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EDITORIAL

I have now (almost) caught up with the last decade of the twentieth century. I've bought a PC. Personal Computer, there aren't any bent coppers in Tunbridge Wells. If you've got copy on disk, there's now a fair chance my beast will be able to read it. I'm using MS Word 6 (for Windows) and if Word can accept your format so can I. In theory at any rate, but remember I'm a beginner. If, despite that caution, you still feel like giving it a go, give it a go. I don't like unnecessary typing any more than you do. 3½ inch floppies only. Floppies will be returned, probably with your Bulletin, and if you want to talk about it you know my number.

 An incidental consequence of my purchase is the (one-off, I hope) lack of exclamation marks in this issue. In some ways my old technology was more flexible.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

As ever, pleased to receive the latest issue of the SCCU Bulletin which makes interesting reading.

 First the gripe - my Bryan is spelt with a "y". Correct in the report of the BCF Council and wrong at the foot of the letter you quote from me. Well, I've lived with wrong spellings of my name for ages but I'd like to think you'd get it right. Kindly instruct your computer accordingly. Whilst on the name topic, please note the Hertfordshire Glynne is as typed here. Also on corrections, my information is that Alan Morris is Treasurer of the BPCF.

 I appreciate your school teacher pedigree but I do prefer "clarify" (make clear) in my letter rather than "amplify" (enhance/enlarge). Perhaps we should settle for clarify and amplify.

 To clarify (?) the position, British Chess Congresses Ltd was set up some years ago to ensure that major events run by the Federation could be put through a limited company in case the finances proved to be a significant problem. It was used in connection with the World Championship match in London in the 80s. It is now essentially dormant though retained because it might be felt appropriate to reactivate the company at some point of time in the future. The Law requires all the bumf on the accounts as BCC is a subsidiary company of Chess Centre Ltd (another story) hence the plan to transfer the shares to the Trustees which will cut the paperwork. Hooray.

 Bryan (Fewell) Harpenden

Ed: - I prefer "amplify", but I'll agree to disagree. My information on Alan Morris is the same as Bryan's, now I've looked in the Year Book. I was quoting from notes taken quickly, and no doubt erroneously, at the meeting.

 The computer is ashamed to have scored only 33% on two names it knew perfectly well. It has been replaced.

Dear Editor,

As a fairly regular participant in Weekend Major Tournaments I have noticed in recent years that the smallest section is invariably the Open Tournament. From my own observations I would like to suggest a possible reason for this and also what I consider may be a solution to the current under-participation in weekend tournaments by players rated 170-200.

 The normal format in a weekend tournament is something like this: Under 100, Under 130, Under 160 and Open. With this structure in the Open Tournament there is often a grading gap of up to 100 points between the lowest and highest graded player in the Tournament. It is therefore possible that a player graded in the 170s could in Round 1 find himself playing an International Grandmaster. I believe most chess players want to play players who are within about 30 grading points of themselves. They do not want to participate in very one-sided matches playing players who are far too strong or far too weak.

 The situation in most Opens played today is that three or four International Masters or Grandmasters will turn up and win all the prizes [including gading prizes? - Ed] leaving the players graded 170-200 with nothing to play for. These are the

players who no longer participate in Opens. Indeed in two weekend tournaments this year my husband, graded 195, found himself in the lower half of the Round 1 draw.

 However there is some evidence of a desire by these 170-200 graded players to participate in tournaments. For exmple at Exeter this year they made the top section 190 and under, and as a result had a considerable increase in entries.

 I suggest we should look to the Weekend Tournaments in the USA for a solution to this problem. It is fairly common there for Weekend Tournaments to be organised as follows: Open, Under 2200 (200), Under 2000 (175), Under 1800 (150), Under 1600 (125), Under 1400 (100).220:2

 This structure of course caters for all players [? - Ed] and would bridge the gap that presently exists in UK Weekend Opens. I believe if adopted by tournament organisers in this country it would lead to a considerable increase in entries.

 Dinah Norman Wokingham

Dear Bulletin,

In this year's British there was one woman competitor, Cathy Forbes. In last year's British U18 there was one girl competitor, Fiona Webster. Both were awarded the female title, on an elected-unopposed basis.

 It was argued some years back that running a separate British Womens or Girls Championship held back female chess, and they should therefore run within the corresponding male events in future. Now the success of that policy can be seen in younger age-groups with Tania Sachdev becoming the first girl to win a British male [? - Ed] title outright, after both Harriet Hunt and Ruth Sheldon came close to doing so with a four-way and a two-way equal first in recent years.

 But I am concerned the numbers of females peter out quite so dramatically in the older age-groups and in the British. To what purpose were separate Championships demolished if all that remains is a non-contested title?

 So why are the numbers so low, and what can be done to change that situation? It seems particularly sad in Menchik Year that this should be so; an alien visiting us from Venus every fifty years might conclude things hadn't changed much: Menchik was normally the only woman in an all-male event. And there wss Forbes, fifty years on. A couple of consciously more-females-than-usual events, because it is Menchik Year, do not a pattern break. Nor a mould.

 The root problem is the policy adopted for many years by the BCF as regards coaching and opportunities being provided for only two or three girls in any one 5 or 6 year secondary school generation. The good second-strings (the ones who get the European nomination but not the World) get ignored, left out and left behind at a crucial stage of their development. They emerge from the pack by puberty but unless head and shoulders above their contemporaries, don't get the big push that would make them in line (grade 180+) for qualifying for the British when they are adults. Their talents are allowed to wither on the vine. They stop and give up chess. And then it happens to the next generation.

 And so, few girls get much beyond the plateau at about grade 150. I am glad BWCA is starting to develop coaching for the medium-strength girls, who have reached 110-130, but it will need the BCF to commit resources to take more of them the next milestones further, if significant numbers of females are to ever make it to the lofty heights of the British, or still be playing chess beyond the age of 25.

 Bruce (Birchall) W11

Ed: - I still want to see those statistics. Is the percentage of female players above 150 smaller than the percentage of males above 150? I only ask. And is the answer the same if you ignore the younger juniors?

EUROPEAN CLUB CUP

Wood Green pulled out, as you probably know, on the reasonable ground that they didn't fancy playing mid-week in Croatia. Maidstone got a more sensible group in Eupen (Belgium) 14-16 October. Chris Howell has telephoned a report.

 The Maidstone squad (roughly in board order, we should think) was John Emms, Chris Ward, Ian Watson, Neil Dickenson, Simon Bibby, Chris Howell, Paul Fenn, Jeffrey Titmas, Marcus Taylor and Jeremy Knowles. The last four are juniors. Maidstone kicked off well with a win against the Danish Champions Aarhus, helped by crucial wins from Dickenson and Fenn. This was only the second time an English team had won a round in the European Cup, and Aarhus were the victims the other time as well. Round 2 brought the inevitable: Bayern Munich, with 2500-ish GMs at the bottom end. Emms and Ward drew with Hubner and Yusupov but it was downhill from there. In the third and final round (it's a knockout except you play on) Maidstone imported some juniors and lost to Eupen. The group was won by Reykjavik, who beat Bayern Munich in the final. Maidstone's thanks are due to the BCF who not only paid the entry fee but also helped with admin.

 We mentioned a while back that Maidstone might be playing in France this year. Nothing much has happened on this front but it's still a possibility for 1996.

CONGRESS RESULTS

2nd SCCU INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT 15-18 August 1994

59 players took part, including 3 Ims, 5 Fms, 1 WIM, 1 WFM and 20 other rated players.

1 A Cherniaev IM (Russia) 6/8; 2-6 RJ Dive FM (New Zealand), DB Lund (England), E Sakhatova WIM (Kazakhstan), AP Summerscale IM (England), JG Wilson (England) 5½; 7-13 220:3

J Dybowski (Poland), RA Bates, DJ Casiot, CN Dunworth, WTP Giblin, R Sagall, MG Shephard (all England) 5...

44th PAIGNTON, 4-10 September 1994

Premier 1-2 KC Arkell (Breadsall), GW Lane (Paignton) 6/7; 3-5 A Southall (Warley), JF Wheeler (Portsmouth), G Buckley (Bushbury) 5... Grading U2070 K Simpson (Mansfield), SG Peters (Aylesbury), GB Dawson (Cardiff) 4... Veterans MJ Franklin (Richmond). BCQ G Buckley (Bushbury). 6 players got part FIDE ratings.

Challengers 1 PCR Lane (Exeter) 7/7; 2-4 BH Boomsma (Paignton), K Moran (White Swan), PD Dupré (Addlestone) 5; 5-7 AW Brusey (Newton Abbot), W Harwood (Solihull), D Norman (Wokingham), RJ Kearsley (Mitcham), S James (Slough), S Bartlett (Camelford) 4½...

Veterans TJ Holt (Olton).

Minor 1 MBA Walker (Birmingham) 6/7; 2-4 MT Bolan (Ashtead), RC Burroughs (London),

JF Chambers (Torquay) 5½; 5 B Kogan (Basingstoke) 5... Grading U100 L Fancourt (Derby), I Lamb (Bolton), RW Shepherd (Exeter) 4½. Veterans E Soper (Exeter), K Wilkinson (Truro) 4.

American A 1 R Everson (Dartford) 6½/7; 2-3 S Dean (Sidmouth), R Larkin (York)

American B 1 J Shaddick (Basingstoke), R Whateley (Olton), CM Oliver (Whaddon) 4..

American C 1 DA Nicholas (Musketeers) 5½/7; 2 NG Thomas (Norwich) 4½; 3-5 J Lord, HE Gemmell (both Gloucester), JP Lafferty (York) 3½...

American D 1-2 EB Sandercock (Gerrards Cross), EIS Biddick (Hanham) 5/7; 3 G Ainsley (Calderdale) 4½...

American E 1 RM Bruce (Plymouth) 5/7; 2-4 JW Hall (East Grinstead), LJ Guard (Plymouth), ED Moller (Haselmere) 4...

3rd RICHARD BOXALL MEMORIAL (40/40) at Basingstoke 17th September 1994

Under 215 (18 pl) 1 James Cobb (Lawn, Swindon) 4/5; 2-4 Charles Cobb (Lawn), Miroslav Houska (Slough), RM Webb (Yateley) 3½; 5-8 JS Evans (Wales?), A Hunt (Cowley), G Moore (Poisoned Pawns), M Simons (Southbourne) 3... "The two Cobb boys drew in round 3 in no moves at all."

Under 175 (29 pl) 1-2 JT Munday (Bracknell), W Purkiss (Cricketers Arms) 4½/5; 3 DW Bell (Southampton) 4...

Under 150 (26 ent) 1 A Azzam (Southampton Knights) 4½/5; 2-3 SR Iyengar (Highcliffe), PD Williams (Alton) 4...

Under 115 (30 pl) 1-2 M Ludbrooke (Portsmouth), S Crockart (Didcot) 4½/5; 3-5 AS James (Swindon), C Hunt (Cowley), JP Wood (Wantage)...

Under 100 (39 pl) 1-2 S Smith (Dorset), N Ward (Swanmore) 4½/5; 3-6 N Buchannon (Cowley), A Dempster (Cosham), R Ursell (N Milton), D Smith (N Waltham) 4...

 Results James Pratt

MAIDSTONE 7-9 October 1994 sponsored by Richard O'Brien of Tournament Chess

Open (39 pl) 1 B Lalic 5½/6; 2 CG Ward 5; 3-4 IR Watson, PS Cooksey 4½; 5-9 D Powell, PJ O'Donovan, I Duvall, AL Mack, L McShane 4...

Under 160 (43 pl) 1-2 N Blake, O Gee 5/6; 3-4 TD Phillips, JA Speigel 4½...

Under 130 (46 pl) 1-3 W O'Rourke, P McIntosh, D Rattray 5/6; 4-5 J McKenna, CJ Gardiner 4½...

Under 105 (35 pl) 1 S Chick 5/6; 2-5 D Lettington, D Gee, BP Roles, KW Smith 4½...

MENCHIK MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL at Maidstone 24-30 October 1994

was sponsored by the BCF, BWCA, Friends of Chess, KCCA and Pfizer Ltd. The field of 22 included 4 GMs, 5 Ims, 1 WGM and 2 WIMs. Unfortunately a high proportion of draws meant that only one title norm was achieved, despite the Crouch pairings: Harriet Hunt's fourth and final WIM norm. (The three she had already would probably have been good enough, but the fourth made sure.) Sorry if some of the players' countries went astray in the telephone.

1 J Levitt 6/9; 2-5 NF Dickenson, B Lalic (Croatia), P Velicka, CG Ward 5½; 6-13 D Bronstein (Russia), JM Emms, J Hajkova-Maskova (Czech Republic), S Lalic, NL McDonald, C McNab (Scotland), SW Reuben, S Saljova (Cz) 5; 14-17 PD Fenn, H Hunt, A Ivanov, I Lauterbach 4½; 18-19 S Bibby, P Fink (Germany) 4; 20 A Hunt 3½; 21 J Houska 1; 22 J Ho ½

MUSWELL HILL U160 5th November 1994: 37 pl

1 Evangelos Andreakos (Imperial College) 5½/6; 2-3 Alfredo Luaces (Kings Head), Jonathan Benyunes (unattached) 5... Junior Matthew Cave, Costas Harris (both Barnet Knights), Michael Duggan (Richmond) 4

 "We made the mistake of allowing ungraded players to win the money - foolishly left an escape clause off the entry form, and when everyone had entered it was too late. I am despondent about our future. This was an attempt to solve our financial problems, and although we made a small profit it was not nearly enough. Too many people have jumped onto the bandwagon of these one day tournaments and the market is now flooded. Short of asking individual members to keep us afloat, I really can't see where the rent is going to come from." - Wil Ransome (Sec, Muswell Hill CC)220:4

Quote

"It is perhaps easiest to imagine that the top half by grading (18 players in this case) are given an imaginary one-point start. Thus, in our example, the top 9 are paired against the next 9 with 19 to 29 paired against 30 to 40. In round two players in the top half retain the extra point for pairing purposes - thus a player in the lower half with 1 point may play one in the upper half with 0. The theory is that in round 3 players in the lower half with two points will be paired against players in the top half with two points etc. However the players in this event hadn't read the script..."

- An anonymous organiser, on the Writtle Congress pairings

ROUND THE COUNTIES

Not a lot of news. But:

ESSEX Championship was decided, or nearly, at the Writtle Congress in July 1994. Andrew Lewis and Russell White tied for first place and we daresay they'll have played off by now.

KENT: A player who didn't wish to be named has asked us to report that Chris Howell has become Maidstone Champion by beating Ian Watson 1½-½ in the final. OK, Chris?

JUNIOR NEWS

13th ANDREW RUSSELL MEMORIAL CUP at Reading 8th October 1994

was a two-round jamboree for teams of 12. 1 Richmond 20/24; 2 Wilts 13½; 3 Bucks 13; 4 Berks 1½. Results Nigel Dennis

RICHMOND/SCCU JUNIORS played four matches in October against a visiting Szombathely side. (Of course you do. The Bulletin got ticked off a couple of years ago for spelling it "Budapest".) We've not looked all the English players up but they certainly include a sprinkling of non-Richmond guests. Scores (Richmond first): 24 Oct 5-5; 26 Oct 6½‑3½, 5½-4½; 27 Oct 4-6.

RICHMOND JUNIOR sponsored by St George Developments Ltd 5-6 November 1994

Under 18 (28 pl) 1 Liam Bayley (Surbiton) 5/6; 2-4 Ruth Bates (Richmond), Chris Kreuzer (Teddington), Thomas Dougherty (W8) 4½...

Under 12 (54 pl) 1 Matthew Feld (Cobham) 5½/6; 2-3 Luke Keegan (Twickenham), Matthew King (Cobham) 5...

Under 12 Reserves (14 pl) 1-2 Hugh Graham (Richmond), Nick Sacksen (SW13) 5/6...

Under 10 (41 pl) 1 Matthew King (Cobham) 6/6; 2-3 James Robinson (Twickenham), Tommy Stubbington (SW11) 5...

Under 10 Reserves (34 pl) 1 Michael Saliba (Hanworth) 5½/6; 2-3 Bobby Jacobs (W4), Nasir Ilyas (NW11)...

Under 8 (21 pl) 1 Murugan Thiruchelvam (New Malden) 6/6; 2 Nathan O'Grady (Frome) 5; 3 Jonathan Zoubaida (SW19) 4½...

16th ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL GUILDFORD TOURNAMENT 12-13 November 1994

Under 18 (20 pl) 1 SK Williams (St Peters) 5/6; 2 DL Bisby (Reigate) 4½; 3-4 NJ Harmer (RGS), A Mills (Effingham) 4...

Under 15 (18 pl) 1-2 AJ Coates, NJ Coates (both RGS) 4½/6; 3-6 L Broomfield (St Marys),

D Jepson (TASIS), O Payne (Broadwater), R Wylie (Downsend) 4...

Under 13 (16 pl) 1-3 M Broomfield (St Anselms), C Gee (Yateley Manor), C Sowerbutts (Aldro) 4½/6; 4-5 E Bell (Aldro), R Dudeney (there's a name to conjure with: RGS) 4...

Under 12 Saturday (30 pl) 1-2 M Feld (Danes Hill), D Kay (Sandfield) 5/6; 3-5 OD Brookes (KCS Junior), SR Murtagh (Holyport), R Myers (KCS Junior) 4½...

Under 12 Sunday (38 pl) 1 C Rawlinson (Aldro) 5½/6; 2-4 M Broomfield (St Anselms), W Chung (City of London), M King (Danes Hill) 5; 5 R Rattray (Tiffin) 4½... Results AJW Thorn. As an innovation, grading prizes were awarded in the U18 and U15. This seemed successful and will probably be repeated.

SUSSEX UNDER 9 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 19th November 1994

The 5th annual Championship, contested by 16 teams of four, was won by Sir Henry Fermor Primary School, Crowborough. This was their third Championship and they beat Great Walstead Prep School, Haywards Heath, on tie break in the final. Results Tim Greenhill

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SCCU COUNTY MATCHES

OPEN Br C E H K M O Sy Sx MP

Berks 8 9 12 1 :3

Cambs 10½ 12 12 3 :3

Essex 9½ 11½ 13½ 2 :3

Herts 8 6½ 13 1 :3

Kent 12 -? 1?:2

Middx 13½ +? 13 3?:3

Oxon 11 8½ 7 8 1 :4

Surrey 8 7 12 1 :3

Sussex 8 6½ 0 :2

UNDER 175 E K Sy Sx E K Sy Sx MP

Essex 7½ 7½ 6½ 0 :3

Kent 8½ 8½ 2 :2

Surrey 8½ 8 1½:2

Sussex 9½ 7½ 8 1½:3

UNDER 150 E H K Sy Sx MP

Essex 10½ 1 :1

Herts 9 6½ 1 :2

Kent 5½ 7 0 :2

Surrey 7½ 0 :1

Sussex 9½ 8½ 2 :2

UNDER 125 E Ka Kb M O Sy Sx MP

Essex 4 10 1 :2

Kent A 4 7½ 6 0 :3

Kent B 12 7½ 7½ 1 :3

Middx 8½ 11½ 2 :2

Oxon 12 8½ 2 :2

Surrey 6 4½ 0 :2

Sussex 10 8½ 2 :2

UNDER 100 E H K M E K H M MP

Essex 6½ 5 How many of the U100s 1 :2

Herts 5½ 4 are juniors? Rather 0 :2

Kent 8 -? a lot is our guess. 1?:2

Middx 6\* +? Hope so. 2?:2

\* Match won.

