>Kent*</u>	5.12.92		<u>Essex</u>
RC Shilling (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AP Brown
P Beale	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Smith
RW Parsons	1	0	S Gallagher
D Eden	1	0	A King
A Bates	1	0	def
JFR Gale	1	0	P Barclay
E Bromilow	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Williams
R Holmes	0	1	S Marsland
RB Parkin	0	1	DG Cannan
P Childs	1	0	DJ Payne
D Hamblin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Hare
R Dugdale	1	0	def
J Dyke	1	0	def
P Moor	1	0	R Weeber
C Swann	1	0	M Tucker
C Judges	1	0	def
(Sevenoaks)	12	4	

UNDER 125

Oxon*	28.11.92	Essex*	Middx A*	12.12.92	Essex*
1 J Hjort (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Barrett	DH Ramsey (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AN Capal
2 R Nall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	EG Lodge	S Ronksley	0 1	C Barrett
3 G Ashdown	0 1	D Poulacheris	P Grant-Ross	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	EG Lodge
4 G Reynolds	0 1	RJC Foster	A Joelson	1 0	ND Poulacher
5 F Fallon	0 1	L Sargent	T Hurrell	1 0	RJC Foster
6 G Tustian	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Weeber	S Myatt	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	L Sargent
7 B Goddard	1 0	D Filer	G Luetchford	0 1	R Joyce
8 G Hodgson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Hughes	M Huba	0 1	R Weeber
9 JD Wood	0 1	M Tucker	RA Balatoni	1 0	D Filer
10 IR Brooke	0 1	MJ Lester	DL Wells	0 1	D Hughes
11 C Hunt	1 0	B Twinn	Mark Carey	0 1	MJ Lester
12 S Crockart (Cowley)	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0 5 7	def	S Chalk (Euston Rd)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 7	B Twinn

Middx B*	23.1.93	Kent	Essex*	23.1.93	Sussex
1 S Kapadia (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MR Croft	AN Capal (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DL Roberts
2 J Evans	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AD Hargreaves	C Barrett	1 0	SC Mills
3 S Warman	0 1	SJ Bradley	EG Lodge	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GP Salmon
4 B Bramham	1 0	DSJ Shipp	D Poulacheris	0 1	G Parker
5 I Anguelov	1 0	IC Smith	RJC Foster	0 1	SP Deere
6 S Joshi	1 0	IB Bryan	L Sargent	1 0	J Webb
7 S Rhanshaly	1 0	CR Moore	R Joyce	1 0	M Redman
8 M Lim	0 1	AC Fagan	R Weeber	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Bosworth
9 S Menon	1 0	FA Hiron	D Filer	1 0	J King
10 A Bhanshaly	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Snashall	D Hughes	1 0	ER Tapper
11 P Paschali	0 1	A Fletcher	M Tucker	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CD Clark
12 A Niccoli (Euston Rd)	0 1 $6\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2}$	NP Webb	MJ Lester (Wanstead)	1 0 8 4	def

SCCU CENTENARY MATCH

SCCU Juniors*	16.1.93	SCCU Seniors*	
1 D Hassabis (B)	0 1	N McDonald	Bruce Birchall, the Juniors' match captain, writes:
2 D Rosenberg	0 1	T Fatin	"An SCCU Adults side, boasting 4 IMs and
3 B Connell	1 0	M Basman	a board 10 graded 214, proved rather
4 R Bates	0 1	AP Summerscale	too strong for a Junior side depleted
5 J Walton	0 1	S Berry	by Mock exams and the attractions of
6 V Sood	0 1	G Wall	the Basingstoke Congress. Travelling
7 T Hinks-Edwards	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RG Wade	a long distance into central London
8 J Vigus	0 1	A Gkoutintas	without a lift deterred juniors from
9 A Ram	0 1	R Britton	the outlying counties and the "SCCU"
10 D Dobbs	0 1	IR Watson	juniors were therefore mostly Middx.
11 K Mah	0 1	P Kemp	The timing of the occasion also
12 G Knott	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	K Norman	prevented U21s away at university from
13 D Moskovic	0 1	CI Howell	taking part. It is proposed that the
14 T Thompson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Reuben	event become an annual fixture taking
15 L Jacobs	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AD Wallace	place in the university vacation."
16 C Baker	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	NR Oliver	The Bulletin cannot reveal which
17 D Gibeon	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Pullinger	Junior player the Senior captain
18 N Tarleton (so)	1 0	D Rosen	unsuccessfully tried to poach. The
19 P Goldstein	1 0	J Shepley	Junior captain seems to have had more
20 J Clifford	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Norman	luck with boards 21 and 22, which are
(Euston Rd)	$6\frac{1}{2}$ $13\frac{1}{2}$		not for grading. (Both were 15 min
21 R Brown	0 1	DR Sedgwick	QP, we think.)
22 FC Manning	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RCN Lee-Anderson	

CHILTERN LEAGUE

Bucks U18 10 10 Bucks II 19.9.92; Bucks II 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Herts II 10.10.92

LAWS OF CHESS

(Sorry if you've already read, or ignored, this article in the BCF ChessMoves. They didn't introduce all that many typos and careless mistakes.)

