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SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 13th May 1994 at the Friends House near Euston Station. 18 attended - more than average - and your Editor managed to make it this time.

(1) Haverstock School. The School, and we could have said it last time if we'd known, seems to have been less than punctilious in answering letters over the last few months. This has caused uncertainty over their intended letting fees for SOCU (and Middx) events. The current situation is that a cheque for £700 has been sent jointly by Middx and the SCCU (SCCU share £520), offered in full and final settlement for all this season's events. This would work out rather more expensive than last year's lettings, but nowhere near the figure the School had demanded. Since the cheque was very promptly banked, it is the Union's guess that the offer has been accepted.

A Girls event on the 11th June, not included in the deal, is going to cost us and the BWCA £130 jointly. A suggestion that we should therefore not hold it was not pursued.

(2) Grading. We reported last time that someone's games from a Hastings tournament would not be graded because he was thought not to have been trying very hard. The original complaint had come from the chief congress organiser. Though no one suggested reversing the decision, there was general unease about doing this sort of thing on the quiet. The player should at least be told and given a chance to speak for himself, and the policy should be clearly announced to players and organisers. This particular player knows what's happened, though the Union didn't tell him. It should have. Our report in the last issue "hid" his identity behind a transparent pseudonym and your Editor apologises to him personally, if he's reading this, for not telling him himself.

(3) BCF matters. Briefly: (a) there is a new Finance Director (Ray Clark). (b) the Year Book is to be produced, and financially backed, by Batsfords. The Executive speculated that this could lead to a more professional approach and a more up-to-date content. And (c) there is a dispute between the BCF and RW O'Brien, who contends that the Federation does not always give congress bookstall concessions to the highest bidder. We understand that feelings have run high over this one. We won't attempt to give details, partly because we're far from clear on them. Oh, and (d) the BCF President, unless we dreamed it, is unable to attend the SCCU Council Meeting on the 25th June and a suggestion to invite his deputy was not pursued. (Later: we must have dreamed it, or it was hypothetical, or something. See Letters page 4.)

(4) SCCU U100 Jamboree. This is to go ahead on Sunday 5th June at Ashford Kent. We believe that Middx, Essex, Bucks and Herts are interested and Kent are deciding how many teams to enter.

(5) Menchik event. CI Howell is working on this and hopes to arrange some kind of commemorative event, Novemberish, probably in Kent (Menchik's county). We have no details but a mens v womens team event, with norms available, has been spoken of.

(6) Money. The Treasurer produced his draft accounts, showing a deficit of £875. It was agreed to propose to Council on the 25th June that the team entry fee should go up from £6 to £10.

(7) Rules. The Rules and Appeals sub-committee intends to consider various things, not sure what but appeals and complaints procedures may come into it. They may make proposals for rule changes at the Council meeting on the 25th June. (There, now we've told you three times. Formal notice will naturally go out in due course.)

(8) Sutton Congress 1994. It has been alleged that blows were struck, or exchanged, on two occasions during the congress. A congress official is involved. Deficiencies have also been alleged in the congress's appeals procedures following an accusation of cheating. We cannot give more detail because legal action has been threatened, we believe by at least two parties to the dispute. The Executive confirmed a proposal to ask David Welch, BCF Chief Arbiter, to conduct a formal investigation; provided that the cost to the Union should not be more than £100. (Later note: it won't be.) It is understood that an investigation by Mr Welch would be acceptable to all parties, and had actually been requested by one of them. Some wondered whether an investigation ought to be the Union's financial responsibility, considering that the Sutton Congress is not run by the Union (and did not, this year, host the Union Championship).

The meeting lasted two and a quarter hours, the most you can fit in given a 9.30 chucking-out time, and one or two items got squeezed out of the agenda. The BCF And The Grass Roots, to your Editor's relief, was one of them.

TWO OPEN LETTERS

(or, more precisely, two letters privately exchanged but published at the invitation of both parties)

To DR Sedgwick, President, Southern Counties Chess Union:  
Dear Mr Sedgwick,

21.4.94

I write about the recent Oxon-Sussex dispute and the manner and substance of the Appeals Sub-Committee's deliberations on the matter. The committee of the Oxon CCA met on Friday 15th April 1994 to discuss this and other issues.

We were dismayed to learn that the outcome of the Appeal had been determined, not

by a meeting of the Sub-Committee, but - somehow - over the telephone. How the SCCU could be happy to adopt such an obviously sub-standard method, which allows for no proper discussion, and which could admit the charge that the matter was being handled casually, was beyond us.

We felt, too, that item 8 of the Sub-Committee's statement effectively upheld the Oxon appeal and that a penalty should therefore have been imposed. As it turned out, a points penalty against Sussex would have meant that Kent would have won the Open Championship, so the issue was not merely parochial.

On the question of the quality of evidence received, we appreciate the criticisms made by Mr Welch and Mr Reuben. We had already expressed concern amongst ourselves about the written comments made by Mr Nicholas on the dispute, which we felt contained a number of contentious passages, and we note that this document is not mentioned in the Statement.

Finally, we were convinced that readers of the March 1994 SCCU Bulletin would have believed that the Appeals Sub-Committee had actually met to resolve the dispute. Whilst we fully understand that Mr Haddrell's role is to report and comment on what does happen, rather than what does not, we are sure that he equally understands that there are occasions (the dog that did nothing in the night, there being no meeting) where what doesn't happen is the crucial thing.

This business has led to a good deal of unhappiness in Oxfordshire and I should be pleased to receive any comments that you might like to make. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Bulletin, and I would ask you to sanction its publication there, if Mr Haddrell wants to print it. We would of course be happy for your reply to appear with it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Starkie

Chairman, Oxfordshire County Chess Association

Dear Mr Starkie,

4.5.94

OXFORDSHIRE-SUSSEX DISPUTE

Thank you for your letter of 21st April concerning the above.

At the SCCU Executive Committee meeting on 3rd July 1993, at which Sub-Committees were appointed, the Executive accepted a recommendation from me that the Rules and Appeals Sub-Committee should comprise five people (rather than three as hitherto) and that the members should all come from different counties. My intention was to ensure that, barring exceptional circumstances, there would always be a nucleus competent to consider any dispute. Subsequent events lead me to believe that that decision, at least, was correct. However, I think that a body of five, widely dispersed and with business to consider only on rare and unpredictable occasions, is not necessarily going to find it practicable to proceed solely by way of meetings. My recollection is that the Executive took account of this at the time. Now that the issue has been raised, I will ask the Sub-Committee to review the matter at the meeting mentioned in Point 14 of the Statement. I am inclined to think, however, that any requirement to the effect that the Sub-Committee must always actually meet to resolve disputes may prelude the inclusion amongst the members of persons from the more outlying counties, such as Oxfordshire.

The second paragraph of your letter could be taken to imply that your county had no knowledge of the proposed procedure prior to its implementation. This is certainly not the case. On 10th February, over two weeks before I referred the dispute to the Sub-Committee for decision, I wrote to Mr FC Manning (the tournament controller), Mr P Watson (the Sussex captain), and Mr JN Stayt (the Oxfordshire captain). In each letter I included the sentence "I anticipate that written or telephone contact amongst the members will prove to be a more efficient way of dealing with the matter than a formal meeting." Each of the recipients was invited to contact me with any comments or queries; none of them did. If Oxfordshire regard the procedure adopted as "obviously sub-standard" and unacceptable, I consider that it was incumbent on Mr Stayt to have so indicated at that time. In the absence of any such comment, I think that I was entitled to conclude that it was not an aspect in respect of which your county had any objection. Moreover, I am quite satisfied that - apart from Mr Metcalfe, who was precluded from any involvement - all members of the Sub-Committee gave full and proper consideration to the issues and are entitled to be affronted by any suggestion to the contrary. I personally devoted a great deal of time and attention to the dispute, undoubtedly more than would have been necessary had a meeting been held. I consider it most unlikely that a different procedure would have had any effect on the outcome.

