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## EDITORIAL

Happy new year. I haven't got egg on my face, the SCCU Website is up and running at [www.sccu.ndirect.co.uk](http://www.sccu.ndirect.co.uk), if you haven't found it yet. Technophobes please note: not much goes in the Bulletin that hasn't gone on the website first. There's results you're seeing here for the first time which other people saw eight weeks ago. There's things on the website which you're *not* seeing here. Lots of things. With internet access costing the price of a local phone call (and a computer), why not catch up with the twentieth century while it's still there?

It will be assumed, unless you say otherwise, that letters for publication may be published on the website as well as in the Bulletin. And contrariwise.

The arbiter's decision is in (see page 5), on the making-no-effort claim in Surrey-Middx U100. It's taken ten weeks to materialise. I don't know why, and I don't know how promptly the match captains submitted their supporting data. The decision may, indeed, have reached the match captains before it reached me. But ten weeks, or anything like it, is unacceptable. The fact that this was an early-season match, and the result was not needed urgently for ranking the teams, does not alter that.

Sussex and Essex weren't so daft in October when they broke the rules, albeit unknowingly, and appointed a couple of arbiters on the spot. Saves a world of bother. (Well, it *should* have done, but that's water under the bridge.) Calling the game to an abrupt halt, and asking an arbiter who wasn't even there, ought to be absolutely a last-resort solution. Far better, as well as quicker, to play the game out with a mutually agreed ad-hoc arbiter, or pair of arbiters, who can see what's going on. If a flag falls and your joint arbiters can't agree, that's the time to send the position up.

I suspect that clubs do this on the quiet. It will very often be doable in county matches, especially if you grab a couple of strong early-finishers and have them ready to arbit if need be. It's only against the rules, after all. As a matter of fact it *isn't* obviously against the rules, if you've already appointed them before the claim happens.

Any views?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

6.12.98

As you know, I was recently called upon unusually to play for Surrey I, away against Berks. The venue was fine when you got there BUT it was totally inaccessible by public transport (apart possibly from a very occasional bus, surely at the wrong time, along the country lane concerned). Furthermore it was a narrow busy B-road with plenty of traffic, quite unsuitable for walking. My captain had agreed to divert to pick me up at Newbury Station but didn't have time. There was no taxi rank of taxis. A mobile phone call to another Kent player on his mobile was going to get me a lift until, fortuitously, a taxi appeared. After checking it was free and making another mobile phone call, I got an immediate ride to the match for £6 on top of my basic Network-discounted return train fare from Guildford of only just over £6. But does the SCCU expect youngsters or old people who can't afford or are unable to drive to have to go through this for their chess? (Thanks to the kindness of my opponent, I was at least spared another taxi back; but had I needed one and hadn't got a mobile, would there have been a phone available to call one? - and on a Saturday afternoon I've found before now you can't always even get a taxi very quickly when you want it.)

Could we not expect counties providing such a venue to arrange transport from the nearest railway station or frequent bus route, at least on advance request?

Yours sincerely,

H TREVOR JONES

Guildford

To RJ Haddrell

5.1.99

SCCU Bulletins 243 and 244

I am just catching up on these, hence delay in comment.

243:3 The London League relegations.

Mitcham played Hackney II in the last match of the season and both defaulted on several boards... The two captains got together and invented some results to avoid being fined for defaults. The next day, one of the defaulters (who had been unable to attend because his boss suddenly grabbed him as he was leaving work) spoke to the Mitcham captain and was surprised to hear he had drawn. He was not happy, especially when he found out the grading of his (non-existent) opponent. As the result had already been sent in, he rang the London League organiser to complain... The committee leapt into action and relegated both teams. I think this is most unfair, as the captains were responsible - there is no reason to think that the actual players had any idea what was happening. Why punish innocent players for somebody else's wrongdoing? The committee tried to make out that nobody had ever invented results before, which seems unlikely.

244:2 near bottom: directors of BCF not responding.

...It is usually pointless writing to BCF directors, because most do not reply. [*Is this really true? - Ed. If it is, maybe we could do with some new Directors.*]

245:2

244:8 the [Sussex-Essex] county match dispute.

The result stands. The players accepted it at the time. As soon as they played on, they accepted it. The captains' idea (of appointing two arbiters) is technically against the rules, but it does seem sensible... [Ed: - The result did indeed stand (see page 5). Actually the players weren't complaining, it was one of the match captains. Maybe KJT would actually support my Editorial. Ian Hunnable (below) doesn't seem to.]

244:14 "Sex".

I am impressed that the Surrey Girls Chess League has a newsletter. Maybe the Surrey League will have one soon. However, players are players. The gradings should not identify their sex. It would be more to the point to get the gradings right in the first place!

KJ THURLOW

Redhill

Ed: - This letter has been shortened.

The second part of the Editorial went on the website a while ago, and here (very potted) is one reply.

Dear Richard,

24.1.99

...So, my views are:

- (1) that the sub-committee did the best thing;
- (2) that the sub-committee's decision should not, however, be seen as encouragement for parties in future matches to act outside the provisions for the competition;
- (3) that competitions should be conducted according to the rules;
- (4) that all interested parties should acquaint themselves with the rules.

IAN HUNNABLE

Woodford Green

Dear Richard,

3.1.99

One error in the SCCU website [and Bulletin 244:8]. In one of the county match reports you state that David Howell took the record for the youngest player in an adult county team. This is not true. Jack Rudd (now 19 at Cambridge Uni. grade 201) played for Somerset against another WECU county at the age of six. I don't know the exact date. Also Samuel Buckley (now aged 10; grade 101 and current joint British U9 champion) played for Somerset against Wiltshire in October 1994 less than a month after his sixth birthday.

Another question for the junior records. Who is the youngest to win an adult tournament? It used to be Jack Rudd, who won the Keynsham rapidplay minor at the age of six. I believe it is now Thirumurugan Thiruchelvam, who won the Golders Green rapidplay U120 section also at the age of six.

Yours,

NEVILLE BELINFANTE

Borehamwood

Dear Richard,

19.12.98

Many years ago in 1962 I took part in the SCCU Championship which was combined with the Stevenson Memorial Tournament held in the Rex Ballrooms, Bognor Regis.

The purpose behind this e-mail is to ask if you (or anyone else in the SCCU) know of the whereabouts of any bulletins / record of games of that particular tournament (plus others around that time) - I managed to lose mine! Any information at all would be much appreciated!

Many thanks

ARTHUR BRAMELD

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Another letter after the county matches (page 9)

## CONGRESS RESULTS

**GOLDERS GREEN BLITZ** 3rd December 1998 (22 played)

1 Paul Georghiou (209, Barnet) 6/6; 2-3 Mike Tasker (180, Hackney), Steven Coles (e154) 4½; 4-6 GM Jonathan Levitt (Finchley, 230), IM Danny Gormally (233, Hackney), P Shrank (183, Finchley) 4... **BEST HENDON CC:** Adam Joelson won the "Hendon Fiver" after an exciting play-off with Tony Brown. Both finished on 3½.

Results Adam Raouf

**HERTS CONGRESS** at Hitchin, 5-6 December 1998

**Premier** (15 pl) 1 J Plaskett 4½/5; 2 K Arkell 4; 3-4 S Swanson, R James 3... **GRADING U180** J Fraser-Mitchell, R Freeman, S Law, S Peters 2½

**Challengers U170** (21 pl) 1-2 A Horton-Kitchlew, M Kobylka 4/5; 3 B Valentine 3½... **GRADING U155** B Sheppard 3

**Major U145** (33 pl) 1 M Brazier 4½/5; 2-3 J Daughman, P Lim 4... **GRADING U131** R Morris 3½

**Minor U120** (43 pl) 1 R Oakley 4½/5; 2-5 S Williams, A Collins, A Duncan, R Mycroft 4... GRADING 100-111  
G Wayte, D Bramley 3½; U100 R Mycroft

#### JUNIORS

**Under 18** (9 pl) 1 Andrew Rosewall 5½/6; 2 Charles Davie 4½...

**Under 14** (5 pl) 1 Joanna Harbour 6/6; 2-3 Alexander Bagley, Henry Duncanson 4...

**Under 12 Saturday** (8 pl) 1 Jeremy Appleyard 7/7; 2 Selina Khoo 6...

**Under 12 Sunday** (17 pl) 1-3 Philip Hayward, Tariq Olama, Matthew Stemp 5/6...

**Under 10** (12 pl) 1 Tom Harbour 5/6; 2 Yasmin Ball 4½...

**Under 8** (4 pl; merged with U10 after 3 rounds) 1 Selina Khoo 5/6; 2 Christopher Fuller 4...

Team Prize Hertford juniors (just ahead of Hertford adults on percentage score. Schools Prize Hitchin Boys. The J GYLNNE JONES MEMORIAL TROPHY was awarded to Richard Mycroft for the best performance by a Herts/East Anglia/Essex junior in an adult event.

