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EDITORIAL

John Poole, a man I don't habitually agree with, has a piece in the current *ChessMoves* about time wasted on detail at meetings of the BCF Management Board. He should have been at our Executive meeting the other night. We'd got through maybe half the agenda when I left at 10.30 to catch my train. Major items were dropping like flies, and despite my notes I found myself wondering, on the way back, what we'd done. I had plenty of time to wonder because they'd had a derailment at Sevenoaks and it was past one o'clock when I got home. That too much time is spent on detail is certain; that the detail is interesting only to a few is my impression. Part of the problem is vague agendas with items like "Restructuring of Union". Asked the Secretary what that meant, before the meeting started, and he didn't know, he'd just put what he was told, and we never found out what it meant because we never got to it. Not by 10.30, anyway. But there's always the perennial "Officers' Reports" that can take five seconds or 50 minutes. "Don't feel compelled to make a report," said a wise old bird to a hesitant officer, and to do the officer justice he more or less didn't but it was a near thing. John Poole's remedy, at BCF level, is a smaller Management Board. Don't know what mine is, for the SCCU, but it would include clear agendas supported by papers circulated in advance. Topics for discussion can be notified in advance. Motions can't always be, but it's doable more than it's done. Only other recommendation is a chairman who's willing to be a pig.

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 22nd March 1996 at the Durham Castle. 15 attended. If you've read the Editorial you'll not be expecting a blow-by-blow account, but the main items were:

(1) **Minutes** of last meeting 8.12.95. "Having the minutes out earlier would save time on amendments." Maybe, and they'll normally be out within 28 days in future. Someone proposed extra detail, in minutes already long; someone else proposed spelling corrections, not to people's names. Neither got very far.

(2) **Matters arising.** Someone had submitted two-and-a-bit A4 sides of matters arising which mercifully weren't discussed. WAS said he was getting the unvalued trophies valued. Someone said the engravings on a trophy increased its replacement value immensely, and the valuer profited because his charge was a percentage of valuation. Not sure what, if anything, was being proposed. Don't know if you're allowed to get a trophy valued as unengraved, then add the cost of engraving all by yourself without asking the valuer. Subject wasn't pursued.

The new U100 Trophy, and the replacement U125 one, would be available for presentation at the AGM.

(3) **National League.** The President said that the BCF expects to start its National League "this year", apparently well before September and could easily be May but details were scant. An unnamed sponsor is probably coming up with a substantial but undetermined sum over a five-year period. It is thought that the new league will (?eventually) stretch to quite ordinary players, but again information was limited.

(4) **Grading.** Martin Cath criticised the BCF's Supplementary Grading List (see separate item after the Executive Report). The President said he had argued fiercely against its publication. The Executive agreed that SCCU graders would use Part 1 of the Supplementary List for information, but need not feel bound by it. Part 2 they'd ignore. That's official SCCU grading policy. It was also agreed that the Union would put a motion at the BCF's "Finance" meeting calling for the immediate withdrawal of Part 2. We'll not report the discussion in detail because most of what was said comes up as Editorial opinion in the separate item. The Editorial opinion was typed some days before the meeting and, worryingly, no one seemed to disagree with it.

Cadogan sponsorship will not be renewed. Don't know what the future of Cadogan Masters titles is.

(5) **County matches.** David Sedgwick circulated the (almost) complete league tables - see page 7 where they are actually complete. Your Editor had taken his version along as well, having privately agreed to compare notes with DRS after the meeting just as a check. There wasn't time, but it's been done since and the tables this year must be more thoroughly vetted than they've ever been. So just let us know about the mistakes.

The Executive agreed that it knew who all the nominees were, apart from the Minor Counties first nomination which depended on a match to be played next day. (Pleasingly, the second nomination would be the same whatever happened in the match.) All nominees wanted to go forward as far as we could tell, though some hadn't said so and at least one county that hadn't was not formally represented.

There was some discussion of deadlines for entries but not, we think, any decisions for change. However, there was a decision on the general question of single-or-double-round. In the past it's been played by ear. The "rule" now is: - 7 or more teams: single round. 6 teams: single round unless everyone wants double. 5 teams: double unless everyone wants single. Less than 5 teams: double. Your Editor voted against because he thought it too inflexible, but he was the only one and it is a "rule" rather than a Rule.

There was also some discussion of splitting the U125 geographically. At least the discussion centred on the U125 but presumably it could apply to any division. One county had found itself with a lot of travelling to do. Another thought travelling was a minor consideration. It was agreed, inevitably, that you can only work with the entries you've got and if a geographical split looked sensible there was no objection to trying it. The Chiltern League came up and it was agreed we'd be happy to take it back into the fold (yes, it was a breakaway years back) if that was what the Chiltern counties wanted. No one had suggested it was. (We did hear there was a movement

to take the Chiltern counties out of the SCCU altogether, but it was a one-man movement.) The Chiltern League has an upper grading limit of 170, someone said, but goes down a lot lower than that and might not fit too comfortably into the SCCU structure.

(6) **Money.** The Treasurer had nothing to report except that one county had not paid its game fee or team entry fee. The county is ***** but we're not allowed to say that. He was chasing them.

(7) **BCF Council and Management Board.** David Sedgwick noted that the BCF were tacitly abandoning the principle of holding one of the two Council meetings in London each year. Unofficial surveys on preferred venue put London well in the lead. It was agreed to make noises about this.

Following Tony Suttill's elevation to the Directorship of Management Services, Richard Haddrell had been asked to take his place as (second) SCCU representative on the Management Board. He'd already attended one meeting by proxy. No one seemed to object to the appointment despite hints from Richard Haddrell, so Richard Haddrell it is. It's likely to be a short-term job, considering the BCF's proposals to abolish Union reps and replace them with "five regional representatives". RJH also takes over as Council rep.

(8) **Restructuring of Union.** It *did* come up, briefly and after your Editor had left, and it turned out to be a response to the foregoing. What's a regional representative? Not automatically a Union one, unless the Unions represent leagues and congresses and the SCCU doesn't. The idea was to "restructure" the SCCU to include leagues and congresses. There was no time for discussion, but the President would do a paper on it.

(9) **Juniors.** We've been putting this off. The papers of the meeting, circulated in advance, were swamped with comments and proposals from the Junior Organiser. Much of the comment was critical of other officers and BCF officials. The proposals had not all been taken before Next Business was agreed, but a lot of time was devoted to juniors. Animosity came very near the surface a couple of times. It has to be said that friction has existed for some time between the Junior Organiser and a lot of other people. Some things that were agreed: (a) BCET School Awards. Three nominations had been received, very late in the day and in two cases with no supporting documentation. We won't name the schools. The BCF expects two nominations from the SCCU, and there's no rule against three. It was agreed that Bruce Birchall and Lester Millin (none of the nominees are from Oxon) would look at the schools and make whatever nominations they thought fit on the Union's behalf. (b) The SCCU Girls and Mixed Team events would be curtailed, though there was no objection to some of them happening on a private basis. Some counties feel no real need for the grading-limited events because their players are getting into county adult teams anyway at U125 and U100 level.

(10) **BCQ and SCCU Individual Championship.** Qualifying events for the British Championship 1997 will be Sutton, Southend and Maidstone (not necessarily in that order). Individual Championship will go to Sutton; Maidstone did not feel their event was suitable.

(11) **Crowded out:** County Championship Rule Changes, unless that was something we've already said; National Library and National Chess Centre; Proposed Game Fee Increase. And Any Other Business, presumably. Don't know what time the meeting finished but we think fairly soon after your Editor left. Several people left before him.

BCF SUPPLEMENTARY GRADING LIST

appeared early in March, price £1. It has been issued "to assist congress organisers with additional information to be used in the period before the publication of the next grading list in August". It is actually two lists:

(1) about 400 players who weren't in the August list because they'd played too few games to qualify. No games, in some cases. They qualify now. Their grades have immediate effect and are official.

(2) another 400 who were in the August list but their grades have changed by more than 10 points. Grades in this list "will become.. official.. for events that commence after 31st March 1996. Any league or other event that started before that, the players August 1995 grade will still determine the players eligibility."

Yes, the Easter congresses that have taken entries based on August grades will be re-allocating everyone even as you read this. What *right* have the BCF to speak for them? But the references to congress organisers and eligibility raise another question. Are the new grades supposed to be used by graders? One imagines so, if they're "official". Might actually have helped if they'd *said*, since they've referred to eligibility specifically. They've not told the graders. But in the end it hardly matters what the rule is, because no grader in his right mind is going to use the new grades. A well known Union Grading Officer said that. Graders work from the master list. They need three lists like they need tripled isolated pawns. The Bulletin's said it before, but if you're going to have mid-term lists and *use* them you've got to do it properly. Everyone in, new master list, new everything. OK, so we know who's gone up or down by 11 points. What about 10? Is it right to use people's congress games and not their league games? (Well, yes, league graders *were* invited to submit half-year results. Don't know how many did but your Editor knows one who carefully didn't, and another who did and regrets it.)

Just noticed: Luke McShane (up 17 points) is now given as 12 years old. So he is. But what date are they using? They don't say. Sloppy. It's also sloppy not to say what an "A", for example, means. 30 games in the last 12 months? 30 so far this season? Seven-twelfths of 30, since August was seven months ago? What games have been counted? And reverting to juniors, we hear the Management Board had a fascinating discussion about

junior increments. Some insisted it was mathematically right to add a whole year's increment for the part-year list. The Bulletin's amazed. Believe they had a vote on it in the end, and what's actually gone into the lists we're not sure. The BCF computer knows how to add a half-year increment, it already does it for the six-monthly rapidplay lists. (Did the MB forget that?)

The new lists are fine if you want extra information on someone, and maybe some organisers will find them useful. If they're prepared to argue with players that never bought a new list and don't know they've gone up. But the thing's far too selective to be taken very seriously.

"This is the first time for many years that a supplementary list has been produced and if it is successful, it will be made a regular issue." Hope they've decided what they mean by successful. If we said "don't buy it" you'd suspect our motives. It's *not* well produced - don't expect it to look like the August list - and in terms of players-per-penny it doesn't compare. Suppose they couldn't very well charge less than a quid.

And speaking of grading:

COMPLETELY REVISED BCF GRADING SYSTEM

is on course, as far as we can tell and we've talked to someone pretty involved. An (unpaid) team of four programmers is working on it, though they haven't got beyond the planning stage yet. They sound to be taking the planning seriously. They expect parts of the system to be usable from autumn this year, or at any rate some time during that season, and they hope to have the whole thing up and running from autumn 1997. It's to be flexible enough to allow all sorts of calculation methods, including straight Elo. No one's actually proposing a change, as far as we know, but it's been suggested that the 1998 list should show two or three different grades for everyone, done two or three different ways, so we can all see what our alternative grades would look like. This is not satire, it's true.