You suggest that readers of the Statement will have been misled on this aspect. I certainly had no intention of giving any incorrect impression. The point was not in my mind when drafting the statement, as I was quite unaware of any concern in this connection until I received your letter. Where criticisms had been made, I sought to reflect them in the Statement - Point 13 was included entirely on my own initiative.

Your comments concerning Mr Haddrell and the Bulletin strike me as somewhat cryptic and I am not sure whether you are criticising him for failing to comment or me for not



allowing him to do so. If the latter, let me put the record straight. I have no power to gag him - only the full Executive can do that. On occasion he and I do discuss, or correspond about, actual or intended comments and we have done so in connection with the dispute. However, I have not suggested that he should refrain from criticising the Sub-Committee's procedure - I would have had no reason to do so, as it was not previously at issue. As you have requested that this correspondence be made public, I am writing to Mr Haddrell inviting him to publish your letter and this reply, and to make such editorial comments as he sees fit. Since he has already given considerable coverage to the dispute, I am not sure whether he will wish to make more space available. I am therefore sending copies of the correspondence to the SCCU Executive and I would be grateful if you would circulate it to your Committee.

I turn next to the substantive question. You do not appear to be making any criticism of my decision to seek the guidance of Messrs Welch and Reuben. Both were quite clear that, in the words of Mr Reuben in his letter to the Bulletin, "...it is up to the Appeal Committee what action, if any, they should take..". Options mooted included the following: awarding the match to Oxfordshire; ordering that the match be replayed (a suggestion which I rejected as impracticable); making a deduction of one game point from the Sussex score (the principal alternative, mentioned in Point 10 of the Statement); making a deduction of half a game point (which would of course have been purely symbolic); issuing a warning (the actual decision); or no action at all. It is a matter of opinion whether the Sub-Committee's decision was right or wrong. I can discern no grounds for your suggestion that the decision was one which it was not open to the Sub-Committee to reach.

Mr Nicholas's written comments were sent to me by Mr Watson as part of the latter's submission, mentioned in Point 4 of the Statement. It is surely evident from Point 8 of the Statement, and also from Point 7, that the Sub-Committee, on advice, rejected the bulk of Mr Nicholas's contentions. On factual aspects, there are some differences of emphasis between Mr Nicholas's account and that given by Mr Stayt, but these were not such as to lead any member of the Sub-Committee to request me to seek clarification or additional evidence. Personally, I found the comments of Mr Nicholas helpful as they appear to confirm a key point emphasised by Mr Stayt, namely that Mr Nicholas's actions had given rise to a rapid protest from a number of members of the Oxfordshire side.

On the overall quality of the evidence, and on some other aspects, there are indeed valid criticisms, as indicated in Point 13 of the Statement. The whole matter has been the subject of a great deal of discussion and more than one rumour. However, nothing that I have heard would, even if substantiated, lead me to believe that the Sub-Committee's decision was in any way incorrect.

I regard it as most unfortunate that the controversy surrounding the dispute has tended to overshadow the splendid achievement of Sussex in winning the SCCU Counties Championship for the first time since 1921.

Yours sincerely,  
David Sedgwick                      SCCU President

Ed: - I refrained from comment last time because it was held in some quarters that I'd already done enough damage by commenting the time before. I'll comment now, though. I said nothing about the telephonic nature of the decision because it didn't strike me as controversial. (No, I certainly wasn't gagged!) But it is true that a vital part of the decision (what penalty to impose) was taken by a majority vote, and I hope the procedure went beyond a simple head-count-by-telephone: it was important that the minority - of one, presumably - should have every opportunity of impressing its view on the majority. But there's no obvious reason why a telephonic decision should preclude discussion, if it's properly done.

I was more worried about the other part of the decision. The sub-committee upheld the game result because "...it appeared to us on the evidence before us that no protest had been made by Mr Rose himself". The concern is the evidence that wasn't before them. You will recall that no statements were taken from the players. Mr Rose's exact position, unfortunately, wasn't very clear. To me at any rate, and I think the sub-committee was no wiser. The point was critical.

I regard Mr Sedgwick's last paragraph as unfortunate! How could Sussex's achievement not be overshadowed by the controversy? If their bystander had not broken the rules it is entirely possible that they would not have beaten Oxfordshire, nor won the Championship. This isn't a partisan whinge, just a response to what seems to me to be a silly remark. Funny things happen in leagues. I wish the Sussex team well and I'd be backing them if Kent weren't still in it, and unprovoked I'd have held my tongue.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

13.5.94

I had not realised that Stewart Reuben was to blame for the introduction of Quickplay finishes. These are necessary perhaps to enable congresses to fit in three rounds in a day and should in my view be restricted to that purpose, for with QP finishes, as

opposed to adjournments, one never gets experience of playing endgames, except ludicrously quickly and inaccurately. Spending four hours to get a won ending only to ruin it in the last five minutes is unsatisfactory, whilst winning due to an opponent's blunder is hardly pleasurable either (though better than the former!). I should much prefer a rapid but finite QP - 20 moves in 10 minutes or 30 in 15, say; on reaching that control a further identical period to ensue.

However, the reason I am writing is to challenge two other views expressed in Stewart's letter. He suggests an Arbiter should not step in to announce a time forfeit. As Stewart in effect points out, an Arbiter must be present to prevent spectators drawing attention to a flag-fall. Must the Arbiter, having carefully kept count of how many moves have been made, abstain from declaring the loss for the player who sees exceed the time limit? Despite Stewart's three superior titles, I am not afraid to say he is wrong.

As to suggesting the Laws of Chess, Quickplay Finish, Rapidplay and 5-minute should all be as similar as possible, it was that kind of thinking that led to my not renewing my membership of the (independent) Arbiters' Association. The first game is chess, the second an artificial way of finishing a game quickly, the third and fourth "fun" games as a change from serious chess. There is no earthly reason why the rules should be as similar as possible.

Finally, I recently had occasion to show Stewart a copy of the 1931 Laws in a wartime edition measuring about 3½" by 2.75" [Ed: sorry about the decimal fraction but my print wheel's not that vulgar] and priced 6d (2½p in today's currency) and it was so clear that a child could pick it up and teach him-or-herself to play chess. Some hopes today!

Yours sincerely,  
Jack Speigel  
(only a) BCF Arbiter Southend

Ed (no Arbiter's qualifications at all): - The other use of QPF is to avoid adjudications. Accelerated finishes don't guarantee this. I find myself in the unusual position of agreeing with SWR on the other points, though my reasons aren't always the same as his.

Dear Richard,

26.5.94

I thought that your idiosyncratic views had ceased to surprise me, but I was wrong. I was astonished by your editorial comment ["Bad idea. Meetings are for doing business."] concerning the Executive's decision to invite Alan Martin, BCF President, to speak and answer questions at the Annual Council Meeting.

Council Meetings aren't held merely to consider changes in tie-break rules, not even just to re-elect the Bulletin Editor. They also provide an opportunity to exchange information and ideas, and enable matters of concern to be addressed.

I am very pleased to be able to tell readers that Alan Martin has accepted the invitation and I am sure that the relevant item will prove to be one of the most worthwhile on the agenda.

Yours sincerely,  
David Sedgwick SCCU President

#### CHILTERN LEAGUE 1993-4 from Nigel Dennis, as usual:

	O	H	Bu	Br	BuJ	BrJ	O	H	Bu	Br	BuJ	BrJ	GP	MP
1 Oxon II		10½	13½	11½	13	14½		11	7½	7½	12½	13½	115	8
2 Herts II	9½		11½	12	15	17½	9		10½	10	17	16	128	7½
3 Bucks II	6½	8½		12	13	14	12½	9½		11	11½	14	112½	7
4 Berks II	8½	8	8		9	11½	12½	10	9		7½	15½	99½	3½
5 Bucks U18	7	5	7	11		13	7½	3	8½	12½		7½	82	3
6 Berks U18	5½	2½	6	8½	7		6½	4	6	4½	12½		63	1

SUSSEX Championship: Brian Denman has retained his title, beating Geoffrey James 3½-1½.