We have heard that Middx beat Kent in both Open and U100, but have neither details nor confirmation.

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

Most match captains have sent their results - thank you - and their reward, for each match, is a Star by the county's name. One man, but only one, has done his best to confuse me by putting the home side on the right. Most people are giving the players' grades; I don't know whether the exceptions just can't be bothered or actually aren't in sympathy with the publication of grades. Can't think why they wouldn't be. It really is helpful if both sides give grades; typing them in afterwards, if your opponents' version arrives later with them on, is more bother.

 If a late substitute is put in, make sure you amend the score sheet. One match captain didn't, this time. I typed the name he gave, and it was only by chance that I

spotted the discrepancy when the other team's version arrived some weeks later. (Well, not quite by chance. I was going through the match typing all the grades in.)

 The single-initial diehards can now claim, with some justice, that the player's grade will almost certainly identify him accurately. So long as the match captain has identified him accurately, and given the grade. Must admit the Bulletin still finds single initials irritating, especially when it knows perfectly well what the full initials are but doesn't feel entitled to insert them because, after all, it could be a different player.

 Lists of new recruits to your team are, I suppose, less necessary for the same reason. But one county has taken the trouble to send a list, and it appears on the next page. With the caution that BCF reference numbers are easy to mistype and the Bulletin's new word processor is no more equipped to validate the check "digits" than his old one was.220:6

 New players: Cambridgeshire

Matthew J Turner 227 120691G David Silver 164 150252K

Jonathan Parker 224 116701H SP Isaac 161 129671B

Aron J Cohen 204 108563D Peter Hansell 147 146898E

Demis Hassabis 199 112310F David Jagoe 145 113494C

David Cristinacce 189 104990C J Wright 142 153311D

Mark Davey 165 102212L

 And a couple of ungraded Middx U100 players:

Leighton Power Richmond Junior CC

Alison Swersky Richmond Junior CC; new, South African, U17

("U17" is our try at Bruce's writing. U27 and U77 seem less plausible. Not quite sure about the surname either.)

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| SCCU COUNTY MATCHESOPEN |
|  Oxon\* 15.10.94 Essex\* 1 P Jowett 189 (B) ½ ½ NL Carr 208 2 A Hunt 196 ½ ½ MS Twyble 216 3 DG Hackett 184 0 1 AP Lewis 210 4 M Rose 180 ½ ½ G Kenworthy 205 5 T Dickinson 188 ½ ½ JH Hodgson 201 6 M Devereaux 180 ½ ½ A Dunn 198 7 A McGettigan 175 1 0 JR Nellist 188 8 R Starkie 171 ½ ½ JP Manley 185 9 R Nixon 167 0 1 JA Goldberg 18410 G Chapman 164 0 1 S Death 18511 J Stayt 168 ½ ½ M Roberts 18612 D Lesniowski 168 0 1 B Kemish 18613 N Jones 166 ½ ½ SM Kalinsky 18314 C Marcus 2046 1 0 R Parker 18015 Jamakumar 1900 0 1 RP White 17916 E Savory 160 1 0 CR Ramage 17117 P Vainker 159 0 1 DJ Millward 17218 P Hastings 158 ½ ½ MJ Ashdown 17019 H Searle 158 1 0 CF Dorn 16620 C Moxley 135 0 1 IBN Smith 165(Long Hanboro) 8½ 11½ |  Cambs\* 15.10.94 Sussex\*M Turner 227 1 0 GH James 208J Parker 224 1 0 FJ Kwiatkowski 205AR Jones 206 1 0 DB Graham 200AJ Cohen 204 ½ ½ B Cafferty 190AHL Hon 199 1 0 SJ Newman 193D Hassabis 199 1 0 JA Dodgson 181EN Holland 196 1 0 PG Farr 182MH Thornton 196 ½ ½ J Graham 182D Cristinacce 189 1 0 AO Pickersgill 178B Hague 183 ½ ½ SON Hawes 173MKY Tan 183 ½ ½ IG Kelly 168PA Garner 177 ½ ½ CN Hann 168NDJ Noden 170 0 1 MR Stott 167M Davey 165 ½ ½ A Hall 167D Silver 164 0 1 P Watson 165DC Hotham 160 ½ ½ RH Clark 158NC Pyper 155 ½ ½ GD Parker 146R little 154 ½ ½ RH Williams 161IR Gooding 147 ½ ½ DG Ratcliffe 153JE Hurd 142 0 1 PR Selby 148(Cambridge) 12 8 |

 Sussex (right) say 8-12 but agree all the game results.

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|  Berks\* 15.10.94 Surrey\* 1 M Houska 208 (B) 1 0 RA Bates 211 2 PS Cooksey 197 1 0 RA Allicock 3 PJ Sharp 190 1 0 SG Walker 4 MW Marlow 181 0 1 O Rosten 184 5 HW Murphy 179 0 1 KP Mynett 176 6 J Houska 173 ½ ½ KD Richardson 175 7 DS Tucker 171 1 0 Marcus Osborne 171 8 JT Munday 171 1 0 PJ Roche 171 9 AJ Cox 164 1 0 PM Stimpson 17010 MC Bowhay 163 0 1 AK Punnett 17011 L Davis 162 1 0 PS Brown 15712 I Duvall 162 ½ ½ DR Sedgwick 16913 K Savoy 147 (r) ½ ½ S Retallick 16814 SG Gilmour 160 0 1 CR Clegg 16615 MF Redmond 156 ½ ½ JJ Skielnik 16316 WP Tickner 155 0 1 RJ Wilcox 15817 CJ Lyne 158 0 1 Kevin Hurst 15618 BG Mills - (sic) 1 0 PD Dupre 15619 IR Henderson 150 1 0 FC Manning 13420 P Hegarty 152 1 0 def(Newbury) 12 8 |  Middx\* 15.10.94 Herts\*SH Berry 220 (W) 1 0 P Byway 198TA Fatin 216 0 1 S Swanson 202PJ Sowray 213 1 0 AM Simpson 199RJ McMichael 208 1 0 SJ Roe 198T H-Edwards 206 ½ ½ P Maguire 190Kiriakos Vlahos 0 1 KR Clark 185M Lyell 197 1 0 J F-Mitchell 179TJ Kett 197 1 0 C Majer 177RG Wade 190 ½ ½ KS Ellis 176C Mackenzie 194 ½ ½ B Savage 174G Anthony 192 ½ ½ R Brennan 174NRE Alldritt 192 1 0 J Denton 172JT Ward 172 1 0 J Cook 171R Sagall 188 0 1 B MacReamoinn 171J Burke 183 1 0 D Fewell 170NJ De Peyer 175 1 0 TA Sinkinson 169TC Black 147 (r) 1 0 S Rawlings 167TKH Lee 164 ½ ½ T Ray 159MR Collins 158 1 0 S Law 153AM Dunn 159 0 1 N Lee(Chess & Br) 13½ 6½ |

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|  Cambs\* 12.11.94 Herts\* 1 MJ Turner 227 (W) ½ ½ P Byway 198 2 JF Parker 224 1 0 S Swanson 202 3 AR Jones 206 ½ ½ P Maguire 190 4 JJ Hastings 204 1 0 J Rudge 203 5 AHL Hon 199 1 0 A Simpson 199 6 D Hassabis 199 ½ ½ S Roe 198 7 EN Holland 196 1 0 K Clarke 188 8 MH Thornton 196 1 0 C Majer 177 9 D Cristinacce 189 1 0 K Ellis 17410 B Hague 183 0 1 B Savage 17411 PA Gardner 177 0 1 JR Denton 17212 NDJ Noden 170 1 0 S Tovey 17413 def 0 1 J Cook 17114 M Rehberg - 0 1 D Brennan 17415 PN Best 147 ½ ½ T Sinkinson 16916 PB Faulkner 155 1 0 def17 IR Gooding 147 0 1 D Fewell 17018 J Wright 142 1 0 def19 WT Diffey 143 0 1 S Law 15320 P Bisson 123 1 0 def(Trinity College) 12 8 |  Sussex 12.11.94 Essex\*DH Cummings 223 ½ ½ AP Lewis 210 (B)GH James 208 0 1 MS Twyble 216FJKwiatkowski 205 0 1 J Rogers 205B Cafferty 190 0 1 JH Hodgson 201KI Norman 195 ½ ½ A Dunn 198SJ Newman 193 0 1 B Kemish 186MD Nicholas 184 0 1 JP Manley 185J Graham 182 ½ ½ IJ Myall 184PG Farr 182 ½ ½ SM Kalinsky 183RV Elliston 181 ½ ½ JR Cooke (r) 163JA Dodgson 181 0 1 RP White 179RJ Almond 175 0 1 S Harris 175SON Hawes 173 0 1 GA Reid 171AOPickersgill 178 ½ ½ R Heppinstall 174IG Kelly 168 ½ ½ DJ Millward 172MR Stott 167 ½ ½ CR Ramage 171CN Hann 168 1 0 M Ashdown 170A Hall 167 1 0 ID Hunnable 169RH Clark 158 ½ ½ IBN Smith 165GD Parker 146 0 1 RE Waldteufel 162(Brighton) 6½ 13½ |

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|  Oxon 12.11.94 Surrey\* 1 M Truran 198 0 1 RA Bates 211 2 A Hunt 198 0 1 BN Connell 210 3 N Jakubovics 189 1 0 def 4 M Rose 180 0 1 RA Allicock 195 5 D Hackett 184 ½ ½ KFH Inwood 184 6 T Dickinson 188 1 0 DB Rosen 183 7 M Devereaux 180 1 0 JM Shepley 182 8 A McGettigan 175 0 1 KP Mynett 176 9 R Starkie 171 1 0 ME Osborne 17110 G Chapman 164 0 1 DR Sedgwick 16911 J Stayt 168 0 1 S Retallick 16812 D Bruce 161 ½ ½ CR Clegg 16113 D Ewart - 0 1 S MacDonald-R 16414 N Jones 166 1 0 N Maxwell 16215 A Lewis 166 1 0 RJ Wilcox 15816 J Yates 151 0 1 K Hurst 15617 P Hastings 158 0 1 PR Archer 15218 H Searle 158 0 1 PE Barnard 15219 P Ball 145 1 0 STK Wilkinson 14320 C Moxley 135 0 1 FC Manning 134(Wantage) 8 12 |  Oxon 19.11.94 Berks\*LR Millin 153 (r) 0 1 MV Houska 208AC Hunt 196 1 0 AP Smith 200NS Jakubovics 189 1 0 PS Cooksey 197M Rose 180 1 0 JP Conlon 179TR Dickinson 188 0 1 J Houska 173DG Hackett 184 ½ ½ PS Janota 174ML Devereaux 180 ½ ½ JT Munday 171RJ Starkie 171 ½ ½ DV Deane 169GW Chapman 164 0 1 JE Hickman 167JN Stayt 168 1 0 AJ Cox 164NC Jones 166 1 0 SL Freitag 163C Marcus 0 1 MC Bowhay 163ED Savory 160 ½ ½ L Davis 162NJ Hepworth 154 ½ ½ I Duvall 162PB Hastings 158 1 0 SG Gilmour 160S Jamakumar ½ ½ PAF Watkins 156P Ball 145 0 1 CJ Lyne 158R Beckett 147 ½ ½ BG Millis 149B Goddard 139 ½ ½ WP Tickner 155S Crockart 111 1 0 P Hegarty 152(Long Hanboro) 11 9 |

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|  Kent\* 24.9.94 Essex\* 1 ME Taylor 171 (W) ½ ½ R Heppinstall 174 2 JR Bayford 174 ½ ½ DJ Millward 172 3 PW Eldridge 174 1 0 C Ramage 171 4 CM Brown 172 0 1 MJ Ashdown 170 5 AG Ropek 169 0 1 TD Whitton 168 6 MM Robertson 170 0 1 CFH Dorn 166 7 MI Mortimer 167 1 0 PR Barclay (r) 146 8 MD Brougham 165 ½ ½ JR Cooke 163 9 A Knights 165 1 0 R Waldteufel 16210 SJ Jacob 162 1 0 A King 16111 PR Rutland 161 0 1 NH Twitchell 16012 JH Lewin 155 0 1 JA Philpott 15713 AB Mata 157 1 0 SM Williams 15214 RE Lane 155 ½ ½ David Smith 15215 AC Waters 151 1 0 N Rughwani 15116 AJ Sherriff 153 ½ ½ MRA Murrell 137(Orpington) 8½ 7½ |  Surrey\* 8.10.94 Sussex\*DF Hill 174 (W) 0 1 SON Hawes 173MC Page 173 0 1 IG KellyPJ Roche 171 1 0 A Hall 167AK Punnett 170 0 1 S Blewitt 167JS Tymms 169 1 0 P Coleman 166S Retallick 168 1 0 K Davies 161CRA Clegg 166 1 0 AJS Fleming 159S Macd-Ross 164 1 0 CR Squires 158JJ Skielnik 163 0 1 BZ Izzard 158N Maxwell 162 ½ ½ MJ ReddieRJ Wilcox 158 ½ ½ LJ Cannon 154PD Dupre 156 0 1 DG Ratcliffe 153PR Archer 152 0 1 PR Selby 148PE Barnard 152 ½ ½ WH Partridge 142R Shorthouse 148 ½ ½ RD Hirsch 144FC Manning 134 1 0 R Mortlock 133(Sutton) 8 8 |

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|  Sussex\* 22.10.94 Essex\* 1 IG Kelly 168 (B) 1 0 S Marsland 173 2 MR Stott 167 ½ ½ DJ Millward 172 3 S Blewitt 167 ½ ½ PC Doye 170 4 Paul Watson 163 ½ ½ MJ Ashdown 170 5 Keith Davies 161 ½ ½ ID Hunnable 169 6 RD Hirsch 144 (r) 1 0 SD Harvey 168 7 BJ Izzard 158 0 1 CFH Dorn 166 8 CR Squires 158 ½ ½ M Weighell 162 9 RH Clark 158 0 1 RE Waldteufel 16210 T Woods 129 (r) 1 0 SJA Wood 16211 Glen Parker 146 1 0 NH Twitchell 16012 PR Selby 148 ½ ½ JA Philpott 15713 LKG Eastoe 147 1 0 SM Williams 15214 FW Brown 146 1 0 PR Barclay 14615 DL Roberts 145 0 1 J Page 14016 WH Partridge 142 ½ ½ MRA Murrell 137(Hassocks) 9½ 6½ |  Essex\* 5.11.94 Surrey\*R Heppinstall 174 ½ ½ ME Osborne 171 (W)DJ Millward 172 1 0 MC Page 173CR Ramage 171 0 1 DR Sedgwick 169ID Hunnable 169 ½ ½ JS Tymms 169G McNally 164 1 0 CRA Clegg 166R Waldteufel 162 ½ ½ S Macd-Ross 164M Weighell 162 ½ ½ JJ Skielnik 163JSA Wood 162 0 1 CJ Mann 159C Braun 162e 1 0 RJ Wilcox 158A King 161 0 1 K Hurst 156JA Philpott 157 0 1 PD Dupre 156P Walker 153 ½ ½ PR Archer 152SM Williams 152 0 1 PE Barnard 152AJ Parsons 150 ½ ½ STK Wilkinson 143PR Barclay 146 ½ ½ SR Jones 142MRA Murrell 137 1 0 FC Manning 134(Wanstead) 7½ 8½ |

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|  Kent 5.11.94 Sussex\* 1 PD Fenn 174 (W) 1 0 IG Kelly 168 2 PJ O'Donovan 170 1 0 C Hann 168 3 JR Bayford 174 1 0 E Pesonen 166 4 CM Brown 171 1 0 K Davies 161 5 AG Ropek 169 ½ ½ IP Judd 160 6 TH Owens 168 0 1 W Emerson 160 7 LR Gurr 164 1 0 ASJ Fleming 159 8 NC Mackett 163 ½ ½ RH Clark 158 9 SJ Jacob 162 ½ ½ BJ Izzard 15810 PC Rutland 161 ½ ½ MJ Reddie 15611 AB Mata 157 0 1 LJ Cannon 15412 RE Lane 155 ½ ½ DG Ratcliffe 15313 JH Lewin 155 1 0 G Parker 14614 AC Waters 151 0 1 PR Selby 14815 RJAWinterburn 150 0 1 WH Partridge 14216 AJ Sherriff 153 0 1 RD Hirsch 144(Orpington) 8½ 7½ |  |
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|  Kent\* 15.10.94 Essex\* 1 MR Wiltshire 149 0 1 AD Hartland 149 2 G Steele 147 (B) 0 1 PR Barclay 146 3 def 0 1 A Drake 146 4 I Hames 147 ½ ½ ND Cundy 146 5 IC Smith 105 0 1 KS Jones 144 6 RW Parsons 146 1 0 TG Winter 141 7 D Hamblin 145 ½ ½ P Zamitt 138 8 I Moroney 145 1 0 A Capal 138 9 S Pierce 141 0 1 S Armour 13710 R Pooley 140 0 1 MRA Murrell 13711 I Underwood 140 1 0 DJ Rawlings 13712 RC Shilling 140 0 1 LJ Sargent 13213 P Childs 139 0 1 I MacLachlan 12814 RB Parkin 135 ½ ½ T cole 12715 B Hunter 131 ½ ½ DFC Bird 12516 P Moor 120 ½ ½ L Burtt -(Orpington) 5½ 10½ |  Herts\* 15.10.94 Sussex\*A Kent 149 (W) 0 1 FW Brown 146A Potter 148 1 0 DBA Hughes 145S Weston 146 ½ ½ DL Roberts 145B Judkins 145 \*0 1 RD Hirsch 144D Price 143 ½ ½ RA Clement 144S Charles 140 ½ ½ WH Partridge 142 K Brooks 143 1 0 MI Wickens 142M Wali 144 0 1 RR Harper 141S Cook 140 ½ ½ KI Andrews 141R GordonSmith 139 1 0 A Bradbury 141A Hall 140 0 1 David Hall 139J Marshall 136 0 1 PCL Bradford 138L Ditz 130 1 0 DG Jones 134S Knight e95 0 1 TJ Woods 129A Fulton 129 ½ ½ Chris C Dunn 123R Harrison 109 0 1 S Vandepeer 102(Woodhall C Ctr) 6½ 9½\*Board 4 is ½-½ on Herts sheet, 0-1 on Sx one. Sx man says he won, Herts apparently aren't arguing. |

