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SCCU ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Council met on Saturday 3rd July 1993 at Tavistocks, Paddington. Your Editor was on a coach full of schoolchildren half way down France at the time, and this report derives mainly from the draft official minutes. 17 attended, and all counties were represented, directly or indirectly, except Sussex (who had reps laid on, we hear, but none came).

(1) Grading. Martin Cath said that graders were in the final stages of submitting data, and the national list was expected to appear on time in the first week of August. The SCCU one will be a week or two later, largely because of delays over advertising copy. (Ed: - The real reason is to avoid all the errors thrown up by the national list.)

(2) Money. Tony Suttill produced audited accounts for the last two years. In the absence of an SCCU (or free) Auditor he had had to pay someone to do the job; the search is under way for an honorary Auditor for next year. The accounts were approved. In 1992-3 there had been an underspend on Centenary activities and no expenditure on insurance; deficit for the year was £222 compared with the budgeted deficit of £320.

Budget for 1992-3:

(a) the county levy to the SCCU is now replaced by a flat payment of £15 per county, plus an entry fee of £6 for each team in the SCCU Counties Championship. (Ed: - that's what it says here. I assume "Counties Championship" includes the U175, U150 and U125, and I guess it doesn't include the U180 KO.)

(b) The Bulletin goes up from £4.50 to £6 for the 6 issues; the SCCU Grading List is still £3.40. The GL target surplus of £1350 was approved, though it was accepted that details were unpredictable. (Ed - We sell far more GLs than other Unions. Why?)

(3) Election of Officers. There were some (anticipated) changes, but no contested elections. A complete list is inside the front cover.

(4) Address by new President

"We now come to the Address by the new President: would those who've pencilled this in as a good time to go to the bar like to leave now." The Treasurer's chair was at this point observed to be empty.

DRS spoke of the increased activity in the SCCU inter-county competitions this year and the signal success of SCCU teams in the national championships. He said the Union needed in future to be seen as playing a role which went beyond its traditional activities; some new initiatives were planned.

(5) County match rules.

(a) A proposal (supported by Bucks and Cambs) to reduce the number of boards in the Open from 20 to 16 was defeated 13-10. However, an alternative proposal was carried (12-7) to the effect that match captains can play 16 boards by agreement and have 2 points added to both sides' scores. (That one's been defeated before now.) Notice would have to be given to the Controller.

(b) Match captains are now permitted to play an entire division over a higher even number of boards than specified, provided it's unanimous (and in writing). What a pity this wasn't allowed in the U175 last year.

(c) Proposed by Oxon and carried nem con: when teams tie on match points, the order of tie-split procedures is now: (1) matches between the tied teams; (2) overall game points.

That is deliberately vague, because Council seems to have been a little vague itself about exactly what it wanted. But basically the feeling was that overall game points should take a back seat. Maybe Humpshire beat Dumshire 19-1 because the match was in Humpston and Dumshire didn't even try. Why should Lumpshire have to bust a gut beating Dumshire 19-1 in Dumpton if it means getting three GMS out to play against 190s? All they've got to do now is beat Dumshire; they can save their GMS up for the all-important match against Humpshire.

We'll try to be more specific about the rule change. (1) is certainly match points in the match(es) between the tied teams, and (2) is game points in them. (The first would be unnecessary in the case of a two-way tie, single- or double-round, but it's needed for more complicated cases.) Logically speaking you would expect (3) to be some form of board count or elimination in the matches concerned; certainly one match captain we've spoken to had a distinct impression that Council wanted to go as far as it could

with the matches between tied teams before looking at overall game points. However, board count and elimination were not mentioned at the meeting, probably through oversight, and David Sedgwick assures us that this means they go to the end. The Bulletin can't argue, because the proposal as circulated was confused and seems to have got amended (or explained) at the meeting. Anyway (3) will be overall aggregate game points, and board count/elimination only comes in as (4). You've probably guessed what the Bulletin thinks about this, but no one else is likely to care. Not until they tie with someone and their individual match was a draw and they'd have won on board count, only it goes to GP totals instead and their rivals beat Dunshire 19-1...

(6) SCCU International Rating Tournament. This will be 16-19 August at Haverstock School. Entries to date are, or were, disappointing.

(7) Juniors. Bruce Birchall reported lots of events held in the past year; all, we think, reported in the Bulletin except the recent 4-board Girls Team event (19 entries, including some from outside the Union). Some plans for the coming year:

(a) Metropolitan U18 40-board matches to be resurrected.

(b) A new U16 event for teams of 12, in the autumn.

(c) Girls: U12 jamboree, teams of 4, 13 Nov; U14 ditto, 4 Dec; Schools team event U18/14/U11, 22 Jan.

(d) The SCCU to seek £250 from the BCF to revive the SCCU Junior Championship in the context of the K & S match. A matching £250 contribution from the SCCU was approved.

(e) An inter-union U14 match, 14 Feb.

In addition, BHB sought nominations for "Times" Schools Trophies. Nominations to him by the end of March.

(8) "Times" K & S match. £100 to be made available for publicity material.

(9) SCCU Tournaments 1992-3. You know who won them; trophies were presented "where available". Centenary awards were made to Fred Manning, Bob Wade, Bruce Birchall and Chris Howell.

The Meeting lasted three hours and six minutes.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The new Executive met immediately after the AGM as always. It turned out that the matter we weren't allowed to report last time had been resolved. Otherwise:

(1) SCCU Individual Championship and BCQ place. It was agreed that in future the SCCU Championship should go to the highest-placed eligible player, and the British Championship place (paid for by SCCU) to the highest-placed eligible player not already qualified. These were the rules at Sutton in 1992. Some comment appears on page 4.