KENT Finals Day took place on Sunday 22nd May. County Cup: Maidstone I beat Charlton I on board count. Lewis Cup: Folkestone II beat Maidstone III. Stevenson Cup: Maidstone IV 4½ 1½ Kilndown I. En Passant: Maidstone V beat Hayes III. Harvey Cup: Tonbridge & Hadlow III 3½ 2½ Kilndown III. No information on individual champions.

#### NATIONAL CLUB

OPEN Quarter-finals: Charlton 4 2 Bedford; Kings Head 3 3 \*Paisley YMCA; Maidstone 3 3 \*Dundee & Victoria; Slough 3 3 \*Guildford

Semi-finals: Guildford v Charlton; Paisley YMCA v Dundee & Victoria

Plate Quarter-finals: Bradford w/o Warboys; Hayes Kent 5 1 The White Swan; Mushrooms 2½ 3½ Crowthorne; Southend 2½ 3½ Cavendish

Semi-finals: Cavendish v Bradford; Crowthorne v Hayes

MAJOR Quarter-finals: Morecambe 1½ 3½ Mansfield; Cowley Community Centre ½ 4½ Worcester St Johns; Ilford 2.3 Kings Head: Powder Mill 2½ 2½ \*Hastings & St Leonards

Semi-finals: Mansfield v Worcester; Hastings v Kings Head

Plate Quarter-finals: Holmes Chapel  $1\frac{1}{2}$   $3\frac{1}{2}$  Prescot & Knotty Ash; Hereford  $3\frac{1}{2}$   $1\frac{1}{2}$

Teignmouth; Milton Keynes  $3\frac{1}{2}$   $1\frac{1}{2}$  Richmond; Hackney 2 3 Maidstone

Semi-finals: Prescot & KA v Hereford; Maidstone v M Keynes

MINOR Quarter-finals: Horfield & Redland 2 3 Abercynon; Rose Forgrove A 3 2 Tamworth; Rose Forgrove B 2 3 Kings Head B; Maidstone 4 1 Ashford

Semi-finals: Abercynon v Maidstone; Kings Head B v Rose Forgrove A

Plate Quarter-finals: Teignmouth 2 3 Walsall Kipping; Prescot & Knotty Ash  $3\frac{1}{2}$   $1\frac{1}{2}$

Stockport; Sherwood House  $2\frac{1}{2}$   $2\frac{1}{2}$  \*Reading; Slough  $4\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  Bognor & Arun

Semi-Finals: Walsall Kipping v Slough; Prescot & Knotty Ash v Reading

With thanks to the various controllers

Maidstone are up in arms about their loss on board count in the Open. The match was played by telephone. The Dundee arbiter turned up three-quarters of an hour late but would not accept more than 15 minutes on the Dundee clocks "because it was my fault, not theirs". Then Dundee, it is alleged, were ludicrously inefficient in their transmission of moves. Mistakes abounded, and on occasion were not discovered until long afterwards. One occurred when the Maidstone player was very short of time. The Maidstone team became more and more angry as their games were turned into nonsenses by the Dundee officials. Or official; transmission was so slow that Maidstone suspected one person was doing the job single-handed. A Maidstone player, on one occasion, thought his opponent's move was so long in coming that he asked for confirmation that he really hadn't moved yet. Reply: "No, he's still thinking about it." Then some time later: "Oh, sorry, we seem to have lost your last move. Could you give it us again?" Some of the Maidstone players were for calling a halt to it (and claiming, presumably, a win on the ground of Dundee's incompetence). One, at least, got so frustrated and/or distracted that he forgot to play an intended move and lost a probably won game. Maidstone later complained to the Controller, who expressed sympathy but did not see what he could do. Neither does the Bulletin, and neither, we think, do Maidstone. With hindsight, those who wanted to call a halt were probably right.

It is at best ironic that Dundee, drawn away, had insisted on their right to a telephone match despite Maidstone's offer of a half-way venue.

Apart from the issue of such goings-on in the later stages of a prestigious competition, Maidstone point to the large sums of money involved. How much? Don't know, to tell the truth, but the semi-finalists all get something, and first prize is £1000. And it mattered to Maidstone because they are committed to next year's European Club Cup and were rather counting on something from the National Club. We have heard that a London club was similarly embarrassed, and angry, after getting knocked out last year in a very similar telephone match by.. Dundee & Victoria.

We must emphasise - as if it wasn't obvious - that our information comes from Maidstone sources. We have not asked Dundee for their version.

Question on telephone matches: Player A takes a draw, confident that team mate B is winning. Then it turns out that B, through a mistake in transmission, has been playing an imaginary game for the last half hour and has to go back to a position where he isn't winning at all. The mistake was the other side's. Is A allowed to go back to the position where he took a draw and reconsider? Well, why not? And what if you can't tell whose mistake it was? Perhaps the real answer is, telephone matches oughtn't to occur in serious competition.

FOUR NATIONS CHESS LEAGUE reached its climax with the last two rounds at Maidstone on the 7th and 8th April. We can't give full details because no one's sent them, but Barbican and Invicta Knights went into the weekend in the joint lead. (We thought so anyway, but the May Chess Moves has Barbican half a match ahead. It makes no difference to our story.) Both won on the Saturday (Barbican  $7\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  Northwest Eagles, IK 5 3 Bristol). And the script writer had done his job: last round on Sunday paired IK and Barbican together, with Barbican a mile ahead on games (we assume tie break was on game points) and the host team needing a win to take the title. Barbican won the first game to finish. It was the only game they won.

Invicta Knights			Barbican		Overall scores, cribbed from a national newspaper:
Matthew Sadler (W)	0	1	Bogdan Lalic		1 Invicta Knights 15/20;
John Emms	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Glenn Flear		2 Barbican 14; 3 Covent
Chris Ward	1	0	Colin Crouch		Garden 9; 4 Slough 8;
Alexei Ivanov	1	0	Richard Britton		5-6 Northwest Eagles,
Neil McDonald	1	0	Susan Lalic		Bristol 7
Philip Morris	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Craig Pritchett		
Neil Dickenson	1	0	Andrew Lewis		
Harriet Hunt	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	Paul Byway		
	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$			

Only one untitled player in the match (and he won).

We hear the Invicta Knights team enjoyed receiving their imaginary prizes at the closing ceremony. The big disappointment of the 4NQL's first year has been the lack of



a major sponsor and the total absence of prize money. Don't know how other teams have coped, but Invicta Knights had substantial sponsorship from Kent County Council, topped up with something not at all unsubstantial from the KCCA. And, we think, contributions from one or two individuals. Plus whatever they made from the big Maidstone festival that went with the last two rounds. And still they didn't quite cover their costs, and their professional players made nothing.

A committee has been formed (C Dunworth, CI Howell, DR Sedgwick, G Kenworthy) to consider the structure of the League for next year. No doubt sponsorship will be discussed, and we're sure they'll be looking to get more than six teams.

### CONGRESS RESULTS

#### GUILDFORD RAPID 13th March 1994

Premier U216 (31 ent) 1 Nigel Povah (Guildford) 5½/6; 2 Gerald Moore (Hounslow) 5; 3 Mike Forster (Dorking) 4½... Grading 170-179 Luke McShane (Richmond) 3; U170 Clinton Wells (Guildford) 3

Under 166 (39 ent) 1-4 Richard Almond (Hastings), Russell Goodfellow (Tunbridge Wells), Neil Davies (Kingston), Philip Hegarty 5/6... Grading 135-144 Peter Williams (Alton) 4; U134 Ian McLeod (Guildford) 4. Junior Oliver Gee (RGS Guildford) 4

Under 131 (63 ent) 1 MJ Stanners (Athenaeum) 5½/6; 2-5 Ian Deswarte, Daniel Pavin (both Guildford), Paul Loneran (Kingston), Gavin Solomon 5... Grading 110-119 Jessica Ho (Maidstone); 100-109 Emirham Basyurt; U100 Hugh Wylie (Ashted); Junior Desmond Tan (Dulwich), Shanker Menon (Richmond)

Under 101 (entry had to be halted at 120) 1 Peter Hambly 6/6; 2 Mark Leonard 5½; 3-10 Nathir Athaullah (Crawley), Robert Emmans (Addlestone), Andrew Morgan, Salah Alkawari, Christopher Kreuzer (all Richmond), Costas Harris (Barnet), Peter Rogers (Portsmouth), Jaimini Kothari (Tiffin Girls School) 5... Grading U70 Martin Arnold (Bognor), David Ho (Barming) 4½; Junior Chirag Patel (Emanuel), Toby Downton 4½

Results PM Stimpson. We notice that the U101 was designated the Amateur Tournament.

