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EDITORIAL

For the January issue, once again, the fixture list has been kind to my typing finger. Not so the letter-writers. Here goes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

13.12.93

I read with interest your comments about increased membership of chess clubs following the Kasparov-Short match. It was very apparent from early September that we were getting a number of enquiries from potential members, many of whom had never played club chess before.

Chairman Ian Hunnabell and I recognised that one of the main difficulties which faced us is the welcoming and integration of new members into the club. To this end we embarked on a programme to try and make the club more welcoming and informative than perhaps it had been hitherto. We printed leaflets to hand out to all prospective members detailing the club programme and basic conditions of membership. We followed this up in October by holding a new members evening where Chairman Ian explained the organisation of the club and then took on some 8-10 new members in a simultaneous display.

The result is that Wanstead & Woodford Chess Club has seen a significant increase in membership this year, mainly from players with no previous match experience. Fortunately, too, we had decided at the AGM in June to enter a fifth team in the Essex League, a decision more than justified by subsequent events.

Best wishes & Seasons Greetings!

David Smith

Hon Sec, Wanstead & Woodford CC

Dear Richard,

1.12.93

I am still here. I agree with your assessment of the S v K match. Channel 4's coverage, with the exception of Daniel King, was sub standard. Hartston and Norwood were better, but how would they have coped with having to talk for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour when no moves were being made? I think the format was wrong on Channel 4; predict-a-move a flop, £45 entry a disaster. Think how many newcomers Tunbridge Wells would have got had the coverage been good.

The chess population in Oxford is fluid. We lost about 15 players at Cowley in July, but have gained about 15 replacements. As many are juniors, continuing our policy of teaching newcomers (Ansell, Thompson, the Hunts..), it is difficult to determine what effect S v K had.

Re other letters in your Bulletin: Instead of board count, elimination, 3-blacks winning, one Cowley member suggested adding grades of each team, and the lower total wins. He did not have a suggestion for ungraded players, but the idea has merit.

Re Xie Jun v Nana, Bruce has it wrong. The reason for the lack of coverage was that neither was British. If Timman had beaten Short there would have been no coverage on Channel 4 of Chess this year.

I am sorry the SCCU Junior Championship made a loss. The efforts of Bruce Birchall deserve better. However, I think we need to seriously consider what we organise next season. I think we need to organise what people want, and not what we think they should have. Bucks this year withdrew from the Open Championship. Oxfordshire are having enormous difficulty raising an Open team. I note Herts defaulted one match, and bottom board in others. Would a "Chiltern" type league for Herts I, Oxon I, Bucks I be the answer? Or is the way forward to expand the 4 Nations League to Divisions 2, 3.. and have promotion and relegation? Should the Leigh National Club Competition be linked with the League? Should the County 1st teams be replaced by the 4 Nations League? Are the Direct Members representatives pressing for DMs to be exempt from paying all game fees? If not, why not?

All of these questions need consideration if new chess players are to remain "in the fold". Nobody minds organising events where there is a demand; it is very frustrating trying to raise a county team from Oxon to play in Cambridge, and very expensive on time and phone bills, when 25+ players opt out (and who can blame them?).

You asked for comments, so I have replied. No doubt you will have to omit large sections.

Best wishes,

Lester Millin

OX5 1SE!

Ed: - I didn't omit anything. I don't think "lower-graded side wins" has merit; beyond that I'll leave debate to readers.

Dear Richard,

2.12.93

As a member of the Essex Chess Association Executive I feel obliged to respond to the comments from the 4th issue of Chessex that you reproduced in the November issue of the Bulletin. The extracts that you quoted came from a long article by Kevin Thurlow, who acted as controller of the Open, which contained a number of serious inaccuracies.

You quote a reference to "a representative of the BCF" who visited the Congress. My discussions with John Sargent lead me to believe that this individual could have been none other than the SCCU President David Sedgwick. The failure to distinguish between the BCF and SCCU is perhaps symptomatic of the general lack of care and attention to detail which characterised the article. While this may seem to some of your readers (though not to the Officers of the SCCU) like a minor point, the same could certainly not be said for the comments that you wisely did not quote about... [the Bulletin here declines to quote them by proxy].

However, most serious of all is the allegation which you quote that "a caucus in the Essex Executive" wished to cancel the event. At a meeting of the Essex Chess Association Executive a few weeks before the Congress, concern was expressed at the then low level of entries. No person present at this meeting wished to cancel the event, but it was feared that unless the entries picked up the potential loss to which the Association could be exposed, if the published prizes were to be paid, could be of such a magnitude that the only prudent course of action might be to cancel the event and confine the loss to the up-front costs that had already been incurred. As Treasurer of the Essex Chess Association, I would certainly have received no thanks from the Annual General Meeting if a large loss necessitating a substantial increase in subscriptions had been incurred. A small group was appointed by the Executive to reach a decision on the event in the light of further developments. This group had an extremely constructive meeting with the Congress Secretary and established benchmarks for various possible courses of action (including a reduction in the number of tournaments from three to two) depending upon the number of entries received in the following days. To everybody's delight, the target figure to enable the Congress to go ahead as advertised was achieved and there was peace and rejoicing in the land, until the fourth issue of Chessex appeared.

I really had hoped that this subject was dead and buried by now. Roberto Waldteufel, the then editor of Chessex, has accepted that this article should not have been published as it stood. John Sargent, the Congress Secretary, has completely dissociated himself from the criticism in the article of members of the Essex Executive and, by inference, of his predecessor in this post; and Joe Rosenberg, the Essex President, has prepared a statement for the fifth issue of Chessex bringing a much needed perspective to the matter. I was looking forward to getting on with the current season and forgetting about this particularly unfortunate episode, when the Bulletin out of the blue revives the matter, albeit with some pertinent editorial comments. Why publish this now in relation to a Congress that happened 6 months ago and give needless additional publicity to defamatory remarks?

Yours sincerely,

John Philpott Essex CA

PS In the Essex 150 team v Middx (30.10.93) Board 9 was Zammit (not Zammitt) and Board 13 Cannan (not Cannon). In the Essex U125 team v Middx (16.10.93) Board 4 was Taank (not Tank).

Ed: - On the postscript: Zammitt and Tank were exactly as given by the Essex match captains. Thirty-love. Cannon wasn't; I took my spelling from the opponents whose version got here first, and the discrepancy didn't strike me when I checked (after the typing was done). I do check, but in the nature of things it's a bit perfunctory. Mostly I just add the odd initial and check the spellings I thought dodgy in the first place. Thirty-fifteen.

No apologies for quoting from Chessex, which is the official Essex magazine and itself appeared several months after the congress. I didn't know that what I quoted was so contentious - as if that would have stopped me - and my brief references hardly conveyed the meat of the article anyway. (Note: Chessex, just into its second season, appears four times a year or thereabouts. Number 4 was the first we'd seen. Number 5, bearing the promised statement, reached Tunbridge Wells on Christmas Eve.)

David Sedgwick was indeed the mystery "BCF representative":

Dear Richard,

19.1.94

I refer to the report in the November Bulletin about the last Upminster Congress and its mysterious visitor. As the individual concerned, I wish to correct a number of misapprehensions which appear to have arisen.

I was not acting as a representative of the BCF. I visited the Congress in my capacity as the then Deputy President of the SCCU, as I had done in 1992. On the earlier occasion I had had a few reservations about the arbiting, which I communicated discreetly to the then SCCU President and to representatives of the Essex Chess Association. In the weeks prior to the 1993 event, I became concerned about an apparent failure to distribute entry forms. I was informed that steps were being taken to correct the situation, with cancellation of the event as a last resort. Having established that the event was definitely taking place, I called in and was pleased to

see that the Open section was being controlled by Kevin Thurlow, whom I knew to be a competent arbiter. However, the size of the overall entry, whilst a great deal better than at one time seemed likely, nevertheless appeared to me to be a little disappointing. In summary, I was no more than mildly critical of the 1992 event and no more than moderately satisfied with the 1993 one.

In case any of your readers are wondering what all this has to do with the SCCU, I should point out that the Congress is awarded one of the SCCU qualifying places for the British Championship. I consider that the SCCU has a general responsibility to ensure that events so favoured are of a size and stature, and sufficiently well run, to justify the award. However, it is also my view that, where criticisms are necessary, they are best made privately, and it was certainly not my intention that any of these matters should become the subject of public comment. Now that they have done, I wish to put the record straight.