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|  Kent B\* 24.9.94 Kent A\* 1 C Hadfield 122 1 0 P Poland 124 (B) 2 D Tan 122 ½ ½ T Benneworth 122 3 D Bennett 120 1 0 SC Mills 121 4 C Dunsmore 118 1 0 M Hougham 5 C Graham 115 1 0 G Mingay 118 6 T Stock 115 1 0 B Gavin 116 7 S Coates 113 1 0 DSJ Shipp 116 8 T Jarrett 113 1 0 I Clark 120 9 P Richardson 113 1 0 J Robertson 11110 S Casement 112 0 1 R Springett 10911 D Hunt 112 1 0 F Hiron 10912 W Stock 111 1 0 IB Bryan 10913 O Cooley 102 0 1 A Fletcher 10514 J Warren 101 1 0 NP Webb 10415 M Avery 100 ½ ½ C Gregory16 S Thanesan 76 0 1 K Cowan 97(Orpington) 12 4 \* (Oxon, right): According to D Metcalfe, who |  Oxon\* 15.10.94 Essex\*AJ Wyeth 124 (B) ½ ½ M Bradford 123J Booker 122 0 1 R Hayley 121G Reynolds 122 1 0 R Joyce 121A Collins 114 ½ ½ D Storey 116JD Wood 118 1 0 T Allen 115L Collins 117 1 0 P Nickalls 115G Spalding 116 1 0 D Hughes 113L Smith 116 1 0 E Lodge 112F Fallon 113 1 0 J Figgins 112D Metcalfe\* 110 0 1 B Twinn 110S Crockart 111 1 0 P Pattison 107G Hodgson 110 0 1 N Hopgood 108P Staniland 108 1 0 R Foster 104M Brindley 108 1 0 E Walker 106IR Brooke 105 1 0 P Storey 98DAS Buckland 96 1 0 D Allen 69(Long Hanboro) 12 4should know. Essex give a different name. |
|  Kent B\* 22.10.94 Sussex 1 D Bennett 120 (W) ½ ½ P Benson 124 2 J McKenna 119 ½ ½ C Dunn 124 3 C Dunsmore 118 ½ ½ P Helliwell 124 4 J McGill 116 0 1 DJ Langridge 123 5 T Stock 115 1 0 CJ Parker 123 6 C Graham 115 ½ ½ B Proctor 123 7 A Kissoon 114 1 0 D Langridge 121 8 Frances Taylor - ½ ½ M Plumb 121 9 S Casement 112 0 1 L Rackam 12010 D Hunt 112 ½ ½ T Rolls 11811 W Stock 111 0 1 E Hillier 10912 P Bloom 109 1 0 M Curtis 11813 D Wiltshire 108 ½ ½ SP Deere 11014 J Warren 101 0 1 G McCulloch 12015 H Richards 78 1 0 P Baldwin 11116 A Taylor 73 0 1 J Povey 104(Orpington) 7½ 8½ |  Kent A\* 22.10.94 Middx\*P Poland 124 (W) 0 1 C Duddy 124G Battye 124 0 1 S Lazarz 122T Benneworth 122 0 1 R Crooks 122SC Mills 121 ½ ½ A Johnstone 121M Hougham 121 ½ ½ G O'Grady 121EJ Downham 119 1 0 K Barry 119DSJ Shipp 116 1 0 R Balatoni 117F Hiron 119 1 0 G Gwilliams 114IB Bryan 109 ½ ½ S Myatt 114A Fletcher 105 1 0 A Morton 113IC Smith 105 1 0 J Harris 112NP Webb 104 0 1 B Steele 110C Gregory 102 0 1 A Bakhtar 108TR Jefferies 99 0 1 M Huba 108K Cowan 97 0 1 M Ward e105S Chick 96 1 0 D Ryan e100(Orpington) 7½ 8½ |

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|  Essex\* 5.11.94 Surrey\* 1 M Bradford 123 1 0 K Chamberlain 123 2 C Barrett 123 (B) 0 1 D moore 122 3 R Hayley 121 1 0 G Lamond 122 4 P Sheehan 122 ½ ½ D Howes 121 5 P Pattison 107 0 1 R Mattocks 119 6 D Storey 116 1 0 Jim Mcging 116 7 T Allen 115 0 1 D Innes 107 8 G Benger 115 ½ ½ D Parsons 103 9 P Storey 98 0 1 B Sweetman 9010 D Hughes 113 1 0 D Shukri 9011 J Figgins 112 0 1 Clive Smith 8112 E Lodge 112 1 0 def13 B Twinn 110 1 0 def14 R Joyce 121 1 0 def15 R Foster 104 1 0 def16 G Walker 93 1 0 def(Wanstead) 10 6 |  Middx\* 12.11.94 Surrey\*G Sweetland 124 1 0 J Adcock 124 (B)M Johnson 124 ½ ½ David Moore 122B Okrzeja 123 ½ ½ R Tillett 122S Lazarz 122 1 0 D Weston-Lewis 122G O'Grady 121 1 0 D Howes 121A Johnstone 121 0 1 D Hodgson 121D Ramsey 121 ½ ½ Ron Mattocks 119A Mchale 121 1 0 Claire Thrower 117R Bunten 120\* 1 0 David Jones 113J Stoneman 119 ½ ½ John Parr 112R Hamilton 116 1 0 Peter Shaw 110S Fenyvesi 114 ½ ½ M Tillett 106G Gwilliams 114 ½ ½ D Parsons 103A Morton 113 ½ ½ J Silverton 90A Bakhtar 108 1 0 Sandy Smyth 85M Ward e105 1 0 def(Chess & Br) 11½ 4½Surrey query the grade; not in GL. |

MIDDX: Following a recent meeting Bob Turnham is County President again, and Bruce Birchall is no longer captaining the U100 team. No, we don't know what's going on. The new U100 captain has not yet been appointed; their next match isn't till February but for the moment it is suggested that you contact Bob Turnham: 48 Westland Drive, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Herts AL9 7UQ 0707 651986.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Chessex 9, and if there's anyone else we've overlooked them.

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"May I say that those Kent kids are magic. We were 7½-3½ up and a lucky draw in the last game finished gave us the win." - Dave Metcalfe (match captain, Oxon U125)

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|  Middx\* 22.10.94 Essex\* 1 R McShane 98 1 0 Peter Storey 98 2 G Leutchford 93 1 0 GI Strachan 98 3 def 0 0 def 4 Leighton Powell - ½ ½ Joe? Sansom 95 5 R Mooring 80 0 1 Stephen Parsons 95 6 D Hutson 96 0 1 Frank Gulley 94 7 A Paschali 97 0 1 Graham Walker 93 8 NKingston-Smith97 1 0 Robert Giddens 90 9 T Kwong 88 1 0 Paul Houghton 8510 G Crozier 87 0 1 Michael J Owen 7511 Alison Swersky - 1 0 DK Wornham 6012 T Miller 75 ½ ½ Luke Tomlinson 53(Durham Castle) 6 5 |  Herts 29.10.94 Kent\*D Aburnu(?)99 (B) 1 0 TR Jefferies 99D Wilder 97 1 0 P Dalton(?) 99Steven Knight 0 1 S Chick 96J Lenaury(?) 93 0 1 D Ho 92A Humphries 94 ½ ½ A Blake 92Casmo(?) Lim 1 0 Andrew Dovey(?) 97F Lovett 92 0 1 S Pretty 91Tony Phillips 0 1 A Wahab(?) 97M Kenton 86 0 1 N Lang 90D Wattham 0 1 Douglas Smith 88A Brewis 78 0 1 Robert Wilson 87M Reid 63 ½ ½ Thomas Hughes 89(Stevenage) 4 8 |
|  Essex\* 19.11.94 Herts 1 FC Riley 97 (B) 0 1 D Aburrow 99 2 S Parsons 95 1 0 D Wilders 97 3 J Sansom 95 0 1 A Humphries 93 4 F Pulley 94 1 0 J Lanaway 94 5 RC Smith 93 ½ ½ F Lovett 92 6 RH Prickett 93 1 0 Tony Phillips e94 7 C Hobbs 92 ½ ½ D Waltham 83 8 R Giddens 90 ½ ½ A Brewis 78 9 R Savin 82 0 1 M Read 6310 MJ Owen 75 1 0 Steve Zsibrita e6011 DK Wornham 60 0 1 T Coleman 4812 L Tomlinson 53 1 0 John Dalton e50(Wanstead) 6½ 5½ | A friendly: Sussex\* 1.10.94 Insurance LeagueJ Graham 182 (W) ½ ½ MC Page 173IG Kelly 168 1 0 DR Sedgwick 169RH Clark 158 1 0 ID Hunnable 169BJ Izzard 158 0 1 AGC Paish 163PR Selby 148 ½ ½ MJ Reddie 156G Parker 146 1 0 EJ Brodie 149IK Edgson 146 1 0 PR Barclay 146JS White 103 ½ ½ RE James 104(Crawley) 5½ 3½ |

BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD

Didn't think you were going to escape this, did you? The MB met 19.11.94.

Nigel Short etc. To cut it, well, short, NDS and the BCF have more or less made up any differences there may or may not have been between them and have issued a joint statement to that effect. NDS has agreed to play in the Olympiad even though Murray Chandler's the non-playing captain, and FIDE seem likely to restore his rating. One or two delegates from the MCCU and Manchester & District opposed the statement hotly.

FIDE elections. The MB's discussions were mercifully confidential. "There are a variety of rumours relating to the possible collapse of one or more of the tickets."

Development Unit. Not sure that it's ever done anything much, but a ballot for membership was topped by Chris Howell who thinks it's time it did.

DFE Grant. The Federation has submitted an activities report for 1993-4 and is to submit a three-year work plan by the 9th December. We gather the Department favours developing international events in England rather than sending people to Tirana for 220:12

their norms. And so say all of us.

Sponsorship. An agreement has been reached in principle for sponsorship of the Counties Championship (Open section only).

Minor Counties. John Poole is finalising proposals for a new definition of MCs.

FIDE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1994

In case you're interested, here's some of the proposals on the table.

1. Make the World Championship an annual KO.

2. (SWR) Establish a World Club Championship (starting Hastings, August 1995) and a World Amateur Championship (starting Hastings 1995-6).

3. Modify the title and rating regulations (various proposals). And introduce new titles - all SWR proposals except the last - of Super GM (ideas invited for the name), Continental Master (2200 level, cf 2300 for FM), International Organiser, and Senior International Arbiter.

4. Shorten the default period to 15 minutes (Swedish Federation).

5. Revise the Blitz (meaning 5-minute or thereabouts) rules. This is from the Finnish Central Chess Federation and the draft's English is less than felicitous. "Quick-play Finnish", CIH said, and we wished we'd said it. Amazingly, the draft has it that in order to win on time you must be able to demonstrate a forced mate. That's how they're defining "mating force". We've seen something like this before, possibly in the rushed draft that went out (was it?) last time round. We can't believe it's intended but, new or not, it's very explicit in the Finnish draft.

Oh, and the WELCH REPORT. It's been delayed by unforeseen events, but is expected imminently. We understand that the SCCU Executive will soon discuss it.

CONGRESS DIARY

Dec 3 EDGWARE U150. AN Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 081 202 0982

 3 CANTERBURY JUNIOR U18/12/10/8. MPJ Whitwood, 8 Iden Crescent, Staplehurst, Kent TN12 0NU 0580 892005

 4 CHESS & BRIDGE RAPIDPLAY. Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Rd NW1 3AR 071 388 2404

 4 BASINGSTOKE. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, Basingstoke RG21 2LS 0256 472537

 10 WESTMINSTER. JM Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 081 595 5881

 10 COUNTY CHESS at Chalk Farm NW5. U140; U115; U90; Girls U75. Ralph Miller, 17 Heron Rd, Twickenham

 10-11 BATSFORD/TCS LONDON JUNIIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS. Tony Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3HA 0707 659080

 11 NUNEATON. Roy Woodcock, 188 Coventry Rd, Nuneaton, Warwicks CV10 7AU 0203 348097

 16-18 ISLINGTON. George Goodwin, 48 Torrington Park N12 9TP 081 446 8569

 18 KINGS LYNN Open; U141/111/81; U18. Francis Bowers, 34 Middle Rd, Whaplode, Spalding, Lincs PE12 6TW 0406 370166

 28-30 LONDON JUNIOR as 10-11 Dec

 28- 8 HASTINGS various. Con Power, 418 Harold Rd, Hastings, U Sussex TN35 5HG 0424 431970

Jan 6- 8 FULPRINT YORK. M Kwan, 26 Vine St, York YO2 1BB 0904 638377

 6- 8 SOUTH WALES at Newport. I Eustis, Tir Bach Farm, Rhos, Pontardawe, Swansea 0792 862115

 7 COUNTY CHESS as 10 Dec but grading limits 20 points higher

 7- 8 BARNET. H Blank, 17 The Crescent, Barnet EN5 5QQ 081 449 6163

 20-22 REDCAR. Christina Wicks, LBC, PO Box South Bank 20, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS6 6EL 0642 231212 ext 4156

 20-22 GREATER MANCHESTER WINTER at Wigan. PJ Clissold, 4 Vale St, near Bolton (it says here) BL7 0EB 0204 852036

 20-22 KINGS LYNN as 18 Dec

 21 GOLDERS GREEN. AN Raoof as 3 Dec

 21 COUNTY CHESS as 10 Dec but grading limits 10 points higher

 21 WESTMINSTER as 10 Dec

 21 HULL. Colin Hailstone, 85 Downfield Avennue, Ings Bridge, Hull HU6 7XE 0482 805374

 21-22 BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS at Wokingham. John Hann, 8 Greenham Wood, Bracknell, Berks RG12 7WJ 0344 486644

 28 BRAINTREE JUNIOR. Roger Sharman, Trefoil, Crown Lane North, Ardleigh, Colchester CO7 7RA 0206 231025

 29 KINGS HEAD. WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd W11 2BY 071 930 6641

 29 MORECAMBE. FS Rushworth, 21 Douglas Drive, Morecambe, Lancs LA3 2LW 0524 859860

Feb 4 GOLDERS GREEN U150. AN Raoof as 3 Dec

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There wasn't going to be a page 13, but after unexpected delays with collation we can offer three new match results, and a letter amplifying - if not clarifying - something we said on page 10. Plus our apologies for being late.

 The matches below have not gone into the league tables on page 5.

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| UNDER 175 Surrey\* 26.11.94 Kent 1 DF Hill 174 (W) ½ ½ PD Fenn 174 2 MC Page 173 1 0 TH Owens 168 3 ME Osborne 171 1 0 MD Brougham 165 4 DR Sedgwick 169 1 0 LR Gurr 164 5 S Retallick 1 0 SJ Pullinger 163 6 S MacDonald-Ross 0 1 SJ Jacob 162 7 JJ Skielnik 163 1 0 TH Stonehouse 162 8 RJ Wilcox 158 ½ ½ PR Rutland 9 PS Brown 157 1 0 RJ Everson 15810 K Hurst 156 ½ ½ JH Lewin 15511 PD Dupre 156 1 0 AC Waters 15112 PR Archer 152 0 1 AJ Sherriff 15313 PE Barnard 152 1 0 HT Jones 15014 R Shorthouse 148 0 1 N Alfred 14215 SR Jones 142 ½ ½ I Underwood 14016 FC Manning 134 ½ ½ D Keane 102(Sutton) 10½ 5½ | UNDER 125 Surrey\* 26.11.94 SussexK Chamberlain 123 ½ ½ P Benson 124 (B)R Tillett 122 ½ ½ C Dunn 123G Lamond 122 0 1 DJ Langridge 123M Shahoud 122 ½ ½ C Parker 123DWeston-Lewis 122 0 1 A Ballard 123R Mattocks 119 0 1 D Langridge 121J McGing 116 1 0 N Pestelle 118D Jones 113 ½ ½ M Plumb 113D Innes 107 1 0 E Hillier 109M Tillett 106 0 1 M Curtis 113D Parsons 103 0 1 G McCulloch 120M Green 100 0 1 SP Deere 110Alex Palmier e96 ½ ½ P Smith\* 114J Stanley 92 ½ ½ C Wakefield 108J Silverton 90 0 1 P Buswell 109S Smyth 85 ½ ½ P Baldwin 111(Sutton) 5½ 10½\* "I understand that Sussex Board 13 was previously calledSilverwood." - Sy Mc |
| UNDER 100 Kent\* 19.11.94 Middx 1 M Jones 95 (B) 1 0 G Luetchford 93 2 S Chick 96 1 0 Leighton Powell - 3 P Titmas 95 0 1 L Keegan 84 4 A Blake 92 ½ ½ R Mott 95 5 I Moore 80 0 1 Alison Swersky - 6 E Reeves 90 1 0 Z Ryle 84 7 T Garrett 95 0 1 Robert Ajjar(??) - 8 R Wilson 87 0 1 T Trifunovic 84 9 D Smith 88 1 0 J Fox 8010 L Horton 87 ½ ½ T Miller 7511 L vanderBorgh 97 1 0 Naomi Attar -12 TR Jefferies 99 1 0 def(Orpington) 7 5So our informant (page 5) was wrong. |  |

Dear Richard, 28.11.94

Further to Tony Suttill's letter which was published in the September 1994 SCCU Bulletin.

 I am happy to report that the MCCA has resolved its administrative problems. The special meeting of Council which was held on Friday 25th November 1994 voted to remove Bruce Birchall from the Middlesex U10 captaincy and as a consequence Bruce does not hold any position on the Middlesex County Committee. At the same meeting I was re-elected President and Lance Levine was elected Treasurer as Simon Spivack was unwilling to resume those duties.

 I very much hope that we will be able to find a replacement U100 captain as I am sure that we do not want to withdraw the team when it is halfway through the season.

 It would be naive of me to think that all our troubles are now behind us, but I think that the procedural changes which were introduced at the meeting on Friday should ensure a smoother path in the future.

 Regards,

 Bob Turnham President, Middlesex CCA

OFFICIAL CHESS YEARBOOK 1995 has just appeared, in its new Batsford guise. No, I didn't get the name wrong, they've changed it. And the pages are smaller, and the county entries are liable to start on the last half-line but one of a page, and I'd complain if I was Beds. Some things are missing and some have been added, including a "magazine style section" - why "style"? - with lots of annotated games. It's not the way I'd do it but I'm not Batsfords, and there's something there for everyone.

RJH

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EDITORIAL

The Welch Report (see page 9) has been a long time coming and not everyone will be satisfied. An out-of-Union inquiry, conducted by three Senior Arbiters, had obvious merits. It also had the demerits of being unable to meet frequently or chase up missing information. Potentially unfair, I suppose - you can't reply to an allegation if you don't know it's been made - but I have no doubt that the Inquiry team recognised the limitations under which it was working, and drew only such conclusions as it felt it safely could. And the more locally-based Coleman Inquiry, which reported first after meeting no less than ten times, reached broadly similar conclusions.

 I don't know that Mr Thurlow's actions at the congress deserved quite the criticism they get from Welch, but his post-congress publications - or at any rate the two I've seen - were disgraceful, and hardly the sort of thing one expects from a BCF Arbiter. Even without Inquiries in the air.

 A letter from Louise Sinclair appears below the Report. I wouldn't say I agree with everything in it, but agreeing with me is only one of the ways to get published.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard, 25.1.95

I would like to correct one point in your Report in the November issue about the joint statement by Nigel Short and the BCF. The critics were Stan Goodall of the Manchester and District Chess Association and Mike O'Hara of the Northern Counties Chess Union. Neil Graham of the Midland Counties Chess Union supported the statement.