One major change, for the grader, is that he won't be doing any sums any more. The BCF computer will do them. Graders will just type game results, using the new software, and send them off. Naturally the software will do leagues as well as congresses. An obvious advantage of doing the calculations centrally is that estimates for new players can take account of all their games at once. In addition the computer will be more accurate than a pencil-and-pocket-calculator local grader; grader-error will be confined to things like typing results wrong, or misidentifying players. Some graders may like to see the figures that come out of their own input, and some may have a practical use for them. It would therefore be nice if the programs could supply these figures on request, purely for information and with no guarantee that the official figures will be identical. We think the BCF's taken this idea on board. Obviously the grader would get the figures direct from his own computer, rather than having to ask the BCF for them.

We've been writing as though every grader had a computer. Alas no; you'll just get fewer graders. "Graders". They'll include the long-suffering few who already type in predigested figures from those who have no computer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

5.2.96

Many thanks for your January 1996 Bulletin. I'm afraid I can't claim to be the "originator" of the word "timeously"... I had to look it up in my Oxford. The perpetrator was the Chief Executive of the MCCU, Neil Graham. Obviously they are well educated in the Nottingham area!

As to your comments on the update of the FIDE Laws of Chess, perhaps someone can explain how a player gets permission to leave the playing arena in the absence of an arbiter, such as in a majority of club, league and county matches. Is this a ploy to give advantage to those who can efficiently control their bladders or other working parts? Also are you expected to cut dead an old friend you might meet at an event because you are not allowed to communicate with them? Sounds plain daft to me.

Kind regards,

BRYAN FEWELL

Harpenden

Ed: - I'm sure the lavatory will be designated part of the playing venue. Don't know about the shop over the road, though. Even allowing for the fact that FIDE haven't got club chess in mind, these proposals look a bit over the top. And they *should* have club chess in mind, they know we all use their Laws. Wonder if things specific to FIDE-rated events couldn't be hived off into an Appendix or something. Just a thought.

What follows is half a letter. The substance of the first half is reported briefly on page 8.

Dear Richard,

18.2.96

...Turning to another topic in the January newsletter, as a grader I am in favour of spelling out the forename of each player when it is known, and not just in the case of the more common surnames. It does not solve all graders' problems with the identity of players but it can help. Other initials should also be shown if there is room (there is

not in your case¹, and I am sure that your "RJ" can be restored). The spelling out of forenames is particularly helpful when the name by which a player is known does not match the first initial. For example, since HM Cath is known to everyone as Martin it is helpful to show him in the list as H Martin Cath. Years of experience teach me to be wary nevertheless. Everyone knows that "A" can stand for "Tony"; I suppose I should not have needed telling last year that it can also stand for "Sandy".

Like you I prefer that my middle "J" is always shown, whether with "Alan" or "A" before it. With a name as short as mine you need as many letters as you can muster!

Yours sincerely,
ALAN J COX Reading

¹ There was last time I counted. - Ed

JUNIOR NEWS

KENT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (part 1) at Beckenham, 27th January 1996

Under 18 (16 pl) 1 David Moskovic 5½/6; 2 James Vigus 4½; 3-4 (and share U16 title) Thomas Walton, Mark Roberts 4; 5-6 Nathan Alfred, Phillip Zabrocki 3½...

Under 14 (22 pl) 1 Heather Richards 6/6; 2-3 Paul Higgins, Peter Titmas 4½; 4-7 Russell Scott, Timothy Holmes, Steven Pretty, Tal Wood 4...

Under 11 (43 pl) 1 Thomas Sharp 5½/6; 2-4 James Lowinz, Amir Habibi, Stephen Milford 5; 5-7 Mark Epps, Robert White, James Thanesan 4½...

Under 9 (28 pl: not a championship event) 1 Thomas Stradwick 6/6; 2-3 Zakery Bennett, Sara Higgins 5; 4-9 Matthew Bates, David Franklin, Vinno Bala, Guy Aust, James Regan, Edmund Birkhamshaw 4...

Results David Brown

SCCU UNDER 14 JAMBOREES at South Camden Community School, 3rd February 1996

Open 1 Kent 14/20; 2 Surrey 6

U125 1 Surrey 24½/30; 2 Middx 5½

U100 1 Kent 33/40; 2 Surrey 15; 3 Herts 8

Each section was over 10 boards (with 2, 3 or 4 rounds).

Results Roger Holmes / AJW Thorn

ROCHESTER JUNIOR 10 February 1996

U18 Major (10 ent) 1 Mark Roberts U14 4½/6; 2-4 Trevor Jarrett U14, Matthew Noakes U14, Martin Taylor U15 4...

U18 Minor (23 ent) 1 Ian Moore U14 5½/6; 2 Peter Titmas U10 4½; 3-10 David U10, Richard Cheeseman, Oliver Cooley, Steven Pretty (all U12), Paul Higgins, Simon Thanesan, James Warren, Robert Wilson (all U13) 4...

Under 11 (34 ent) 1 Thomas Rendle U9 5½/6; 2-3 Paul Richards U10, Raymond Gosden U11 5; 4-6 Thomas Sharp U7, Amir Habibi U8, Emily Lerwill U11 4½; 7-10 Alex Buller, Martin Parsons (both U10), Joseph Al Malah, Matthew Burgess (both U11) 4...

Under 9 (19 ent) 1 Matthew Moore U8 6/6; 2 Zackery Bennett U9 5; 3-6 David Ridout U8, Edmund Birkhamshaw, Adam Boakes, Antoinette Wilson (all U9) 4...

Results Sue Casement

SURREY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Whitgift School, Croydon, 10-11 February 1996

Under 18 (8 pl) 1 MC Campbell (RGS) 6/7; 2-3 M Broomfield (St Josephs), DP Wilks (RGS) 5½; 4 S Kapadia (KCS) 4...

Under 16/14 (8 pl) 1 K Gudka (Whitgift) 5/6; 2-3 AJ Bigg (Caterham: U14 title), M Moore (Whitgift) 4½; 4 G Chu (Whitgift) 4...

Under 15 (7 pl) 1 M Duggan (Hampton) 6/6; 2 J Warris (Tiffin) 4½; 3 DJD Hutson (Hampton) 4; 4 S Lobb (Ingram High) 3½...

Under 13 (15 pl) 1 MD Feld (Danes Hill) 5½/6; 2 S Robati (RGS) 5; 3 MR Elliott (RGS) 4½; 4-6 F Ayles (Whitgift), T Booth (RGS), A Brims (Greenshaw) 3½...

Under 12A (21 pl) 1 P Cable (Christ Church) 5½/6; 2-3 CM Dixon (All Saints), KL Feld (Danes Hill) 4½; 4-5 C Deva (Cleves), SP Lambert (Lanesborough) 4; 6-9 T Chase (Danes Hill), B Jablonski (Auriol), JF Watson (Danes Hill) 3½...

Under 12B (34 pl) 1-3 N Gauge (Woodcote), O Luen (Shrewsbury House), BD Morgan (Whyteleaf) 5/6; 4-5 W Butler (Kingswood House), O Wilson (All Saints) 4½; 6-9 PJS Arch (Whitgift), JA Fullerton-Batten (Essendene Lodge), M Sachdev (Whitgift), SD Shah (Whitgift) 4...

Results AJW Thorn

SCCU UNDER 18 JAMBOREES

2nd March 1996 at South Camden Community School

MAJOR COUNTIES (on right hand side, White "floated" up)

1 Eddie Dearing E	0	1	James Vigus K	David Moskovic K	½	½	Richard Bates S
2 Simon Williams S	1	0	Simon Armour E	Oliver Rosten S	½	½	Joel Newman K
3 Tim Hebbes E	0	1	Daniel Bisby S	Adam Capal E	0	1	Duncan Harwood K
4 Thomas Walton K	1	0	Daniel Storey E	Matthew Noakes K	½	½	Adam Batson E
5 Tomas Thrower S	½	½	Matthew Lewsey E	James Mills S	0	1	Christopher Hobbs E
6 Philip Brown K	0	1	Nicholas Harmer S	Chris Bates E	0	1	Matthew Watts S
7 Alistair Mills S	0	1	Mark Roberts K				
8 Graham Walker E	0	1	Michael Anderson S				
9 Philip Potopaev K	1	0	Mark Campbell S				
10 Liam Hylands E	1	0	Mark Annear K				
11 Martin Taylor K	1	0	Cammil Taank E				
12 David Wilks S	1	0	Timothy Holmes K				

Positions: 1 (tie break) Kent 7½; 2 Surrey 7½; 3 Essex 3. Don't know how tie break's done. They may or may not use number-of-wins, don't think that would have split them anyway. Otherwise we guess it's something like boards-you-won-on plus half of boards-you-drew-on.

MINOR COUNTIES (on right hand side, White "floated" up)

1 Kieran Bush B	1	0	Nicholas Lee H	John Nolan H	0	1	Robin Clark S
2 Glen Parker S	1	0	Mathew George B	Laurence Rackham S	1	0	Mark Waltham H
3 Stephen Clark B	0	1	Steven Willison S	Koichi Nicholas B	0	1	Adam Humphreys H
4 Christopher Louissa H	0	1	Andrew Hughes B	Christian Devoti H	½	½	Jeff Bryant B
5 James Haestier S	0	1	Richard Thursby B	Daniel Triggs S	0	1	Thomas Quilter B
6 David Waltham H	1	0	Rhys Bowen S	Paul Hegarty B	0	1	Giles Gardner S
7 Kevin Carter S	1	0	Robert Morris H				
8 Robert George B	1	0	Matthew Poulson S				
9 James Palmer H	½	½	Thomas Rendle S				
10 David Shipley B	0	1	Stewart Tinsley H				
11 Julian Beale H	0	1	Haydon Lossock B				
12 John Bryant S	0	1	Remi Straus H				

Positions: 1 (tie break) Sussex 6½; 2 Bucks 6½; 3 Herts 5. Sussex and Bucks both qualify for the national finals.

