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Let's get the Meetings out of the way first.

### SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on Friday 7th March 1997, at the Durham Castle as usual. 14 attended. The lighting failed as we dispatched the Minutes, but the ensuing gloom only enhanced the brilliance of the debate. Shortened it, too.

**(1) Minute Secretary.** Adrian Laurence, who had stepped into the breach at the previous meeting, had been obliged to resign. His place was taken, for this meeting only, by David Smith, the Essex delegate. The Union is badly in need of a permanent Minute Secretary.

**(2) Friendly matches.** The President had received a challenge to a match Essex v Rest of SCCU, to mark the county's centenary next year, and it is hoped to proceed with it. He said the MCCU Centenary Match (later this year) had been lying a bit low recently.

**(3) Grading.** It was reported that the BCF's interim grading list was on the way, and it should be out by the time you read this. It would be two lists really: (a) corrections to August grades, mostly due to results coming in late; and (b) new entries for people who had not, in August, played enough games to qualify. Don't know what cut-off date they've used for (b). Partial lists. Hate them or ignore them, you can't like them. The meeting touched on the forthcoming New Improved System, but proper discussion was postponed till the next meeting when some details would be available. CI Howell promised a paper for the Bulletin, and it's on page 4.

**(4) Junior chess.** NW Dennis reported the results of the previous weekend's U18 qualifiers: see page 8. Glynne Jones had offered to hold all the events at one venue (Watford Boys School) next year.

**(5) SCCU U180 KO.** Last year the KO juddered to a halt with only one match played; so this year it's a Jamboree. Date and venue: Saturday 12th April at Sutton. Teams of 10; U180 on top three boards and U170 elsewhere. The Executive was unsure whether there was still a market for this event, given the "new" grading-limited leagues. But then, for all we knew, there might be a market for it and others like it with lower grading limits. Have to ask the counties.

**(6) SCCU County matches.** There had been something in the last Bulletin about lopsided homes-and-aways for one county. Lopsided in terms of distance, that is. The Tournament Controller said he had noticed the same thing with a different county; the problem was that correcting it would mean disrupting the seasonal alternation of venues. The Executive took no view on priorities.<sup>1</sup>

Sussex had suggested reverting to 12 boards in the U125. They had invited support from other counties, and not got much. One delegate said he favoured 16 boards because it meant more match fees towards the rent. No action is proposed.

The U100, in the nature of things, has a lot of juniors in it. (No one mentioned any figures, and someone said *his* U100 team also had a lot of seniors moving in the opposite direction.) If it was to be a largely junior event, that would have fixture implications. A different (or extra) set of clashes to avoid. Tangentially, the 4NCL hoped to have their fixtures arranged earlier next time, making it easier to avoid clashes at the top end.

**(7) Game Fee.** The Executive discussed the forthcoming BCF proposals, especially with regard to club internal games. (For a few details, see item 1 in the next meeting down.) Some said club games should have been chargeable in the first place, some feared administrative nightmares, others talked of the grass roots, and others again said the clubs would just stop sending their games. How should the Union mandate its delegates? A proposal to oppose the new charge was lost by 5 votes to 7; after which it was agreed (10-1 or very like) to support phased introduction. Over two or three years, maybe. Few spoke against the increase for Rapidplay from one-third to one-half of the standard rate. Even the congress organisers seemed to think one-third was too low.

**(8) Maidstone Congress.** It was announced that the 1997 event would be 17-19 October. Nearly forgot to say the next bit, and we can't think of anywhere else to say it, so: you may have been in doubt, if you read the Bulletin report of the last Executive meeting, about what was happening to the Union's three BCQ places for 1997-8. Nothing is, they're staying where they were. Maidstone, Sutton and Southend.

<sup>1</sup> Nothing to do with the Executive meeting, but since then a county committee (guess which) has debated proposing rule changes on SCCU venues. Some thought a county should be able to insist on a half-way venue, and they cited a certain venue which they thought unreasonably remote. The commonsense answer prevailed: if you don't like going to \*\*\*\*\* you can always make them come to Margate next year.

### BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Management Board met in London on Saturday 1st March 1997. Your Editor represented the SCCU. This report's rather brief, but the meeting wasn't. Time was wasted on things that shouldn't *take* time. Like, twenty minutes to vet the minutes (sorry). We take five seconds over it in Kent, because they're right to start with. The BCF *are* casting round for a Minute Secretary; must be catching. Inevitably, some people talked too much. The chairman, who wasn't one of them, made a pretty civilised fist of controlling a meeting that once or twice threatened to become unpleasant. Re-reading that, it could be taken by the cynical as a tacit reference to SCCU meetings. It isn't one. Now get on with it, Haddrell.

(1) **Game Fee: internal club games.** The previous meeting had decided to recommend to the April Council Meeting that Game Fee should be charged at the full standard rate on club games with effect from autumn 1997. Some queried the wisdom of this, and one person said a survey within his county suggested that most clubs would stop having their games graded. At half the standard rate, a lot of them would continue. This was obviously going to come up at the Council Meeting anyway, so discussion was brief. Ish. It will also be proposed that standard rate be increased from 23p to 25p, and the Rapidplay fee to half of that, and the meeting had an interesting discussion on how to divide 25 by 2.

(2) **Money.** The MB spent something over an hour thrashing out some fine points of the accounts and budget for the April Council Meeting. You know your Editor has no head for money, and you'll excuse him a blow-by-blow account. He *did* understand most of it. The revised budget is for an overall loss of somewhere around £5000. Give or take a thousand quid, and they did cosmetic things with the reserves to make the answer look different.

(3) **Counties Championship:** draw for National Stage. See page 10.

(4) **Structure of Management Board.** Or whatever we're going to call it. The autumn Council Meeting had, as you know, approved in principle the idea of a rationalised structure. The working group set up to study this had been quite unable to agree, and a minority report held out firmly for some kind of delegate structure. This may not have been what Council had in mind but it was sympathetically received by the MB, and people mentioned the lack of representation of leagues and congresses. Maybe the Unions could come down to one rep each to make room for them. Discussion was wordy, and your Editor is not sure anything's going to happen.

(5) **BCF Constitution.** More or less as an aside, and arising out of the above, someone said we *ought* to be the "English Chess Federation". And we really shouldn't play under the Union Jack just to annoy the Scots.

(6) **British Championships.** The Federation has secured substantial sponsorship from Smith & Williamson, which should help to restore the standing of the event as a true British Championship. SWR: How would we feel about Liverpool, say, or Manchester or Leeds or Sheffield, as venues for the British? No one had any views in particular, except that we should ask the players. His question was perhaps not entirely idle. Incidentally there had been no applications for the Congress Chess directorship, and SWR is soldiering on.

(7) **BCF Arbiters.** Approved: Ken Groce (Waltham Abbey); Lyndon Gurr (Rainham Kent). **Senior Arbiters:** Steve Boniface, Neil Graham, David Sedgwick.

(8) **Grading.** With the departure of Lorraine Harding from the BCF office, there's no one there who knows a blind thing about grading and Roger Edwards is more or less doing everything himself. The timing of the 1997 grading list should not be affected. It emerged that the New Improved grading system, scheduled for autumn 1997 and the Bulletin's been known to throw in the odd "allegedly", will now come on stream in autumn 1998. The postponement came as a surprise to everyone. Including, when we told him afterwards, a member of the development committee who might have been expected to know about it. Believe what you will. No one from the development committee was at the meeting.

(9) **BCF Yearbook.** John Poole, who resigned as Home Director at the autumn Council Meeting, will continue to look after the Yearbook.

(10) **National Club.** There was some disquiet about the practice, among the top few clubs, of bringing in paid players; and some feeling that there might be a case for introducing a new division (U215 or U220?) for genuinely amateur and representative teams. Not sure about the viability of the resulting "professional" division that would leave on top. Someone said that the National Club had been more or less superseded, as a credible European Club qualifier, by the 4NCL.

(11) **MCCU Centenary.** A match MCCU v BCF Management Board is planned for Friday 25th April: the evening before the BCF Counties Championship Finals.

#### SCCU RULES & APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

The sub-committee is Chris Howell, Nigel Dennis, Richard Haddrell, Jonathan Melsom and John Philpott. It met, minus NWD, on Tuesday 25th March 1997. David Sedgwick and Lester Millin were in attendance. Some problems had arisen but, in the event, few decisions were needed.

##### (1) SCCU U18 JAMBOREE: MINOR COUNTIES QUALIFIER 1.3.97

A very young Oxon player had complained to an adult, apparently believing him to be an official, that his opponent was not writing the moves down in a QPF. The (unidentified) adult wrongly said that you didn't have to, and Oxon stopped as well. Oxon lost on time in a lost position. His county appealed against the result, suggesting that the opponent should not be allowed to benefit from his breach of the rules. The sub-committee declined to take action, feeling that the incident had probably not affected the result, but agreed that important rules should be made very clear to players before play began. It would also be helpful if tournament officials wore badges.

##### (2) SCCU LEAGUE U175: SUSSEX v KENT 8.2.97

Nothing to discuss, because neither side had appealed against the Controller's ruling, but what happened was that a Kent player played an illegal move in (apparently) the dying moments of a QPF. The illegality was pointed out, by whom is not clear, and corrected in *Sussex's* time. No arbiter was present. Sussex lost on time with K+Q v K+R. Sussex objected and the Controller, feeling that the illegality might well have affected the result of the game, said

"draw". Not sure how satisfied anyone was but, as it turned out, it made no difference to Sussex's second-place nomination. The sub-committee wondered if counties should be given guidelines on what to do in such cases. (At least re-start his clock, if he's made an illegal move!) On the whole it was thought that players knew what to do but, in the heat of the moment, might easily not think to do it. Match captains might or might not be considered "arbiters"; was the SCCU's position clear? No action is proposed.

**(3) SCCU LEAGUE U175: KENT v SUSSEX 22.3.97**

Kent had switched the venue from Sevenoaks to Charlton at one week's notice. Noises had been made but it was not clear that anyone was actually making claims. Sussex won the match. It was agreed that Kent should be cautioned about changing venues at short notice. Any repetition could lead to significant penalties. (They *have* done it before, only last time they were as surprised as their opponents and they gave about 20 minutes' notice!)