 This year marks the centenary of the Hastings Congress and most readers of the Bulletin will have received the Centenary Appeal. I shall be asking the SCCU Executive Committee to make a contribution and I urge counties, clubs and individuals to respond if able to do so. The Hastings Committee have an attractive programme of events prepared, but they badly need additional funds. Donations should be sent to Paul Buswell (51 Kenilworth Rd, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex TN38 0JL).

 In the September issue you refer to the BCF Presidents Awards. I was especially pleased about the award made to Rodney James. I prepared the final version of the citation and I also felt a sense of unaccustomed but genuine humility when writing about a man who was playing competitive chess in 1923. A week after the presentation, we both played for Insurance against Sussex and he scored half a point more than I did.

 For those who feel that a colleague of theirs is equally deserving as those honoured so far, the solution is to put the relevant name forward. Tony Suttill is Chairman of the Presidents Awards Committee and he will be pleased to provide guidance on the procedure to anyone considering making a nomination.

 Before I leave the topic, one anecdote deserves a wider audience. I understand that about this time last year, Mick Croft asked you for information in connection with a proposed history of Kent County Chess Association. You duly supplied details of your involvement with Kent chess over the last 25 to 30 years. Shortly afterwards I received from Mick Croft a suitable draft citation. Nothing more has ever been heard about the Kent history project. Good work, Mick - clearly an alternative career as a con man beckons.

 Yours sincerely,

 David Sedgwick SCCU President

GRADING

With the 1994 Leigh GP results came a Note to Congress Organisers from Stewart Reuben. It says the following, among other things.

 "It is likely the BCF will gear itself up to provide a Grading List to take effect on 1 February starting in 1996. This will contain names of players who have played at least 10 games since the close of receipt of data for the previous list, published on 1 August. In order for this to be possible, it will be necessary for the information to be sent in more efficiently. There will be a proposal to increase Game Fee by 10%, with a reduction of the same amount [nine-and-a-bit%?] for those events which send in their results within four weeks of the conclusion of the event and also include the Grading code for the contestants. This is much more difficult for leagues and six weeks will probably be suggested for these events. The problem is that leagues will often stretch across two Grading Lists. Those managing to send in their results in two tranches will help make the grades more chronologically reliable.

 "The full list will continue to be published in August. Thus it will be necessary to consult two lists when looking up grades in March [?February] to July. Ultimately the service may extend to three or four lists annually. There is little

doubt, providing grading information at more frequent intervals generates interest.

Thus this should help increase numbers of tournament entries...

 "A number of people have expressed concern that certain individuals are throwing their games in congresses where they are faring poorly, in order to hold down their grade. If you believe this to be the case, it is your responsibility to withhold the results from grading, rather than sending in the results and asking the grader to intervene. It would be possible to set up a monitoring system to follow the fortunes of players in grading restricted tournaments but this would be very time-consuming."

The Bulletin had one or three reservations about this. It didn't know till some time later that David Sedgwick had sought the views of Martin Cath, SCCU Grading Secretary, and passed them on to the BCF Management Board. Martin's comments:

 Paragraph 1. The BCF must address itself to updating the computer programs before attempting to publish the Grading List bi-annually. I disagree with the proposal only to publish the grades, in the February issue, of those players with 10 games or more entering the system since the previous August. This changes the present concept whereby an E grade can be achieved with only one game in the current year and would therefore confuse players, particularly if Leagues are persuaded to submit their results in two tranches. There is no

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excuse for Congresses and Leagues not submitting their results promptly, and many do so already; however, there appears to be an assumption that graders are able and willing to grade each event immediately it lands on their doormat. This may be impractical, if the Master List is not published, or merely inconvenient - even graders have other commitments. Is it the intention that Congresses and Leagues who submit their results to their graders within the set times, but there is then a delay in the grading data reaching the computer, are surcharged by 10% on their Game Fee? If so, most Congresses and Leagues will submit their results direct to the BCF and the system will collapse.

 Paragraph 2. If the February issue of the Grading List always has to be used with the previous August issue at hand it will not be an asset but a confounded nuisance. The thought of this arrangement stretching to three or four lists per annum under the same restrictions is beyond belief. A published Grading List has to supersede, in its entirety, the previous List. This is the situation with the bi-annual publication of the Rapid Play Grading List and this List has not experienced problems in this regard. The "Note" does not consider the economic consequences of morefrequent publication of the Grading List, nor how the Unions who publish Lists of their own would manage. I do not see a direct link between increasing the number of players taking part in tournaments and the more frequent publication of Grading Lists.

 Paragraph 3. I much prefer the SCCU approach to players who "throw" games. The danger with the view expressed in this paragraph is that the players who play against such players will also have their games discounted as it is probable that the offending player will have his pairing card removed (and it takes two pairing cards to grade a game successfully). I believe that Roger Edwards already operates an unofficial monitoring system on the results of a small number of individuals who do exhibit widely varying performances (to put it politely).

David Sedgwick adds:

"With regard to Martin Cath's last paragraph, I should explain that SCCU policy is that results will be excluded from grading only where the relevant organisers so request and they have informed the player concerned of their intentions and given him or her the opportunity to make representations accordingly. As indicated above, we consider it desirable that the full information should be available to the grader so that innocent opponents of the offending player are not also penalised. We have been forced to form our view on the subject owing to the total absence, prior to the issue of the "Note", of any statement or guidance from the BCF, and we have established our policy only after considerable debate. I think it unlikely that the SCCU Executive Committee will now wish to reconsider the matter unless there is a clear policy directive from the BCF in the form of a Board or Council resolution.

 "Finally I wish to point out that I received the "Note to Congress Organisers" only by virtue of my being the representative on Council for the now defunct Lloyds Bank Masters. Although there were clearly a number of points in the "Note" of which it was appropriate for me to seek the views of the Union Grading Secretary (and, for some aspects, of other colleagues), I believe that no officer of the SCCU received the "Note" in that capacity. I urge that, in future, documents of this kind be copied as a matter of routine to members of the Board. (I regard it as reasonable for it to be the responsibility of the Board representatives of Constituent Units to seek the views of others in their organisations where appropriate.)"

The Bulletin has unhappy memories of multiple lists. Another thought that occurred to it was, why ask organisers for "Grading codes"? The grader's going to look them up anyway. They may help occasionally, if a player's changed clubs, but the inevitable wrong numbers will confuse.

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LEIGH GRAND PRIX

The 1994 winners, as this may be the first place you'll see a fullish list:

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| Grand Prix max 200 1 Mark Hebden (Leicester) 196.3 2 John Nunn (Roehammpton) 195 3 Bogdan Lalic (Peacehaven) 184.8 4 Matthew Sadler (Chatham) 183.7 5 Keith Arkell (Derby) 183.2 6 Colin McNab (Dundee) 182.9 7 James Howell (Manchester) 178.5 8 Stuart Conquest (Bristol) 175.6 9 Chris Ward (Beckenham) 173.410 Aaron Summerscale (Putney) 173.211 Andrew Ledger (Bedford) 163.612 Colin Crouch (Harrow) 162.813 Mark Ferguson (Haslemere) 160.614 Demetrios Agnos (Twickenham) 158.915 Neil McDonald (Gravesend) 133.716 John Emms (Beckenham) 130.717 Andrew Webster (Birmingham U) 126.318 Dharshan Kumaran (Harrow0 106.719 Peter Wells (SE London) 99.220 Susan Lalic (Peacehaven) 98.121 Alan Perkins 9222 Philip Rossiter 91.123 Glenn Flear 87.824 Douglas Bryson 86.9 Joe Gallagher 86.926 James Cobb 84.327 Michael Basman 84 Richard Britton 84 Julian Hodgson 84 Andrew Kinsman 84Petit Prix max 100 1 Hebden 99.7 2 Arkell 94 3 McNab 92.5 4 Conquest 91.6 5 Howell 87.9 6 Ledger 81.2 7 Webster 73.5 8 James Cobb (Swindon) 72.1 9 Brett Lund (Preston) 63.310 Sven Zeidler (Devizes) 6211 Bryson 59.4 | Prixette max 100 1 S Lalic - 9th year running 77.3 2 Harriet Hunt (Oxford) 58.2 3 Mandy Haslinger (Southport) 51.7 4 Caro Hunt (Oxford) 44.2 5 Jovanka Houska (Maidenhead) 41.1 6 Mary Jones (Wigston) 41 7 Dinah Norman (Wokingham) 39.1 8 Lucy Broomfield (S Norwood) 38.5 9 Ruth Bates (Richmond) 3810 Ivana Houska (Maidenhead) 36.5Junior Prix max 100 1 Sadler 92.9 2 Ferguson 83.7 3 Webster 76.8 4 Cobb 65.1 5 Richard Bates (Richmond) 59.6 6 Miroslav Houska (Maidenhead) 58.5 7 Ben Savage (St Albans) 53.5 8 H Hunt 48.7 9 Toby Stock (Folkestone) 47.510 James Poulton (Portsmouth) 45.4Amateur Prix max 50 1 P Briggs (Tamworth) 50 2 RR Goodfellow (T Wells) 44.9 3 J Brief (Barnet) 44.2 4 K Andrews (Hove) 43.5 5 M Stanners (Athenaeum) 42.7 6 I Okosieme (Lewisham) 42 7 J Wagenbach (Mansfield) 41.7 8 K Forman (Coventry) 41 D Phillips (Windermere) 4110 R Burroughs (Brentwood) 40.5Visually Handicapped Prix max 50 1 Graham Lilley (Prescot) 22.5 2 Chris Panayi (Sutton) 15 3 Paul Benson (Widnes) 7.5 Stephen Eastwick-Field (BT) 7.5 |

Congress Merit Awards: Borders, British Rapidplay (Leeds), Cafe Baroque, Hastings Weekend, Morecambe, Portsmouth, South Wales, Wolverhampton Goodyear.

"Third placed Bogdan Lalic only qualified as a Leigh competitor after his marriage to Susan Arkell in April. Conceding his rivals three months' start, he had further misfortune when he entered a congress by telephone, got up at 5.30 a.m. to play, won with 5/5, then found it was not a Leigh event."

 They sent us a copy of the rules for 1995, and we think we understand them. Still don't see why leading players in the "Open" get bonus points for the following year, though.

CONGRESS RESULTS

COUNTY CHESS 1st RAPIDPLAY at Chalk Farm 12th November 1994

Under 160 1 Alfredo Luaces 5½/something; 2 Christopher Braun 4½; 3 Stephen Williams 3½... Don't know how many played but not a lot assuming 6 rounds, unless there was a massive traffic jam on 3.

Under 135 1 Stelio Jerome 4½; 2 Leon Arden 4; 3 Wil Ransome 3...

Under 110 1 Cosmos Lim 4½; 2-4 David Kelly, Victor Litvin, Peter Szabo 4...

Girls Under 95 1 Tamar Miller 5; 2-3 Suzanna Morton, Albertine Fox 3½...

Results Bruce Birchall

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29th TORBAY CONGRESS at Torquay 18-20 November 1994

Open (48 pl) 1-2 JDM Nunn (London), AP Summerscale (Putney) 4½/5; 3-5 MJ Franklin (Richmond), A Karlsson (Exeter), S Williams (Farnham) 4... Grading U176 D Littlejohns (Taunton) 3½

"Major" (62 pl) 1 JB Hawson (Sutton & Cheam) 4½/5; 2-5 JA Speigel (Southend), RR Harper (Eastbourne), JG Gorodi (Newton Abbot), N Livesy (Whitney) 4... Grading 133-144 KA Andrews (Hove), T LeRoux (Burnham on Sea), A Eagle (Reading), TL Fellows (Wolverhampton) 3½; U133 P Scott (Paignton) 3½

Intermediate (68 pl) 1 N Bye (Hillingdon) 5/5; 2 JF Chambers (Torquay) 4½; 3-5 WK Jones (Bude), N Commis (Fulham), J Brief (Edgware) 4... Grading 103-111 M Pearson (London) 3½; U103 A Wright (Torquay), M Callis (Chesterfield) 3

Minor (72 pl) 1 B Roles (Chatham) 5/5; 2 J Wilson (Battersea) 4½; 3-7 K Wilkinson (Truro), M Lightwood (Newport), NE Heywood (Halesowen), S Cooke (Exeter), L Levy (Loddiswell) 4... Grading 70-84 KD Jones (Wallasey) 3½; U70 TW Bagshaw (Truro), J Francis (Birmingham), DC Gibbs (Cardiff), R Murr (Paignton) 3

Team Prize 1 Paignton CC 10½; 2 Torquay Grammar School A 10

 Results anonymous, as far as we can determine

WESTMNSTER 19th November 1994

Open (13 pl) 1 Chris Cooley 227 (Maidstone) 5/6; 2 Luke McShane 187 (Richmond Juniors) 4½; 3-4 Stephen Piper 166 (East Ham), David Wood 176 (Chatham) 4...

Major (25 pl) 1 Carlos Ravindran 150e (Thames View Midknights) 5/6; 2-4 David Cutmore 152 (Wood Green), William Stanton 151 (Islington), Chris White 149 (Oxford Univ) 4½..

Minor (35 pl) 1 Gordon Gwilliams 113 (Kings Head) 5/6; 2-6 Paul Bloom 90 ("Hayes"), John Figgins 105 (Beckton Rooks), Darryl Fornes 92 (Borehamwood), Angus James 111 (Surbiton), Kenneth Jardine 105 (Ilford) 4½... Results JM Sargent

COUNTY CHESS 2nd RAPIDPLAY at Chalk Farm 26th November 1994

Under 150 (15 pl) 1 Christopher Braun 5; 2 Alfredo Luaces 4½; 3-4 R Abadi, T Woo 4...

Under 125 (12 pl) 1 Kevin White 5; 2 Alan Brooks 4½; 3-4 A Deshmukh, Ian Moody 4...

Under 100 (12 pl) 1-2 Antonio Farinha, Kelly Rayner 5; 3 Victor Litvin 4; 4 Clive Smith 3½...

Girls Under 85 (7 pl) 1-3 Tamar Miller, Suzanna Morton, Alison Winston 4; 4-5 Della Caneppele, Helen Leidecker 3½... Results Bruce Birchall

WESTMINSTER 10th December 1994

Open (19 pl) 1 Matthew Sadler 246 (Maidstone) 5½/6; 2 Blair N Connell 232 (Guildford) 5; 3-4 Offer Zemerton 203 (Israel), Demis Hassabis 204 (Hendon) 4...

Major (32 pl) 1 William Stanton 151 (Islington) 5½/6; 2 Gordon Cadden 143 (Hampstead) 5; 3 Russell Goodfellow 143 (Tunbridge Wells) 4½...

Minor (38 pl) 1 Peter L Szabo 108 (Metropolitan) 5½/6; 2-3 David Everitt 103 (Haywards Heath), David J Lewis 110 (Earley) 5... Results JM Sargent

LEIGH NATIONAL CLUB

Just the SCCU survivors from round 1. Excuse geography.

OPEN Barbican; Witney; Maidstone; Hastings (and St Leonards); Wood Green; Hayes Kent; Guildford; Milton Keynes; Slough; Richmond & Twickenham; Charlton; Oxford Univ

MAJOR Slough; Fulham; Guildford; Metropolitan; Milton Keynes; Reading; Rainham; Maidstone; Kings Head; Wood Green

INTERMEDIATE Fulham; Thanet; Maidstone; Crowthorne; Hammersmith; Hastings; Kings Head; Reading; Southend

MINOR Wood Green; Kings Head; Hastings; Ashford; St Albans; Metropolitan; Phoenix; Tunbridge Wells; Fulham; Slough.

Not that it's confined to the National Club, but your Editor had an away match in the Major the other week where you could hardly see some of the black bits, the lighting was so poor. And there were no refreshments unless you bought yourself something in the bar downstairs. The Bulletin thinks such conditions unacceptable and it wouldn't play there again. It did make vague noises to its match captain about calling it off, and that was before it knew about the refreshments, but complaining's awkward and the bitch had had puppies (well, that's why they said we'd got the black hole), and anyway who wants a hundred-mile round trip for nothing? Maybe it's time people did start making a stand for better playing conditions.

MINUTE SECRETARY REQUIRED by the BCF. Commitment would be normally five Saturdays a year for Council or Management Board meetings. "An honorarium" is available, plus expenses. If interested, contact David Jarrett at the BCF office.

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SCCU COUNTY MATCHES

OPEN Br C E H K M O Sy Sx MP

Berks 8 6 9 12 1 :4

Cambs 10½ 12 10½ 12 12 5 :5

Essex 9½ 11½ 13½ 2 :3

Herts 8 6½ 13 12 2 :4

Kent 12 9½ 8½ 13 2 :4

Middx 14 13½ 11½ 13 4 :4

Oxon 11 8½ 7 3 8 1 :5

Surrey 8 8 7 12 9½ 1 :5

Sussex 8 6½ 8 10½ 1 :4

UNDER 175 E K Sy Sx E K Sy Sx MP

Essex 7½ 7½ 6½ 10½ 1 :4

Kent 8½ 5½ 8½ 2 :3

Surrey 8½ 10½ 8 7 2½:4

Sussex 9½ 7½ 8 5½ 8\* 2½:5

UNDER 150 E H K Sy Sx MP

Essex 10½ 8½ 2 :2

Herts 9 6½ 1 :2

Kent 5½ 7 5½ 0 :3

Surrey 7½ 7½ 0 :2

Sussex 9½ 10½ 8½ 3 :3

UNDER 125 E Ka Kb M O Sy Sx MP

Essex 8½ 4 10 2 :3

Kent A 4 7½ 6 6 0 :4

Kent B 12 7½ 7½ 1 :3

Middx 7½ 8½ 11½ 9½ 3 :4

Oxon 12 10 8½ 3 :3

Surrey 6 4½ 5½ 0 :3

Sussex 10 8½ 6½ 10½ 3 :4

UNDER 100 E H K M E K H M MP

Essex 6½ 3½ 5 1 :3

Herts 5½ 4 6½ 1 :3

Kent 8½ 8 7 3 :3

Middx 6\* 5½ 5 1 :3

\* Match won.

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

 Correction from last issue (page 9): Surrey - Sussex U150 19.11.94. We got the bd 12 result the wrong way round; it should read Howes 0 Jones. Somehow, despite this misprint, we managed to get the total match scores right. That shouldn't have happened.

 Grader please note: the last issue had three odd match results at the end. Not that we think you'll have missed them.

Glad to see a bit of pre-match needle in one of the Open fixtures this time. Keep it up, lads.

Surrey - Sussex U175 10.12.94: The Sussex board 4, given as ungraded, has been ruled ineligible because his last published grade was 188. This is in accordance with Rule 15(b) which says that if you don't have a current grade, your most recent one counts. Don't know his current strength, but his 188 was in 1977 (195 the previous year) and he's been out of the country since. The rules do say it's the county's responsibility to check, but who's got grading lists going back to 1977? Martin Cath, who has, checked at Surrey's request. The match result is unaffected, even after you reverse the Sussex win and deduct a penalty point.

 We've heard that the Sussex match captain felt apologetic about his error. On the other hand we've heard that Sussex have appealed against the ruling. The Surrey match captain has suggested to the Bulletin that ungraded players should not be eligible in the stronger of the grading-limited sections. (U100 OK, U175 not OK. Not sure where he was drawing the line.)