GIRLS: MAJOR AND MINOR (upward "float" - unnumbered boards on left - doesn't seem to have attracted white)

1 Iva Anguelov M	1	0	Ruth Bates S	Rosalind Kieran K	0	1	Harriet Hunt O
Ellen Walker E1	½	½	Gowri Rajapakse M2	Lucy Smith O	1	0	Katie Bates E
2 Claire Thrower S	1	0	Amy Kieran K	Charmaine Webster S	1	0	Poppy McNeillie O
3 Tatjana Trifunovic M	1	0	Rachel Reeves K	Rebecca Savin E	0	1	Lucy Broomfield S
Lucy Horton K4	½	½	Brenda Cundy E3	Heather Walker E	0	1	Elsbeth Buchanan O
4 Catherine David O	1	0	Tamar Miller M	Annabel Yadoo S	1	0	Alison Winston M
5 Charlie Mafham K	0	1	Jo Hart S				
Mary Hinks-Edwards M5	½	½	Gill O'Reilly E6				
6 Rachael Macdonald O	0	1	Philippa Rowe K				
Reserves board, for grading:							
Rebecca Parrot E	0	1	Anna Langridge K				

Positions: 1 Surrey 5; 2 Oxon 4; 3 Middx 3; 4-5 Essex, Kent 1½. Surrey qualify for Major final. You've been wondering which counties were Minor. Don't know how they decide these things, but the answer's Essex and they qualify automatically for the Minor final.

GIRLS SECOND TEAMS

Surrey			Middx			
1 Kate Feld (W)	1	0	Katie Preiskel	Surrey qualify for the Major 2nd teams final, and Middx qualify for the Minor.		
2 Rebecca Larking	0	1	Disa Leadon			
3 Jaimini Kothari	1	0	Sophia Flucker			
4 Priya Kothari	½	½	Julie Dwek	The absence of Middx from the "Boys" event was unfortunate. We heard that someone tried to enter a Middx team but Middx wouldn't let him.		
5 Helen Leidecker	1	0	Priya Sivagnanam			
6 Nicole Mangion	1	0	Lucy Styles			
	4½	1½				

"TIMES" BRITISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP is into the interzone stage. Round 1 results: Arden School Solihull (14.7) *3 3 Hereford Cathedral School (15.9); Manchester Grammar (15.5) 5 1 Bluecoat Liverpool (14.4); Christs College Finchley (14.1) *3 3 Dulwich College (15.3); Hampton School (14.7) 5 1 Bancrofts Woodford Green (16.2); Oakham School (15.3) 4½ 1½ Queen Marys Walsall (17.2); Monmouth School (15.9) 4½ 1½ Magdalen College School (17.0); RGS Lancaster (15.8) 5 1 RGS Newcastle Juniors (10.8); Hymers College Hull (15.9) 4 2 Batley GS (15.6).

Round 2: Arden v Manchester Grammar; Christs College v Maidstone GS; Hampton v Haberdashers Elstree; Kings School Peterborough v Ipswich School; Oakham v Monmouth; a Scottish school v St Columbs Derry; RGS Lancaster v Hymers College; Truro School v KESS Southampton.

There is also a Plate competition for zone runners-up. We won't give all the details but the second-round pairings are Aberaeron Comprehensive v Torquay Boys GS; Birkdale Sheffield v Kind Edwards Birmingham; KESS Chelmsford or Horinger Court Bury St Edmunds v St Olaves GS (heard of them?) Orpington; KESS Camp Hill Birmingham v Bedford Modern; Methodist College Belfast v Kings Grantham; Stockport GS v Greenwood Academy Irvine or Boroughmuir High School Edinburgh; Tiffin Kingston v Hasmonean Hendon or Q Elizabeths Barnet. Watford Boys GS have already frightened St Pauls into withdrawing. Results Mitchell Taylor

NATIONAL YOUTH CA UNDER 16 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS at Walsall 9th March 1996

1 Kent 30½/36; 2 Manchester 27; 3 Richmond 26; 4 Warwicks 24; 5 Wilts 20; 6 Humberside 19½; 7 Staffs 19; 8 Glamorgan 18½; 9-10 Bucks, Berks 18; 11 Cheshire 17½; 12-13 Derbys, Surrey 17; 14 Yorks 12½; 15 Northants 9½; 16 Lincs 8½; 17 Leics 6½; and we don't think these figures add up. Results AJW Thorn

SCCU SCHOOLS GIRLS TEAM JAMBOREE at Falkner House School SW7, 17th March 1996

Teams were of four, best three results counted. Or both results x 1½, if you only had two players. Falkner House provided the venue free of charge. 1 Northbridge House Camden 17/18; 2-3 St Stephens CE Twickenham, Oxford High School for Girls I 12½; 4 Putney HSG U11; 5 Putney HSG U9 10½; 6 Bute House Hammersmith II 9½; 7-8 Bute House I, Kensington Girls Prep 9; 9 Oxford HSG II 8½; 10 Newlands House London 7½; 11 Falkner House I 5½; 12 Falkner House II 4½. Individual results: 1 Vanessa Aarons 6/6; 2-3 Julie Dwek, Bibi Saraf-Yazdi 5½ Results Bruce Birchall

ADULT CONGRESSES

MUSWELL HILL UNDER 180 17th February 1996 attracted 24 players.

1-2 David Cutmore (Wood Green), Bruce Baer 5½/6... **U16** Shanker Menon (Richmond Juniors) 4; **Grading U110** Dan Mayer (Muswell Hill), Ian Willmore (Wood Green), Steve Hart (Muswell Hill), Nick Savory (Dereham) 3; **Ungraded** Pradeep Verma 4

"Such a low entry was possibly the result of my failure to take advantage of your advertising." - Wil Ransome

4th GUILDFORD RAPIDPLAY 3rd March 1996

Open (30 ent) 1-2 Matthew Anderton (Guildford), Bogdan Lalic (Croatia) 5/6; 3-4 Clive Frostick, Simon Williams (both Farnham) 4½; 5-8 Dino Svjoldzic, Susan Lalic, Philip Rossiter, Harriet Hunt 4.. **Grading U179** Desmond Tan (Dulwich College) 3½; **Junior** Harriet Hunt

Under 166 (39 ent) 1-3 Ian Debbage (Swindon), Stephen Deall (Southampton), Ben Hirsch (Ilford) 5/6; 4-5 Andrew Brocklehurst (Pin Green), Shanker Menon (Richmond) 4½; 6-10 William Burt (Oxford), David Cutmore (Wood Green), Philip Hegarty (Reading), Michael Kobylka (Reading), David Thompson (Andover) 4... **Grading U150** Andrew Brocklehurst; **U139** Gavin Lock (Crawley) 3½. **Junior** Shanker Menon; Matthew King (Danes Hill School) 3½

Under 131 (58 ent) 1-4 Matthew Feld (Ashtead), Hugh Osborne (Brighton), Andrew Morgan, Ross Rattray (both Richmond) 5/6; 5-9 Lorin D'Costa (Royston), RA Davidson (Brighton), Keith Osborne (Reading), Jonathan Young (Farnborough), J Xuereb (Wimbledon) 4½... **Grading U121** RA Davidson; **U111** Keith Osborne; **U104** Lorin D'Costa. **Junior** Niccolo de Masi (Cobham), Matthew Broomfield (South Norwood) 4...

Under 101 (68 ent) 1 David Sandham (London E7) 5½/6; 2-4 David Ho (Barming School), Kate Feld (Ashtead), Robert Wooding 5; 5-12 Alex Brett (Wimbledon), Oliver Coddington (Southampton), Neil Haddock (Reading), Steven Harding (Andover), Paul Higgins (Tonbridge), L Kirkland (Petersfield), Jonathan Povah (Guildford), Joel Talbot (Basingstoke) 4½... **Grading U85** Alex Brett; **U65** Jonathan Povah. **Junior** Joel Talbot, Paul Higgins (Tunbridge Wells it says now, but we're pretty sure it's the one you've already had), Oliver Coddington, Steven Harding. **Ladies** Sandra Gomez (Reading) 2½

Results anonymous; sender gave his address but not his name

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

OPEN	E	K	M	C	Sx	H	Sy	O	Br	GP	MP
1 Essex		13	6½	10	11	13½	18½	14	18	104½	6½
2 Kent	7		14	11½	14	10	10	11	12	89½	6
3 Middx	13½	6		12½	8	10½	15½	11	11	88	6
4 Cambs	10	8½	7½		10½	12½	12½	9	11	81½	4½
5 Sussex	9	6	12	9½		9½	13½	11	11	81½	4
6 Herts	6½	10	9½	7½	10½		6	10½	11½	72	3½
7 Surrey	1½	10	4½	7½	6½	14		9½ =	10½	64	3
8 Oxon	6	9	9	11	9	9½	9½ =		12½	75½	2½
9 Berks	2	8	9	9	9	8½	9½	7½		62½	0

UNDER 175	K	Sx	E	Sy	K	Sx	E	Sy	GP	MP
1 Kent		10	7	8½		9½	10½	8½	54	5
2 Sussex	6		7½	10½	6½		9	8½	48	3
3 Essex	9	8½		7	5½	7		11½	48½	3
4 Surrey	7½	5½	8*		7½	7½	4½		40½	1

UNDER 150	K	H	E	Sx	Sy	GP	MP
1 Kent		7½	9	11½	10	38	3
2 Herts	8½		7½	8½	8½	33	3
3 Essex	7	8½		12	10	37½	3
4 Sussex	4½	7½	4		9½	25½	1
5 Surrey	6	7½	6	6½		26	0

UNDER 125	E	Sy	O	Sx	K	E	Sy	O	Sx	K	GP	MP
1 Essex		10½	5	10	9½		7½	9½	8½	10	70½	6
2 Surrey	5½		9	9½	11½	8½		8	5½	9½	67	5½
3 Oxon	11	7		7½	8½	6½	8		7	16d	71½	3½
4 Sussex	6	6½	8½		7	6½	10½	9		7	61	3
5 Kent	6½	4½	7½	9		6	6½	0d	9		49	2

UNDER 100	K	E	H	K	E	H	GP	MP
1 Kent		8½	8½		6	6½	29½	3½
2 Essex	3½		7	6		5½	22	1½
3 Herts	3½	5		5½	6½		20½	1

* match won = match drawn

Please tell the Editor if you spot errors in the tables.

Matches boxed have been used to split ties where teams were level on match points overall. Rule is (1) match points overall; (2) match points in matches between tied teams; (3) game points ditto; (4) game points overall; (5) board count, then bottom board elimination, in matches between tied teams. Method of applying board count is not specified.

