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EDITORIAL

The Bulletin's been gagged. A minor item at the Executive meeting the other week was deemed confidential; for no better reason, it seems to me, than to spare the blushes of one or two people who'd been inefficient. I pressed it to a vote but lost 9-3. I now think I was wrong to accept the vote, and I'm sorry. But guessing what it was about will be far more fun than reading it would have been.

There's a serious point here somewhere. I have often censored myself, for reasons good or bad and with varying degrees of reluctance, but I don't think the Executive has ever done the job for me until now. I'm a Union Officer and it presumably has the right. I've never been comfortable with that thought.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 14th May 1993 at the Friends House opposite Euston Station. 15 attended. Main points:

(1) Trophies. It was agreed that all trophies, regardless of who's got them and whether he's entitled to hold them, should be present at this year's SCCU Council Meeting on the 3rd July. They will then be taken away for engraving and valuation and returned to the holders as soon as possible.

(2) Equipment. We have something like 50 clocks and 40 sets and boards, on more or less permanent loan to Surrey who pay £30 a year for their use. Very occasionally they get "hired" out to someone else but it is not clear that either we or Surrey make a charge. You will remember, if you were paying attention when you read the last issue, that Bruce Birchall has junior events scheduled for Haverstock School and would like a permanent stock of SCCU equipment on the premises. Rather than buying new stock, it was agreed to transfer the existing stock to the school. It is not insured, nor possibly worth insuring unless you can get "new for old" cover, but secure accommodation will be available.

(3) SCCU Game Fee. DR Sedgwick had asked counties how they thought the Union should collect its dues when, or if, the BCF levy disappears. None had replied. It was agreed to propose, at the forthcoming Council Meeting, that starting this year counties should pay a flat rate (say £15) plus so much (say £6) per team entered in the SCCU leagues. The figures quoted would bring in more or less what we get now.

(4) Womens Chess. There was a suggestion, vague and not pursued, to allocate a sum of money for the development of womens chess in the SCCU. It was reported that the BCF Womens Director will not seek re-election.

(5) SCCU Management Board. Skip this item if you like: it was only a passing reference and no discussion took place. The Management Board was set up in July 1987 for the day-to-day running of the Union's affairs. It was always envisaged that its meetings might be telephonic. It met twice in the flesh, soon after its inception, and devoted much time to "long-term planning" (which was hardly its job). It has done nothing since, in the flesh or otherwise. Its intended function may well have been usurped, on occasion, by officers acting independently. That's the background. The foreground is that someone suggested, at the May Executive meeting, that the MB should meet routinely December-ish to fill the long gap between the autumn and spring Executive meetings. It was only a casual remark, but the Bulletin is going to comment anyway. It believes that (1) you don't hold meetings routinely on the off chance there'll be something to talk about; (2) the MB was set up for a useful purpose and should be used for it; and (3) it needs a new name.

(6) Grading. Martin Cath, grading secretary, raised the question of George Goodwin's Quickplay events. These are advertised as belonging to the Leigh GP circuit. But it is a condition of the Leigh circuit that all games are submitted for grading, and George Goodwin's QP events, uniquely among London QPs, are not. This will be raised at the next BCF Management Board meeting.

The BCF is negotiating for an annual £2000 sponsorship for its grading list. The firm concerned would expect their name on the various Union lists as well as the BCF national one. This could affect our advertising revenue from other sources, so we would doubtless expect a cut from the sponsorship money.

The BCF Grading Director is standing down. We understand that his motive is a distaste of Management Board politics, and he is prepared to continue his work anyway.

(7) Money. Tony Suttill produced draft accounts for 1991-2 and 1992-3. Despite assurances given at the March meeting, the 1991-2 accounts were not yet audited. This was because a query had arisen over a £50 Junior grant awarded to Sussex in spring 1992; apparently the grant cannot be paid until Sussex have produced a statement of accounts (but Sussex's interpretation seems to be different.) It also emerged that we had never paid our £80 entry fee for the SCCU nominee in the British Championship 1990. For some reason it had never been claimed. We decided not to worry about this.

Results 1991-2: deficit £177. 1992-3: deficit £27. "Monies available" at the moment are £3530. Not sure just how subject to change these figures are.

The Bulletin has gone into the red, to the tune of £50 or £84 depending who you believe, and the Executive agreed to propose an increase in subscription from £4.50 to £6. It's been £4.50 for a couple of years. The SCCU Grading List made a profit of £1266, helped maybe by the much publicised inaccuracy of the BCF one. ("But I can't guarantee similar inaccuracies next time." - "Don't worry, someone will.")

Weren't sure where to put this item, but since Money comes into it: the BCF Council has voted to send a delegate to the next FIDE meeting. It's in Rio. The expected cost is £1750, and the Finance Committee are to "find the money"; whether that means finding a new source of income or deciding who to plunder is unclear.

(8) British Championship: SCCU nomination. Southend this year, and Sutton last, used different rules for determining the free place. Briefly, Sutton gave it to the highest-placed eligible player irrespective of Union affiliation; Southend gave first bite to the SCCU Champion (automatically an SCCU player) and allowed it to go outside the Union only if he was already qualified. Don't know whether it made any difference in practice; the SCCU Champion, and nominee, did not win the event this year, but the "foreigner" who did may have been qualified already. No decision was taken, but it was felt that we ought to be consistent. For what it's worth, the Bulletin thinks Sutton were right.

(9) World Championship. "World Championship", sorry. Your Editor is already bored with this, but it's nowhere near its half-life yet. The BCF Council meeting of 24th April decided (informally, since it was a finance meeting and the World Championship wasn't on the agenda) that the Federation should not be officially involved in attempts to capitalise on the publicity; though vigorous efforts by individuals would be welcome. This feeling was unambiguous and was supported by a large majority. At any rate, two Executive members who had been present were quite clear on this and quoted the minutes in support, though a third disputed it. The Third actually wanted the SCCU to "requisition" an extraordinary BCF Council meeting to determine exactly what the policy was supposed to be. (Another Union would have to support us, and he was working on that.) He got no seconder, and someone remarked that calling a Council meeting would be the surest way of getting nothing done.

We understand that FIDE have privately given the nod to English publicity exploitation so long as it's unofficial. Oh, and Council has reinstated Adam Black as Publicity Director. Apparently this doesn't mean that Council thinks his suspension was wrong in the first place; simply that "circumstances have changed". Like, no one else has volunteered to do the job.

(10) SCCU FIDE-rated tournament. The Executive warmly accepted an offer by David Sedgwick to organise one at Haverstock School, subject to things like affordable rent. He would be entitled to the first £250 of any surplus, but in return would undertake to make good any deficit. Proposed dates: 16-19 August 1993. This item, being productive, naturally took far less time than the previous one.

(11) SCCU County matches 1993-4. There were various suggestions for change. Some felt that the Championship should be split regionally; some wanted to introduce U200 and U100 competitions; and some wanted to tidy up the rules about the number of boards. On the first and second counts it was decided to leave things as they are, at least for another year. The third got caught up in the same decision, whether by accident or design were not sure.

(12) Game Fee. Don't worry, not a lot was said. But someone felt quite strongly that the rules should provide an incentive for events to find their own grader. Very few do at present.

BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Board met on Sunday 16th May 1993. Nothing much seems to have happened except for a bad-tempered discussion of the "World Championship" and Adam Black's role in it. He has, apparently, referred publicly to the "World Championship" as the World Championship, and the MB objected to that. A resolution was passed to the effect that all public references to the event by BCF officers should be cleared by the Chairman or President, and Adam Black said get lost. He asked for a special Council Meeting to clarify his position, and the MB said get lost. The MB will now officially call the affair the "Times Kasparov-Short match" and Adam Black will call it whatever he damn well likes. A proposal to take action (what?) against ND Short for bringing the game into disrepute was rejected. When it came to discussing the activities that might be organised around the match, the MB delegated everything to its Think Tank (ADM, JP, SDB, SWR and PW). That's about it, really. Except that the Player of the Year award (nominations close soon) is clearly going ND Short's way. That's supposed to be confidential but has already been leaked by an SCCU Officer.

Editor's Postscript.

An alternative version of this report, twelve or thirteen times as long, has been prepared by BH Birchall who was present as an observer. I won't publish it. Nor, despite his request, will I publish his lengthy (and unseconded) SCCU motion to call for

an extraordinary BCF Council Meeting. But in deference to his view that "readers must be informed of all this", I'll take it on myself to try and summarise his position. He thinks the MB lack vision. He believes that the BCF's April Council Meeting (see Executive Report, item 9) expressed a clear wish that the BCF should officially exploit the K & S match; and that those who deny this are subverting the role of Council. He maintains that Adam Black's right to act independently is enshrined in the Constitution. He sympathises with a well known organiser's view that, "with the present MB mood", exploitation in September and October will best be done privately (which is what the MB want); but he feels that as a matter of principle it should not be left there. He deplores the BCF's failure (so far) to re-write the Constitution defining the rights of Direct Members and fee-paying leagues and congresses; so that it is hard, or impossible, for DMs to get motions onto Council agendas or call for extraordinary Council Meetings.

I hope Bruce will not think my summary unfair. He will certainly think it too short. If it's wrong I will publish his correction, but on three conditions: (1) no personalities; (2) biblical references to be kept to a minimum; and (3) maximum 200 words (my version's 147). Précis concentrates the mind wonderfully.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Union's other Letter-writer-in-chief has been at it as well. Both letters have been shortened.

Dear Bruce,

I disagree that the Short/Kasparov match should be supported in any way by the BCF or the SCCU. As Short withdrew from the World Championship, his behaviour has let down British chess, FIDE, the Manchester consortium who supported him, and many individuals who supported him for years.

It is becoming a cause for concern that many individuals think that if they enter a competition, they are under no obligation to finish it. How many congresses are spoilt nowadays by withdrawals? It is time to make a stand on this type of behaviour, and what better opportunity will we get than the Short/Kasparov friendly (!!!?!! -Ed) match?

There appears to be a group of people in London who think all important matches should be played in London... We will become as big a focus for derision as boxing...

Lester Millin

Letter to the Editor:

In response to Lester Millin's view [at SCCU Executive meeting] that juniors should be encouraged to have nothing to do with activities organised around the Short/Kasparov match, I would observe: (1) arguments between FIDE and the PCA, and the power struggles within the BCF, have little interest for the public. What they will see is huge publicity for chess... The dream that they will be the next Nigel (or Nigella) Short will be a powerful factor. Our role is to respond to and orchestrate this enthusiasm. It doesn't really matter what the event is called... (2) The boycott mentality is far too rife. FIDE want to strip the rebels of their ratings to stop them being invited to tournaments (surely a restraint of trade?); the BCF President hints that Short will be removed from being an England selector... Why this authoritarian need to punish? Why spread this contagion to juniors? Where is the boundary to be drawn? Are we to ban the "Times" Schools Championship because of its association with the sponsor?... (3) There is no parallel between Short's dilemma and people dropping out of tournaments. Children don't drop out of events because the fee's inadequate. They drop out because they're losing, and what they need then is encouragement...

Bruce Birchall

Ed: - A congress we know of has an annual Robin Goodfellow (not his real name) Withdrawal Prize for the person whose demolition job occasions said withdrawal.

CHILTERN LEAGUE 1992-3

	O	H	Br	BuJ	Bu	BrJ		O	H	Br	BuJ	Bu	BrJ	GP	MP
1 Oxon II		11	13	13½	14	14			12	14½	11	12	17	132	10
2 Herts II	9		12½	10½	12½	15		8		14½	11	11½	12½	117	8
3 Berks II	7	7½		11½	8½	16		5½	5½		12	7	13	93½	4
4= Bucks U18	6½	9½	8½		10	13		9	9	8		14	14½	102	3½
Bucks II	6	7½	11½	10		11		8	8½	13	6		9½	91	3½
6 Berks U18	6	5	4	7	9			3	7½	7	5½	10½		64½	1

Acknowledgments Nigel Dennis as usual, plus anon. We see most teams were below average.

LONDON LEAGUE results 1992-3

Div 1 (12 teams) 1 Kings Head; 2 Barbican. Div 2 (11 teams) 1 Ilford; 2 Lewisham.
Div 3 (11 teams): top two are Gravesend and Barbican II, not necessarily in that order.
Div 4 (11 teams) 1 Cavendish II. Div 5 (11 teams) 1 Beckenham & Bromley. Div 6 (11 teams) top two are Battersea II and Streatham III. Div 7 (5 teams) 1 Hampstead III; 2 Barbican IV.
 Results Norman Oliver

MID SUSSEX LEAGUE results 1992-3

Div 1 1 Brighton 53/72; 2 Haywards Heath 51; 3 Horsham 47... Div 2 1 Lewes 47½/63; 2 Crowborough 41; 3 Crawley 34½... Div 3 1 Hastings 43½/63; 2 Hassocks 31½; 3 Lewes III 30½... Div 4 1 The Holt II 42/63; 2 Crawley III 40½; 3 Eastbourne IV 39...
 Scoring is by game points (1,½,0) plus match points (2,1,0).

Hastings, who play all matches away in the Mid Sussex League, have put out feelers about playing in Kent as well next season.

KENT league results 1992-3: County Cup Maidstone beat Charlton on board count in the Final; Lewis Cup Hayes II 3½ 2½ Rainham I; Stevenson Cup Hayes III 4 2 Maidstone IV; En Passant Cup Maidstone V 4 2 Charlton V; Harvey Cup Sittingbourne III 4 2 Beckenham & Bromley VI

Individual: Open is between JD Wager and IR Watson; Major JKM Newman (Hayes); Intermediate D Rabjohns (Welling); Minor DJ Hall (Welling); Ladies and Owen Dixon (Ladies!) SC Scott, for the sixth year running. Whether these two were competed for separately we don't know.

Summer Quick-play 1993: Hastings A have lost a match!!

INSURANCE CC held their Paul Littlewood Blindfold Simul on the 20th March 1993. He scored 7½/8 (an improvement on JH Blackburne's 6½/8 exactly 100 years earlier). Littlewood "hardly made a false move". Does this mean illegal? Do blindfold experts play illegal moves, and if so does touch-move apply?

NATIONAL CLUB

OPEN Round 3 Charlton 2 4 Maidstone; Dundee & Victoria 3½ 2½ Barbican.
Quarter-finals: Bedford 3½ 2½ Maidstone; Kings Head 2½ 3½ Bristol & Clifton; Paisley 2 4 Wood Green; Walsall Kipping v Dundee & Victoria.