**(4) SCCU LEAGUE OPEN: OXON v SURREY 8.3.97**

Surrey had defaulted on the top two boards. The Controller, having spoken to the Surrey match captain, was satisfied that the 2 named players had been genuinely expected to turn up (though the match captain agreed that his communication with them might have been better). No one suffered except Surrey, and no action was proposed.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

4.2.97

Thank you for sending me issue 233 of the Bulletin which I found most interesting. However, on the subject of Girls Chess, I fear you may have been misinformed. The Girls U18 Second Teams, far from being a new idea, dates back to 1994. Its *raison d'être* was the suggestion, before that date, that the Girls competition be extended to 12 boards to parallel the Open (mainly boys) competition. No, please, said the smaller counties, who could not have found twelve players. Okay, said the biggies, we'll have second teams. The competition was SCCU only in 1994, but in 1995 and 1996 it went to National finals in Nuneaton, Surrey being the winners in 1996, along with the First Teams Girls event as well as the Open. As for there being no entrants in 1997, this is quite false, as there are already two - one being Surrey and the other Middlesex, whose girls, in spite of what the officials of that county(?) might decree, actually want to play chess, and guess what, have found a very kind and hardworking person to organise them. We hope to even play a Third Team competition as well.

As to the Year Letter system in use by the Surrey Girls Chess League, it has quite a venerable history, having formerly been in use elsewhere in the country (dare I mention anything to do with white roses?) for some time. It is very convenient, and as most people will have deduced, this year's Under 2s will become, in their turn, A Year. No confusion is ever caused as there are only around 14 letters in use at any one time. I commend the system to other junior organisations.

Incidentally, if anyone would like to challenge Surrey Girls to a match, as National Girls Champions we will be pleased to accept. We are playing a match against Welsh Ladies very soon, and against Wey Valley Boys at U12 level in June. We had hoped to organise matches on the European mainland also, but have had no takers so far.

Best wishes,

NEIL CLIFTON

Coulsdon

Ed: - On the "new idea", I think I was more misunderstood than misinformed. I didn't express myself very well, but what I *meant* to say was that the SCCU invitation had only just gone out as an afterthought. And I did say my information was from before Christmas. I offer no opinion on the Year Letter system, but we do need a handy way of referring to year groups. "He's an U13" may be clear in the right context, but what's the English for "How many of your U13 team are U13s?" I've heard "real" U13s called natural U13s! However, doesn't the English school system do the trick? U13s are Year 8. That's easier to understand than Year, er, P is it? Year P keeps changing its meaning, as well. Oh dear, I seem to have offered an opinion.

NC's letter was followed, a few days later, by one from Bruce Birchall correcting the same misinformation. Must try to say what I mean in future. It turns out, as you may have guessed, that he is the kind and hardworking person Neil Clifton alludes to. His letter complained of the Middx refusal to let him enter Girls teams. (I believe the matter had given rise to other correspondence as well.) Then he rang shortly afterwards with the good news. The Middx Association had no objection after all to his entering "unofficial" teams. It was all a misunderstanding, apparently. Don't know what caused it, but it seems to have gone on quite a while. In the circumstances, Bruce has withdrawn his letter.

Dear Richard,

9.2.97

It must be worth pointing out that there is NOT any conflict between Herts and SCCU rules. [See letters, last issue, page 1.] There is simply a corollary, something like: "No player who is indisputably better than the Herts County Champion may play for a Herts team at the same time as the Herts County Champion". The precise wording depends on that in the written rules, eg it may be that the Herts Champion is allowed under Herts rules to agree to forgo top board; that I don't know.

Note also that "order of playing strength" or whatever phrase is used is not necessarily the same as "in grade order" or "in order of international status".

If a grandmaster played in but failed to win the Herts Championship, I would personally consider that



justification for playing on a lower board than the champion. If however he (or she) failed to play in the county championship, then I applaud a rule giving precedence *for places in the team* to those who do get more involved in county activities, viz by playing in the championship, even if that means a weaker team than would be the case without a county-champion-on-board-1 rule.

Yours sincerely,

H TREVOR JONES

Guildford

<sup>1</sup> Ed: - The Herts rule, as quoted by both Herts correspondents last time, says the Champion has the *right* to play top board.

Dear Richard,

18.2.97

I should like to pick up a couple of points in your reference in your January issue to my decision to relinquish my responsibilities for managing the BCF Direct Membership Scheme.

I do not administer the scheme, as such. As the job description makes it clear, my responsibilities primarily focus on marketing the scheme and on providing overall management. It is important for any would be officer to know that the BCF Office provides the basic administration including processing subscriptions. Our central office is very supportive which is essential if the scheme is to continue to be successful.

Your comment<sup>1</sup> about "contentious things" should not be taken out of context. As the BCF's official newsletter, it is obviously important that the policies of the Federation are explained to its members and also that *ChessMoves* does not carry misleading information. There is no intention to stifle criticism, on the contrary, *ChessMoves* provides an excellent medium for contributions from those who may disagree with BCF policies. Constructive argument is to be welcomed, assuming it is accurate in its reference to BCF policies.

The Officer in charge of the Direct Membership Scheme has an obvious responsibility to consider content which is what the particular point you mention is all about. The number of times content has been seriously questioned during the past six years can be counted in single figures. Paul Buswell, as editor for most of this time, made it very clear he would not allow interference with editorial freedom and I absolutely agreed with him. At the same time, Paul never shut his mind to comments or suggestions from me which is the hallmark of good teamwork.

We still await applications from prospective officers to run the scheme. It is a particularly good opportunity for a young marketer who wishes to gain experience.

Regards,

BRYAN (FEWELL)

Harpenden

<sup>1</sup> Ed: - What comment? I only said it was in the job description!

We asked Chris Howell for a piece on the new grading system. Here it is.

## **THE NEW BCF GRADING SYSTEM**

Most of you will have heard by now that the BCF is in the process of updating its Grading System, the software for which has been unchanged for many years. There is no real choice about doing this, as the old system was not designed to cope with two different types of results ( longplay and rapidplay ) or a number of other subsequent developments, and the whole system is very near breakdown - only enormous efforts by Roger Edwards (BCF Grading Officer) and Lorraine Harding (until last year at the BCF Office but now departed) have got the last few Grading Lists out more or less on time.

The internals of the system will change totally, and many new features will be incorporated to aid the smooth running of the Grading System, Game Fee, the Direct Members Scheme, International Ratings and Norms, etc., but this article is concerned with the effects the chess-playing and game-fee paying public are likely to see directly; hence the following sub-headings.

### **What Has To Change Because of the New Grading System?**

Nothing.

The new system will be configurable to be exactly equivalent to the existing one; all results can be accepted in the 'old' formats, and lists can if desired also be printed identically and at the same times of the year. This is deliberate, so that any changes brought in with the new system are optional, and can be introduced gradually during a 'transition' stage. This cautious approach will make it a longer job to produce the new system, however.

### **What Will Change (Because Everyone Thinks It's a Good Idea)?**

The system will have many new facilities and approaches that simply don't exist in the present one, and taking advantage of some of these will result in the following improvements:

- Central calculation - the new system will be capable of collecting the results of individual games (including colour), thus eliminating any miscalculations by local graders (I have witnessed these from both sides!), and removing the necessity to estimate new players' strengths.

- Dates of birth - the storage of dates of birth (when and only when freely given by the individual) will eliminate the possibility of two players being confused when they have similar names, as happens frequently at present - I have personal experience of that one, too!
- Rolling calculation - it will be possible to take a snapshot of any player's grade at any time, going back for 12 months from that time or exactly (say) 30 games over as long a time as that needs. This allows for monthly, quarterly, half-yearly lists etc., and allows a 'current' list to be produced, say for a junior selection meeting. It is hoped that organisers/graders will send results in much more quickly than at present, as preliminary calculations are no longer required.
- Club details - it will be possible to dynamically update and order each player's club list dependent on his/her activity for that club, removing any redundant clubs when no game has appeared for a given time; for this to work really well all results (even at congresses) will need a nominated club affiliation. Honorary or inactive memberships could still be specifically included by request.

### **What Things Could Happen (If People Want Them To)?**

There are all sorts of things the new system will allow us to do which are impossible under the present system. Here are a few I and various others have already come up with, but remember, they will only happen if they are popular.

- Six-monthly combined grading lists, with titles, ELO ratings, Longplay and Rapidplay BCF grades, both current and previous, published each February and August both on paper and on CD-ROM. The latter would include a browser allowing the publication of any list you can think of, e.g. all players from a club in descending grade order, all 150-174s in a given county, the top 30 women by ELO rating in the country etc. - all available from one issue.
- Monthly lists of juniors by gender and/or age category.
- New calculation methods, including 'real ELO' system or simply translating the BCF grades by the 'times 8 + 600' rule, adjusting the '40 point' rule, biasing results on colour played, etc.

### **How Will Organisers' and Graders' Roles Change?**

As part of the grading system update, user-friendly software will be made available to organisers which will assist in the running of leagues and tournaments, and supply data in the ideal format for the new grading system. For organisers using programs such as Tournament Director, the BCF is working with the suppliers to make sure output will also be directly compatible with the new system. The new result file formats will be public and text-based (similar to Windows 3 .INI files for you techies out there) and therefore easily read. Any organiser with access to a Windows 3.1 or later compatible PC will thus be able to produce results in the ideal format for the BCF, ensuring the maximum accuracy of grading for his or her competitors. It is hoped that many events will be able to combine the roles of organiser and grader into one role with a lower workload than either previously.

It is envisaged that those without computer facilities will do best to send their raw results (crosscharts, pairing cards, match result sheets or simply lists of individual games) to a regional grader with an Internet link to the BCF office, or the office itself. These will be using scanning devices and OCR (Optical Character Recognition) software to automate the task of inputting the raw results where possible. Although it will still be possible to send in old-style 'bundled' results as in the past and these will contribute to new grades perfectly well, they may somewhat reduce the effects of some of the improved facilities of the new system.

The new system will send back far more readable and detailed reports to organisers, ensuring a greater integrity of results than is possible with the current system. Reports might also be prepared automatically for Game Fee and International Rating/Title Norm purposes with no further effort.

Overall the workload on organisers and local graders, when considered together, will be drastically reduced for a given event, hopefully allowing them to run more events and increasing chess activity in the country as a whole.

### **Timescales**

Some parts of the new system are already running, and have already been used to help create lists. More and more of the new system will come on line within the BCF in 1997/98, but the full release of the Organiser's software will probably not be until 1998. 1997/1998 and 1998/1999 at least will be a period of transition with results expected in both old and new forms. So steady evolution is the order of the day rather than overnight revolution; please be patient, the work is being carried out by a small team of chess-loving computer professionals giving up their spare time for no monetary reward (estimated cost at commercial rates would be a minimum of £40,000).