SCCU NOMINATIONS for National Stage: the top three teams in the Open, and the top two in everything else. "Minor Counties" means everyone except Cambs, Essex, Kent and Middx; this was the Union's proposal and the BCF agreed to it in February. Luckily, our four "Major" counties managed to finish in the top four places.

It is believed that all SCCU nominees wish to go forward. We hope to publish all their results in the National stage, in full, and earnestly request match captains to send them.

DRAW FOR NATIONAL STAGE

The draw was made in the presence of Union representatives at the Management Board meeting on 3rd February.

Open Quarter-finals: (A) M1 v W2; (B) S1 v S3 (invited to make up numbers); (C) W1 v S2; (D) N1 v M2.

Minor Counties Quarter-finals: (A) E1 M2; (B) M1 W2; (C) W1 S2; (D) S1 E2.

Under 175 Prelim: S2 W2. Quarter-finals: (A) N1 v winner of prelim; (B) E1 N2; (C) M1 S2; (D) S1 W1.

Under 150 Prelim: S2 v W2. Quarter-finals: (A) M1 E1; (B) N v prelim; (C) W1 M2; (D) S1 E2.

Under 125 Prelim: S2 N2. Quarter-finals: (A) N1 E2; (B) W1 M2; (C) S1 N2; (D) N1 E1.

Under 100 Prelim: E2 S2. Quarter-finals: (A) M1 v prelim; (B) W1 v M2; (C) S1 N2; (D) N1 E1.

The semi-finals in each competition will be winner of A v winner of B, winner of C v winner of D. Dates as already announced: Prelim 27 April; Quarter-finals 18 May; Semi-finals 8 June; Finals 29 June (Birmingham).

Random remarks on the SCCU stage

Think we've published every match, though it meant a bit of phoning around at the end. Let us know if there's anything we've missed out.

As David Sedgwick has said, under the old tie-break rules (game points overall comes second) Essex would have had five teams in the National Stage. The new rules are three seasons old now and this isn't the first time they've made a difference to the positions, though it's probably the first time they've made a difference to who we nominate. Any views on whether they're "right"?

We thank the match captain who gives BCF reference numbers, but we don't think we'd copy them out even if we had room. One or two others give single initials and no grades. Having consistently inveighed against single initials, we must confess we think some captains are going too far in the other direction. JQZ Smith has no need of expansion to Jason QZ. Listing his first name is necessary, as a defence against first-names-only administrators, but let's keep a sense of proportion on the result sheets. (No, we haven't looked in the master list to see how many JQZ Smiths there are.)

We remarked last time that we couldn't find a DL Roberts with a grade of 189. It was the Berks one. Graded 173 in the 1994 list, he had a good season but was astonished to be 221 a year later. It turns out that Alan Cox, the county match grader, tried unsuccessfully to pinpoint the error soon after the list was published. We've found it. It started life as an RJ Haddrell error but passed out of his ken, apparently corrected, in July. Then resurfaced in August, incorrectly corrected, and went back to the shop again. DL Roberts got 1000 free grading points by accident, and though the BCF put the input figures right in the end they don't seem to have recalculated the grade. The 189 we published was Alan Cox's unofficial calculation.

SCCU STAGE COUNTY MATCHES

OPEN

Herts*	27.1.96	Kent	Oxon*	10.2.96	Sussex*
1 Simon Knott 209 (W)	1 0	N McDonald 227	M Truran 202 (B)	0 1	DH Cummings 211
2 Alistair Simpson 195	0 1	S Giddins	A Hunt 198	0 1	FJ Kwiatkowski 197
3 Simon Roe 200	1 0	N Dickenson 209	JJ Hastings 194	½ ½	GH James 200
4 Neil Bradbury 195	½ ½	A Hanreck 209	N Jackubovics (sic) 194	0 1	DB Graham 198
5 Paul Byway 186	½ ½	I Watson 206	M Rose 189	0 1	B Cafferty 192
6 Jerry Rudge 189	½ ½	D Gormally 201	M Devereaux 182	0 1	MO Costley 188
7 Andrew Gilfillan 198	0 1	J Naylor 201	T Dickinson 181	1 0	MR Stott 187
8 Kevin Clark 187	1 0	A Smith 199	DG Hackett 191	½ ½	SJ Newman 185
9 Phil Maguire 185	½ ½	J Wager 195	JN Stayt 178	1 0	MD Nicholas 185
10 Chris Majer 176	½ ½	R O'Kelly 194	A Lewis 176	0 1	JA Dodgson 183
11 Steve Law 172	1 0	A Harakis 187	J Wittman 170	0 1	PG Farr 183
12 Colin Prendergast 178	0 1	C Rice 186	RJ Starkie 170	1 0	RJ Almond 176
13 John Denton 178	1 0	def	N Jones 168	1 0	SON Hawes 173
14 Philip Bonafont 180e	0 1	D Farndon 184	S Jayakumar 162	½ ½	IG Kelly 172
15 Nick Lee 167	1 0	G Botley 186	G Chapman 163	1 0	AO Pickersgill 170
16 Terry Turner 177	0 1	JS Williams 181	NJ Hepworth 150	½ ½	J Graham 166
17 Steve Tovey 172	0 1	A Popcevic 168 *	(Long Hanborough)	9 11	
18 Barry Morris 169	½ ½	Z Mehmet 155	Scores adjusted		
19 John Cook 170	½ ½	S Jacob 162			
20 Tim Sinkinson 172	½ ½	R Winterburn 148			
(Stevenage)	10 10	* Can't identify this player - Ed			

Herts*	10.2.96	Cambs*	Middx	10.2.96	Essex*
1 Simon Knott 209 (B)	½ ½	John Parker 231	JP Levitt 229 (W)	0 1	J Rogers 221
2 Alistair Simpson 195	0 1	Matt Turner 235	SH Berry 221	1 0	MS Twyble 220
3 Neil Bradbury 195	0 1	Mark Ferguson 216	PJ Sowray 221	1 0	NL Carr 207
4 Paul Byway 186	1 0	Martin Shephard 201	TA Fatin 212	1 0	JP Manley 205
5 Simon Roe 200	0 1	David Cristinacce 195	AJ Whiteley 215	1 0	DA Sands 201
6 Jerry Rudge 189	1 0	Mark Thornton 183	MR Collins 168 (r)	0 1	G Kenworthy 199
7 Kevin Clark 187	½ ½	Ed Holland 189	Simon Brown 210	1 0	JH Hodgson 197
8 Andrew Gilfillan 198	0 1	Fred Pollitz 200e/2199	RJ McMichael 210	1 0	D Sherman 194
9 Howard Tebbs 182	0 1	Dan Rosenberg 189	A Trifunovic 205	½ ½	JA Goldberg 186
10 Phil Maguire 185	½ ½	Thomas Meier 187e/2099	T Hinks-Edwards 205	1 0	DJ Millward 184
11 Chris Majer 176	1 0	Ed Griffiths 170e	M Lyell 204	0 1	SB Deeth (sic) 184
12 Steve Law 172	0 1	Phil Best 172	RG Wade 202	1 0	M Roberts 183
13 Nick Lee 167	0 1	Martin Hasenbusch 157	C O'Shaughnessy 196	1 0	PL Williamson 183
14 Joe Franks 162	0 1	Pete Webster 162	CNJ Rose 196	0 1	JC Moore 178
15 Geoff Hollis 177	1 0	Richard Little 153	M Rubery	0 1	R White 178
16 John Denton 178	0 1	Ian Gooding 152	C MacKenzie (sic) 195	½ ½	L Marden 177
(Stevenage)	7½ 12½		T Kett 193	1 0	IJ Myall 174
Scores adjusted			NRE Alldrit (sic) 191	1 0	JR Nellist 173
			J Burke 185	1 0	IBN Smith 172
			KR Barnes 182	½ ½	R Parker 169
			(Chess & Bridge)	13½ 6½	

Essex*	24.2.96	
1 MS Twyble 220 (B)	1	0
2 DJ Coleman 204	0	1
3 KCC Mah 201	1	0
4 G Kenworthy 199	½	½
5 JH Hodgson 197	1	0
6 D Sherman 194	1	0
7 GJ Moore 186	1	0
8 DJ Millward 184	1	0
9 SB Deeth 184	½	½
10 PL Williamson 183	0	1
11 M Roberts 183	1	0
12 JC Moore 178	½	½
13 RP White 178	1	0
14 LE Marden 177	1	0
15 SD Harvey 171	1	0
16 SM Kalinsky 169	½	½
(Wanstead)	14	6

Scores adjusted. * Oxon say 176

Oxon*
JJ Hastings 194
Matthew Rose 189
TR Dickinson 181
RJ Nixon 177
JH (sic) Stayt 178
DG Hackett 191
RJ Starkie 170
def
GW Chapman 163
Sean Terry 169
A McGettigan 179 *
NJ Hepworth 150
def
def
def
N Kendrick 142

Sussex*	24.2.96	
DH Cummings 211 (B)	0	1
FJ Kwiatkowski 197	0	1
DB Graham 198	0	1
GH James 200	½	½
B Cafferty 192	½	½
MO Costley 188	0	1
MR Stott 187	½	½
SJ Newman 185	0	1
MD Nicholas 185	0	1
JA Dodgson 183	1	0
PG Farr 183	1	0
RJ Almond 176	½	½
RV Elliston 175	½	½
SON Hawes 173	1	0
P Watson 164	1	0
PR Selby 157	1	0
(Brighton)	9½	10½

Scores adjusted

Cambs*
J Parker 235
M Turner 231
M Ferguson 216
A Cohen 204
M Thornton 183
D Cristinacce 195
E Griffiths 170e
P Best 172
M Hasenbusch 157
R Little 153
C Kreuzer 128
BK Tan -
S Ronen -
def
def
def

Kent*	10.2.96	
1 Neil McDonald 227	½	½
2 Philip J Morris 219	½	½
3 Richard G Eales 218	0	1
4 Alan E Hanreck 209	0	1
5 James E Vigus 204	1	0
6 Danny W Gormally 201	1	0
7 Andrew P Smith 199	0	1
8 John D Wager 195	0	1
9 John N Sugden 193	½	½
10 Rory MR O'Kelly 194	0	1
11 Chris I Howell 188	0	1
12 Alexis M Harakis 187	1	0
13 Chris B Rice 180	1	0
14 James E Scholes 185	1	0
15 David Farndon 184	1	0
16 J Stuart Williams 181	1	0
17 Gordon Botley 187	1	0
18 Zia Mehmet 155	0	1
19 Syd J Jacob 162	0	1
20 Cus* Charles 144	½	½
(Orpington)	10	10