Semi-finals: Bristol & Clifton v Bedford; Wood Green v Dundee & Victoria/Walsall Kipping.

Plate Quarter-finals: Atticus* 3 3 Milton Keynes; Ipswich* 3 3 Guildford; Lincoln 0 6 Ilford; Slough (Lady Haig) 4 2 Hastings & St Leonards.

Semi-finals: Ilford v Atticus; Ipswich v Slough.

MAJOR Quarter-finals: Morecambe 4 1 Dista; St Johns Worcester 1 4 Kings Head A; Southbourne 3 2 Oxford Univ; Cowley Community Centre 2 3 Southend.

Semi-finals: Southend v Morecambe; Kings Head A v Southbourne.

Plate Quarter-finals: Wrexham 1 4 Atherton; Hastings 3 2 Bourne End; Teignmouth 2 Guildford; Thanet 1½ 3½ RAF.

Semi-finals: RAF v Atherton; Guildford v Hastings.

INTERMEDIATE Round 3 Liverpool 2 3 Grantham.

Quarter-finals: Hastings 2½ 2½ *Ipswich; Grantham 2 3 Rose Forgrove; Oxford Univ 3 2 Tamworth & District; Slough 3½ 1½ Southbourne...

Semi-finals: Ipswich v Slough; Rose Forgrove v Oxford Univ.

Plate Quarter-finals: Basingstoke ½ 4½ Wanstead & Woodford; Gt Lever* 2½ 2½ Stockport; Kings Head 4 1 Tunbridge Wells; L Buzzard ½ 4½ Cambridge Univ.

Semi-finals: Cambridge Univ v Gt Lever; Wanstead & Woodford v Kings Head.

MINOR Quarter-finals: Gt Lever* 2½ 2½ Rochdale; Ashford 1½ 3½ Northampton; Sun Life 5 0 Abercynon; Basingstoke 3 2 Hastings.

Semi-finals: Northampton v Gt Lever; Basingstoke v Sun Life.

Plate Quarter-finals: Sutton in Ashfield 2 3 Calderdale; Warley Quinborne 3 2 Hereford; Slough 3½ 1½ Musketeers; Kings Head 2 3 Waltham Forest.

Semi-finals: Warley Quinborne v Calderdale; Waltham Foest v Slough.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Just some oddments. The League is still expected to go ahead next season, and the target is (say) 15-20 teams. Sponsorship, or the lack of it, could make this problematical. Barbican and Maidstone are expected to be in. There seems a strong probability of one west country team, a midlands one, and maybe one from Cambridge. Scotland, Wales and Ireland (Northern, presumably) look pretty certain to be represented. Don't know about the north of England. The players would be paid; eventually at any rate; though at least some titled players have agreed to play for nothing if necessary in the inaugural year.

9th LETCHWORTH CONGRESS 28th March 1993, sponsored by Viking Johnson and Victaulic Systems, had 226 players.

Open 1 J Emms (Norwich) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-3 J Plaskett (Luton), A Kinsman (Wimbledon) 4...

Grading U190 B Barlow (Cavendish), S Lazarus (Milton Keynes) $3\frac{1}{2}$; U175 J Vigus (St Dunstons College), B Pribanich (Northampton), N Pert (Ipswich) $3\frac{1}{2}$

Under 160 1 L Jacobs (Haberdashers Askes) 5/5; 2-6 A Brocklehurst (Pin Green), R Newman (Cambridge), M Kobylka (Barnet), I Dweck (Silent Knights), D Cutmore, M Cutmore (both Wood Green) 4... Grading U145 I Dweck; U135 AD Brown (Hendon) $3\frac{1}{2}$

Under 125 1-4 R Burroughs, P Edwards (Milton Keynes), O Gee (Basingstoke), M Smith (Bourne End) 4... Grading U106 A Macdonald (Chess Forum) $3\frac{1}{2}$; Junior M Smith; Best Lady C Hunt Cowley) $2\frac{1}{2}$; Best Veterans C Baker, B Charlett (Leighton Buzzard), M Wali (Chess Forum), R Harrison (Welwyn Garden City) 3; Slow Starters R White (L Buzzard), C Stothert, think it says (Hazells) 2

Under 90 1 R Williams (Warboys) $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2-4 A Davis, C Wade (both BMS), M Pert (Ipswich) 5...

Under 17 1-2 B Savage (Chess Forum), P Hobbs (Bourne End) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 3 P Bisson (St Albans School) 3; 4 M Toogood (Kettering) 2...

Under 14 1-3 I Emery (Rugby), F Dickinson (BMS), D Toogood (Kettering) 5/6; 4-6 R Walker ("Kings School"), D Got-Shucan (BMS), S MacDonald (Verulam School) 4...

Under 11 1 L Larter (Griffin Dons) 6/6; 2 P Hunt (L Buzzard) 5; 3-8 N Timms (Street Juniors), B Morris (Steeple Morden), J Pollar(?) (BMS), A Wildig (Rugby), E Player (Freeman CPS), G Valentine (L Buzzard) 4...

Team Prize Eldorado Appreciation Society (B Owen, D Cutmore, M Cutmore, M Kobylka) 72.5%

BOURNE END QP 45/45 3rd April 1993

Section A (16 pl) 1 J Kraai (Oxford) 5/5; 2 KI Norman (Wokingham) 4; 3-6 RD de Coverly, PD Hatchett (both Marlow), G Moore (SW7), M Rose (Oxford) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Section B (22 pl) 1-3 J Houska (Maidenhead), B Shipley (Bucks), MC Sommer (Camberley) 4/5..

Section C (22 pl) 1 P Hegarty (Reading) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-3 A Laurence (Ealing), G Batonyi 4...

Section D (20 pl) 1 MA Smith (Marlow) 5/5; 2 AJ Hawkins (Marlow Bottom) 4; 3-6 DM Forbes (Wooburn Green), AM Leech (Maidenhead), PFJ Putt (Camberley), DA Stott (Harrow) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Section E (24 pl) 1 J Arthur (High Wycombe) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-3 K Bush (Bucks), D Smalley (High Wycombe) 4...

Section F (19 pl) 1 D Shipley (Bucks) 5/5; 2-4 A Cleaver (High Wycombe), N Harper (Gerrards Cross), I Houska (Maidenhead) 4...

11th SOUTH HERTS CONGRESS at St Albans 3-4 April 1993

Open 1-6 Demetrios Agnos (Richmond), Paul Georghiou (Barnet), Richard Bates (Richmond), Paul Littlewood (Wood Green), Stephen Swanson (Ware), Gary Kenworthy (Waltham Abbey) 4/5; 7-8 John Emms (Norwich), David Ledger (Bedford) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 176 1 Sean Thrower (Sutton) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-4 Damon D'Cruz (Luton), Richard Savory (Dereham), CF Dorn (Ilford) 4; 5-7 N Aldritt (Pinner), Peter Clarke (Milton Keynes), DW Gunter (Crystal Palace) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 150 1 Velko Stanisic (Bosnia) 5/5; 2 Dominic Gibbs (Chingford) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 3-6 Karl Forman (Coventry), Paul McMahon (Cambridge), JKM Newman ("Hayes"), Nicholas Lee (Dame Alice Owens) 4; 7-11 Brian Concagh (M Keynes), Paul Kennelly, Steve Moore (Griffin Dons), Daniel Spearman, Peter Richards (Northants)...