### **What Will the Bulletin Say?**

Sorry, I've sneakily copied his layout but this isn't Chris, it's me. The lack of information on the new system has bothered me and it's nice to have something now. Even so, there's something Chris hasn't said. Well, I expect there's lots he hasn't said but there's one thing that *will* affect the ordinary player. He told the KCCA, the other week, that the Kent Grading List next year wouldn't include any "starred" grades. Non-techies please read on, it gets better. Starred grades are grades based on less than 10 games. They never get published usually, but they exist, and us Kent backwoodsmen like as much information as we can get, so we've always arranged to have them

in our private list. Only we can't any more, because the new system *won't do any calculations at all for new players' games* until they've made the magic ten. This will affect their opponents as well. Play a game against someone new, and it'll be graded this year next year sometime never. No way of telling. Grade's not quite what you expected? Could be it's been suddenly infiltrated by those games you played two years ago against new players and had forgotten all about. There's a reason, of course. Until you've got a good few games from someone it's impossible to be sure of his strength. So if you grade his first few games straight away you risk error. Sure you do, but I'd sooner get it wrong and know the answer than wait indefinitely and get it "right". (If you think those quotation marks are unfair, remember that grading's not an exact science. I think you can try too hard to make it one.) Speaking for myself, I've paid my Game Fee and I want to know that my games will be graded. And graded this year, not as an ambush the year after next. Don't know what other players will think, but this is an important change and it shouldn't be done without an airing.

After the grouse, the plaudits. Of course it's right to do things centrally. The current system's a nonsense. A hundred and ninety-eight local graders doing their own thing, maybe sometimes the wrong thing, and all the BCF does is add their answers up. It doesn't even have any records of who's played who. The new system, to state the obvious, will not only eliminate arithmetical mistakes but also do you a much better estimate for a new player because it's doing all his results, wherever they're from, in one go. It opens up all sorts of possibilities. Chris mentions some, but of course there's others. Ever wanted to know what percentage White *really* scores? And how it changes with different categories of player? I have. And if you want details like who's played who, the beast will know and it will tell you. Or if it won't, shoot its handlers. I think its handlers have the right intentions, though.

I await the user-friendly software with interest, I'll use my own till it's superseded, and I'll shut up while this comment is shorter than the article it goes with. I invite readers' opinions.

## CONGRESS RESULTS

### NORTH HAMPSHIRE at Basingstoke 11-12 January 1997

**Open** (25 pl) 1 NE Povah (Guildford) 4½/5; 2 A Corkett (Fareham) 4; 3-5 J Fraser-Mitchell (Richmond), RC Noyce (Crowthorne), RM Webb (Crowthorne) 3½...

**Under 171** (43 pl) 1-7(!) DW Bell (Southampton), C Briscoe (W Molesey), M Broomfield (S Norwood), G Crockart (Didcot), M Kobylka (Wood Green), TE Simms (Dorset), M Smart (Guildford) 4...

**Under 131** (41 pl) 1 DJ Abbott (Wantage) 4½/5; 2-5 Lucy Broomfield (S Norwood), R Carter (Shaw), RE Langham (Caversham), M Silman (Reading) 4...

**Under 101** (6 pl) 1-2 D Menary (Cosham), I Sayer (Reading) 3½/5; 3 D Archer (Godalming) 3... Results AJ Cox

### RICHMOND RAPID 26th January 1997

**Open** (32 pl) 1=2 Aiden Leech (Maidenhead), Peter Varley (Addlestone) 5/6; 3 Alan Perkins (London) 4½... GRADING U200 1-2 Abimbola Adelaja (London), Andrew Horton-Kitchlew (London) 4½; U175 1 Chris White (Twickenham) 4; 2-3 Steven Coles (Teddington), Ian Henderson (Southampton) 3½

**Under 150** (37 pl) 1-3 Thomas Dougherty (London), David Lewis (Maidenhead), Daniel White (London) 5/6... GRADING U125 1 Ben Chamberlain (Surbiton) 4½; 2 Tomothy Woodward (London) 4

**Under 100** (30 pl) 1 Thomas Nixon (Kew) 5½/6; 2 Kate Feld (Cobham) 5; 3-4 Oliver Wilson (Sutton), James Wingfield (Sutton) 4½... GRADING U75 / Never Graded 1 Ricky Alboni (Twickenham) 4; 2 Eric Pollitt

(Hampton) 3½ Results Richard James

### NORTH ESSEX RAPIDPLAY at Colchester, 16th February 1997

**Open** (36 pl) 1 Andreas Plüg (Colchester) 5½/6; 2 Tony Rubin (Ipswich) 5; 3 John Moore (Southend) 4½...

JUNIOR TROPHY Eddie Dearing (Writtle) 4.

**Under 13** (14 pl) 1-3 Mark Gray (Ipswich), David Gunn (Maldon), Graham Walker (Southend) 5...

**Under 11** (20 pl) 1 Jonathan Livesley (Colchester) 5/6; 2-3 Michael Bridger (Southend Customs!), Nicholas Jellett (Temple Sutton) 4½; 4-5 Heather Walker, Tye Byram (both Temple Sutton) 4...

**Under 9** (23 pl) 1-2 Tom Swift (Southend Juniors), Daniel Hedges (Temple Sutton) 5/6; 3-4 Jacob Rubin (Ipswich), Edward Morris (Earls Hall, Southend)... Results Chessex

### RICHMOND RAPID 23rd February 1997 was the 10th in the series.

**Open** (22 pl) 1 Abimbola Adelaja (London) 5/6; 2-3 Alan Perkins, David Rumens (both London) 4½... GRADING U200 1-3 Hysni Pellumbi (Albania), Charles Tippleston (Northampton), Peter Varley (Addlestone) 4; U175 1-2 Ken Inwood (Hersham), Paul Kelly (London) 3

**Under 150** (21 pl) 1-2 Peter Lim (Harrow), Ross Rattray (Cheam) 5/6; 3 Daniel White (London) 4½... GRADING U125 Ben Chamberlain (Surbiton) 3½

**Under 100** (33 pl) 1 Adam Swann (Twickenham) 5½/6; 2 Tom Boesen (Hayes Middx) 5; 3-5 Luke Pettit (Hounslow), Adam Rose (London), James Wingfield (Sutton) 4½... GRADING U75 / NEVER GRADED Anna

Partington (Epsom) 3½... Results Richard James



## JUNIOR NEWS

### LANGLEY PARK at Beckenham 25th January 1997

**Kent Under 18 Championship** (10 pl) 1 James Vigus (St Dunstand College) 5/6; 2 David Moskovic (City of London) 4½; 3-4 Martin Taylor (Sir Joseph Williamsons: Under 16 Champion), Phillip Zabrocki (Harvey GS) 3½... This is the fourth time in five years that James Vigus has won the event, and it is his 13th Kent Junior title in 11 years.

**Kent Under 14 Championship** (26 pl) 1-3 and joint Champions Andrew Bigg (Hayes CC), Thomas Rendle (Crowborough CC), Robert Wilson (Tunbridge Wells GSB) 5/6; 4-7 Paul Richards (Joy Lane), Konrad Sanders (Eltham College), Russell Scott (Danson CC), Simon Thanesan (Maidstone GSB) 4...

**Under 11** (non-Championship: 38 pl) 1-2 Thomas Sharp (Sandhurst), Robert White (Eltham College) 5½/6; 3 Thomas Stradwick (Scotts Park) 5; 4-6 James Chapman (Brooklands), Sara Higgins (Riverhead), James Regan (Claremont) 4½...

**Under 9** (non-Championship: 12 pl) 1 Karim Habibi (DCPS Cranbrook) 6/6; 2 Aram Karakashian (Danson CC) 5; 3-4 Matthew Hadfield (Palace Wood), James O'Sullivan (Scotts Park) 4... Results Dave Vigus

**SURREY GIRLS SUPERSTRONG TOURNAMENT** (only they didn't invite the top four!) 11th January 1997  
15 played. 1 Kate Feld 3½/4; 2-5 Jaimini and Priya Kothari, Zoë Perry, Nicole Mangion. Results Neil Clifton

### BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS at Bearwood College (where?) 18-19 January 1997

**Open** (5 pl) 1 Mark Campbell (RGS Guildford) 4/4; 2-3 James Foster (St Barts), Chola Mukanga (Bearwood) 2½...

**U125** (10 pl) 1 Stephen Clark (South Bucks) 4½/5; 2-3 James Foster (St Barts), Chola Mukanga (Bearwood) 3½; 4-5 Koichi Nicholas (RGS High Wycombe), Joshua Pitts (Langtree) 3...

**Under 13** (17 pl) 1 Koichi Nicholas (RGS High Wycombe) 6/6; 2-4 Andrew Navias (Bearwood), Thomas Landais (RGS Guildford), Stephen Spikings (Dr Challoners) 4...

**Under 12** (24 pl) 1 David Bareham (Swindon) 5½/6; 2 Christopher Hansell (Little Kingshill) 5; 3-4 Lydia Goodwin (South Bucks), Ezra Lutton (Basildon) 4½; 5-8 Michael Healey (Richmond), Kenneth Hunt (MCS Oxford), John Sneesby (Basildon Essex), Adam Thorpe (South Bucks) 4...

**Under 11** (18 pl) 1 Oliver Coddington (Southampton) 5½/6; 2 Christopher Hansell (Little Kingshill) 5; 3 Ezra Lutton (Basildon Essex) 4½; 4 Dominic de Silva (RGS Guildford) 4...

**Under 10** (22 pl) 1 Matthew Harborne (Frimley) 5½/6; 2 Josiah Lutton (Basildon Essex) 5; 3-4 Graham Morris, Claire Moris (both Caldecott Oxon) 4½; 5-7 Ben Briegel (Hillside), Oliver Dyar (MCS Oxford), Mark Goodwin (South Bucks) 4...

**Under 9** (19 pl) 1 Daniel Diamond (South London) 8/8; 2-3 Bruno Bamberger (Beenham), Matthew Miles (St Edwards) 6; 4-5 Ross MacLeod (Eagle House), James Snowling (Beenham) 5...

**Under 8** (6 pl) 1-2 Richard Bennett (Courthouse), Christopher Emery (Dolphin) 5½/7; 3 Jamie Harding (Ridgeway) 4½... Results Nigel Dennis

### EPSCA SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying Zone 10 (of how many?) at Gt Missenden 25th January 1997

**Under 11** 1 Barming, Maidstone 18½/20; 2 Hamilton, High Wycombe 15; 3-6 Caldecott, Abingdon; Magdalen College, Oxford (it says here); Gayhurst, High Wycombe; Whyteleafe, "Surrey" 10½; 7 Gateway, Gt Missenden; 8 Ridgeway, Maidenhead; 9 Dolphin, Hurst, Reading 9; 10 Magdalen College B 8; 11 Ridgeway B 5; 12 Oxford High 3. Teams of five (presumably); 4 rounds. Top six qualified for finals.

