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JJ LAUDER

John J ("Harry") Lauder, former SCCU President, died on Friday 12th February 1999 at the age of 92. He received the BCF President's Award in 1987 and was the first, and for many years the only, Life Vice-President of the SCCU.

Harry joined the Wimbledon club while still at school and became their President in 1971, a position he held for ten years. He served the Surrey Association in several capacities, first as competitions secretary in 1947-8, followed at once by a twelve-year stint as county secretary and a four-year one some time afterwards as meetings secretary, before settling down in 1978 to his final contribution as editor of *Surrey Chess News*.

His work for the SCCU spanned more than 30 years. He became a member of the Executive in 1951, and was secretary from 1956 until his election as Deputy President in 1967 and President the year after. He was many times Union representative on the BCF Council. After his Presidential term he remained an influential member of the Executive, editing the SCCU Bulletin from 1970 to 1978. On his retirement from this job the Union thought so highly of his services that it created for him the title of Life Vice-President, a title of which he was for nearly 20 years the only holder. He served another five terms on the Executive before finally retiring in 1983.

Harry was a keen but moderate player and was for very many years a regular member of the Surrey Amboyna team. He played regularly for Wimbledon in the London League, and in the early 1950s was a member of the League's executive committee. He also played for Cosmopolitan Banks.

Failing health curtailed Harry's chess activities in later years, but he retained an interest in the game and always wished to keep abreast of developments.

Harry's funeral took place on Monday 22nd February and the SCCU was represented.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

25.3.99

The press has been full of reports over the last few weeks showing that many important and influential people are in the process of getting the game of chess recognised as a sport. This process is under way in order that grants from the National Lottery Fund can be used to subsidise our game. Every report I have seen is in favour of this. But why? Whilst I am sure that any funds received will be spent very wisely, I think that people who play chess should be prepared to pay for it. This as far as I am concerned should be the same for every pastime, sport, art or other leisure occupation.

The only things that should be subsidised are those things that absolutely need to be; such as the destitute and the starving of this world. We should all remember that every penny of any grant given to our sport is one not given to such needy causes. Certainly Mr Kasparov and all of us are not poor. We can afford to pay and should be prepared to pay for our sport, even if it means a substantial increase in the game fee.

Perhaps I am the only chess player to think so, but I do not consider that we should join the rest of the hogs in getting our snouts in the trough at the expense of the many more deserving causes that there are in this country and in the rest of the world.

Yours sincerely,
David Shipp Whitstable

Dear Richard,

26.2.99

As one of the SCCU and the BCF's leading technophobes, I see the SCCU website only rarely. However, that hasn't stopped me learning how good it is. These days I often hear people mention the SCCU site as an example of the kind of standard that the BCF and others should strive to emulate. We've been trying for years to enhance the stature of the SCCU and we seem to have finally managed it- Well done, Richard. Of course the high quality is due also to the efforts of John Philpott and others in supplying you promptly with relevant material.

The Bulletin should also benefit as the existence of the site enables an exchange of correspondence to take place rapidly and to be published in full in the next following Bulletin rather than be spread over several issues.

However, I do wonder whether we technophobes aren't sometimes going to be missing out when we shouldn't. Take the Redbus Knockout at Southend. The material on the Website, kindly sent to me by A wellwisher, contains some fascinating background material on the sponsors - exactly the kind of gossip for which the Bulletin has always been justly famous. It doesn't appear in the January issue. Are you really telling me that in the old days before the Net it wouldn't have found its way into the Bulletin somehow? I rather feel that it would have.

I should like to turn my attention to Howell v Lutton. The Bulletin and the other members of the Rules and Appeals Subcommittee appear to have decided that in fairness to Sussex, and indeed to the two arbiters who were press ganged into service, the agreement and decision reached on the day must stand. I concur absolutely. However, I don't agree with the view expressed in your editorial, and by your correspondents Kevin Thurlow and Ian Hunnable, that the procedure adopted on the day contravened the rules. I have reread carefully the relevant parts of the SCCU County Match Rules, the FIDE Laws of Chess, and the Chess Arbiters' Association's Guidance Notes. I cannot find anything which prohibits the appointment of arbiters to deal with the matter at the time when a draw claim is made in a quickplay finish. On the contrary, I would have thought that the reference "where no arbiter is present in the venue" carries with it the implication "and no arbiter able and willing to act can be found". I would, however, accept that the appointment of arbiters only at the time of a claim being made would have to be explicitly accepted by both players and could not be imposed. If arbiters had been appointed by the captains earlier, as suggested in your editorial, the players would have to abide by such appointment at the time of a subsequent claim.

Hence I see nothing irregular about the procedures adopted in the Howell v Lutton case. The desirability thereof is another matter. When I go to a match as a player, a player is what I wish to be. From time to time when present as a player, I get asked to give my opinion on some problem or other that has arisen, usually in an adjacent match. I help as best I can, indeed I regard it as my duty as a BCF Senior Arbiter to do so, but I don't particularly like it. Where there's a dispute of some kind, I always try to be careful to establish that all parties want me to handle things, and are prepared to abide by any ruling I make, before I seek to ascertain any details. This is particularly important if one is, or might be perceived to be, connected with one of the parties in some way. Hence, while I can see the benefits of avoiding the need for a subsequent reference to an independent arbiter, I'm a bit doubtful as to whether your alternative is fair upon those who would have to perform the duties on the day. This applies especially when the only people available are players who, however strong they may be, have no arbiter training or experience.

Prior to 1998-99, I cannot recall a season in which there has been more than one quickplay finish draw claim in all the SCCU county matches. In the current competition there have been three so far, the most recent having arisen after publication of the January Bulletin. Perhaps this is a tentative indication that such claims are becoming a little more frequent. If this is indeed the case, others besides ourselves may need to review their procedures. I don't think that we should take any action on the above issues entirely on our own. Quite coincidentally, the latest issue of *Arbiting Matters*, the newsletter of the Chess Arbiters' Association, contains an article about an instance that occurred in a local league, I believe in the North. This has served to draw attention to the somewhat limited availability and distribution of the CAA Guidance Notes. I will send you copies and I would suggest that they be published on the website if not already there. If the SCCU feels the need to consider these topics further, I would suggest seeking the guidance of the CAA at first instance.

I agree that ten weeks is too long to have to wait for a decision in a quickplay finish draw claim. However, the situation nowadays is far, far better than when we had adjudications, or than in competitions where these still exist. I certainly can't necessarily expect to get the results of adjudications in my games in less than ten weeks. In the old days up to 1992 when we had adjudications in SCCU county matches, I seem to remember that none of the play-offs due to take place under the then Rules were ever actually held. We never knew which teams were supposed to be in them. Neither did we know which counties to nominate for the BCF stages; we had to guess. Let's keep our current problems in perspective.

Finally, I would like to respond to Kevin Thurlow's views on the Mitcham v Hackney 2 affair in the London League. (I'm not involved in any way; it's some years since I was on the London League Committee.) In any team competition, the captain or manager is responsible for the proper conduct of the team as a whole. When the captain fails to carry out his duties in an efficient or responsible manner, it's inevitable that innocent players may suffer. Most team competitions have rules about ineligible players. The normal practice is that the individuals aren't punished, in the sense that the results stand for grading purposes, but that some penalty is imposed on the team as a whole which may well turn the win of the match into a loss. Of course this is harsh on those players who see the results of their efforts nullified in this way through no fault of their own, but I feel that it is part and parcel of a team competition. In the present case, the London League Committee clearly felt that falsification of match results was a serious matter deserving of the imposition of a severe penalty on the teams concerned. It's up to all clubs and counties to ensure that the match captains whom they appoint aren't going to do this sort of thing.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SEDGWICK Croydon

Another response to Kevin Thurlow, but on a different issue, appears on page 18.

BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING 13 February 1999

With 23 items on the agenda, it was not to be expected that everything scheduled was going to be addressed, and this indeed proved to be the case, with the motion to lift the 6.00 guillotine failing by a larger margin than at the previous meeting. However, nothing more was said about the extra Board meeting that the chairman suggested might be necessary before September.

(1) Money. Finance always represents a significant feature of the February meeting, and in a welcome development Ray Clark had produced a policy paper. It had long struck your author as strange that the Finance Director was the only Director not to provide such an annual paper. From discussion on the paper it emerged that the Ron Banwell legacy of £15,000, which the Federation had received some time ago, remained subject to a legal dispute and would remain fully provided against in the accounts until this was resolved.

Coming into the meeting, the forecast for 1998/99 was significantly worse than the budget and would leave reserves at 30 April 1999 below the target of £51,000 directed by Council. The 1999/2000 budget indicated a further fall in reserves of £10,088 on the basis of a 29p Game Fee for standard play games (i.e. up 2p). Relatively little progress was made on either forecast or budget during the meeting; the budget situation was particularly disappointing considering the financial framework that had been provided to Directors by Ray Clark at the November meeting. In the end, it was decided that the main spending Directors should have a meeting with the Chairman, Finance Director and Chairman of the Finance Committee to agree a series of cuts to produce a more balanced budget. This is of course a short-term approach, which is likely to leave the Board facing exactly the same issues in 12 months time. Bryan Fewell produced statistics indicating that Management Services, which had accounted for 62% of the BCF's freely disposable income in 1994/5 would have risen to 71% on the 1999/2000 budget as it stood. Extrapolation of this trend highlights the fundamental issue of the need to increase the Federation's income base if in the long run there is going to be anything left to spend on activities such as Coaching, Junior and International. However, the Board did not discuss this although

a number of individuals made isolated remarks about the lack of a strategy. Indeed, the Board spent all of ten seconds at the end of the meeting deciding not to do anything about reconstituting the Policy Unit prior to September.

Stewart Reuben had a proposal to set aside £2,000 in each financial year leading up to the BCF's Centenary in 2004 in order to fund centenary celebrations. It was agreed that this proposal would be presented to the Finance Council meeting as an option; it would mean an extra penny on Game Fee.

A proposal that the Chairman be permitted to spend up to £1,000 each financial year on BCF activity without further consultation will also be put to Council as the Board was evenly divided on this issue.

(2) **BCF Office.** It was agreed that the Personnel Committee should make arrangements for staff pension provisions, based on contributions into personal pension schemes administered entirely outside the BCF.

A written report by Tony Suttill, who will be standing down as Management Services Director in April, confirmed inter alia that the Federation's computer systems are Year 2000 compliant.

(3) **Direct Membership.** John Poole presented recommendations on the future of the Direct Membership Scheme, which the Board approved. A more successful scheme would, of course, be one way in which the Federation's disposable income could be increased. There is a proposed increase in subscription rates, which is of itself unlikely to assist in promoting the scheme in the absence of increased benefits. There were some extra benefits proposed for Corporate Vice Presidents, including exemption from Game Fee on internal club championships assuming that Council does not reverse itself on this issue, but for individuals the only prospective item appears to be a fully itemised print-out of the grading calculation. It will become possible to take out a three-year subscription at a discounted rate. A Membership Committee is proposed with one active member from each Union who should actively help to promote membership of the BCF. Anybody from the SCCU interested in fulfilling such a role should contact the President.

(4) **BCF Chairman.** The Board agreed to recommend Gerry Walsh as the successor to Stewart Reuben as BCF Chairman. Stewart is likely to miss the September Council meeting as a result of acting as an arbiter at the World Junior Championship.

(5) **Coaching.** Gary Kenworthy tabled a report on coaching, which reported a number of positive developments and included one rather sobering thought. "Travelling around the Country it is difficult to plug the BCF when I encounter County Secretary and Treasurer level officials who have not heard of the BCF".

(6) **Juniors.** Brian Jones had tendered his resignation as Junior Director on 4 February on an issue of principle, in connection with a ruling made by Ray Keene on the "Croydon Girls" dispute¹. He advised the Board through Ron Drury that his resignation was only because of this issue. The Board voted to appoint Peter Turner² as Junior Director until the September Council meeting. Peter plans to hold one or more open meetings to discuss policy between now and September. One of the junior selectors, who was present as a proxy, indicated that the last selection meeting had been extremely positive, with substantial progress being made on selection policies, and that a short list for selection had been drawn up covering all age groups of both sexes.

(7) **British Championship.** Proposals by Neil Graham for the operation of a "reserve list" for the British Championships were nodded through. Players who have exemption into the Championship by virtue of their rating/grading will not be affected by the cut off rule for entries envisaged, but even GMs will in future be expected to pay a late fee if they do not enter by the prescribed date.