Under 130 1 Julian Hudson (Hampstead) 5/5; 2 Patrick Ribbands (Cambridge) $4\frac{1}{2}$; 3-5 Andes Kristensen (Bristol), Colin Kidd (Hounslow), Devas Patel (Ruislip) 4; 6-13 Paul Lawrence, Matthew Peat (both St Albans), Edmunds So, Sally Rowles (Metropolitan), Ben Savage (Chess Forum), Tony Heslop (Blackbird Leys), Nigel Hoddinott (Hemel Hempstead), Mohamed M Wali (Chess Forum) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Under 110 1 Chris Andrews ("Hayes") 5/5; 2-3 Austin McMahon (St Albans), David Haynes (RGS Wycombe) 4; 4-8 PJ Chapman (Bury St Edmunds), Tim Haynes (Kents), Terry Douse (St Albans), Nick Savory (Dereham), Donald Carr (Welwyn GC) $3\frac{1}{2}$...

Results John Leake

SOUTHEND EASTER 9-12 April 1993

Open (86 pl) 1 Andrew Ledger (Bedford) 6/7; 2-6 Richard Britton (Barbican), Glenn Flear (Leics), Andrew Hammond (Kings Head/Slough), David Ledger (Bedford), John C Moore (Rayleigh) 5... John Moore becomes SCCU Champion on tie-break, and takes the British Championship nomination. Grading prizes to Chris Gant (Islington), Stafford Scopes (Poisoned Pawns), Les Crane (Upminster), Brian Sutton (East Ham), Andrew Brocklehurst (Pin Green), Roman Korzeenewski (Bourne End), Paul Stimpson (Eastbrook), Graham White (Welling), Eddie Dearing (Perth).

Five-round graded Swisses (about 20 players each): Group A 1-2 Stephen Firth (Ely), H Trevor Jones (Guildford) 4. Group B 1-2 Richard Weeber (Grays), Simon Armor (Southend) 4. Group C 1 Vladimir Ramjit (Barbican) 4½. Group D 1-2 Richard Fairburn (Ipswich), Matthew Shaw (Hadleigh) 4.

Results GMA Smith

SURREY EASTER at Sutton, 9-12 April 1993 attracted a record entry of 510, surpassing the previous best of 484 in 1976.

Frank Winter Memorial Open (92 pl) 1 Demetrios Agnos (Richmond) 6½/7; 2-6 Graeme Buckley (Bushbury), Anthony Corkett (Fareham), Andrew Kinsman (Wimbledon), James Plaskett (Bedford), Christopher Ward (Maidstone) 5½... Grading Charles Cobb (Swindon Lawn), James Vigus (St Dunstons College), David Moskovic (City of London School), Richard Gaughan (Trafford Junior Knights) 4½. Junior Miroslav Houska (Slough) 5; James Cobb, Richard Bates (Richmond Juniors) 4½. 44 FIDE-rated players competed; 8 completed part-ratings and 12 achieved part-ratings. BCQ place Anthony Corkett; reserves Graeme Buckley, Miroslav Houska, Richard McMichael (Ks Head).

Under 170 (64 pl) 1 FCW Chin (Hackney) 6/7; 2-4 CFH Dorn (Ilford), K Hurst (Richmond/Surbiton/Home Office), MP Rhodes (Ashtead) 5½; 5-10 T Donnelly (Hackney), GW Dormand (Sutton), R Newton (Morecambe), MA Shaw (Pinner/Barnet Knights), JJ Skielnik (Battersea), ME Taylor (Sittingbourne) 5. Grading prizes to last three. Junior: Fiona Webster (Sutton) 3½.

Under 145: Eric Weimann Memorial (104 pl) 1-3 R Morgan (Ashtead/Bristol Univ), TD Phillips (South Norwood), SL Watson (W9) 6/7; 4-6 AJ Barwise (Bolton), D Shiner (Cowley), E Stahl (Germany), J Dale (Leeds) 5½... Grading J Dale; D Spearman (Brighton), J Nelson (Hammersmith) 4½. Junior: Philip Brown (S Norwood) 5; Andrew Bamford (Richmond Juniors) 4

U120 A (73 pl) 1 Alan Bamford (Richmond Juniors) 5/5; 2 C Harvey (Streatham) 4½; 3-11 MJ Murphy (Wimbledon), DE Rattray (S Norwood), D Ryan (Hayes Kent), B Savage (Chess Forum), MJ Stanners (Athenaeum), EW Soh (W6), WT Marjoram (Ewell), R Bates (Tiffin Girls School), T Thrower (Sutton) 4... Grading WT Marjoram; PW Burt (Cobham) 3. Junior: Ruth Bates, Thomas Thrower.

U120 B (61 pl) 1 B Savage (Chess Forum) 5/5; 2 AR Azzam (Southampton Juniors) 4½; 3-6 CJ Gardiner (Reading), MJ Murphy (Wimbledon), DE Rattray (S Norwood), C Harvey (Streatham), Barney Bramham (Richmond Juniors), Oliver Gee (Basingstoke) 4... Grading C Harvey; J Sprackett (Wimbledon) 2½. Junior: B Bramham, O Gee.

U100 A (67 pl) 1-3 R O'Neill (Camberley), Rachel Reeves (Hayes Kent), M Tillet (Streatham/Richmond Juniors) 4½/5... Junior: Stephen McNally (Wilsons GS), Claire Thrower (Sutton) 4; Lawrence Hunt (Cowley) 3½

U100 B (49 pl) 1-2 D Elstein (Richmond Juniors), E Page (Southampton) 4½/5; 3-6 AG Kelly (High Wycombe), NJ Smithson (Glyn School), Jason Gregory (Glyn School), Anthony Eskinazi (Barnet Knights) 4... Junior: J Gregory, A Eskinazi; David Bates (Richmond Juniors) 3.

Special Congress Prizes: Ladies (for best % score) Rachel Reeves, Christina Harvey 4½/5. Veterans D Birt (Hayes Middx) 3½/5 U100 B. Family Prize 1 Claire and Thomas Thrower 11½/15; 2-3 Derek, Christina and Jasmine Harvey 16½/22, Alan and Andrew Bamford 9/12. Best Game: 38 entries; judging has not yet taken place.

Results Martin Cath

GOLDERS GREEN OPEN 17th April 1993 (50 pl)

1 Michael Adams (Barbican) 6/6; 2-3 Ben Martin (Wood Green), Robert Willmoth (Hackney) 5... Grading U161 JH Woolley, John Potter 4½; U141 Anthony D Brown (Hendon) 4; Ungraded Jeff Baillie (Kings Head) 4

Results Adam Raaof

HAMPSTEAD QP 18th April 1993 (50 pl)

Under 200 1 L Webb (Brighton) 4/5...

Under 160 1 V Stanisic (Ealing) 6/6; 2 MS Kobylka 5; 3 M Connock (St Albans)...

Under 120 1 S Addicott (East Acton) 5½/6; 2 Martin Jones (Barnet) 5...

Results Adam Raaof

READING QP 40/40 24th April 1993

Open (18 pl) 1-2 MV Houska (Maidenhead), KI Norman (Wokingham) 4/5; 3-5 A Hunt (Oxford), Z Sujoldzic (Reading), SK Williams (Farnham) 3½...