After drafting the preceding paragraphs, I received a copy of John Philpott's letter on the same subject. This provides some background information of which I was previously unaware, but does not otherwise affect my own comments.

Yours sincerely,
David Sedgwick SCCU President

Jack Speigel (below) reacted to the article by writing to Chessex, and has kindly sent me a copy. I won't quote it in full because it is really a response to the original article, which most of my readers won't have seen. But Jack, while praising the new Upminster team which stepped in to fill a breach, regrets the article's "disparaging, not to say ill-informed" remarks about previous Essex congresses. He personally, having played in about three-quarters of them over 44 years, has always found playing conditions satisfactory and organisation excellent.

Dear Richard, 3.12.93

The enclosed tells you what I thought of Kevin Thurlow's disgraceful report in "Chessex". You can ignore, publish or shorten it as I trust you not to distort it. It has not been published as Chessex has not appeared since, although I did hear one was imminent (don't hold your breath!).

On another matter, Southend Chess Club has at least 15 new members this season. On a recent club-night we had, inclusive of two 6-board matches, an attendance of 50 (38 plus 2 x 6 opponents). Fortunately we have enough chess equipment but every single table was in use and we will have to buy more if we exceed this number. We are running a tournament for the newcomers and with seven teams, 3 in the Essex League, 4 in the Southend & District League, can accommodate everybody. Our landlords cannot offer a second club-night but Away matches take place somewhere in the Southend League every evening mid-week and when occasional matches are played on Sunday afternoons the club is open to all members. Most of the newcomers find us by inquiring at the local library, which lists all clubs and societies in the borough and permits us a small advertisement.

Keep up the good work. Have you got an infinite supply of Foolscap paper? I didn't think they made it any more!

Kindest regards,
Jack (Speigel) Southend

Ed: - They do, though it's getting expensive. I've got a year's supply on the shelf but wouldn't bank on getting any more when that runs out. I don't even like foolscap. I've always used it because I can't sensibly fit six 20-board matches onto a side of A4. Now that most matches aren't over 20 boards foolscap looks less attractive, especially as I'm trying to fit grades in and A4 is wider.

SCCU MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Management Board met, as threatened, on Friday 10th December 1993 at the Durham Castle in Kings Head territory. Your Editor made his excuses, thinking the meeting unnecessary, and this account is from someone else's notes. They talked for about three hours, with a fair number of pints on the agenda. Not, fortunately, for the driver who was followed from the pub by an unmarked police car and breathalysed on the motorway, result negative, after a frantic chase. (Perhaps that's overstating it a bit, but he did refuse to stop at first. Wouldn't you, if harried by an unmarked car? Get on with it, Haddrell.)

(1) SCCU International made a £268 loss, borne by DR Sedgwick; future depends on finding a venue at an acceptable price. (Haverstock School, which has been charging something like £35 a session, threatens to go commercial.)

(2) BCF matters. Members seemed, with one exception, reasonably satisfied with what the BCF's doing. We won't say who the exception was, but Bruce Birchall was there. The North are concerned about the grass roots.

(3) Trophies. Kent and Essex to be written to about the missing Nemesis and Ebony Trophies. They are the only winners since the Trophies were last seen in 1988.

(4) Oxon-Sussex (Championship) 13.11.93: see issue 214 in three different places. Oxon had claimed a void game on the ground that a Sussex bystander had audibly mentioned Oxon flag-fall in a QPF. The Tournament Controller has rejected the claim and the Sussex win stands. Oxon have appealed; the rules and appeals sub-committee will deliver a verdict but probably not before February. Some details, and a blatant Editorial attempt to influence the jury, below this Report.

Oxon are finding it hard to get a team together in the Championship, and could end up going the way of Bucks.

(5) New Club Players. "Is your club/congress feeling the benefits [of Kasparov-Short]?" Ourselves, last time. The MB's impression was that most clubs were getting new members by the cartload, and an U100 inter-county jamboree, over 14 boards, is planned for (?)14th May. This could be followed by a league next season.

(6) Junior sub committee is planned. It would comprise BHB, maybe one or two other senior officers, and the Junior Organisers of all the counties. That is to say, the Junior Organisers of all the counties would be invited to attend. Meetings would be once or twice a year.

(7) Entry deadlines for the SCCU leagues were discussed, but no consensus emerged. Some details on page 5.

(8) SCCU Management Board. This is the meta-meeting bit. Doubt was expressed about the future of MB meetings in this form, but it was felt that some kind of steering committee should remain in existence and meet, perhaps telephonically, when need arose. The Bulletin has been known to say this. (The room cost a fiver; members' travel expenses may have been more. The Bulletin, for no reason it can think of at the moment, doesn't claim travel expenses for meetings. It would have done for this one.)

THE OXON-SUSSEX DISPUTE (and other things)

Both match captains have seen this article in draft. It has, however, been amended following information received just before going to press. We suppress one little complication, vague and vaguely confidential, which might turn out to be relevant.

The Tournament Controller rejected Oxon's claim without bothering to contact Sussex; he must have thought it was cut and dried. Either that or he knew Oxon would appeal and left the decision to the appeals committee! Oxon told us last time, if you remember, that Sussex were winning the position and had about 5 seconds left; and that the moves had got pretty random. In response to an early draft of this article they have added that, while they were at the time unsure of the flag-fall rule, they told Sussex on the spot that they would check and make a claim if Sussex turned out to have broken it. The Oxon player wasn't worried, in the sense that he thought he deserved to lose and wouldn't object to having it graded that way. What Sussex's position is we can't say, but a Sussex bystander has confirmed that he announced the loss on time (occasioning an outcry!). His view is that flag-fall is a matter of fact and can be announced by anyone. He argues that the FIDE Laws, together with the BCF's QPF Rules and Guidance support this view, and he cites a BCF ruling to the same effect after a similar incident in a club match in the early 1980s. He tells us that, in a recent match, Sussex-Surrey, the team captains agreed to allow spectators to announce flag-fall.

The Bulletin's verdict

The Sussex bystander broke the rules. We sympathise very strongly with his view, we wholeheartedly agree with the Sussex-Surrey arrangement, and we believe that the rules ought to be what he says they are. Only they're not. Bystanders are not allowed to point out flag-fall in a QPF. The Federation's (QPF) Rule 3 says: "Spectators must never interfere." Can't get much clearer than that. And no, he wasn't a match captain "acting as an arbiter". Regretfully we can find no way of interpreting the rules or guidance in such a manner as to make his intervention legal, and a long discussion on the telephone has changed neither our mind nor his.

If we're right, what action do you take? Ignore the misdemeanour on the ground that flag-fall is flag-fall and the bystander could just as easily have gone and fetched his match captain (or, in the general case, an arbiter)? No, because in the interval the Sussex flag might have fallen as well. Quite likely in this case, we gather. Or Sussex might even, less plausibly, have lost all their bits or got mated. If the flag-fall stands, the bystander's intervention has produced a result which might not otherwise have occurred. The bystander disagrees. But it seems to us that Oxon's claim (game void) must be upheld.

And what if?

What if Oxon had been claiming a win? Your Editor is a tournament controller in his spare time. He tries to anticipate problems if he can, and this was one he did see coming. His tentative conclusion, sent to competing teams at the start of the season, was that if this situation arose and both sides were short of time he would be inclined to rule as though the other flag had fallen (and they'd claimed a draw). So the offending side gets a draw at best, and a loss if the position was one from which it reasonably could have lost (and the opponent was trying to win and so on). On the

whole we think this is fair. Of course it's hard on an innocent player, but the bystander was his team mate and (in the general case, not the Sussex one) may have been deliberately cheating. On the other hand, what if the offending side had a safe position and half an hour on the clock? How severely can you penalise a player who wasn't remotely in danger of getting checkmated and would surely have spotted the flag-fall for himself sooner or later? But then, how remote is "remote"? How short of time is "short"? And what do you do if the spectator is neutral?

We're trying to make a silk purse out of a dog's breakfast. The current QPF rule is unenforceable because of the problem with penalties. When you can't enforce a rule, you change it. Change the rule so that anyone can point out flag-fall.