#### 20th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY 6th December 1998

**Open** (14 pl) 1 Bob Eames 200 (London) 5½/6; 2-3 IM Graeme Buckley (Sutton), IM Simon Williams (Farnham) 4½... GRADING U200 Jovanka Houska (Maidenhead) 3½. There were two other IMs in the tournament, and 12 of the 14 players had Rapidplay grades of 192 or above.

**Major U160** (15 pl) 1-2 Ross Mooring (RJCC/Twickenham), Donny Muter (London) 4½/6; 2 Steven Coles (London) 4... GRADING U140 John Woolley (London) 4

**Intermediate U120** (23 pl) 1-2 Robert Heaton (RJCC/New Malden), Jonathan Somekh (RJCC/London) 5/6; 3-4 Mario Houska (Maidenhead), Anna Partington (RJCC/Leatherhead) 4½... GRADING U100 Anna Partington

**Minor U80** (29 pl) 1-4 Delroy Bennett (Croydon), Alexei Chernikov (RJCC/Wimbledon), Harry Godfrey (RJCC/Isleworth), Trevor Pettit (RJCC/Hounslow) 5/6...

Results Richard James

#### GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY 12th December 1998

**Open** (10) pl 1 GM James Plaskett (Barbican) 5/6; 2 IM Jonathan Parker (Bigwood) 4; 3-6 Paul Georghiou (Barnet), Alecos Ethelontis (Muswell Hill), Scott Wastney (Wood Green), Alastair Compton (King's Head / NZ) 3½...

**Major U160** (14 pl) 1 Lorin D'Costa (Royston) 6/6; 2 Adam Joelson (Hendon) 4½...

**Minor U130** (16 pl) 1 Lucy Smith (Oxford City) 5/6; 2-3 CJ de Mooi (Hammersmith), Ian Brooke (Oxford City) 4½...

**Amateur U100** (16 pl) 1 Dominic Howard (Charlton) 6/6; 2 Nick Burrows (Bolton) 5/6... Results Adam Raof

#### GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY 16th January 1999

**Open** (12 pl) 1 Peter Marusenko (Ukraine) 5/6 £60; 2-4 GM James Plaskett (Barbican), IM Danny Gormally (Hackney), FM Jerzy Dybowski (Poland) 4 £10 each

**Major U160** (13 pl) 1 Nick de Peyer (King's Head) 5/6 £60; 2-4 Paul Kelly (ISH), Donny Muter (Richmond), SD Chaudhry (Hounslow) 4 £10

**Minor U130** (20 pl) 1 ST Kevin Wilkinson (Metropolitan) 5/6 £60; 2-3 CJ de Mooi (West London), Sean Gallagher (Ilford) 4½ £15... GRADING U115 Jeff Fleischer (110, BT) 4 £15

**Amateur U100** (18 pl) Steven Poole (London W6) 5/6 £30\*; 2-3 Nick Burrows (Bolton), Clive Blackburn (Northampton) 4½ £30... GRADING U85 Cyr Bassoumba (64, Wood Green) 4 £15

\* Ungraded Player rule

Results Adam Raof

#### 21st RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY at Hampton Middx 17 January 1999

**Open** (8 pl) 1-2 IM Graeme Buckley (Sutton), IM Simon Williams (Farnham) 5½/6; 3 Matthew Broomfield (South Norwood)...

**Major** (20 pl) 1-3 David Cutmore (London), David Faldon (London), Ross Mooring (RJCC/Twickenham)...

GRADING U140 Dave Cork (Crawley)

**Intermediate** (26 pl) 1 CJ De Mooi (Hammersmith); 2 Anna Partington (RJCC/Leatherhead); 3 Luke Pettit (RJCC/Hounslow)... GRADING U100 Alexei Chernikov (RJCC/Wimbledon), Norman Tidy (Dorking)

**Minor** 1 Anton Chernikov (RJCC/Wimbledon); 2-3 Peter Alexander (RJCC/Surbiton), James Snowden (RJCC/London); 4-5 Alexander Gilmore (London), Trevor Pettit (RJCC/Hounslow)...

Results Adam Raof

#### SOUTHEND GM KNOCKOUT 1999

The Southend Congress organisers announce the REDBUS CHESS KNOCKOUT, a 16-player invitation GM event. Prize fund £7400 from Redbus sponsorship. The KO will run alongside the traditional Easter congress at the Southend Civic Centre, Friday 2nd to Monday 5th April. Spectators welcome, and it is in the same building as the congress. Each round comprises two games with 2 hours each on the clock, starting each day at 10 am and 3.30 pm. Play-off, where necessary, is two 10-minute games followed by 5-minute sudden death.

Acceptances to date: Murray Chandler, Nigel Davies, John Emms, Danny King, Andrew Ledger, Jon Levitt, Neil McDonald, Nick Pert, Jim Plaskett, Jonathan Rowson, Ruth Sheldon, Jon Speelman.



## JUNIOR NEWS

**RICHMOND JUNIOR** 6-7 November 1998

**Under 12** (24 pl) 1 Robert Heaton (New Malden) 5½/6; 2 Marco Lizzul (Hampton) 5; 3 Lakshman Ruthirapathy (Pinner) 4½...

**Under 10** (48 pl) 1 Giles Berry (London) 6/6; 2-5 Matthew Elstrop (Fleet), Kasim Khorasane (Kingston), Nicholas Moon (Twickenham), Charlie Richardson (London) 5...

**Under 8** (30 pl) 1 Erroll Wood (Worcester Park) 6/6; 2-3 Cyrus Imregun (London), Andreas Straathof (Twickenham) 5...

Results Richard James

**BASILDON JUNIOR** 15th November 1998

**Under 18** (12 pl) 1 J Ezra Lutton (Basildon) 5/6; 2-3 Lawrence Trent (Ilford), Marcus Coupe (Rotherham) 4½...

**Under 14** (21 pl) 1 Robert Payne (Ilford) 5/6; 2-5 Mark Huntley (Eastbrook), Alexander O'Neill (Ilford), Julian Winkworth (Wanstead), James Heppell 4½...

**Under 12** (35 pl) 1-2 Josiah Lutton (Basildon), Stewart Trent (Ilford) 5½/6; 3-5 Alan Hawrami (Ilford), Daniel Hedges (Southend), Matthew Jellett (Southend) 4½...

**Under 10** (33 pl) 1-3 Richard Fenton, Thomas Pym, Richard Willis 5/6...

**Under 8** (12 pl) 1 Matthew Porter (Coggeshall) 5/6; 2-3 Dana Hawrami (Ilford), Simon Payne (Ilford) 4½; 4 Ranita Klimach (Ilford) 4...

**Under 6** (5 pl: double-round APA) 1 George O'Toole (Southend) 8/8; 2 Subin Sen (Woodford Green) 6; 3-4 Robin Onyeleker (Barking), Varun Sudunagunta 5...