(2) Delegates to BCF. Management Board: David Sedgwick and Tony Suttill; Chris Howell to be the "principal alternate". Council: David Sedgwick, Chris Howell, Chris Fewtrell, Tony Suttill.

(3) Sixth member of SCCU Management Board is RJ Haddrell.

(4) Union Rules and appeals sub-committee: David Sedgwick, Dave Matcalfe, Bob Lee-Anderson, John Philpott, Nigel Dennis.

(5) Future meetings. Executive: Friday 3rd December 1993. SCCU Management Board: Friday 10th December 1993.

(6) Headed notepaper will be standardised as that currently used by the Minute Secretary. (Damn, the Bulletin had a couple of reams done about fifteen years ago and three-quarters of it is still there. Have to recycle it.)

BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD

The MB met 19.6.93. Briefly:

(1) Officers. Adam Black has resigned (after, but not necessarily because, the MCCU delegates tabled another motion of no confidence). The post will be advertised in the usual way, and that well known diplomat John Poole will fill in in the meantime.

Sir Jeremy Morse no longer feels able to be President, understandably, and if no other "prestige" candidate can be found the MB will recommend the appointment of the current Board Chairman, Alan Martin. The new Junior Director looks set to be David Newell, a very active and successful junior organiser from the Manchester area, who "made a very impressive presentation to the Board and seems to know what he would be taking on".

(2) K & S. FIDE have stripped K & S of their ratings. "Even the NCCU delegate was dismayed at FIDE's failure to follow its own democratic procedures." Whatever they are. The Board voted to call for the reinstatement of the ratings, without even waiting for NDS to ask them.

The MB approved a proposal that the BCF should set up its own Festival of Chess rather than let the Times have it all its own way. The likely costs (including leaflets and possible funding of local events) were £4500 and would have to be approved by Council.

(3) Special Council Meeting. They decided to have one after all, on the 24th July in Birmingham, to consider the above and constitutional amendments arising out of the Game Fee. "Enthusiasm for it was such that the vote was 4-3 with many abstentions."

BCF COUNCIL: SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

24th July 1993

And here it is. Information by courtesy of a rather sleepy Sunday-morning SCCU representative. The Management Board meeting that preceded it was not very productive and the longest item appears to have been corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. The MB confirmed a resolution to the FIDE General Assembly in November to the effect that K and S's ratings should be restored; it also considered some practical problems in the implementation of the Game Fee scheme. As for the Council Meeting:

(1) BCF Festival of Chess. The go-ahead was given. Provision is for up to £4500 "from the Weimann legacy", made up of £3000 for promotion of local events, £1000 for leaflets and posters, and £500 for contingencies and admin. Plus all of the £2000 allocated this year to Union Development (wondered what happened to that). Money would underwrite against loss, and the intended beneficiaries are events likely to introduce new players to competitive chess, for example Novice sections of congresses, or events introducing chess to non-playing schools. There was some mild concern, quelled or at least outvoted, about drawing so heavily on capital.

It is hoped to have a calendar in place by the first week in September, so applications for help should if possible reach the BCF by the end of August.

(2) Constitution: Game Fee etc. The meeting "degenerated a little" at this point. First some figures. 120 events, from 70 organisations, have registered so far: 18 Quickplay, including 4 from TAs; and 102 ordinary events, exactly half of them from TAs. Only 9 counties have registered, the SCCU ones being Herts, Middx and Surrey. The effect on counties in the pilot year is zero, except for county congresses which might get set off against the levy anyway; but counties are urged to register as it will help forward planning. Yesterday would be best. Three Unions have registered and the SCCU isn't one of them (we understand someone's taking care of that).

It was confirmed that registered events are entitled to representation on Council. One event one vote. At present anyway, but it was agreed in principle that voting power ought to reflect the amount of money you've paid. (Currently it does so only on "financial" matters.) The scale need not be linear; one or two attempts to apply specific upper limits were outvoted.

Paul Buswell is to re-draft the Constitution taking account of all the changes that have been introduced in the last couple of years. The meeting resolved (wait for it) to hold a Special Council Meeting to implement the changes. Or not. There seems to have been a feeling that 1993 has had its share of Council Meetings, and the likeliest time for this one is spring 1994.

(3) Cadogan Grading List: sponsors have formally agreed £2000 in the first year, more thereafter. They are keen on a "master points system" (as in bridge, apparently); the Bulletin knows next to nothing about it. Details are promised in the new List.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

My thanks for this month's Bulletin and the most interesting opening Editorial on censorship. I find it difficult to believe that even our petty-minded Executive would conspire to cover inefficiency, but as there was a vote it must be true.

I have always valued your judgement in these matters, being commonsense and practical in approach. I have further enjoyed your slightly irreverent comments made at SCCU AGM meetings I've attended. They brighten the afternoons but mostly go unnoticed by the powers that be.

Is there not a journalistic saying, "Publish and be damned"? As average club and county players we rely on you and the Bulletin to keep us informed and to protect us from the system and the cosy group that have mismanaged our game for so long. I wish you every success with your efforts and long may they continue.

Yours sincerely,
Tom Wright Bishops Stortford

Dear Richard,

Now that the SCCU Council have done me the honour of electing me as President, I would like to comment on the Editorial in the May Bulletin.