What about ordinary, FIDE-Law, chess? We've remarked before that it isn't too clear whether spectators can point out flag-fall; the FIDE laws lack the specific ban on spectator-intervention. (Or does 15.1a apply?) We guess that the BCF ruling quoted above was about ordinary chess - did the BCF have QPF rules in the early 1980s? - and if so we'd support it. Bystanders should be allowed to intervene. In principle because flag-fall is a matter of fact, and in practice for the reason given in the last paragraph. In ordinary chess the Bulletin has done it itself, more than once, getting funny looks admittedly. A published BCF ruling would be welcome.

And while we're about it

A related problem is: What do you do if a player receives unsolicited advice about the moves? The analogous solution (anyone can give advice) doesn't seem to be available. Nor does any other, except "arbiter decides". But we do know a team competition whose rules say, "It is permissible to receive advice from a member of the opposing club."(!) Quite right, too.

Reverting to QPFs: we've said it before, but why the initial time-check? Why not, "All your moves in n minutes" and treat the game like one big QPF? (QPF we said, not Rapid Play game.) You'd need a new name for QPFs. Any offers?

SCCU FIXTURES: COUNTY MATCHES

This is a shortened version (sorry!) of copy sent by Dave Metcalfe.

Up to, and including, this season the deadline for SCCU entries has been mid-May so the fixtures can go into the BCF Calendar, which goes to press in early June. They went in this year, but bear little resemblance to what counties are actually doing. The SCCU Management Board has agreed to put two options to the counties, and hopes to choose between them at the March Executive meeting. County reps will naturally have consulted their counties by that time.

(a) Deadline for Open to stay in mid May; deadline for other competitions to be the second Friday in August. Details of match captains, Open included, must meet the August deadline. Fixtures in Open to go into the BCF Calendar; others to be sent to the BCF Year Book.

(b) All deadlines to stay in mid May. But additions and deletions, and details of match captains, will be accepted up to the August date mentioned above. All fixtures (provisional, but what's new) to go into the BCF Calendar; a definitive list, amended necessary, to be sent to counties after the August deadline.

David Metcalfe, Fixture Secretary, stresses that whichever option is adopted he will reject any team not possessed of a match captain by the August deadline. There is no objection to one person captaining two or more teams. There is also, of course, no objection to a county entering two or more teams in a competition.

How will he do the Fixtures?

2-5 teams would play double round, 6-10 teams single; more than 10 and you split the division. For September fixtures, which will be as few as possible, the statutory one month's notice of venue is reduced to two weeks.

AND STILL ON COUNTY MATCHES..

Paul Buswell of Sussex has written to Fred Manning on two aspects of the SCCU leagues. We assume, since he sent us a copy, that it's an open letter. The general-interest part goes like this:

"I am unhappy at the way in which U125 fixtures are spread out. Kent B & Oxford, both major rivals to Sussex, have each two matches after our last one, when they'll know to the last game point what they need to win. This gives them an advantage. Could Dave M consider having the last couple of "rounds" all on the same date?"

"I am unhappy at Middlesex's defaults (U125). They defaulted 3 v Kent B yesterday, 4 v Surrey earlier. Game points may well decide this league, and be influenced by Middlesex's inability to find 12 players. (a) Should Middlesex be expelled, or asked to pay a substantial deposit, next year? (b) Is there scope for altering the rules so that games won by default are ignored when calculating the game points tie-break?"

What do readers think? Only way of ignoring defaults that springs to mind is to use game-percentage. (Does the Football League still use goal difference? So 100-89 beats 20-10? Suppose it encourages attacking play. Wouldn't do for us, though, because a team that wins more games by default has less chance of a big goal difference.)

EUROPEAN CLUB CUP, Barcelona 1-3 October 1993

Chris Howell has sent a report of Maidstone's attempt on the Cup.

Maidstone Chess Club were England's second representatives in the above event, held in the splendid Hotel Calderon in Barcelona. The Maidstone squad, with Matthew Sadler cup-tied with Clichy, was: IM Chris Ward 2460 (234); IM John Emms 2455 (229); Chris Cooley (232); Ian Watson (216); Chris Howell 2130 (192); Paul O'Donovan (175); Lyndon Gurr (168); Jeff Titmas (167); Paul Fenn (163).

Results: Rd 1 Maidstone 1½ 4½ ASA Phoenix Tel Aviv

Rd 2 Maidstone *3 3 Bohemians Prague

Rd 3 Maidstone 2 4 Seleccio Catalana

* win on board count

Maidstone's stars were John Emms with 2½/3 (only dropping a draw to GM Rechlis, who all but beat Anand), and Ian Watson, showing IM form on a rare return to international chess, with 2/3 and a BCF 240 performance. Chris Ward scored 50% against tough opposition, and Jeff Titmas fought magnificently in scoring one draw and only going down in 67 moves to IM Lev in round 1. The rest of us - "nul points", but a great time was had by all.

Placings:

1 Lyon Oyonnax (France): Lautier 2620, Anand 2725, Salov 2685, 2555, 2580, 2520

2 Unio Graciencia (Barcelona): Illescas 2625, Pinter 2575, 2505, 2445, 2440; 2450

3 ASA Phoenix Tel Aviv: Psakhis 2585, Rechlis 2510; 2500, 2465, 2465, 2445

4 Boavista Futebol (! - Ed) Clube Porto (Portugal): Spraggett 2555, 2390, 2385, 2355, 2310, 2335

5 Seleccio Catalana (Rest of Catalana, Spain: not a club team, late replacements): 2410, 2400, 2375, 2355, 2350, 2300...

6 Maidstone Chess Club

7 Bohemians Prague (Czech Republic): 2465, 2375, 2395, 2350, 2345, 2275, 2290

8 Paisley Chess Club (Scotland): Mannion 2390, Muir 2360, 2320, 2300, 2270, 2300

Our grateful thanks to the BCF for enabling our two juniors on the bottom boards to participate.

Ed: - Some games on page 12. It's a KO competition but those knocked out play on; our guess is that, irrespective of final scores, all first-round winners finish above all first-round losers and so on.

7th OXFORDSHIRE QUICKPLAY at Cowley 9.10.93

U176 (18 ent) 1 E Horton (Cowley) 5½/6; 2-5 A Eagle (BT Reading), A Marquez (Kidlington), J Yates (Kidlington) 4...

U131 (33 ent) 1-2 F Fallon (Blackbird Leys), RE Jones (Wigston) 5/6; 3 B Goddard (Cowley) 4½; 4-8 D Buckland (Cowley), M Coleman (Morris M), Roy Hadfield (unattached), ME Jones (Wigston), J Wood (Wantage) 4... Results Lester Millin

28th TORBAY CONGRESS 19-21 November 1993

Open (52 pl) 1-3 KC Arkell (Derby), D Agnos (Twickenham), DH Cummings (Bracknell) 4½/5; 4-5 KI Norman (Wokingham), AP Summerscale (London) 4... Grading R Phillips (Bristol) 3½; R Nixon (Dagenham) 3

"Major" (46 pl) 1 PJ Morgan (Newton Abbot) 4½/5; 2-3 BH Boosma (Paignton), M Hobbs (Wellington School) 4; 4-9 CEW Barber (Alton), RJ Barlow (Bath), R Carpenter (Torquay), C Howard (Totnes), A Kinder (Kingsbridge), JR Nicolson (Manchester), R Towers (Exeter) 3½... Grading R Towers.

"Intermediate" (62 pl) 1 EP Goggin (Byfleet) 4½/5; 2-7 J Brief (Edgeware it says here), P Carpenter (Torquay), J Cowle (Epsom), AD Hargreaves (Whitstable), D Rowe (Birmingham), J Seale (Truro School) 4... Grading B Grainger (Torquay), GL Nobbs (Plymouth), KC Spooner (Poole) 3

"Minor" 1-3 L Fancourt (Derby), RJ Howells (Port Talbot), RG Wilby (Holne) 4½/5; 4-9 TY Berry (Wellington School), YAH Ehtesham, J Rosseinsky (both Exeter), A Hardy (Torquay), C Moxley (Chipping Norton), A Wright (Torquay) 4... Grading N Went (Rainham)

Team Prize 1 Richmond; 2 Wellington School.