Results Chessex

**LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** 12-13 Dec and 28-30 Dec 1998

**North London Open / London Under 21/18** 1 P Georghiou 5/6; 2-5 JM Bennett, IM C Crouch, D Moskovic (London U21 Champion), IM N Povah 4½; 6 = L Trent (London U18 Champion: age 12) 4... London U18 Girls Champion WFM R Kieran 3

**London Under 16** 1 Michael Zoubaida (Richmond Juniors: age 12)... London Girls title not awarded

**London Under 14** 1 L Trent (Ilford: London Boys Champion) 6/6; 2 Thomas Nixon (Richmond Juniors) 5... London U14 Girls Champion J Gilbert 3½

**London Under 12** 1-3 Chris Dorrington (Stamford Lincs: winner on tie-break), William Bennet (Cambridge), Robert Payne (Ilford: London Boys Champion) 7/9; 4 = on 6½: Jessie Gilbert (London U12 Girls Champion), David Howell (Sussex: age 8), Jonathan Lappage (Magdalen College School, Oxford), Sumeet Ghasi (Warwicks) and, we think, one or two others. **SCCU U11 Champion** David Howell.

**London Under 10** 1 Thomas Sharp (Maidstone) 6½/7; 2-4 Robert Heaton (Richmond: London Boys Champion), Samuel Buckley (Bath), David Howell (Seaford Sussex) 6... London Girls title not awarded (no girl made 50%).

**London Under 8** 1 Dana Hawrami (Ilford: London Champion) 8/9; 2-2 Murray David (Northants), Sebastian Pozzo (Dulwich), Thomas Robinson (Norfolk) 7... London U8 Girls Champion Selina Khoo (Lady Eleanor Hollies School - so *that's* what it stands for - Surrey) 5. Under 7 winner George O'Toole (Southend: age 5½)

Results Leonard Barden

**SCCU JUNIOR MATCHES: U14/U90**

Sussex	9.1.99	Surrey*	Oxon*	9.1.99	Berks
1 Zak Nathan 85	½ ½ ½ ½	Chris Manders 86	1 Oliver Taylor 80	1 1 0 1	William Foster 80
James Purcell 82	0 ½ 1 ½	Alex Cunningham 83	James Baker 61	1 0 0 0	Paul Maddock 61
3 Charlie Linford 53	0 0 1 0	David Manders 89	3 Tom Murray 85	0 1 1 0	David Armstrong 86
Tom Poulson 72	0 1 1 1	Andrew Bell 89	John Logan	1 1 0 0	Steven Hall
5 Martin Swabey	0 0 1 1	Dominic de Silva 67	5 Ben Matthews	1 0 0 1	Yasmin Ball
Alex Thompson	0 0 1 1	Alistair McHardy 80	Darius Robson 73	1 0 0 1	Paul Wilson
7 Daniel Blake 70	0 0 1 1	Anish Patel 75	7 Judith Rawlings 52	0 0 1 1	Joseph Hamdi 72
Ian Fletcher	0 0 1 1	James Watson 82	Matthew Abigail	1 0 0 1	Peter Armstrong 69
9 Greg Raggett 40	0 0 1 1	Katherine Stoker 77	9 Andrew Logan	1 1 0 1	Bruno Bamberger 61
Roland Foxcroft	0 0 1 1	Sunena Patel	Adam Cornish	0 0 1 0	R G-Reynolds <sup>1</sup> 59
11 Alex McMillan	1 1 0 1	Louise Newlands 74	11 Minh Nguyen	1 1 0 0	Robert Woodward
Natalie McManus	0 0 1 0	Lara Moffat 76	James Keeling	0 1 1 0	Chris Emery 54
(Cuckfield)	1½ 3	10½ 9	(Oxford)	8 6	4 6
	4½ 19½			14 10	

<sup>1</sup> Richard Grantham-Reynolds

You are warned that some of the grades given may be unpublished. The match captains mostly supplied no grades again, which seems odd in a grading-limited competition, and once again the Bulletin has looked them up. But it used a master list, because it hasn't got an electronic copy of the published one.

**BCF MINI-SQUAD CHAMPIONSHIPS** at Torquay, 16-17 January 1999

**Under 8** 1 Thomas Robinson (Norfolk) 9/9; 2-3 Murray David (Leics), David Donaghy (Suffolk) 7... U7 champion Stuart Graham; U6 champion Subin Sen (Essex)

**Under 9** 1-2 Daniel Hall (Wiltshire), Thomas Pym (Shropshire) 6½/7; 3-5 Jessica Dodson (Surrey), Thomas Harbour (Beds), Jeremy Kneebone (Cornwall) 5...

**Under 10** 1 Sarah Hegarty (Surrey) 6/7; 2-3 2 Simon Fowler (Lincs), Peter Roberson (Hampshire) 5½; 4-5 James Asquith (Sussex), Thomas Marsden (Devon) 5...

Results Neville Belinfante

## SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: LEAGUE TABLES

including all results received up to 26.1.99

OPEN	Br	Bu	C	E	H	K	O	Sy	Sx	MP
Berks				6	6	2½		10	6	1 :5
Bucks				10½		7½		3½	6	1 :4
Cambs					8	10	13½	4½	11	3½:5
Essex	10	5½						11	10	3 :4
Herts	10		8			9½	10			3½:4
Kent	13½	8½	6		6½		15			3 :5
Oxon			2½		6	1		4½		0 :4
Surrey	6	12½	11½	5			11½			3 :5
Sussex	10	10	5	6						2 :4
<b>UNDER 175</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Sy</b>	<b>Sx</b>		<b>E</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Sy</b>	<b>Sx</b>	<b>MP</b>
Essex		8	9	8				13½	9½	4 :5
Middx	8		7	8				9½		2 :4
Surrey	7	9		7½		2½	6½			1 :5
Sussex	8	8	8½			6½				2 :4
<b>UNDER 150</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Sy</b>	<b>Sx</b>				<b>MP</b>
Essex		7				8				½:2
Herts	9				8					1½:2
Kent				6	8½					1 :2
Middx			10			6				1 :2
Surrey		8	7½							½:2
Sussex	8			10						1½:2
<b>UNDER 125</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Sy</b>	<b>Sx</b>			<b>MP</b>
Essex						15½	12½			2 :2
Herts				8	9½	8½				2½:3
Kent				7	8½	11	6½			2 :4
Middx		8	9		11	5				2½:4
Oxon		6½	7½	5						0 :3
Surrey	½	7½	5	11			4			1 :5
Sussex	3½		9½			12				2 :3
<b>UNDER 100</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Sy</b>					<b>MP</b>
Essex		6	7	7						2½:3
Herts	6		4							½:2
Kent	5	6*			4½					1 :3
Middx	5				2½					0 :2
Surrey			7½	9½						2 :2

\* match won

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

Under 175. Surrey-Middx 23.1.99 just received. It's in the league table; details next time.

SUSSEX-ESSEX U150 31.10.98. The can't-win-by-normal-means affair (see last issue) went straight to the Rules & Appeals Sub-Committee, because the County Match Controller is an Essex man and preferred to keep out of it. What we didn't tell you last time was the arbiters' ruling. It was "Sussex win", and the county wishing to have the "irregular" procedure set aside was Essex. The Sub-Committee, apart from the President who kept out of it for the same reason as the Controller, was unanimous in rejecting Essex's claim. It saw no reason to overturn the match captains' agreement at the request of one of them. Hence the arbiters' decision stands. Howell 1 Luton, match score 8-8. Since two Essex people chose to keep out of this, we'd better say there's no one from Sussex on the Sub-Committee. Or anyone else from Essex!

SURREY-MIDDX U100 14.11.98. Surrey's claim of "making no effort to win" on board 4 (see last issue) has been upheld by the independent arbiter. So Taylor ½ Villasevil, match score 9½-2½.

**Draw for BCF Stage**

The draw was made in January, as provided by the rules. The SCCU has three teams this year in the Open, Minor and U125.

Home team first.