**Under 9** 1 Hamilton, High Wycombe 17/20; 2 Gateway, Gt Missenden 12; 3 Dolphin 8½; 4 Gateway B 8; 5 Barming 6½. Top two qualified. Results Nigel Dennis

### ROCHESTER JUNIOR 8th February 1997

**Under 18 Major** (combined with Minor: 24 pl altogether) 1-2 Phillip Zabrocki, Martin Taylor 5½/6; 3 Trevor Jarrett 4; 4-5 Heather Richards, Mark Roberts 3½...

**Under 18 Minor** 1 Simon Thanesan 4/6; 2-3 Russell Scott, Markku Slattery 3½; 4-10 Andrew Bigg, Richard Cheeseman, Raymond Gosden, Emily Lerwill, Steven Pretty, Paul Richards, Alistair Taylor 3...

**Under 11** (18 pl) 1 Andrew Welch 5½/6; 2 Zakerey Bennett 5; 3-5 Edmund Birkhamshaw, James Chapman, Thomas Stradwick 4; 6-8 Harry Shaw, James Regan, Robert White 3½...

**Under 9** (12 pl) 1 David Ridout 6/6; 2-3 Matthew Hadfield, Richard McKinnon 4; 4 Jennifer Munroe 3½... Best Newcomer Samuel Lim 3 Results Roger Holmes

### SURREY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 8-9 February 1997 at Whitgift School, Croydon

**Under 18** (2 days: 7 pl) 1 M Broomfield (St Josephs) 4½/6; 2-4 MC Campbell (RGS), S Kapadia (KCS), DP Wilks (RGS) 4; 5 L Broomfield (Wallington High) 3½...

**Under 18 + U105** (2 days: 9 pl) 1 NJ Bawden (RGS) 4½/6; 2-4 G Chu (Whitgift), MW Short (RGS), K Tam

(KCS) 4; 5 M Moore (Whitgift) 3½...

**Under 16** (Sun: 9 pl) 1 S Patel (Trinity) 5½/6; 2 M Byrne (Trinity) 5; 3 S Chui-Webster (Trinity) 4½; 4 M Young (Ewell Castle) 4...

**Under 14 A** (Sat: 7 pl) 1 M Sachdev (Whitgift) 5½/6; 2 M Robinson (Whitgift) 4½; 3 DP Gillbe (RGS) 4; 4 LH Dawson (Whitgift) 3½...

**Under 14 B** (Sun: meaning of "B" not stated: 11 pl) 1 CM Dixon (Whitgift) 5½/6; 2 TD Booth (RGS) 5; 3 SN Gadher (Whitgift) 4; 4-5 F Ayles (Whitgift), DM Coles (Ewell Castle) 3½...

**Under 12 A** (Sat: 13 pl) 1 KL Feld (LE Holles) 5½/6; 2-3 CM Dixon (Whitgift), A Hegarty (Knaphill) 4½; 4 D Hegarty (Winston Ch) 4; 5 C Manders (Therfield) 3½...

**Under 12 B** (Sun: 18 pl: at last!!) 1 J Mulhern (Danes Hill) 5½/6; 2 A Spencer (Cumnor House) 4½; 3-6 A Foster-Yeow (Danes Hill), N Gauge (Whitgift), A Wilson (Croydon High), R Woodrow (Caterham) 4...

Results AJW Thorn

### SCCU UNDER 18 JAMBOREES

1st March 1997

Your Editor, keenly spotting that all the first names belonged to girls, has taken them out. Complaints will be noted but not acted on. *Some* counties just gave initials.

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

1 DS Gibeon 196 H	½	½	DM Moskovic 196 K	DJ Harwood 175 K	½	½	RA Bates 221 S
2 O Rosten 195 S	0	1	NS Lee 180 H	MC Campbell 149 S	1	0	PH Potopaev 163 K
3 C Harris 153 H	1	0	M Broomfield 157 S	MR Taylor 166 K	1	0	RE Morris 101 H
4 MD Noakes 169 K	1	0	S Arefin 106 H	G Chien - H	0	1	HS Richards 143 K
5 S Kapadia 143 S	0	1	MI Roberts 169 K	P McGowan - H	0	1	MCA Moore - S
6 A Tang - H	0	1	O Payne 147S	J McKie 120 S	1	0	def H
7 W McKie 129 S	1	0	N Chandler 87 H				
8 TR Jarrett 141 K	0	1	MD Watts 127 S				
9 RA Kieran 138 K	1	0	J Griffin - H				
10 G Lamond - S	1	0	def K				
11 PD Richardson 127 K	½	½	DP Wilks 123 S				
12 def H	0	1	R Scott - K				

Positions: 1 Surrey 8/12; 2 Kent 7½; 3 Herts 2½. Mean grades: Surrey 147, Kent 153, Herts not calculated. We understand that Essex had been due to play but withdrew. BCF QUALIFIERS Surrey and "probably" not Kent.

**MINOR COUNTIES** at Mary Hare School for the Deaf, Newbury

1 KJC Bush 155 Bu	½	½	GD Parker 164 S	KD Smallbone 185 Br	½	½	AC Hunt 203 O
2 L Rackham 150 S	0	1	J Houska 183 O	C Moxley 161 O	0	1	MP George 131 Bu
3 SP Clark 134 Bu	0	1	AM Leech 183 Br	PCL Bradford 136 S	½	½	S Crockart 153
4 LB Collins 121 O	½	½	K Carter 126 S	DA Gold 168 Br	1	0	RC Thursby 131 Bu
5 DJ Lewis 146 Br	1	0	AR Higgs 118 S	AJ Hughes 127 Bu	½	½	SC Bough 119 O
6 TE Rendle 110 S	0	1	KB Nicholas 113 Bu	WS Tutty 115 O	0	1	JJ Foster 121 Br
7 T Quilter 104 Bu	1	0	AJP Wood 111 S	RA Hogg 110 Br	1	0	J Buchanan 90 O
8 S Marley 101 S	0	1	MEO Bovey 110 Br	GP Morris 87 O	0	1	H Lossock 87 Bu
9 CG Hansell 94 Bu	1	0	I Houska 101 Br	M Poulson 94 S	½	½	C David 71 O
10 C Cookson 93 O	0	1	J Bryant 70 S	AMS Jones - Br	0	1	L Goodwin 91 Bu
11 T Sams - Br	½	½	D Triggs 82 S	A Kalinin - Bu	1	0	J Kennedy 94 O
12 E Lamb 84 S	½	½	RJ Hansell 91 Bu	K Hunt - O	1	0	A Navias 88 Br

Positions: 1 Bucks 8½/12; 2 Berks 8; 3 Sussex 4; 4 Oxon 3½. Mean grades: Bucks 112; Berks 131; Sussex 112; Oxon 115. BCF QUALIFIERS Bucks.

**GIRLS FIRST TEAMS** at Sutton

Surrey			Middx
1 R Bates 160	½	½	G Rajarakse 114
2 C Thrower 133	1	0	A Winston 93
3 L Broomfield 120	1	0	M Hinks-Edwards 85
4 J Kothari 93	½	½	L Styles 71
5 A Yadoo 86	0	1	D Leadon 61
6 K Feld 83	1	0	Maneen Piracha -
	4	2	

**GIRLS SECOND TEAMS** at Sutton

Surrey			Middx
R Larking 94	1	0	E Bowdery -
N Mangion 86	½	½	Y Weinstein -
P Kothari 83	1	0	S-W Man -
H Leidecker 76	1	0	R Lambert -
H Bates 68	1	0	O Raitt -
T Khoo 61	1	0	def
	5½	½	

We're surprised that no other counties entered. But some of them had girls in their "Boys" teams. BCF QUALIFIERS: First Teams Surrey, and presumably Second Teams Surrey though we think the Second Teams is a law unto itself. Speaking of laws, has anyone ever seen any rules for these events? Don't be silly, Richard, there *must* be some.

**NYCA UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP** at Walsall, 8th March 1997

Kent retained their titles in both Championship and "Major" (and provided both halves of a tie for first place in the Reserves tournament).

**Championship** 1 Kent 30½/36; 2 Richmond 26; 3 Warwicks 25½; 4 Bucks 24½; 5 Glamorgan 24; 6 Cheshire 22½; 7 Wilts 22; 8 Humberside 17; 9 Staffs 16; 10 Yorks 15; 11 Derbyshire 14; 12 Berks 13½; 13 Northants 12; 14-15 Surrey, Lincolnshire 10; 16 Herts 6½.

**"Major"** (9 teams) 1 Kent B 30/36; 2 Warwicks B 27; 3 Glamorgan B 24... Results AJW Thorn, R Holmes

**BCF UNDER 18 FINALS** at Walsall, 22nd March 1997

We only have the Major "Boys", from AJW Thorn (thank you). 1 Suffolk 9/12; 2 Warwicks 8; 3 Surrey 6; 4-5 Glamorgan, Northumberland 3½.

**KENT PRIMARY CHAMPIONSHIPS** at Maidstone, 1st March 1997

**Under 11** (15 pl) 1 Paul Richards 5/6; 2-4 Nikhil Arora, Mark Richards, James Thanesan 4½; 5 Andrew Welch 4

**Under 10** (23 pl) 1-2 Edmund Birkhamshaw, Thomas Stradwick 5/6; 3-5 Sara Higgins, Harry Shaw, Antoinette Wilson 4½; 6 Adam Boakes 4...

**Under 9** (21 pl) 1 Amir Habibi 6/6; 2 David Ridout 5; 3-7 David Franklin, Guy Aust, Matthew Moore, Jennifer Munroe, Laura Weatherhead 4...

**Under 8** (11 pl) 1 Thomas Sharp 6/6; 2-3 Matthew Hadfield, Gregory Welman 4...

**KENT Schools League 1996-7: SENIOR** St Olaves GS, Orpington; **UNDER 13** Judd GS, Tonbridge (their first title). **UNDER 16** and **UNDER 11** will be decided next term.

**"TIMES" NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**NATIONAL STAGE Rd 1** Arden Solihull (14.0) 4 2 Magdalen College School (16.10); Bluecoat Liverpool (15.5) 5½ ½ Hereford Cathedral School (17.11); Hampton School (15.6) 4½ 1½ Q Elizabeths Boys School Barnet (16.1); Tiffin (14.10) 6 0 Temple Sutton Primary Southend (9.11); Greenwood Academy Irvine (16.4) 4½ 1½ RGS Lancaster (16.1); Millfield School (15.8) 5½ ½ Winchester College (16.0); RGS Newcastle (13.3) 5 1 Perth High School (17.0); Yarm School Eaglescliffe (13.6) \*3 3 Hymers College Hull (14.7); St Pauls (15.5) 6 0 Haberdashers Elstree (15.10)

**Rd 2** Arden v Oakham School; Bedford Modern v Ipswich School; Bluecoat v Manchester Grammar; Hampton v Tiffin; Methodist College Belfast v Greenwood; Millfield v Torquay Boys GS; RGS Newcastle v Yarm; St Pauls v Maidstone Boys GS

Results Mitchell Taylor, who also sent the Plate results but we can't find them.