#### BOURNE END QP 45/45 26th March 1994

Section A (16 pl) 1 G Moore (SW7) 4½/5; 2 M(V, presumably) Houska (Slough) 4; 3-5 BA Barlow (Ewell), C Cobb (Swindon), KI Norman (Wokingham) 3½...

Section B (22 pl) 1 P Hegarty (Lower Earley) 5/5; 2-6 SG Gilmour (Lower Earley), M Lucey (Thatcham), DM Norman (Wokingham), KF Hawkins (Marlow Bottom), I Henderson (Earley) 3½...

Section C (22 pl) 1 C Davison (Farnham Common) 4½/5; 2-5 RA Brown (Reading), AG Kelly (High Wycombe), AR Marshall (Harrow), DJ Turner (Woodburn Green) 4...

Section D (22 pl) 1-4 J Allcock (Wraysbury), K Bush (Aylesbury), D Lewis, DC Maddock (both Reading) 4/5...

Section E (22 pl) 1 Matthew Sommer (Camberley) 4½/5; 2 JC Marchant (Hayes) 4; 3-6 J Brown (Marlow), A Cleaver (Thame), PR Hynd (Wantage), R Swallow (Bourne End) 3½...

Results AJ Cox

#### VIKING JOHNSON QP at Letchworth 27th March 1994 attracted 301 players.

Premier 1 Bogdan Lalic 5/5; 2 Chris Baker (Milton Keynes) 4; 3-?9 Miroslav Houska (Slough), Karl Mah (Wanstead & Woodford), Robert Maullin (Birmingham), J Lumsden (Watford), Paul Habershon (Bedford), Bertie Barlow (Cavendish), ?Charles Tippleston (Northampton) 3½...

Under 160 1-2 JF Kitchen (Metropolitan), David Cutmore (Wood Green) 4½/5; 3-8 Martin Cutmore (Wood Green), Gordon Cadden (Hampstead), Alfredo Luaces (Kings Head), Tim Sinkinson (Bishops Stortford), J Glynne Jones (Pin Green), Peter Szabo (Metropolitan) 4... Grading U145 M Wali (Chess Forum), BA Khan (Metropolitan) 3½

Under 125 1-2 Emirlan (we think) Basyurt (Hackney), GS Gray 5/5; 3-11 John Brief (Barnet Knights), MA Baig (Barnet), BP Finney (Kings Lynn), Alan Gore (Hoddesdon), Ian Mutton (Letchworth), Jennifer Goldsmith (Finchley), Joe Farrell (Metropolitan), Alex Prole (Newark), Shanker Menon (Richmond Juniors) 4... Veterans Frank Batchelor (Hemel Hempstead) 3; Slow Starters JM Baldwin (Black Lion), Roger Burbage (Peterborough) 3

Under 90 1-2 Mark Waltham (St Albans School), P Radley (Royston\*) 5½/6; 3-5 Darren Toogood (Weavers), S Elsey (Oxford\*), David Marsden (Hitchin\*) 5...

Under 17 1-2 James Foster (Dr Challoners), Ben Savage (Chess Forum) 5½/6; 3-4 John Nolan (St Albans), Terry Coleman (Letchworth & Baldock) 3½...

Under 14 1 Matthew Wells (Warboys) 6/6; 2-3 Lucy Broomfield (South Norwood), David Waltham 5; 4-6 Andrew Tang (Watford Boys GS), Christopher Sheldrick (Kings College School), Neil Studd (St Neots) 4½...

Under 11 1 Matthew Broomfield (South Norwood) 5½/6; 2-3 Nick Kingston (Richmond Juniors), Disa Leadon 5; 4 Henry McCormack (Richmond Juniors) 4½...

Team Prize Where's Wali (Ben Savage, M Waltham, D Waltham, Nicholas Lee) 82.61%

\* We guess the asterisk means "place, not club" as in the grading list.

#### SOUTHEND 1-4 April 1994

Open (81 pl) 1 Colin Crouch (Harrow) 6½/7; 2-5 David J Faulkner (Welwyn Garden City), Dave Ledger (Bedford), Andreas Mokosch (Germany), Michael Twyble (Southend) 5½; 6-11



Jim Bayford (Folkestone), Andrew Ledger, Steve Ledger (both Bedford), Andrew Lewis (Barbican), Achim Leyrer (Germany), Paul Williamson (Scotland) 5... Grading 171-185 Paul Williamson; 156-170 Jim Bayford; 141-155 Andrew King (Grays), Richard J Webster (Radcliffe & Bingham) 4½; 126-140 William Luxton (Southend), Richard Weeber (Grays) 4; U126 Tim Hebbes (Ilford Juniors), Nicholas Pelling Chelmsford), Syringa Scopes (Bourne End) 3½

Swiss A (16 pl) 1 Karl Bowden (Writtle) 4½/5; 2-4 Brian Kemish (Basildon), David Raeburn (Southend), David Whitehead (Sudbury) 3½...

Swiss B (18 pl: highest grade 138) 1-2 Simon Armour, Graham S Lee (both Southend) 4/5; 3-5 Brian Cohen (Metropolitan), Marc Lewis (Customs, Southend), Mauride Seigel (Ilford) 3½...

Swiss C (22 pl: hg 117) 1-3 Adam Batson (Wickford), Pat O'Neill (Beckton Rocks), Ian Stark (Wickford) 4/5; 4-8 Anthony Miles (Basildon), Hugh Tanton (Billericay), Ian Barker (Southend), Mark S Jones (Customs, Southend), James T Luck (Grays) 3½...

Swiss D (18 pl: hg 98) 1 Toby Stock (Ashford) 4½/5; 2 Phillip Cheek (Linton) 4; 3-4 Alan Garner (Doncaster), Matthew Shaw (Southampton Univ) 3½...

Swiss E (20 pl: hg 70-odd) 1 Michael Allan (Westcliff) 5/5; 2-3 Paul Houghton (Hadleigh), Graham Walker (Customs, Southend) 4; 4-5 Leigh Bailey (Temple Sutton School), Carl Clapham (Southend) 3½... Results GMA Smith

SURREY 1-4 April 1994 had a record number of 522 competitors compared with 510 last year. "This year all the tournaments were played with a quickplay finish; this produced some teething problems as many of the competitors, particularly in the lower graded events, found the rules for such finishes quite confusing. No doubt, as more events introduce quickplay finishes, there will be a greater awareness of the pitfalls."

Open (93 pl) 1 Michael Basman (Chessington) 6½/7; 2 Andrew Kinsman (Wimbledon) 6; 3-6 SK Arkell (Peacehaven), R McMichael (Kings Head), M Pein (Wood Green), AP Smith (Slough) 5½... Grading T Hinks-Edwards (Richmond Juniors) 5; O Rosten (Sutton) 4½; AM Gregg (Wimbledon) 4; S Haslinger (Formby) 3½. Junior Luke McShane (Richmond Juniors) 4; Karl Mah (Wanstead) 4; Mark Ferguson (Haslemere) 5. British Championship place to Richard McMichael, reserve Andrew Smith.