(8) **BCF Arbiters.** The award of the BCF Arbiter title to Sean Marsh and Lara Barnes was approved.

(9) **Grading.** It was agreed that in the light of the delays to the interim grading list that was supposed to appear in January, this list would not be published in 1999. The processing of the information will, however, proceed with the summer list in mind.

(10) **Game Fee Review Committee** was still lacking nominees from a couple of the Unions (the SCCU President has appointed himself as the SCCU representative). The Committee will clearly need to move quickly from here on in order to have the revised Game Fee Regulations ready for consideration by the April Council meeting.

(11) **BCF Website.** Two papers touched on the BCF's website, which was felt to show up poorly in comparison with others (yes, the SCCU site was mentioned). The problem was recognised, but nothing is likely to improve until an appropriate individual has taken on responsibility for running the site on a day to day basis.

John Philpott 14 February 1999

¹ Item 6. Editor's note, since it's been mentioned: Some parents and pupils of a school in Surrey entered an "unofficial" *Times* team which had not the sanction of the head teacher. All players were to be pupils of the school. But they called themselves "Croydon Girls", which is not the name of the school, and proposed to play their home matches at a venue other than the school. It's a long story, but in brief Brian Jones threw them out on the ground that the competition is for teams that represent schools, and you can't represent a school if the head teacher says you don't. This decision was overturned by Raymond Keene, claiming the newspaper's authority. Rule 23 of the competition gives final say in disputes to the BCF Junior Director.

The Bulletin has no idea why the head teacher would not sanction a school entry.

² Also item 6. This is Peter R Turner, 8 Endcliffe Avenue, Bottesford, Scunthorpe, N Lincs DN17 2RD 01724 866433 prtchess@aol.com

SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met on the 12th March 1999 at the Durham Castle, Alexander St, London W2. 15 attended. Before the meeting began, Bill Waterton (Surrey President) gave some personal reminiscences of JJ Lauder. Fred Manning had represented the SCCU at his funeral. The Executive stood for a minute in silence in Harry's memory.

Main items:

(1) A lot of things seemed to come up under **Matters Arising**, perhaps not surprisingly since we hadn't met for six

months. To complicate things, half of it Arose from Matters Arising and you had to keep looking two meetings back to remind yourself of what you were talking about. We'll mention just one item. We had approached the BCF Junior Director a couple of times suggesting that the SCCU should get more qualifiers in the U18 team finals, considering the relative numbers of entries. No answer had been received, and the President would try his luck with the new Director. After giving him a bit more time to settle in, maybe.

(2) Secretary's "Report". Some at least of the Executive are capable of receiving email, and the Secretary asked if those present would object to receiving papers for meetings that way. No one did. Someone proposed that Executive members should receive AGM papers even if they were not automatically members of Council, and that was agreed.

(3) Money. The Treasurer said all the Member Counties had paid their dues, without too much chasing. Only one of the three Non-County Members had paid, but that might have been because he hadn't yet invoiced the other two. Dues are normally payable by the end of the calendar year.

(4) SCCU County Matches. The Controller summarised the state of play, with one round to go in all the competitions. He mentioned the mind-boggling array of possibilities in the Open. But that's history now. Some issues discussed:

(a) Eligibility of Cambs players. Last season the National controller had ruled ineligible, at the national stage, some players who had appeared in the Union stage without provoking any comment from him. This seemed wrong, since he *had* seen the Union results as they occurred. The Executive felt that he had misapplied the rules anyway. The sought-after discussions with him had not yet taken place, and the matter would be pursued.

(b) Middx had announced their intention to play in the Open next season. We looked like having a full complement of 10 teams for the first time in n years. This would mean revisiting the fixture list, but that exercise had been scheduled anyway. The Cambs delegate remarked that Cambs fixtures would have to be fitted into term time.

(c) Game defaults seemed to be on the increase. No one knew what to do about this. The two defaulted matches this year had not been critical in terms of the number of teams qualifying for the BCF stage, but it was a worry.

(d) QPF claims: there had (unusually) been two that went to an absentee arbiter, and certainly one of them had taken far too long to resolve. This had been due to a combination of circumstances.

(e) Late results. Some match captains were consistently ignoring the deadline for sending results, and some were hardly sending results at all. ("Name and shame," someone said, so Kent named a Kent one and Oxon named an Oxon one.) So how about applying penalties? Surrey said they fined you money for being late in the Surrey competitions, and it didn't make a blind bit of difference apart from keeping Surrey solvent. *[Match captains don't pay the fine, do they? Now, if you fined them points instead...]*

(5) Juniors.

(a) Jamboree venues. We'd go for Essex in 2000 (venue was more expensive than recent ones but after all we had not exactly been over-funding the Juniors in recent years). For 2001 it would be Kent or Herts (Herts centenary) and we'd decide later, probably next meeting, when more details were known.

(b) Girls Jamborees. We were getting very few entries, possibly because Surrey were frightening the others off, or possibly because of the clash with the "Open" event. Various solutions were discussed, but no conclusions reached. This may come up at the AGM. Oxon complained about having the SCCU event in term time and the BCF one in the holidays, because Oxon players tend not to be available in the holidays. But the other Unions have traditionally wanted a holiday date for the Finals.

(c) U14/U90. This new competition had been an obvious success, and it was agreed that it would continue.

(6) SCCU Website. The Executive expressed satisfaction that we had a (working) website now. Someone suggested a new Office of Webmaster, and someone else (outside the meeting, fortunately) suggested the hateful title of Communications Officer to cover both Website and Bulletin.

(7) Eligibility of Cambs players for SCCU titles. This did arise in connection with the U11 title, and we needed a rule. After quite a lot of discussion it was decided that Cambs are a Member County like anyone else, and that in future any player from a Member County (or Non-County Member, should that ever arise) would be eligible to win SCCU titles.

(8) British Chess Educational Trust Awards. The Executive decided on two nominations. Won't say which schools they are until the BCET has announced its awards.

(9) Leaflet distribution. Well, there had been queries about it. The SCCU Bulletin will distribute leaflets, for a fee. It was agreed that Member Counties and NCMs should pay less than anyone else.

(10) Rules. (a) A sub-committee was set up to re-draft the SCCU County Match Rules, and to produce some rules for the U14/U90 and the U180 Jamboree. Not sure how quickly all this is going to happen, but there could be County Match proposals at the AGM. It's more a question of tidying the Rules up than changing the substance. (b) The Executive endorsed a copy of the 1998 General Rules as an accurate text of what the AGM agreed. These rules will go to County secretaries (not before time).

(11) Trophies. Bit routine, this. The Executive sort of established that all the trophies were where they were supposed to be. The Junior trophies alleged to have been around in the eighties have not been traced, and it was suspected that they may never have existed. The Executive became confused about the Stevenson Memorial Trophy (missing since at least 1983), and the Stevenson Trophy (extant but not currently in use, and no one was sure of its history). A newly recovered minute book had established the presentation of a Stevenson Trophy in the 1930s, clearly not the Memorial one since Mr Stevenson was alive at the time.

(12) U180 Jamboree 1999. The likeliest date for this event was 15th May.

The meeting finished about 10.40 pm, shortly after RJH left to catch his last train home. This is unfortunate since RJH is supposed to write the minutes. Noises have been made about 10.30 guillotines.

Note: Next Executive meeting is Friday 14th May, and AGM is 3rd July. Written notice of items for the AGM must reach the General Secretary by the 8th May, and papers for circulation must reach him by the 5th June.

JUNIOR NEWS

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

North London Open / London Under 21/18 1 P Georgiou 5/6; 2-5 JM Bennett, IM C Crouch, D Moskvic (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 Boys Champion)... 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 Ghazi (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 Boys Champion) 8/9; 2-4 Murray David (Northants), Sebastian Pozzo (Dulwich), Thomas Robinson (Norfolk) 7... **Under 7** winner George O'Toole (Southend: age 5½) 6. London U8 Girls Champion Selina Khoo (Lady Eleanor Hollies School - so that's what it stands for! - Surrey) 5.

62nd DUPREE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT at Brighton, 30-31 December 1998

"Senior" 1-2 John Bryant, Edward Lamb (The Holt); 3 Peter Baker (Dorothy Stringer HS)...

"Junior" 1 Charlie Linford (The Holt/Dorothy Stringer); 2 Oliver Chadwick (Brighton College); 3 Gregory Raggett (The Holt/Dorothy Stringer)...

Primary 1 Michael Hamilton (St Andrews CE Hove); 2 Danny Glebocki (The Holt/Balfour Junior); 3 Simon Lewis

(Aldrington CE)... **SPECIAL PRIZE** Melanie Pinder (Aldrington) Results Paul Watson

KENT SECONDARY CHAMPIONSHIPS at Beckenham, 23rd January 1999

Under 18/16 (12 pl) 1 Matthew Noakes (Maidstone) 6/6; 2 Andrew Bigg (Hayes: U16 title) 4½; 3 Oliver Cooley (Beckenham & Bromley) 4...

Under 14 (27 pl) 1-2 David Ho (Maidstone), Amir Habibi (Maidstone) 5/6; 3-4 Joseph Al-Malah (Danson), Paul Richards (Whitstable) 4½; 5-9 Thomas Sharp (Maidstone), Daniel Diamond (Dulwich College), Edmund Birkhamshaw (Hayes), Raymond Gosden (Whitstable), James Chapman (Danson) 4...

Under 11 (non-title: 36 pl) 1 Robert Gratwicke (Dulwich College) 5½/6; 2-3 Christopher Collison (Maidstone), Harry Ryan-Smith (St Olaves Prep) 5; 4-5 Tom Shillingford (Ashburton), Stephan Wassermann-Fry (Whitstable) 4½; 6-10 Cieran Ryan, Guy Aust (both Bishop Challoner), Michael Marrow (Chislehurst), Heather Russell-Kay (Bromley), Sam Siebert (Hayes) 4...

Under 9 (non-title: 14 pl) 1 Geoffrey Walters (Sevenoaks) 5½/6; 2 Nicholas Kidson (Tonbridge) 5; 3-4 Kenrick de Nazareth (St Olaves Prep), Dominic Ryan (Bishop Challoner) 4... Results Miles Roberts

BWCA GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS at Stock (near Chelmsford) 13-14 February 1999

Under 8 1 Selena Khoo (Surrey) 5/7...

Under 9 1 Poppy Aarons (Middlesex) 6½/7; 2 Yasmin Ball (Berkshire) 4½; 3-4 Stephanie Barraclough (Sussex), Katie Nightingale (Beds) 4...

Under 10 1 Colleen Halpin (Merseyside) 5½/7; 2 Georgina Draper (Sussex) 5; 3-4 Fiona Smailes (Surrey), Nicola Griffiths (Northants) 4...

Under 14 1-2 Heather Walker (Essex: Best Under 12), Teresa Khoo (Surrey) 6/7; 3 Danielle Gross (Middlesex: Best Under 11) 4½; 4 Joanna Harbour (Beds) 4... Results Neville Belinfante

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS at Yateley Manor School, near Camberley 6-7 February 1999

Under 9 Open 1 Alex O'Toole (Essex)...

Under 11 Open 1-2 Thomas Sharp (Kent) 4½/5, Anthony O'Toole (Essex) 4½/5...

Under 12 Closed 1st Chris Dorrington (Lincs) 4½/5; 2-5 Bobby Payne (Essex), Stuart Trent (Essex), Jessie Gilbert (Surrey), Amir Habibi (Kent) 3½...

Under 14 Closed 1-2 Lawrence Trent (Essex), Chris Rawlinson (Surrey) 4/5; 3-6 Rafe Martin (Brussels), Thomas Nixon (Richmond), Thomas Rendle (Sussex), Kenan Boztas (Surrey) 3½... Results Neville Belinfante

KENT PRIMARY CHAMPIONSHIPS at Maidstone 27th February 1999

Under 11(20 pl) 1 Amir Habibi (Maidstone) 5½/6 with a 0-move draw in the last round; 2 Daniel Diamond (Dulwich College) 5 with a win in the last round; 3-7 Laura Weatherhead (Sevenoaks), Stephan Wassermann-Fry (Whitstable), Michael Marrow (Chislehurst), Robert Gratwicke (Dulwich College), Guy Aust (Bishop Challoner) 4...