**CHILTERN LEAGUE 1996-7** (20 boards, grading U170, 36 in 1½ + QPF 30/30)

had an interesting new structure. Four adult teams (Berks, Bucks, Herts, Oxon) and three junior ones (Berks, Bucks, Herts). Adult teams played double round amongst themselves and single round against the juniors. Junior teams played double round amongst themselves and, well, you've guessed the rest of it. This setup exactly matches, right down to the numbers of teams, the setup used by the Insurance CC for their inter-office league. (For adult and junior, read Div 1 and Div 2.)

Chiltern League had three matches outstanding, last we heard, but the match point scores were: **ADULTS** (total 9 matches) Herts 7/8 (GP 101); Oxon 6/8 (92½); Berks 6/9 (106½); Bucks 3/8. **JUNIORS** (total 8 matches) Bucks 3/7; Herts 2/7 but can't catch up on games; Berks 0/7. No, we don't actually know how they split ties. No junior team scored more than 8 points out of 20 against any adult team. Sounds like one of those vile and so called "logic problems".

Acknowledgments Nigel Dennis

## SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: LEAGUE TABLES 1996-7

Tables are all but final: there's one missing game result which affects no one's standing. Results boxed have been used to split ties where teams were level on match points. In one case the tie remained, and it went to overall game points.

OPEN	E	K	Sx	C	H	O	Sy	Bu	Br	GP	MP
1 Essex		8½	8	12	10½	10	9½	13	11	82½	7½
2 Kent	7½	8	8	8	13	10	9½	12½	13½	82	6
3 Sussex	8	8	8	6½	8½	8½	9	10½	12½	71½	6
4 Cambs	4	8	9½		8	6	6½	14	9	65	4
5 Herts	5½	3	7½	8	5	11	7½	9½	8½	60½	3½
6 Oxon	6	6	7½	10	5	11	9	10½	8	62	3½
7 Surrey	6½	6½	7	9½	8½	7		7½	9½	62	3
8 Bucks	3	3½	5½	2	6½	5½	8½		9½	44	2
9 Berks	5	2½	3½	7	7½	8	6½	6½		46½	½

UNDER 175	E	Sx	Sy	K	E	Sx	Sy	K	GP	MP
1 Essex		11	10	8½		7	9	8½	54	5
2 Sussex	5		5½	8		9	11	9½*	48	3½
3 Surrey	6	10½		5		7	5	9½	43	2
4 Kent	7½	8	11		7½	6½*	6½		47	1½

\* full score sheet not received

UNDER 150	E	H	K	Sx	Sy	GP	MP
1 Essex		9	8	10½	11	38½	3½
2 Herts	7	5	9	9	5	30	2
3 Kent	8	5	9	8	11	32	2
4 Sussex	5½	7	8		9½	30	1½
5 Surrey	5	11	5	6½		27½	1

UNDER 125	H	Sx	Sy	K	O	E	GP	MP
1 Herts		8½	8	14	9½	9½	49½	4½
2 Sussex	7½		9½*	8½	8½	11	(45 )	4
3 Surrey	8	5½*		10½	4	8½	(36½)	2½
4 Kent	2	6½	5½	7½	8½	11½	34	2
5 Oxon	6½	7½	12	7½	8½	11	44½	2
6 Essex	6½	5	7½	4½	5		28½	0

\* Full score sheet not received, and there's a game undecided (don't know why).

UNDER 100	S	E	H	S	E	H	GP	MP
1 Surrey		3½	8½		6½	6½	25	3
2 Essex	8½		6		5½	7	27	2½
3 Herts	3½	6			5½	5	20	½

Please tell the Editor if you spot mistakes in these tables.

## DRAW FOR NATIONAL STAGE

The draw was made, with the participation of Union representatives, at the Management Board meeting on 1st March. Home teams first.

Open Quarter-finals: (A) S1 M3 (invited to make up numbers); (B) M1 W2; (C) N M2; (D) W1 S2.

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

Under 175 Prelim: W2 M2. Quarter-finals: (A) S1 W1; (B) M1 N2; (C) N1 S2; (D) E v winner of prelim.

Under 150 Prelim: E2 S2. Quarter-finals: (A) M1 E1; (B) S1 N2; (C) N1 M2; (D) W v winner of prelim.

Under 125 Prelim: E2 M2. Quarter-finals: (A) S1 E1; (B) M1 N2; (C) N1 S2; (D) W v winner of prelim.

Under 100 Quarter-finals: (A) E N2; (B) M1 S2; (C) N1 M2; (D) S1 W.

The semi-finals in each competition will be winner of A v winner of B, winner of C v winner of D.

Dates: Prelim 26 April; Quarter-finals 17 May; Semi-finals 7 June; Finals 28 June (Birmingham).

## SCCU NOMINATIONS

Open 1 Essex, 2 Kent

Minor Counties 1 Herts, 2 Oxon. (All but the top four were "Minor".)

Under 175 1 Essex, 2 Sussex

Under 150 1 Essex, 2 Herts

Under 125 1 Herts, 2 Sussex

Under 100 1 Surrey, 2 Essex

We hope to publish National-stage results in full, where they involve SCCU teams. Will match captains please go on sending them to the Bulletin.

"The SCCU tables refer to our opponents as Oxon although others prefer Oxford(shire)." - *Chessex*.

"Oxford's wrong, and Oxfordshire's long." - *SCCU Bulletin*.

"We agree." - *The Post Office*.

## OPEN

Cambs*	1.2.97	Sussex*	Berks*	1.2.79	Surrey*
1 M Turner 231 (B)	1 0	DH Cummings 219	HW Murphy 205 (B)	0 1	DL Bisby 204
2 J Parker 233	1 0	DB Graham 220	PS Cooksey 194	1 0	JC Benjamin 199
3 M Ferguson 223	½ ½	B Cafferty 194	DS Tucker 189	½ ½	PD Kemp 195
4 G Burgess 211	1 0	FJ Kwiatkowski 204	Jovanka Houska 183	½ ½	DB Rosen 190
5 A Cohen 206	0 1	LE Rutherford 203	AM Leech 183	0 1	ME Osborne 184
6 D Hassabis 199	0 1	GH James 194	ACP Milnes 178	1 0	KD Richardson 182
7 D Cristinacce 200	0 1	AG Cooper -	Ian Duvall 174	1 0	DWW Gunter 181
8 M Thornton 186	1 0	PG Farr 184	IR Henderson 166	½ ½	AK Punnett 179
9 N Noden 186	0 1	SJ Newman 183	PS Janota 167	0 1	RBE Bryant 178
10 D Rosenberg 183	½ ½	MD Nicholas 181	JT Munday 170	0 1	KFH Inwood 178
11 M Davey 169	1 0	MO Costley 181	Lee Davis 170	½ ½	JM Shepley 173
12 E Goodall 162	1 0	MR Stott 177	MC Bowhay 168	½ ½	Steven Retallick 170
13 B Morgan "160" <sup>1</sup>	1 0	M Broom 178	BG Millis 158	0 1	Chris Briscoe 161
14 B Weller 152	½ ½	JC Mansson 178	PR Maul 161	1 0	PD Dupré 160
15 N Pyper 150	½ ½	RJ Almond 176	MF Redmond 156	0 1	CRA Clegg 154
16 C Kreuzer 136	½ ½	AO Pickersgill 175	WP Tickner 151	0 1	Kevin Hurst 153
(Cambridge)	9½ 6½		(Twyford)	6½ 9½	

<sup>1</sup> Not in grading list; believe the grade given is a couple of years old.

Kent*	1.2.97	Bucks*	Oxon*	8.2.97	Essex*
1 PJ Morris 223 (W)	½ ½	AP Smith	H Hunt 217 (B)	½ ½	JW Rogers 225
2 DW Gormally 213	1 0	N Regan	A Hunt 203	1 0	AP Lewis 212
3 RG Eales	1 0	J Beedle	J Hastings 197	1 0	M Twyble 208
4 John Naylor 202	1 0	M Armstrong	M Rose 194	0 1	JP Manley 205
5 AL Mack 202	½ ½	RD de Coverly	A Lewis 190	0 1	DA Sands 201
6 AE Hanreck 199	½ ½	HP Hansen <sup>1</sup>	N Jakubovics 187	0 1	G Kenworthy 195
7 DM Moskovic 196	½ ½	L Wooldridge	M Devereaux 188	0 1	J Burnett 190
8 NF Dickensen 193	1 0	R O'Brien	T Dickinson 184	0 1	IJ Myall 184
9 RMR O'Kelly 191	1 0	W Hughes	R Starkie 180	0 1	W Saunders 181
10 PP Taylor 190	1 0	M Egby	J Stayt 175	0 1	RP White 178
11 JD Wager 191	1 0	S James	G Chapman 174	½ ½	R Parker 177
12 David Farndon 190	1 0	B Atkinson	D Hackett 175	1 0	IBN Smith 173
13 JE Scholes 187	½ ½	D Turner	D Bruce 158	½ ½	DJ Millward 172
14 JR Bayford 185	1 0	MS Vann	C Mocley 161	½ ½	TD Cote 171
15 CB Rice 185	0 1	J Burke	S Terry 165	1 0	CR Ramage 163
16 Gordon Botley 180	1 0	def	M Hannon -	0 1	TD Hebbes 156
(Charlton)	12½ 3½		(Long Hanborough)	6 10	

<sup>1</sup> Could also be Hanzen, Hensen, Henzen. Kent say Hanson.