"Surrey board 12 appears in grading list as Kevin D Hichardson (117895H)." He does too. He was Richardson last year, and his reference number hasn't changed. Don't tell us, someone amended his record (new club?) and accidentally amended his name as well.

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| OPEN |
|  Middx\* 12.11.94 Kent 1 TA Fatin 216 (W) 0 1 NF Dickenson 210 2 PJ Sowray 213 ½ ½ AE Hanreck 212 3 RJ McMichael 208 1 0 RG Eales 219 4 PS Cawte 208 ½ ½ IR Watson 206 5 AJ Whiteley 202 1 0 D Gormally 196 6 T H-Edwards 206 0 1 JE Vigus 195 7 MC Forster 205 ½ ½ JN Sugden 192 8 T Farrand 200 ½ ½ JE Scholes 185 9 M Lyell 197 0 1 AM Harakis 18210 RG Wade 190 1 0 IM Pountney 18211 TJ Kett 197 1 0 L Smart 18112 A Trifunovic 197 ½ ½ G Botley 18613 F Rayner 194 ½ ½ RMR O'Kelly 18014 C Mackenzie 194 0 1 CI Howell 17815 NRE Alldritt 192 1 0 Z Mehmet 17016 L McShane 183 1 0 J(so)Nguyen 16817 KR Barnes 190 0 1 M Robertson 17018 C Gant 189 ½ ½ S Jacobs 16219 R Sagall 188 1 0 LR Gurr 16420 J Burke 183 1 0 D Mukoro 155(Chess & Br) 11½ 8½ |  Berks\* 3.12.94 Middx\*MV Houska 208 (B) 0 1 K Shovel 230AP Smith 200 0 1 SH Berry 220PS Cooksey 197 0 1 PJ Sowray 213HW Murphy 179 1 0 RJ McMichael 208J Houska 173 1 0 SD Brown 208DS Tucker 171 ½ ½ PS Cawte 208PS Janota 174 0 1 RG Wade 190JT Munday 171 0 1 M Lyell 197JE Hickman 167 0 1 A Trifunovic 197AJ Cox 164 0 1 C Mackenzie 194MC Bowhay 163 0 1 NRE Alldritt 192L Davis 162 0 1 L McShane 183AM Leech 158 0 1 JM Quinn 190SL Freitag 163 ½ ½ KR Barnes 190PAF Watkins 156 0 1 C Gant 189IR Henderson 150 ½ ½ J Burke 183CJ Lyne 158 ½ ½ RJ Pearce 180SG Gilmour 160 ½ ½ MR Collins 158BG Millis 149 ½ ½ AM Dunn 159MF Redmond 156 1 0 CICH Wallace 156(Bracknell) 6 14 |
|  Surrey\* 3.12.94 Cambs\* 1 CKD Holland 205 0 1 MJ Turner 227 (B) 2 RA Allicock 195 0 1 JF Parker 224 3 RA Harris 194 0 1 AJ Cohen 204 4 def 0 1 AR Jones 206 5 JC Marley 184 ½ ½ JJ Hastings 204 6 DB Rosen 183 1 0 AHL Hon 199 7 JM Shepley 182 0 1 D Cristinacce 189 8 BG Whyte 180 0 1 B Hague 183 9 KP Mynett 176 ½ ½ PA Garner 17710 KD Richardson 175 ½ ½ S Sollan -11 ME Osborne 171 ½ ½ DC Hotham 16012 PM Stimpson 170 1 0 RM Little 15413 DR Sedgwick 169 ½ ½ M Hasenbusch -14 JM Tymms 0 1 IR Gooding 14715 S Retallick 168 ½ ½ PN Best 14716 CR Clegg 166 1 0 K Buecker 150(Sutton) 8 12 (adjusted)Herts - Surrey (right): initials by Surrey, Surrey grades by Herts, Herts grades by both sides. |  Herts\* 3.12.94 Sussex\*PV Byway 198 (W) 1 0 DH Cummings 223S Swanson 202 0 1 GH JamesJF Rudge 203 1 0 FJ KwiatkowskiS Roe 198 ½ ½ DB GrahamB Savage 174 ½ ½ KI Norman 195P Georghiou 173 ½ ½ B Cafferty 190KR Clark 185 ½ ½ SJ NewmanGA Hollis 179 1 0 MD NicholasCE Majer 177 ½ ½ J GrahamK Ellis 176 0 1 JA DodgsonR Brennan 174 ½ ½ AO PickersgillJ Denton 172 1 0 RJ AlmondJ Cook 171 1 0 SON Hawes 173D Fewell 170 1 0 IG KellyTA Sinkinson 169 ½ ½ MR StottB Morris 168 ½ ½ P WatsonS Law 153 1 0 RH ClarkeN Lee 153 ½ ½ LJ CannonA Atkinson 152 ½ ½ PR SelbyT Ray 159 0 1 GD Parker(Stevenage) 12 8 |
|  Kent\* 3.12.94 Oxon\* 1 N Dickenson 212 0 1 D Jowett 189 (B) 2 J Richardson 209 ½ ½ M Rose 180 3 I Watson 206 1 0 def 4 J Vigus 195 1 0 D Hackett 184 5 D Moskovic 194 1 0 def 6 J Sugden 192 ½ ½ M Devereaux 180 7 J Wager 192 1 0 R Starkie 171 8 I Pountney 182 ½ ½ J Stayt 168 9 A Harakis 182 1 0 G Chapman 16410 D Farndon 1 0 N Jones 16611 G Botley 186 1 0 N Hepworth 15412 R O'Kelly 180 1 0 H Searle 15813 J Titmas 180 1 0 P Hastings 15814 N Donovan 179 1 0 L Millin 15315 D Horton 178 1 0 P Ball 14516 M Robertson 170 ½ ½ C Moxley17 Z Mehmet 170 1 0 D Metcalfe18 M Wiper 170 1 0 def19 C Brown 171 1 0 def20 S Jacobs 162 1 0 I Brooke("Kent venue") 17 3 |  Cambs\* 14.1.95 Kent\*JF Parker 224 ½ ½ D King 231 (W)MJ Turner 227 1 0 N Dickenson 210AJ Cohen 204 0 1 A Hanreck 212AR Jones 206 ½ ½ R Eales 219JJ Hastings 204 ½ ½ D Gormally 196D Hassabis 199 ½ ½ A Mack 192EN Holland 196 ½ ½ J Sugden 191MH Thornton 196 ½ ½ J Wager 192DDA Lawson 2240 1 0 G Botley 186D Cristinacce 189 1 0 A Harakis 182B Hague 183 0 1 J Scholes 185PA Garner 177 ½ ½ L Smart 181NDJ Noden 170 ½ ½ R O'Kelly 180NC Pyper 155 0 1 CI Howell 178M Hassenbusch 0 1 N Donovan 178P Faulkner 155 1 0 D Horton 178PN Best 147 ½ ½ A Ropek 169IR Gooding 147 1 0 Z Mehmet 170J Wright 142 1 0 S Jacobs 162CL Radia 119 0 1 C Charles 148(Clare Coll) 10½ 9½ |

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|  Sussex\* 14.1.95 Surrey\* 1 GH James 208 (B) 1 0 def 2 DB Graham 200 ½ ½ PD Kemp 3 B Cafferty 190 1 0 RA Allicock 195 4 SJ Newman 193 1 0 S Walker 188 5 MD Nicholas 184 1 0 KFH Inwood 184 6 PG Farr 182 0 1 JC Marley 184 7 RV Elliston 181 0 1 DB Rosen 183 8 J Graham 182 1 0 JM Shepley 182 9 JA Dodgson 181 0 1 RJ Stockwell 18010 RJ Almond 175 0 1 BG Whyte 18011 R O'Brien 175 ½ ½ KP Mynett 17612 SON Hawes 173 1 0 KD Richardson 17513 IG Kelly 168 1 0 ME Osborne 17114 MR Stott 167 ½ ½ PJ Roche 17115 CN Hann 168 0 1 DR Sedgwick 16916 A Hall 167 1 0 def17 RH Clark 158 ½ ½ CR Clegg 16618 JP Munday 155 0 1 RJ Wilcox 15819 LJ Cannon 154 0 1 K Hurst 15620 DG Ratcliffe 153 ½ ½ FC Manning 134(Brighton) 10½ 9½ |  |
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|  Sussex\* 10.12.94 Surrey 1 SON Hawes 173 1 0 ME Osborne 171 (B) 2 IG Kelly 168 1 0 PJ Roche 171 3 E Pesonen 166 1 0 DR Sedgwick 169 4 R Power - \* 1 0 S Retallick 168 5 K Davies 161 ½ ½ CRA Clegg 166 6 IP Judd 160 0 1 S MacDonald-R 164 7 ASJ Fleming 159 0 1 JJ Skielnik 163 8 BJ Izzard 158 0 1 RJ Wilcox 158 9 CR Squires 158 ½ ½ CJ Mann 15910 RH Clark 158 1 0 PS Brown 15711 MJ Reddie 156 1 0 DF Hill 17412 LJ Cannon 154 0 1 SR Jones 14213 DG Ratcliffe 153 0 1 PD Dupre 15614 G Parker 146 1 0 PR Archer 15215 PR Selby 148 1 0 PE Barnard 15216 RD Hirsch 144 1 0 FC Manning 134(Hassocks) 8 7Sussex claim their opponents were called Kent, but it doesn't look like a Kent team to us.\* Mr Power has been ruled ineligible under SCCU Rule 15(b), and the match result has been adjusted accordingly. See page 5. |  Essex\* 21.1.95 SussexD Smith 152 (r) ½ ½ SON Hawes 173 (B)DJ Millward 172 1 0 IG Kelly 168PC Doye 171 1 0 C Hann 168CR Ramage 171 0 1 E Pesonen 166ID Hunnable 169 ½ ½ K Davies 161TD Whitton 168 ½ ½ ASJ Fleming 159SD Harvey 168 1 0 CR Squires 158CFH Dorn 166 0 1 RH Clark 158R Waldteufel 162 ½ ½ D Banks 158A King 161 1 0 MJ Reddie 156NH Twitchell 160 1 0 LJ Cannon 154JA Philpott 157 ½ ½ DG Ratcliffe 153SM Williams 152 1 0 DL Roberts 145S Harwood 150 1 0 RD Hirsch 144PR Barclay 146 0 1 G Scamardella 138MRA Murrell 137 1 0 T Woods 129(Wanstead) 10½ 5½ |

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|  Sussex\* 14.1.95 Kent\* 1 G Parker 146 (B) 1 0 MR Wiltshire 149 2 PR Selby 148 0 1 DJR Barnes 148 3 FW Brown 148 ½ ½ SC Howell 147 4 RC Davies 147 1 0 SR Pierce 141 5 IK Edgson 146 0 1 GF Steele 147 6 DBA Hughes 145 ½ ½ RW Parsons 146 7 RD Hirsch 144 1 0 IA Hames 147 8 RA Clement 144 1 0 FW Ingram 148 9 RR Harper 141 0 1 RF Pooley 14010 MI Wickens 142 ½ ½ RC Shilling 14011 D Hall 139 ½ ½ PL Childs 13912 KA Andrews 141 1 0 RB Parkin 13513 A Bradbury 141 1 0 def14 PCL Bradford 138 ½ ½ R Dugdale 12715 MR Hickman 138 1 0 BES Hunter 13116 S Wilson 131 1 0 P Poland 124(Brighton) 10½ 5½ |  Surrey\* 14.1.95 EssexEJ Brodie 149 (B) ½ ½ AD Hartland 149R Shorthouse 148 0 1 PR Barclay 146JB Hawson 145 1 0 A Drake 146 def 0 1 RD Sharman 145STK Wilkinson 143 ½ ½ TE Winter 141SR Jones 142 ½ ½ S Taylor 140JED Hale 141 ½ ½ S Armour 137T Phillips 141 1 0 P Zammitt 138D Spearman 141 1 0 DJ Rawlings 137JR Bell 136 ½ ½ R Weeber 136JW Halls 136 0 1 T Hebbes 134KN Mehendale 132 ½ ½ LT Sargent 132 def 0 1 DG Cannan 128DA Baldock 131 ½ ½ I Maclachlan 128PM Shaw 110 0 1 L Burtt -D Parsons 103 1 0 M Tucker 102(Sutton) 7½ 8½ |

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|  Kent A\* 3.12.94 Oxon\* 1 G Battye 124 (B) 0 1 AJ Wyeth 124 2 N Whitmore 122 0 1 G Reynolds 122 3 AP Fabian 122 0 1 J Booker 122 4 SC Mills 121 1 0 A Collins 114 5 JT Davies 121 ½ ½ JD Wood 118 6 EJ Downham 119 1 0 L Collins 117 7 DSJ Shipp ½ ½ G Spalding 116 8 I Clark 120 1 0 L Smith 16 9 J Robertson 111 0 1 S Crockart 11110 F Hiron 109 ½ ½ G Hodgson 11011 IB Bryan 109 1 0 P Staniland 10812 IC Smith 105 0 1 D Foreman -13 NP Webb 104 0 1 M Brindley 10814 def 0 1 IR Brook 10515 K Cowan 97 ½ ½ DAS Buckland 9616 def 0 1 D Metcalfe 110(Orpington) 6 10 |  Essex\* 3.12.94 Middx\*M Bradford 123 1 0 S Lazarz 122 (W)R Hayley 121 1 0 A Johnstone 121C Barrett 123 1 0 D Ramsey 121P Sheehan 122 ½ ½ R Maddock 121R Joyce 121 0 1 G Smith 120G Benger 115 0 1 Nigel Bye e120T Allen 115 0 1 R Hamilton 116D Hughes 113 ½ ½ L Toledo 115J Figgins 112 1 0 S Fenyvesi 114E Lodge 112 ½ ½ G Gwilliams 114B Twinn 110 1 0 J Marchant 113N Hopgood 107 ½ ½ A O'Hara 112P Kemp 103 1 0 A Hall 110P Pattison 107 0 1 B Steele 110R Foster 104 0 1 S MyattR Medcalf 105 ½ ½ Mark Ward e105(Wanstead) 8½ 7½ |
|  Middx\* 14.1.95 Sussex 1 S O'Brien 124 0 1 K Lucas 121 (B) 2 M Johnson 124 ½ ½ P Benson 124 3 G Sweetland 124 1 0 C Dunn 123 4 R Okrzeja 123 ½ ½ PJ Helliwell 124 5 S Lazarz 122 1 0 A Ballard 123 6 R Maddock 121 ½ ½ C Parker 123 7 D Ramsey 121 1 0 (A Racham (r))\* 8 A Johnstone 121 1 0 N Pestelle 118 9 G O'Grady 121 1 0 M Plumb 12110 S Ronksley 124 0 1 L Racham 12011 K Hiron 116 1 0 E Hillier 10912 R Hamilton 116 1 0 M Curtis 11313 L Toledo 115 0 1 G McCulloch 12014 S Fenyvesi 114 1 0 SP Deere 11015 J Marchant 113 0 1 P Buswell 10516 A O'Hara 112 0 1 P Baldwin 111(Chess & Bridge) 9½ 6½\* We guess that Mr Racham won quickly on bd 10 then played a friendly on 7. Haven't checked. |  |

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JUNIOR NEWS

DUPREE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT at Brighton 5-6 January 1995

Under 21 (10 pl) 1-2 James Bosworth (Camb U), James Haestier (?Patcham HS) 7½/9; 3-4 Jamie Baker (?Barker) (Varndean 6th Form College), Marc Ely (Dorothy Stringer) 7...

Under 15 (12 pl) 1-2 Rhys Bowen, John Bryant (both D Stringer) 10/11; 3 Asa Bayram (DS) 9...

Under 12 (18 pl) 1 Edward Lamb (Balfour) 15/17; 2 Nicholas Street (DS) 14; 3-6 Peter Baker (St Lukes), Geoffrey Noronka (St Andrews), Tom Kirk, Jimmy McGillicuddy (both DS) 13... Results Paul Watson

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NYCA UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIPS at Stoke on Trent 26.11.94

Championship Section 1 Kent A 26/36; 2 Gtr Manchester A 24½; 3 Hants 21; 4 Surrey 19; 5 Warwicks A 18½; 6 Richmond 17½; 7-8 Somerset A, Humberside 14½; 9 Wilts 14; 10 Bucks 10½

"Major" Section (22 teams played) 1 Cheshire A 29½/36; 2 Kent B 28; 3 Yorks 25; 4 Derbyshire A 24½; 5 Gtr Manchester B 23½; 6-7 Glamorgan A, Staffordshire A 23...

Minor Section 1 Kent C 34/36; 2 Lancs C 23½; 3 Glamorgan C 22; 4 Derbyshire C 17; 5 Leics C 8½; 6 Leics D 3

Results Roger Holmes. The Championship Section was restricted to the top 10 teams from last year; a promotion and relegation system will operate in future. Kent observe that this will promote their B team, so it's at least 2 up 2 down.

SCCU MIXED TEAMS JAMBOREE at Chalk Farm we guess, 3rd December 1994

U140 Division I (8 bds, at least 2 of each sex) 1 Kent 10/16; 2-3 Surrey A, Essex 9; 4 Herts 7; 5 Middx A 5

U140 Div II (8,2) 1 Middx B 8½/16; 2 Surrey B 7½ and you've already worked out that no one else played.

U100 Division (12,4) 1 Essex 16/24; 2 Herts 8 (ditto)

BHB writes: I aim to run a similar event in a year's time, as it was felt to be successful... This is preferable to separate Open and Girls events... 26 players out of 80 were girls..." (The Bulletin makes that 4 more than the rules required.)

CANTERBURY JUNIOR 2rd December 1994

Under 18 Major (12 pl) 1 Mark Roberts 5½/6; 2-3 Paul Fenn, John Potter 4½; 4-5 Thomas Walton, Philip Brown 3½...

Under 18 Minor (17 pl) 1 Simon Thanesan 5/6; 2-3 Alex Blake, Ian Moore 4½; 4-6 Dominic Bennett, Stephen Casement, Wil Pretty 4...

Under 12 (45 pl) 1 Liam Hylands (Essex) 6/6; 2 Matthew Sommer (Berks) 5½; 3 Paul Higgins 5; 4-5 Matthew Avery, James Warren 4½...

Under 10 (40 pl) 1 Amanda Sinden 5½/6; 2-3 Andrew Welch, Thomas Simpson 5; 4-6 Amir Habibi, Paul Gilberts, Emily Manuel 4½...

Under 8 (10 pl) 1-2 Edmund Birkenshaw, David Ridout 8/9; 3-4 Mark Dickinson, Zakery Bennett 7...

THE WELCH REPORT

The Report finally arrived about the beginning of December, and was considered by the SCCU Executive at a meeting specially convened on the 9th at the Friends House. Sixteen (we think) officers and delegates were joined by WE Waterton (Surrey) and J Rosenberg (Essex) as observers.

 Don't know anything about it?