HIGH WYCOMBE QUICKPLAY No date, but probably at High Wycombe. (Don't know though, what about those St Albans events which turned out to be at Golders Green?)

Open 1-2 G Kenworthy, S Ansell 4½/5; 3 & Junior Prize Costos (?Costas) Harris, age 10 (Barnet Knights) who led until the last round before losing in 56 moves to GK.

Under 150 1-2 B Shipley (BT HQ), J Marshall (Hoddesdon) 4/5...

Under 120 1-3 A Weaver, S Clark (British U9 Champion), K Bush (all Hazlemere & S Bucks Juniors) 3/5...

"Minor" 1 A Longshaw (Hazlemere) 4½/5; 2-4 J Beale, D Greenhill, T Quitter (all Hazlemere & S Bucks) 4...

Results Gary Kenworthy

ESSEX: a couple of simuls. James Plaskett v Beckton Rooks "in the middle of August" scored +7=3-1 (Gary Cook 125); and Murray Chandler v Southend (no date given) drew with Charles Bowering and beat everyone else (12 boards with replacement).

Two Woodbridge teams went to Poperinge (Belgium) 28.9.93 for a family/club/school/business international event. Well, there looks to have been at least one Dutch team as well. Woodbridge II won with 14½/20.

LEIGH GRAND PRIX 1993

May not get into ChessMoves for a while, so:

<u>Grand Prix (max 200)</u>		<u>Petit Prix (max 100)</u>	
1 GM Adams (Truro)	193.7	1 IM Arkell	94
2 GM Hebden (Leicester)	185.2	2 IM Howell	93.7
3 IM Agnos (Twickenham)	185	3 GM Hebden	91.2
4 IM Arkell (Derby)	182.5	4 Wall T (Newcastle)	86.4
5 IM Howell (Harrogate)	182.1	5 GM Flear	84.9
6 IM Kumaran (Harrow)	176.7	6 FM Rossiter	84.4
7 IM Emms (Beckenham)	176.7	7 Buckley G	82.1
8 GM Sadler (Chatham)	172.3	8 IM Webster	81.5
9 GM Hodgson (NW London)	172.2	9=GM Conquest	79.2
10 FM Summerscale (Putney)	170.7	GM McNab	79.2
11 FM Rossiter (Portsmouth)	167.7	11 FM Horner (Bolton)	68.6
12 GM McNab (Dundee)	166.1	<u>Junior Prix (max 100)</u>	
13 GM Flear (Leicester)	165.5	1 GM Adams	99.8
14 GM Plaskett (Bedford)	163.4	2 GM Sadler	90.6
15 Buckley G (W'hampton)	161.8	3 IM Kumaran	89.2
16 IM Webster (Birmingham U)	161.1	4 Buckley G	82.5
17 IM Wells (SE London)	145.9	5 IM Webster	80.3
18 IM Hennigan (Muswell Hill)	145.6	6 Ferguson M (Haslemere)	79.3
19 GM Conquest (Bristol)	136.3	7 Hunt A (Oxford: U16 award)	77.4
20 IM Ward (Sevenoaks?)	133.7	8 Houska M (Maidenhead)	74
IM Martin 125.2; FM Ledger 122.2;		9 Bates R (Richmond: U14)	67.2
IM Basman 115; Wall T 100.1; GM Speelman		10 Pugh P (Preston)	52
96.4; FM Britton 92; GM Gallagher 85.7;		11 Beckett C (Manchester)	48.3
GM Miles 72; IM Levitt 71; IM Lane 70...		12 Remington T (Southampton)	43
<u>Amateur Prix (max 50)</u>		<u>Prixette (max 100)</u>	
1 Briggs P (Tamworth)	47.1	1 WGM Arkell (Peacehaven)	76.5
2 Barlow R (Frome)	43	2 WFM Hunt (Oxford)	75.8
3=An Y (Kings Head)	42.7	3 Hunt C (Oxford)	53
Mercs P (Nottingham)	42.7	4=WFM Sheldon (Manchester)	48.7
5=Jacob S (Lewisham)	41.2	Harvey C (Streatham)	48.7
Stanners M (Athenaeum)	41.2	6 Haslinger M (Southport)	47.8
7 Bull D (Liverpool)	41	7 Rowles S (London)	46
8 Burroughs R (Brentwood)	40.5	8 Bates R (Richmond)	40
9 Hudson H (Hampstead)	40	9 Thrower C (Warlingham)	37.6
10 Glass J (Hartlepool)	39	10 Norman D (Wokingham)	37.5

£25 Merit Awards for Leigh congresses "helping British chess":

Golders Green; Greater Manchester Autumn; Nottingham; Rochdale; Smith & Williamson; Torbay; Tyne & Wear; Village.

Press releases never seem to remind you what all the Prix are about, but as far as we know the Grand one is open; the Petit one is for provincials (no SCCU people among the leaders, anyway); the Amateur one is Under something less than 165 (the Bulletin knows it isn't an Amateur); the Ette one is for women and girls; and the Junior one is Under we don't know what.

Leigh Enterprises will continue to back British chess in 1994 via the GP circuit and the Leigh National Club Championships. Top 20 places in the GP 1993 get bonus points for 1994. This sounds a bit like making the outsiders carry top weight, but there's probably something we don't understand. We did try to read the rules once.

NATIONAL CLUB

With thanks to the various controllers. First-round survivors, SCCU clubs only (and excuse geography):

Open (seeds asterisked) Barbican*; Charlton; Ilford; Richmond & Twickenham; Guildford; Wood Green*; Reading; Maidstone*; Kings Head*/Hastings & St Leonards

Major Cowley Community Centre; Milton Keynes/Oxford Univ; Powdermill; Tunbridge Wells; Hastings; Saxmundham; Slough/Hackney; Ilford; Rainham; Kingston; Woking; Kings Head. (Why do Kings Head get two byes in the first two rounds?)

Intermediate Metropolitan; Bourne End; Crowthorne; Kings Head; Hackney; Maidstone; Tunbridge Wells; Grays; Oxford Univ; Thanet.

Minor Thanet; Kings Head B; Maidstone; Phoenix; Hayes; Guildford; Wood Green; Metropolitan; Cowley; Ashford/Hastings.

Second round should be finishing mid Jan - early Feb. We have a Tunbridge Wells result but refuse to give it.

JUNIOR NEWS

NATIONAL UNDER 14 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP at Stoke on Trent 27th November 1993

1 Kent 31/36; 2-3 Wilts, Warwicks 27½; 4 Hants 25½; 5 Manchester, 21½; 6 Bucks 20½; 7 Surrey 18½; 8-9 Richmond, Somerset 18... 18 teams of 12 competed.

LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, rather selective but it's what we've got.

Under 12 (153 pl) 1-3 Richard Palliser, James Parkin, Jay Stockham 8/10; 4-8 David Hodge, Timothy Holmes, Matthew Noakes, Edmund Player, Philip Richardson 7½; 9-16 Matthew Brierley, Stephen Clark, Tim Hebbes, Stephen Jones, Timothy Manuel, Richard Pike, David Smalley, Robert Wylie 7...

58th DUPREE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT at Dorothy Stringer School, Brighton, 30-31 Dec 1993

Under 21 1-2 John Webb (Kent Univ), Robert Sherlock (London Univ) 7½/9; 3 James Bosworth (Cambridge Univ) 7; 4-5 Jamie Baker (Dorothy Stringer), Simon Webb (Blatchington Mill) 5½...

Under 15 1 James Maestier (Patcham HS) 8/9; 2-3 Asa Bayram, Rhys Bowen (both Dorothy Stringer) 7; 4 Tim Bailey (Cardinal Newman) 6½; 5-7 Tat-On Man (Dorothy Stringer), Patrick Spencer (Brighton College JS), Michael Spillman (Brighton College) 5...

Under 12 1 Nicholas Street (St Lukes Primary) 14/15; 2 Edward Lamb (Balfour Primary) 13; 3-4 Peter Baker (St Lukes), Samuel Mooring (Balfour Primary) 12; 5-7 John Bryant (Dorothy Stringer), Christopher Graham (Brighton College JS), Simon Iverson (St Aubyns Prep) 10...