OPEN Prelim M3S3; QF M1 v Prelim winner; W1M2; S1W2; N1S2

MINOR QF E1M2; M1S3; W1S2; S1E2

U175 QF S1N2; M1S2; E1N1; W1M2

U150 Prelim A E2M3; B N2W2; C M2S2. QF S1 v winner of B; M1W1; E1 v winner of C; N1 v winner of A

U125 Prelim A E2N2; B S2M3; C M2S3. QF N1 v winner of B; E1S1; M1 v winner of A; W1 v winner of C

U100 Prelim S2M3. QF S1M2; W1 v Prelim winner; N1M1; E1N2

The semi-final pairings, in all divisions, are A v B and D v C. These letters go in order of quarter-final listing.

## OPEN

Sussex*	28.11.98	Berks*	Surrey*	28.11.98	Cambs*
1 LE Rutherford 197 (B)	½ ½	PJ Sharp 184	Gavin Wall 216	0 1	Jonathan Parker 237
2 GH James 204	½ ½	DS Tucker 178	Peter Sowray 210	½ ½	Brian Kelly 234
3 DB Graham 202	1 0	DL Roberts 182	Steve Berry 202	1 0	Jack Rudd 201
4 BJ Denman -	½ ½	IR Henderson 174	Rawle Allicock 204	0 1	Natasha Regan 195
5 B Cafferty 197	½ ½	MC Bowhay 171	Peter Kemp 199	1 0	Konrad Scheffler 2188 <sup>1</sup>
6 FJ Kwiatkowski 194	1 0	ACP Milnes 170	Matthew Anderton 198	1 0	Sujit Kapadia 159
7 M Broom 190	½ ½	JD Lloyd 161	Michael Franklin 187	½ ½	Mark Campbell 158
8 SJ Newman 185	0 1	JE Hickman 151	Marcus Osborne 189	1 0	Nick Pyper 156
9 JA Dodgson 184	1 0	WP Tickner 151	Kevin Richardson 186	1 0	Peter Jackson 155
10 MO Costley 184	1 0	PAF Watkins 148	Tomas Thrower 181	½ ½	Andrew Walkingshaw 1805 <sup>2</sup>
11 PG Farr 181	1 0	A Lopez -	David Sedgwick 177	0 1	Sam Essen 153
12 JC Mansson 181	1 0	BJ Collins 146	Julien Shepley 173	1 0	Patrick Ribbands 145
13 IG Kelly 175	0 1	BG Millis 141	Sean Thrower	1 0	Marcus Misson 146
14 RJ Almond 172	0 1	NW Dennis 148	Phil Stimpson 171	1 0	def
15 MR Stott 167	½ ½	B Purton 92	Chris Jones 171	1 0	def
16 P Watson 152	1 0	def	Chris Clegg 168	1 0	def
(Brighton)	10	6		11½	4½

<sup>1</sup> Bd 5: from South Africa. <sup>2</sup> Bd 10: SCA

Essex*	28.11.98	Bucks*	Kent	28.11.98	Oxon*
1 MS Twyble 206 (W)	0 1	Andrew P Smith 201	N McDonald 239 (B)	½ ½	T Dickinson 188
2 AP Lewis 204	½ ½	Robert J Richmond 189	PJ Morris 211	1 0	G Chapman 180
3 DA Sands 207	1 0	Philip Bonafont 185	AE Hanreck 210	1 0	def
4 JH Hodgson 197	½ ½	RB Edwards 183	AL Mack 204	1 0	W Burt 170
5 D Sherman 191	1 0	Gerald Moore 189	CM Cooley 201	1 0	N Cundy 162
6 JP Manley 188	0 1	Jonathan E Beedle 182	JN Sugden 198	1 0	S Terry 163
7 LE Marden 179	0 1	Hans-Peter Hansen 176	DA Farndon 198	½ ½	N Jones 170
8 IBN Smith 173 (r)	0 1	WEC Hughes 166	PP Taylor 191	1 0	N Hepworth 151
9 JA Goldberg 178	½ ½	Malcolm Armstrong 172	NP Donovan 190	1 0	C Grice 151
10 PL Williamson 178	0 1	Roger de Coverly 161	AM Harakis 184	1 0	def
11 R Parker 176	0 1	Thomas Quilter 164 j	G Botley 184	1 0	P Ball 151
12 AR Brett 178	0 1	Stephen Law 160	SJ Williams 176	1 0	M Cundy 148
13 TD Coote 172	1 0	David Mansfield 159	MI Roberts 172	1 0	def
14 WL Saunders 171	0 1	Majid Mashayekh 158	CB Rice 169	1 0	def
15 JC Moore 170	1 0	Andrew J Hughes 149 j	JR Cordner 163	1 0	G Morris 117
16 DJ Millward 169	0 1	S James 143	SJ Jacob 158	1 0	def
(Wanstead)	5½	10½	(Bromley)	15	1

Bucks mc: "Yes!! Got one!!!" Thought this was Syringa's first win (hefty one, too). Oxon mc put us right - his team lost to Bucks last year.

An Oxon car got stuck in traffic in London, with boards 3, 10, 13 and 14 in it. (Don't they *have* traffic in Oxfordshire?) They were defaulting 16 anyway.

Cambs*	16.1.99	Sussex*	Oxon*	16.1.99	Surrey*
1 M Turner 231 (W)	1 0	L Rutherford 197	Tim Dickinson 188	½ ½	Peter Sowray 210 (W)
2 B Kelly 234	½ ½	D Graham 202	Dave Hackett 194	0 1	Steve Berry 202
3 H Hunt 226	1 0	B Denman -	Will Burt 170	0 1	Rawle Allicock 204
4 M Ferguson 229	1 0	G James 204	Nick Jones 170	0 1	Matthew Anderton 198
5 K Mah 221	½ ½	B Cafferty 197	Jim Stayt 166	½ ½	Peter Kemp 199
6 J Vigus 210	0 1	M Broom 190	Dave Bruce 162	½ ½	Dan Rosen 195
7 D Moskovic 206	1 0	S Newman 185	Sean Terry 163	0 1	Marcus Osborne 189
8 A Cohen 213	½ ½	J Dodgson 184	Nick Hepworth 151	0 1	Kevin Richardson 186
9 A Harley 206	½ ½	M Costley 184	Peter Ball 151	½ ½	Tomas Thrower 181
10 N Alfred 192	1 0	P Farr 181	Chris Grice 151	½ ½	Phil Stimpson 171
11 J Rudd 201	1 0	J Mansson 181	Simon King 140	1 0	Sean Thrower -
12 M Shephard 192	1 0	I Kelly 175	John Yates 138	0 1	Chris Clegg 168
13 R Churm 183	½ ½	R Almond 172	Peter Hastings 136	1 0	Angus French 153
14 I Gooding 182	½ ½	M Reddie 170	Wayne Tutty 136	0 1	John Nyman 147
15 S White 175	0 1	P Batchelor 160	Duncan Chambers e135	0 1	Steve Marriott 134
16 K Scheffler e175	1 0	D Roberts 148	Tony Heslop 129	0 1	David Varley 120
(Cambridge)	11	5	(Long Hanborough)	4½	11½