You'll know that a revised version came into force on the 1st January. Plenty of typos and careless mistakes - someone's come up with a list of 19 - but few changes of real substance, beyond the welcome return of the old unadorned 50-move rule. What there is is lots of tidying up. The things we've poked fun at in the past have mostly gone.

(Has someone been paying attention after all?) You can no longer, for example, move your opponent's pieces, or move away a piece which is pinned against your King, or get out of double check by turning it into triple check. The Bulletin is relieved to note that some oddities remain. It is still possible for both sides to win (10.2). You still aren't allowed to analyse variations at the board (15.1.c), or annoy your opponent by playing good moves (15.1.d). "The game is lost by the player whose opponent declares he is annoyed." (No, we made that up.)

10.16 on sealed moves is a bit odd. It distinguishes between (a) ambiguous, (b) "false", and (c) illegal moves. Ambiguous and illegal moves lose; false ones can be accepted if the arbiter thinks it's obvious what you meant. The Laws do not explain the difference between false and illegal moves; however, David Wallace explains it in the November CHESS. (David Wallace is Secretary to the FIDE Rules Commission. Pity he has to explain the rules on their behalf; clearer drafting would have saved him the bother.) A false move, apparently, is a move not in accordance with the ordinary movement of that piece; in other words, you've made a cods of the notation. (Well, maybe.) An illegal move is one in accordance with the piece's normal movement, but illegal nonetheless (on one view an impossibility, but we know what he means). The new "false" category is designed, it says here, for the benefit of weaker arbiters, who will be more inclined to exercise their discretion now they know just what sort of cock-up may be allowable. Hmm.

One anomaly, which we have mentioned before, is that draws by repetition can be claimed by a player who is able to bring about the repetition and declares his intention of doing so; but draws under the 50-move rule cannot be so claimed. You cannot say, I intend to play such a move and I claim that both sides will then have made... Can readers think of any reason for this inconsistency?

We're also unhappy about 10.5 (player with bare K cannot win the game, for example on time). It's not broad enough. If bare K can't win on time, why should (say) K+N v K+Q be able to? Presumably the justification for not allowing bare Ks to win is that they can't checkmate. But neither can the poor old N against a Q. Bs are in worse case: they can't mate against Rs either. The simple, and consistent, rule would be: you can't win if checkmate for you is impossible. Which would naturally include positions where you can't mate because your only legal move gives statemate, or because the opponent's only legal move is mate. (If you like, put the onus on the opponent to demonstrate that checkmate is impossible.) FIDE has already accepted the principle, implicitly, in 10.4 (game is automatically drawn if neither side can mate). The Bulletin dislikes needless exceptions and would sooner do without both 10.4 and 10.5, but if we're going to have them let's have them right.

Paul Buswell has spotted a drafting error that's been around for lord knows how long, and remains uncorrected in the new version. 7.2 says that if I touch one of my own pieces and one of my opponent's, I must take the one with the other; or if this is not possible, move or capture the first piece touched that can legally be moved or captured. If it is impossible to establish which piece was touched first, it's considered to have been my own. So far so good. But 7.3 says: "If none of the pieces touched has a legal move (or if none of the opponent's pieces touched can be legally captured), the player is free to make any legal move." Note that or. It should, of course, be and. Or better still, "If none of the pieces touched can be legally moved or captured...". As drafted, 7.3 contradicts 7.2. If I can move my bit but can't take my opponent's, 7.2 says I must move mine. 7.3 says I can do whatever I like.

Other oddities remain, but you've had enough. A quick mention, though, for the appended rules of 5-minute chess. They say intriguingly that if the Ks and Qs are "set up incorrectly" and no one notices early enough to put it right, you can castle long on the kingside or short on the queenside. Had a 5-minute game with our K on f1 the other day, wish we'd known. The 5-minute rules show signs of haste and had no business being put to a General Assembly in the state they're in.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: DATES 1992-93
(or what's left of them)

	<u>Open</u>	<u>U175</u>	<u>U150</u>	<u>U125</u>
Feb 6		KE		KE
13	KBu ME SxO HBr CSy		KSy ME	SxO
20		SxM		SxMb
27	BuSy EC OM HK BrSx			OMa HK
Mar 6				
13	CBu SxE KO MH SyBr		SyE MK	KO MaH
20		EM SxK		EMb

Those who pointed out the error in the September and November Bulletins will see that it has been corrected.