I can't go into any detail on the specific case without breaching the confidentiality which sparked the controversy. Suffice it to say that in my opinion the Executive had sounder reasons for its decision than those which you adduce. On the general point, you are a Union Officer, with the right to attend, speak and vote at Executive meetings, including any confidential business. The corollary is that you have to abide by Executive decisions like the rest of us. The alternative is that you attend Executive meetings as an observer to report on them for the Bulletin and are excluded from any items considered confidential. In practice the Executive would probably forget to exclude you from such items most of the time and under that set-up

that would be the Executive's hard luck, not the Bulletin's. Nevertheless I think that you'd find yourself unable to report something or other rather more often than once in fifteen years. Which arrangement would you prefer?

I'd also like to refer briefly to the Bulletin's criticism of my plan to convene a meeting of the SCCU Management Board in December. I quite accept that meetings shouldn't take place if there's nothing to discuss. My guess is that there'll be more than sufficient business to justify holding the meeting, but if there isn't, I shall cancel it.

Yours sincerely,
David Sedgwick

Ed: - I thank Mr Wright for his kind remarks and am immodest enough to agree with him about some of them, but I don't agree with him about the SCCU Executive. I think I made it clear that the adducing of reasons was mine. As for the point about being a Union Officer, I touched on it myself. I don't suppose David Sedgwick means his alternative seriously, and I had a different one in mind. It's lucky that the Executive is nearly always sufficiently indulgent, or forgetful, to let me get on with the job, because I wouldn't want the job if it weren't.

Dear Richard,

Please find enclosed my sub for what is still an excellent publication. Just a small point - our events are at St Albans Church Hall, Golders green, not St Albans!

Incidentally, re comment by Martin Cath on page 1, point (6): all our events are graded and we will be part of the Game Fee scheme if compelled. Yet George's events are not graded, do not pay Game Fee, and (a) are still advertised as part of the Leigh Prix; (b) are still advertising the BCF Direct Membership Scheme; and (c) will still receive publicity via the BCF calendar!

Best wishes,
Adan Raof NW4

Dear Richard,

...I enclose details of Oxon County Officials... You will notice that our new 1st team captain lives in Berks; there is no truth in the suggestion that we only appointed him because the Berkshire captain lives in Oxfordshire...

Best wishes,
Lester Millin Begbroke

GMA Smith of Southend (and the Southend Congress) has written about the British Championship qualifying place in the event holding the SCCU Championship (see 211:2 and page 2 of the current issue). He observes that the BC entry fee, which we pay to the BCF in respect of this nomination but not the other two, was presumably intended as an SCCU Championship Prize and should go to the SCCU Champion. He also points to various anomalies: the winner of the event, for example, will not get our nomination (or money) if he happens to be qualified already, and being qualified already does not necessarily mean you don't have to pay.

"It seems wrong for the SCCU to be paying the entry fee to the BC for a non-SCCU player and this is the reasoning behind the policy adopted at the Southend Open in 1993. It was incidentally agreed as the appropriate way to proceed with the SCCU President in advance.

"My suggestion.. is for the SCCU to make an award to their Champion equivalent to the BC entry fee. If that player then does not enter the BC or is pre-qualified, perhaps with a free entry anyway, then at least he gets some reward for winning the SCCU Championship."

The Bulletin agrees that the SCCU Champion should get the money. The money's only there because it happens to be the event's turn to stage the Championship. The nomination was there already and there's no reason to change the rules for it every third year. The Executive (see page 2) seem to have agreed with me about the nomination. I'm sure they must have had reasons for keeping the money tied to the nomination despite the anomalies.

IMPERIAL OPEN TEAM TOURNAMENT at Imperial College, London, 1-3 May 1993

1 (tie break) Kings Head 15½/24; 2 Barbican 15½; 3 Hendon 14½; 4 Richmond Juniors 13½; 5 Streatham 13; 6 Hackney I 13... 16 teams played. Best Little Team: A Richmond Juniors; B Hackney B. Board Prizes: 1 A Trifunovic 4½/6; 2 G Anthony 5½/6; 3 L McShane 3½/6; 4 A Stone 4/6; 5 R Vujatovic 5/5. Not sure the Bulletin can see how this works. Best Game M Carlson; Best Attack G Simpson; Game that most Entertained the Organisers A Morton. Results Tony Suttill, probably

8th KINGS HEAD LONDON OPEN 5-6 June 1993

Open (58 pl) 1-3 M Adams, M Hebden (both Barbican), D Agnos (Richmond) 4½/5; 4-7 WJ Stirling (Charlton), M Macdonald-Ross (Cavendish), A Summerscale (Hackney), C Thompson (Barbican) 4... BCQ: Mark Lyell. Grading 190-204 WJ Stirling; 170-189 ME Fletcher (Gloucester), A Spice (Cardiff) 3½; U170 C Karayiannis (Chingford). "Major" (87 pl) 1-4 GS Jacobs (Greater London), G Simpson (Hackney), V Stanisic (Ealing), P Cassar 4½... Grading 125-149 GS Jacobs; U135 T Thrower (Sutton & Chean) 4. "Minor" (97 pl) 1-2 AR Azzan, T Remington (both Soton Knights) 5/5; 3 E Soh 4½. Grading 95-109 AR Azzan; U95 H Haddock (Reading) 3½. Junior Prizes: Open RA Bates (Richmond Juniors) 2½; M Houska (Slough) 3. Major T Thrower. Minor AR Azzan, T Remington. Best Game M Macdonald-Ross; Best Attack P Kennelly; Best Imitation of Michael Basman H Orna. Results Tony Suttill

GOLDERS GREEN OPEN QP 19th June 1993: 74 played

1 Neil McDonald (Gravesend) 5½; 2-5 Ben Martin (Wood Green), Tryfon Gavriel (Barnet), Mark Ferguson (Haslemere), Adan Hunt (Oxford) 5; 6-7 Gavin Wall (Richmond), Harriet Hunt (Oxford) 4½... Grading U180 Mark Ferguson; U150 Chris White 4; U120 John Warris (Richmond) 4. Junior John Potter (Folkestone) 4. Late starters A Mehta, Desmond Tan 3 Blitz A 1 Boyd McCanon 9/10; Blitz B 1 Luke McShane 5½/6. Results Adan Raof.