* Surrey say Cosmo

Surrey*
Richard A Bates 217
Daniel B Rosen 197
Peter D Kemp 196
Kevin D Richardson 186
Alan K Punnett 182
def
David WW Gunter 170
Justin C Marley 179
Kenneth FH Inwood 175
Marcus E Osborne 175
David R Sedgwick 175
David Tuddenham 174
Julien M Shepley 173
Philip S Brown 169
Philip M Stimpson 169
Paul D Dupré 170
Kevin Hurst 162
Chris RA Clegg 155
Stephen MacD-Ross 155
Paul R Archer 146

Surrey*	24.2.96	
Richard A Bates 217	0	1
Daniel B Rosen 197	0	1
Peter D Kemp 196	1	0
Daniel C Bisby 193	½	½
Kevin D Richardson 186	1	0
Tom Middleton 190	1	0
Brian G White 185	0	1
David WW Gunter 170	0	1
Justin C Marley 179	1	0
Marcus E Osborne 175	0	1
David R Sedgwick 174	½	½
Philip M Stimpson 169	1	0
David F Hill 164	1	0
Paul D Dupré 170	½	½
def	0	1
John B Hawson 157	0	1
Martin C Page 156	1	0
Chris RA Clegg 155	1	0
S MacDonald-Ross 155	0	1
Stuart R Jones 154	1	0
(Sutton)	10½	9½

Berks*
Miroslav Houska 209
PS Cooksey 199
ACP Milnes 185
Jovanka Houska 177
JT Munday 172
Lee Davis 165
MV Taylor 171
MC Bowhay 166
IR Henderson 169
KD Smallbone 165
AJ Cox 158
MF Redmond 156
BG Millis 154
JH Springall 154
NW Dennis 154
WP Tickner 143
PAF Watkins 142
AB Jones 142
K Savoy 137
Mario Houska 126

Herts*	24.2.96	
1 Paul Byway 186 (W)	½	½
2 Simon Roe 200	0	1
3 Jerry Rudge 189	0	1
4 Andrew Gilfillan 198	0	1
5 Kevin Clark 187	1	0
6 Howard Tebbs 182	0	1
7 Philip Bonafont 180	½	½
8 Chris Majer 176	0	1
9 Geoff Hollis 177	0	1
10 Steve Law 172	0	1
11 Steve Tovey 172	½	½
12 Nick Lee 167	0	1
13 John Denton 178	½	½
14 Barry Morris 169	½	½
15 Bill Broome 169	1	0
16 John Cook 179	1	0
17 David Bower 167	1	0
18 Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell 168	1	0
19 Kevin Ellis 161	1	0
20 Tim Ray 153	1	0
(Stevenage)	9½	10½

Middlesex
Steve Berry 221
Ben Martin 223
Mats Carlson 211
Simon Brown 210
def
Mark Lyell 204
Richard H Thomas 201
Conor O'Shaughnessy 196
Colin MacKenzie 195
C Nigel J Rose 196
John M Quinn 191
John Burke 185
Keith R Barnes 182
Robin J Pearce 184
def
def
def
def
def
def

Cambs*	9.3.96	
MJ Turner 231 (B)	1	0
JF Parker 235	1	0
Mark Ferguson 216	0	1
O Lawson 2240	½	½
Demis Hassabis 200	½	½
D Cristinacce 195	½	½
Andrew Hon 192	½	½
PJ Crocker 191	½	½
E Griffiths	0	1
PN Best	½	½
EN Holland 193	0	1
M Hasenbusch 157	0	1
PAN Webster 162	1	0
R Little 153	½	½
CJ Howell 154	1	0
BK Tan	½	½
(Queens College)	10	10

Scores adjusted

Essex*
J Rogers 221
MS Twyble 221
AP Lewis 217
JP Manley 205
DA Sands 203
G Kenworthy 199
JH Hodgson 197
GJ Moore 186
JA Goldberg 186
DJ Millward 184
AC Keehner 184
PL Williamson 183
JC Moore 178
LE Marden 177*
M Bird (r) 149
R Parker 169

Oxon*	9.3.96	Herts*	Berks*	9.3.96	Kent*
1 M Truran 202 (B)	½ ½	Paul Byway 186	Miroslav Houska 209 (B)	½ ½	Steve W Giddens (so) 215
2 N Jakubovics 194	½ ½	Jerry Rudge 189	HW Murphy 200	1 0	NF Dickenson 209
3 M Rose 189	0 1	Paul Georghiou 189	PS Cooksey 199	½ ½	Ian R Watson 206
4 I Upton 187	0 1	Kevin Clark 187	DL Roberts 189	½ ½	Peter P Taylor 203
5 M Devereaux 182	½ ½	Phil Maguire 185	JP Conlon 190	1 0	Andrew P Smith 199
6 T Dickinson 181	1 0	Andrew Gilfillan 198	ACP Milnes 185	½ ½	John D Wager 195
7 D Hackett 191	½ ½	Howard Tebbs 182	Jovanka Houska 177	0 1	John N Sugden 193
8 J Stayt 178	½ ½	Chris Majer 176	L Davis 165	0 1	Alexis M Harakis 187
9 D Lee 177	1 0	Steve Law 172	MV Taylor 171	½ ½	Chris B Rice 186
10 R Starkie 170	1 0	Philip Bonafont 180	MC Bowhay 166	½ ½	David Farndon 184
11 S Terry 169	0 1	Nick Lee 167	PS Janota 168	0 1	JS Williams 181
12 D Bruce 155	0 1	John Denton 178	KD Smallbone 165	1 0	G Botley 187
13 A McGettigan 176	0 1	Steve Tovey 172	IR Henderson 169	0 1	Nigel P Donovan 180
14 G Chapman 163	1 0	John Cook 170	CJ Lyne 166	0 1	David J Horton 178
15 D Ewart 155	0 1	Dave Bower 167	PJ Colby 164	0 1	John R Gardner 162
16 N Hepworth 150	1 0	Tim Ray 153	AJ Cox 158	0 1	Z Mehmet 155
(Long Hanborough)	9½ 10½		MF Redmond 156	½ ½	MM Robertson 156
Scores adjusted			BG Millis 154	½ ½	Sydney J Jacob 162
			WP Tickner 143	0 1	Chris M Brown 156
			PAF Watkins 142	1 0	def
			(Twyford)	8 12	

Middx	9.3.96	Surrey*	Surrey*	23.3.96	Sussex
1 SH Berry 221	½ ½	RA Bates 217	RA Bates 217	0 1	DH Cummings 211
2 Ben Martin 223	1 0	DB Rosen 197	RG Granat 206	½ ½	FJ Kwiatkowski 197
3 PJ Sowray 221	1 0	PD Kemp 196	DB Rosen 197	0 1	DB Graham 298
4 Mats Carlson 211	½ ½	KD Richardson 186	PD Kemp 196	1 0	GH James 200
5 AJ Whiteley 215	0 1	DWW Gunter 170	Andrew N Smith 143 (r)	0 1	B Cafferty 192
6 SD Brown 210	½ ½	JC Marley 179	SG Walker 185	0 1	KI Norman 192
7 RJ McMichael 210	0 1	ME Osborne 175	AK Punnett 182	0 1	Martin O Costley 188
8 A Trifunovic 205	1 0	JS White 174	KP Mynett 180	0 1	MR Stott 187
9 Mark Lyell 204	1 0	JM Shepley 173	DWW Gunter 170	1 0	SJ Newman 185
10 Richard Thomas 201	1 0	PD Dupré 170	JC Marley 179	0 1	JA Dodgson 183
11 M Rubery	1 0	K Hurst 162	ME Osborne 175	½ ½	PG Farr 183
12 CNJ Rose 196	1 0	N Maxwell 157	JM Shepley 173	½ ½	RJ Almond 176
13 F Rayner 193	1 0	MC Page 156	PM Stimpson 169	½ ½	SON Hawes 173
14 NRE Alldritt 191	1 0	CRA Clegg 155	PD Dupré 170	½ ½	IG Kelly 172
15 JM Quinn 191	0 1	S MacDonald-Ross 155	MC Page 156	½ ½	AO Pickersgill 170
16 J Burke 185	1 0	RJ Wilcox 155	CRA Clegg 155	0 1	Arthur Hall 167
17 KR Barnes	1 0	PR Archer	RJ Wilcox 155	0 1	Jim Graham 166
18 C O'Shaughnessy 196	1 0	def	S MacDonald-Ross 155	½ ½	CN Hann 164
19 Julian (?) Ward 173	1 0	def	PE Barnard 153	0 1	JM Mansson 164
20 Robin Pearce 184	1 0	def	D Spearman 153	1 0	PR Selby 157
	15½ 4½			6½ 13½	

Both matches above came by telephone at the last minute, hope no errors. Forgot to ask the venues and colours.

UNDER 175

Kent*	9.12.95	Essex*	Essex*	3.2.96	Surrey*
1 Duncan J Harwood 174	0 1	John R Nellist 173 (W)	John R Nellist 173 (W)	1 0	Paul D Dupré 170
2 Lyndon R Gurr 173	1 0	Ivan J Myall 172	Terence Donnelly 173	½ ½	JB Hawson 157
3 Mark I Roberts 168	0 1	Ivor BN Smith 172	Ivor BN Smith 172	1 0	R John Wilcox 155
4 Paul D Fenn 168	½ ½	Robert Parker 169*	Robert Parker 169*	½ ½	S MacDonald-Ross 155
5 David JR Barnes 168	½ ½	KW Clow 167	KW Clow 167	½ ½	CRA Clegg 155
6 Geoffrey M Brown 166	½ ½	John A Philpott 163	John R Philpott 163	½ ½	D Spearman 153
7 Robert J Everson 166	1 0	M Weighell 163	RE Waldteufel 163	1 0	N Balkan -
8 Stephen Firth 165	1 0	CFH Dorn 156	M Weighell 163	½ ½	Colin PL Parker 149
9 John R Cordner 162	1 0	CR Ramage 156	CFH Dorn 156	1 0	KN Mehendale 148
10 Sidney J Jacobs 162	½ ½	Andrew King 156	CR Ramage 156	1 0	Paul R Archer 146
11 Mark D Brougham 161	½ ½	Andrew D Hartland 156	Andrew King 156	1 0	JR Bell 146
12 G Josephs 159	0 1	Neville H Twitchell 153	Andrew D Hartland 156	½ ½	IR Edward Clark 139
13 Stephen J Peters 160	1 0	Stephen M Williams 146	Neville H Twitchell 153	1 0	James ED Hale 138
14 Chris M Brown 156	1 0	Richard Weeber 143	Stanley Harwood 149	1 0	DA Baldock 137
15 Nathan SW Alfred 152	1 0	Philip Zammit 144	Stuart D Bates 140	½ ½	Ian S McLeod 132
16 JH Lewin 153	1 0	Stuart D Bates 140	def	0 1	Fred C Manning 131
(Orpington)	10½ 5½		(Wanstead)	11½ 4½	

* Both matches above: grade marked as "corrected". The master list has two Robert Parkers from Essex, either of whom *might* have got corrected to 169.