Bucks*	15.2.97	Sussex*	Kent*	15.2.97	Berks*
1 J Beedle 187 (B)	0 1	DH Cummings 219	Philip J Morris 223	½ ½	PS Cooksey 194
2 N Regan 187	1 0	DB Graham 220	Daniel W Gormally 213	1 0	PJ Sharp 188
3 MV Lambshire 194	0 1	FJ Kwiatkowski 204	John Naylor 202	1 0	DS Tucker 189
4 M Armstrong 179	0 1	LE Rutherford 203	Andrew Mack 202	1 0	I Duvall 174
5 RD de Coverly 178	½ ½	GH James 194	Alan E Hanreck 199	1 0	I Henderson 166
6 M Egby 162	0 1	KI Norman 195	RMR O'Kelly 191	½ ½	MC Bowhay 168
7 RP Ginger 148	1 0	AG Cooper -	Peter P Taylor 190	1 0	BG Millis 158
8 N Butland 144	0 1	SJ Newman 183	Alex (sic) Harakis 191	0 1	PR Maul 161
9 J Springall 150	½ ½	MD Nicholas 181	John Wager 191	½ ½	DJ Lewis 146
10 S James 142	½ ½	PG Farr 184	David Farndon 190	1 0	M Colgate 130
11 EW Bolduc 132	0 1	MO Costley 181	Nathan Alfred 174 j	1 0	LB Varnam 114
12 SL Turvey 128	0 1	MR Stott 177	John Sugden 189	1 0	def
13 A Laurence 146	1 0	M Broom 178	James E Scholes 187	1 0	def
14 DJ Rurner 129	0 1	JC Mansson 178	Chris (so!) Howell 187	1 0	def
15 J Burke 115	0 1	RJ Almond 176	Chris Rice 185	1 0	def
16 R Thursby 131	1 0	AO Pickersgill 175	Stuart Williams 181	1 0	def
(Marlow)	5½ 10½		(Charlton)	13½ 2½	

All grades from Sussex



Essex*	15.2.97	Cambs	Herts*	15.2.97	Oxon*
1 K Bowden 228 (B)	0 1	JF Parker 233	Paul V Byway 199	½ ½	A Hunt 203 (W)
2 JW Rogers 225	0 1	MJ Turner 231	Neil H Bradbury 205	½ ½	M Rose 194
3 AP Lewis 212	0 1	AJ Cohen 206	Jerry F Rudge 194	0 1	A Lewis 190
4 A Plüg -	1 0	D Cristinacce 200	Phil G Maguire 189	1 0	T Dickinson 184
5 D Coleman 205	1 0	S Larski 187	Kevin R Clark 185	1 0	R Starkie 180
6 M Twyble 208	0 1	N Noden 187	Chiedu Maduekwe 193	1 0	D Lee 180
7 JP Manley 205	1 0	def	Alex N Ethelontis 180	½ ½	G Chapman 174
8 D Sands 201	1 0	MH Thornton 186	Simon J Roe 181	1 0	J Wittman 172
9 G Moore 197	1 0	D Rosenberg 183	Alistair M Simpson 189	1 0	J Stayt 175
10 G Kenworthy 195	1 0	M Davey 169	Chris E Majer 177	0 1	D Bruce 158
11 J Burnett 190	1 0	C Howell 158	Howard L Tebbs 179	½ ½	S Jayakumar 176
12 JC Moore 183	1 0	N Pyper 150	John R Denton 176	1 0	S Terry 165
13 W Saunders 181	1 0	CRL Kreuzer 136	Geoff A Hollis 178	½ ½	P Ball 150
14 R Parker 177	1 0	def	Andrew Gilfillan 176	1 0	def
15 DJ Millward 172	1 0	def	Steve Law 169	1 0	HAI Searle 135
16 TD Coote 171	1 0	def	John Cook 162	½ ½	W Tutty 115
(Writtle)	12 4		(Stevenage)	11 5	

Cambs*	8.3.97	Herts*	Sussex*	8.3.97	Essex*
1 M Turner 231 (W)	1 0	Neil H Bradbury 205	DH Cummings 219	½ ½	A Plüg 214e (W)
2 J Parker 233	1 0	Jerry F Rudge 194	APH Kinsman 217	1 0	AP Lewis 212
3 M Ferguson 223	½ ½	Chiedu Maduekwe 193	DB Graham 220	0 1	MS Twyble 208
4 A Cohen 206	½ ½	Phil G Maguire 189	FJ Kwiatkowski 204	1 0	JP Manley 205
5 D Cristinacce 200	½ ½	Kevin R Clark 185	LE Rutherford 203	0 1	DA Sands 201
6 A Hon 198 <sup>1</sup>	½ ½	Chris E Majer 177	GH James 194	0 1	GI Moore 197
7 S Larski 182e <sup>2</sup>	0 1	Howard L Tebbs 179	AG Cooper -	½ ½	JH Hodgson 194
8 N Noden 187	1 0	John R Denton 176	SJ Newman 183	1 0	J Burnett 190
9 D Rosenberg 183	½ ½	Andrew Gilfillan 176	MD Nicholas 181	1 0	JC Moore 183
10 I Gooding 176	1 0	Paul D Hatchett 172	PG Farr 184	1 0	WL Saunders 181
11 M Davey 169	½ ½	Stephen J Tovey 171	MO Costley 181	0 1	RP White 178
12 P Webster 161	0 1	Philip J Gregory 170	MR Stott 177	½ ½	R Parker 177
13 B Weller 152	½ ½	Steve Law 169	M Broom 178	0 1	PL Williamson 173
14 N Pyper 150	½ ½	Terry J Turner 155	RJ Almond 176	0 1	DJ Millward 172
15 C Krewzer 136	0 1	Tim Sinkinson 157	MJ Reddie 174	½ ½	R Heppinstall 174
16 S Essen 130 <sup>3</sup>	0 1	David E Bower 157	SON Hawes 167	1 0	T Hebbes 156
(Cambridge)	8 8		(Brighton)	8 8	

<sup>1</sup> Herts say 200e. It does look like the A Hon who's 195. <sup>2</sup> Estimate from Herts. Cambs say 187 in brackets. <sup>3</sup> Cambs say 134.

Berks*	8.3.97	Bucks*	Oxon*	8.3.97	Surrey*
1 PS Cooksey 194	0 1	AP Smith 190 (B)	Harriet V Hunt 217 (B)	1 0	def
2 KD Smallbone 185	½ ½	J Beedle 187	Adam C Hunt 203	1 0	def
3 J Houska 183	½ ½	RD de Coverly 178	Matthew Rose 194	½ ½	Daniel B Rosen 190
4 AM Leech 183	1 0	M Armstrong 179	Alex Lewis 190	0 1	Marcus E Osborne 184
5 ACP Milnes 178	0 1	H Hansen 180	Nick S Jakubovics <sup>1</sup> 187	½ ½	Alan K Punnett 179
6 IR Henderson 166	0 1	A Robbings 173	Tim R Dickinson 184	½ ½	David R Sedgwick 176
7 PS Janota 167	1 0	SC Scopes 161	Ray J Starkie 180	0 1	Julien M Shepley 173
8 L Davis 170	0 1	DF Hill 170	Graham W Chapman 174	0 1	Sean Thrower 172
9 MC Bowhay 168	1 0	M Egby 162	Jochen Wittman 172	½ ½	Philip M Stimpson 171
10 PR Maul 161	½ ½	R Fox -	Dave G Hackett 175	1 0	Paul JJP Gibbons 171
11 DJ Lewis 146	½ ½	N Butland 144	Nick C Jones 167	1 0	Chris Briscoe 161
12 MF Redmond 156	0 1	A Kelly 151	Dave J Bruce 158	½ ½	Paul D Dupre 160
13 WP Tickner 151	0 1	JH Springall 150	Carl Moxley 161	½ ½	Chris RA Clegg 154
14 Alan B Jones 147	0 1	BW Atkinson 147	Sean Terry 165	½ ½	Ian S McLeod 139
15 NW Dennis 145	½ ½	DJ Turner 129	Alan Short 142	½ ½	Fred C Manning 137
16 Mario Houska 128	1 0	S Turvey 128	Lester R Millin 176	1 0	def
(Twyford)	6½ 9½		(Long Hanborough)	9 7	

<sup>1</sup> Oxon have Jackubovics

## UNDER 175

Kent*		25.1.97	Essex*		Sussex*		22.2.97	Essex*	
1 RJ Everson 173 (W)		0 1	Paul L Williamson 173		John A Dodgson 170 (W)		1 0	Paul L Williamson 173	
2 GM Brown 170		1 0	Larry E Marden 173		Michael J Reddie 174	½ ½	½ ½	Larry E Marden 173	
3 S Firth 170		½ ½	David J Millward 172		Chris Hann 171	½ ½	½ ½	David J Millward 172	
4 JR Cordner 167		0 1	Trevor D Coote 171		Robert V Elliston 173	½ ½	½ ½	Peter C Doye 166	
5 SJ Pullinger 163		0 1	Peter C Doye 166		SON Hawes 167	½ ½	½ ½	Colin R Ramage 163	
6 A Atkinson 165		1 0	Sid M Kalinsky 165		Paul A Batchelor 167	1 0	1 0	Neville H Twitchell 162	
7 AG Ropek 161		1 0	Terry D Whitton 165		Ian G Judd 168	0 1	0 1	Ian D Hunnable 161	
8 MD Brougham 159		½ ½	Colin R Ramage 163		Andrew SJ Fleming 165	1 0	1 0	Andy King 159	
9 SJ Peters 159		1 0	Neville H Twitchell 162		James Graham 164	1 0	1 0	Ken W Clow 158	
10 JH Lewin 159		0 1	Ian D Hunnable 161		Evki Pesonen 164	1 0	1 0	Steve M Williams 157	
11 G Josephs 158		0 1	Les J Crane 159		David L Roberts 155	0 1	0 1	Ray Purse 154	
12 SGB James 156		½ ½	Andy King 159		G Scamardella 155	½ ½	½ ½	Richard J Weeber 154	
13 SJ Jacob 155		½ ½	Ken W Clow 158		WH Partridge 151	0 1	0 1	John A Philpott 153	
14 P Rutland 152		½ ½	Steve M Williams 157		PR Selby 148	½ ½	½ ½	Mark Weighell 151	
15 NC Mackett 152		½ ½	Richard J Weeber 154		P Greaves 147	0 1	0 1	Paul R Barclay 148	
16 AJ Sherriff 148		½ ½	Roberto E Waldteufel 152		R Daniel Hirsch 138	1 0	1 0	John White 148	
(Sevenoaks)		7½ 8½			(Crawley)	9	7		