Under 10 (38 pl) 1 Thomas Sharp (Maidstone) 6/6; 2-6 Tom Shillingford (Ashburton), Sam Siebert (Hayes), Peter Mills (Tonbridge Wells), David Christie (Bishop Challoner), Chathu de Silva (Maidstone) 4½...

Under 9 (?20 pl) 1 Kenrick de Nazareth (St Olaves) 5½/6; 2 Nicholas Kidson (Tonbridge) 5; 3 Geoffrey Walters (Sevenoaks) 4½...

Under 8 (25 pl) 1-3 Karen Jones (Bromley), Bennet Comer ("Beech Grove"), Joshua Charlton (Luddenham) 5/6; 4-5 Frankie Petken (Bishop Challoner), Alexander Davan-Wetton (Tonbridge) 4½...

Team Prize Dulwich College

The Kent Primary Championships, alone among events on the Kent junior circuit, have a rule saying you can only play in your "proper" age group. Results Us

SCCU JUNIOR MATCHES: U14/U90

Berks				Oxon*				Bucks				Oxon*			
1 Matthew Marquis	0	1	1	1	Oliver Taylor			Mark Goodwin	1	0	0	1	O Taylor 80		
William Foster	1	0	0	0	James Baker			Michael Sharkey	½	0	½	1	C Morris 88		
3 Paul Maddock	0	0	1	1	Claire Morris			Adam Bailey	0	0	1	0	J Baker 61		
Sunny Sidhu	0	0	1	1	Tom Murray			Shalindra Fernandez	1	1	0	1	T Murray 85		
5 Ben Briegel	0	1	1	1	Ben Matthews			David Clark	1	1	0	0	B Matthews -		
Steven Hall	1	0	0	0	John Logan			Philip Makepeace	0	1	1	0	J Logan -		
7 Yasmin Ball	½	1	½	1	Daniel Hitchens			Richard Hook	1	½	0	1	D Hitchens 65		
Peter Armstrong	0	0	1	0	Brendan Daly			Felix Allen	0	0	1	½	D Robson 73		
9 Paul Wilson	0	1	1	0	Judith Rawlings			Anthony Lyons	1	1	0	1	A Logan 70		
Joseph Hamdi	0	1	1	0	Andrew Logan			Paul Butler	½	0	½	0	B Daly 74		
11 Christopher Emery	0	1	1	1	Darius Robson			Charlie Fry	1	0	0	1	J Rawlings 52		
Maru(?) Sidhu	0	0	1	0	Mirih Nguyen			Richard Fenton	0	0	1	1	M Nguyen -		
	2½	6			9½	6			7	4½			5	7½	
		8½		15½						11½		12½			
Berks had white in round 1								Timothy Antos				0			
								S Thorpe				0			
								Oxon had white in round 1				C Black			

FINAL JAMBOREE
at RGS Guildford 6th March 1999

On the right-hand side, White "floated" up.

Round 1

White				Black				White				Black			
1 Chris Manders 86 S	1	0		1	Oliver Taylor 80 O			James Baker 61 O	0	1		Matthew Jellett 89 E			
2 David Gunn 88 E	0	1		1	Daniel Hegarty 83 S			Andrew Murphy 82 E	0	1		Tom Murray 85 O			
3 David Manders 89 S	½	½		½	Heather Walker 86 E			Darius Robson 73 O	0	1		Robert Parish 74 E			
4 Ben Matthews - O	½	½		½	Alex Cunningham 83 S			Shaun Alley 67 E	1	0		Brendan Daly 74 O			
5 Andrew Bell 89 S	1	0		1	Daniel Hitchens 68 O			Guy Kelly - O	0	1		Lee Wicks 67 E			
6 Nicholas Jellett 72 E	0	1		1	Alistair McHardy 81 S			Leah Oaker - E	1	0		Matthew Abigail - O			
7 Dominic De Silva 67 S	1	0		1	Jonathan Livesley 72 E										
8 Andrew Logan 70 O	0	1		1	Anish Patel 75 S										
9 James Watson 82 S	½	½		½	Minh Nguyen - O										
10 Alistair Hung 65 E	1	0		1	Geoffrey Cousins 65 S										
11 Ashley Hegarty 62 S	1	0		1	Alistair Baldwin 55 E										
12 Adam Cornish - O	0	1		1	Nicholas Fordham 80 S										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot
Surrey	1	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	0	1	1	9½
Essex	1	0	½	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	6½
Oxon	0	0	1	½	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	2

Round 2

White				Black				White				Black			
1 Matthew Jellett 89 E	1	0		1	Chris Manders 86 S			Oliver Taylor 80 O	1	0		David Gunn 88			
2 Daniel Hegarty 83 S	1	0		1	James Baker 61 O			Heather Walker 86 E	1	0		Ben Matthews - O			
3 Tom Murray 85 O	½	½		½	David Manders 89 S			Daniel Hitchens 68 O	0	1		Nicholas Jellett 72 E			
4 Alex Cunningham 83 S	0	1		1	Andrew Murphy 82 E			Jonathan Livesley 72 E	1	0		Andrew Logan 70 O			
5 Robert Parish 74 E	0	1		1	Andrew Bell 89 S			Minh Nguyen - O	0	1		Alistair Hung 65 E			
6 Alistair McHardy 81 S	0	1		1	Darius Robson 73 O			Alistair Baldwin 55 E	1	0		Adam Cornish - O			
7 Brendan Daly 74 O	0	1		1	Dominic De Silva 67 S										
8 Anish Patel 75 S	0	1		1	Shaun Alley 67 E										
9 Lee Wicks 67 E	0	1		1	James Watson 82 S										
10 Geoffrey Cousins 65 S	1	0		1	Guy Kelly - O										
11 Matthew Abigail - O	0	1		1	Ashley Hegarty 62 S										
12 Nicholas Fordham 80 S	1	0		1	Leah Oaker - E										

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot
Surrey	0	1	½	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	7½
Essex	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	8
Oxon	1	0	½	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2½

1 Surrey	17
2 Essex	14½
3 Oxon	4½

SCCU UNDER 18 QUALIFIERS

at RGS Guildford 6th March 1999

Asterisked White players "floated" up.

White			Black			White			Black		
1	Costas Harris 174 H	½ ½	1	Martin Taylor 191 K		1	Tim Hebbes 174 E	1 0	1	Thomas Rendle 156 Sx	
1	James Foster 143 Br	1 0	1	Thomas Quilter 165 Bu		0	*Matthew Noakes 177 K	0 1	1	Tomas Thrower 181 Sy	
2	Matthew King 145 Sy	0 1	1	Lawrence Trent 151 E							
2	Laurence Rackham 151 Sx	½ ½	1	Matthew Sommer 106 Br		1	Koichi Nicholas 151 Bu	1 0		Lorin D'Costa 172 H	
3	David Howell 104 Sx	0 1	1	Chris Rawlinson 137 Sy		1	Andrew Hughes 149 Bu	1 0		def E	
3	Malcolm Bovey 114 Br	0 1	1	Heather Richards 175 K		½ ½	*Chris Bates 140 E	½ ½		Chris Lovisa 154 H	
4	Kenan Boztas 137 Sy	1 0	0	Andrew Navias 93 Br							
4	def H	0 1	1	Ben McManus 127 Sx		0	Mark Roberts 172 K	0 1		Stephen Clark 141 Bu	
5	Michael Zoubaida 135 Sy	1 0	0	Richard Thursby 139 Bu		1	Rosalind Kieran 163 K	1 0		Ellen Walker 137 E	
5	Matthew Marquis 77 Br	1 0	0	Michael Graham 114 H		1	*Lydia Goodwin 127 Bu	1 0		John Bryant 119 Sx	
6	Lee Gold 111 H	1 0	0	Jonathan Zoubaida 124 Sy							
6	Edward Lamb 101 Sx	½ ½	1	Richard Murphy 154 K		1	Robert Payne 124 E	1 0		def Br	
7	Nick Chandler 106 H	0 1	1	Hayden Lossock 122 Bu		1	Ezra Lutton 117 E	1 0		David Zoubaida 123 Sy	
7	Adam Turner - Br	½ ½	1	Daniel Triggs 88 Sx		0	*Matthew Robinson - Sy	0 1		Andrew Bigg 150 K	
8	Charlie Linford 57 Sx	0 1	0	Robert Giddens 130							
8	Stephen Spikings 110 Bu	1 0	1	def Br			Oliver Cooley 146 K	1 0		Daniel Caps 100 H	
9	Peter Baker 75 Sx	0 1	1	Maor Shine 97 H		0	Adam Thorpe 99 Bu	0 1		Peter Titmas 146 K	
9	def Br	0 1	1	Oliver Wilson 111 Sy		0	*Jamie Hillman 94 H	0 1		Stewart Trent 113 E	
10	Christopher Dixon 108 Sy	1 0	0	Rvo-Lei Chen 52 Sx							
10	Josiah Lutton 109 E	1 0	0	Mark Goodwin 82 Bu		1	Stephen Casement 141 K	1 0		Thomas Whipple 69 Br	
11	Mishal Sachdev 82 Sy	½ ½	1	David Preiskel 93 H		1	Simon Thanesan 125 K	1 0		Andrew Hodder 39 Sx	
11	def Br	0 1	1	Alexander O'Neill 102 E		1	*Nicholas Champion 76 Sx	1 0		David Shipley 80 Bu	
12	Matthew Dignam 86 H	1 0	0	Steven Hall - Br							
12	Andrew Spikings 79 Bu	0 1	1	Tristan Booth 88 Sy		0	James Berlin 101 E	0 1		Amir Habibi 124 K	

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot
1 Kent	½	0	1	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
2 Essex	1	1	0	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	8½
3 Surrey	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	½	1	7½
4 Bucks	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
5 Herts	½	0	½	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	½	1	4½
6 Sussex	0	½	0	1	0	½	½	0	0	0	0	1	3½
7 Berks	1	½	0	0	1	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	3

Kent qualified for the BCF Open Final, and Essex for the Minor. Finals are 27th March.

U18 GIRLS "JAMBOREE"

Oxon			Surrey		
1	Claire Morris 88 (W)	½ ½	1	Claire Thrower 129	
2	Judith Rawlings 52	0 1	1	Jo Hart 123	
3	Naomi Miller 80	0 1	1	Jessie Gilbert 116	
4	Julia Wilson -	0 1	1	Kate Feld 102	
5	Harriet Taylor -	0 1	1	Alex Kelly 100	
6	Marion Rawlings -	0 1	1	Alex Wilson 99	
		½ 5½			

Surrey qualified for the Girls Final (22nd May), and Oxon for the Minor Counties. Surrey also have a team in the Girls Second Teams Final. Nobody else entered, in the SCCU.

EPSCA ZONALS: SOUTH-EAST

Top five teams qualify for Finals (U9 24th April, U11 8th May). There are four Zones.

Under 9 at High Wycombe, 13th March 1999. Three rounds, teams of 12.

1 Sussex 27½/36; 2 Barnet 26½; 3 Richmond 24½; 4 Wey Valley 23; 5-6 Hants (qualify on tie-break), Essex 20½; 7 Kent 16; 8 NW London 14½; 9 Berks 12½; 10 Bucks 12; 11 Herts 4; 12 South London did not turn up.

Under 11 at Colfes School London SE12, 20th March 1999. Three rounds, teams of 20.

1-2 Sussex (take trophy on tie-break), Wey Valley 44/60; 3 Kent 41½; 4 Richmond 40; 5 Essex 39; 6 Barnet 36; 7 Hants 32½; 8 Bucks 23½; 9 NW London 22; 10 Herts 18; 11 Berks 16½; 12 South London 3.

U11 Reserves Tournament 1 Sussex 9/12; 2 Kent 8; 3 Barnet 7; 4 Hants 4; 5 Richmond 2

These results, at both age levels, are a triumph for Sussex. Their U9s, with individual coaching, have been coming on for a couple of years now; and suddenly it's borne fruit at U11. Watch out the rest of you at U14 level in three years time.

Results Malcolm Walters and Us

NYCA UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS at Solihull, 20th March 1999

1 Richmond 30½/36; 2 Kent 28½; 3 Wilts 20½; 4 Bucks 19; 5 Surrey 16½; 6-7 Glamorgan, Warwicks 13½; 8 Berks 13; 9 Staffs 2. (Scores do not total 162 because of double defaults.) B Teams 1 Kent 20/36; 2 Richmond 16. No other B teams.