Under 170 (65 pl) 1-2 RB Bryant (Guildford), MC Page (Insurance) 6/7; 3-4 SG Gilmour (BT Reading), T Mestani (Kings Head) 5½... Grading P McMahon (Cambridge City), T Thrower (Sutton) 5; N Burton (Hampton) 4½. Junior Aiden Leech (Maidenhead) 4.

Under 145 (115 pl) 1-2 AJ Barwise (Bolton), B Savage (Chess Forum) 6½/7; 3 K Forman (Coventry Transport) 6; 4-5 JCH Nyman (Kings Head), I Okosieme (Lewisham) 5½... Grading C Panayi (Sutton), DBA Hughes (Brighton) 5; A Foot (West London) 4. Junior Leigh Debbage (Thamesdown Juniors) 4½; Oliver Gee (Basingstoke), Scott Fitzgerald (didn't make that up: Sutton) 5.

Under 120 Fri/Sat (76 pl) 1-3 JM Gregory (Glyn School), C Harris (Barnet Knights), J Hinton (Epsom Down) 4½/5; 4-8 R Dulley (Ashford Middx), L Evbuomwan (Wimbledon), G Gwilliams (Kings Head), LI Makinson (Wimbledon), C Silverman (Willesden) 4... Grading ER Tapper (Eastbourne) 4; A Duncan (Islington) 3½. Junior Paul Seet (Caterham School), Matthew Tillet (Streatham) 3.

Under 120 Sun/Mon (58 pl) 1 R Burroughs (Hutton, Essex) 5/5; 2-5 LI Makinson (Wimbledon), S Menon (Richmond Juniors), G Gwilliams (Kings Head), M Whitworth (DHSS) 4... Grading P Abbott (Phoenix) 3½; M Broomfield (South Norwood) 3. Junior Stephen Casement (Canterbury), Claire Thrower (Sutton) 3.

Under 100 Fri/Sat (66 pl) 1 GF Botfield (East Grinstead) 5/5; 2 K Gee (Basingstoke) 4½; 3-6 PD Brindley (Barbican), R Emmans (Addlestone), K Feld (Ashted), N Fitzgerald (Sutton Grammar) 4... Junior Peter Titmas (Maidstone), Ivana Houska (Slough) 3½; David Ho (Maidstone) 3.

Under 100 Sun/Mon (49 pl) 1 AM Jones (West London) 5/5; 2-5 D Birt (Hayes Middx), D Gee (Basingstoke), L Houghton (Banstead), A Onder (Staines) 4... Junior Mark Dixon (Trinity School), Fennel Best (Oxford), Christopher Gee (Basingstoke) 3½.

Congress Veterans Prize D Birt; Ladies Prize censored. A number of Special Prizes, commemorating the Vera Menchik year, went to women. Family Prize 1 Neil & Scott Fitzgerald 75%; 2 Kate & Matthew Feld 70%. Entry to the Novice and Minor Tournaments reached its limit (because of limited accommodation) nearly two weeks before the congress and those disappointed were invited to play in the Major, with special Merit Awards available. Merit Awards to JW Brant (Wallington), J Cuzick (Richmond Junior), M Howard (Charlton).

Results Martin Cath

SOUTH HERTS at St. Albans 9-10 April 1994

Open 1 B Lalic 5/5; 2-3 M Houska (Slough), A Summerscale (Hackney) 4; 3-5 T Kett (St Albans), DH Cummings (ICL), C Ward (Maidstone) 3½; 6-10 J Anderson (Grays), P Rossiter (Cavendish), A Smith (White Swan), B Macreamoinn, K Norman 3...

"Challengers" 1 TJ Turner (Powdermill) 4½/5; 2-3 MJ Morgan (Guildford), P Clarke (Milton Keynes) 4; 4-10 K Ellis (Hemel Hempstead), T Matko (Cranfield), H Grist (Southend), J Frazer-Mitchell (St Albans), M Kobylka (Barnet), A Punnett (Guildford) 3½...

"Major" 1 B Savage (Chess Forum) 5/5; 2-7 JR Cordner (Dartford), CJ Kidd (Hounslow), I Okoseme (Lewisham), J Billingham (Letchworth), P Ribbands (Cambridge City), K Forman (Coventry Transport) 4; 8-11 A King (Grays), G Naldrett (Bracknell), A Wright (Richmond), P Lim 3½...

"Intermediate" 1-2 A Slough (BMS), K Andrews 4½/5; 3-5 S James (Slough), B Frost (Blackbird Leys), S Blackburn (Stevenage) 4; 6-11 T Allen (Powdermill), J Ayres (Taunton), E Basyurt (Hackney), P Housden (Bedford), N Hoddinett (Hemel Hempstead), D Fornes (Borehamwood) 3½...

"Minor" 1 M Waltham (St Albans School) 5/5; 2-7 F Batchelor (Hemel Hempstead), G O'Grady (Hays), P Appleton (Barnet), J Goldsmith, B Culverhouse, M Coughtrey 3½...  
Results John Leake

### JUNIOR NEWS

NATIONAL UNDER 18 TEAM FINALS at Nuneaton 26th March 1994

Open 1-2 Surrey, Middx 9½/12; 3 Warwicks 5½; 4 Hants 4½; 5 Suffolk 4; 6 Lancs 3. There is no tie-break (that's new, isn't it?) so Surrey and Middx share the title.

Girls 1 Surrey 5½/6; 2 Middx 4; 3 Suffolk 3½; 4 Oxon 3; 5 Staffs 1½; 6 Hants ½

Minor 1 Bucks 8/12; 2-3 Leics, Somerset 7; 4 Beds 5½; 5 Gloucs 4½; 6 Cleveland 4

Minor Girls 1 Norfolk 5/6; 2-3 Somerset, Wilts 4; 4 Lincs 2½; 5 Essex 2; 6 Leics ½

SUSSEX JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Brighton 30th April, 1st May 1994

Under 18 (16 pl) 1 Ian Henderson (Christ's Hospital) 6½/7; 2 Glen Parker (Eastbourne) 5; 3 Marc Ely (The Holt) 4½...

Under 14 (40 pl) 1 Robin Clark (Eastbourne) 6/7; 2-4 James Haestier (Brighton), Anthony Higgs (Horsham), Laurence Rackham (Chichester) 5½... Best Girl Elizabeth Bennett, Cassie Franks, Katie Banwell (all Hassocks)... Best U11 Christopher Phillips (Eastbourne), Stephen Carter (Hastings)...  
Results Paul Watson

MAIDSTONE JUNIOR 5-MINUTE 7th May 1994 (part of the 4NCL festival) attracted 60 entrants aged from 5 to 17.

1 Jeremy Knowles (Maidstone) 13/14; 2 Paul Fenn (Sittingbourne) 11½... Best U14 Benjamin Neville (Tunbridge Wells) 11; 2-3 Richard Murphy, Martin Taylor... Best U11 1-4 Alex Blake, Christopher Gladdish, Paul Higgins, Robert Wilson 9... Best U10 David Leaf 9½; 2 Matthew Avery 9... Best U9 1-2 Benjamin Edwards, Matthew King 7... Best U8 Thomas Rendle (U7) 9½; 2-3 Peter Titmas, Lalin Navaratne 8... Special Prizes Amir Habibi, Clare Veltman, Emily Veltman, David Thompson  
Results Dave Vigus

MIDDLESEX GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 15th May 1994

Under 14 (12 pl) Liora Mirvis 5½/6; 2 Iva Anguelov 5; 3 Elana Chevern 4½; 4 Tamar Miller 4...

Under 11 (17 pl) 1-2 Disa Leadon, Heather Richards 5/6; 3-4 Emma O'Neill, Mary Hinks-Edwards 4½; 5-6 Albertine Fox, Emily Manuel 4...

Under 9 (6 pl) 1 Alison Winston 5/5; 2 Efrat Chevern 4; 3 Alexandra Gotlib 3...