Sussex*	17.2.96	Essex*	Surrey*	17.2.96	Kent*
1 SON Hawes 173 (W)	0 1	Terence Donnelly 173	DR Sedgwick 174 (W)	0 1	Geoffrey M Brown 166
2 Ian G Kelly 172	0 1	Ivor BN Smith 172	JS White 174	½ ½	Stephen Firth 165
3 Robin H Clark 170	1 0	def	PD Dupré 170	1 0	Robert J Everson 166
4 AO Pickersgill 170	½ ½	KW Clow 167	Phillip (sic) Brown 169	0 1	Mark I Roberts 168
5 James Graham 160	0 1	Peter C Doye 166	PM Stimpson 169	½ ½	Mark D Brougham 161
6 Richard Power 166	½ ½	John A Philpott 163	RK Thomas 163	½ ½	Trefor H Owens 163
7 E Personen 166	1 0	M Weighell 163	K Hurst 162	½ ½	Sydney J Jacob 162
8 Paul A Batchelor 165	1 0	CR Ramage 156	AP Mills 161	1 0	Stephen J Peters 160
9 Michael J Reddie 164	1 0	Andrew King 156	JB Hawson 157	0 1	Nicholas C Mackett 158
10 James C Mansson 164	0 1	Andrew D Hartland 156	RJ Wilcox 155	0 1	Zia Mehmet 155
11 PR Selby 157	1 0	Neville H Twitchell 153	S MacDonald-Ross 155	1 0	Mark M Robertson 156
12 Andrew SJ Fleming 156	0 1	Stanley Harwood 149	CR Clegg 155	0 1	Nathan SW Alfred 152
13 Roy R Harper 156	1 0	Stephen M Williams 146	D Spearman 153	½ ½	John H Lewin 153
14 Susan C Howell 154	½ ½	Richard Weeber 143	PE Barnard 153	½ ½	David J Hamblin 151
15 Ian K Edgson 149	½ ½	Stuart D Bates 140	KN Mehendale 148	½ ½	Robert E Lane 150
16 R Daniel Hirsch 154	1 0	def	STK Wilkinson 144	1 0	Tobias W Stock 142
(Crawley)	9 7		(Sutton)	7½ 8½	
Kent*	3.2.96	Sussex*	Surrey	16.3.96	Sussex*
1 JF Knowles 171 (W)	1 0	SON Hawes 173	David R Sedgwick 174	0 1	SON Hawes 173 (W)
2 LR Gurr 173	1 0	Ian G Kelly 172	Paul D Dupré 170	0 1	Ian G Kelly 172
3 GM Brown 166	½ ½	Robin H Clark 170	FC Manning 131 (r)	0 1	Robin H Clark 170
4 RJ Everson 166	0 1	AO Pickersgill 167	Philip M Stimpson 169	½ ½	AO Pickersgill 170
5 S Firth 165	1 0	James Graham 166	Paul JJ Gibbons 165	½ ½	James Graham 166
6 JR Cordner 162	1 0	Richard Power 166	Robert K Thomas 163	1 0	Stephen Blewitt 166
7 SJ Jacob 162	1 0	Stephen Blewitt 166	Kevin Hurst 162	½ ½	Paul A Batchelor 165
8 SJ Peters 160	0 1	Paul A Batchelor 165	Thomas D Phillips 159	1 0	Michael J Reddie 164
9 MM Robertson 156	½ ½	Michael J Reddie 164	N Maxwell 157	½ ½	James C Mansson 164
10 NSW Alfred 152	0 1	Chris Hann 164	JB Hawson 157	½ ½	PR Selby 157
11 PR Rutland 153	0 1	James C Mansson 164	CRA Clegg 155	0 1	Andrew SJ Fleming 156
12 MR Taylor 150	0 1	Ian P Judd 164	R John Wilcox 155	½ ½	Roy R Harper 156
13 JH Lewin 153	1 0	Andrew SJ Fleming 156	S MacDonald-Ross 155	0 1	Susan Howell 154
14 RE Lane 150	1 0	Roy R Harper 156	David Parsons 108 (r)	½ ½	Brian Izzard 153
15 AC Waters 146	½ ½	Brian Izzard 153	D Spearman 153	1 0	Steven Willison 149
16 TW Stock 142	1 0	R Daniel Hirsch 154	Paul E Barnard 153	1 0	R Daniel Hirsch 154
(Orpington)	9½ 6½		(Sutton)	7½ 8½	

UNDER 150

Surrey*	27.1.96	Herts*	Kent*	10.2.96	Sussex
1 CPL Parker 149 (W)	½ ½	S Charles 147	KRP Kingston 149 (W)	1 0	S Willson 149 *
2 KN Mehendale 148	½ ½	D Young 148	B Beavis 149	1 0	P Greaves 149
3 DM Woods 147	½ ½	R Gordonsmith 147	Alan VH Sands 149	½ ½	IK Edgson 149
4 JR Bell 146	½ ½	P May 147	RJA Winterburn 146	0 1	Barry West 145
5 PR Archer 146	½ ½	J Coles 146	M Finch 148	½ ½	PW Kingston 141
6 STK Wilkinson 144	½ ½	B Judkins 145	GF Steele 143	½ ½	Richard A Clement 139
7 A Smith 143	1 0	P Lawrence 142	S Moate 144	½ ½	David A Hughes 138
8 def	0 1	D Price 141	Roy W Parsons 145	½ ½	TJ Woods 129
9 JED Hale 138	1 0	J Marshall 142	AC Waters 146	1 0	P Helliwell 125
10 DA Baldock 137	½ ½	R Hessing 139	AJ Sherriff 139	1 0	DL Roberts 125
11 FC Manning 131	0 1	D Hill 140	IA Hames 142	½ ½	A Bradbury 124
12 WJ Marshall 130	0 1	D Webb 141	John D Titmas 143	½ ½	PH Benson 124
13 J Stone 129	1 0	T Wright 127	Tobias W Stock 142	1 0	Eric Hillier 121
14 L Evboumwan 128	1 0	M Wali 127	RF Pooley 141	1 0	CC Dunn 119
15 RE Mattocks 126	0 1	A Fulton 132	Paul CL Bradford 140	1 0	def
16 KW Level 125	0 1	M Waltham 120	Bruce ES Hunter 129	1 0	def
(Sutton)	7½ 8½		(Orpington)	11½ 4½	* Ah, got it. Willison.

Essex*	10.2.96	Surrey*	Surrey	24.2.96	Kent*
1 Stanley Harwood 149	½ ½	KN Mehendale 148 (B)	CPL Parker 149 (W)	0 1	KRP Kingston 149
2 Stephen M Williams 146	1 0	DM Woods 147	KN Mehendale 148	1 0	Alan VH Sands 148
3 David Smith 146	0 1	JR Bell 146	DM Woods 147	½ ½	Mark Finch 147
4 Paul R Barclay 145	1 0	STK Wilkinson 144	PR Archer 136	0 1	Andrew C Waters 146
5 A Drake 144	0 1	Andrew Smith 143	JR Bell 146	½ ½	Alan Sherrif 139
6 Philip Zammit 144	½ ½	IRE Clark 139	STK Wilkinson 144	0 1	Peter H Finch 146
7 Richard Weeber 143	1 0	JED Hale 138	Andrew Smith 143	1 0	Geoffrey H Steele 143
8 Simon S Armour 143	0 1	DA Baldock 137	JED Halle (sic) 138	½ ½	Simon Moate 144
9 DG Pearse 142	1 0	IS McLeod 132	DA Baldock 137	0 1	Roy W Parsons 145
10 Thomas G Winter 142	0 1	FC Manning 131	IS McLeod 132	0 1	Ian A Hames 142
11 Mark RA Murrell 142*	0 1	JW Halls 130	FC Manning 131	½ ½	John D Titmas 143
12 Stephen A Taylor 141	1 0	J Stone 129	J Stone 129	½ ½	J Nielsson (so) 140 (so)*
13 Stuart D Bates 140	1 0	L Evboumwan 128	RE Mattocks 126	½ ½	Paul CL Bradford 140
14 John S Simmons 136	1 0	RE Mattocks 126	D Howes 121	1 0	P Taylor 136
15 Oliver Froom 138	1 0	D Innes 114	D Innes 114	0 1	Bruce Hunter 129
16 Ian Champlovier 130e**	1 0	D Parsons 108	D Parsons 108	0 1	P Le Breton 100
(Wanstead)	10 6		(Sutton)	6 10	* given as 150114J

* We were going to query this because it's 144 in the master list. But 142 it is, in the August one.