Reserves 1 Kent 5/6; 2 Richmond 1.

Results AJW Thorn, Clive Birkhamshaw

KENT SCHOOLS LEAGUE 1998-9

Senior (14 entries) 1 Maidstone GS; 2 St Olaves GS, Orpington; 3 Dulwich College; 4 Harvey GS, Folkestone. The Senior Final Event is a one-day two-round affair, afternoon and evening, for all four surviving teams. With third-place play-off, of course. Tough, at all-moves-in-1 ¼-hours, and some funny things happened in the time scrambles. But MGS were very clear winners. It was at Dulwich College this year, 24th March, and GM Chris Ward (Kent Junior Chief Coach) attended and made the presentations.

Under 16 (18 entries) 1 Judd GS, Tonbridge; 2 Harvey GS, Folkestone

Under 13 and **Under 11** finish next term.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: FINAL LEAGUE TABLES

OPEN	C	E	K	Sy	Bu	Sx	H	O	Br	GP	MP
1 Cambs		9½	10	4½	6½	11	8	13½	11½	74½	5½
2 Essex	6½		9½	11	5½	10	8	10	10	70½	5½
3 Kent	6	6½		9	8½	9	6½	15	13½	74	5
4 Surrey	11½	5	7		12½	9	11	11½	6	73½	5
5 Bucks	9½	10½	7½	3½		6	10½	10½	9½	67½	5
6 Sussex	5	6	7	7	10		11	16d	10	72	4
7 Herts	8	8	9½	5	5½	5		10	10	61	4
8 Oxon	2½	6	1	4½	5½	0d	6		11	36½	1
9 Berks	4½	6	2½	10	6½	6	6	5		46½	1

UNDER 175	E	M	Sx	Sy	E	M	Sx	Sy		
1 Essex		8	8	9		11½	9½	13½	59½	5
2 Middx	8		8	7	4½		8½	9½	45½	3
3 Sussex	8	8		8½	6½	7½		9	47½	3
4 Surrey	7	9	7½		2½	6½	7		39½	1

UNDER 150	Sx	K	H	E	M	Sy		
1 Sussex		8½	7	8	10	10½	44	3½
2 Kent	7½		16d	9½	6	8½	47½	3
3 Herts	9	0d		9	5	8	31	2½
4 Essex	8	6½	7		9	8½	39	2½
5 Middx	6	10	11	7		7½	41½	2
6 Surrey	5½	7½	8	6½	8½		36	1½

UNDER 125	E	H	M	Sx	K	Sy	O		
1 Essex		8	13	12½	8½	15½	11½	69	5½
2 Herts	8		8	13	7	8½	9½	54	4
3 Middx	3	8		10½	9	5	11	46½	3½
4 Sussex	3½	3	5½		9½	12	9	42½	3
5 Kent	7½	9	7	6½		11	8½	49½	3
6 Surrey	½	7½	11	4	5		10	38	2
7 Oxon	4½	6½	5	7	7½	6		36½	0

UNDER 100	Sy	E	M	K	H		
1 Surrey		6½	9½	7½	6½	30	4
2 Essex	5½		7	7	6	25½	2½
3 Middx	2½	5		9	8	24½	2
4 Kent	4½	5	3		6*	18½	1
5 Herts	4½	6	4	4		18½	½

* match won

Please tell the Editor if you spot mistakes in these tables. Matches boxed have been used to split ties where teams were equal on Match Points.

Nominations for BCF stage:

Open 1 Cambs, 2 Essex, 3 Kent

Minor Counties 1 Surrey, 2 Bucks, 3 Herts (Sx are Major)

U175 1 Essex, 2 Middx

U150 1 Sussex, 2 Kent

U125 1 Essex, 2 Herts, 3 Middx

U100 1 Surrey, 2 Essex

DRAW FOR BCF STAGE

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

Essex*	30.1.99		Cambs*	Bucks*	30.1.99		Berks*
1 J Rogers 223 (W)	½	½	J Parker 237	Andrew P Smith 201	1	0	Jovanka Houska 196 (W)
2 M Twyble 206	0	1	M Turner 231	Alex Tucker 189	0	1	Paul S Cooksey 193
3 A Lewis 204	0	1	B Kelly 234	Robert J Richmond 189	½	½	Peter J Sharp 184
4 D Sands 207	½	½	H Hunt 226	Gerald Moore 189	1	0	David S Tucker 178
5 J Hodgson 197	1	0	D Moskovic 206	Mike Lambshire 185	½	½	Nigel W Dennis 148 (r)
6 D Sherman 191	0	1	N Alfred 192	Phil Bonafont 185	½	½	Colin Purdon 183
7 J Manley 188	½	½	N Regan 195	Jonathan E Beedle 182	1	0	Ian R Henderson 174
8 J Goldberg 178	½	½	J Rudd 201	Hans-Peter Hansen 176	1	0	Mark C Bowhay 171
9 P Williamson 178	½	½	M Shephard 192	Thomas Quilter 164 j	½	½	Anthony CP Milnes 170
10 T Hebbes 174	0	1	S White 175	Richard O'Brien 167	½	½	J Townsend 171
11 T Coote 173	½	½	K Scheffler 2188	Makcolm Armstrong 171	0	1	John T Munday 170
12 G McNally 172	0	1	M Campbell 158	Roger de Coverly 161	1	0	Maria Yurenok -
13 W Saunders 171	0	1	P Jackson 155	Andy Robbins 161	1	0	Philip R Maul 162
14 J Moore 170	½	½	A Walkingshaw 1805	Stephen Law 160	0	1	JD Lloyd 161
15 D Millward 169	1	0	M Lim -	Majid Mashayekh 158	½	½	John E Hickman 151
16 L Trent 151	1	0	M Vellacott -	Brian Atkinson 145	½	½	Liam D Varnam 140
(Wanstead)	6½	9½		(Marlow)	9½	6½	

Surrey*	30.1.99	Herts*	Oxon*	13.2.99	Essex	
1 Gavin Wall 216 (W)	1	0	Tim Dickinson 188	1	0	M Twyble 206
2 Graeme Buckley 213	1	0	Jochen Wittmann 186	0	1	AP Lewis 204
3 Susan Lalic 218	1	0	Will Burt 170	½	½	JH Hodgson 197
4 Peter Sowray 210	½	½	Ray Starkie 173	0	1	J Manley
5 Steve Berry 202	1	0	Nick Jones 170	1	0	L Marden 179
6 Rawle Allicock 204	1	0	Sean Terry 163	0	1	PL Williamson 178
7 Matthew Anderton 198	1	0	Nick Hepworth 151	½	½	T Hebbes 174
8 Peter Kemp 199	0	1	Peter Ball 151	½	½	IBN Smith 173
9 Marcus Osborne 189	1	0	Geoff Rasell 147	1	0	G McNally 172
10 Daniel Rosen 195	1	0	George Spalding 132	0	1	WN Saunders 171
11 Murugan Thiruchelvam 157	½	½	Peter Hastings 136	½	½	JC Moore 170
12 Kevin Richardson 186	0	1	Stephen Bough 132	0	1	R Nixon 170
13 David Gunter 185	0	1	Simon King 140	½	½	DJ Millward 169
14 David R Sedgwick 177	½	½	Wayne Tutty 136	½	½	P Barclay 165
15 Chris RA Clegg 168	½	½	Duncan Chambers e135	0	1	C Ramage 153
16 John Nyman 147	1	0	def e0	0	1	R Watts 160
(Sutton)	11	5		6	10	

Bd 4: Herts claim of not-winnable-by-normal-means upheld.

Loved the Oxon estimate for their default.

Cambs*	13.2.99	Bucks*	Herts*	13.2.99	Sussex*	
1 Brian R Kelly 234 (B)	½	½	Simon JB Knott 219	0	1	LE Rutherford 197 (W)
2 Mark Ferguson 229	1	0	Steve Swanson 204	1	0	DB Graham 202
3 Jack Rudd 201	0	1	Adam Mussom 2240	0	1	BJ Denman
4 Natasha Regan 195	½	½	Paul V Byway 197	1	0	GH James 204
5 Nathan Alfred 192	0	1	Simon J Roe 194	0	1	B Cafferty 197
6 Martin G Shephard 192	0	1	Jerry F Rudge 189	0	1	FJ Kwiatkowski 194
7 A Baker e180	0	1	Costas Harris 174 j	0	1	M Broom 190
8 David M Moskovic 206 ¹	1	0	JN Fraser-Mitchell 177	0	1	KI Norman 189
9 Stuart A White 175	0	1	Lorin AR D'Costa 172 j	½	½	SJ Newman 185
10 D Chow e170	½	½	Steve J Tovey 174	0	1	MO Costley 184
11 Mark C Campbell 158	1	0	Kevin R Clark 179	0	1	PG Farr 181
12 Peter HJ Jackson 155	½	½	Chris E Majer 177	½	½	JC Mansson 181
13 Ramin Farzaneh-Far e162	½	½	John R Denton 173	0	1	RJ Almond 172
14 A Walkingshaw 1805 SCA	1	0	D Ross Brennan 170	½	½	MR Stott 167
15 Mark Lim e145	0	1	Philip Gregory 163	1	0	AO Pickersgill 168
16 Omar Iqbal 94 (r)	0	1	Geoff A Hollis 164	½	½	SON Hawes 168
(Cambridge)	6½	9½	(St Albans)	5	11	

¹ Bd 8: substituted (for an absent 186) by agreement. If it's by agreement, who's worried. But actually there seems to be no rule against it, apart from the board-order one, and weak substitutes break that.

Kent			Surrey*			Essex*			Herts*		
1 N McDonald 239 (W)	1	0	A Webster 224			JW Rogers 223 (W)	½	½	SJB Knott 219		
2 D Gormally 227	½	½	G Wall 216			MS Twyble 206	½	½	G Kenworthy 206		
3 A Hanreck 210	½	½	J Leake 216			AP Lewis 204	½	½	S Swanson 204		
4 A Mack 202	0	1	S Berry 202			DA Sands 207	1	0	P Byway 197		
5 J Sugden 198	1	0	R Allicock 204			DJ Coleman 199	1	0	JF Rudge 189		
6 D Farndon 198	½	½	M Anderton 198			JH Hodgson 197	½	½	PG McGuire 187		
7 PP Taylor 191	1	0	P Kemp 199			D Sherman 191	0	1	C Harris 174		
8 NP Donovan 190	1	0	D Rosen 195			JP Manley 188	1	0	HL Tebbs 177		
9 LR Gurr 190	0	1	M Osborne 189			LE Marden 179	1	0	JN Fraser-Mitchell 177		
10 R O'Kelly 190	½	½	M Thiruchelvam 157			JA Goldberg 178	0	1	LAR D'Costa 172		
11 MR Taylor 191	0	1	K Richardson 186			PL Williamson 178	0	1	A Gilfillan 179		
12 A Harakis 184	0	1	D Gunter 185			AR Brett 178	0	1	KR Clark 179		
13 J Scholes 184	1	0	C Jones 171			T Hebbes 174	½	½	CE Majer 177		
14 SJ Williams 176	0	1	P Stimpson 171			WL Saunders 171	0	1	JR Denton 173		
15 C Rice 169	1	0	C Clegg 168			JC Moore 170	1	0	DR Brennan 170		
16 MI Roberts 172	1	0	K Inwood 165			RJ Nixon 170	½	½	P Gregory 163		
(Dartford)	9	7				(Wanstead)	8	8			