Berks*	16.1.99	Essex	Herts*	16.1.99	Kent
1 PS Cooksey 193 (B)	½	½ J Rogers 223	Simon JB Knott 219	0	1 Neil McDonald 239 (W)
2 PJ Sharp 184	½	½ M Twyble 206	Gary Kenworthy 206	½	½ Alan Hanreck 210
3 DS Tucker 178	½	½ J Hodgson 197	Steve Swanson 204	1	0 def
4 MV Taylor 183	0	1 L Marden 179	Paul V Byway 197	1	0 John Sugden 198
5 C Purdon 183	½	½ J Goldberg 178	Jerry F Rudge 189	1	0 David Farndon 198
6 IR Henderson 174	0	1 PL Williamson 178	Phil G Maguire 187	1	0 Chris Howell 192
7 MC Bowhay 171	1	0 T Hebbes 174	Lorin AR D'Costa 172 j	1	0 Rory O'Kelly 191
8 ACP Milnes 170	½	½ A Brett 178	Costas Harris 174 j	½	½ Lyndon Gurr 191
9 J Townsend 171	1	0 IBN Smith 173	Howard L Tebbs 177	½	½ Nigel Donovan 191
10 JT Munday 171	1	0 T Coote 172	JN Fraser-Mitchell 177	½	½ John Wager 187
11 I Duvall 163	0	1 W Saunders 171	Andrew Gilfillan 79	½	½ Alexis Harakis 184
12 M <sup>1</sup> Yurenok -	½	½ JC Moore 170	Kevin R Clark 179	½	½ Gordon Botley 184
13 PR Maul 162	0	1 R Nixon 170	Chris E Majer 177	½	½ Stuart Williams 177
14 JD Lloyd 161	0	1 DJ Millward 169	John R Denton 173	0	1 Jim Bayford 171
15 MF Redmond 160	0	1 L Trent 151	D Ross Brennan 170	0	1 Chris Rice 169
16 N Dennis 148	0	1 C Ramage 153	Philip Gregory 163	1	0 John Cordner 164
(Wokingham)	6	10	(St Albans)	9½	6½

<sup>1</sup> Said Maria, but that's sexist.

details of the last occasion this occurred?" No. There have been *no* previous occasions going back to 1972-3, and before that Herts and Kent were in different sections. Section winners played off, but we've not ascertained (records are patchy) that this ever meant Herts and Kent. Before 1958 our records fail entirely. Since 1972 Herts have achieved three draws: 1989-90, 90-91 and 95-96.

Herts mc: "This is the first time that any of the Herts players have been on the winning side against Kent. Are you able to provide

### UNDER 175

Middx	7.11.98	Surrey*	Essex*	5.12.98	Middx
1 def	0	1 CRA Clegg 168 (W)	Tim Hebbes 174 (W)	1	0 John M Guilfoyle 174
2 P McKouwn <sup>1</sup> 169	0	1 D Tuddenham 168	Trevor D Coote 172	½	½ Jurgen Jakob 173
3 D Ebbett 166	½	½ RJ Wilcox 164	William L Saunders 171	0	1 Martin J Ross 173
4 M Shaw 164	1	0 P Dupré 163	Rod J Nixon 170	1	0 Bernard Haase (res)
5 M Crichton 163	½	½ N Grey 163	George McNally 172	0	1 JC Hannot 167
6 A Bourke 162	0	1 HT Jones 163	David J Millward 169	0	1 Velko Stanisic 166
7 D White 161	0	1 D Malcolm 163	Ian D Hunnable 166	1	0 Martin Crichton 163
8 A Wheatley 160	½	½ MC Page	Paul R Barclay 165	1	0 Alex Bourke 162
9 B Haase 128	0	1 JS Tymms 155	Ivan J Myall 164	1	0 David J White 161
10 R Aw 152	½	½ AN Smith 154	Dave G Pearse 163	1	0 Anthony I Wheatley 160
11 G Ladden <sup>2</sup> 151	1	0 A James 152	Roy Heppinstall 162	1	0 MJ van Ouston e160
12 D Faldon 149	1	0 RG Harris 149	Neville H Twitchell 162	0	1 John H Woolley 156
13 C Fewtrell 148	0	1 J Nyman 147	Steve M Williams 162	0	1 Graham K Brown 152
14 R Harper 148	½	½ N Maxwell 146	Ken W Clow 154	0	1 Gordon V Cadden 151
15 L Fincham 147	1	0 P Barnard 142	Colin Ramage 153	½	½ Anthony R Fulton 150
16 C Hughes 147	½	½ FC Manning 132	Roberto E Waldteufel 151	0	1 John Kay 135
(Northolt)	7	9	(Wanstead)	8	8

<sup>1</sup> Bd 1: honest! Expect it's McKeown. <sup>2</sup> Couldn't resist this one either. It'll be Cadden. The other wrong name wasn't particularly attractive so we just corrected it.

Surrey*	5.12.98	Sussex*	Essex*	9.1.99	Surrey*
1 DO Tuddenham 168 (B)	0	1 RJ Almond 172	Tim Hebbes 174 (W)	1	0 def
2 CRA Clegg 168	1	0 MJ Reddie 170	Trevor D Coote 172	½	½ Chris RA Clegg 168
3 RJ Wilcox 164	0	1 AO Pickersgill 168	Ivor BN Smith 173	1	0 Kenneth FH Inwood 165
4 PD Dupré 163	½	½ SON Hawes 168	Rod J Nixon 170	1	0 R John Wilcox 164
5 HT Jones 163	0	1 MR Stott 167	William L Saunders 171	1	0 David Malcolm 163
6 ND Grey 163	½	½ S Blewitt 164	George E McNally 172	½	½ Nicholas D Grey 163
7 MC Page 159	0	1 PA Batchelor 160	David J Millward 169	0	1 Martin C Page 159
8 S Macdonald-Ross 159	1	0 IP Judd 152	Ian D Hunnable 166	1	0 Jeremy S Tymms 155
9 CJ Mann 156	0	1 L Rackham 151	Lawrence Trent 151	1	0 Paul R Archer 154
10 FC Manning 132	0	1 LJ Cannon 149	Paul R Barclay 165	1	0 Stuart R Jones 153
11 AN Smith 154	½	½ ASJ Fleming 144	Martin McCall 164	½	½ Angus S James 152
12 Angus James 152	1	0 DL Roberts 148	Ivan J Myall 164	1	0 Colin PL Parker 147
13 CPL Parker 147	½	½ P Greaves 147	Roy Heppinstall 162	1	0 Fred C Manning 132
14 Neil Maxwell 146	1	0 DG Ratcliffe 146	John White 161	1	0 def
15 PE Barnard 142	½	½ AH Palmer 146	Neville H Twitchell 162	1	0 def
16 STK Wilkinson 137	1	0 DJ Cork 127	John A Philpott 155	1	0 def
(Sutton)	7½	8½	(Wanstead)	13½	2½

Sussex*	23.1.99	Essex*
1 Richard Almond 172 (W)	0	1 Tim Hebbes 174
2 Michael J Reddie 170	0	1 Trevor D Coote 172
3 Erki Pesonen 169	0	1 Ivor BN Smith 173
4 Adrian O Pickersgill 168	½	½ Rod J Nixon 170
5 Stephen ON Hawes 168	½	½ William L Saunders 171
6 Michael R Stott 167	0	1 George E McNally 172
7 Stephen Blewitt 164	½	½ David J Millward 169
8 Paul A Batchelor 160	1	0 Ian D Hunnabe 166
9 Les KG Eastoe 153	½	½ Paul R Barclay 165
10 Ian P Judd 152	½	½ Ivan J Myall 164
11 Andrew SJ Fleming 144	½	½ Dave Pearse 163
12 LJ Cannon 149	½	½ Roy Heppinstall 162
13 P Greaves 147	0	1 Neville H Twitchell 162
14 Alan H Palmer 146	1	0 Steve Williams 162
15 David G Ratcliffe 146	0	1 John White 161
16 Paul R Selby 146	1	0 Colin Ramage 153
(Hassocks)	6½	9½

Ed: - There's space for an anecdote.

I spent some time during a recent club match wondering why I was a rook down. The offending piece came to light sitting neatly upright among the captured (opponent's) pieces in the vicinity of a1, which was the square it ought to have been on. No doubt I had brushed it off the board at some point and, either then or later, absent-mindedly picked it up and placed it where it looked tidy. General mirth, and we put it back on a1. Thought afterwards, since I had a poor position even after the restoration of my rook, that I should have insisted on going back to the position where it was illegally displaced. Neither of us would have had the foggiest idea when that was, so we'd have had to go back to move 1. The offside rook had not interfered with play, and we knew perfectly well where it was supposed to be, but I'd have had Rule 7.4 on my side.