1st MILL HILL QP 24th July 1993

Open (13 pl) 1-3 Robert Willmoth (Hackney), Andrew Mack ("Hayes"), David Gunter (Crystal Palace) 4½/5... Under 160 (45 pl) 1 Luke McShane (Richmond) 5½/6; 2-3 Cornac Brady (Hamstead), Alfredo Luaces (Kings Head) 5... Under 120 (24 pl) 1-2 Simon Armour (Southend), Stelio Jerome 5/6; 3-4 Dugald Agble (Imperial), Shanker Menon (Richmond) 4½... Under 90 (36 pl) 1-2 Biran Shah (Barnet Ns), Alex W Philips (Edware) 5/6; 3-6 Ellen Walker (Southend), Tomer Eden (Hendon), WE Upton (Mitcham), Aaron Sugarman (Watford) 4½. Results Adan Raof

BUCKS League Division I Poisoned Pawns (Chesham); Div 2 Bourne End III. Individual Champion John G Brookes (Bourne End). Results AJ Cox.

ESSEX League Div 1: 1 (tie break) Writtle 10/11; 2 Powdermill 10; 3 Ilford 9... KO Final: Powdermill 3½ 2½ Waltham Abbey. Results Gary Kenworthy. He tells us that Powdermill (formerly ERDE, then PERME - Propellants, Explosives and Rocket Motor Establishment!) "has been demolished as part of the Peace Dividend... Renowned as a good Cup Team they will continue their activities from Waltham Abbey Community Centre." They shouldn't have too much trouble finding a good acronym there.

HERTS League Div 1: 1 Pin Green 9½/12; 2 Watford 8½; 3 Hoddesdon 7½... KO Final was won by Hoddesdon against Watford. Results GK.

INSURANCE CC Champion is DR Sedgwick; Major MR Wiltshire; Minor VJ Rosoux. League Div 1 Bacon & Woodrow; Div 2 ABI. Bowring King KO Bacon & Woodrow; Durham Trophy KO IOB. Results ICC.

LONDON LEAGUE KO (Eastman Cup) was won by Barbican who beat Hackney 6½ 3½ in the Final. Results GK.

M25 Congresses have lost their venue and seven forthcoming events have been cancelled. "Shame, I was starting to break even." - GK

NORTH CIRCULAR LEAGUE Division 1 Wood Green; Div 2 Beckton Rooks. KO Cup final: Powdermill 3½ 4½ Wood Green. Results GK.

SUSSEX U11 Girls Team Championship has gone to St Margarets Ditchling, for the third time. Results Tim Greenhill.

OBITUARY: Mrs DL Barnett 1914-1993

Dot Barnett's death on 1st April deprived Middlesex chess of its Registrations Officer, also a Vice-President, and severed a connection that began with her husband, Ralph, in the late 1940s. Ralph was Treasurer and Registrations Officer from 1960 until his sudden death in 1976, and his widow immediately took over the less glamorous and more laborious of his tasks. She continued doing this until her death, with a diligence and accuracy that made her a legend, and the admiration of all the Middlesex clubs. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her, and will be impossible to replace.

PEP

We also hear of the death of JA (John) Foster, a long-standing and active member and resurrector of Hertford Chess Club and for a number of years Editor of the Hertfordshire CA magazine.

BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

CHAMPIONSHIP

'Interesting to note [issue 211] that the Open Final will be between Kent & Middlesex when the SCCU nominees were Kent & Essex!! Another bit of Bruce Birchall magic I assume.' - David Smith (Essex..)

Final:

Kent*		26.6.93	Essex	
1	NL McDonald (B)	½ ½	G Kenworthy	
2	IR Watson	0 1	DJ Coleman	
3	AJ Stebbings	½ ½	AP Lewis	
4	CR Chandler	1 0	MS Twyble	
5	JN Sugden	½ ½	JP Manley	
6	AE Hanreck	½ ½	JH Hodgson	
7	AJ Hammond	½ ½	D Sands	
8	AP Smith	0 1	A Dunn	
9	RMR O'Kelly	½ ½	JR Nellist	
10	NP Donovan	1 0	JA Goldberg	
11	AL Mack	½ ½	IJ Myall	
12	G Botley	1 0	S Death	
13	PJ Heaven	1 0	JC Moore	
14	JD Wager	0 1	M Roberts	
15	IM Pountney	½ ½	IBN Smith	
16	LM Wooldridge (Birmingham)	0 1 8 8	KCC Mah	
Kent won (39-40!) on board count.				

Readers may notice some minor omissions on the next page. Including the results of three national Finals, two of them won by SCCU teams. Nobody sent them, and by the time we woke up and rang around (spent 3 or 4 days on it) no one we tried was helpfully available. We ignored the man who gives no home number and has sent one result all season.

Sorry, we did some chasing and that's more than we'll promise to do every time. SEND YOUR RESULTS, if you want them published. The U180 KO people did, or at least enough of them did to complete the set, and we thank them. Most of the space saved on the national stage has been used for games and the rest is on page 11.