Berks*			Cambs*			Bucks*			Oxon		
1 J Houska 196 (B)	0	1	M Turner 231			Robert J Richmond 189	0	1	Tim Dickinson 188 (B)		
2 P Cooksey 193	0	1	B Kelly 234			Gerald Moore 189	0	1	Matthew Rose 191		
3 PJ Sharp 184	1	0	H Hunt 226			Mike Lambshire 185	1	0	Jochen Wittman 186		
4 MV Taylor 183	0	1	J Rudd 201			Alex Tucker 189	1	0	Ray Starkie 173		
5 DL Roberts 182	0	1	M Shephard 192			Jopnathan E Beedle 182	½	½	DJ Bruce 162		
6 C Purdon 183	0	1	S White 175			Philip Bonafont 185	½	½	Nicholas C Jones 170		
7 IR Henderson 174	½	½	K Scheffler e170			Raymond B Edwards 183	1	0	Sean Terry 163		
8 JT Munday 170	½	½	M Campbell 158			Hans-Peter Hansen 176	½	½	Peter Ball 151		
9 MC Bowhay 171	0	1	P Jackson 155			Roger de Coverly 161	1	0	NJ Hepworth 151		
10 ACP Milnes 170	0	1	A Walkingshaw e155			Andy Robbings 161	1	0	Chris Grice 151		
11 J Townsend 171	0	1	N Pyper 156			Malcolm Armstrong 172	1	0	GC Rasell 147		
12 I Duvall 163	½	½	S Essen 153			Stephen Law 160	½	½	Lester R Millin 154		
13 JD Lloyd 161	1	0	C Kreuzer 146			Andrew George 166	1	0	Peter B Hastings 136		
14 PR Maul 162	0	1	M Lim			David Mansfield 159	0	1	Simon E King 140		
15 JE Hickman 151	0	1	T Poole 124			Brian Shipley 159	½	½	G Spalding		
16 MF Redmond 160	1	0	I Farquharson 70			Steve James 143	1	0	D Chambers 131		
	4½	11½				(Marlow)	10½	5½			

Sussex*			Kent			Herts*			Bucks*		
1 LE Rutherford 197	1	0	N McDonald 239			Simon JB Knott 219	1	0	Andrew P Smith 201 (B)		
2 DB Graham 202	½	½	IR Watson 224			Gary Kenworthy 206	0	1	Alex Tucker 189		
3 BJ Denman	½	½	NF Dickenson 213			Paul V Byway 197	1	0	Robert J Richmond 189		
4 GH James 204	½	½	AE Hanreck 210			Simon J Roe 194	0	1	Mike Lambshire 185		
5 B Cafferty 197	1	0	J Naylor 200			Jerry F Rudge 189	½	½	Jonathan E Beedle 182		
6 FJ Kwiatkowski 194	0	1	JN Sugden 198			Phil G Maguire 187	0	1	Gerald Moore 189		
7 M Broom 190	0	1	DA Farndon 198			Costas Harris 174	1	0	Raymond B Edwards 183		
8 SJ Newman 185	0	1	PP Taylor 191			Lorin AR D'Costa 172	0	1	Hans-Peter Hansen 176		
9 JA Dodgson 184	½	½	NP Donovan 190			Howard L Tebbs 177	½	½	Philip Bonafont		
10 MO Costley 184	½	½	RMR O'Kelly 190			Kevin R Clark 179	½	½	Richard O'Brien 167		
11 PG Farr 181	0	1	JD Wager 187			Andrew Gilfillan 179	0	1	Roger de Coverly 161		
12 JC Mansson 181	½	½	JE Scholes 184			Steve J Tovey 174	0	1	Andy Robbings 161		
13 IG Kelly 175	0	1	CB Rice 169			Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell 177	½	½	Malcolm Armstrong 172		
14 RJ Almond 172	½	½	SJ Williams 176			Chris E Majer 177	0	1	Majid Mashayekh 158		
15 MR Stott 167	1	0	P Watson 173			John R Denton 173	0	1	Andrew George 166		
16 PA Batchelor 160	½	½	JB (sic) Cordner 163			Philip Gregory 163	½	½	Stephen Law 160		
(Brighton)	7	9				(St Albans)	5½	10½			

Kent		13.3.99	Essex*		Oxon*	13.3.99	Berks*	
1 A Hanreck 210 (W)	0	1	JW Rogers 223		Adam Hunt 212	1	0	PS Cooksey 193
2 A Mack 202	½	½	MS Twyble 206		T Dickinson 188	1	0	DS Tucker 178
3 J Sugden 198	0	1	DA Sands 207		M Rose 191	½	½	C Purdon 183
4 D Farndon 198	0	1	JP Manley 188		D Hackett 194	1	0	MV Taylor 183
5 P Taylor 191	½	½	RP White 181		J Wittmann 186	0	1	JT Munday 170
6 N Donovan 190	0	1	LE Marden 179		G Chapman 180	½	½	IR Henderson 174
7 R O'Kelly 190	½	½	JA Goldberg 178		R Starkie 173	1	0	MC Bowhay 171
8 A Harakis 184	1	0	PL Williamson 178		N Jones 170	½	½	ACP Milnes 170
9 J Wager 187	½	½	TD Whitton 175		W Burt 170	0	1	JD Lloyd 161
10 G Botley 184	½	½	R Parker 176		S Terry 163	1	0	Martin G Sommer 164
11 C Rice 169	1	0	T Hebbes 174		N Kenrick 156	1	0	DJ Lewis 145
12 (J?)S Williams 176	0	1	IBN Smith 173		N Hepworth 151	1	0	MF Redmond 160
13 D Horton 178	1	0	WL Saunders 171		C Grice 151	0	1	JE Hickman 151
14 P Watson 173	½	½	JC Moore 170		S King 140	½	½	Matthew Sommer 106
15 D Clear 176	½	½	RJ Nixon 170		P Hastings 136	1	0	MEO Bovey 114
16 J Cordner 164	0	1	DJ Millward 169		D Chambers -	1	0	B Purton 92
(Dartford)	6½	9½			(Long Hanborough)	11	5	

Surrey		13.3.99	Sussex*	
1 G Buckley 213 (B)	1	0	LE Rutherford 197	
2 S Lalic 218	½	½	DB Graham 202	
3 G Wall 216	1	0	BJ Denman -	
4 PJ Sowray 210	0	1	GH James 204	
5 SH Berry 202	1	0	B Cafferty 197	
6 RA Allicock 204	0	1	FJ Kwiatkowski 194	
7 M Anderton 198	0	1	M Broom 190	
8 P Kemp 199	½	½	KI Norman 189	
9 MJ Franklin 197	1	0	SJ Newman 185	
10 DB Rosen 195	1	0	MO Costley 184	
11 K Richardson 186	1	0	PG Farr 181	
12 DR Sedgwick 177	½	½	JC Mansson 181	
13 CRA Clegg 168	0	1	IG Kelly 175	
14 KFH Inwood 165	1	0	RJ Almond 172	
15 ND Grey 163	0	1	MR Stott 167	
16 S Marriott 129	½	½	SON Hawes 168	
(Sutton)	9	7		

UNDER 175

Surrey*		23.1.99	Middx*		Sussex*	20.2.99	Surrey*	
1 R Holding 172 (W)	1	0	MJ Ross 173		Richard Almond 172	1	0	Chris RA Clegg 168 (W)
2 CRA Clegg 168	1	0	J Jakob 173		Michael J Reddie 170	½	½	Davis Tuddenham 168
3 K Inwood 165	½	½	P McKeown 169		Erki Pesonen 169	1	0	John S white 165
4 RJ Wilcox 164	0	1	A Fulton 150 (r)		Adrian O Pickersgill 168	½	½	R John Wilcox 164
5 N Grey 163	0	1	V Stanisic 166		Stephen ON Hawes 168	½	½	H Trevor Jones 163
6 D Malcolm 163	1	0	J Coleman 166		Michael R Stott 167	1	0	Paul D Dupré 163
7 S MacDonald-Ross 159	0	1	D Ebbett 171		Chris Hann 167	0	1	Martin C Page 159
8 MC Page 159	0	1	A Bourke 160		Paul A Batchelor 160	1	0	Paul R Archer 154
9 AN Smith 154	½	½	AI Wheatley 160		Andrew SJ Fleming 144	1	0	Angus J French 153
10 PR Archer 154	0	1	P Simek 132 (r)		LJ Cannon 149	½	½	Stuart R Jones 153
11 SR Jones 153	1	0	P Kelly 149		Dave Roberts 148	1	0	John Nyman 147
12 A James 152	1	0	JH Woolley 156		Alan H Palmer 146	0	1	Neil Maxwell 146
13 CPL Parker 147	0	1	G Brown 152		Philip Greaves 146	0	1	Paul E Barnard 147
14 JCH Nyman 147	0	1	C Fewtrell 148		Paul R Selby 146	0	1	ST Keith Wilkinson 137
15 A Waldock 143	0	1	J Kay 135		Tim Woods 135	0	1	Fred C Manning 132
16 P Barnard 142	½	½	K Byard 144		R Daniel Hirsch 132	1	0	def
(Sutton)	6½	9½			(Hassocks)	9	7	

Middx	20.2.99	Essex*	Middx	20.3.99	Sussex*
1 Tim Spanton 173 (W)	0 1	Tim Hebbes 174	Tim Spanton 173 (B)	0 1	Richard J Almond 172
2 Jurgen Jakob 173	0 1	Rod J Nixon 170	Jorgen Jakob 173	0 1	Michael J Reddie 170
3 Paul McKeown 169	0 1	William L Saunders 171	JC Hannot 167	½ ½	Adrian O Pickersgill 168
4 Dave Ebbett 171	½ ½	George E McNally 172	D Ebbet 171	½ ½	Stephen ON Hawes 168
5 Velko Stanisic 166	1 0	David J Millward 169	Velco Stanisic 166	½ ½	Michael R Stott 167
6 Alex Bourke 162	0 1	Ian D Hunnable 166	Marc A Shaw 164	½ ½	Paul A Batchelor 160
7 David J White 161	0 1	Peter C Doye 166	Alex O Bourke 162	0 1	LJ Cannon 149
8 Anthony I Wjeatley 160	1 0	Paul R Barclay 165	David J White 161	0 1	David L Roberts 148
9 Graham K Brown 152	0 1	Ivan J Myall 164	Anthony I Wheatley 160	1 0	P Greaves 147
10 Robert Aw 152	½ ½	Dave G Pearse 163	Graham K Brown	1 0	Alan H Palmer 146
11 Anthony R Fulton 150	½ ½	Roy Heppinstall 162	Gordon V Cadden 151	½ ½	David G Ratcliffe 146
12 Chris Fewtrell 148	0 1	Neville H Twitchell 162	Anthony R Fulton 150	1 0	Jeremy LA Stone 142
13 SH Rezvany	0 1	John White 161	Chris Fewtrell 148	1 0	def
14 V Ray Harper 143	½ ½	Les J Crane 159	Colin Hughes 147	½ ½	Timothy J Woods 135
15 John Kay 135	½ ½	Colin R Ramage 153	John Kay 135	½ ½	GJ Cox 130
16 P Simek 132	0 1	Mark Weighell 151	Ali Yekta 129	1 0	R Daniel Hirsch 132
(Northolt)	4½ 11½		(Northolt)	8½ 7½	

UNDER 150

Essex*	13.2.99	Kent*	Surrey*	13.2.99	Middx*
1 Richard Weeber 147	1 0	V Southern 149	JCH Nyman 147 (B)	½ ½	PS Morton 149
2 David J Rawlings 146	½ ½	A Heard 147	CPL Parker 147	½ ½	P Kennelly 149
3 Jason Roberts 145	0 1	PC Rutland 147	A Waldock 143	0 1	W Dennison 148
4 Stan Harwood 145	0 1	P Titmas 146	JR Bell 143	1 0	C Fewtrell 148
5 Marc ¹ Brazier 144	1 0	P Childs 143	P Barnard 142	½ ½	S Golding 147
6 Antony ² Drake 144	0 1	A Sherriff 142	I McLeod 142	1 0	def
7 Lawrie J Burt 142	1 0	S Moate 141	J Dicken 140	1 0	def
8 David FC Bird 141	0 1	D Helsby 141	K Wilkinson 139	1 0	def
9 William Luxton 140	½ ½	E Bromilow 141	C Fellows 134	0 1	Y Tello 142
10 Ian P Morgan 138	0 1	P Challis 138	F Manning 132	0 1	N Tomkin 141
11 Thomas G Winter 137	1 0	G Steele 137	J Hawson 131	1 0	B Tysoe 139
12 Phil Zammit 135	½ ½	R Wallace e132	K Mehendale 130	1 0	G Jordan 138
13 David G Cannan 131	½ ½	D Davis 131	D Baldock 130	0 1	J Kay 135
14 David J Payne 125	0 1	M Jones 124	J Pol 122	½ ½	P Grant-Ross 129
15 Graham Walker 112	0 1	G Bishop 124	H Curtis 116	0 1	K Parr 125
16 Michael J Bridger 112	½ ½	C Summerfield 109 ³	S Freeman 90	½ ½	R Crooks 106
	6½ 9½		(Sutton)	8½ 7½	

¹ Bd 5: Essex mc. Mark in grading list, but signs himself Marc. (That'll go down well, there's another Marc Brazier.) ² Bd 6: Ed. Anthony in list. ³ Bd 16: Kent have 115.