### UNDER 150

Kent*	28.11.98	Surrey	Sussex*	28.11.98	Middx*
1 V Southern *149 (B)	0	1 J Nymman 147	LJ Cannon 149 (W)	1	0 P Kennelly 149
2 A Heard 147	½	½ C Parker 147	DL Roberts 148	1	0 W Dennison 148
3 O Cooley 146	1	0 R Bell 143	PA Greaves 147	1	0 C Fewtrell 148
4 P Titmas 146	½	½ P Barnard 142	PR Selby 146	½	½ S Golding 147
5 P Childs 143	½	½ I McLeod 142	DG Ratcliffe 146	1	0 def
6 S Moate 141	½	½ J Dicken 140	ER Lamb 101 (r)	0	1 LJ Fincham 147
7 S Casement 141	½	½ S Wilkinson 139	PN Kington 144	1	0 def
8 E Bromilow 141	½	½ K Boztas 137	EJ Hillier 140	0	1 B Einarsson 144
9 I Hames 140	1	0 C Fellows 134	TJ Woods 135	1	0 N Tomkin 141
10 R Parsons 138	1	0 F Manning 132	GJ Cox 130	0	1 G Jordan 138
11 P Challis 138	½	½ D Baldock 130	RD Hirsch 132	0	1 J Kay 135
12 G Steele 137	0	1 J Halls 129	MR Hickman 129	½	½ P Grant-Ross 129
13 D Davis 131	½	½ D Hodgson 127	DJ Cork 127	½	½ P Holloway 125
14 M Jones 124	0	1 A Jones 116	PS Smith 125	1	0 K Parr 125
15 V Bioletti 111	½	½ L Boztas 92	JL Bryant 119	½	½ JG Andrews 118
16 S Chick 139	1	0 def	PH Benson 114	1	0 D Birt 90
(Dartford)	8½	7½	(Brighton)	10	6

### UNDER 125

Surrey*	5.12.98	Middx*	Kent*	9.1.99	Middx*
1 D Fewkes 124 (W)	½	½ L Toledo 124	DC Eden 121 (W)	1	0 A Morton 111 (r)
2 J Pol 122	½	½ B Irving 124	DE Burtonshaw 119	0	1 P Staneland 124
3 D Weston-Lewis 121	½	½ F Viegas 121	R Dennington 117	½	½ B Irving 124
4 D Howes 101	0	1 P Tabberer 119	D Howard 115	½	½ D Harris 124
5 H Wylie 115	1	0 R Lowman 117	R Woodfield 113	1	0 W Ransome 122
6 J McGing 109	0	1 A Panovka 112	VE Bioletti 111	0	1 P Hawran 121
7 C Dixon 108	1	0 A Morton 111	AP Fabian 107	1	0 P Tabberer 119
8 J Xuereb 107	1	0 G Luetchford 111	AD Hargreaves 106	0	1 G Andrews 118
9 M Williams 106	0	1 J Marchant 111	R Gosden 105	1	0 R Lowman 117
10 R Hamilton 106	1	0 M McTernan 94	IB Bryan 103	0	1 T Duncan 114
11 J Darling 105	½	½ G Storr 82	IC Smith 103	1	0 A Panovka 112
12 B Jablonski 103	1	0 def	ID Stoneman 102	0	1 G Luetchford 111
13 G Norse 117	1	0 def	J Briston 101	0	1 JC Marchant 111
14 B Sweetman 94	1	0 def	DSJ Shipp 99	1	0 DG Wayne 108
15 J Silverton 94	1	0 def	JR Thompson 92	0	1 N Paya 100
16 L <sup>1</sup> Boztas 92	1	0 def	T Hogg 88	0	1 D Birt 90
(Sutton)	11	5	(Dartford)	7	9

Friendly:

L Boztas 92 ½ ½ J Silverton

<sup>1</sup> Bd 16: It said Lana but that's sexist.

Essex*	9.1.99	Surrey*	Herts*	16.1.99	Oxon	
1 I Gunn 124	½	½	J Pol 122	1	0	J Booker 121
2 JE Lutton 117	1	0	D Weston-Lewis 121	½	½	A Collins 119
3 R Ianetta (so) 119	1	0	def	½	½	A Wyeth 119
4 S Collins 117	1	0	C Dixon	½	½	T Frost 117
5 T Cole 116	1	0	J Xuereb 107	1	0	M Brindley 117
6 J Sneesby 115	1	0	def	½	½	R Langham 117
7 C Barrett 115	1	0	J Darling 105	0	1	M Coleman 115
8 J Winkworth 100	1	0	B Jablonski 103	0	1	Z Marham 109
9 A O'Neill 102	1	0	B Sweetman 94	0	1	J Lappage 109
10 P Flint 104	1	0	J Silverton 94	1	0	L Collins 106
11 G Walker 112	1	0	def	0	1	P Williams 105
12 M Bridger 112	1	0	def	1	0	B Comes 104
13 K Bennett 110	1	0	def	½	½	D Metcalfe 104
14 P Pattison 111	1	0	def	1	0	D Buckland 92
15 M Cain 110	1	0	def	1	0	S Booker 90
16 W Petchey 107	1	0	def	1	0	P Morris 63
(Wanstead)	15½	½		9½	6½	

Surrey	23.1.99	Sussex*	Middx*	23.1.99	Herts*	
1 def	0	1	L Rhodes 123 (W)	1	0	M Wali 124
2 J Pol 122	1	0	R Clement 123	0	1	M Price 124
3 D Weston-Lewis 121	0	1	R Hunt 122	½	½	T Wright 122
4 G Morse 117	½	½	M Bryant 121	0	1	L Roche 124
5 H Wylie 115	½	½	C Power 121	1	0	K Baggs 124
6 K Lovell 114	0	1	J Bryant 119	1	0	C Byrne 119
7 J Sprackett 110	0	1	T Bradbury 113	½	½	G Howard 121
8 S McGing 109	0	1	N Pestelle 114	0	1	J Leake 120
9 C Dixon 108	0	1	P Wake 114	0	1	P Laskier 120
10 J Xuereb 107	1	0	M Plumb 109	0	1	J Lanaway 122
11 M Williams 106	0	1	T (aka EJ) Tapper 112	0	1	K Thompson e120
12 R Hamilton 104	0	1	S Deere 109	1	0	J Moore 113
13 J Darling 105	½	½	T Fenton 100	½	½	K Griggs e115
14 WD Gill 104	0	1	E Lamb 101	½	½	G Lunn 113
15 J Silverton 94	0	1	P Buswell 106	1	0	Q Latif 101
16 B Sweetman 94	½	½	T Pepper 97	1	0	def
(Sutton)	4	12		8	8	

## UNDER 100

Herts*	28.11.98	Essex*	Kent*	28.11.98	Surrey*	
1 Robert Huhn 99 (B)	1	0	JC Robertson 99 (B)	½	½	Keith Foreman 99
2 Ian Whyte 93	½	½	E Birkhamshaw 94	1	0	Richard Jones 99
3 Frank Batchelor 91	0	1	JR Thompson 92	1	0	Matthew Taylor 97
4 Des Wasik 90	1	0	A Woodfield 92	1	0	Arthur Meaton 97
5 Dave Bate-Smith 92	0	1	K Findley 90	½	½	Chris Chapman 96
6 Alan Dowling 87 j	1	0	T Hogg 88	0	1	Anna Partington 91
7 Rees Gates 87	1	0	J Spink 86	0	1	Harvey Murray-Smith 96
8 Fred Riley 88	0	1	D Howdle 82	0	1	John Silverton 94
9 Tobit Roth 85	½	½	R Bedwell 78	0	1	Laila Tillett 91
10 def	0	1	N Lang 78	½	½	Richard Davey 93
11 Anton Gadd 80	1	0	J Clarke 75	0	1	David Manders 89
12 def	0	1	J McKeever 67	0	1	Chris Manders 86
(St Albans)	6	6	(Dartford)	4½	7½	

Letter to SCCU President:

Dear John,

28.1.99

1999 is under way - the year when the European Team Championships should have taken place in Torquay. It is now some three months since FIDE decided not to allow the BCF to proceed with the event and I am endeavouring to put the acute disappointment behind me.