MINOR COUNTIES

Quarter-Final:

Dorset		24.4.93	Surrey*	
1	MJ Simons (B)	0 1	APH Kinsman	
2	IC Clark	0 1	Gavin Wall	
3	MJ Freeman	½ ½	PD Kemp	
4	RM Pegg	0 1	RA Allicock	
5	PJ Taylor	½ ½	RJ Stockwell	
6	FC Kingdon	1 0	DB Rosen	
7	MJ Roth	0 1	KP Mynett	
8	D Papworth	0 1	JM Shepley	
9	TE Simms	½ ½	PJ Roche	
10	SC Crisp	0 1	Marcus E Osborne	
11	A Millers	0 1	Marcus D Baker	
12	AD Primett	0 1	Oliver Rosten	
13	DGE Rapkins	½ ½	PE Barnard	
14	P Foster	0 1	JJ Skielnik	
15	I Willis	1 0	FC Manning	
16	AC Bullock (Winchester)	0 1 4 12	CR Clegg	

Semi-Final:

Surrey*		22.5.93	Beds	
Nigel E Povah	1 0	A Ledger (W)		
Gavin Wall	0 1	D Ledger		
PD Kemp	0 1	S Ledger		
C O'Shaughnessy	½ ½	G Smith		
RA Allicock	1 0	T Hare		
CKD Holland	1 0	P Kendall		
Blair N Connell	½ ½	R Freeman		
Stephen Walker	0 1	R Mahoney		
BG Whyte	0 1	P Habershon		
DR Sedgwick	½ ½	M Ioannides		
DB Rosen	½ ½	B Valentine		
FC Manning	0 1	P Clarke		
JM Shepley	0 1	A Elwin		
PJ Roche	1 0	B Wigginton		
S Macdonald-Ross	0 1	K Williamson		
Marcus E Osborne (Sutton)	½ ½ 6½ 9½	H Ingham		

Semi-final:

Oxon*		22.5.93	Salop	
1	J Kraai (B)	1 0	N Rutter	
2	ST Ansell	½ ½	J Footner	
3	P Jowett	1 0	A Footner	
4	M Hazelton	1 0	D Gostelow	
5	DG Hackett	1 0	N Ferringham	
6	GW Chapman	½ ½	P Mukherjee	
7	JD Eva	1 0	D Everington	
8	A Lewis	½ ½	C Roberts	
9	AJ Toll	0 1	N Graham	
10	JN Stayt	½ ½	D Bryan	
11	E Horton	1 0	G Link	
12	R Penn	0 1	I Wilson	
13	E Smargiassi	1 0	J Wilkinson	
14	DJ Bruce	1 0	R Thompson	
15	GP Alcock	½ ½	P Cameron	
16	LR Millin (Nuneaton)	1 0 11½ 4½	T Neal	

Final:

Oxon*		26.6.93	Beds	
J Kraai (B)	0 1	A Ledger		
ST Ansell	½ ½	D Ledger		
NJ Holloway	½ ½	G Smith		
P Jowett	½ ½	S Ledger		
IR Dutton	1 0	T Hare		
M Rose	1 0	P Kendall		
DG Hackett	1 0	R Freeman		
GW Chapman	0 1	R Mahoney		
JD Eva	1 0	P Habershon		
A Lewis	1 0	M Ionidies		
JN Stayt	0 1	B Valentine		
A Mushens	0 1	P Clarke		
N Jones	½ ½	B Wigginton		
E Smargiassi	1 0	K Williamson		
DJ Bruce	1 0	A Elwin		
B Bix (Birmingham)	1 0 10 6	H Ingham		

UNDER 175 Quarter-Final:

Lancs	24.4.93	Kent*
1 RK Taylor 166	1 0	TH Owens (W) 174
2 P Fallon 162	1 0	AM Harakis 171
3 S Foulkes 155	1 0	LR Gurr 171
4 T Dickinson 173	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DIR Pagden 171
5 C Murray 159	0 1	DA Munford 168
6 S Woodcock 160	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AG Ropek 166
7 def	0 0	def
8 J Howarth 150	0 1	SJ Pink 162
9 A Clarkson 153	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DJR Barnes 162
10 S Berkley 155	1 0	def
11 J T-Smith 158	1 0	PW Eldridge 157
12 P Naylor 139	0 1	HT Jones 157
13 A Catz 172 (??)	1 0	AC Waters 154
14 M Whitehead 150	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AB Mata 154
15 M Lythgoe 152	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RE Lane 153
16 F Rushworth 138	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SJ Jacob 152
(Nuneaton)	9 6	

UNDER 125 Semi-Final:

Essex*	22.5.93	Lancs
ME Ashkettle (W) $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$		D Talbot
Adan N Capal 0 1		J Jarman
CP Mann $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$		R Whiteside
D Poulacheris 0 1		A Dunkerley
EG Lodge $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$		J Lord
Ian Ross $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$		P Howarth
L Sargent 0 1		H Marsden
R Joyce 0 1		J Tresco
RJC Foster $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$		P Horan
R Weeber 1 0		B McGrady
DJ Filer $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$		D Radford
Peter W Pattison 0 1		A Giles
D Hughes 1 0		G Ashcroft
Martin J Lester 1 0		W Thompson
Mark Tucker 1 0		G Crean
B Twinn 0 1		P Pugh
(Nuneaton)	7 9	

GAMES

With the exception of one Editorial remark (no prizes for spotting it), all comments in these games are by Andrew Whiteley who judged the entries.

From the Imperial Open Team Tournament, May 1993: the Best Game.