Essex*		1.3.97	Surrey*		Kent		15.3.97	Surrey*	
1 P Williamson 173 (B)		½ ½	J Shepley 173		NSW Alfred 174 (B)		1 0	JM Shepley 173	
2 R Heppinstall 174		1 0	J Marley 172		S Firth 170	½ ½	½ ½	JC Marley 172	
3 T Coote 171		0 1	P Stimpson 171		RJ Everson 173	0 1	0 1	D Spearman 165	
4 L Marden 173		0 1	D Spearman 165		MR Taylor 166	0 1	0 1	C Briscoe 161	
5 DJ Millward 172		1 0	C Briscoe 161		DJR Barnes 167	1 0	1 0	PD Dupré 160	
6 S Kalinsky 168		1 0	P Dupré 160		JR Cordner 167	0 1	0 1	N Maxwell 159	
7 N Twitchell 162		½ ½	D Tuddenham 156		def	0 1	0 1	S Macdonald-Ross 157	
8 I Hunnable 161		1 0	RJ Wilcox 154		A Atkinson 165	1 0	1 0	A Andrews 155	
9 L Crane 159		0 1	CRE (so) Clegg 154		JJM Thomson 160	½ ½	½ ½	CRA Clegg 154	
10 A King 159		1 0	PR Archer 151		MD Brougham 159	½ ½	½ ½	RJ Wilcox 154	
11 K Clow 158		½ ½	S Jones 150		SGR James 156	0 1	0 1	PS Brown 153	
12 A Hartland 155		1 0	AN Smith 149		PC Rutland 152	0 1	0 1	PE Barnard 147	
13 R Purse 154		0 1	STK Wilkinson 143		NC Mackett 152	1 0	1 0	STK Wilkinson 143	
14 R Weeber 154		½ ½	CPL Parker 142		DR Heath 152	½ ½	½ ½	IS McLeod 139	
15 M Weighell 151		0 1	K Mehendale 135		AJ Sherriff 148	0 1	0 1	JB Hawson 138	
16 R Waldteufel 152		1 0	def		PD Poland 112	½ ½	½ ½	FC Manning 137	
(Wanstead)		9 7			(Sevenoaks)	6½	9½		

Sussex*		8.2.97	Kent	
1 John A Dodgson 170		½ ½	NSW Alfred 174 (B)	
2 Michael J Reddie 174		½ ½	GM Brown 170	
3 Chris Hann 171		1 0	RJ Everson 173	
4 SON Hawes 167		0 1	S Firth 170	
5 Paul A Batchelor 167		0 1	JR Cordner 167	
6 Ian P Judd 168		0 1	SJ Pullinger 163	
7 Andrew SJ Fleming 165		0 1	A Atkinson 165	
8 James Graham 164		1 0	AG Ropek 161	
9 Erki Pesonen 164		½ ½	MD Brougham	
10 Ian G Kelly 163		½ ½	JH Lewin 159	
11 James P Munday 159		1 0	SJ Jacob 155	
12 David G Ratcliffe 157		½ ½	PC Rutland 152	
13 WH Partridge 151		0 1	NC Mackett 152	
14 Laurence Rackham 150		½ ½	RJA Winterburn 149	
15 P Greaves 147		1 0	RE Lane 144	
16 R Daniel Hirsch 138		1 0	def	
(Crawley)		8 8		

<sup>1</sup> See page 2

## UNDER 150

Kent*		25.2.97	Surrey*		Surrey*		15.2.97	Essex*	
1 Trevor Baldwin 149	½	½	Paul Barnard 147 (B)	Andrew N Smith 149	0	1	PR Barclay 148 (B)		
2 Andrew Mata 148	1	0	Kevin Wilkinson 143	Paul Barnard 147	1	0	def		
3 Alan Sherriff 148	½	½	Colin Parker 142	Jed <sup>1</sup> Stone 147	1	0	TG Winter 145		
4 Mike Wiltshire 146	½	½	Rod Bell 139	Kevin Wilkinson 143	0	1	David Smith 145		
5 Alvin Kissoon 145	1	0	Ian McLeod 139	Rod Bell 139	½	½	LJ Burtt 144		
6 Simon Moate 145	½	½	John Hawson 138	Ian McLeod 139	0	1	S Harwood 143		
7 Mark Jordan 145	1	0	Fred Manning 137	John Hawson 138	½	½	DJ Payne 144		
8 Clive Davis 145	0	1	Krishna Mehendale 135	Fred Manning 137	0	1	P Zammit 139		
9 Trevor Jarrett 141	1	0	John Marshall 134	Krishna Mehendale 135	0	1	DJ Rawlings 139		
10 Peter Finch 141	½	½	Jim Hale 133	John Marshall 134	0	1	D Cannan 137		
11 Paul Challis 141	½	½	Claire Thrower 133	Jim <sup>1</sup> Hale 133	0	1	MRA Murrell 136		
12 Rosalind Kieran 138	½	½	Don Baldock 126	John W Halls 129	0	1	A Drake 135		
13 Ian Hames 139	1	0	Jo Hart 124	Don Baldock 126	½	½	I Maclachlan 132		
14 Paul Bradford 136	½	½	Lucy Broomfield 120	Jo Hart 124	½	½	D Bird 126		
15 David Gleed 136	1	0	Howard Curtis 111	Howard Curtis 111	1	0	def		
16 Stephen Casement 130 (Charlton)	11	5	Alex Kelly SG <sup>1</sup> 75	Alex Kelly 75 (Sutton)	0	1	Iain Gunn 116		

<sup>1</sup> Surrey Girls?<sup>1</sup> And the Bulletin always thought *Hale* was Jed!

Herts*		15.2.97	Sussex*	
1 A Fulton 148 (W)	½	½	PR Selby 148	
2 S Charles 146	½	½	PA Greaves 147	
3 R Gordonsmith 147	1	0	DJ Hopson 146	
4 S Weston 146	1	0	LJ Cannon 144	
5 P Lawrence 142	½	½	PN Kington 143	
6 K Hardy 142	0	1	BJ Izzard 141	
7 D Webb 141	1	0	RC Grundy 141	
8 S Cook 141	1	0	NS Clarke 145	
9 R Clayton 141	½	½	RD Hirsch 138	
10 R Cooper 138	1	0	MR Hickman 134	
11 M Waltham 136	1	0	TJ Woods 132	
12 D Price 141	0	1	CC Dunn 131	
13 S Blackburn 139	½	½	SJ Elgie 130	
14 C Lake 137	½	½	PH Benson 128	
15 P Myers 136	0	1	EJ Hillier 127	
16 J Marshall 134 (Stevenage)	9	7	K Carter 126	

## UNDER 125

Surrey*		25.1.97	Kent*		Essex*		15.2.97	Herts	
1 L Evbounwan 124	1	0	S Chick 120 (B)	R Davies 124 (B)	1	0	T Wright 124		
2 Chris Goode 123	½	½	W Stock 116	P Flint 121	½	½	R Edmonds 123		
3 G Morse 121	0	1	P Thomas 117	C Barrett 120	0	1	M Connock 121		
4 R Balatoni 121	0	1	M Jones 112	E Walker 120 j	0	1	A Phillips 122		
5 J McGing 120	1	0	DC Picton	J Spencer 117	1	0	M Flatt 120		
6 D Weston-Lewis 118	1	0	DG Battye 114	M Ashkettle 116	0	1	L D'Costa 118		
7 R Fisher 118	1	0	I Stoneman 112	I Rook 14	0	1	J Moore 118		
8 DH Ramsey 117	1	0	A Hargreaves 113	M Grieve 113	½	½	G Lunn 119		
9 J Xuereb 116	0	1	PD Poland 112	D Allen 87 j	½	½	M Read 109		
10 K Lovel 116	0	1	D Beaven 108	R Ianetta 110	0	1	K Baggs 115		
11 D Howes 115	1	0	IC Smith 109	J Figgins 109	0	1	J Leake 110		
12 H Wylie 114	1	0	IB Bryan 103	G Bengier 108	1	0	D Belton 118		
13 H Curtis 111	1	0	K Hendrikse 104	G Walker 108 j	0	1	P Laskier 114		
14 R Wright 109	1	0	R Thompson 98	P Pattison 102	1	0	T O'Sullivan 111		
15 PM Shaw 105	0	1	AP Fabian 97	E Lodge 99	0	1	C Louisa 109		
16 A Thake 104 (Sutton)	10½	5½	def	C Turner 83 j (Wanstead)	1	0	R Harrison 107		

Surrey*	22.2.97	Essex*	Herts	1.3.97	Sussex*
1 L Evbounwan 124	0 1	R Davies 124 (B)	Thomas C Wright 124	½ ½	PJ Helliwell 119 (W)
2 Chris Goode 123	1 0	P Flint 121	C Kidd 124	1 0	BK Horscroft 120
3 R Balatoni 121	0 1	C Barrett 120	MB Connock 121	0 1	Ben McManus 123
4 J McGing 120	1 0	E Walker 120 j	A Phillips 122	½ ½	G McCulloch 123
5 D Weston-Lewis 118	1 0	J Spencer 17	M Flatt 120	½ ½	IA Richardson 118
6 R Fisher 118	½ ½	M Ashkettle 116	S Kumar 119	½ ½	Alan J Quant 119
7 K Lovel 116	½ ½	R Giddens 115 j	J Moore 118	0 1	PD Britton 116
8 J Xuereb 116	1 0	M Grieve 113	T Lawson 116	0 1	CJ Parker 115
9 D Howes 115	0 1	R Ianetta 110	L D'Costa 118	1 0	Toby Rolls 110
10 H Wylie 114	0 1	J Figgins 109	David Waltham 118	0 1	DB Wilkinson 118
11 H Curtis 111	0 1	G Bengier 108	C Louisa 111	1 0	MA Bryant 115
12 R Wright 109	1 0	G Walker 108 j	G Lunn 119	½ ½	Michael Curtis 110
13 W Waterton 110	1 0	P Pattison 102	K Baggs 115	1 0	SP Deere 114
14 PM Shaw 105	0 1	R Payne 99 j	John A Leake 110	½ ½	C Holcombe 108
15 A Thake 104	1 0	D Allen 87 j	Paul Laskier 114	½ ½	David Simpkins 120
16 LI Makinson 97	½ ½	C Turner 83 j	QA Latif 114	1 0	N Pestelle 111
(Sutton)	8½ 7½		(St Albans)	8½ 7½	
Friendly (Grader please grade):					
D Parsons 117	0 1	R Joyce 125			
Match played early by agreement, to avoid clashes					

Oxon*	8.3.97	Kent*	Herts*	22.3.97	Kent
1 A Collins 124 (W)	½ ½	S Chick 120	I Wright 124 (W)	1 0	P Childs 123
2 R Carr 124	0 1	P Childs 121	R Edmonds 123	1 0	P Thomas 117
3 D Metcalfe 104	0 1	P Thomas 117	M Connock 121	1 0	N Lister 116
4 R Jacobs 119	0 1	N Lister 116	A Phillips 122	½ ½	M Jones 112
5 A Heslop 119	1 0	M Jones 112	M Flatt 120	0 1	G Battye 114
6 M Duck 117	0 1	G Battye 114	L D'Costa 118	1 0	PD Poland 112
7 G Spalding 115	1 0	PD Poland 112	I Sims 121	1 0	D Beavens (so) 108
8 W Tutty 115	1 0	I Stoneman 112	A Gore 120	1 0	CG Gregory 111
9 M Brindley 108	1 0	CG Gregory 111	S Kumar 119	1 0	IC Smith 109
10 F Fallon 97	1 0	IC Smith 109	J Moore 118	½ ½	IB Bryan 103
11 J Booker 104	0 1	IB Bryan 103	C Lovista 111	1 0	J Robertson 103
12 D Buckland 100	0 1	DSJ Shipp 103	I Lowson 116	1 0	K Hendrikse 104
13 J Buchanan 90	0 1	JC Robertson 103	J Leake 110	1 0	AP Fabian 97
14 G Morris 87	0 1	AP Fabian 98	G Lunn 119	1 0	B Thatcher 96
15 C David 71	1 0	BJ Thatcher 96	P Laskier 114	1 0	def
16 M Creasey 74	1 0	def	D Belton 118	1 0	def
(Long Hanborough)	7½ 8½		(St Albans)	14 2	