The organisers record a considerable increase in the number of participants. Their press release, unusually, names the 5 who were absent without notice. Good idea, for local consumption, and in an adult tournament we'd probably have named them as well. Results Paul Watson.

Junior Training at the Barbican this year: 29 Jan, 4 Mar, 14 May, 11 Jun, 9 Jul, 23 Jul, 27 Aug, 24 Sep, 22 Oct, 19 Nov. £4 per session or £20 for the year. Gary Kenworthy, Level 9, Frobisher Crescent, Barbican Centre EC2Y 8DS

Bruce Birchall had intended to supply some notes on coming SCCU events, but we are sorry to hear he has had to go into hospital. He is expected out shortly.

AMENDED GRADES: Hillingdon League and elsewhere

You will remember that last season's Hillingdon League results were submitted too late for inclusion in the published grading list. The calculations were done, however, and went into the graders' master list which appeared later. Where this has caused discrepancies between the two lists, the master-list version is official. 50-odd grades have changed, and 30-odd extra players now have enough games to get into the published list. No one's going to re-publish it, but Martin Cath has sent a full list of amendments and additions to the club and league officers concerned. He added seven other, non-Hillingdon, corrections and the Bulletin has added three more, all Kent, which it happened to know about. We list only the players with "A" grades (at least 30 games last season). Plus the C and the D who have appeared in this season's pre-Christmas county matches. Typing of BCF reference numbers not guaranteed.

Some, at least, of the non-Hillingdon amendments are just corrections of graders' mistakes. Some may be due to other events submitted late - we believe there was one in the north somewhere. And there could be other amendments we don't know about. The BCF don't seem to have published a list, or been very systematic about who they told. Martin knew about his 90-odd because he instigated them. He didn't know about the Bulletin's three, though he agrees they're right since the master list says so. One of

	Hillingdon	new	(old)
	105427C Alcock Graham P	A152	(147)
	132114G Andrews Chris A	A101	(103)
	106798K Birt D	A 87	(93)
	131534B Davies Cledwyn	A123	(122)
	110886E Fraser BDA	A124	(125)
	111117G Gavriel Tryfon C	A185	(187)
	132622D Grewal H	A135	(137)
	103693C Johnstone AG	A129	(127)
	114115G Laurence AC	A141	(142)
	145771J Mashayekh M	A175	(176)
	137247G McSharry R	C144	(140)
	117611A Shaw Marc A	A161	(158)
	119105G Slack G	D131	(-)
	155476B Stanisic V	A164	(166)
	117611A Ram Andrew E	A175	(176)
	Other		
	*132294B Bates Ruth A	A124	(24)
	111388E Goodfellow RR	A148	(151)
	122420H Marshall John S	A143	(137/147)
	151615C Roberts Mark	A124	(123)
	118670L Sedgwick DR	A173	(175)
	121112C Ward Christopher G	A234	(233)

them was a change we just happened to spot, and the player didn't know. If the BCF's being secretive there are implications for grading-limited events.

*Graders please note:

Ruth Bates's new grade isn't even in the master list. They did correct it, but incorrectly, with the result that it went up from 24 to 25. The grade given above is correctly corrected and official.

COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES 21.1.94

CHAMPIONSHIP (20 boards)

	Br	C	E	H	K	M	O	Sy	Sx	MP	
Berks		6½		7	4½			8	7	0 : 5	
Cambs	13½		10½				12	11½		4 : 4	
Essex		9½			6	7½			12½	1 : 4	
Herts	13				7	6½	17		Od	2 : 5	
Kent	15½		14	13		11½	13			5 : 5	
Middx			12½	13½	8½		16	15		4 : 5	
Oxon		8		3	7	4			9½*	0 : 5	*subject
Surrey	12	8½				5			8	1 : 4	to Oxon
Sussex	13		7½	20d			10½*	12		4 : 5	appeal

UNDER 175 (16 boards)

	E	K	M	Sy	Sx	E	K	M	Sy	Sx	MP
Essex		8½	6½	5½	6						1 : 4
Kent	7½		10	8½	11						3 : 4
Middx	9½	6		7½	6						1 : 4
Surrey	10½	7½	8½		8						2½ : 4
Sussex	10	5	9	8							2½ : 4

UNDER 150 (16 boards)

	E	H	K	M	Sy	Sx	MP
Essex			10	6	10½		2 : 3
Herts			7	9½		6	1 : 3
Kent	5	9				8	1½ : 3
Middx	10	5½			10		2 : 3
Surrey				6		7	0 : 2
Sussex	5½	10	8		9		2½ : 4

UNDER 125 (12 boards)

	E	Ka	Kb	M	O	Sy	Sx	MP
Essex				6			6	1 : 2
Kent A			6		6	6	4½	1½ : 4
Kent B		6		10		7½	6	3 : 4
Middx	6		2		5½	3½		½ : 4
Oxon		6		6½			6	2 : 3
Surrey		6	4½	8½			4½	1½ : 4
Sussex	6	7½	6		6	7½		3½ : 5

Please tell the Bulletin if you spot errors in these tables. All results have been received, up to and including matches played 15.1.94.

Championship: Cambs-Oxon and Surrey-Cambs were (presumably) 16 boards by agreement and 2 points have been added to each side's score in the table in accordance with the new rule adopted in July. We forgot to do this last time.

Quote

"I am grateful to almost all of you for following the requests in my initial letter but for the benefit of the irritating few I remind you that I need results from BOTH TEAMS. Please send them in promptly USING THE FORMS PROVIDED. Please include any explanatory notes on a separate piece of paper, NOT ON THE BACK OF THE FORM." - A controller in the National Club. The Bulletin would add, be legible. If you prefer to type (please!), then obviously your own stationery is fine. But make it A4, copy the standard layout, and give all the standard information (like venue and colours) in the standard places. Don't forget the board numbers. And never more than one match per sheet, please. The my-side-on-left-even-when-away syndrome appears to be catching; someone else did it this time, and on a standard form at that. On the standard form it says "home team" above the left-hand team.

Notes on the back are easy to overlook even if you do put "PTO", and inconvenient if they're about something completely different. You can't file a piece of paper in two different places.

Oh, and do give the grades. It's not too late to send lists identifying your new players, if you want to be grader-friendly.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Cambs*		27.11.93		Berks*		Kent*		4.12.93		Essex*		
1	AHL Hon 203 (W)	1/2	1/2	PJ Sharp	198	CG Ward	234 (W)	1	0	G Kenworthy	212	
2	A Jones	1	0	L Davis	168	N McDonald	225	1	0	NL Carr	212	
3	NS Jakubovics	194	1	0	DL Roberts	172	PJ Morris	220	1	0	AP Lewis	209
4	EN Holland	192	1	0	JT Munday	172	AJ Stebbings	214	1	0	JW Rogers	210
5	JJ Hastings	186	1	0	I Duvall	170	GM Clark	214	1	0	MS Twyble	210
6	DS Boyle	175	0	1	JM Ramsdale	164	CR Chandler	211	1/2	1/2	JP Manley	201
7	N Noden	2035	0	1	MC Bowhay	160	AE Hanreck	203	1/2	1/2	JH Hodgson	194
8	MKY Tan	178	1	0	BG Millis	157	S Bibby	199	1/2	1/2	A Dunn	198/194
9	JC Monk	176	1	0	WP Tickner	155	LE Webb	196	1/2	1/2	JR Nellist	182
10	R Huq	176	1	0	def		AL Nack	197	1	0	JA Goldberg	186
11	B Hague	166	1	0	MF Redmond	156	AP Smith	196	0	1	IJ Myall	189
12	B Panter	170	0	1	SG Gilmour	149	JN Sugden	192	1/2	1/2	KCC Mah	176
13	H Husken	1950	0	1	MS Musk	152	D Gormally	191	1/2	1/2	RP White	185
14	NC Pyper	164	1	0	NW Dennis	149	JE Vigus	182	1/2	1/2	RA Walker	182
15	JF McKee	163	0	1	JB Clifford	150	G Botley	189	1/2	1/2	IBN Smith	177
16	PN Best	160	0	1	P Hegarty	145	RMR O'Kelly	185	1/2	1/2	R Parker	179
17	TV Pedersen	154	1	0	MA Saunders	146	NP Donovan	187	1	0	B Kemish	176
18	IR Gooding	151	1	0	SJR Turner	146	AM Harakis	180	1	0	R Heppinstall	175
19	D Kkais	141	1	0	SB James	128	LM Wooldridge	178	1	0	CFH Dorn	174
20	J Epstein	148	1	0	def		JS Williams	179	1/2	1/2	SM Kalinsky	166
	(Trinity Coll)	13 1/2	6 1/2				(Charlton)	14	6			

"Would Essex (right) qualify as the strongest team ever beaten 14-6 in history?" - CIH. Quite likely, but "14-6 or better" would be more problematical.