However, before closing the book on the failed project, I would like to express my thanks to the SCCU and its officers for their support and encouragement. I was particularly pleased that the Union were intending to field a team in the European Challengers Team Championship and I am sorry that the players in question will not now have this opportunity. The proposed rescheduling of the Union's Annual Council Meeting [Ed: - now re-scheduled. See page 12] was also most helpful.

I am copying this letter to Richard Haddrell with a view to publication in the Bulletin.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID SEDGWICK  
BCF International Director

**NATIONAL CLUB** (with thanks to the various controllers)**OPEN**

*Round 1* Bedford w/o def Barnet; Charlton 3 3 \*Bristol & Clifton; Mushrooms 1½ 4½ Maidstone; Hounslow 1 5 Ilford; The Hen and Chickens(?) 4 2 Guildford; Wood Green 4 2 Hastings & St Leonards

*Round 2* (by 21.2.98) Bristol & Clifton v The Hen and Chickens; Ilford v Bedford; rest byes

**OPEN PLATE**

*Round 1* (by 21.2.99) Hastings & St Leonards v Hounslow; rest byes

**MAJOR U175**

*Round 1* Undercliffe 4½ ½ Huddersfield; Crusaders 2 3 Radbroke Hall; Northampton\* 2½ 2½ Ashfield; Milton Keynes 3 2 Writtle; Cardiff 4 1 Reading; Guildford 3 2 Slough; Maidstone 1 4 Wanstead & Woodford; Southbourne 3½ 1½ Cosham; Eastbourne 3 2 Southampton

*Round 2* (by 14.2.99) Guildford v Cardiff; rest byes

*Round 3* (by 4.4.99) Radbroke Hall v Undercliffe; Wanstead & Woodford v Northampton; Milton Keynes v Cardiff or Guildford; Southbourne v Eastbourne

**MAJOR PLATE**

*Round 1* (by 14.2.99) Ashfield v Huddersfield; rest byes

*Round 2* (by 4.4.99) Ashfield or Huddersfield v Crusaders; Writtle v Maidstone; Reading v Slough; Cosham v Southampton

**INTERMEDIATE UNDER 150**

*Round 1* Basingstoke 2½ 2½ \*Reading; Bedford 3 2 London Deaf; Bourne End\* 2½ 2½ Cosham; Cardiff 4½ ½ Thornbury; Crusaders 3 2 Great Lever; Gambit 3 2 Prescot & Knotty Ash; Grimsby 3½ 1½ Rose Forgrove; Hereford 4 Walsall Kipping; Kings Head 1½ Basildon I; Maidstone 4½ ½ Hastings & St Leonards; Syston 1 4 Northampton YMC; Basildon w/o scr Waltham Forest; Hammersmith w/o scr Tunbridge Wells

*Round 2* (by 14.2.99) Basildon I v Hammersmith; Northampton YMC v Bedford; Basildon II v Maidstone; Reading v Bourne End; Walsall Kipping v Gambit; rest byes

**INTERMEDIATE PLATE**

*Round 1* (by 14.2.99) London Deaf v Basingstoke; Thornbury v Hereford; Rose Forgrove v Syston; Waltham Forest v Kings Head; rest byes

**MINOR UNDER 125**

*Round 1* Cardiff 1½ 3½ Aberystwyth Town; Walsall Kipping ½ 4½ Ashfield; Yorks Copperworks 3 2 Crusaders; Heywood 2 3 Alwoodley; Rose Forgrove 5 0 Rotherham Juniors; Whitstable 2½ 2½ \*Powdermill; Basildon 3 2 Maidstone; Kings Head 3½ 1½ Eastbourne; Hastings & St Leonards 3 2 Capablanca; Coulsdon & Purley 2 3 Tunbridge Wells; Bourne End\* 2½ 2½ Waltham Forest; Totnes\* 2½ 2½ Reading; Basingstoke B 2 3 Cowley; Hesperides ½ 4½ Basingstoke A

*Round 2* (by 21.2.99) Aberystwyth v Yorks Copperworks; Ashfield v Rose Forgrove; Powdermill v Hastings & St Leonards; Cowley v Basildon; Tunbridge Wells v Totnes; rest byes

**MINOR PLATE**

*Round 1* (by 21.2.99) Rotherham Juniors v Walsall Kipping; Waltham Forest v Basingstoke B; Eastbourne v Hesperides; rest byes

*Other rounds: completion dates. Quarter Finals 11.4.99; Semi Finals 30.5.99*

**UNDER 100**

*Round 1* Ashted w/o def Maidstone; Basingstoke 2½ 2½ \*Magdalen College School; Cowley 3 2 Musketeers; Coulsdon & Purley\* 2½ 2½ Reading

*Round 2* (by 28.2.99) Magdalen College School 3 2 Cowley; Eastbourne v Ashted; rest byes

**UNDER 100 PLATE**

*Round 1* Reading v Basingstoke; Musketeers 2 3 Syston

**HANDICAP RAPIDPLAY**

*Round 1* Poulton le Fylde (157) 1 7 Bolton (188); Rotherham Juniors (144) ½ 7½ White Swan (182); Darnall & Handsworth (133) 7 1 Syston (86); Bedford (202) 5½ 2½ Mushrooms (190); Southbourne (174) ½ 7½ Cardiff (189); Maidstone (187) 5½ 2½ \*The Holt (122); Guildford (193) 8 0 London Deaf (128); Basildon (120) 1½ 6½ Milton Keynes (167); Rainham (136) 2 6 Guildford B (141); Aberdare bye

*Round 2* (by 7.2.99)

Cardiff v Aberdare; Milton Keynes v Bedford; rest byes

*Round 3* (by 28.3.99)

Bolton v Darnall & Handsworth; White Swan v Milton Keynes or Bedford; Guildford B v Cardiff or Aberdare; Guildford v The Holt

**HANDICAP PLATE**

*Round 1* (by 7.2.99)

Maidstone v Rainham; rest byes

*Round 2* (by 28.3.99)

Rotherham Juniors v Poulton le Fylde; Syston v Mushrooms; Southbourne v Maidstone or Rainham; London Deaf v Basildon

**4NCL STANDINGS** after round 6 (24th January 1999)

**Division 1** 1 Slough I 12/12 (GP 38½/48); 2 Wood Green I 8 (27); 3 Invicta Knights I 8 (25½); 4 Barbican I 8 (24); 5 Bigwood I 7 (29½); 6 Richmond 6 (21); 7 NW Eagles 6 (20½); 8 Barbican II 4 (21); 9 Bristol I 4 (20); 10 Wessex 4 (19½); 11 Home House 3 (22); 12 BCM 2 (19½)

**Division 2** 1 White Rose 10 (30); 2 Guildford 9 (32½); 3 Coulsdon & Purley 9 (28½); 4 Bristol II 9 (24½); 5 Wood Green II 8 (28); 6 Witney 7 (28); 7 S Wales Dragons 7 (27½); 8 Bigwood II 5 (24½); 9 Kings Head 5 (22½); 10 BCCA 4 (17½); 11 Slough II 3 (19½); 12 Nidum Knights 3 (19½); 13 Gwent Dragons 3 (17); 14 Invicta Knights II 2 (16½)

Source: 4NCL website

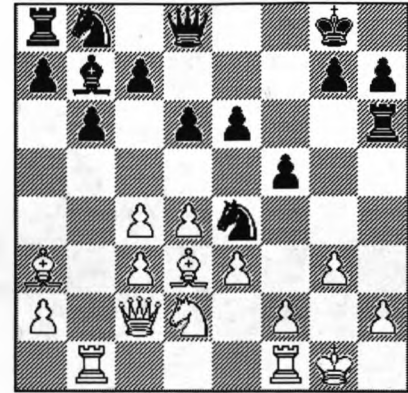
Here's a spectacular brevity from a recent county match.