Where have you been? But in a nutshell, at the last Surrey Congress Louise Sinclair complained on the afternoon of Saturday 2nd April that her opponent was cheating by receiving advice. The handling and rejection of her claim, and subsequent delays over her appeal, led to ill feeling and an undignified confrontation at the control table in the course of which Louise Sinclair fell to the floor, allegedly punched by Alec Webster, a senior controller (and BCF Arbiter). Next day Mr Webster had a scuffle on the stairs with Gary Cook, a friend of Ms Sinclair; each claimed to have been attacked. These events and allegations seemed serious enough to warrant an independent inquiry, and the SCCU commissioned David Welch, BCF Chief Arbiter, to undertake one. Mr Welch chose Richard Furness and Alex McFarlane, both Senior Arbiters, to assist him in his inquiry. None of the three, of course, comes from the SCCU.

 The Surrey Association set up its own inquiry, chaired by DA Coleman, whose report has been kindly made available to the Executive. It has supplemented our information here and there.

The Report: Summary

You don't want a full copy of the Report. It runs to four densely typed sides of A4 and could easily have been longer if they'd put everything in. But the affair has had wide currency, through rumour and in the press, and it would be wrong not to summarise the findings in some detail. So here goes, and we've added notes where it seemed appropriate. Items in double quotes are direct citations from the Report. Two or three names, including that of Ms Sinclair's opponent, have been edited out.

 Methodology.

Given the constraints of time and money, it was not possible to question all the parties involved. "The Committee based all its recommendations and observations on the written statements which were submitted to it." The Bulletin asked, at the Executive meeting, how the Committee had gone about collecting submissions. The reply was that Mr Welch had contacted individuals, requesting whatever statements he thought necessary. It was also clear that some people had made submissions on their

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own initiative. A delegate alleged, at the Executive meeting, that more than one person had offered evidence and not been taken up on it. The allegation was vague and the Bulletin does not know the truth of it.

 The Game.

"It is the opinion of the Inquiry that the behaviour of both players left a lot to be desired." (The Coleman Report refers to suggestions of 'gamesmanship' on both sides.) Ms Sinclair spent part of the time standing and leaning over the board, in what might have been considered a distracting or intimidating manner. (We have heard it said, and the Inquiry team may or may not have done, that this was due to back trouble.) "Some people considered Ms Sinclair's mode of attire to have been inappropriate for a chess tournament and this is a possible starting point for the increasing irritation between the two players." (Welch gives no details, makes no judgment, and confines himself to what's quoted here. We didn't think the details relevant either, but Ms Sinclair gives some in her letter.)

 Ms Sinclair's opponent frequently left the board between moves and went and chatted to a group of friends, causing Ms Sinclair to suspect cheating. Ms Sinclair complained (in the first instance) to Kevin Thurlow, a BCF Arbiter who was controlling a different event in the same area. Mr Thurlow, being a friend of hers, was unwilling to intervene but Richard Banbury, the controller of Ms Sinclair's event, issued a warning to her opponent. Mr Webster, who was controlling a different event again in a different area, was made aware of the situation but did not, at this stage, become involved.

 The opponent continued to chat to friends between moves. An hour or two later Ms Sinclair made specific allegations of cheating to Mr Webster. He found these unproven and instructed Ms Sinclair to continue the game while he went and repeated the warning. Ms Sinclair declined to continue, claiming that her clock should be stopped while the matter was dealt with, and (about 20 minutes later, we believe) her flag fell in a lost position and she was awarded a loss on time. The Report: "Evidence of actual cheating is sketchy... As Ms Sinclair was not involved in that warning there was no need for Mr Webster to stop her clock. Ms Sinclair's subsequent loss on time was entirely her own responsibility."

 Notes: As regards the clock, one account at least has it that Ms Sinclair's complaint to Mr Webster took place away from the board while her clock ran. We do not know at what stage she asked for her clock to be stopped, nor what information the Inquiry had. Presumably neither the complaint nor the warning took 20 minutes. As regards the cheating, Mr Thurlow, in a letter dated 3rd May 1994 and copied to all clubs in Surrey, makes first-hand allegations of cheating which are very specific indeed. This letter was also copied to Mr Welch but the Inquiry seems not to have found it conclusive.

 The Report criticises the control team for not taking action sooner to defuse the situation by breaking up the group of chatterers. Mr Banbury, not a BCF Arbiter, sought advice; Mr Webster, in a different room, may not immediately have appreciated the potential for disturbance. Despite his friendship with Ms Sinclair "Mr Thurlow could be considered negligent in his duties as an arbiter in doing nothing about such a group... If Mr Webster did anything wrong it was to allow himself to be overloaded with responsibility."

 The Appeal.

Ms Sinclair submitted a written appeal. "The appeal by Ms Sinclair was not specific. Against which decision by Mr Webster did she appeal? Was it with regard to [her opponent] or was it with regard to the clock? We believe the Congress Committee was correct to uphold Mr Webster's decisions on both counts, though in reaching its conclusion the Committee should have considered all available evidence. It did not consider Mr Thurlow's statement nor interview Mr Banbury." (Mr Thurlow, by this time, had assumed the unequivocal role of 'Ms Sinclair's friend'.) Mr Waterton, at the Executive meeting, said the Committee had in fact both interviewed Mr Banbury and considered Mr Thurlow's statement.

 Ms Sinclair said she would not play in the following round, and did not do so. She was, however, present. It is unclear whether she had withdrawn from the tournament or merely requested a half-point bye pending a decision on her appeal. The Welch Report finds that this should have been clarified. It also criticises the considerable delay in telling Ms Sinclair of the decision.

 The alleged Punch.

According to two witnesses (Mr Waterton and David Sedgwick, SCCU President) Ms Sinclair approached the control table and shouted abuse, then lunged at Mr Webster either twice or repeatedly. He put his arms up to defend himself, but did not hit her. She suddenly stepped back and fell over, clearly shamming. This is also Mr Webster's account. Ms Sinclair's account is that she took a swing in Mr Webster's direction, provoked by unacceptable language on his part; whereupon he twisted her arm and punched her on the temple, knocking her out. She later produced a photograph of her injury; this is not mentioned by the Report, possibly because it could only have constituted indirect evidence.

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 The Report: "These two observers confirm that Mr Webster was the object of the attack and merely defended himself. All the aggression was by Ms Sinclair... The manner of her approach to the control table on the Sunday evening does not seem to have been designed to do anything but escalate the existing problem."

 The Incident on the Stairs.

There were no witnesses to the incident. (Actually the Coleman inquiry appears to have found one, but he was not known to Welch and his evidence does not seem to have been very conclusive.) It emerges that Mr Cook, who had travelled from Southend, had been 'hanging around as if looking for a friend' and actively sought to meet Mr Webster where he did. "Mr Cook implies that a security guard witnessed the incident but there is no statement from this person. We feel it is significant that Security requested Mr Cook to leave the building. They would hardly have done that if they had witnessed an assault on Mr Cook. We are left with the conflicting accounts from the two individuals involved."

THE REPORT'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

 "The control team was short staffed; at least one more arbiter was needed."

 "An event of the stature of the Surrey Easter Congress should have a Chief Arbiter." There was confusion at times over exactly who was responsible for what. "The Appeals Committee should consist of both controllers and players, and be able to meet at short notice." We understand that the Appeals Committee at Sutton consisted of three officials.

 There should be a clearly defined procedure for making appeals, with time scales laid down. (Some detailed suggestions are made.)

 "The organisers should examine the layout of the venue to ensure they are using it to best advantage. They should especially consider the proximity of players to the refreshment area and to the control tables." This related to complaints of excessive noise which were not, we believe, a part of the Inquiry's formal remit.

 "We deplore the publicity given in the Surrey Mirror, the Civil Service Chess Bulletin and Chess Circuit, all of which contain allegations which remain unsubstantiated. The authors of these articles are fortunate that chess is an activity where charges of 'bringing the game into disrepute' are not levelled." The

Bulletin understands that all the articles were written by, or in close collaboration with, Mr Thurlow.

The COLEMAN REPORT addressed other issues as well, but its recommendations are very much in line with Welch. It is somewhat less critical of Mr Thurlow's actions at the congress but concurs with Welch in deploring his subsequent publications. It finds that all Congress officers are fit persons to discharge their duties.

 It is understood that the Surrey Congress Committee have taken the various recommendations on board and intend to make some changes.

THE EXECUTIVE'S DEBATE

The Executive discussed the Report for nearly two hours. There were, of course, a few things to clarify, and a number of recommendations to consider. But having commissioned a report we could scarcely sit down to decide whether it had got the answers right, and the Bulletin was unprepared for the zeal with which every point was dissected, often by individuals seeking to dispute the facts or question the completeness of Mr Welch's information.

 This attempt to keep a dog and bark left us with only four or five minutes to "discuss" our own response (which was why the Bulletin voted against, and it said so). The points were taken en bloc and agreed by 9 votes to 3 with 3 abstentions. The Bulletin cannot quote them verbatim because they were proposed orally without prior notice. Actually there were five so we've conflated two of them anyway, but the substance is there.

1. The Executive notes the Welch Report and thanks Messrs Welch, Furness and McFarlane, together with Mr D Anderton [who checked the Report for legal purposes].

2. The Executive accepts the Inquiry's recommendations and encourages Surrey to do the same.

3. Copies of the Report will be sent to members of the BCF Management Board.

4. The Executive now considers the matter closed, and gives its best wishes to Surrey for next year's Congress.

OTHER THINGS

As remarked in the Coleman Report, arbiters must quite often face conflicts of interest like Mr Thurlow's. The Executive thought it was normal practice for arbiters to carry out their official duties regardless of personal interest, and expect to be trusted.

The Executive was now in a position to decide where next year's SCCU Individual Championship would be held. Answer: Sutton. It was their turn.

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Sponsorship. We reported briefly last time that the BCF was on the verge of agreeing a sponsorship deal for the Counties Open Championship. This is now confirmed. The sponsors are Badger Computers Ltd and the deal has immediate effect. It will benefit counties reaching the National stage. In the first instance the sponsorship is for one year, with Badger having an option to continue for two further years. Their PR consultants, HNI International, are keen to publicise the Union stages as well.

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Dear Sir, 1.1.95

The report commissioned by the SCCU into the Sutton congress 1994 has published several inaccuracies. As one of the persons named in this report I wish to present my case.

 My attire was not inappropriate, I was not wearing a transparent blouse. The only complaints were made by my opponent and [two other people whom Ms Sinclair names, stating their connections with congress officials]. Incidentally David Welch admitted that he had no idea what I had worn. Readers may be interested to learn that comments about my clothes were struck out of the Surrey report.

 I stood at the board as advised by my osteopath, who was treating me for a back problem. It was not to intimidate my opponent.

 Mr Webster flouted the FIDE rules of chess by refusing to stop my clock during the dispute, despite my request for him to do so.

 Whilst awaiting a reply to my appeal I did not withdraw from the tournament, neither did the wall chart indicate that I had. My appeal was specific, I complained about the behaviour of my opponent and the handling of the clock.

 I will also state that I made it clear that the grading points were of no interest to me and I would have been happy had the game been declared null and void.

 Although evidence was published placing Alec Webster in a favourable light, my facial injuries are not mentioned, neither are the photographs of my bruises recorded and the medical evidence I offered is ignored. I note that the statement submitted by David Sedgwick has been spliced. ...I feel concern that the SCCU President should be compromised in this way. I do not believe that this was done with his connivance.

 I am worried that I was not questioned about any of the allegations made against me and I feel concern that my opponent also was not given the opportunity to [speak]. The report clearly relied on speculation... Although myself and my opponent were harshly criticised, Mr Webster appeared as an overworked knight in shining armour.

 I am in possession of the evidence submitted to the SCCU enquiry and may publish the highlights in the future. Readers will judge for themselves the integrity of this report. Have the facts about the congress been examined or is this just an establishment cover-up?

 Yours sincerely,

 Louise S Sinclair London E13

Ed: - I have edited Ms Sinclair's opponent out again. My only other action, call it splicing if you will, has been to omit two short phrases just in case anyone thought them libellous. The phrases are represented by rows of dots and their omission does not distort Ms Sinclair's drift.

 Mr Coleman, while confirming that reference to Ms Sinclair's clothes was deleted from his Report, remarks that it was not "struck out" by any higher authority.

 I asked David Sedgwick whether he felt compromised by the Welch Report, and his response follows.

Dear Richard, 23.1.95

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the part of Ms Louise Sinclair's letter which relates to myself. I should perhaps make clear to readers that I have not seen prior to publication the remainder of Ms Sinclair's letter or your report on the topic.

 It is perfectly clear from the Welch Report that the sections of my statement quoted therein are extracts containing key elements of my evidence. I do not regard this as in any way unreasonable or unfair. Some months ago I sent a copy of my statement to you on the understanding that it was not for publication. Now that the Welch and Coleman Inquiries have both reported, I am happy for you to publish my statement in full if you so wish. Alternatively, I am willing to make a copy available to anyone who so requests.

 The SCCU Executive committee has resolved to close the matter and I do not envisage making any further comment on the incidents of 1994. The Surrey Congress Committee have asked me to be the Chief Arbiter for the 1995 Congress. I have been pleased to accept the invitation and I shall be working to ensure a successful and enjoyable event.

 Yours sincerely,

 David Sedgwick SCCU President

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CONGRESS DIARY

Feb 4 GOLDERS GREEN U150. AN Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982

 4 COUNTY CHESS, London. U140; U115; U90; U75 Girls. R Miller, 17 Heron Rd, Twickenham, Middx

 4 -5 KIDLINGTON. T Williams, 13 Sunderland Avenue, Oxford OX2 8DZ 0865 57428

 5 STOCKPORT Open; U160; U130; U100. Stockport QP, 6 Shropshire Avenue, Binnington, Stockport SK5 8HE

 10-12 ROLLS ROYCE CREWE. RJ Edwards, 490 Chell Heath Rd, Chell Heath, Stoke on Trent ST6 6QD 0782 818560

 11 WESTMINSTER 160+; 121-159; U121. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881

 12 TIVERTON. J Frost, 20 Cowleymoor Rd, Tiverton, Devon EX16 6HH 0884 253844

 17-19 PORTSMOUTH. P McEvoy, 77 Lime Grove, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth PO6 4DQ 0705 388341

 18 COUNTY CHESS U160; U135; U110; U95 Girls. R Miller as 4 Feb

 24-26 SPALDING. F Bowers, 34 Middle Rd, Whaplode, Lincs PE12 6TW 0406 370166

 25-26 BEDS & MILTON KEYNES U18. A Ioannides, Physics Dept, Open University, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA 0908 655005

 26 BASINGSTOKE. JH French, 31 Brocas Drive, Basingstoke RG21 2LS 0256 472537

 26 MILTON KEYNES & OPEN UNIVERSITY. D Phillips, 136 Ransoms Avenue, Milton Keynes MK14 7BH 0908 675587

Mar 3- 5 DONCASTER Open; U166; U136; U106. S Harrison, 5 Springwell Gardens, Balby, Doncaster DN4 9AH 0302 311660

 3- 5 DYFED. TL Jones, Dolnant, Pontgarreg, Llandysul SA44 6AR

 4 COUNTY CHESS U150; U125; U100; U85 Girls. R Miller as 4 Feb

 4- 5 MILL HILL Open; U160; U120. AC Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3HA 0707 659080

 4- 5 SPECTRUM CHESS at Folkestone. Premiere (sic) U180; U140; U105. Les Day, 10 Oaklawn Court, Barton Rd, Torquay, Devon TQ10 4EN 01803 212136. Or Norman Went 01708 551617; they give his address as well and you can decide which one to send your entry form to, but the Bulletin will spare its readers the agony of choice.

 10-12 BLACKPOOL Open; U180; U140; U115; U90. GM Jones, 27 Clarke St, Leigh, Lancs WN7 4HU 01942 604262

 12 GUILDFORD Open; U166; U131; U101. Mike Adams, 13 Queens Drive, Guildford GU2 6PP

 12 TEIGNMOUTH. J Gorodi, 52 Coniston Rd, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 6YJ 0626 55360

 12 NUNEATON. R Woodcock, 188 Coventry Rd, Nuneaton, Warwicks CV10 7AU 0203 348097

 17-19 COUNTY DURHAM Open; U161; U131; U100; U13 Sun only. PR Bielby, 30 Denham Avenue, Sunderland SR6 8HG

 18 COUNTY CHESS as 4 Feb and at last they've got back to the same set of grading limits.

 18-19 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, London. J Weightman, Flat 1, 225a Finchley Rd NW3 6PL 071 435 7205

  28 ATHERTON. G Burton, 46 Edinburgh Drive, Hindley Green, Wigan WN2 4HL 0942 511594

 25 GOLDERS GREEN OPEN. AN Raoof as 4 Feb.

Apr 1 TUNBRIDGE WELLS JUNIOR. RJ Haddrell, 48 Southview Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9BX 01892 532361

OXON: We are sorry to hear that Arthur Mushens of Witney has suffered a stroke. He is slowly recovering. For the moment, Oxford League correspondence should go to JN Walker, 1a Blackthorn Close, Headington, Oxford OX3 9JF 0865 62992; and Oxon correspondence should go to Lester Millin, 12 Rowell Drive, Begbroke, Oxford OX5 1SE 0865 376634.

MIDDX U100 match captain is Stephen Mooring, 30 The Terrace, London SW13 0NR 081 876 2407.

Kings Head CC, "following a change in the ownership and management of the pub", no longer meet at the Kings Head. The Durham Castle, long their match venue, is now their friendly venue as well. Don't know whether they'll change their name.

Quote

"This meeting was originally scheduled for the Durham Castle, but the papers of the meeting correctly said the Friends House. F\*\*\* consequently thinks it's at Tavistocks."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Chess Circuit 1/95; ChessIns for January; and the understamped package we haven't picked up from the sorting office yet.

Issue 222 **EDITORIAL** March 1995

I’ve done it now. A foolscap Bulletin, for reasons I won’t bore you with, meant a daisywheel printer, sub-standard reproduction, and all manner of frustrations with spacing and fonts (and exclamation marks). As I write, I’ve not seen what the new version looks like. The front cover is a question mark. But I hope that your new Bulletin, while still a stencil-and-shoestring affair, will offer some compensations for the antique charm of the old one.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Dear Richard,**

...I would suggest you could have a lost and found section in the Bulletin. I am at present carrying two pullovers in the back of my car... If nobody makes a claim I shall give both garments to Oxfam or some other charity in the summer. Yours sincerely,

 **fred manning** Match Captain, Surrey I/III

Consider it open. One is brown, found at Berks venue 15 Oct; the other is navy blue, found at Sutton 28 Jan.

**Dear Richard,** 25 February 1995

With rules so much at the forefront, readers may be interested in a couple of minor incidents in my own games this year. I should mention that my own attitude to play is to play for fun and get a fair result, not to get game points at all costs.

 1. Guildford club match in the Border League (36 moves in 1h30 then adjourn or adjudicate): my opponent soon after making his move 30 and after stopping his clock and starting mine, with 1 or 2 min for his remaining 6 moves against about 5 min for mine, offered me a draw in a complicated unclear position. To minimise this distraction in my thinking time I said a quick “no”, then thought for about 3 min, then said I was accepting, whereupon my opponent said the draw was no longer on offer. So I stopped the clock and insisted on the draw on the grounds of: (1) an offered draw cannot be retracted on the move; (2) the draw was illegally offered in my own time. In fact, having declined the draw, point (1) ceased to be true (see Art.10.7); but I would argue that holding to the draw was a reasonable penalty against (2) (under Art.10.8). In fact my opponent fairly soon graciously accepted the draw without further argument.