Herts		4.12.93		Oxon*		Middx*		4.12.93		Surrey*		
1	S Knott	209 (B)	0	1	P Jowett	195	JS Speelman	252	1/2	1/2	RA Bates	202 (B)
2	P Maguire	203	1/2	1/2	A Toll	178	SH Berry	227	1	0	Blair N Connell	201
3	J Foulger	194	0	1	J Eva	178	Ben Martin	-	1	0	William A Linton	198
4	S Roe	193	1	0	J Stayt	181	Mats Carlson	-	1	0	RA Allicock	193
5	A Simpson	193	1	0	D Hulmes	-	PJ Sowray	212	1	0	RJ Stockwell	183
6	J Rudge	192	1	0	G Chapman	171	AJ Whiteley	205	0	1	DB Rosen	179
7	T Kett	191	1	0	T Dickinson	168	SD Brown	207	1	0	JM Shepley	178
8	K Clark	189	1	0	E Smargiassi	163	RJ McMichael	203	1	0	S Macdonald-Ross	174
9	P Byway	187	1	0	H Searle	161	SSY Spivack	203	1	0	DR Sedgwick	173
10	C Majer	178	1	0	A Mushens	156	F Rayner	201	1/2	1/2	PM Stimpson	173
11	S Law	176	1/2	1/2	L Millin	155	RG Wade	196	1/2	1/2	Kevin Hurst	172
12	H Tebbs	172	1	0	K Temochin	-	Mark Lyell	198	1	0	K* Richardson	171
13	J Cook	172	1	0	F Findeisen	-	Chris Gant	196	0	1	PJ Roche	170
14	J F-Mitchell	173	1	0	P Hastings	144	T H-Edwards	189	1	0	KP Mynett	170
15	B Morris	170	1	0	J Cliffe	133	C Mackenzie	187	0	1	R John Wilcox	170
16	K Ellis	169	1	0	A Wyeth	135	NRE Aldritt	186	1	0	MJ Sheehan	169
17	J Denton	165	1	0	D Sayers	131	Neil D Crabb	186	1/2	1/2	William D Lowe	168
18	D Fewell	165	1	0	D Metcalfe	102	RH Thomas	181	1	0	Oliver Rosten	168
19	A Atkinson	151	1	0	D Buckland	94	A Trifunovic	182	1	0	def	
20	C Lean	142	1	0	A Gunasekera		Tony KH Lee	176	1	0	CRA Clegg	161
	(Stevenage)	17	3				(Haverstock S)	15	5			

*Both match captains say Kevin B, grade 171. Their result forms, though sent independently, are identically printed Middx-style.

Berks*		15.1.94		Kent		Surrey		15.1.94		Sussex*	
1	PJ Sharp (W)	0	1	IR Watson	216	APH Kinsman (W)	1/2	1/2	GH James		
2	DS Tucker	0	1	CR Chandler	211	RA Allicock	1	0	B Cafferty		
3	DV Deane	0	1	AE Hanreck	203	BG Whyte	0	1	KI Norman		
4	MW Marlow	1/2	1/2	NF Dickenson	204	RJ Stockwell	1/2	1/2	SJ Newman		
5	L Davis	0	1	S Bibby	199	KFH Inwood	1	0	N van Noorden		
6	DL Roberts	1/2	1/2	LA Webb	196	DB Rosen	1/2	1/2	MD Nicholas		
7	JT Munday	0	1	AP Smith	196	JM Shepley	1/2	1/2	SON Hawes		
8	JM Ramsdale	1/2	1/2	JN Sugden	192	DR Sedgwick	1/2	1/2	RJ Almond		
9	MV Taylor	0	1	O Gormally	191	KP Mynett	1	0	DB Graham		
10	PAF Watkins	0	1	G Botley	189	PJ Roche	0	1	PG Farr		
11	BG Millis	0	1	NP Donovan	187	RJ Wilcox	0	1	JA Dodgson		
12	JS Murray	1	0	def		MJ Sheehan	0	1	J Graham		
13	WP Tickner	0	1	JD Wager	183	EJ Brodie	0	1	MR Stott		
14	JE Hickman	1/2	1/2	CI Howell	192	CRA Clegg	1/2	1/2	IG Kelly		
15	MF Redmond	1/2	1/2	DJ Horton	181	PR Archer	0	1	S Blewitt		
16	MS Musk	0	1	AM Harakis	180	ND Grey	1	0	K Davies		
17	JB Clifford	1/2	1/2	IM Pountney	186	def	0	1	AO Pickersgill		
18	R Betts	0	1	JE Scholes	178	FC Manning	0	1	IP Judd		
19	PJ Colby	9	1	PW Eldridge	167	STK Wilkinson	0	1	DG Ratcliffe		
20	AM Leech	1/2	1/2	NC Mackett	156	B Patel	1	0	AN Smith		
	(Bracknell)	4 1/2	15 1/2			(Sutton)	8	12			

UNDER 175

Sussex*		27.11.93		Essex*		Surrey		27.11.93		Middx*	
1	JA Dodgson	174	1	0	CFH Dorn	174 (W)	def	0	1	T Donnelly	
2	James Graham	174	1	0	PL Williamson	171	Paul JJP Gibbons	½	½	M Paley	
3	RD Kelly	150r	0	1	IM Pheby	171	Kevin Richardson	1	0	M McCall	
4	Ian G Kelly	169	½	½	PC Doye	167	KP Mynett	½	½	M Rogerson	
5	M Gillings	168	1	0	DJ Millward	166	RJ Wilcox	½	½	D Bower	
6	C Hann	164	1	0	MJ Ashdown	164	AK Punnett	½	½	I Graham	
7	AO Pickersgill		½	½	TD Whitton	164	L Evbounwan	0	1	D Ebbett	
8	S Blewitt	162	1	0	CR Ramage	162	Clinton A Wells	1	0	G Wilson	
9	JP Munday	162	½	½	SD Harvey	162	CRA Clegg	1	0	V Pavlovic	
10	LJ Cannon	159	1	0	LJ Crane	161	def	0	1	A Wheatley	
11	Ian P Judd	158	½	½	JA Philpott	158	David J Howes	0	1	WG West	
12	CR Squires	156	½	½	MJ Cresswell	154	CPL Parker	½	½	M Williams	
13	WH Partridge	154	0	1	NH Twitchell	154	ND Grey	½	½	E Gruber	
14	DG Ratcliffe	153	½	½	RE Waldteufel	153	PD Dupre	1	0	J Nyman	
15	Roy R Harper	153	1	0	SM Williams	149	FC Manning	½	½	F Johnson	
16	PR Selby	151	0	1	Andrew King	149	PE Barnard	1	0	G Slack	
	(Crawley)		10	6			(Sutton)	8½	7½		