Under 161 (25 pl) 1 EN Bramley (Windsor) 5/5; 2 M Schmid 4; 3-7 BW Atkinson (Windsor), DP Kidd (Wallingford), PJ McHale (Southall), JT Munday (Bracknell), JM Ramsdale (Camberley) 3½...

Under 141 (44 pl) 1 T Remington (Southampton) 5/5; 2 AR Azzam (Southampton) 4½; 3-6 S Deall (Southampton), J Hjort (Oxford), AM Leech (Maidenhead), MA Smith (Marlow) 4...

Results AJ Cox

GOLDERS GREEN OPEN 8th May 1993

1 Ben Martin (NZ/Wood Green) 5½/6; 2 Jim Plaskett 5; 3-5 Harriet Hunt (Cowley), Aaron Summerscale (Hackney), Miroslav Houska (Slough), Leon Wooldridge (Folkestone) 4½...
Results Adam Raaof

CHESS & BRIDGE RAPID 24th May 1993

Open 1 Jim Plaskett 5/6; 2 Peter Wells 4½; 3-4 Dharshan Kumaran, A Stone 4...
Under 150 1 M Raiher; 2-3 Alex Bellinger (Islington), PJ Kelly (Waterloo) 5...
Grading U135 Tim Davis (Hants) 4
Under 120 1 M Smith (Bourne End) 5½/6; 2-4 Joe Hurd (Frome), Stuart McGregor (Hatfield), John Gillibrand (Waterloo) 5... Grading U100 Nicholas Hall (Birstall) 3
Junior Prize (overall, we think) Daniel Elstein (Richmond) 3 in the U150
Results Adam Raaof

The occasional reminder for congress organisers: We like to have name, venue and date(s) of congress, and name of sponsor(s) if any. For each section give number of rounds, grading or age limit (not just "Major" or "Junior"), and number of players (not entrants). For each player, give name (as full as possible), score, and club (or failing that, home town). If the club is a school, try to be a bit specific. Locals may think it's obvious what "St Johns School" means, but most Bulletin readers won't. If a player comes =3rd and wins a grading or junior prize, put him down with the =3rds. Elsewhere too if you like, or just add a note about the other prize, but don't miss him out of the =3rds list. The Bulletin is more interested in where he finished than what prize he won.

JUNIOR NEWSKENT UNDER 12 CHAMPIONSHIP at Tunbridge Wells 3rd April 1993 (24 pl)

1 Timothy Manuel (Forest Hill) 5½/6; 2-3 Matthew Noakes (Maidstone), Martin Taylor (Rainham) 4½; 4-8 John Titmas, David Titmas, Trevor Jarrett (all Maidstone), David Wiltshire (Sevenoaks), Richard Murphy (St Olaves Orpington) 4...

TUNBRIDGE WELLS JUNIOR 3rd April 1993 (incorporating the above)

Under 19/16/Parents (29 pl) 1 David Moskovic (Welling: U16 but takes U19 title) 5/6; 2-4 Jeffrey Titmas (Maidstone), James Vigus (Chislehurst), John Potter (Folkestone) (share U16 title) 4½; 5-9 Paul Fenn (Sittingbourne), Michael Wiltshire (parent), Richard Wiltshire (both Dartford), Marcus Taylor (Sittingbourne), Jeremy Knowles (Maidstone) 4...

Under 14 (24 pl) 1 Colin Moore (Ashford) 5/6; 2-5 Mark Roberts (Sevenoaks), Timothy Holmes (SE London), Sam Coates (Bromley), Chris Dunsmore (Hayes Kent) 4½...

Under 11 (56 pl) 1 Jushef Athar (Crowborough) 5½/6; 2-4 Emily Manuel (Forest Hill), Alvin Kissoon (Barming), James Warren (Tenterden) 5; 5-8 David Ho (Barming), Debbie Coates (Bromley), Ben Hatcher (Tenterden), Andrew Bigg (Westerham) 4½...

Under 9 (34 pl) 1 Roland Jones (Blackheath) 5½/6; 2-3 Oliver Cooley (Hayes), Roger Acton (Maidstone) 5; 4-5 Philip Carden, Konrad Sanders (both SE London) 4½...

19th MAIDENHEAD JUNIOR 14-16 April 1993

Under 18 (14 pl) 1 MV Houska (Maidenhead) 8/8; 2 BA Weller (Cranleigh) 5½; 3-5 JB Clifford (Wokingham), I Henderson (Earley), G Reyatt (Spencers Wood) 5...

Under 13 (17 pl) 1 J Houska (Maidenhead) 9/9; 2 AL Weir (Holmer Green) 6½; 3-4 DS Shipley (Gt Missenden), A Moore (Purley) 6...

Under 11 (26 pl) 1-2 R Pike (Prestwood), LJ Debbage (Swindon) 8/8; 3 E Armstrong (Caversham) 6½; 4 PD Richardson (Purley) 6; 5 K Cable (Purley) 5½...

Schools Tournament (8 pl) 1-2 Dolphin School, Hurst; Gateway School 18/27; 3 Christ Church, Purley 17...

KENT JUNIOR CA entertained a French team in a 20-board match at Ashford 21.3.93 (the return half of a challenge from last year). Teams had four players each at U18/16/14/12/10 and Kent beat France 57½-22½.

KENT SCHOOLS LEAGUE 1992-3: U13 winners are Astor of Hever (Maidstone); U11 Amherst Junior (Sevenoaks). U16 and Senior winners were published last time.

LONDON SCHOOLS LEAGUE: rumour is it's collapsed. No winners yet, anyway.

COUNTIES UNDER 18 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS at Nuneaton, 3rd April 1993

Major "Boys" 1 Middx $9\frac{1}{2}/12$; 2 Gtr Manchester 7; 3 Suffolk $5\frac{1}{2}$; 4 Warwicks 5; 5-6 Wilts, Lancs $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Minor "Boys" 1 Staffs $8/12$; 2 Somerset $7\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Hunts & Peterboro 7; 4 Northumberland $5\frac{1}{2}$; 5 Notts $4\frac{1}{2}$; 6 Oxon $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Major Girls 1 Suffolk $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 2 Kent 4; 3 Oxon $3\frac{1}{2}$; 4-5 Middx, Devon 2; 6 Staffs 1. We have a feeling that Kent, who came first in the regional qualifier ahead of a depleted Oxon, were a bit peeved to see Oxon (and Middx) get through on the repechage anyway. They seem to have made their point in the most effective way. (Though Oxon were depleted in the finals as well. So were Middx. Don't know whether Oxon tend to be more affected than most by the BCF's failure to hold this event in term time, but they seem to make more noise about it than most.)

Minor Girls 1 Somerset $4/6$; 2-4 Northumberland, Essex, Lincs 3; 5-6 Wilts, Leics 20

ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS CA Team championships:

Under 11 Zonal at Upminster 24th April 1993

1 Kent $45/60$; 2 Wey Valley 40; 3 Suffolk 34; 4 Richmond $32\frac{1}{2}$; 5 Bucks 32; 6 Essex $31\frac{1}{2}$; 7 Barnet $28\frac{1}{2}$; 8 Berks $21\frac{1}{2}$; 9 Hants 18; 10 Cambs 17. The top 5 qualified.