Results Bruce Birchall

MIDDX U14 GIRLS beat Hants 22½-13½ (Winchester, 7th May). 12 boards, 3 rds Scheveningen. This was a return match following an 18-18 draw in Southampton last September. ("Return" is the word!: Ed)

EPSCA UNDER 11 TEAM FINALS at Solihull, 14th May 1994

1 Kent 42½/60; 2-3 Richmond, Devon 40; 4 Somerset 39½; 5 Essex 36; 6 Solihull 34; 7 Wey Valley 32; 8 Nottingham 29; 9-10 Liverpool, Suffolk 28; 11 Cheshire & North Wales 27; 12 Barnet 26½; 13-14 Northampton, Oldham 22½; 15 Cambridgeshire 17; 16 Derbyshire 15½

Results Miles Roberts

KENT SCHOOLS LEAGUE 1993-4

The Under 13 title (30 entries) went for the second time running to the Astor of Hever School, Maidstone; and the Primary (37 entries) for the first time to Barming CP, also Maidstone. Senior and U16 winners were published last time.

"TIMES" SCHOOLS KO 1993-4 inter-Zone stage:

Round 1 Arden Solihull\* 2½ 3½ Q Marys GS Walsall; Dr Challenors GS Amersham 5 1 Lings Peterborough; Hymers College Hull 3½ 2½ Kings Grantham; Ipswich School 5 1 St Teresas RCP Colchester; K Edward VI Southampton 3½ 2½ Hampton School; Westminster School 3½ 2½ Trinity Croydon; Kings Chester 4½ 1½ RGS Lancaster; Monmouth School 5 1 Bishop Hedley Merthyr Tydfil

Round 2 Manchester Grammar 4½ 1½ Kings Chester; Monmouth 4 2 Magdalen College School Oxford; RGS Newcastle 4 2 Hymers College Hull; Ipswich 5 1 Haberdashers Elstree; St Columbs College Derry 3½ 2½ Perth High School; Truro School 5 1 Arden Solihull; Westminster 4 2 KESS Soton; St Claves Orpington 3½ 2½ Dr Challenors 2½

Quarter-finals Manchester Grammar 4½ 1½ Monmouth School; Ipswich 3½ 2½ RGS Newcastle;

St Columbs 4 2 Truro; Westminster 5 1 St Olaves

Semi-finals and Final at the Charing Cross Hotel 30th June, 1st July 1994.

AND FOR THE FIRST TIME there's a Plate competition for Zone runners-up. It's thrown up a few names we didn't know.

Round 1 Batley GS w/o Dame Allans Newcastle; Christs College Finchley\* 3 3 Hasmaneian High School Hendon; Marlwood School w/o Olchfa Swansea; Northgate Ipswich 4 2 Bancrofts Woodford Green; Solihull School\* 3 3 Stockport GS; Winchester College 4 2 RGS Guildford B; Maidstone GS w/o RGS Guildford A; Bluecoat Liverpool 4 2 Broughton High School Preston

Round 2 Methodist College Belfast 4 2 Balwearie High School Kirkcaldy; Bedford Modern 4 2 Northgate High Ipswich; Batley 5½ 1½ Bluecoat; RGS High Wycombe 4½ 1½ K Edwards Birmingham; Maidstone GS\* 3 3 Christs College Finchley; Winchester College 4 2 Millfield School; Marlwood School 4 2 Abingdon School; Nottingham High 5 1 Solihull Quarter-Finals Methodist College 4½ 1½ Batley; RGS H Wycombe 3½ 2½ Bedford Modern; Winchester College 5 1 Maidstone GS; Nottingham 4 2 Marlwood Semi-Finals Winchester 4 2 RGS H Wycombe; Methodist College 6 0 Nottingham Final, it is hoped, will be played before the 25th June. Results Mitchell Taylor

#### PCA BRINGS CHESS INTO THE 21st CENTURY

Unquote. The breakthrough in question is the introduction, in association with Intel, of a computerised grading system which "brings an unprecedented level of accuracy to player evaluation". To quote from their press release's Technical Information:

The calculation of performance takes into account a number [well, two's a number] of factors not previously allowed for:

- 1) Statistical analysis has shown that there is a quantifiable difference white and black results. The white advantage is greater at higher levels of playing strength.
- 2) Players have different, measurable variances. The lower the variance the more the player tends to be solid and reliable.

To be included in the Intel World Chess Rankings, a player must in general have played over 100 games in the last three years.

The Intel World Chess Rankings will publish the top 500 players every two months.

The new rankings have analysed games [all games?] above a certain category [which?]. If a player has performed very well on a lot of minor tournaments these will not have been taken into account and this could lead to a lower ranking.

You don't say. We called that a "quote" from the Technical Information, but in fact it's the whole grudging lot. Except they give a phone number from which you can get more (of the same?).

They append an initial list for all players rated 2500 and above. They don't say how far back the calculations go (three years??). They have 290 players on 2500 and above; pity the Bulletin doesn't know the FIDE figure. But then, will comparison with FIDE figures mean anything? Is the PCA system broadly the FIDE one with refinements, or is it completely different? We wonder idly just how accurate you can, or should, be to be. "This player's recent results are awful. But we must allow for the fact that he's just lost a long match against so-and-so and the statistics show he can't play against so-and-so."

We have no idea whether the PCA's system will be a serious improvement on, or rival to, the FIDE one. Except that six times a year looks like an improvement on two. And Kasparov (2808) and Karpov (2797) are both in it. (Short too.)

#### BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

##### OPEN

Sussex*	14.5.94	Ches/N Wales	Hants	14.5.94	Kent*
1 BJ Denman (B)	0 1	CW Kennaugh	PJ Rossiter 215	0 1	N McDonald 225
2 FJ Kwiatkowski	1 0	D Tebb	AR Corkett 214	½ ½	IR Watson 216
3 GH James	½ ½	P Townsend	RM Webb 210 (B)	1 0	AE Hanreck 203
4 KI Norman	1 0	S Mulligan	CF Morris 209	1 0	NF Dickenson 204
5 B Cafferty	1 0	A Roberts	RC Noyce 201	0 1	S Bibby 199
6 SJ Newman	½ ½	P Bennett	GH Bennett 193	1 0	LE Webb 196
7 N van Noorden	1 0	N Edmonds	PI Thompson 191	0 1	AL MacK 197
8 MD Nicholas	1 0	JF Kirk O'Grady	DR Neil 185	1 0	JN Sugden 192
9 SON Hawes	½ ½	D Bull	MJ Yeo 190	0 1	D Gormally 191
10 RJ Almond	½ ½	T Bates	AFC Carter 191	½ ½	CI Howell 192
11 DB Graham	1 0	P Taylor	AC Keehner 189	0 1	G Botley 189
12 PG Farr	½ ½	G Parker	DominicTunks 186	1 0	AM Harakis 180
13 JA Dodgson	1 0	J Hackett	AF Brameld 184	0 1	RMR O'Kelly 185
14 J Graham	0 1	J Povall	KG Coates 179	1 0	JE Scholes 178
15 MR Stott	1 0	W Coombes	DR Oates 184	0 1	JD Wager 183
16 IG Kelly (Nuneaton)	1 0	M Burndred	ML Newbury 184	1 0	DJ Horton 181
	11½ 4½		(Basingstoke)	8 8	
			Kent won on board count (just).		



## MINOR COUNTIES

Beds	14.5.94	Middx*
1 A Ledger 222 (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SH Berry 227
2 DJ Ledger 209	0 1	K Shovel 222
3 P Hare 186	0 1	Ben Martin
4 T Hare 186	0 1	Mats Carlson
5 S Ledger 186	1 0	PJ Sowray 212
6 PF Habershon 178	0 1	AJ Whiteley 205
7 G Smith 177	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PS Cawte 204
8 S Ruthen 164	0 1	F Rayner 201
9 B Valentine 176	0 1	C Gant 196
10 R Freeman 176	0 1	R Vujatovic 192
11 M Ioannides 175	0 1	C Mackenzie 187
12 P Kendall 174	0 1	JM Quinn 187
13 R Mahoney 170	0 1	R Sagall 192
14 A Elwin 166	0 1	ND Crabb 186
15 K Williamson 164	1 0	AA Dunn 168
16 D D'Cruz 163	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	SC Bell 165
(Bedford)	$3\frac{1}{2}$ $12\frac{1}{2}$	

(Minor County, indeed!)