Essex*		11.12.93		Surrey		-Kent		11.12.93		Sussex*	
1	CFH Dorn	174 (W)	1	0	S M-Ross	174	SJ Wood (W)	0	1	JA Dodgson	174
2	PL Williamson	171	½	½	DR Sedgwick	173	BM Spink	1	0	J Graham	174
3	IM Pheby	171	0	1	KD Richardson	171	ME Taylor	0	1	IG Kelly	169
4	DJ Millward	166	½	½	JR Wilcox	170	MD Brougham	½	½	C Hann	164
5	MJ Ashdown	164	0	1	PJ Roche	170	AG Ropek	1	0	S Blewitt	162
6	TD Whitton	164	½	½	JS Tymms	169	LR Gurr	1	0	ASJ Fleming	161
7	JSA Wood	162	0	1	AK Punnett	168	DA Munford	½	½	K Davies	161
8	CR Ramage	162	0	1	WD Lowe	168	JH Lewin	½	½	IP Judd	158
9	LJ Crane	161	0	1	CRA Clegg	161	JR Bayford	1	0	BJ Izzard	157
10	JA Philpott	158	0	1	DF Hill	158	DJR Barnes	½	½	DG Ratcliffe	153
11	S Harris	156	0	1	O Rosten	159	MJ Reddie	1	0	RR Harper	153
12	MJ Cresswell	154	½	½	CPL Parker	154	RG Blake	0	1	RH Clark	147
13	NH Twitchell	154	1	0	def		HT Jones	1	0	G Scamardella	147
14	S Harwood	153	0	1	PD Dupre	152	SJ Jacob	1	0	G Parker	138
15	RD Sharman	149	1	0	FC Manning	147	NC Mackett	1	0	RD Hirsch	150
16	Andrew King	149	½	½	PE Barnard	144	AC Waters	1	0	T Woods	
	(Wanstead)		5½	10½			(Orpington)	11	5		

Essex*		15.1.94		Middx								
1	CFH Dorn	174 (B)	0	1	D Ebbett	-	9 JSA Wood	162	½	½	Lee A Jacobs	162
2	PL Williamson	171	0	1	M Paley	172	10 SD Harvey	162	0	1	JVA Franks	160
3	IM Pheby	171	0	1	T Donnelly	171	11 JA Philpott	158	1	0	def	
4	PC Doye	167	1	0	def		12 S Harris	156	0	1	I Graham	158
5	DJ Millward	166	0	1	AI Wheatley	168	13 MJ Cresswell	154	½	½	V Pavlovic	156
6	MJ Ashdown	164	0	1	M Rogerson	167	14 NH Twitchell	154	0	1	GS Jacobs	156
7	TD Whitton	164	½	½	M McCall	168	15 S Harwood	153	1	0	S Lazarz (r)	120
8	CR Ramage	162	1	0	DE Bower	163	16 A King	149	1	0	M Williams	146
							(Wanstead)		6½	9½		

UNDER 150

Kent*		4.12.93		Sussex			
1	M Mortimer	149	½	½	RH Clark	147 (B)	Board 8, we hear, was a real comedy result. The Sussex player, having driven from Sussex to Orpington by way of Dulwich(!), arrived 55 minutes late. By this time his opponent, assuming he wasn't coming, had gone away. Sussex therefore won on time two hours later. Or was it a default? The Kent player, being Black, presumably hadn't made any moves so might arguably be ruled absent. On the other hand he didn't fail to arrive within the hour. Win on time we suppose, but grading it would be silly. The Sussex man's travelling companion, also 55 minutes late, won quickly. This could set a new trend in travel arrangements. (Nothing to do with the case, but is "Fido 1 0 def" a legal result?)
2	RC Shilling	149	1	0	G Scamardella	147	
3	B Westover	148	½	½	DG Jones	141	
4	D Hamblin	145	½	½	MI Wickens	139	
5	R Lane	146	½	½	G Parker	138	
6	RB Parkin	139	0	1	DL Roberts	138	
7	I Underwood	136	1	0	FW Brown	137	
8	D Eden	142	0	1	A Bradbury	136	
9	RW Parsons	141	1	0	TJ Woods	134	
10	T Reene	136	0	1	RA Clement	133	
11	R Gale	135	½	½	KA Andrews	128	
12	P Poland	136	0	1	CC Dunn	130	
13	M Croft	129	½	½	PH Benson	129	
14	J Dyke	123	½	½	DJ Langridge	129	
15	D Myles	122	1	0	E Hillier		
16	G Mingay	121	½	½	D Hall	117	
	(Charlton H)		8	8			

Essex*		4.12.93		Surrey*		Herts		4.12.93		Middx*	
1	A Reid 149 (W)	1/2	1/2	FC Manning	147	S Charles 149(W)	1	0	VR Harper	143	
2	Andrew King 149	1	0	STK Wilkinson	146	J Taffell 149	1	0	G Sweetland	148	
3	RD Sharman 149	0	1	JJ Skielnik	146	N Lee 149	1	0	R Aw	148	
4	SM Williams 148	1/2	1/2	SR Jones	143	D White 146	1	0	R Dunn	149	
5	AJ Parsons 145	1	0	PS Brown	141	B Judkins 144	0	1	I Dwek	147	
6	NR Rughwani 139	1	0	JB Hawson	140	S Weston 145	0	1	G Brown	147	
7	A Drake 149	1/2	1/2	JED Hale	139	J Marshall 147	1/2	1/2	B Bramham	136	
8	AD Hartland 142	1	0	DM Woods	136	D Shurrock 126	1	0	L Bayly	141	
9	P Zammit 142	1/2	1/2	DA Baldock	133	RGordon-Smith	142	0	1	D White	144
10	Michael Bird 141	1	0	K Lovel	126	B Savage 141	1	0	JCH Nyman	142	
11	PR Barclay 141	1/2	1/2	A Armitage	125	M Robertson 131	1/2	1/2	B Haase	146	
12	DG Cannan 138	0	1	PM Shaw 117		J Coles 135	1/2	1/2	C Farmer	132	
13	LJ Sargent 137	0	1	L Evboumwan*	113	D Lawrence 131	0	1	T Black	128	
14	Adam N Capal 134	1	0	D Howes 112		M Wali 142	1	0	def		
15	Roy T Hare 128	1	0	D Innes 111		T Wright 130	1	0	def		
16	SD Bates 136	1	0	def		def	0	0	def		
	(Wanstead)	10 1/2	5 1/2			(Stevenage)	9 1/2	5 1/2			

* for spelling of this name, see note under U125.

UNDER 125

Surrey		27.11.93		Middx*		Kent B*		11.12.93		Surrey*	
1	KH Mehendale	1	0	R Balatoni (B)		Mark Roberts	124	1/2	1/2	KN Mehendale	124
2	DR Moore	1	0	def		Tim Manuel	118	1/2	1/2	DR Moore	124 (W)
3	DE Rattray	1	0	S Philp		Tim Holmes	117	0	1	Colin A Smith	122
4	RJ Foreman	0	1	J Stoneman		Amy Kieran	114	1/2	1/2	Ron E Mattocks	
5	RE Mattocks	0	1	G Parfett		Martin Taylor	100	1	0	Peter M Shaw	117
6	EP Goggin	1	0	RD Crooks		P Richardson	104	1/2	1/2	BJ Kovaks	116
7	JR Parr	1/2	1/2	M Huba		Sam Coates	93	1	0	David Parsons	114
8	PM Shaw	0	1	A Bakhtar		Desmond Tan	119	1/2	1/2	L Evboumwan*	113
9	D Parsons	1	0	D Molineux		T Jarrett	106	1/2	1/2	David J Howes	112
10	L Evboumwan*	1	0	def		Caglar Meric	-	1	0	David Innes	111
11	DJ Howes	1	0	def		Rich. Murphy	102	1/2	1/2	MB Green	106
12	D Innes	1	0	def		S Casement	102	1	0	Sandy Smyth	110
	(Sutton)	8 1/2	3 1/2			(Orpington)	7 1/2	4 1/2			

* Usual spelling, given by Surrey elsewhere, seems to be Evboumwan. The version on the right agrees with the grading list.

Essex*		11.12.93		Sussex*		Kent A*		15.1.94		Sussex*	
1	RP Joyce 124 (W)	1/2	1/2	DBA Hughes	122	W Stock (W)	121	1	0	DBA Hughes	122
2	CP Mann 124	0	1	F McLeod	122	R Springett	120	0	1	F McLeod	122
3	C Taank 121	1	0	N Pestelle	122	AD Hargreaves	120	1/2	1/2	E Hillier	122
4	T Hebbes 119	0	1	E Hillier	122	CR Moore	119	1/2	1/2	N Pestelle	122
5	RJC Foster 120	1/2	1/2	P Bradford	122	B Hunter	117	1/2	1/2	A Ballard	121
6	EG Lodge 118	1/2	1/2	P Buswell 116(r)		DSJ Shipp	115	1/2	1/2	M Plumb	121
7	D Filer 117	1	0	A Ballard 121		J Robertson	115	0	1	S Willison	119
8	D Storey 116	0	1	M Plumb 121		IB Bryan	114	0	1	P Bradford	122
9	PA Nickals 115	1	0	M Curtis 117		SC Mills	114	1/2	1/2	S Deere	116
10	JS Langford 80r	0	1	SP Deere 116		M Snashall	111	1	0	M Curtis	117
11	PW Pattison 106	1	0	C Wakefield 116		KG Cowan	110	0	1	T Rollis	115
12	JA Figgins 106	1/2	1/2	JA Povey 107		M Hougham	-	0	1	L Rackham	114
	(Wanstead)	6	6			(Orpington)	4 1/2	7 1/2			

PB please note: Wanstead is in Essex. But thanks for the full Essex initials.