## UNDER 100

Herts*	15.2.97	Surrey*	Surrey*	1.3.97	Essex*
1 Adam Humphreys 97	½ ½	Edward Radford 99 (W)	Edward Radford 99	0 1	Ron Prickett 99 (B)
2 Gary Halsall 99	0 1	Bill Upton 95	Bill Upton 95	½ ½	Bijan Mehanjedat <sup>1</sup> 99
3 Frank Batchelor 80	0 1	Laila Tillet 89	Chetan Deva 97	1 0	Robert Payne 98
4 David Bate-Smith 89	1 0	def	Maurice Green 94	0 1	Lawrence Trent 95
5 Peter Tuck 88	1 0	Kate Feld 83	Oliver Wilson 96	0 1	Ezra Lutton 95
6 Keith Sears 87	1 0	Graham Curtis 88	Chris Dixon 93	1 0	Fred Riley 88
7 Nick Chandler 87	1 0	David Morgan -	Lana Boztas 93	1 0	John Sneezby <sup>2</sup> 84
8 James Palmer 82	1 0	Ben Morgan 84	Bernard Sweetman 89	1 0	Josiah Lutton 81
9 Mike Kaye e80	0 1	Harvey Murray-Smith 66	Laila Tillet 89	1 0	Stewart Trent 82
10 Simon Morris e80	0 1	Richard Davey 84	Storm Ballard -	0 1	Alan Trent 80e
11 Alan Brewis 73	0 1	Marian Warner 77	Philip Cable 89	1 0	Heather Walker 69
12 Stephen Burt e70	0 1	Chris Baker 69	Graham Curtis 88	0 1 <sup>3</sup>	Jason Klimach 64
(Stevenage)	5½ 6½		(Sutton)	6½ 5½	

<sup>1</sup> The Essex spelling. They still disagree with the grading list, but in a different way this time.

<sup>2</sup> Surrey say Sneesby. The published list doesn't know him, spelt either way. The unpublished list has a John Sneesby (not Sneezby) but doesn't give him a grade. It says he's an U12. Maybe 84's his last published grade or something?

<sup>3</sup> Essex give this result as a win for both sides, but agree the totals.

**NATIONAL CLUB**

**OPEN Rd 3** Barbican 3 3 \*Ilford; Bedford 4 2 Hull; Bradford ½ 5½ Crowwood; Cardiff 5 1 Gloucester; Edinburgh West 2½ 3½ Slough; Charlton 3 3 \*Crowthorne; Southbourne 1 5 Guildford; Wood Green 3½ 2½ Cambridge Univ. **Rd 4 (Quarter-final)** Crowthorne v Wood Green; Crowwood v Ilford; Guildford v Cardiff; Slough v Bedford

**PLATE Rd 1** Atticus 4 2 Hounslow; Bristol & Clifton 5½ ½ Cosham; Cowley 2½ 3½ Atherton + others not played, last we heard. **Rd 2 (Quarter-final)** Atherton v Atticus; Maidstone or Coulsdon & Purley v Hastings; Hayes Kent v Bristol & Clifton. Bye: Nidum Liberals or Mushrooms.

**MAJOR Rd 3** Ashfield\* 2½ 2½ Liverpool; Basingstoke 3½ 1½ Bedford; Gt Lever 4½ ½ Barrow; Hastings 2 3 Cosham; Hereford 3 2 Thornbury; Tunbridge Wells 2½ 2½ \*Southbourne; Warley Quinborne\* 2½ 2½ St Albans; Wood Green 2½ 2½ \*Southend. **Rd 4 (Quarter-final)** Cosham v Southend; Gt Lever v Ashfield; Southbourne v Basingstoke; W Quinborne v Hereford.

**PLATE Rd 2** Maidstone 1½ 3½ Wanstead & Woodford; Slough 3 2 Coulsdon & Purley; Syston 2 3 Grimsby & District + 1 result delayed. **Rd 3 (Semi-final)** Grimsby & District v Morecambe or Bradford; Slough v Wanstead & Woodford.

**INTERMEDIATE and MINOR:** Rd 3 results expected any time!

**THE NEW LAWS OF CHESS**

come into force on the 1st July 1997. Practical changes:

- If the position is such that neither player can possibly checkmate, the game is drawn.
- You are not obliged to write your opponent's move down before replying to it. But you may not move unless your previous move has been recorded.
- The offer of a draw must be recorded ("=") on the scoresheet.
- The scoresheet "shall be visible to the arbiter at all times". Not sure whether this means you can no longer write your move down, hide it, and go on thinking.
- You are not allowed to leave the venue without the arbiter's permission. If it's your move, you are not even allowed to leave the "playing area". (Please sir...) They dropped the bit saying you could hardly speak to your opponent or anyone else.
- Incorrect draw claims (50-move or repetition): the arbiter adds three minutes to your opponent's time. He also deducts three minutes from yours (or halves your time, if you've got less than 6 minutes left).
- Illegal moves: QPF. First offence, your opponent gets an extra two minutes. Second offence in the same game, another two minutes. Third offence, you lose.

**OBITUARY: JOHN DAVID WOOD 13.10.36 - 6.3.97**

John Wood moved to Oxfordshire in 1968 to take up a teaching post at King Alfred's Comprehensive School, Wantage. He joined Wantage Chess Club, which at that time boasted one team. He was soon made secretary, and retained the position until his untimely death.

The Wantage Club grew to three teams, and benefited from the fact that he was also the manager of the Church Hall. For the past 11 years, John Wood also captained the Oxfordshire Chiltern Cup Team.

In 1992 John escorted four Oxford Juniors to Bonn to play in an U20 tournament as part of the Oxford - Bonn exchange. As a teacher of foreign languages, he was the ideal person to escort the group. He also used his language skills to the benefit of the County when he entertained Mr and Mrs Suetin when they visited Oxfordshire to update some books for Pergamon. Suetin gave a 10-board clock simul at Cowley Chess Club against leading Juniors from Oxon and Berks, after which a tour of the Oxford shops was undertaken.

On Friday March 14, a packed church for his funeral at Charlton, Wantage, bore testimony to the high regard in which John was held by his church, his chess playing friends, and his past pupils and colleagues. He will be missed.



## CONGRESS DIARY

- Apr 1-3 MAIDENHEAD JUNIOR U18,13,11,9. R Brugge, 16 Wootton Way, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 4QU  
01628 36276
- 5-6 SOUTH HERTS at St Albans. R Claret, 7 The Park, St Albans, Herts AL1 4RU 01727 867295
- 6 KENSINGTON Rapid. D Agble, Flat 15, Beit Hall, Prince Consort Rd SW7 2BB 0171 594 9456
- 11-13 NOTTINGHAM. J Collins 01773 760852
- 12 WESTMINSTER Rapid. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU
- 12 KENT LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS at Bexleyheath. Open, U100. C Higgins, 3 Charterhouse Drive,  
Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3YE 01732 457740
- 12 BEXLEYHEATH JUNIOR. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Kent TN12 0NU 01580  
892005
- 13 CHALK FARM Rapid. BH Birchall, 26d Colville Square, London W11 2BQ 0171 792 8031
- 18-20 RHYL. Dr H Jones, 17 Bryntirion Drive, Prestatyn, Clwyd LL19 9NT 01745 854110
- 19 GOLDERS GREEN Rapidplay. Adam Raoof, PO Box 1962 NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982
- 20 RICHMOND RAPID. R James, 95 Lyndhurst Avenue, Twickenham TW2 6BH 0181 898 1190
- 25-27 NORFOLK at Norwich. Francis Bowers 01406 370166
- 26 PRUDENTIAL at READING. Gordon Caskie 01189 615637
- 26-27 4NCL WEST BROMWICH. 4NCL Weekend Congress, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF
- May 3 WESTMINSTER Rapid. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU  
0181 270 9106
- 3-5 THAMES VALLEY. A Laurence, 62 Langham Gardens, Ealing W13 8PZ 0181 991 0120
- 3-5 DART VALLEY (S Devon). B Fairbairn, Peake Cross, Dartington, Totnes, S Devon TQ9 6DH  
01803 862313
- 10-11 MILL HILL. AC Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3HA 01707 659080
- 11 LLOYDS BANK NATIONAL GIRLS SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS at Hampton, Middx. U18,  
U13,U11. Neil Clifton, 114 Windermere Rd, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 2JB 0181 660 8564
- 16-18 FROME. G Jepps, 27 Lockley Rd, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5RD 01749 344191
- 17 GOLDERS GREEN Rapidplay. Adam Raoof, PO Box 1962 NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982
- 17 SUSSEX JUNIOR U11 at Bury, near Pulborough, W Sussex. S Deere, 11 East Beeches Rd,  
Crowborough, E Sussex TN6 2AU 01892 654494
- 17 EARLEY & READING RAPIDPLAY at Reading. TE Conlon, 491 Basingstoke Rd, Reading, Berks  
RG2 0JB 01189 868113
- 24-26 ESSEX. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 270 9106
- 24-26 COTSWOLD at Stroud. RO Powis, Gordano, Farmhill Lane, Stroud, Glos GL5 4DD 01453 762518
- 24-26 MORECAMBE. FS Rushworth, 21 Douglas Drive, Morecambe, Lancs LA3 2LW 01524 859860
- 28 ROYSTON JUNIOR. JG Jones, 28 Hay Street, Steeple Morden, Royston, Herts SG8 0PE  
01763 853873
- 31-1 KENSINGTON Rapid. D Agble, Flat 15, Beit Hall, Prince Consort Rd SW7 2BB 0171 594 9456

## Quotes

"In all disputes the tournament Arbiter's decision is final. If you wish to appeal a decision..." - tournament leaflet

"He wasn't sure about the rule for claiming draws in QPFs so I explained it to him. But he was a bit deaf, and by the time I'd explained it his flag had fallen." - a controller.

"4NCL dates should be easily memorable because of the nature of the people who play in the 4NCL." - a 4NCL official.

"Those of you involved with the grass roots..." - heard at a meeting of the BCF Management Board.

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