Under 11 Finals at Bugbrooke (near Northampton) 15th May 1993

1 Kent $44\frac{1}{2}/60$; 2 Richmond $40\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Wey Valley 39; 4 Wilts $37\frac{1}{2}$; 5 Liverpool 37; 6 Suffolk $35\frac{1}{2}$; 7 Devon 33; 8 Notts 31; 9 Bucks 29; 10 Somerset 28; 11 Solihull 27; 12-13 Cleveland, S Manchester $21\frac{1}{2}$; 14 Lincs 21; 15 Northumberland we've got here, but maybe Northants $17\frac{1}{2}$; 16 Humberside $16\frac{1}{2}$.

Under 11 Girls at Weston super Mare 22nd May 1993

1-2 (and share title) Wey Valley, Suffolk $29\frac{1}{2}/36$; 3-4 Wilts, Liverpool $25\frac{1}{2}$; 5 Devon 20; 6 Northumberland 19; 7 Kent $18\frac{1}{2}$; 8-10 Hants, Somerset, Northants 18; 11 Barnet $17\frac{1}{2}$; 12 Solihull 17; 13 Cleveland 16; 14 Lincs $12\frac{1}{2}$; 15 Avon 10; 16 Essex $8\frac{1}{2}$; 17 S London 3.

Under 9 Zonal at Barnet 24th April 1993

1 Kent $29\frac{1}{2}/36$; 2 Richmond 24; 3-4 Barnet, Suffolk $21\frac{1}{2}$; 5-6 Bucks, Wey Valley $18\frac{1}{2}$; 7-8 Hants, Berks $16\frac{1}{2}$; 9 Wilts 16; 10 Avon $14\frac{1}{2}$; 11 S London 8.

Under 9 Finals at High Wycombe 1st May 1993

1 Kent $23\frac{1}{2}/36$; 2-3 Devon, Wey Valley 23; 4 Liverpool $21\frac{1}{2}$; 5-6 Suffolk, Barnet 20; 7-8 Richmond, Solihull $16\frac{1}{2}$; 9 Oldham 16; 10 Bucks $15\frac{1}{2}$. (Kent total was illegible on our informant's copy, but they certainly won and everyone seems to think it was by half a point. Scores given don't actually add up right unless there was one double default.)

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES UNDER 14 JAMBOREE at Haverstock School, 15th May 1993

1 Kent 218; 2 Middx $214\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Essex $107\frac{1}{2}$.

Surrey cried off, allegedly because some of their players had a cricket fixture. (There was a football fixture as well, but by all accounts those who played chess didn't miss much.) Kent, Middx and Essex turned up with 30 players each, give or take defaults and reserves. In a six-hour session, or thereabouts, the top 10 boards played two games, the next 10 three, and the rest four. Scores were adjusted (x6, x4, x3) to give each 10-board section the same weighting. Detailed results not received yet; we'll publish them next time if the typing finger will wear it.

Junior selections.

The following SCCU Juniors have been selected to represent the BCF in the World and European Individual Championships. World: U18 Dharshan Kumaran (Middx); Tracey Thompson (Oxon). U16 Tom Hinks-Edwards (Middx); Lucy Smith (Oxon). U14 Richard Bates (Surrey). U12 Joseph Conlan (Berks). U10 Rosalind Kieran (Kent). European: U16 Jonathan Walton (Kent); Angela Nathoo (Middx). U14 Simon Williams (Surrey); Catherine Holmes (Kent). U10 Claire Thrower (Surrey).

In addition Harriet Hunt (Oxon) has an automatic place in the World U16 Girls as a 1992 medal winner. Luke McShane (Middx) declined nomination.

SCCU Girls U14 Jamboree

This new event, for teams of four, will be held at Haverstock School on Saturday 12th June. Surrey, and probably Middx as well, will have 5 teams, mainly of primary school age. Kent will have "at least two" teams, Oxon one. Suffolk will be guest participants, and other guests have been invited. Don't know when the closing date is, but Bruce Birchall says entries are coming in in every post. He hopes the event will blossom into a national Girls U14 Championship next year.

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter-Finals:

Kent*	2.5.93	Wilts	Staffs	24.4.93	Essex*
1 DJ King (B)	1 0	AC Cooper	R Bellin (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Kenworthy
2 N McDonald	1 0	T Headlong	GN Buckley	1 0	DJ Coleman
3 PJ Morris	0 1	R Haydon	L Cooper	1 0	AP Lewis
4 GM Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JE Cobb	DP Wheeler	0 1	M Twyble
5 IR Watson	1 0	RC Lynn	DW Anderton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JP Manley
6 AJ Stebbings	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CA Cobb	G Acey	0 1	J Hodgson
7 RG Eales	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JR Hodkins	PA Wallace	1 0	D Sands
8 JN Sugden	1 0	RW Rendell	CG Tayar	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Dunn
9 AE Hanreck	1 0	CT Callow	L Grinsell	1 0	JA Goldberg
10 NF Dickenson	0 1	EG Lea	MJ Armstrong	1 0	S Death
11 RMR O'Kelly	1 0	FMF Cohen	M Costley	0 1	JC Moore
12 AL Mack	1 0	R Peck	RMA Allen	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RP White
13 G Botley	1 0	DL O'Byrne	G Orme	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	IBN Smith
14 JD Wager	1 0	AW Champion	C Hibbard	0 1	R Parker
15 NP Donovan	1 0	D Harwood	D Morris	0 1	SM Kalinsky
16 JS Williams	1 0	J Parkin	RA Ingram	0 1	KCC Mah
(Sevenoaks)	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$		(Bedford)	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Semi-final:

Kent*	22.5.93	Gtr Manchester
1 CG Ward (W)	1 0	VW Knox
2 NL McDonald	1 0	OA Jackson
3 IR Watson	0 1	AA Smith
4 AJ Stebbings	0 1	DA Knox
5 JN Sugden	1 0	PJ Sharp
6 AE Hanreck	1 0	RA Beach
7 AJ Hammond	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PL Siddall
8 AL Mack	0 1	M Firth
9 CI Howell	0 1	H Lamb
10 NP Donovan	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	WTP Giblin
11 G Botley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Adams
12 PJ Heaven	1 0	DR James
13 IM Pountney	1 0	MA Vidler
14 JD Wager	1 0	PAN Webster
15 DJ Horton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GP Burton
16 AM Harakis	1 0	AJ Masters
(Stratford on Avon)	10 6	

Three SCCU QF results not received, nor chased. In summary:

Open QF Hants 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cheshire;

Lancs 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gtr Manchester.

Minor Counties QF Dorset 4 12 Surrey;

Beds 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Worcs; Salop 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$

Cornwall. SF Surrey 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Beds.

U175 QF Lancs 9 6 Kent; Warwicks

11 5 Hants; Glos 3 13 Gtr Mcr.

SF: Gtr Mcr 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lancs.

U150 QF Hants 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Northants;

Cambs 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cheshire.

U125 QF Merseyside 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Herts;

Staffs 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lancs; Norfolk 5 7 Gtr Mcr.

For nearly all of this we are indebted to Jeff Douglas, national Controller.

Naturally we hope to publish all SCCU semi-finals in full when they have had time to reach us. We also look forward to publishing one or two SCCU victories in the Finals (26th June). Even belated quarter-final result sheets will be welcome.