White J Carlin (190), Black M Carlson (est 210)

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ gxf6 6 c3 Bf5 7 Nf3 Qc7 8 g3 e6 9 Bg2 Nd7
10 0-0 0-0-0 11 Re1 Bg4 12 Qa4 Bxf3 13 Bxf3 a6 14 Be3 h5 15 c4 h4 16 d5 hxg3 17 fxg3
Ne5 18 Bg2 Rxh2 19 Kxh2 Ng4+ 20 Kg1 Nxe3 21 dxc6 Qxg3 22 Re2 Nxe2 23 cxb7+ Kb8 24 Kf1
Qf3+ 25 Rf2 Bb4+ 0-1

"Black's Rook sacrifice on move 18 looks improbable as he has so few pieces near White's King. But his pieces soon come flooding in and I have been unable to find any substantial improvement for White (e.g. 20 Kh3 fails to 20...Qe5). Black's first move with his Bishop, on move 26, provides an elegant finale."

And the Game that most Entertained the Organisers.

White A Morton (96), Black R Norman (est 140)

1 d4 g6 2 e4 d6 3 Nf3 Nd7 4 Bc4 e6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Bg5 Ngf6 7 Qd2 h6 8 Be3 Ng4 9 Bf4 h5
10 0-0-0 Qe7 11 Kb1 e5 12 Nd5 Qd8 13 Ng5 exf4 14 Nxf7 Qh4 15 g3 fxg3 16 fxg3 Bh6
17 Nxc7+ Ke7 18 Qb4 Qf6 19 Rhf1 a5 20 Qa3 Nb6 21 Bb3 Bf5 22 e5 Bf8 23 exf6+ Kxf6
24 Nxa8 Ne3 25 Nxh8 Kg7 26 Nxb6 Kxh3 27 Qxa5 1-0 (Why stop there?!)

"Although considerably outgraded, White's main problem in this game was to decide in what order to take his opponent's pieces."

From the Kings Head London Open: the Best Game.

White M Macdonald-Ross (formerly over 210 but playing in his first tournament for 8 years), Black M Houska (185).

1 d4 f5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 g6 4 Bg5 Bg7 5 c3 d6 6 Qb3 c6 7 Nd2 Nbd7 8 Nh3 h6? 9 Nf4! Nf8
10 Bxf6 Bxf6 11 0-0-0 Qc7 12 e4 Bd7 (12...e5 13 dxe5 dxe5 14 Rhel!) 13 Rhel 0-0-0
14 Nd3 fxe4 15 Nxe4 Be5 16 Qa3 Kb8 17 Nxf6 exf6 18 Re3 Bf5 19 Rdel Rh7 20 Kd2 Rdd7
21 Re8+ Rd8 22 Qb3 Rg7 23 Nf4 Qd7 24 Rxd3+ Qxd3 25 d5 (so strong that one can forgive White for missing the stronger 25 Bxc6) 25...c5 26 Ne6 Bxe6 27 dxe6 Re7 28 Bd5 Nh7
29 Qa4 Qf8 30 Qg4 Qg7 31 Qf4 Kc7 32 b4 g5 33 Qc4 b6 34 Qb5 Kd8 35 Qc6 (White has gradually been increasing the pressure and Black's position finally cracks) 35...Rc7
36 Qxd6+ Kc8 37 e7 1-0

From the Major: the Best Attack.

White P Kennelly (140), Black D Helsby (157)

1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 c4 Nb6 5 f4 dxe5 6 fxe5 c5 (a provocative variation which theory considers dubious) 7 d5 e6 8 Nc3 exd5 9 cxd5 c4 10 d6 (Theory gives 10 Nf3 with a clear advantage for White) 10...Bd7? (10...Be6) 11 Nf3 f6 12 Nd5! Ba4 13 Nc7+ Kf7
14 Bxc4+! Nxc4 15 Qd5+ Kg6 16 Nh4+ Kh5 17 exf6+ 1-0

And from the Minor: the Best Imitation of Michael Basman.

White H Orna (ungraded), Black J Hyslop (ungraded)

1 g4 e5 2 Bg2 Nf6 3 h3 h5 4 g5 Nh7 5 h4 f6 6 g6 Ng5 7 hxg5 fxg5 8 c4 h4 9 Qb3 g4 10 c5
h3 11 Qf7 mate.

"Has Basman himself ever delivered mate so quickly with his opening?"