 2. Kent II county match (35 moves in 1h45, then rest in 30min): having passed the 35-move time control with 1h31 on my clock and 1h01 on my opponent’s, I found myself at move 72, with about 30sec left against about 30min for my opponent, defending a K + R v K + R + P ending with my K effectively (though not actually) in front of the P and my opponent’s K about 2 rows behind the P. Believing this to be a clear book draw but not thinking I had enough time to play it out carefully, I stopped the clock and claimed a draw under what is QP-Finish rule 16, on the 2nd grounds, viz that “it is not possible to win by normal means”. (My opponent was still clearly trying to win over the board, although I had the impression that he had been playing the ending more quickly than necessary on his clock, and thereby not as well as he might have, because presumably he was hoping to win partly through my time trouble.) My opponent (a junior) and several experienced seniors around were somewhat taken aback by this, one even suggesting we should just play on. But both captains, after a little consultation, agreed my action was correct and the situation should be referred to the County Match Controller with the match result, more in the spirit of seeking confirmation rather than as a claim.

 I think most active players probably more or less know the essentials of the main Laws of Chess (as shown by the lack of much argument over incident (1). But it seemed obvious to me that several experienced county players did not know about QP-finish rule 16, probably the most significant rule in QP-finishes. As they don’t all read the SCCU Bulletin, can I suggest a little circular to regular players, via their captains, on this subject? I don’t actually relish scoring points through my opponents’ ignorance, but equally I don’t see why I should be penalised because of it. Armed with the correct knowledge, my opponent might have thought harder and beaten me through playing better chess, clearly the intent of the rules.

 Yours sincerely

 **h trevor jones** Guildford

PS On the proposed publication of interim grading lists (issue 121:2). I disagree with one of Martin Cath’s comments. It would be quite possible to publish interim (and incomplete) grading lists without requiring graders to use two lists at once in their calcu­lations. Just base all calculations on the old Autumn list, and treat the interim one merely as an information service to players.

 Ed: - The Postscript was suggested by a telephone call from HTJ, shortly after I received his letter, and its wording is mine. I agree with him, as it happens, and not just with graders’ convenience in mind. Using up-to-date interim grades in calculations is obviously correct, if you want grading to be as accurate and sensitive as
possible. Only you have to do it right! The interim grades must logically be accompanied by a new, and complete, master list for graders’ use. Otherwise you’re using up-to-date grades for people with (say) 10 games in the first half-year, and old grades for people with 9. That can’t be right.

 HTJ’s claim for a draw was subsequently upheld, and the opponents have appealed.

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**Dear Mr. Haddrell,** 5.2.95

Thank you for the SCCU Bulletin, which arrived this morning. Please note my new address (formerly 43, Stuart Road). Perhaps you would be good enough to publicise this: there are 4 entries against my name in the new BCF year book. One of them is for a different P. Walker and two of them show my old address.

 I enclose some results, on disk, but include a printed version, just in case you can’t read them. I use Amipro - you should be able to import these to Word 6.0. If you have problems, I’m happy to provide telephone support at 0% of my usual fee!

 You will notice that my own children’s performances in some of the events were rather good. I would prefer that others blow their trumpets for them, but part of my job as County Junior Organiser is to publicise results from Essex. Besides, this is why Essex pay for my subscription to the SCCU Bulletin.

 Some other information: the F. Pulley shown as Essex board 4 v Herts (u100) in a previous SCCU bulletin is actually the same Frank Gulley as played against Middlesex. The Joe Sansom (Bd 4, Middx v Essex u100) is indeed Joe Sansom. **peter walker**

 62 East St, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6LH

Ed: Right name is Gulley. Afraid I haven’t publicised the Essex-Junior extract from the Ilford results. If someone were to send the Ilford results, I’d publish those.

 Word gets quite petulant about Amipro. When Mr Walker spelt it like that it wanted AmiPro, then when I spelt it AmiPro it wanted Amipro. The underlying point is that, however it spells it, it can’t read it. So I pretended the letter was a text file, and edited out the embedded codes and things. If you know a better way of doing this, tell me. (A better way, for a document of this length, is typing it out again. For a longer document, with a higher ratio of text to embedded code, that might not be the case.)

 Trevor Jones sent his letter three ways - once on paper, once as a word processor file in some format foreign to me, and once as a text file. My beast read the text file easily. This seems to be the answer. The beast is literate in Word and Word Perfect (various versions), but if you’ve got anything else it would like a text file please. I think most word processors can save documents in text form if you ask them nicely.

**Dear Richard,** 13.3.95

I was interested to read Dinah Norman’s letter in the SCCU Bulletin, and in every other chess magazine. I’m always reluctant to compare the state of English tournaments to the situation in the US because there are, no doubt, such substantial differences between the chess culture in both countries. However, as a player graded 190 who (allegedly) has very few chances of picking up prizes I thought I could add usefully to the debate.

 What Dinah suggests is that there are not enough active tournament players in the 170-200 bracket because they can’t win prizes or because they don’t want to play opponents substantially stronger than themselves. The situation for the 190 player who has to enter Opens and cannot win grading prizes or (allegedly) the main prizes is that same situation which exists for the player graded 121 who has to enter the Major U160 section of the congress - but they don’t complain about “three or four 150+ players turning up and winning all the prizes”, do they? Sometimes we just have to acknowledge that we play chess for fun, and not for money. Many of us play chess for the express purpose of improving our game against strong opposition.

 What does Dinah truly seek to achieve? Is it to increase the number of players in the 170-200 bracket participating in tournaments or is it to increase the number of tournaments at which those players might win prize money? The two things are not the same.

 If we are going to look at the situation in the US as a model then let us look at the whole situation, not just a few aspects. In the UK chess clubs and matches in leagues are the basis of chess activity, whilst counties prefer to put their efforts into promoting inter-county matches and competitions. If I were a cynic who wanted to maximize the number of people playing in the top sections of the opens then I would scrap county matches and leagues.

 In the States the basis of chess is the weekend tournament. Even then, a casual examination of my latest copy of “Chess Horizons” (New England) shows that the typical weekend event is much smaller than the typical British swiss. Most large US tournaments are sponsored four-round swisses on Saturdays and Sundays (no late Friday or Saturday rounds) in up to six sections. Ratings are published every six months and the grading information is incorporated into the list in the correct chronological order. Frankly I do not trust British grades enough to split events into sections with 25 point grading bands.

 The local associations maintain an official diary of events which meet their standards and act as coordinators so that new organisers do not just dump clashing new events onto the calendar. Organisers are also required to send graders information promptly and guarantee prize funds which obliges most organisers to word their leaflets most carefully. In the US the local chess associations are powerful forces with professional organisers who get paid for their full-time efforts.

 Sadly I think weekend chess in London and the South-East has been damaged not by tournament formats (I think that the ideal tournament format is one where I am the highest graded player, indeed the only player, so I get a section and the prizes to myself, Ho-Ho) but by rising rents, the depression, and cynical organisers who grandly promise attractive prize funds (justifying charging high entry fees) and then repeatedly slash the prizes when the 222:3
entries “prove insufficient”. I recently played in a well-known London event which that day enjoyed a record turnout. I later discovered that the prizes had still been trimmed. Players have come to expect a low standard of service from organisers, and are rewarded with just that. I gave up playing county matches because I resented travelling long distances to play one game of chess. But many players prefer county matches because of the team spirit, and the fact that they do not have to give up an entire weekend to chess when their work, social and family commitments do not permit it.

 I think that players based in the South-East (as both Dinah and myself are) should look for a lead to the superb, well organised tournaments organised in the Midlands, where they regularly pull in sponsors and run events in pleasant hotel venues and attract players in numbers which would stun most of us (300 for a quickplay) because they provide accommodation possibilities and trouble-free car parking and run the events efficiently with enough arbiters to keep on top of all the work and surprises that tournaments involve.

 Yours sincerely,

 **adam raoof** London NW4 4NF

Incidentally, the editor of “Chess Horizons” says he can accept contributions in over twenty formats and goes on to list them.. but I think he’s just showing off.

**JUNIOR NEWS**

**SCCU U18 JAMBOREES**

4th March 1995 at Haversack: 40 in 100 min then QPF 20/20

**MAJOR COUNTIES** (in right-hand column, all the Whites “floated” up from the board below)

 White Black White Black

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|  1 James Vigus 195 K 0 1 T H-Edwards 206 M 2 R Bates 211 S 1 0 Jeffrey Titmas 180 K 3 Joel Newman 172 K ½ ½ Blair Connell 210 S 4 Lee Jacobs 167 M 0 1 Mark Roberts 151 K 5 Nick Harmer 151 S 1 0 David J Titmas 148 K 6 Michael Duggan 163 M 0 1 M Anderson 154 S 7 Robert Shorthouse 147 S 0 1 B Bramham 161 M 8 John D Titmas 136 K 0 1 Alistair Mills 145 S 9 Costas Harris 120 M 1 0 Colin Moore 131 K10 James Mills 136 S 1 0 Paul Saffer 134 M11 Alex Goodman M 0 1 William McKie 136 S12 Ian Moore 80 K 0 1 Geraint Edwards 11M Teams: 1 Surrey 8½/12; 2 Middx 5½; 3 Kent 4 | David Gibeon 169 M 0 1 Mark Ferguson 214 SOliver Rosten 184 S 0 1 Chris Baker 167 M Nathan Alfred 142 K 1 0 Matthew Brief 166 MMatthew Cave 143 M ½ ½ Matthew Noakes 141 KLucy Horton 84 K 1 0 JonathanJohnson 143MChristopher Panayi 135 S 0 1 Philip Richardson 113K |

**MINOR COUNTIES** (no floats)

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|  1 Ben Savage 174 H ½ ½ JovankaHouska 173Br Nigel Cundy 145 E ½ ½ Peter Hastings 158 O 2 Felix Findeison 151 O ½ ½ Steven Willison 131 S Aiden Leech 158 Br 1 0 Tim Hebbes 134 E 3 Ian Henderson 150 Br 1 0 W Whittow 167 Bu Cammill Taank 133 E ½ ½ L Rackham 120 S 4 James Haestier 109 S 1 0 Anthony Challis 116H James Foster 157 Bu 0 1 Daniel Storey 116 E 5 Philip Hobbs 151 Bu 1 0 Nick Kenrick 127 O Matthew Lewsey 103 E 1 0 Mark Waltham 114 H 6 Paul Cocks 110 H 0 1 Chris Bates 102 E John Beaumont 111 O 0 1 MatthewGeorge134Bu 7 Liam Hyland E 1 0 Alan Hawkins 132 Bu Rob Morris 105 H 0 1 Rhys Bowen 81 S 8 Nick Matthewson O 1 0 AdamHumphreys 94H David Haynes 130 Bu 1 0 Gareth Davies 79 Br 9 Ian Gunn E 0 1 Peter Hamborg 88 Br Tat-On Man 62 S 0 1 Jesse Turner 111 O10 Alistair Good O 0 1 Thomas O’Brien 107E Ivana Houska 90 Br ½ ½ David Waltham 84 H11 Terry Coleman 80 H 0 1 Simon Johnson Br Graham Walker 93 E 1 0 Laurence Hunt 83 O12 James Buchanan 66 O 1 0 Daniel Triggs 89 S Sagar Parekh 114 Br 0 1 Robert Giddens 90 E | Paul Bradford 138 S ½ ½ Andrew George 174 BuDaniel Lambourne 168 Bu ½ ½ Nicholas Lee 152 HPatrick Nolan 120 H 0 1 Carl Moxley 135 OScott Crockart 111 O ½ ½ David Gold 124 BrRichard Hogg 114 Br 0 1 Anthony Higgs 96 SMatthew Poulson 87 S 0 1 David Lewis 112 BrKwokhuie Chung Br ½ ½ Stephen Bough 106 O Marc Ely 56 S 0 1 M Silverstone 108 ERemi Strauss H 0 1 J Shuttlewood 125 BuStephen Clark 124 Bu 1 0 Giles Gardner STom Ely 69 S 0 1 Colin Hobbs 121 BuNeil Foster 114 Bu 1 0 David Rogers H |

Teams: 1 Essex 9/12; 2 Bucks 8; 3 Berks 7; 4 Oxon 6; 5 Sussex 4½; 6 Herts 1½. Bucks get a repêchage place in the finals. (And what were *Essex* doing in the Minor Counties?)222:4

**GIRLS FIRST TEAMS** (White floated up on unnumbered boards)

 White Black White Black

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|  1 Alison Swersky M 0 1 Harriet Hunt 209 O Catherine Holmes 128 K ½ ½ Ellen Walker 106 E 2 Lucy Smith 116 O 1 0 C Webster 132 S 3 Beatrice McLeod 101 O 1 0 Ninal Taank 76 E Sophia Flucker 76 M 0 1 Amy Kieran 113 K 4 Emma O’Neil 61 E 0 1 LucyBroomfield 104S 5 Helen Leidecker 75 S ½ ½ Kate Ansell 70 O Corinne Stannard E 0 1 Heather Richards 78K 6 Rachel Reeves 107 K 1 0 Hannah Stafford 76 S | Ruth Bates 135 S 0 1 Jessica Ho 138 KBrenda Cundy 76 E 0 1 Tatjana Trifunovic 84MJoanna Hart 113 S 1 0 Tamar Miller 75 MRosalind Kieran 112 K 1 0 Caroline Cookson 76 OSuzanna Morton 60 M ½ ½ Katie Bates EElspeth Buchanan 62 O 0 1 Fiona McIlreavy M |

Teams: 1 Kent 5½/6; 2 Oxon 3½; 3-4 Middx, Surrey 2½; 5 Essex 1. Middx get repêchage place, Essex nominated for Minor Counties.

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| **GIRLS SECOND TEAMS** (White floated up in right-hand column) White Black White Black |
|  1 Rebecca Larking 89 S 1 0 Helen Sender 78 M 2 Helena White 83 K 0 1 Jaimini Kothari 86 S 3 Priya Kothari 75 S 0 1 Amanda Jones K 4 def M 0 1 Delia Caneppele 54 S 5 Emily Manuel 78 K 1 0 Hannah Storer 63 M 6 Melanie Appleby S 1 0 def K | Katie Preiskel M 0 1 Eleanor Reeves 90 KLucy Horton 84 K 1 0 Nina D’Cruz 56 MNaomi Attar M 0 1 Annabel Yadoo 85 S |

Teams: 1 Surrey 5/6; 2 Kent 4; 3 Middx 0

Yes, Lucy Horton (Kent) played in the Major Counties as well as the Girls Second Teams. She won quickly in the Girls, then went and replaced an absentee.

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| “For grading only”: |
|  Heather Walker 43 E 0 1 Delia Caneppele 54 S | Melanie Appleby S 1 0 Alexander O’Neil E |

**BASILDON JUNIOR CHESS CONGRESS**, 20/11/94.

**Under-18** Section (incorporating under-16s) 1st Karl Mah (Wanstead) 5½/6

**Under-16** 1st Lucy Broomfield (Norwood) 4/6

**Under-14** 1st David Kraushaar (Ipswich) 6/6

**Under-12** 1st= David Ho (Maidstone), Liam Hylands (Colchester) 5½/6

**Under-10** 1st Graham Walker (Temple Sutton School, Southend) 6/6

**Under-8** 1st Heather Walker (Temple Sutton School, Southend) 6/6

**BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS** 21-22 January 1995

**Open** (11 pl) 1 Joseph Conlon (Douai) 4½/5; 2 Aiden Leech (St Bernards)4; 3 Richard Hogg (Altwood) 3½...

**Under 15** (6 pl) 1-2 Alex Edmans (St Pauls), David Gold (Reading) 4½/5...

**Under 13** (11 pl) 1 Edward Armstrong (Oratory) 6/7; 2 Malcolm Bovey (Cippenham) 5½; 3 Thomas Whipple (Reading) 5...

**Under 12** (20 pl) 1 Matthew Sommer (College Town) 6/7; 2 Marcus Coupe (Rotherham) 5½; 3-4 James Foster (John Rankin), Hayden Lossock (Aylesbury) 5...

**Under 11** (19 pl) 1 Artemy Kalinin (Douai) 6/7; 2-3 James Foster (John Rankin), Matthew Sommer (College Town) 5½; 4-5 Josiah Lutton (Basildon), Simon Murtagh (Holyport) 5...

**Under 10** (12 pl) 1 Ezra Lutton (Basildon) 6½/7; 2-3 Leila Nathoo (Richmond), Andrew Navias (Cheapside) 5; 4 Oliver Coddington (Fareham) 4½...

**Under 9** (12 pl) 1 Ezra Lutton (Basildon) 5½/7; 2-4 Graham Hargreaves (Beenham), Graham Morris (Abingdon), Tom Winfield (Portsmouth) 5; 5 Kenji Nicholas (Stoke Poges) 4...

Under 8 (13 pl) 1-2 Josiah Lutton (Basildon), Kenji Nicholas (Stoke Poges) 5/6; 3-5 William Foster (John Rankin), Colin Kay (Guildford), Charlotte Wilcox (Willenhall) 4... Results Nigel Dennis

**NYCA UNDER 16 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS** at Q Marys GS Walsall 11th March 1995

**Championship:**1 Surrey 30½/36; 2 Warwicks 28; 3 Kent 27½; 4 Gtr Manchester 26; 5 Richmond 23½; 6 Wilts 22; 7 Bucks 19; 8 Glamorgan 18½; 9 Yorks 17; 10 Leics 15; 11 Berks 14½; 12 Staffs 11½; 13 Derbys 11; 14 Northants 10; 15-16 Lincs, Ches & N Wales 7.

**“Major” section:** 1 Kent B 31/36; 2 Gtr Manchester B 29½; 3 Warwicks B 26½; 4 Derbys B 23; 5 Glam B 22; 6 Leics B 16½; 7 Derbys C 13½; 8 Ches & N Wales 12; 9 Leics C 5; 10 Leics D 0.

**EPSCA UNDER 9 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**: Southern Zone Qualifier at Whitstable 18th March 1995

1 Richmond 29/36; 2 Wey Valley 27½; 3 Kent 26½; 4 Essex 21; 5 Bucks 20½; 6 Barnet 18; 7 NW London 14; 8 Berks 13; 9 Hants 12½; 10 Wilts 12; 11 S London 4. The top 6 qualified for the finals.