Kent B		15.1.94		Middx*	
1	M Roberts 124(W)	1	0	R Balatoni	123
2	T Manuel 118	1	0	G Andrews	123
3	P Zabrocki 106	1	0	S Myatt	122
4	M Taylor 100	1	0	R Hamilton	117
5	S Coates 93	1/2	1/2	G Parfett	114
6	P Richardson 104	1/2	1/2	R Crooks	114
7	D Tan 119	1	0	M Huba	113
8	A Nicholson 105	1	0	D Molineux	89
9	I MacAuslan 92	0	1	G Smith	-
10	T Jarrett 106	1	0	def	
11	R Murphy 102	1	0	def	
12	L Bennett 100	1	0	def	
	(Orpington)	10	2		

From the European Club Cup at Barcelona:
 White Rechlis (GM 2510),
 Black Anand (GM 2725)
 1 c4 e5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 Nc6 4 d3 Bc5
 5 Nc3 0-0 6 e3 d6 7 Nge2 Bb6 8 a3 Be6
 9 b4 a6 10 0-0 d5 11 c5 Ba7 12 f4 Re8
 13 f5 Bc8 14 h3 b6 15 d4 bxc5 16 dxc5
 Ne7 17 g4 h6 18 Ng3 c6 19 h4 e4 20 g5
 hxg5 21 hxg5 Nh7 22 Oh5 Nxf5 23 Rxf5
 g6 24 Qh6 Bxf5 25 Nxd5 Qxd5 26 Bb2 Re5
 27 Rf1 Qe6 28 Rf4 Rd8 29 Rh4 Bb8 30 Bd4
 Bc7 31 Nxf5 Qxf5 32 Qxh7+ Kf8 33 Rf4
 Qe6 34 Bh3 Rvg5+ 35 Kf2 Qa2+ 36 Kf1
 Qc4+ 37 Kf2 Qa2+ 38 Kf1 Qb1+ 39 Kf2
 Qc2+ 40 Kf1 Qc4+ 1/2-1/2
 White R Har-Zvi (IM 2465, Tel Aviv),
 Black Ian Watson 1 e4 Nc6 2 Nf3 d6
 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bg4 5 d5 Nb8 6 Bb5+ c6 7 dxc6 bxc6 8 Ba4 e5 9 h3 Bd7 10 Bg5 h6 11 Bxf6
 Qxf6 12 Qd3 Be7 13 0-0 0-0 14 Nd2 Rd8 15 Nc4 Na6 16 Nxe5 dxe5 17 Qxa6 Bxh3 18 gxh3
 Qg5+ 19 Kh1 Qh4 20 Rfd1 Qxh3+ 21 Kg1 Qg4+ 22 Kf1 Qf3 23 Kg1 Qg4+ 24 Kf1 Qf3 25 Kg1 1/2-1/2

White John Emms, Black A Torrecillas (2350, Catalana)

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Nf3 d6 4 d4 cxd4 5 Nxd4 Nf6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Be3 Be7 8 Bb3 0-0 9 Qe2 a6
10 0-0-0 Qc7 11 f4 Nxd4 12 Rxd4 b5 13 f5 exf5 14 exf5 Bxf5 15 g4 Be6 16 g5 Nd7 17 Qh5
Rfc8 18 Nd5 Bxd5 19 Rxd5 g6 20 Qf3 Ne5 21 Rxe5 dxe5 22 h4 Bf8 23 h5 Bg7 24 hxg6 hxg6
25 Rf1 Rf8 26 Qe4 Rad8 27 Qxg6 Rd7 28 Qh5 a5 29 g6 a4 30 Qh7 1-0

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: FIXTURES 1993-94

We give what remains of the fixture list.

	<u>Open</u>	<u>U175</u>	<u>U150</u>	<u>U125</u>
Jan 29		*ME	SyK EH MSx	
Feb 5		SySx MK		MKa SyE
12	HE MBr KSy SxC			
19		SxM KE		KaE SxM
26	BrO SyH CK SxM		SyH KM SxE	KbO
Mar 5		ESx MxSy		*EKb
12	EBr OSy MC KSx			OSy
19		SyE SxK		
26	*SyE			

CONGRESS DIARY

- 29 KINGS HEAD. WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd W11 2BY 071 582 5550 (work)
- 29 KENT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS U18/16/14/11 at Beckenham. DJ Brown,
32 St Johns Rd, Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent BR8 1HX 0689 821854
- 29-30 KIDLINGTON. Tom Williams, 13 Sunderland Avenue, Oxford O865 57428
- 30 BRAINTREE JUNIOR. R Sharman, Trefoil, Crown Lane North, Ardleigh,
Colchester, Essex CO7 7RA 0206 231025
- Feb 5 MILL HILL. AN Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982
- 6 BARBICAN. LG Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 9TP 081 656 7682
- 6 BASINGSTOKE. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, Souch View, Basingstoke RG21 2LS
0256 472537
- 12 WESTMINSTER. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU
081 595 5881
- 13 CITY CHESS. LG Goodwin as Barbican 6 Feb
- 13 WARLEY QUINBORNE. J Lewis, 405 Court Oak Rd, Harborne, Birmingham B32 2DX
021 427 4988
- 18-20 PORTSMOUTH Open; U166; U136; U111. PJ McEvoy, 77 Lime Grove, Paulsgrove,
Portsmouth PO6 4DQ 0705 388341
- 18-20 SPALDING. Francis Bowers, 24 Middle Lane, Whaplode, Spalding, Lincs
PE12 6TW 0406 370166
- 20 WIDNES Open; U160; U120; Junior U75. K Brown, 71 Lakeside Close, Widnes,
Cheshire WA8 8RQ 051 424 0021
- 25-27 LONDON U161. LG Goodwin as Barbican 6 Feb.
- 26-27 MILTON KEYNES JUNIOR. AA Ioannides, 40 Mill Rd, Bletchley, Milton Keynes,
Bucks MK2 2LD 0908 648722
- Mar 4- 6 EAST DEVON at Exeter. U190; U150; U125; U100. EG Sparke, 12 Westbourne
Terrace, Budleigh Salterton, Devon O395 442585
- 5 MILL HILL as 5 Feb
- 6 CITY CHESS as 13 Feb
- 11-13 BLACKPOOL. GM Jones, 27 Clarke St, Leigh, Lancs WN7 4HU 0942 604262
- 11-13 COUNTY DURHAM Open; U141; U111; U13/101 Sunday. PR Bielby, 30 Denham Avenue,
Sunderland SR6 8HG 091 548 7600
- 12 WESTMINSTER as 12 Feb
- 13 GUILDFORD Rapid U226; U166; U131; U101. Mike Adams, 13 Queens Drive,
Guildford GU2 6PP 0483 505635
- 13 BARBICAN as 6 Feb
- 13 TEIGNMOUTH. P Short, 4 Ellacombe Court, Ellacombe Church Rd, Torquay
TQ1 1LJ 0803 214766
- 13 NUNEATON. R Woodcock, 188 Coventry Rd, Nuneaton, Warks CV10 7AU 0203 348097
- 26 KENT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP U12 plus U18/16/14/10/8. At Tonbridge.
RJ Haddrell, 48 Southview Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9BX 0892 532361
- 27 LETCHWORTH. Graded sections plus Junior. T Thurstan, 33 Brampton Park Rd,
Hitchin, Herts O462 459873 (home), O462 455155
- Apr 1- 4 SOUTHEND Open plus graded sections. GMA Smith, 41 Westwood Gardens,
Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex SS7 2SH 0702 556086

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