SCCU UNDER 180 KO

QF	Surrey	8.5.93	Middx	Bucks	16.5.93	Herts
1	DB Rosen (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Hinks-Edwards	RD de Coverly	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Tovey (B)
2	KP Mynett	1 0	ND Crabb	Stafford Scopes	1 0	R Noakes
3	JM Shepley	1 0	AM Dunn	DF Hill	1 0	J Denton
4	Marcus Baker	0 1	DE Bower	EN Branley	0 1	S Law
5	Marcus Osborne	1 0	JV Franks	CD Floyd	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Atkinson
6	DW Gunter	0 1	T Donnelly	JH Springall	0 1	B Morris
7	JS Tyms	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AN Ethelontis	DJ Turner	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Judkins
8	AK Punnett	1 0	O Oris	KF Hawkins	0 1	D Fewell
9	Oliver Rosten	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Tony KH Lee	MA Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Sinkinson
10	JJ Skielnik (Sutton)	0 1 $5\frac{1}{2}$ $4\frac{1}{2}$	Russell P Manning	AW Hill (Bourne End)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $4\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2}$	T Wright
SF	Herts	20.6.93	Oxon*	Sussex	5.6.93	Surrey*
1	J Cook (B)	1 0	JD Eva	IG Kelly (W)	0 1	DB Rosen
2	S Tovey	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JN Stayt	MR Stott	0 1	KP Mynett
3	K Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	E Horton	J Graham	0 1	JM Shepley
4	K Ellis	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	N Jones	A Hall	0 1	RGR Harris
5	J Denton	0 1	A Mushens	JP Munday	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	O Rosten
6	S Law	1 0	DJ Bruce	AS Fleming	1 0	JB Hawson
7	B Morris	1 0	GP Alcock	RH Clark	1 0	def
8	D Fewell	0 1	B Bix	G Parker	0 1	FC Manning
9	B Judkins	0 1	HA Searle	G Scanardella	0 1	P Dupre
10	A Atkinson (Welwyn)	0 1 $4\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2}$	LR Millin	PR Selby (Hassocks)	1 0 $3\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2}$	def
Final:	Surrey*	10.7.93	Oxon*	The Fleming Trophy match:		
1	DB Rosen (B)	1 0	DG Hackett	Beds	20.6.93	Bucks*
2	KP Mynett	1 0	JD Eva	A Ledger (B)	1 0	DR Carless
3	JM Shepley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JN Stayt	G Smith	1 0	RDW Marsh
4	RGR Harris	0 1	N Jones	S Ledger	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RD de Coverly
5	ME Osborne	0 1	DJ Bruce	T Hare	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AMJ Robbings
6	SC Hampton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	GP Alcock	PSN Kendall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	EK Tweeddale
7	JS Tyms	1 0	B Bix	R Freeman	1 0	P Brancher
8	AK Punnett	1 0	HAI Searle	R Mahoney	1 0	R Fox
9	POC Byrne	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	LR Millin	P Habershon	1 0	AJ Cox
10	PE Barnard (Sutton)	1 0 $6\frac{1}{2}$ $3\frac{1}{2}$	P Hastings	P Pritchard	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	DF Hill
				M Ioannides	1 0	CD Floyd
				P Clarke	0 1	JH Springall
				K Williamson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	NA Johnson
				A Elwin	1 0	KF Hawkins
				HW Ingham	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Laurence
				D D'Cruz	0 1	AW Hill
				B McFarlane	1 0	E Bolduc
				(Milton Keynes)	11 5	

National Club Finals, just the ones with SCCU interest.

OPEN					
Bristol & Clifton		Wood Green		Ilford	Slough
1 CR Beaumont	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Pein		APH Kinsman	0 1
2 T Headlong	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PE Littlewood		DJ Coleman	1 0
3 PA Richmond	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Martin		MS Twyble	0 1
4 DO Collier	0 1	M Levitt		JP Manley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
5 AC Cooper	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Friedgood		JA Goldberg	1 0
6 R Haydon	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PJ Sowray		SM Kalinsky	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
	$2\frac{1}{2}$ $3\frac{1}{2}$				3 3*
MAJOR					
Southbourne		Southend			
1 A Donnett	0 1	NA Sunderland			
2 RM Pegg	0 1	PL Williamson			
3 JF Catchpole	0 1	C Bowering			
4 CB Jenks	1 0	MC Kelly			
5 DGE Rapkins	0 1	S Harwood			
	1 4				
INTERMEDIATE					
Ipswich		Oxford Univ		Plate	Kings Head
1 D Porter	0 1	A McGettigan		Great Lever	C Wallace
2 K Greenacre	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Claridge		DC Martingale	0 1
3 D Harris	1 0	S Isaac		PJ Kobryn	1 0
4 M Wood	0 1	T Branley		M Sanderson	1 0
5 P Collins	0 1	A Alexander		A Angus	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
	$1\frac{1}{2}$ $3\frac{1}{2}$			ADB Wilkinson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
					3 2

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: FIXTURES 1993-94

Teams entered:

	Br	Bu	C	E	H	K	M	O	Sy	Sx
Open	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
U175				*		*	*		*	*
U150				*	*	*	*		*	*
U125				*		**	*	*	*	*

The fixtures have been done and re-done we don't know how many times before we typed them, and once since (25.7.93). The U150 was double round when it got here, then a county suddenly found it was supposed to be playing in it and objected to ten fixtures. After hasty negotiations, single round it is.

	<u>Open</u>	<u>U175</u>	<u>U150</u>	<u>U125</u>
Sep 18		SyK ME		
25	BrBu SxI KM SyE		SyM SxH EK	
Oct 2		KM		KaKb
9				
16	BuC ESx BrSy HM OK			OKa ME
23		SxSy		SxSy
30	SyBu CE MO KH SxBr		SxSy ME HK	MO
Nov 6		MSx EK		EKb SyKa
13	BuK EM OSx BrH SyC			OSx
20	CO			
27		SxE SyM		SyM SxKb
Dec 4	SxBu KE HO MSy CBr		ESy KSx HM	
11		ESy KSx		ESx KbSy
Jan 15	SySx BrK BuM	EM		KbM KaSx
22	EO CH	KSy		EO
29			SyK EH MSx	
Feb 5		SySx MK		MKa SyE
12	OBu HE MBr KSy SxC			
19		SxM KE		KaE SxM
26	BuE BrO SyH CK SxM		SyH KM SxE	KbO
Mar 5		ESx MxSy		
12	HBU EBr OSy MC KSx			OSy
19		SyE SxK		

The home team is named first. Details of venue must be supplied, with map, at least one month in advance.