*White* CPL Parker 147 (Surrey), *Black* IJ Myall 164 (Essex)  
U175 County match Essex-Surrey 9.1.99

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6 5.Nf3 Bb7 6.e3 Ne4 7.Bd3 f5 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Ba3 d6 11.Rab1 Rf6 12.Nd2 Rh6 13.g3?  
Now that's asking for it.

(diagram)

...Qh4! 14.Nf3 Ng5! 15.gxh4 Nxf3+ 16.Kg2 (Walking into a mate. But if 16.Kh1 then simply 16...Rxh4 17.h3 Nxd4+ 18.Kh2 Nxc2 19.Bxc2 Rxc4) ...Ne1+ 17.Kh3 Bg2+ 18.Kg3 Rg6+ 19.Kf4 Rg4#



Black to play

And a brutal finish to another Essex game:

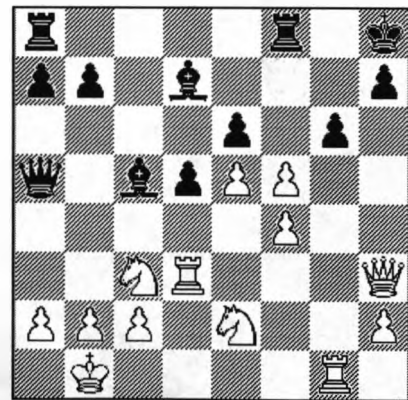
*White* John White 161 (Eastbrook), *Black* Paul Byway 197 (Powdermill)  
Essex League, week beginning 18.1.99

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.e5 Be7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.f4 f5 9.Qh3 c5 10.dxc5 Nd7 11.0-0-0 Nxc5 12.Bd3 Bd7  
*Too slow. 12...b5 is the theoretical move, after which Black has serious counterplay.*  
13.Kb1 Qa5 14.g4 g6 15.Nge2 Kh8 16.Rhg1 Nxd3 17.Rxd3 Bc5 18.gxf5

(diagram)

Spot the blunder, and we don't mean 18...Bxg1

18...gxf5?? 19.Qxh7+! 1-0



Black to play

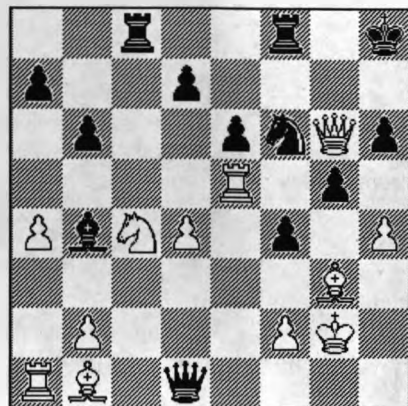
*White* D Gormally, *Black* J Plaskett  
Golders Green Rapidplay 16.1.99 (rd 5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.c3 e6 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 b6 6.e3 Bb7 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.a4 Rc8 11.Re1 cxd4 12.exd4 Nd5 13.Bg3 f5 14.h3 f4 15.Bh2 Kh8 16.Nc4 Qe8 17.Be4 Nf6 18.Bb1 g5 19.h4 Qh5 20.Qc2 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Bb4!? 23.Re5 Qxf3 24.Qg6 Qg4+ 25.Bg3 Qd1+ 26.Kg2

(diagram)

Find the mate!

...f3+ 27.Kh2 Ng4+ 28.Kh3 Nxf2+ 29.Bxf2 Qh1+ 0-1  
[30.Kg4 Rf4+ 31.Kh5 Qxh4+ (if you want to do it the flashy way round)  
32.Bxh4 Rxh4#]



Black to play



**SCCU COUNTY MATCHES 1998-9**  
or what's left of them. Changed dates asterisked.

	Open	Under 175	Under 150	Under 125	Under 100
Feb 6					
13	CBu HSx KSy OE		HSx EK SyM	*MSx	
20		SxSy ME		KE	
27	BrC BuO EH SxK		SxK SyE MH	OSy *HSx	
Mar 6	(SCCU U18 qualifier)			*EH	
13	HBu KE OBr SySx		SySx ME KH	SxO	HM ESy
20		*MSx		EM HK	

**Correction:** Bucks Open match captain

Syringa Turvey's work telephone number (given in September) is out of date. She has also asked us to publish her email address. Correct details: SL Turvey, 29 Gordon Way, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4QX 01494 874462: SyringaL@aol.com

**CONGRESS DIARY**

- Feb 7 23rd KINGS HEAD RAPIDPLAY. Tony Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd, London W11 2BY 0171 229 9750 before 9 pm; or Colin McKenzie 0181 992 1849. Or email khchessclub@msn.com
- 13-14 BWCA National Girls Championships at Stock (Essex). Under 21,18,16,14,12,11,10,9,8. Evelyn Flint, Grove Farm, Bekeswell Lane, Galleywood, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 8TL 01245
- 14-20 JERSEY FESTIVAL OF CHESS Open. Channel Hotels, PO Box 306, The Esplanade, St Helier 01534 619601
- 15-19 Well, not a Congress. BARNET CHESS WEEK at Edgware for 6 to 14 year olds. Instruction, training games, mini-tournaments. Laurie Winston, 18 Mount Grove, Edgware, Middx HA8 9SX 0181 959 8376
- 19-21 PORTSMOUTH Premier; U166,136,111. P McEvoy, 77 Lime Grove, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth PO6 4DQ 01705 388341
- 20-21 WILTSHIRE JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS at Swindon. Under 18,12,10,8 plus Girls U18,16,14. Maureen Debbage, 7 (well, it looks like a 7 but a bit's chopped off and there's no phone number) Linley Close, Swindon, Wilts SN1 4DY
- 27 KENT PRIMARY CHAMPIONSHIPS at Maidstone. Tan Thanesan, 17 Beechwood Rd, Barming, Maidstone ME16 9HN: 01622 720440
- 27-28 ESSEX JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Southend. Under 18,16,14,11,9. Peter Walker, 62 East St, Southend, Essex SS2 6LH 01702 email peterwalker@ndirect.co.uk
- Mar 7 LETCHWORTH Open; U160,125,95; junior U14,11. Mark Pateman, 24 Brayes Manor, Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts SG5 4DW 01462 733039
- 7 RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY. Richard James 0181 898 1190 (home), 0181 891 7547 (office) email rjcc@globalnet.co.uk
- 27 ST OLAVES CONGRESS at Orpington. Mrs H Cooley, 99c Sunningvale Ave, Biggin Hill TN16 3TS 01959 574288 email john@cooleyj.freereserve.co.uk
- 28-31 Another non-Congress. KOPEK & WINSTON EASTER HOLIDAY CHESS RETREAT at Elstree. Adults and juniors. Laurie Winston, 18 Mount Grove, Edgware, Middx HA8 9SX 0181 959 8376
- Apr 2-5 SOUTHEND EASTER BCQ. Open plus 5-rd Swisses (alongside Redbus Invitation KO). Howard Grist, 12 Pilgrims Close, Southend, Essex SS2 4XF 01702 617976
- 2-5 SURREY EASTER BCQ incorporating SCCU Championship. FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 0PF 0181 647 0063

**BCF Grading System** : delay with software

You will know that the BCF have been working on new software which, among other things, will take us onto a half-year cycle with proper half-year grading lists. The half-year list for 1999 was to have appeared in late January or early February. However, there have been delays with the software. The new deadline for game-input is provisionally the 19th February (with a new list, no doubt, some time in March).

**Chris Howell**, SCCU Grading Secretary (and BCF Director of Game Fee and Grading) has a new phone number: 01293 452290

**Surrey U125:** match captain is now Fred Manning. You know where he lives. (No? Well, it's inside the front cover.)

**SCCU AGM 1999** is now re-scheduled for Saturday 3rd July. Officers and Delegates please note! It's something to do with the European Team Championships not being in Torquay any more.

**Quotes**

"There was an U18 event, but there were no entries."

"6 round Swiss, 5 played"

"One game split over two games (contains an illegal move!)" - 4NCL game downloads. (The software they use has the annoying habit of disallowing illegal moves even when you mean them.)

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