Herts	13.2.99	Sussex*	Middx*	27.2.99	Herts
1 M Wali 124 (r)	½ ½	LJ Cannon 149 (W)	PS Morton 149 (W)	1 0	def
2 R Hughes 148	½ ½	DL Roberts 148	P Kennelly 149	1 0	def
3 D Hurricks 149	1 0	PA Greaves 147	W Dennison 148	1 0	P Lawrence 147
4 S Charles 144	1 0	DG Ratcliffe 146	C Andrescu 148	½ ½	J Coles 146
5 P Myers 143	½ ½	WH Partridge 144	C Fewtrell 148	½ ½	MM Wali 124 (r)
6 B Concagh 143	½ ½	PN Kington 144	S Golding 147	0 1	S Charles 144
7 DP Young 138	1 0	EJ Hillier 140	C Hughes 147	½ ½	P Myers 143
8 R Lever 136	1 0	TJ Woods 135	B Einarsson 144	1 0	B Concagh 143
9 N Thompson 135	½ ½	RD Hirsch 132	VR Harper 144	1 0	D Young 138
10 M Kingman	½ ½	DWL Howell 104	N Tomkin 141	0 1	R Lever 136
11 I Mutton 133	1 0	MR Hickman 129	K Morris 139	½ ½	D Thomson 135
12 J Marshall 132	0 1	GJ Cox 130	BA Tysoe 139	½ ½	I Mutton 133
13 R Kearns 128	0 1	DJ Cork 127	G Jordan 138	1 0	J Marshall 132
14 def	0 1	PJ Helliwell 129	J Kay 135	1 0	D Price 128
15 A Gore 126	0 1	PH Benson 114	P Grant-Ross 129	1 0	def
16 R Harrison 113	1 0	B Chamberlain 91	K Parr 125	½ ½	M Price 124
(St Albans)	9 7		("Taylor Woodrow")	11 5	

Sussex*	27.2.99	Kent*
1 LJ Cannon 149 (W)	½	½ M Wiltshire 149
2 DL Roberts 148	½	½ A Heard 148
3 PA Greaves 147	1	0 O Cooley 146
4 PR Selby 146	½	½ P Titmas 146
5 DG Ratcliffe 146	½	½ P Childs 143
6 WH Partridge 144	0	1 A Sherriff 142
7 IK Edgson 146	½	½ S Moate 141
8 PN Kington 144	½	½ S Casement 141
9 EJ Hillier 140	½	½ A Sands 140
10 TJ Woods 135	½	½ I Hames 140
11 BJ Izzard 128	½	½ E Bromilow 140
12 GJ Cox 130	0	1 S Chick 139
13 DWL Howell 104	1	0 G Steele 137
14 DJ Cork 127	½	½ D Davis 131
15 PJ Helliwell 129	1	0 M Jones 124
16 PS Smith 125	½	½ D Slater 124
("Dorothy Stringer School")	8½	7½

Surrey*	27.2.99	Essex
John Nyman 147 (B)	1	0 Richard Manning 149
Colin Parker 147	1	0 def
Adrian Waldock 143	½	½ Richard Webber 147
Rod Bell 143	1	0 David Rawlings 146
Paul Barnard 142	½	½ Geoff Elliston 133 ¹
Ian McLeod 142	0	1 Marc Brazier 144
John Dicken 140	½	½ Stan Harwood 145
Kevin Wilkinson 139	0	1 Tony Drake 144
Claire Thrower 139	½	½ Mike Cresswell 143
Fred Manning 132	0	1 Lawrie Burt 142
John Hawson 131	½	½ Mark Murrell 139
Don Baldock 130	0	1 Roger Sharman 137
David Hodgson 127	0	1 Phil Zammit 135
def	0	0 def ¹
Jessie Gilbert 116	1	0 David Cannon 131
Neil Clifton 116	0	1 Don Dennis 121
(Sutton)	6½	8½

¹ Bds 5, 14. Surrey mc: "Essex arrived two players short originally named on Boards 2 and 5. Surrey were one player short named on Board 14. The original Essex 14 moved to Board 5, losing half an hour's time. So Surrey agreed to default Board 14." Surrey accordingly gave Bd 14 as a win by default for Essex. The Controller subsequently ruled it a double-default.

Middlesex*	13.3.99	Essex*
1 PS Morton 149	0	1 David J Rawlings 146
2 P Kennelly 149	0	1 Jason Roberts 145
3 W Dennison 148	1	0 David Burke 145
4 C Fewtrell 148	0	1 Marc E Brazier 144
5 C Hughes 147	1	0 Anthony Drake 144
6 S Golding 147	1	0 Mike J Cresswell 143
7 B Einarsson 144	1	0 Lawrie J Burt 142
8 VR Harper 143	1	0 Michael Bridger 112
9 N Tomkin 141	0	1 Ian MacLachlan 141
10 BA Tysoe 139	½	½ David Bird 141
11 G Jordan 138	0	1 E Josiah Lutton 109
12 DJ Lawrence 136	0	1 Ian P Morgan 138
13 J Kay 135	1	0 Tom G Winter 137
14 G O'Grady 133	½	½ Phil Zammit 135
15 P Grant-Ross 129	0	1 Don Dennis 122
16 K Parr 125	0	1 Graham Walker 112
	7	9

Surrey*	13.3.99	Sussex*
JCH Nyman 147 (B)	0	1 LJ Cannon 149
CPL Parker 147	0	1 DL Roberts
ADP Waldock 143	0	1 PA Greaves 147
JR Bell 143	1	0 PR Selby 146
PE Barnard 142	1	0 DG Ratcliffe 146
JR Dicken 140	½	½ K Davies 146
STK Wilkinson 137	½	½ PN Kington 144
FC Manning 132	0	1 JLA Stone 142
CE Fellows 134	1	0 EJ Hillier 140
JB Hawson 131	0	1 TJ Woods 135
DA Baldock 130	0	1 DG Cork 127
DL Hodgson 127	0	1 GJ Cox 130
JS Hart 123	0	1 PS Smith 125
J Pol 122	1	0 CC Dunn 125
KL Feld 102	½	½ PH Benson 114
def	0	1 RD Hirsch 132
(Sutton)	5½	10½

Essex mc: "Travel difficulties caused the match to start in my absence and my three passengers had to slot into the available boards (8, 11, 16) some 20 minutes down on the clock." Suppose that means that in the absence of the match captain the rest of the team guessed the board order.

UNDER 125

Oxon	30.1.99	Essex*
1 J Booker 121	½	½ R Payne 124 j
2 A Collins 119	0	1 I Gunn 124 j
3 A Wyeth 119	½	½ JE Lutton 117 j
4 R Langham 117	1	0 K Groce 122
5 G Morris 117 j	0	1 S Trent 113 j
6 T Frost 117	½	½ S Collins 117
7 Z Marham 109	0	1 T Cole 116
8 M Brindley 117	1	0 J Sneesby 115 j
9 P Williams 105	0	1 EJ Lutton 109 j
10 D Metcalf 104	0	1 J Winkworth 100 j
11 B Cornes 104	0	1 A O'Neill 102 j
12 J Kennedy 103 j	1	0 P Pattison 111
13 S Grigson 97	0	1 M Cain 110
14 C Kerrigan 94	0	1 R Joyce 107
15 D Buckland 92	0	1 S Savill 105
16 C Morris 88 j	0	1 P Flint 104
(Long Hanborough)	4½	11½

Middx*	13.2.99	Sussex*
Brian Irving 124	0	1 Lawrie Rhodes 123
Peter Staneland 124	1	0 Richard Clement 123
Dave Harris 124	0	1 Ray Hunt 122
Eddie Larkman 123	½	½ Dave Chilvers 119
Martin Leanse 122	1	0 Mark (so) Bryant 121
Wil Ransome 121	0	1 John Bryant 119
Peter Hawran 121	1	0 Tony Bradbury 113
Frank Viegas 121	1	0 Nigel Pestelle 114
Phil Tabberer 110	0	1 John Strange 115
Jeff Davis 119	1	0 Ted Tapper 112
Garth Andrews 118	0	1 Mick Plumb 109
Robert Attar 116	1	0 Edward Lamb 101
Anthony Duncan 114	1	0 Paul Buswell 106
Hassan Afnan 111	1	0 Terry Pepper 97
Gerry Luetchford 111	1	0 Stephen Carter 86
John Marchant 111	1	0 Theo Penty 94
("Middx")	10½	5½

¹ Bd 7: given as Markham. Essex mc: "The 'Junior Mafia' may be 50% of the team but their overall score of 6/8 differs little from the remainder, 5½/8."

Kent*	20.2.99	Essex*
1 GL Bishop 124 (B)	0	1 R Payne 124 j
2 P Thomas 122	½	½ I Gunn 124 j
3 G Carrillo e120	½	½ R Ianetta ¹ 119
4 D Burtonshaw 119	½	½ T Cole 116
5 PD Poland 118	½	½ C Barrett 115
6 R Woodfield 113	1	0 G Walker 112 j
7 V Bioletti 111	1	0 P Pattison 111
8 AP Fabian 107	0	1 J Winkworth 100 j
9 IB Bryan 103	½	½ M Cain 110
10 IC Smith 103	½	½ A O'Neill 102 j
11 ID Stoneman 102	0	1 K Bennett 110 j
12 J Briston 101	½	½ W Petchey 107
13 DSJ Shipp 99	0	1 R Joyce 107
14 JC Robertson 99	0	1 S Savill 105
15 A Woodfield 92	1	0 M Huntley 88 j
16 T Hogg 88	1	0 H Walker 86 j
(Dartford)	7½	8½

¹ Bd 3: So how *do* you spell this?

Oxon	27.2.99	Surrey*
J Booker 121 (B)	0	1 K Milne 123
A Collins 119	1	0 J Pol 122
A Wyeth 119	½	½ D Weston-Lewis 121
T Frost 117	0	1 D Bryant 116
R Langham 117	0	1 H Wylie 115
H Brindley 117	0	1 K Lovell 114
Z Markham (so) 109	1	0 J Sprackett 110
P Williams 105	1	0 B Jablonski 103
B Cornes 104	0	1 K Feld 102 F
J Kennedy 103	½	½ M Taylor 97
D Metcalfe 104	½	½ A Partington 91 F
S Grigson 97	½	½ L Boztas 92 F
C Kerrigan 94	½	½ J Silverton 94
F Fallon 92	0	1 R Davey 93
D Buckland 92	0	1 R Mercer 85
O Taylor 80	½	½ S Hamilton 77
(Oxford)	6	10

Guess which three players had their first names in full on the Surrey result sheet.

Essex*	6.3.99	Herts*
1 K Groce 122 (B)	0	1 M Wali 124
2 R Iannetta 119	½	½ M Price 124
3 S Collins 117	1	0 D Allen 123
4 T Cole 116	½	½ L Roche 124
5 C Barrett 115	½	½ T Wright 122
6 J Sneesby 115 j	½	½ P Bunce 123
7 J Winkworth 100 j	½	½ M Jones 121
8 G Walker 100 j	0	1 C Byrne 119
9 M Bridger 112 j	1	0 J Leake 120
10 P Pattison 111	0	1 P Laskier 120
11 K Bennett 110 j	1	0 M Flatt 119
12 M Cain 110	1	0 R Morris 120
13 R Joyce 107	0	1 J Lanaway 122
14 S Savill 105	½	½ K Thompson e120
15 P Flint 104	1	0 G Lunn 113
16 T Winkworth e75 j	0	1 J Moore 113
	8	8

¹ Bd 2: Essex's spelling (and the grading list's). Essex captain: Strongest

Essex juniors were not available - SCCU commitments!! [Surely not: *rjh* They were playing for Essex, in a different SCCU competition. See *U18 Jamboree*] Even so, 6 juniors played, board 16 being a late substitute. I think Herts were serious judging by the grades. They were expecting a 'junior mafia'."