CONGRESS DIARY

- Feb 6 -7 KIDLINGTON. TE Williams, 13 Sunderland Avenue, Oxford OX2 8DT 0865 57428
 7 BARBICAN. LG Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 9TP 081 446 8569
 7 STOCKPORT Open; U155; U115. PH Taylor, 10 Lodge Farm Close, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 3BZ 061 440 0733
 12 ROLLS ROYCE at Crewe. R Edwards, 490 Chell Heath Rd, Stoke on Trent ST6 6QD 0782 818560
 13 WESTMINSTER. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 081 595 5881
 14 CITY CHESS. LG Goodwin as 7 Feb
 14 WARLEY QUINBORNE. J Lewis, 405 Court Oak Rd, Birmingham B32 2DX 021 427 4988
 19-21 PORTSMOUTH. Open; U166; U136; U111. P McEvoy, 77 Lime Grove, Portsmouth PO6 4DQ 0705 388341
 19-21 SPALDING. F Bowers, 34 Midle Rd, Whaplode, Spalding, Lincs PE12 6TW 0406 370166
 20 GOLDERS GREEN. AN Raof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF (081 202 0982)
 20-21 BWCA GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS at Ipswich. J Orton 0473 259597
 21 WARRINGTON. KG Brown, 71 Lakeside Close, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 8RQ 051 424 0021
 26-28 LONDON U161. LG Goodwin as 7 Feb
 27-28 BEDS & MILTON KEYNES U18. A Ioannides 0908 648722
 28 MILTON KEYNES as above
 28 NORWICH. PC Burnett, 10 Watling Court, Cow Hill, Norwich NR2 1HA 0603 615460
 Mar 5 -7 EXETER Open; U156; U116. EG Sparke, 12 Westbourne Terrace, Budleigh Salterton, Devon 0395 442585
 5 -7 DYFED. T Jones, Dolmant, Llangranneog, Llandysul, Dyfed 0239 654324
 5 -7 GLENROTHES. W Pearson, 140 South Parks Rd, Glenrothes, Fife KY6 1JA 0592 751161
 7 CITY CHESS. LG Goodwin as 7 Feb
 13 GOLDERS GREEN as 20 Jan
 14 BARBICAN. LG Goodwin as 7 Feb
 14 GUILDFORD. M Adams, 13 Queens Drive, Guildford GU2 6PD 0483 505635
 14 BASINGSTOKE. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, Basingstoke RG21 2LS 0256 47253
 14 SOUTHEND JUNIOR. P Walker, 47 Stuart Rd, Southend SS2 5JS 0702 618612
 14 TEIGNMOUTH. I Mason, 59 Mardlin Drive, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8SB
 14 NUNEATON. R Woodcock, 188 Coventry Rd, Nuneaton, Warwicks CV10 7AU 0203 348097
 20 WESTMINSTER as 13 Feb
 28 LETCHWORTH Open; U160; U125; Junior U17/14/11. T Thurstan, 33 Brampton Park Rd, Hitchin, Herts 0462 459873
 Apr 3 TUNBRIDGE WELLS JUNIOR. U19+Parents; U16/14/12(Kent Championship/10/9/8. RJ Haddrell, 48 Southview Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9BX 0892 532361
 9-12 SURREY EASTER at Sutton. Open (BCQ); U170; U145; U120; U100/ungraded. FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 OPF 081 647 0063
 9-12 SOUTHEND EASTER Open BCQ (incorporating SCCU Individual Championship); Open graded sections. GMA Smith, 41 Westwood Gardens, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex SS7 2SH

A note circulating at the Hastings Congress, and maybe elsewhere, urged players to write to their MPs with a view to getting some money for chess out of the national lottery. Can't do any harm. Well done Nigel, incidentally. He got a fair bit of prime time on the box this evening, don't suppose that'll help?

Surrey CCA are to sell off their chess library (books and periodicals) by "postal auction". Catalogue of 285 lots, with further details, from HM Cath, 6 Northwood Avenue, Purley, Surrey CR8 2EP. SAE please. Bidding closes 8th May 1993.

Quotes.

"Can we use your article on the Laws? We'll acknowledge and say how people can get the SCCU Bulletin." - BCF ChessMoves, to Editor SCCU Bulletin. They acknowledged, but didn't say how people could get the SCCU Bulletin.

"Dear Mr Haddrell, Please note that your subscription to ChessMoves expires on 31st January. Renewal costs £15..." - BCF ChessMoves, with the offending issue.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: ChessIns for December; Hastings Congress Programme (but no results); Computer Chess News Sheet for Dec/Jan. This last is a 28-side A5 booklet, professionally printed and full of games and news. It contains one small ad and no large ones. Six issues a year, price £15 by post from Eric Hallsworth, The Red House, 46 High St, Wilburton, Cambs CB6 3RA 0258 840285 (office hours).

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