Match captains:

Berks	NW Dennis, Boundary House, 230 Greys Rd, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 1QY 0491 576052
Bucks	c/o MS Vann, 1 Kennedy Close, Marlow, Bucks SL7 3JA 0628 46676
Cambs	Philip Best, Downing College, Cambridge CB2 1DQ
Essex 0	JR Cooke, 35 The Crescent, Loughton, Essex IG10 4PY 031 508 3622
175	D Smith, 21 Chigwell Rd, South Woodford E18 1LR 081 530 2118
150	M Tucker, 435 Barking Rd, East Ham E6 2JX
125	D Filer, 5 Iris Close, Chelmsford, Essex EM1 5XS 0245 465057
Herts 0	A Atkinson, 89 Cairo Rd, Walthamstow E17 3BB 031 521 9954
150	MM Wali, 56 Rowans, Welwyn Garden City 0707 326313 ext 4280 (work)
Kent 0	CI Howell, 16 Claire House, Lesley Place, Buckland Hill, Maidstone ME16 0UE 0622 670169
175	LR Gurr, 13 Neath Court, Northumberland Rd, Maidstone ME15 7JS 0622 758448
150	RC Shilling, 184 Kingsnorth Rd, Ashford, Kent TN23 2LS 0223 629175
125a	IC Smith, 19 Osgood Gardens, Orpington, Kent BR6 6JU 0689 858568
125b	This one looks doubtful, says your Editor with a Kent hat on. It's a junior team and the players are there but the match captain hasn't emerged yet. Try RG Blake (President, Kent Junior CA) on 0233 639372. He isn't doing it but is likeliest to be up to date with information.
Middx 0	R Pierce, 43 Sinclair Rd, London W14 071 602 0758
175	
150	BH Birchall, 26d Coleville Square, London W11 2BQ 071 792 8031
125	R Crooks, 11b Crediton Rd NW10 031 969 2838 (home); 071 922 9541/2 (work)
Oxon 0	JN Stayt, 6 Wagbullock Rise, Bracknell, Berks RG12 7QD 0344 426560
125	IR Brooke (office) 174 Cowley Rd, Oxford OX4 1UE 0865 245447
Surrey 0	FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 0PF 081 647 0063
175	PD Dupre, 13 Russell Rd, Walton on Thames, Surrey KT12 2JZ 0932 241550
150	FC Manning as above
125	

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Sussex 0 P Watson, Flat 7, Regency Court, Withdean Rise, London Rd, Brighton,
E Sussex O273 505480
175 RD Hirsch, 5 Orde Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, W Sussex RH10 3NG 0293 883244
150 Dr DL Roberts, Flat 1, 28 High St, Lewes, E Sussex BN7 2LJ 0273 475275
125 MA Bryant, 88 Manor Rd, Hastings, E Sussex TN34 3LP 0424 428830

Tournament Controller: FC Manning (see Surrey).

Fixtures Secretary: D Metcalfe, 9 Roosevelt Rd, Long Hanborough, Witney, Oxon OX8 8JG
0993 883044

The missing names have not yet (29.7.93) been supplied by the counties.

CONGRESS DIARY

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. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU
081 595 5831
16-19 FIRST SOUTHERN COUNTIES INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT at Haverstock School NW1.
8 rds, FIDE rated. David Sedgwick, 23 Tierney Court, Canning Rd,
Croydon, Surrey CRO 6QA 081 656 7682
20-22 THANET at Broadstairs. Open; U161; U126. Entries by 1992 grading list but
grading prizes by 1993 one. AD Hargreaves, 1 Medina Avenue, Whitstable,
Kent CT5 4EN
21 HENDON QP U150. PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF; enquiries to Adam Raof
081 202 0982.
21 JUNIOR COACHING (p.m.) at the Barbican. Gary Kenworthy, 53 Abbots Drive,
Waltham Abbey, Essex EN9 3HH 0992 715589. Sessions August - November
(more dates below) cost only £8. Coaching by Elo-rated and titled
players.
21-30 LLOYDS BANK MASTERS W1. David Sedgwick as above.
28-30 BERKS & BUCKS at Maidenhead. 175+; 150-175; plus graded sections. RJ
Pidgeon, 12 Birch Grove, Windsor, Berks SL4 5RT 0753 863503
Sep 11 GOLDERS GREEN OPEN QP. Adam Raof as Hendon 21st August
11 JUNIOR COACHING as 21st August.
18 WESTMINSTER as 14th August.
18 HENDON OPEN QP as 21st August
Oct 2 HENDON OPEN QP as above
8-10 MAIDSTONE. NC Mackett, 74 Peel St, Maidstone ME14 2SD.
9 MILL HILL QP. Adam Raof as Hendon 21st August
16 WESTMINSTER as 14th August.
17-23 GUERNSEY Open 7rds; U1760 Elo (=U145 BCF) 6 rds. Secretary, International
Chess Festival, PO Box 23, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands.
23 JUNIOR COACHING as 21st August.
Nov 27 JUNIOR COACHING as 21st August.

Surrey CCA, if you remember, held a postal auction of chess books and periodicals
earlier this year. Gross income was something over £600. Don't know how much of it was
scarce first editions.

Quotes

"MEN AND WOMEN TO COMPETE FOR UNIFIED CROWN. In another break with tradition, the PCA
is unifying the men and women's (sic) World Championship titles into a single crown...
There are no grounds for having separate titles for each sex... By unifying the men and
women's crown, chess will become the first major sport to offer open competition between
the sexes." The Bulletin must have imagined that little girl who beat it the other
week. Memo to FIDE: abolish your men-only championship at once. There are things that
are good about the PCA, but must its publicity department issue such drivel?

"Notwithstanding the Constitution..."

Start of a proposed rule change at the MCCU AGM. They passed it, with only one vote
against.

"Roland Rat could have done a better PR job." That one had better be anonymous at both
ends.

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