Sussex*	13.3.99	Oxon
L Rhodes 123	1	0 J Booker 121
R Clement 123	½	½ A Collins 119
R Hunt 122	½	½ T Frost 117
D Chilvers 119	0	1 R Langham 117
J Bryant 119	1	0 M Brindley 117
T Bradbury 113	1	0 Z Marham 109
J Kalber 108	½	½ P Williams 105
J Strange 115	½	½ B Cornes 104
N Pestelle 114	½	½ D Metcalfe 104
P Wake 114	0	1 OJ Dyer 98
T(...) Tapper 112	½	½ S Grigson 97
P Buswell 106	0	1 F Fallon 92
E Lamb 101	1	0 D Rodgers 88
Z Nathan 85	1	0 R Cordon 83
T Penty 94	1	0 R Barker 74
N Campion 76	0	1 P Morris 63
(Hassocks)	9	7

Essex*	20.3.99	Middx*
1 R Payne 124 j (W)	1	0 L Toledo 124
2 L Gunn 124 j	1	0 B Irving 124
3 JE Lutton 117 j	1	0 MC Price 123
4 K Groce 122	0	1 G Day 123
5 R Iannetta 119	½	½ D Harris 124
6 S Collins 117	1	0 def
7 T Cole 116	0	1 W Ransome 122
8 J Sneesby 115 j	1	0 def
9 J Winkworth 100 j	1	0 R Lowman 117
10 M Bridger 112 j	½	½ G Andrews 118
11 G Walker 112 j	1	0 D Marchand 113
12 K Bennett 110 j	1	0 A Duncan 114
13 M Cain 110	1	0 def
14 R Joyce 107	1	0 G Luetchford 111
15 S Savill 105	1	0 DG Wayte 108
16 P Flint 104	1	0 J Marchant 111
(Wanstead)	13	3

Herts*	20.3.99	Kent*
M Wali 124 (B)	½	½ M Jones 124
M Price 124	0	1 GL Bishop 124
T Wright 122	0	1 PJ Thomas 122
L Roche 124	1	0 N Lister 121
M Jones 121	0	1 G Carrillo e120
C Byrne 119	1	0 PD Poland 118
G Howard 121	1	0 R Woodfield 113
P Laskier 120	0	1 AP Fabian 107
J Lanaway 122	0	1 AD Hargreaves 106
R Morris 120	1	0 IB Bryan 103
T Lowson 120	½	½ IC Smith 103
K Thompson 120	½	½ ID Stoneman 102
J Moore 113	0	1 J Briston 101
K Grigg (so) 115 (so)	1	0 JC Robertson 99
G Lunn 113	½	½ DSJ Shipp 99
Q Latif 101	0	1 JR Thompson 92
(St Albans)	7	9

UNDER 100

Middx*	30.1.99	Kent*	Surrey*	30.1.99	Herts*
1 Phil Humphrey 98 (B)	½ ½	NF Fisk 99	Keith Foreman 99 (B)	1 0	def
2 Tony Cook 96	½ ½	JC Robertson 99	Thomas McLeod 99 j	0 1	Mark Lawn 99
3 Ben Azfali 96	1 0	DSJ Shipp 99	Richard Greensmith 97 j	½ ½	David Ash 94
4 Simon Chirgwin 95 ¹	1 0	JR Thompson 92	Richard Jones 99	½ ½	Ian Whyte 93
5 def	0 1	A Woodfield 92	Arthur Meaton 97	½ ½	Dave Bate-Smith 92
6 Larry McDonagh 90	1 0	N Arora 91	Chris Chapman 96 j	0 1	Des Wasik 90
7 Derek Birt 89	½ ½	K Findley 90	Harvey Murray-Smith 96	1 0	Dave Wilders 78
8 Alan Radford 89	1 0	T Hogg 88	John Silverton 94	0 1	Rees Gates 87
9 Ted ² Bradley 84	1 0	def	Lana Boztas 92	1 0	Anton Gadd 80
10 Stephen Banks 81	1 0	A Fraser 80	Laila Tillett 91	1 0	def
11 Cliff Aylett 80	½ ½	R Bedwell 78	Richard Davey 93	1 0	def
12 Lazek Serama ³ 79	1 0	J Clarke e75	def	0 0	def
(Durham Castle)	9	3	(Sutton)	6½	4½

¹ Bd 4: not found. He's given as BBC. There's three Chirgwins but

none called Simon, none with that grade, and none listed as BBC. Fifth letter *could* be a C or an L, but there's no Chircwins or Chirlwins.

² Bd 9: "Likes to be known as Ted Bradley. Is listed as both 172739E Bradley Edward J [81] and 176052L Bradley T [84]." Editor's note (not that it makes any difference here): if you've got two published grades, the higher one counts for eligibility in the SCCU stage. In the BCF stage, the rules don't seem to say. ³ Bd 12: that makes three ways of spelling it.

Essex	13.3.99	Surrey*	Herts	"12.3.99"	Middx*
1 Ron Prickett 96 (B)	1 0	Sagar Deva 99 j	Mark Lawn 96 (B)	½ ½	Phil Humphry 98
2 James Luck 96	1 0	Keith Foreman 99	Savid Ash 94	1 0	Tony Cook 96
3 George Smith 99	½ ½	Richard Jones 99	Frank Batchelor 91	1 0	Mike McTernan 94
4 Mark Jones 96	½ ½	Matthew Taylor 97	Mark Lomax 91	0 1	Larry McDonagh 90
5 Antony O'Toole 84 j	0 1	Arthur Meaton 97	Ian Whyte 93	0 1	Derek Birt 90
6 Mark Huntley 86 j	1 0	Chris Chapman 96 j	def	0 1	Alan Radford 89
7 Matthew Jellett 89 j	½ ½	Anna Partington 91 j	Alan Dowling 87	0 1	Barry Miles 88
8 Heather Walker 86 j	0 1	Sarah Hegarty 92 j	Rees Gates 87	½ ½	Ted Bradley 84
9 Edward Morris 92 j	0 1	Harvey Murray-Smith 96	Tobit Roth	1 0	Stephen Banks 81
10 Daniel Hedges 78 j	1 0	Lana Boztas 92	def	0 1	Cliff Aylett 80
11 Andrew Murphy 82 j	0 1	Laila Tillett 91	Paul Humbles	0 1	David Walker 75
12 Nicholas Jellett 72 j	0 1	Richard Davey 93	def	0 1	Graham Snow 69
(Prittlewell)	5½	6½	("Breakspear School, Comley Lane")	4	8

CONGRESS RESULTS

GOLDERS GREEN BLITZ 4th February 1999

1 Paul Georghiou (Barnet) 5½/6; 2 Bertie Barlow (Cavendish) 5; 3-4 Alfredo Luaces (Kings Head), Lee Gold (Northbridge House 106) 4½; 5-7 Costas Harris (QE Boys School), Mike Tasker (Hackney), Paul Kelly (ISH) 4...

Israeli Junior Maor Shine (Hendon Chess Club) won the "Hendon Fiver" for his fine score of 3½. 30 played.

Results Adam Raoof

1ST CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CONGRESS 6-7 February 1999

Open (24 pl) 1 Brian Kelly IM (Camb Univ) 4½/5, £200. 2-3 Jack Rudd (Camb Univ), Paul McMahon Cambridge City), 4 £95 each. "Paul McMahon (160) had an amazing run, scoring 4/4 in the first four rounds before losing to Brian Kelly. His grading performance was 225. Two of his wins were miniatures." GRADING Natasha Regan (Bigwood) 3½; Heather Richards (Whitstable) 3, Lorin D'Costa (Royston) 3.

Major U160 1-5 4/5 Brian Judkins (Hertford), Lloyd Retallick (Ely), David Hambley (Willesden), G Pierbattisti (Grantham), John Daugman (Cambridge City) 4/5...

Minor U120 1-2 Sumeet Ghazi (Checkmate: age 10), Nick Burrows 4½/5 (£100 each).

Cambridge University Chess Club received very enthusiastic feedback about the venue and the tournament in general, and intends to make this a regular fixture."

Results Sam Essen

23rd KINGS HEAD RAPIDPLAY 7th February 1999 attracted 124 players.

1-3 D Gormally IM 227 (Invicta Knights), B Lalic GM 244 (Slough), A Ledger IM 233 (Bedford) 5½/6; 4-6 S Ledger (Bedford), J Plaskett GM 232, AP Smith (Bourne End/Slough) 5; 7-17 Koichi Nicholas (RGS High Wycombe), S Ansell IM 219, G Buckley IM 213 (Bushbury), S Lalic IM/WGM 218 (Slough), J Parker IM 237 (Barbican), G Wall 216, P Georgiou 200 (Barnet), J Houska WIM 196 (Slough), AP Law 212 (Richmond), D Ledger FM 206 (Bedford), R Thomas 196 (Kings Head) 4½... GRADING 199-180 S Ledger; 179-160 G Leyton (Drunken Knights) 4; 159-140 K Nicholas; 139-120 Mario Houska (Slough) 3½; 119-100 M Loat (Kings Head) 2½; U100 PJ Aarons (Hampstead Juniors) 3. JUNIOR 14-15 K Nicholas; 12-13 no entries!; 10-11 Thirumurugan Thiruchelvam (Richmond Juniors) 4; U10 Poppy Aarons (Hampstead Juniors) who we guess is the same as PJ Aarons.

Results Tony Suttil; sorting into finishing order RJH

22nd KIDLINGTON TOURNAMENT 6-7 February 1999

Major U225 1 Matthew Rose (Oxford City) 4½/5; 2 Russell James (Guildford) 4; 3-6 Maxim Devereaux (Hereford), Richard Haydon (Witney), Carl Gorka (ICC), Ben Keohane (Hereford) 3½... **GRADING** U201 Carl Gorka; U181 David Cooper (Warley Quinborne), Martin Cutmore (Wood Green), Carl Hibbard (Alcester), Ray Starkie (Cowley) 2½. **BEST 1ST ROUND LOSER** Ben Keohane

Intermediate U170 1-2 Paul Edwards (Gateshead Lib), Steven Harris (Bracknell) 4½/5; 3-5 Andrew Butterworth (Bradford), Neil Moss (Ashton Under Lyne), Jonathon Lock (Stratford on Avon) 4... **GRADING** U156 Peter Ball (Oxford City), Steven Gilmour (BT Reading), Anthony Kelly (High Wycombe), Michael Lucey (BT Reading), Andrew Talbot (Rugby) 3½; U141 Jonathon Lock. **BEST 1ST ROUND LOSERS** Alan Rogerson (Solihull), Michael Stanners (Athenaeum) 3½

Minor U125 1-3 Fred Collins (Solihull), Philippe Laplace (Oxford City), Craig Woolcock (Barry) 4½/5; 4-7 Andy Huxley (Aylesbury), Rod Langham (Didcot), Colin Solloway (Milton Keynes), Stephen Williams (Cwmbran) 4... **VETERANS** Stephen Grigson (Didcot), Tony Wyeth (Morris Motors) 3½. **JUNIOR** U14 Graham Morris (Cowley) 3. **BEST 1ST ROUND LOSERS** Vinay Adatia (Ashton Under Lyne), Frank Fallon [BB [Blackbird?] Leys), M Lovell (Swindon), Robin Neatherway (Cowley), Victor Zaiger (Finchley) 3... **Results** Lester Millin

GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY 13th February 1999

Open (13 pl) 1 GM James Plaskett (Barbican) 5½/6 and £60; 2 Heather Richards (Whitstable) 4½ and £30... **GRADING** U175 Adrian Joseph (London: 101), Chris White (Cavendish) 3½/6 and £7.50 each

Major U160 (16 pl) 1 Ivan Jones (London NW2) 5½/6 £60; 2 Donny Muter (Richmond) 5/6 £30... **GRADING** U145 Andrew Biggs (Hayes Kent) 4½/6 £15

Minor U130 (21 pl) 1-2 Alan Brooks (Finchley*) £30, CJ de Mooi (West London) £60 5/6... **GRADING** U115 Ian Willmore (Wood Green), Wilbur Francis (Metropolitan) 4 £7.50 each

Amateur U100 (13 pl) 1 Mark Richards (Whitstable) 5½/6 £60; 2-3 Caroline Robson (Enfield), Peter Manning Farnborough) 4 £15...