** There's an I Champlovier unpublished at 142.

Herts	24.2.96	Essex*	Essex*	9.5.96	Sussex
1 S Charles 147 (W)	0 1	Stanley Harwood 149	Stanley Harwood 149	0 1	Steven Willison 149 (B)
2 D Young 148	½ ½	David Smith 146	Stephen M Williams 146	1 0	LJ Cannon 148
3 R Gordonsmith 147	½ ½	Paul R Barclay 145	Paul R Barclay 145	1 0	MR Hickman 146
4 P May 147	½ ½	A Drake 144	A Drake 144	½ ½	FW Brown 142
5 S Cook 146	0 1	Philip Zammit 144	Philip Zammit 144	½ ½	PN Kington 141
6 B Judkins 145	½ ½	Richard Weeber 143	Richard Weeber 143	1 0	Richard A Clement 139
7 D Webb 141	1 0	DG Pearse 142	DG Pearse 142	1 0	TJ Woods 129
8 K Hardy 140	0 1	Thomas G Winter 142	Mark RA Murell 142	0 1	David L Roberts 125
9 P Lawrence 142	½ ½	Mark RA Murrell 142	Thomas G Winter 142	½ ½	A Bradbury 124
10 S Marshall 142	1 0	Stephen A Taylor 141	George T Gooding 140	½ ½	PH Benson 124
11 D Price 141	1 0	Stuart D Bates 140	Oliver Froom 138	1 0	Eric Hillier 121
12 MM Wali 127	0 1	Oliver Froom 138	Stuart D Bates 140	1 0	def
13 R Hessing 139	0 1	I Maclachlan 137	Ian Maclachlan 137	1 0	def
14 D Hill 140	0 1	LJ Burt 133	David J Rawlings 138	1 0	def
15 A Fulton 132	1 0	Ian Champlovier 130e	LJ Burt 133	1 0	def
16 M Waltham 120	1 0	James T Luck 104	M Tucker 100	1 0	def
(Stevenage)	7½ 8½		(Wanstead)	12 4	

UNDER 125

Kent*	3.2.96	Sussex	Surrey*	17.2.96	Kent*
1 W Stock 121 (W)	1 0	A Bradbury 123	D Weston-Lewis 124	1 0	W Stock 121 (B)
2 P Childs 119	1 0	I Richardson 124	DJ Howes 121	0 1	P Childs 119
3 G Batty 119	½ ½	D (sic) Benson 124	DL Hodgson 120	1 0	G Batty 119
4 R Springett 118	½ ½	C Power 124	MO Daood 118	0 1	A Hargreaves 117
5 IC Smith 117	½ ½	CE Boyes 124	DH Ramsey 117	1 0	IC Smith 117
6 N Lister 116	0 1	C Harvey 120	MC King 116 j	1 0	DSJ Shipp 116
7 DSJ Ship 116	0 1	C Dunn 119	RA Balatoni 115	0 1	PD Poland 114
8 PD Poland 114	1 0	D Chivers 121	J McGing 16	1 0	D Picton 111
9 M Jones 113	1 0	MA Bryant 115	N Clifton 113	0 1	M Hougham 108
10 D Picton 111	1 0	CJ Parker 122	H Wylie 114	1 0	I Stoneman 112
11 I Stoneman 112	1 0	D Britton 122	D Innes 114	0 1	I Clark 108
12 J Robertson 107	0 1	E Hillier 121	JP Parr 112	½ ½	IB Bryan 104
13 IB Bryan 104	½ ½	T Dunn 112	D Parsons 108	1 0	K Hendrikse 97
14 R Thompson 104	0 1	K Carter 91	PM Shaw 100	0 1	NP Webb 87
15 AP Fabian 103	0 1	J Povey 110	J Silverton 79	1 0	def
16 NP Webb 87	1 0	A Wood 104	BS Sweetman 93	1 0	def
(Orpington)	9 7		(Sutton)	9½ 6½	

Friendly ("Could this be graded?"): Silverton 1 0 Sweetman

Sussex	17.2.96	Essex*	Oxon*	23.2.96	Sussex
1 A Bradbury 124 (W)	0 1	D Cannan 124	B Frost (B)	0 1	A Pelling
2 A Pelling 121	½ ½	W Petchey 123	G Spalding	0 1	P Benson
3 P Benson 124	0 1	D Bird 123	IR Brooke	1 0	MA Bryant
4 C Dunn 119	1 0	C Barrett 124	S Morris	½ ½	CJ Parker
5 C Harvey 120	½ ½	M Ashkettle 122	A Collins	1 0	P Britton
6 D Chilvers 121	0 1	R Joyce 120	M Brindley	0 1	G Hillier
7 MA Bryant 115	1 0	J Figgins 118	A Heslop	1 0	N Pestelle
8 P Britton 122	½ ½	B Sheppard 115	C (or L) Collins	½ ½	M Curtis
9 H Huges 116 *	0 1	T Allen 115	R Soulsby	0 1	M Plumb
10 E Hillier 121	1 0	M Kingsley 114	F Falcon	½ ½	P Buswell
11 M Curtis 109	½ ½	G Bengier 110	G Hodgson	0 1	K Carter
12 S Deere 107	½ ½	E Lodge 110	M Creasey	0 1	M Ingram
13 T Dunn 112	0 1	P Pattison 96	DAS Buckland	½ ½	T Peffer
14 K Carter 91	1 0	C Turner 91 j	W Tutty	0 1	B Chamberlain
15 C Jefferies 107	0 1	D Allen 70 j	P Staniland	1 0	def
16 def	0 0	def	C Kerrigan	1 0	def
(Eastbourne)	6½	8½	(Long Hanborough)	7	9

Essex score bd 16 ½-½ but that's wrong. *Has appeared in earlier issues as Huges, or someone has. There is no one in the master list called Huges. The only person with a grade of 116 and a name starting with Hug is called Kevin Hughes.

Kent*	2.3.96	Essex*	Oxon*	9.3.96	Surrey*
1 W Stock 121 (B)	1 0	W Petchey 123	AJ Wyeth 124 (B)	½ ½	D Weston-Lewis 124
2 P Childs 119	1 0	D Bird 122	B Frost 123	1 0	Anton Rance 124
3 S Chick 119	½ ½	C Barrett 124	G Spalding 122	0 1	DJ Howes 121
4 G Battye 119	1 0	M Ashkettle 122	IR Brooke 119	½ ½	DL Hodgson 120
5 R Springett 118	½ ½	N Hopgood 120 j	A Collins 117	1 0	M Daood 118
6 P Poland 114	0 1	R Joyce 120	M Brindley 115	½ ½	G Morse 118
7 M Jones 113	½ ½	J Figgins 118	A Heslop 112	1 0	DH Ramsey 117
8 I Stoneman 112	0 1	T Allen 115	L Collins 110	1 0	H Wylie 114
9 D Picton 111	½ ½	B Sheppard 115	R Soulsby	½ ½	J Parr 112
10 I Clark 108	½ ½	P Flint 115	F Fallon 111	0 1	DA Jones 111
11 J Robertson 107	0 1	M Kingsley 114	J Booker 108	0 1	RA Balatoni 115
12 I Bryan 104	½ ½	G Bengier 110	D Metcalfe 104	½ ½	D Parsons 108
13 R Thompson 104	0 1	E Lodge 110	P Staniland 100	0 1	D Innes 114
14 AP Fabian 103	0 1	R Giddens 99 j	D Buckland 102	1 0	LI Makinson 116
15 NP Webb 87	0 1	P Pattison 96	C Kerrigan 71	½ ½	PM Shaw 100
16 M Bussey 65	0 1	D Allen 70 j	M Creasey	0 1	K Abdesselem 92
(Orpington)	6	10	(Long Hanborough)	8	8

Surrey*	16.3.96	Essex*
1 D Weston-Lewis 124	0 1	D Cannan 124 (W)
2 A Rance 124	½ ½	W Petchey 123
3 DJ Howes 121	1 0	C Barrett 124
4 M Feld 119 j	1 0	D Bird 122
5 G Morse 118	½ ½	M Ashkettle 122
6 K Chamberlain 118	½ ½	N Hopgood 120 j
7 DH Ramsey 117	1 0	J Figgins 118
8 M Daood 118	0 1	T Allen 115
9 M King 116 j	0 1	B Sheppard 115
10 DA Jones 111	½ ½	P Flint 115
11 H Wylie 114	½ ½	M Kingsley 114
12 J Hart 11	1 0	G Bengier 110
13 RA Balatoni 115	1 0	E Lodge 110
14 D Innes 114	0 1	E Walker 106 j
15 LI Makinson 116	0 1	R Giddens 99 j
16 K Abdesselem 93	1 0	G Walker 100 j
(Sutton)	8½	7½

UNDER 100

Essex*	27.1.96	Herts*	Essex*	10.2.96	Kent*
1 R Giddens 99 (W)	0 1	Peter Miller 98	R Giddens 99 j (B)	0 1	Brian Thatcher 97
2 J Sansom 79	½ ½	Adam Humphreys 97	A Brew 98	½ ½	Russell Scott 83 j
3 R Prickett 99	1 0	Lorin d'Costa 78	G Clarke 93	1 0	Errol Campbell 92
4 A Brew 98	1 0	Matthew Read 94	G Miller 92 j	1 0	David Bell 99
5 G Clarke 93	½ ½	Wolf Hamm 96	N Nice 91	1 0	David Burtonshaw 98
6 N Nice 91	1 0	David Aburrow 98	R Payne 80 j	1 0	Geoff Plume 98
7 R Smith 89	0 1	Steve Zsibrita 83	JE Lutton 74 j	½ ½	George Foord 92
8 F Riley 86	0 1	David Waltham 85	FC Riley 86	1 0	Andrew Bigg 86 j
9 J Deeth (sic) 81	1 0	Remi Strauss 79	EJ Lutton 69 j	0 1	Lawrence (so) Jones 90
10 R Payne 80	1 0	Simon Morris 92	C Turner 91e j	0 1	Keith Findley 94
11 D Allen 70	0 1	Nick Chandler 93e	D Allen 70 j	0 1	Chris Eyre 79
12 G Pryce 60e	1 0	Alan Dowling 92e	G Pryce 60e j	0 1	Konrad Sanders 74 j
(Waltham Abbey)	7 5		(Wanstead)	6 6	
Herts*	24.2.96	Essex*			
1 James Angus (B)	½ ½	R Prickett 99			
2 Adam Humphreys 97 j	1 0	R Giddens 99 j			
3 David Aburrow 98	½ ½	A Brew 98			
4 Wolf Hamm 96	0 1	G Clark 93			
5 Steve Zsibrita 85	0 1	G Miller 92 j			
6 David Waltham 85 j	1 0	N Nice 91			
7 Alan Brewis *	0 1	R Iannetta 92			
8 Remi Strauss 79 j	½ ½	FC Riley 86			
9 Nick Chandler 93e j	1 0	C Turner e91 j			
10 John Dalton 55	0 1	D Allen 70 j			
11 Simon Morris 92 j	1 0	M Lawn 60e			
12 Stephen Burt	1 0	G Pryce 60e j			
(Stevenage)	6½ 5½				

* no grade given

A friendly against the Rest of the (Surrey/Hants) Border League, as first event in Guildford Chess Club's centenary celebrations. For details of other events, try Mike Adams 01483 756835.

One of them, in the spring sometime, is "the first UK 'Masnau' Tournament". No idea where the name or the format comes from - there isn't anywhere called Masnau in the Bulletin's ancient atlas - but it's rapidplay. Top third play next third; bottom third queue up to play the winners. Winner stays on (or Black if draw) and takes white; loser goes to back of queue. Overall winner is the player with most points at the end of the several-hour session. Hope there's a bar for queuers. (Spell check didn't like that word, and never you mind what its own suggestion was.) Average queuing time will be about the length of a game, so 0% scores are rewarded by 50% bar time. Sounds like an interesting experiment in inverse handicapping.