## UNDER 175

Essex*	23.4.94	Gtr Mcr	Kent*	14.5.94	Merseyside
1 CFH Dorn 174 (W)	1 0	HM Lamb 174	BM Spink 171 (W)	1 0	G Houghton 173
2 PL Williamson 171	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AI Wilson 163	MD Brougham 173	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Eustace 173
3 PC Doye 167	0 1	NMS Barnaby 167	SJ Pink 171	1 0	J Hawkins 172
4 DJ Millward 166	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Abbott 164	LR Gurr 168	0 1	M Hardman 165
5 MJ Ashdown 164	1 0	SJ Grounds 169	JR Bayford 168	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	I Campbell 162
6 CR Ramage 162	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	ER Goodall 167	GM Brown 165	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S McKenzie -
7 SD Harvey 162	1 0	BS Clissold 160	PD Fenn 163	1 0	D Pearcey 159
8 JA Philpott 158	1 0	T Thompson 158	JH Lewin 165	1 0	K Sartain 158
9 MJ Cresswell 154	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	F Shahmir 157	PR*Rutland 160	1 0	J Ormrod 156
10 NH Twitchell 154	1 0	DP Tompson 154	MJ Reddie 161	0 1	D Evans e155
11 S Harwood 153	0 1	BM Wood 152	DJR Barnes 162	1 0	PJ Kelly 151
12 A King 149	1 0	A Tyton 150	SJ Jacob 158	0 1	D Eisen 147
13 AJ Parsons 145	1 0	D Mobley 154	NC Mackett 156	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J McDonald 145
14 M Rahaman 146	1 0	DA Ashton 140	AJ Sherriff 158	0 1	S McGrane 136
15 DG Cannan 138	1 0	MJE Searles 144	AC Waters 154	1 0	J Gillibrand 138
16 R Weeber 133	1 0	JSM Lysons 136	E Bromilow 139	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Ellis 112
(Oakham School)	12 4		(Nuneaton)	$9\frac{1}{2}$ $6\frac{1}{2}$	

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## Quarter-Final:

Lancs	14.5.94	Essex*
1 JD Lyth 172 (B)	1 0	CFH Dorn 174
2 P Fallon 162	1 0	PL Williamson 171
3 S Woodcock 166	1 0	PC Doye 167
4 P Isherwood 159	1 0	SM Kalinsky 166
5 P Mullready 157	1 0	DJ Millward 166
6 KJ Gormall 161	1 0	MJ Ashdown 164
7 S Foulkes 161	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	CR Ramage 162
8 A Jaques 141	0 1	SD Harvey 162
9 A Catz 164	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JA Philpott 158
10 J Tennant-Smith	0 1	G McNally 158
11 AA Clarkson 161	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Cresswell 154
12 M Lythgoe 156	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	NH Twitchell 154
13 SW Berkley 155	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	David Smith 153
14 FS Rushworth 130	1 0	A King 149
15 R Whiteside 140	0 1	AJ Parsons 145
16 AT Dunkerley 133	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	PR Barclay 141
(Syston, Leics)	10 6	

## From Sutton: the Best Game

White O Rosten, Black R Manning  
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 Nf6  
 5 Nc3 a6 6 f4 Qc7 7 Nf3 Nbd7 8 a4 g6  
 9 Bd3 Bg7 10 0-0 0-0 11 Qe1 b6 12 f5  
 Bb7 13 Qh4 Rae8 14 Bh6 e6 15 Ng5  
 Qc6 16 fg fg 17 Rf3 Re7 18 Bcg7 Kxg7  
 19 Nxh7 Rh8 20 Rxf6 Rxh7 21 Rxg6+ Kxg6  
 22 e5+ Kf7 23 Qxh7+ Ke3 24 Qg8+ Nf8  
 25 Rf1 1-0

## UNDER 150

Hants	14.5.94	Middx*
1 D Thompson 148	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Aw 149
2 K Smallbone 148	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Harper 143
3 L Walters 143	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Williams 146
4 O Gee 140	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	I Dwek 147
5 T Welsh -	0 1	G Brown 147
6 P Marshall 141	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Bamford 149
7 N Johnson 136	0 1	R Dunn 149
8 R Ashmore 136	1 0	G Sweetland 148

9 L Blanc 125	1 0	L Bayly 141
10 J Pratt 133	0 1	D White 144
11 B Knight 133	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Smith -
12 P Barber 136	1 0	N Harris 141
13 S Lefevre 134	0 1	W Ransome 131
14 P Jackson 134	0 1	C-Z Tan 130
15 M Ludbrook 119	0 1	T Black 129
16 J French 116	0 1	I Moody -
(Basingstoke)	6 10	



## UNDER 125

Norfolk			7.5.94	Sussex*			Kent B*			14.5.94	Cambs		
1 S Manes 122 (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		F McLeod 122			M Roberts 124(B)	0	1		H Tittell 124		
2 B Priestley* 120	0	1		DBA Hughes 122			C Holmes 123	1	0		S Manteghi 120		
3 N Gorvin e120	0	1		S Willison 119			T Manuel 118	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		A Stille 119		
4 RG Green 117	1	0		E Hillier 122			T Holmes 117	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		D Martin 118		
5 M Goodwin 116	0	1		PA Bradford 122			P Zabrocki 106	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		D Farmer e110		
6 M James 115	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		N Pestelle 122			A Kieran 114	0	1		P Aspinall 101		
7 C Payne 111	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		SP Deere 116			M Taylor 100	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		R Thomas 103		
8 K Lee e110	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		P Buswell 116			S Coates 93	1	0		P Bicheno 70		
9 Jo. Badger 107	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		L Rackham 114			R Reeves 109	1	0		P Cheek 98		
10 P Bartrum**	0	1		C Wakefield 116			C Meric -	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		A Nicholson 98		
11 A Buttolph 94	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		M Curtis 117			R Murphy 102	1	0		def		
12 J Lenton e90	0	1		JA Povey 107			A Harryman 86	1	0		def		
(Diss)	4	8					(Orpington)	$7\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$				

\*Sussex believe spelling right, grading list wrong

\*\*Norfolk "quote a firm 105 but I can't find [him]" - PB. Not in master list - RJH

Kent will be without five top players for the semi-final v Lancs 4.6.94.

They will be abroad with the BCF Junior Squad.

## SCCU UNDER 180 KNOCK-OUT

Oxon			30.4.94	Kent*			Herts			7.5.94	Sussex*		
1 A McGettigan 172	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		BM Spink 174 (W)			CE Majer 178 (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		JA Dodgson 174		
2 R Starkie 170	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		ME Taylor 172			S Iaw 176	0	1		J Graham 174		
3 G Chapman 171	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		LR Gurr 168			J F-Mitchell 173	1	0		MR Stott 174		
4 T Dickinson 168	1	0		JR Bayford 168			K Ellis 169	1	0		IG Kelly 169		
5 P Vainker 165	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		PW Eldridge 167			D Fewell 162	0	1		AO Pickersgill 162		
6 E Savory 157	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		JH Lewin 165			A Corper 157	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		LJ Cannon 159		
7 H Searle 161	1	0		DJR Barnes 162			TA Sinkinson 154	1	0		RR Harper 153		
8 P Hastings 144	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		PR(so)Rutland 160			K Hardy 151	0	1		PR Selby 151		
9 J Yates 158	0	1		NC Mackett 156			A Atkinson 151	1	0		G Scamardella 147		
10 F Van Fucht 142	0	1		AC Waters 154			B Judkins 144	0	1		DL Roberts 138		
(Long Hanboro)	5	5					(Stevenage)	5	5				

Oxon won on board count. "Kent were drawn at home but offered to travel

if we would accept 30.4.94 as the date of the fixture. We were only too pleased to accept the offer, as we had agreed to host the U150 match between Suffolk and Devon and had already booked a venue which could accommodate both matches. We would like a home draw in the next round please." Cheeky!