* Ungraded Player rule

Results Adam Raoof

HENDON BLITZ (10 min) 4th March 1999 at Golders Green

1 Paul Georghiou (Barnet) 5/6 £40; 2-3 Roy Sagall (ex-Hendon), John Guilfoyle (Islington) 4½ £5 each; 4-10 David Jones (Hendon), Adam Joelson (Hendon), Lee Gold (Hendon), David Iwi (Hendon), Paul Kelly (ISH), Matthew Reisz (Willesden), Michael Kennedy (Swiss Cottage) 4... David Jones won the legendary 'Hendon Fiver' in a play-off. [What is the Hendon Fiver?] 26 played.

This event takes place on the first Thursday of every month.

Results Adam Raoof

22nd RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY 7th March 1999

Open (16 pl) 1 GM James Plaskett (Hastings) 5/6; 2-3 IM Danny Gormally (London), Gavin Wall (London) 4½... *Grading* U200 Thirumurugan Thiruchelvam (RJCC/New Malden) 3½; U180 Simon Buckley (Bath) 3. Murugan beat one IM and drew with another, and outside the prize list were IMs Graeme Buckley, Simon Williams and Miroslav Houska.

Major U160 (21 pl) 1 Ilya Shevelev (London) 6/6; 2-6 Morris Bernadt (London), Andrew Bigg (Oxted), David Faldon (London), David Howell (Seaford), Ross Rattray (RJCC/Cheam) 4½... *Grading* U140 Bernadt, Bigg, Rattray.

Intermediate U120 (29 pl) 1 Paul Richards (Whitstable) 6/6; 2-4 Wilbur Francis (London), Paul Kendall (London), Edward Leung (RJCC/London) 4½... "Top under 100" Edward Leung

Minor U80 (28 pl) 1 Timothy Powell (Hoddesdon) 6/6; 2 Alex Charles (London) 5; 3 Peter Alexander (RJCC/Surbiton) 4½; 4-10 Nicholas Baranga (London), Fred Coombes (London), Marco Lizzul (RJCC/Hampton), Malcolm Miles (Oxted), Nicholas Moon (RJCC/Twickenham), Manuel Penfornis (RJCC/London), Alex Smotlak (London) 4... **Results** Richard James

GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY 20th March 1999

Open (12 pl) 1 Paul Georghiou (Barnet) 5/6 £60; 2 Tryfon Gavriel (Barnet) 4½ £30; 3 Robert Keough (King's Gambit Notts and USA) 4; 4-5 Bertie Barlow (Cavendish), Alecos Ethelontis (Muswell Hill) 3½...

Major U160 (16 pl) 1 Ilya Shevelev (London) 5½/6 £60; 2 Nick de Peyer (Hampstead) 5 £30... U145 grading prize Donny Muter (Richmond) 4 £15

Minor U130 (21 pl) 1 Paul Kennelly (West London) 5½/6 £60; 2 CJ de Mooi (West London) 5 £30... U115 grading prize Ian Willmore (Wood Green), Jeff Fleischer (BT) 4 £7.50 each

Amateur U100 (18 pl) 1 Jamie Hillman (Herts) 5½/6 £60; 2 Derek Birt (Hayes, Middx) 5 £30...

Results Adam Raoof

HOUSE OF COMMONS MEDIA EVENT

about Chess as a Sport. Info from Peter Turner via Neville Belinfante

A Media Event took place 25.3.99 in furtherance of the move to re-define Sport to include chess (and other mind games). If you're just back from Adelaide, Tony Banks has come out in favour of it.

"Kasparov was the star of the show, his speech was absolutely excellent and he presented all the players with a signed copy of his new book. Tony Banks turned up towards the end of the event and Kasparov was able to make a good impression on him as well."

A match Prodigies v Parliamentarians took place. Details are not entirely clear but the Prodigies won 6-0, or it may have been 5-0, in the first leg and to save further blushes the second leg got put on ice. The juniors were Jessie Gilbert, David Howell, Murugan Thiruchelvam, Selina Khoo and George O'Toole (who must be all of six if he's that), plus, by some accounts, Jovanka Houska. Ruth Sheldon was unable to attend because she is playing a tournament in Hungary. Jessie was presented with a cheque for £4,000 from the Brain Trust, which is sponsored by the Swedish conglomerate BURE. This will

enable her to go to New York for a week's coaching with Edmar Mednis.

You will forgive our not spending a couple of pages on Chess as a Sport. It has been widely reported, as Dave Shipp says on page 1. But there's still work to do. Parliamentary time has to be found. You are urged to write to your MP. (Personal letter though, not a form letter, and preferably don't write if you agree with Dave.)

NATIONAL CLUB

OPEN

Round 2 Bristol & Clifton 4 2 The Hen and Chickens; Ilford 5 1 Bedford; rest byes

Semi-finals (by 2.5.99) Ilford v Bristol & Clifton; Maidstone v Wood Green

OPEN PLATE

Round 1 Hastings & St Leonards 2 4 Hounslow; rest byes

Semi-finals (by 2.5.99) Hounslow v Guildford; Mushrooms v Charlton

MAJOR U175

Round 2 Guildford v Cardiff; rest byes

Round 3 (by 4.4.99) Radbroke Hall v Undercliffe; Wanstead & Woodford* 2½ 2½ 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 U150

Round 2 Basildon I ½ 4½ Hammersmith; Northampton YMC 1 4 Bedford; Basildon II 1½ 3½ Maidstone; Reading 2 3 Bourne End; Walsall Kipping v Gambit; rest byes

Quarter-finals (by 12.4.99) Bedford v Grimsby; Bourne End v Cardiff; Crusaders v Walsall Kipping or Gambit; Hammersmith v Maidstone

INTERMEDIATE PLATE

Round 1 London Deaf 3 2 Basingstoke; Thornbury 1 4 Hereford; Rose Forgrove 3½ 1½ Syston; Waltham Forest 1½ 3½ Kings Head; rest byes

Quarter-finals (by 12.4.99) Cosham v Hastings & St Leonards; Gt Lever v Prescot & Knotty Ash; Hereford v Rose Forgrove; Kings Head v London Deaf

MINOR U125

Round 2 Aberystwyth 1½ 3½ Yorks Copperworks; Ashfield 3½ 1½ Rose Forgrove; Powdermill 3 2 Hastings & St Leonards; Cowley v Basildon late kick-off; Tunbridge Wells* 2½ 2½ Totnes; Basingstoke A 4½ ½ Kings Head; rest byes

Quarter-finals (by 11.4.99) Yorks Copperworks v Ashfield; Alwoodley v Basingstoke A; Powdermill v Cowley or Basildon; Tunbridge Wells v Bourne End

MINOR PLATE

Quarter-finals (by 11.4.99) Crusaders v Rotherham Juniors; Reading v Eastbourne; Capablanca v Coulsdon & Purley; Maidstone v Waltham Forest

Semi-finals to be completed by 30.5.99

UNDER 100

Round 2 Magdalen College School 3 2 Cowley; Eastbourne 2 3 Ashtead; rest byes

Semi-finals Ashtead v Coulsdon & Purley; Magdalen College School v St Marys Cannock

UNDER 100 PLATE

Round 1 Reading 1½ 2½ Basingstoke (plus one unresolved but Basingstoke must win); Musketeers 2 3 Syston

Final we guess is between Basingstoke and Syston.

HANDICAP RAPIDPLAY No new results

4NCL STANDINGS after Round 8 (21st March 1999)

Division 1

1 Slough 16/16 (GP 50½/64); 1 Wood Green 12 (40); 3 Bigwood 10 (38½); 4 Invicta Knights 10 (32½); 5 Barbican 10 (30½); 6 NW Eagles 8 (31); 7 Richmond 7 (26); 8 Bristol 6 (28); 9 Barbican II 6 (27); 10 BCM 4 (29½); 11 Wessex 4 (26½); 12 Home House 3 (24)

Division 2

1 Guildford 13 (43); 2 Coulsdon & Purley 13 (40); 3 Bristol II 13 (34½); 4 White Rose 12 (36½); 5 Wood Green II 10 (36); 6 S Wales Dragons 9 (36); 7 Bigwood II 7 (34); 8 Witney 7 (33½); 9 Kings Head 6 (29½); 10 Nidum Knights 5 (28); 11 Slough II 4 (25); 12 BCCA 5 (24); 13 Slough II 4 (25); 14 Invicta Knights II 2 (22½)

Source 4NCL Website

Speaking of the 4NCL, the National Counties Rapidplay has been fixed for Sheffield on the 9th-10th October. Which is a 4NCL weekend. The 4NCL had only recently moved to that weekend, and there was a breakdown in communication somewhere. Rapidplay won't move, don't know whether 4NCL will.

Another letter. Neil Clifton responds to Kevin Thurlow.

Dear Richard,

18.2.99

I feel I must take issue with KJ Thurlow (Bulletin 245). His simplistic argument against differentiation of female players would, if followed to its logical conclusion, result in no differentiation for juniors either. Organisers of junior tournaments quite naturally want to see what potential players there are and where they are. The same, of course, applies to organisers of women's or girls' tournaments. I hope Mr Thurlow will not be too upset when he receives his "February" grading list and sees the information it gives.

We have clearly impressed Mr Thurlow by having a Newsletter (the March 1999 issue will be No 73). Perhaps he would also like to look at our website at www.clara.net/sgc_home.htm

NEIL CLIFTON

Secretary, Surrey Girls Chess League

rjh: NC obviously wrote before the BCF had notified cancellation of the half-year grading list.

White Gavin Wall, Black David Buckley
Richmond Rapid 7.3.99

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e5 Nfd7 4.d4 c5 5.e6 fxe6 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.dxc5 e5
8.Bg5 e6 9.b4 b6 10.Nf3 bxc5 11.Nxe5 c4

(diagram)

12.Ne4 Bxb4+ 13.Kf1 dxe4

(13...cxd3 14.Bxf6 Qc7 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Nxg6 Qf7 17.Bxh8 hxg6 18.Qe5
dxe4 19.Qb5+ Bd7 20.Qxb4 e3 21.f3 dxc2 22.Rc1 Qf5 23.Qc3)

14.Bxe4 Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 Bc3

(15...Nd5 16.Rxd5 exd5 17.Bxd5 Bc3 18.Nf3 Bf5 19.Bxa8 Bxc2)

16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Nf3 e5 18.Nh4 Na6 19.Bxa8 Nb4 20.a3 Na6 21.Bd5
1-0



White to play

STOP PRESS

Last match of the SCCU season, just received. So Herts take the second U125 nomination, and Middx the third. It's in the league tables on page 8.

Under 125

Herts*	27.3.99	Sussex
1 M Wali 124 (B)	1 0	R Clements 123
2 M Price 124	1 0	M Bryant 121
3 I Roche 124	1 0	D Chilvers 119
4 T Wright 122	1 0	J Bryant 17
5 P Bunce 123	1 0	A Bradbury 123
6 C Byrne 119	1 0	J Kalber 108
7 G Howard 121	½ ½	M Plumb 109
8 P Laskier 120	1 0	P Wake 114
9 M Flatt 119	1 0	E Tapper 112
10 J Lanaway 122	1 0	D Langridge 113
11 K Thompson e120	0 1	S Deere 109
12 K Grigg e115	1 0	D King 94
13 J Moore 113	1 0	T Fenlon 100
14 R Harrison 113	½ ½	T Pepper 97
15 G Lunn 113	0 1	D Barraclough
16 Q Latif 101	1 0	S Barraclough
	13 3	

And the **National U18 Finals**, at Solihull 27th March 1999

Open 1 Kent 9½/12; 2 Greater Manchester 8; 3-4 Essex, Suffolk 5; 5 Cambs 4½; 6 Northumbria 4

Minor Counties Champions are Cambs. The Minor Counties Final never happened. Essex, officially eligible for the Minor, had accepted an offer to move up into the Open (no doubt to fill the gap left by the WECU). Nottinghamshire then withdrew from the Minor very late in the day, leaving Cambs as sole contestants. Cambs, thus Champions by default, were coiled for the event and were invited to make up a six in the Open.

This was possibly a record for a Pairs event at chess. Every one of the six teams at Solihull had a pair of brothers in it, and four of the pairs were twins. There was also a pair of Richard Murphys, but not in the same team and they weren't twins.

Girls Finals 22nd May (also in Solihull, though maybe a different venue) have *four* teams in them. Two Open, two Minor. A Girls event run on these lines looks hardly viable for next year. (Never thought to ask about Second Teams, but in the circumstances it's hard to see anyone except Surrey wanting to field one.)

Sources: Susan Richards, Peter Turner