The club believes it is unique in having met at the same premises throughout its hundred-year existence, uninterrupted by two world wars.

The other friendly comes from Oxon. It was played at Brasenose College and, in case anyone has ideas about grading it, don't because Ray Starkie will.

Guildford*	24.1.96	The Rest
1 R Abayasekera	1 0	D Pritchard
2 M Anderton	0 1	J Shepley
3 M Singleton	1 0	A Bice
4 A Punnett	1 0	P Dupré
5 M Smart	1 0	R Fletcher
6 P Stimpson	1 0	D Noble
7 W Lowe	½ ½	M Inglis
8 I Deswarte	½ ½	P Horlock
9 M Gunn	½ ½	E Goggin
10 A Clifford	½ ½	R Crow
11 M Adams	0 1	P Jewell
12 R Alsford	1 0	P Sharland
	8 4	

Town	3.2.96	Gown
1 M Rose 189	½ ½	M Devereaux 182
2 J Wittman 170	1 0	J Ouaknine 2303 US
3 N Jones 168	0 1	A Westphalen (Ger)
4 D Bruce 155	0 1	A Lewis 176
5 L Millin 161	½ ½	C Blake 172
6 G Chapman 163	1 0	M Addis 163
7 C Moxley 148	0 1	S Jayakumar 162
8 W Tutty -	0 1	F Buchkremer (Ger)
	3 5	

BCF/BATSFORD OFFICIAL CHESS YEARBOOK 1996

Don't know how long it's been out, I've only just got mine. More pages than last year, smaller print, readable content, selective results as always. They've *still* got me down as Tunbridge Wells secretary but I daresay that's someone else's fault. Batsfords will not renew their sponsorship next year. Will that put the future of the Yearbook in doubt again? Let's hope not. Price £9 from the BCF or elsewhere.

NATIONAL CLUB with thanks to the several Controllers

OPEN Round 3 Atherton 3½ 2½ Bedford; Cardiff 2 4 Barbican; Glasgow Poly 1 4 (+ 1a) Charlton; Hull 1½ 4½ Dundee & Victoria; Maidstone 3½ 2½ Cambridge Univ; Nidum 1½ 3 Bristol & Clifton; Witney 4 2 Guildford(!); Wood Green 4½ 1½ Slough. The Nidum-Bristol score involves a half-point deduction for an ineligible player, but we still can't make it out unless they played over 5 boards. Your Editor acted as controller for an Anglo-Scottish telephone match and, considering some not-so-ancient horror stories about Anglo-Scottish telephone matches, he is delighted to report that there were no problems at all.

Rd 4 (¼ finals) by 21st April: Barbican v Atherton; Bristol & Clifton v Wood Green; Charlton v Maidstone; Dundee & Victoria v Witney.

Plate Rd 1 Atticus 6 0d Rochdale; Cosham 6 0d Cavendish; Grendel 4½ 1½ Hounslow; Hayes Kent 4½ 1½ Mushrooms; Ilford 5½ ½ Northampton; Phoenix Kent 1½ 4½ Metropolitan.

Rd 2 (¼ finals) by 21st April: Atticus v Oxford Univ; Cosham v Hayes; Kings Head v Grendel (who *are* Grendel?); Metropolitan v Ilford.

MAJOR Round 3 Prescot & Knotty Ash 1½ 3½ Crusaders; Dista *2½ 2½ Great Lever; Teignmouth 1½ 3½ Hereford; Gloucester 3½ 1½ Milton Keynes; Cosham 3 2 Basingstoke; Kingston 1½ 3½ Eastbourne; Reading 2½ 2½* Kings Head; Metropolitan 4½ ½ Ilford

Rd 4 (¼ finals) by 31st March: Crusaders v Dista; Hereford v Gloucester; Kings Head v Metropolitan; Eastbourne v Cosham.

Plate Rd 1 Poulton le Fylde ½ 4½ Huddersfield; Rose Forgrove 4 1 Liverpool; Lichfield 2 3 Warley Quinborne; Exeter 4½ ½ Abercynon; Cambridge City 1 4 Rainham (?Kent); Fulham 1 4 Southampton; Guildford 4 1 Maidstone

Rd 2 (¼ finals) by 31st March: Huddersfield v Rose Forgrove; Warley Quinborne v Guildford; Southampton v Hastings & St Leonards; Rainham v Exeter.

INTERMEDIATE Rd 3 Grays 1½ 3½ Cosham; Grimsby 1½ 3½ Rose Forgrove; Metropolitan 1½ 3½ Cambridge City; Southbourne 1 4 Exeter; Tamworth & District 2½ 2½* Hereford; Tunbridge Wells 3 2 Thanet; Wanstead & Woodford 4 1 Fulham; W Quinborne 3 2 Gt Lever.

Rd 3 (¼ finals) by 5th May: Cambridge City v Tunbridge Wells; Cosham v Exeter; Hereford v Wanstead & Woodford; Rose Forgrove v W Quinborne

Plate Rd 2 Beckton Rooks 0d 5 Bury Knights; Darnall & Handsworth 1½ 3½ Ashfield; Eastbourne 1 4 Bourne End; Kings Head 3 2 Southend; Olton 4 1 Northampton; Phoenix 2 3 Wood Green; Thornbury 3 2 Torbay Juniors; Tynedale 4 1 Morecambe.

Rd 3 (¼ finals) by 5th May: Ashfield v Tynedale; Bourne End v Thornbury; Bury Knights v Kings Head; Wood Green v Olton

MINOR Rd 3 Hastings v Chislehurst; Southend v Fulham; Rose Forgrove v Yorkshire Copperworks; Monmouth v Grendel; Milton Keynes v Metropolitan; Kings Head v Southampton; Alwoodley v Prescott (Oh dear, two ts. Major has one) & KA; R Forgrove B v Tamworth

Plate Rd 2 Ashfield v Darnall & H; Totnes v Stroud; Chorley v Gt Lever; Basingstoke v Walsall Kipping; Crowthorne v Waltham Forest; Kilndown v Ashford (?Kent); Phoenix (?Kent) v Middx Juniors; Oxford Univ v Reading.

BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD

Very selectively, some things from the meeting of 9th March 1996. Your Editor was only there by proxy so hopes he's got it right.

4NCL has not paid game fee and won't be graded by the BCF unless it coughs up. It *is* to be FIDE-rated, by the Welsh Federation, which seems to have raised the odd hackle because essentially it's an English event and the BCF should have been asked first. Don't think anyone's making formal objections.

FIDE Laws. The BCF will strongly oppose the new proposals forbidding players to talk to anyone except the arbiter or the opponent. (Even in the case of your opponent, you can only say things like "I offer/claim/accept a draw", or "I resign". The draft still says that announcing check is not obligatory, but in fact it's made it illegal. "Check" is not one of the things you're allowed to say.) We're slightly surprised that the MB didn't also object to the bit saying you can't leave the playing venue without the arbiter's permission.

Arbiters' Corner

From a county inter-club league, facts idealised to keep it simple. White seals a move. Black, in accordance with the rules, takes the envelope away. The envelope accidentally goes in the washing machine, then the dustbin, and is retrieved dragged and slightly torn. Black phones White: "I haven't seen the move but the envelope *is* torn, and

the move may not be legible anyway. I propose that when we resume, you should not be held to the sealed move." White: "No. I'm claiming a win." Your decision? Assume that the county does not have any specific rules on the subject, and the envelope is not available for inspection. Does it make any difference if the envelope is available just as it came out of the dustbin, and it looks as though the move could not have been seen?

When we said "in accordance with the rules", that was one of the idealised bits. We believe the county has no rule about who takes the envelope. It should have, and the rule should be what we pretended it was. Then if the envelope goes missing (or in the washing machine) it will always be open to the players to agree to the suggestion Black made. Black can't gain from it if White feels he's had adequate notice.

CONGRESS DIARY

- Mar 31 CHESS & BRIDGE. Neville Twitchell, Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Rd NW1 0171 388 2404
31 BOURNE END. G Parker, 1 Thames Close, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5QJ 01628 522297
- Apr 5-8 SOUTHEND Open plus five-round Swisses in graded sections (no grading limits). GMA Smith, 41 Westwood Gardens, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex SS7 2SH 01702 556086
5-8 SURREY at Sutton. FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 0PF 0181 647 0063
7 BASINGSTOKE QP. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, South View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2LS 01256 472537
9-11 MAIDENHEAD JUNIOR Under 18/13/11/9. R Brugge, 16 Wootton Way, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 4QU 01628 36276
13 WESTMINSTER QP. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881
13-14 SOUTH HERTS at St Albans. Open; U176/150/130/110. JA Leake, 14 Highfield Avenue, Harpenden, Herts AL5 5UA 01582 621623
20 GOLDERS GREEN QP. Adam Raooof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982
21 RICHMOND QP. Stephen Mooring, 30 The Terrace SW13 0NR 0181 876 2407
26-28 NORFOLK OPEN. F Bowers, 34 Middle Rd, Whaplode, Spalding, Lincs PE12 6TW 01406 370166
26-28 NOTTINGHAM. AJ Wright, 48 Woodland Grove, Chilwell, Beeston, Notts NG9 4BQ 01159 253882
27 READING QP. G Caskie, 17 Somerset Walk, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks RG31 5NG 01734 615637
27-28 SPECTRUM CHESS at Bournemouth. U200/180/160/120. Les Day, 10 Oaklawn Court, Barton Rd, Torquay, Devon TQ1 4EN 01803 212136
28 CHESS & BRIDGE. Neville Twitchell, Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Rd NW1 0171 388 2404
- May 4-5 RICHMOND. Stephen Mooring, 30 The Terrace SW13 0NR 0181 876 2407
4-6 THAMES VALLEY W5. Open; U170/135/105. Adrian Laurence, 62 Langham Gardens, Ealing W13 8PZ 0181 991 0120
4-6 SPECTRUM CHESS at Hove. U190/155/120/90. Norman Went, 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Essex RM13 8JT 01708 551617
5 BASINGSTOKE QP. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, South View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2LS 01256 472537
11 WESTMINSTER QP. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881
17-19 FROME. G Jepps, 27 Lockey Rd, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5RQ 01749 344191
18 GOLDERS GREEN QP. Adam Raooof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982
25-26 BARKING. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881
26 CHESS & BRIDGE. Neville Twitchell, Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Rd NW1 0171 388 2404

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