Herts won on board count

## The Fleming Trophy:

Bucks*			17.4.94
1 G Moore (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2 M Lambshire	1	0	
3 J Beedle	0	1	
4 R de Coverly	1	0	
5 Stafford Scopes	1	0	
6 A Robbings	0	1	
7 R Marsh	1	0	
8 W Whittow	0	1	
9 R Fox	1	0	
10 A George	0	1	
11 E Bramley	0	1	
12 B Shipley	1	0	
13 B Atkinson	0	1	
14 K Chojnacki	1	0	
15 Y Dewan	1	0	
16 A Laurence (Marlow)	1	0	
	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	

## From Sutton: Highly Commended. White

Beds			White S Gilmour, Black M Shaw		
A Ledger			1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 b4 Bxb4		
T Hare			5 c3 Ba5 6 d4 exd4 7 0-0 dxc3 8 Qb3 Qe7		
S Ledger			9 Nxc3 Bxc3 10 Qxc3 f6 11 Ba3 d6 12 Rael		
P Habershon			Ne5 13 Nxe5 Qxe5 14 Qb3 Ne7 15 Bf7+ Kf8		
G Smith			16 f4 Qd4+ 17 Kh1 Qb6 18 e5 Qxb3 19 Bxb3		
R Freeman			Nf5 20 g4 Nd4 21 exd6 Nxb3 22 d7+ Kf7		
M Ioannides			23 axb3 Bxd7 24 Re7+ Kg6 25 Rxd7 Rac8		
P Kendall			26 Bc1 h6 27 f5+ Kh7 28 Bb2 Rhf8 29 Rfel		
R Mahony			Kh8 30 Ree7 Rce8 31 Rxc7 1-0		
A Elwin					
K Williamson			1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 Nf6		
B Wigginton			5 Nf3 a6 6 f4 e6 7 Be3 Be7 8 Bd3 Nbd7		
B McFarlane			9 0-0 Nc5 10 e5 Nfd7 11 ed Bxd6 12 f5		
T Weir			Nf6 13 fe Bxe6 14 Nf5 Bxf5 15 Bxf5 0-0		
J Shaw			16 Bg5 Be7 17 Qe1 h6 18 Be3 Qc7 19 Rf3		
R Morgan			Qe5 20 Bxh6 Qd4+ 21 Be3 Qe5 22 Qh4 g6		
			23 Qh6 Nh5 24 Bxg6 fg 25 Qxg6+ Ng7		
			26 Rh3 Qf5 27 Qh6 Qe5 28 Qh7+ Kf7 29 Rf3		
			Bf6 30 Bh6 Ne6 31 Bxg7 Nxg7 32 Raf1 Ke8 33 Qg6+ Ke7 34 Rxf6 Rxf6 35 Nd5+ 1-0		

MEET THE MASTERS by Cathy Forbes: Tournament Chess, 51 Cissbury Crescent, Saltdean, Brighton BN2 8RH. 160 pages f11.95 soft covers.

Nine interviews, all originally published elsewhere 1990-1993, with top players; plus three with chess-minded public figures and one with the author herself. And a piece, not actually an interview, covering the second Fischer-Spassky match. With the odd game, including the author's offhand one against Fischer. Ms Forbes certainly gets around. I don't buy many books of the read-it-once-and-throw-it-away sort, especially at f11.95, but this is certainly a good read. Subjects range from the verse to the voluble and bits of political background keep intruding. The Anand

interview is recommended. (VA: "I would assume that [Short] didn't take this decision [to break with FIDE] in a fit of anger." NDS elsewhere: "The breakaway was inspired by anger.") Pity she never got to interview Fischer, but you get a vivid picture of the gangsters that wouldn't have allowed it. And would he have had anything to say?

RJH

# SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: OPEN FIXTURES 1994-95

Oct 15	BrS MH OE CSx	Jan 14	OBx CK SxSy EH	Open fixtures only: entries for the other competitions are due in August.
22		21		
29	EC HO SyM KBr	28	SyE KSx BrC MO	
Nov 5		Feb 4		
12	MK OSy CH SxE	11	CM SxBr EK HSy	
19		18		
26		25	KH BrE MSx OC	
Dec 3	HSx SyC KO BrM	Mar 4		
10		11	SxO EM HBr SyK	

## CONGRESS DIARY

- Jun 5 FAMILY TOURNAMENT at Sevenoaks. Under 150. M Roberts, 61 Chipstead Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 2AJ 0732 453523
- 10-12 MIDLAND in Birmingham. B Holland, 2a Bertie Rd, Kenilworth, Warks CV8 1JP 0926 53280
- 10-12 EAST GLAMORGAN at Bridgend. DK Evans, 121 Llangewydd Rd, Bridgend, Mid Glam 0656 658476
- 11-12 KINGS HEAD Open; U160; U120. WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd W11 2BY 071 930 6641 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- 11-12 JOHN HARRADENCE MEMORIAL, London. N Went, 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Es RM13 8JT 0708 551617
- 25 WESTMINSTER. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 081 595 5881
- 18 GOLDERS GREEN Open. AN Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982
- 18-19 CAMBRIDGE Open; U170; U145; U125; U100. D Martin, 21 Caribou Way, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge CB1 4XG 0223 242958
- 19 BARBICAN. LG Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 9TP 081 446 8569
- 26 BASINGSTOKE JUNIOR. JH French, 31 Brocas Drive, South View, Basingstoke RG21 2LS 0256 472537
- Jul 1-3 SANDWELL at West Bromwich. Open; U166; U136; U106; ages U18/16/14/12/9. JA Crump, 21 Shaftesbury St, West Bromwich B71 1LP 021 525 1407
- 2 MILL HILL. AC Corfe 0707 659080
- 3 BASINGSTOKE. JH French, 31 Brocas Drive, South View, Basingstoke RG21 2LS 0256 472537
- 8-10 VILLAGE CONGRESS at Charlton. Open; U161; U126. TR Jefferies, 112 Austen Close, Thamesmead SE28 8AZ 081 311 1370
- 8-10 CLEVELAND Open; U161; U136; U111; novice. PO Box 41, Middlesbrough TS3 0YZ 0642 327583 ext 216
- 9 GOLDERS GREEN Open. AN Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982
- 9 MAIDSTONE JUNIOR. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 0NU 0622 726472
- 9-10 CLERICAL MEDICAL JUNIOR at Fareham. JH French, 31 Brocas Drive, South View, Basingstoke RG21 2LS 0256 472537
- 15-17 SOUTH WALES at Monmouth. K Staveley, 57 Treharne St, Cwmparc, Treorchy, Mid Glam CF42 6LH 0443 772750
- 16 WESTMINSTER. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 081 595 5881
- 17 BARBICAN. LG Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 9TP 081 446 8569
- 22-24 SKEGNESS. Open; U161; U121; U81. Entry form is confusing but we think entries go to Francis Bowers Chess Suppliers, 34 Middle Rd, Whaplose, Spalding, Lincs PE12 6TW 0406 370166
- 23 MILL HILL. AC Corfe 0707 659080
- 24 CITY CHESS. LG Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 9TP 081 446 8569
- Aug 1-13 BCF CONGRESS at Norwich. BCF, 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards, E Sussex TN38 0DD (See note below on female players.)
- 27-29 BERKS & BUCKS at Maidenhead. RJ Pidgeon, 12 Birch Grove, Windsor, Berks SL4 5RT 0753 863503

BCF CONGRESS entry fees. To mark the Menchik year, female entrants had been offered free entry. But the legal situation has been changed by amendments to the BCF Constitution, we don't pretend to understand how, and it now appears that the offer contravenes equal opportunities legislation. Or something. It is accordingly withdrawn.

## Quote

"...Photos and lively introductions complete an attractive but." - From a book review, as quoted by the book's publisher.

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