MINOR COUNTIES

Quarter-Final:

Oxon*	24.4.93	Suffolk
1 ST Ansell (W)	0 1	K Bowden
2 J Kraai	1 0	S Lunn
3 GW Chapman	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Charity
4 DG Hackett	0 1	M Cook
5 JD Eva	1 0	S Gregory
6 AJ Toll	1 0	J Feavour
7 A Lewis	1 0	I Wallis
8 JN Stayt	0 1	S Munson
9 A Mushens	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Pert
10 E Smargiassi	1 0	R Pert
11 GP Alcock	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Taylor
12 T Thompson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Taylor
13 B Bix	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Lunn
14 DG Bruce	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Gold
15 LR Millin	1 0	P Revell
16 P Hastings	1 0	D Porter
(Bedford)	10 6	

We hear that the Finals are:

Open Kent v Middx; U175 Gtr Mcr

v Middx; U150 Cambs v Middx;

U125 Herts v Lancs; Minor Cties

Oxon v Beds. No time to check how many of those you could have worked out anyway. So 6 SCCU, 2 EACU, 1 MCCU, 1 NCCU.

UNDER 175

Quarter-Final:

Semi-Final:

<u>Middx*</u>	24.4.93
1 C Gant (W)	1 0
2 R Pearce	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
3 K Barnes	0 1
4 P Hatchett	1 0
5 A Dunn	1 0
6 M Mashayekh	1 0
7 M Paley	1 0
8 A Wheatley	1 0
9 D Bower	1 0
10 J Franks	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
11 T Donnelly	1 0
12 T Dunne	0 1
13 R Cannon	0 1
14 T Lee	1 0
15 G Knott	1 0
16 M Cresswell	1 0
(Cambridge)	12 4

<u>Norfolk</u>
J Dawson
J Holland
R Wood
D Hill
D Lubbock
L Gladwell
T Ansell
C Tuffin
R Meale
T Mantrip
S Waters
S Moore
J McAudy
J Danger
M Goodwin
J Matheson

<u>Warwicks</u>	22.5.93
K Hern (B)	1 0
G Stokes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
G Vardon	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
R Farley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
J Yuill	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
M Smyth	0 1
A Rogerson	0 1
D Cooper	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
D Price	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
M Fox	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
D Pugh	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
R Reynolds	0 1
D Beadle	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
R Wallman	1 0
F Jimenez	0 1
D Morsley	0 1
(E Illegible)	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

<u>Middx*</u>
T Hinks-Edwards
D Tarbuck
R Pearce
M Paley
P Hatchett
RC Cannon
AM Dunn
M Mashayekh
A Wheatley
D Bower
T Donnelly
O Oris
JVA Franks
RJ Cannon
T Lee
M Cresswell

UNDER 150

Quarter-Finals:

<u>Notts</u>	17.4.93
1 T Lane (B)	1 0
2 P Faulkner	1 0
3 N Graham	1 0
4 G Beales	0 1
5 G Gibson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
6 R Stansfield	1 0
7 W Selby	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
8 B Hayward	1 0
9 AD Fidler	0 1
10 M Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
11 R Taylor	1 0
12 R Stevenson	1 0
13 N Bowler	1 0
14 J Buttery	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
15 M Nailard (?)	1 0
16 A Morrey	1 0
(Nottingham)	12 4

<u>Kent*</u>
RC Shilling
I Underwood
P Latimer
AJ Sherriff
D Eden
P Beale
RW Parsons
JFR Gale
P Childs
RB Parkin
P Moor
R Dugdale
J Dyke
D Myles
def
def

<u>Lancs</u>	24.4.93
K Gornal (W)	1 0
R Tokley	0 1
P Moore	1 0
R Jackson	0 1
S Horrocks	1 0
D Gaston	0 1
P Raynor	0 1
A Hargreaves	1 0
J Jarman	0 1
R Whiteside	0 1
K McMahon	0 1
D Palmer	1 0
M Ashton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
A Minton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
def	0 1
def	0 1
(Nuneaton)	6 10

<u>Middx*</u>
A Trifunovic
R Manning
D White
I Graham
CICH Wallace
VR Harper
F Carpenter
N Crosswell
E Gruber
M Duggan
G Brown
T Black
T Hammett
W Ransome
G Jacobs
G West

Semi-Final:

<u>Hants</u>	22.5.93	<u>Middx*</u>
1 PL Marshall (B)	0 1	A Trifunovic
2 MC Clarke	0 1	VR Harper
3 IA Stenhouse	1 0	I Graham
4 LC Walters	0 1	V Pavlovec
5 KD Smallbone	0 1	L McShane
6 PJ Hebblethwaite	0 1	J Clifford
7 TM Gray	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	F Carpenter
8 PJ Massey	0 1	D White
9 DF Thompson	0 1	N Crosswell
10 AD Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Jacobs
11 BJ Knight	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	E Gruber
12 P Barber	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Bamford
13 RD Perrin	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Duggan
14 JD Pratt	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Brown
15 JN Stephens	0 1	J Nymn
16 J Ogee (O'Gee?)	1 0	T Black
(Basingstoke)	5 11	

UNDER 125

Quarter-Final:

<u>Essex*</u>		24.4.93	<u>Beds</u>
1 AN Capal (B) 124	0	1	M McCready 124
2 ME Ashkettle 124	1	0	P Housden 122
3 CP Mann 122	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	W Charlett 120
4 C Barrett 122	0	1	SJ Bennett 119
5 D Poulacheris 120	1	0	C Baker 115
6 EG Lodge 122	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	N Stinson 110
7 L Sargent 118	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Hynes 106
8 R Joyce 118	1	0	N Walker 104
9 RJC Foster 118	1	0	D McCarthy 101
10 R Weeber 116	1	0	N Ingle 101
11 MJ Lester 104	1	0	J Thomas 54
12 Mark Tucker 105	1	0	B Linford -
(Wanstead)	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	

SCCU UNDER 180 KO

Eight teams entered, conveniently, and as they're all named below we won't bother to list them. Quarter-Finals:

<u>Oxon*</u>		1.5.93	<u>Berks*</u>	<u>Kent</u>	8.5.93	<u>Sussex*</u>
1	DG Hackett (B)	1 0	MC Bowhay	GR Tidmarsh (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	IG Kelly
2	JD Eva	1 0	BG Millis	DJ Horton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MR Stott
3	P Vainker	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JT Munday	RT McCorry	0 1	J Graham
4	JN Stayt	1 0	WP Tickner	M Portwood	1 0	AO Pickersgill
5	N Jones	1 0	MF Redmond	M Mortimer	0 1	A Hall
6	A Mushens	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JM Ramsdale	JR Bayford	1 0	RR Harper
7	E Smargiassi	0 1	SG Gilmour	GF Steele	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Watson
8	GN Crockart	1 0	MA Saunders	BJ Westover	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PR Selby
9	DJ Bruce	1 0	P Hegarty	RF Pooley	1 0	G Scamardella
10	GP Alcock	0 1	Alan B Jones	MR Croft	0 1	G Parker
(Long Hanborough)		7 3		(Margate)	5 5	

Sussex won on board count, just.

Other quarter-final results, not sent to us but received by phone from Fred Manning: Surrey $5\frac{1}{2}$ $4\frac{1}{2}$ Middx; Bucks $4\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2}$ Herts. Semi-Final draw (results expected in the next 2 or 3 weeks): Sussex v Surrey; Herts v Oxon.

REVIEW

SHORT by Andrew Martin, Jonathan Tisdall and Richard O'Brien. |11.95 paperback.

193 pp if you believe the page numbers, but you have to count the front cover as pages 1 and 2. Published by Tournament Chess, Brighton.

Nigel Short isn't the flavour of the month in Southview Rd. The last time I reviewed a book on him (in 1981 when he was 16) I thought it premature but said you could "hardly blame the publishers for knowing which side their bread's buttered". This publisher may have timed it wrong. The earlier book, being written by Short's father, was presumably "authorised". This one presumably isn't: there's no input from Short and the (drab and mostly uncaptioned) photos are media-like and impersonal.

The book is divided into three parts, and they've been scholarly enough to say who wrote which bit. Also careless enough, on page 61, to confuse. The first part (58 pages) is a biographical survey by Richard O'Brien. It's pretty anonymous and no more than workmanlike with the research. His style grates sometimes but he writes with some humour and the provocative remarks are fun. (Only why is the first Fischer-Spassky match infamous?) The section on political in-fighting, which could have been interesting, is tantalisingly brief; even the formation of the PCA gets cursory treatment. The second part (20 pp: Jonathan Tisdall) analyses the development of Short's playing style and opening repertoire. The third (60 pp: Andrew Martin) is an in-depth analysis of eight Short games 1986-1993 and I'm not qualified to assess it. There is also a complete, and more or less unannotated, record of his games in the last Candidates tournament. I buy few chess books these days so can't comment on value for money.

GAMES

From the Golders Green Open QP 8.5.93:

White Harriet Hunt, Black GM Plaskett

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd4 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 f4 e6 7 Be2 Be7 8 a4 0-0 9 0-0 Qc7
10 Be3 Nc6 11 Kh1 Bd7 12 Qe1 Rfd8 13 Qg3 Be8 14 f5 Kh8 15 fe6 Nd4 16 Bd4 fe6 17 e5 Ng8
18 a5 (18 Rf7! Bf7 19 ed6 Bf8 20 dc7 is also winning for White) de5 19 Bb6 Qb8 20 Bd8
Bd8 21 Ne4 Bg6 22 Bd3 Nh6 (22...Bf5 was better but Black touched the N) 23 Rf8+ Ng8
24 Ng5 e4 25 Ne4 (25 Qh3 Bg5 26 Rb8 Rb8 should also win) Qc8 26 Nd6 Qc5 27 Bg6 hg6
28 Qh3+ Qh5 29 Qh5 gh5 30 Rd8 Rd8 31 Nf7+ 1-0

From the match Richmond Juniors v Avangard Chess School 24.1.93: White plays poorly ut the finish is nice.

White Alexander Biletski, Black Luke McShane

1 e4 e6 2 Nf3 d5 3 ed5 ed5 4 d4 Bd6 5 Nc3 c6 6 Be2 Ne7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Be3 Nf5 9 Qd3 Nxe3
10 Qxe3 Re8 11 Qd3 Na6 12 Nd1 Nc7 13 Ne3 Ne6 14 Rfb1 Nf4 15 Qd2 Qe7 16 Bd3 Qf6 17 c3
Nxb2! 18 Kxg2 Bh3+ 19 Kg1 (took the Bulletin a minute a move to figure out just how
quick the mate is after 19 Kxh3) Qxf3 20 Bf1 Bxf1 21 Kxf1 Bf4 22 Re1 Rxe3 23 Rxe3 Bxe3
24 Qxe3 Qh1+ 25 Ke2 Qxal and White resigned three moves later.

From the Kings Head Rapidplay, January 1993: the Best Attack.

White D McMahon 190, Black R Manning 142

1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 0-0 5 d3 d6 6 e4 c5 7 Nge2 e5 8 0-0 Nc6 9 f4 Nd4 10 f5
h6 11 fxg6 fxg6 12 Kh1 Ng4 13 Kg1 Nf6 (!? - Ed) 14 Bd2 a6 15 a3 Nxe2+ 16 Qxe2 b5
17 cxb5 axb5 18 Nxb5 Rb8 19 a4 Ba6 20 b4 Bxb5 21 axb5 cxb4 22 Bxb4 Rxb5 23 Qa2+ Kh7
24 Ba5 Qb8 25 Rfcl Rb2 26 Qc4 Qa7+ 27 Kh1 Qf2 28 Rg1 Ng4 29 Raf1 Qxg2+!! 30 Rxg2 Rxf1+
31 Rg1 Rxh2 mate

And the Best Finish:

White SON Hawes 178, Black M Beirne 138

White Kg1; Rb1,f1; Nc6; Pb4,c4,f2,g2,h3. Black Kg8; Rc2,f8; Bg5; Pb6,e6,f7,g7,h7.

White to move. 1 c5 bxc5 2 b5 Bf4 3 b6 c4 4 b7 Bb8 5 Rfd1 c3 6 Nxb8 Rxb8 7 Rd8+ 1-0

And the Best Swindle:

White CP Timmins 170; Black AH Perkins 210

White Kg1; Rel,c6; Pa2,b3,d6,f2,g2,h2. Black Kg7; Rf8; Bf5; Pc2,e5,f7,g6,h7.

White to move. 1 Rxe5 Rd8 2 Rxf5?? Rxd6 0-1

CONGRESS DIARY

- Jun 5-6 8th KINGS HEAD OPEN; U160; U120. WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd, London W11 2BY
12 WESTMINSTER. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU
081 595 5881
13 FAMILY TOURNAMENT U150 at Sevenoaks (teams of at least 1 adult + 1 U14,
related in some way). M Roberts, 61 Chipstead Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent
TN13 2AJ
19 ST ALBANS OPEN QP 30/30. Adam Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982
Jul 3 GOLDERS GREEN OPEN QP. Adam Raoof as above.
3 KENT JUNIOR at Maidstone. U18/11/9. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent,
Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 ONU
4 M25. G Kenworthy, 53 Abbots Drive, Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 3HH 0992 715589
17 WESTMINSTER as 12th June
24 1st MILL HILL RAPIDPLAY NW7. Open; U160; U120; U90. Mill Hill Congress,
51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3HA. Enquiries Tony Corfe
0707 659080 or Adam Raoof 081 202 0982
31 ST ALBANS U150 QP. Adam Raoof as 19th June.
30-1 1st BORDERS CONGRESS at Hawick, Roxburghshire. Open; U151; U126; U88; Junior
U16 (U63 grade!). No smoking. English players' results will be
submitted to BCF for grading. Jim Taylor, 18 Galalaw Rd, Hawick TD9 8DT
Aug 2-14 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS at Dundee. One-week and two-week events.
Congress Secretary, BCF, 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards TN38 ODD
14 WESTMINSTER as 12th June
28-30 BERKS & BUCKS at Maidenhead. 175+; 150-175; plus graded sections. RJ
Pidgeon, 12 Birch Grove, Windsor, Berks SL4 5RT 0753 863503
Sep 8 WESTMINSTER as 12th June
Oct 8-10 MAIDSTONE. CI Howell 0622 670169

Quotes

"Fault DE is a fully paid-up member of more than one club." - Grading notes

"PPS all references to Hastings in this Newsletter should be taken to read Hastings
& St Leonards." - Guess who.