**“TIMES” BRITISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP** 222:5

**Interzonal Round 1**: Hampton School (16.4) 6 0 Christs Hospital Horsham (15.11); Kings Peterborough (16.0) \*3 3 Stamford (16.2); Arden Solihull(12.9) \*3 3 Q Marys Walsall (16.6); Maidstone GS (14.9) 4 2 Trinity Croydon (15.2); Bluecoat Liverpool (13.8) \*3 3 Lancaster RGS (16.6); Monmouth (16.4) 3½ 2½ Bishop Wordsworths Salisbury (15.0); Truro (16.5) 4½ 1½ Torquay (15.11); Southend High School(16.2) 5 1 St Teresas Ipswich (10.3); Haberdashers Elstree (16.3) 6 0 Christs College Finchley (16.0)

**Round 2** draw: Batley GS v Manchester Grammar; Hampton v Haberdashers; Kings v Arden; Maidstone GS v St Pauls; Methodist College Belfast v Bluecoat; Monmouth v Truro; Perth High School v RGS Newcastle; Southend v Ipswich School

**Plate:** Since last year there is also a Plate competition for Zone runners-up. Round 2 draw, for schools recognised as SCCU: RGS Guildford or Cavendish School v Westminster School; RGS High Wycombe v Hasmonean High (who?). Results Mitchell Taylor

**KENT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** at Langley Park, Beckenham, 28th January 1995

**Under 18** (14 pl) 1 James Vigus 5/6; 2 Joel Newman 4½; 3-4 David Moskovic, John Potter 4...

**Under 16** (10 pl) 1-2 Catherine Holmes, Nathan Alfred 4½/6; 3-5 Paul Bradford, Sam Coates, Matthew Noakes 4...

**Under 14** (43 pl) 1 Martin Taylor 5½/6; 2-4 David Titmas, John Titmas, Jessica Ho 5; 5-7 Timothy Holmes, Trevor Jarrett, Heather Richards 4½...

**Under 11** (54 pl) 1 David Ho 5½/6; 2-3 Stephen Casement, Peter Titmas 5; 4-8 Matthew Avery, Emily Manuel, Steven Pretty, Paul Richards, Matthew Rogers 4½...

**KENT** schools chess risks domination by Maidstone GS for the next year or three. Apart from winning the local zone of the “Times”, they have already won this year’s Kent Senior Championship and are in the final of both U16 and U13. We won’t let them play in the U11. Suspected main culprits are strong chess activity in feeder schools, and the huge and active Maidstone club.

**SURREY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** at Whitgift, Croydon, 18-19 March 1995

**Under 18/16** 1-3 (and all U16s) L Bayli (Teddington), M Broomfield (St Anselms), M Campbell (RGS) 4½; 4-5 R Manvatkar (Whitgift), M Reuter (KCS) 3½...

**Under 15/14** 1 L Broomfield (St Marys) 7; 2 S Garrett (Cheam: U14) 6; 3 S Lobb (Ingram) 5; 4 S Lock (Glyn) 4..

**Under 13** 1-2 S Patel (Trinity), R Rattray (Tiffin) 5; 3-4 C Bates (Sutton GS), J Shaheed (Wilsons) 4½...

**Under 12 A** 1-2 K Feld, M Feld (Danes Hill); 3-5 A Brims (Greenshaw), T Leung (Glyn), S Robati (RGS) 4...

**Under 12 B** 1 A Yadoo (LE Holles) 5½; 2 M King (Danes Hill) 5; 3-4 D Bushell, O Luen (Shrewsbury) 4...

Results AJW Thorn

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**GUILDFORD QUICKPLAY** 12th March 1995 attracted 241 players including 91 juniors.

**Premier** (31 ent) 1 Aaron Summerscale (Hackney) 6/6; 2-5 Blair Connell (Guildford), Andy Hammond (Kings Head), Philip Rossiter (Cavendish), Peter Kemp 4½... grading U186 Simon Williams (Hart) 4

**Under 166** (49 ent) 1-2 Gian Bimbatti (Nottingham Univ), Paul Dupré (Addlestone) 5½/6; 3-5 Stephen Deall (Southampton), Brian Johnson (Salisbury), Dominic Tunks (Emsworth) 4½... grading U150 GCW Coomber (Redhill) 4; Junior Ian Henderson (Earley) 4

**Under 131** (58 ent) 1 Leigh Debbage (Thamesdown) 5½/6; 2-4 Mark Campbell (RGS Guildford), Matthew King (Danes Hill), Scott Crockart (Didcot) 5... grading 110-119 Neil Crees (Guildford) 4½; U110 Gavin Lock (Crawley) 4. junior James Mills (Ashtead) 4½

**Under 101** (103 ent) 1 Kevin Baggs (Hoddesdon) 6/6; 2 S Clark 5½; 3-8 Tommy Stubbington (Richmond Jrs), Trevor Talbot (Basingstoke), Kate Feld (Danes Hill), David Cable (Wallington), Moritz Reuter (Kings College), David Laturner (Bracknell) 5... grading U70 M Emson (Dulwich) 4; U60 Jonathan Povah (Guildford), Lorin D’Costa (Royston), Bill Turner (Christs Hospital) 4; ungraded Bob Wooding (Bracknell), John Levitt (Haywards Heath) 4½. junior Steven Garrett (Ashtead), Oliver Coddington (Southampton) 4½. ladies Lucy Broomfield (South Norwood) 4½ Results PM Stimpson

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 **SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: FINAL LEAGUE TABLES**

**OPEN**  C M E K H Sx Sy O Br GP MP

1 Cambs 12 10½ 10½ 12 12 12 10 11½ 90½ 7½

2 Middx 8 14½ 11½ 13½ 12½ 13 13 14 100 7

3 Essex 9½ 5½ 12 11½ 13½ 11 11½ 12½ 87 6

4 Kent 9½ 8½ 8 14½ 12½ 6½ 17 12 88½ 4

5 Herts 8 6½ 8½ 5½ 12 12 13 10½ 76 4

6 Sussex 8 7½ 6½ 7½ 8 10½ \*9½ 12½ 70 3

7 Surrey 8 7 9 13½ 8 9½ 12 8 75 2

8 Oxon 10 7 8½ 3 7 8½ 8 11 63 1½

9 Berks 8½ 6 7½ 8 9½ 7½ 12 9 68 1

**UNDER 175** K E Sx Sy K E Sx Sy GP MP

1 Kent 8½ 8½ 5½ 7½ 11½ 9 50½ 4

2 Essex 7½ 6½ 7½ 8½ 10½ 11 51½ 3

3 Sussex 7½ 9½ 8 4½ 5½ \*8 43 2½

4 Surrey 10½ 8½ 8 7 5 7 46 2½

**UNDER 150** Sx E H Sy K GP MP

1 Sussex 8½ 9½ 8½ 10½ 37 4

2 Essex 7½ 8 8½ 10½ 34½ 2½

3 Herts 6½ 8 9½ 9 33 2½

4 Surrey 7½ 7½ 6½ 10 31½ 1

5 Kent 5½ 5½ 7 5 23 0

**UNDER 125**  M Sx E O Sy Ka Kb GP MP

1 Middx 9½ 7½ 8½ 11½ 8½ 10½ 56 5

2 Sussex 6½ 8½ 8½ 10½ 10 8½ 52½ 5

3 Essex 8½ 7½ 4 10 8 9 47 3½

4 Oxon 7½ 7½ 12 6 10 8½ 51½ 3

5 Surrey 4½ 5½ 6 9 7 8½ 40½ 2

6 Kent A 7½ 6 8 6 9 4 40½ 1½

7 Kent B 5½ 7½ 7 7½ 7½ 12 47 1

**UNDER 100** E H K M E H K M GP MP

4 Essex 6½ 3½ 5 3½ 4 5½ 28 1

 Herts 5½ 4 6½ 8½ 5½ (30) 2/5

1 Kent 8½ 8 7 8 7 (38½) 5/5

 Middx \*6 5½ 5 6½ 6½ 5 34½ 3

\* Match won

**Loose ends**

U100 Kent v Herts 25.2.95 was not played; Herts claim a win, Kent would accept “match void” or re-arrange it.

U175 Sussex v Surrey 10.12.94: score (but not match result) subject to adjustment. Sx appeal on eligibility.

U175 Sussex v Kent 4.2.95: score (but not match result) subject to adjustment. Sx appeal on QPF ruling.

A few more details on page 12.

 The tables are complete but include one result picked up by telephone: U100 MH. We hope to publish full details of this match next time. We will also publish BCF-stage matches for SCCU nominees, if match captains will send them. (Please!)

 Middx - Sx U125 (last issue, p8): your Editor was dozing when he wrote the footnote. Ignore him.

**Nominations** look straightforward, so long as you can remember who the Minor Counties are (your Editor never can). Actually it’s 1 Herts 2 Surrey, but we had to be told. Hope Middx have noticed they’re not an MC now. There is no BCF U100 Championship, but the MCCU run a competition as well and a match is proposed between our respective champions. We believe the BCF have already invited them to play it at Finals Day in Birmingham.

**County Match Quotes**

“It was a pleasure to see Middlesex [U125] transformed from their disgraceful shambles of last year into a well-organised competent team, who did us the courtesy of not enforcing a 2.00 start, and with whom we had a couple of pints in the pub afterwards: very sporting opponents.” - Paul Buswell

 “I think our first win against Kent since 87/88. And Kent’s last season with 3 SCCU defeats [spoke too soon - Ed] was in... No-one can remember.” - JR Cooke

 “Average [grade of team] 162.5 (171 excluding default)”. Eh? Looks like they’re counting their defaulter as grade zero. That’s one way of doing it.

 “Playing extra four boards was hard at first.” - An U125 match captain.

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|  **OPEN** 222:7 |
|  **Essex** 14.1.95 **Herts**\* 1 N Carr 208 (W) 1 0 J Rudge 203 2 M Twyble 216 0 1 S Swanson 202 3 J Rogers 205 1 0 P Maguire 190 4 G Kenworthy 205 1 0 S Roe 198 5 J Hodgson 201 1 0 B Savage 174 6 G Moore 200 0 1 H Tebbs 189 7 A Dunn 198 1 0 K Clark 185 8 K Mah 195 1 0 C Majer 177 9 B Kemish 186 1 0 K Ellis 17610 J Manley 185 1 0 R Brennan 17411 D Sherman 192 1 0 S Tovey 17412 J Nellist 188 ½ ½ S Law 15313 I Myall 184 ½ ½ J Denton 17214 S Kalinsky 183 0 1 B McReamoinn 17115 R Parker 180 0 1 T Ray 159 (r)16 R White 179 ½ ½ D Fewell 17017 S Harris 175 0 1 A Gilfillan -18 R Heppinstall 174 0 1 T Sinkinson 16919 D Millward 172 1 0 J Franks 16520 I Smith 165 0 1 N Lee 153(Wanstead) **11½ 8½** | **Berks**\* 28.1.95 **Cambs**\*MV Houska 208 (W) ½ ½ MJ Turner 227PS Cooksey 197 0 1 JF Parker 224PJ Sharp 190 ½ ½ AR Jones 206HW Murphy 179 1 0 AJ Cohen 204Jovanka Houska 173 ½ ½ AHL Hon 199JP Conlon 179 0 1 MH Thornton 196DS Tucker 171 0 1 D Cristinacce 189IR Henderson 150 0 1 B Hague 183PS Janota 174 1 0 PA Garner 177JT Munday 171 0 1 NDJ Noden 170AJ Cox 164 ½ ½ D Hotham 160MC Bowhay 163 1 0 RM Little 154L Davis 162 1 0 NC Pyper 155SL Freitag 163 ½ ½ M Hasenbusch -AM Leech 158 0 1 PN Best 147PAF Watkins 156 ½ ½ J Wright 142CJ Lyne 158 ½ ½ EM Holland 152SG Gilmour 160 0 1 K Buecker 150BG Millis 149 1 0 J Tabraham 133Mario Houska 129 0 1 P Bisson 123(Bracknell) **8½ 11½** |
|   **Kent**\* 28.1.95 **Sussex**\* 1 AE Hanreck 212 (W) ½ ½ DH Cummings 223 2 NF Dickenson 210 ½ ½ GH James 208 3 IR Watson 206 ½ ½ DB Graham 200 4 S Bibby 202 0 1 B Cafferty 190 5 C Chandler 202 ½ ½ SJ Newman 193 6 D Gormally 196 ½ ½ MD Nicholas 184 7 JD Wager 192 1 0 J Graham 182 8 JN Sugden 191 1 0 PG Farr 182 9 JE Scholes 185 1 0 R Elliston 18110 CI Howell 178 ½ ½ JA Dodgson 18111 D Farndon - 1 0 AO Pickersgill 17812 LJ Smart 181 1 0 RJ Almond 17513 G Botley 186 ½ ½ R O’Brien 17514 RMR O’Kelly 180 ½ ½ IG Kelly 16815 N Donovan 178 0 1 MR Stott 16716 Z Mehmet 170 1 0 CN Hann 16817 M Brougham 165 ½ ½ P Watson 16318 LR Gurr 164 1 0 RH Clark 15819 S Jacobs 162 ½ ½ LJ Cannon 15420 R Winterburn 150 ½ ½ PR Selby 148(Orpington) **12½ 7½** | **Surrey**\* 28.1.95 **Essex**\*APH Kinsman 229 1 0 AP Lewis 210 (B)CKD Holland 205 ½ ½ NL Carr 208C O’Shaughnessy 200 ½ ½ M Twyble 216PD Kemp 195 0 1 DJ Coleman 205RA Allicock 195 0 1 G Kenworthy 205JC Marley 184 1 0 JH Hodgson 201DB Rosen 183 1 0 GJ Moore 200JM Shepley 182 0 1 A Dunn 198BG Whyte 180 1 0 KCC Mah 195Suzanne Connolly- 0 1 JP ManleyKP Mynett 176 ½ ½ IJ Myall 184K Richardson 175 1 0 S Death 185ME Osborne 171 1 0 SM Kalinsky 183PJ Roche 171 ½ ½ R Parker 180PM Stimpson 170 0 1 RP Whyte 179FC Manning 134 (r) 0 1 S Harris 175CR Clegg 166 0 1 GA Reid 171S M-Ross 164 0 1 DJ Millward 172RJ Wilcox 158 1 0 CR Ramage 171K Hurst 156 1 0 SD Harvey 168(Stevenage)  **9 11** |
|   **Middx**\* 28.1.95 **Oxon** 1 SH Berry 220 (B) 1 0 P Jowett 189 2 TA Fatin 216 1 0 M Truran 200 3 S Brown 208 1 0 A Hunt 198 4 RJ McMichael 208 1 0 T Dickinson 188 5 M Lyell 197 1 0 M Devereaux 180 6 A Trifunovic 197 0 1 DG Hackett 184 7 TJ Kett 197 ½ ½ R Nixon 167 8 def 1 0 D Lee 179 9 KR Barnes 190 1 0 R Starkie 17110 C Gant 189 ½ ½ J Stayt 16811 R Sagall 188 1 0 N Jones 16612 NRE Aldritt 192 ½ ½ D Ewart13 J Burke 183 ½ ½ D Bruce 16114 CNJ Rose 183 ½ ½ N Hepworth 15415 MW Tasker 177 1 0 P Hastings 15816 RJ Pearce 180 ½ ½ L Millin 15317 TKH Lee 164 1 0 C Marcus 204618 AM Dunn 159 1 0 M Harrison 15119 WG West 149 0 1 G Alcock 15020 M Griffiths 0 1 C Moxley 135(Chess & Br) **13 7** | **Herts**\* 11.2.95 **Surrey**\*P Byway 198 (B) 1 0 PD Kemp 195S Swanson 202 1 0 RA Allicock 195J Rudge 203 ½ ½ SG Walker 188S Roe 198 1 0 O Rosten 184P Maguire 190 ½ ½ KFH Inwood 184B Savage 174 0 1 DB Rosen 183K Clark 185 1 0 defC Prendergast 178 1 0 KP Mynett 176C Majer 177 0 1 K Richardson 175K Ellis 176 0 1 ME Osborne 171S Tovey 174 1 0 PM Stimpson 170D Fewell 170 ½ ½ DR Sedgwick 169S Law 153 1 0 CR Clegg 166M Robertson 159 ½ ½ SMacdonald-Ross 164J Cook 171 0 1 JJ Skielnik 163T Sinkinson 169 ½ ½ CJ Mann 159B Morris 168 1 0 RJ Wilcox 158S Rawlings 167 1 0 K Hurst 156K Robbins 164 ½ ½ PD Dupré 156T Ray 159 0 1 FC Manning 134(Stevenage) **12 8** |
| 222:8 **Sussex**\* 11.2.95 **Berks**\* 1 GH James 208 (W) ½ ½ MV Houska 208 2 FJ Kwiatkowski 205 ½ ½ PJ Sharp 190 3 B Cafferty 190 1 0 Jovanka Houska 173 4 SJ Newman 194 1 0 DS Tucker 171 5 MD Nicholas 184 1 0 PS Janota 174 6 J Graham 182 0 1 IR Henderson 150 7 PG Farr 182 1 0 JT Munday 171 8 JA Dodgson 181 1 0 AJ Cox 164 9 RV Elliston 181 ½ ½ MC Bowhay 16310 AOPickersgill 178 ½ ½ L Davis 16211 RJ Almond 175 ½ ½ I Duvall 16212 SON Hawes 173 0 1 AM Leech 15813 IG Kelly 168 ½ ½ CJ Lyne 15814 MR Stott 167 ½ ½ PAF Watkins 15615 A Hall 167 ½ ½ SG Gilmour 16016 CN Hann 168 1 0 WP Tickner 15317 RH Clark 158 0 1 MF Redmond 15618 LJ Cannon 154 ½ ½ NW Dennis 14619 GD Parker 146 1 0 DJ Lewis 11220 DG Ratcliffe 153 1 0 Mario Houska 129(Hassocks) **12½ 7½** | **Essex**\* 11.2.95 **Kent**\*NL Carr 208 (W) 0 1 D King 231AP Lewis 210 1 0 N McDonald 225M Twyble 216 ½ ½ J Richardson 208J Rogers 205 1 0 N Dickenson 210G Kenworthy 205 ½ ½ AE Hanreck 212JH Hodgson 201 1 0 J Vigus 195A Dunn 198 ½ ½ D Gormally 196GJ Moore 200 0 1 J Wager 192KCC Mah 195 ½ ½ A Mack 192B Kemish 186 0 1 JN Sugden 191JP Manley 185 1 0 L Smart 181JR Nellist 188 1 0 A Harakis 182IJ Myall 184 1 0 C Howell 178S Death 185 ½ ½ G Botley 186RP White 179 1 0 RMR O’Kelly 180SM Kalinsky 183 ½ ½ NP Donovan 178R Parker 180 ½ ½ R Wiper 170S Harris 175 0 1 J Newman 172JC Moore 174 ½ ½ Z Mehmet 170DJ Millward 172 1 0 R Winterburn 150(Wanstead) **12 8** |
|   **Cambs**\* 11.2.95 **Middx** 1 JF Parker (W) 1 0 CS Crouch 224 2 MJ Turner ½ ½ SH Berry 220 3 W Hartston ½ ½ M Carlson 208 4 AR Jones 1 0 SD Brown 208 5 J Wilson 0 1 RJ McMichael 208 6 AJ Cohen ½ ½ PS Cawte 208 7 JJ Hastings ½ ½ MC Forster 205 8 AHL Hon 1 0 T Farrand 200 9 D Hassabis ½ ½ K Vlahos10 DDA Lawson 1 0 M Lyell 19711 D Cristinacce ½ ½ RG Wade 19012 MH Thornton 1 0 def13 B Hague ½ ½ C Mackenzie 19414 PA Garner ½ ½ G Anthony 19215 S Sollan 1 0 def16 NDJ Noden 1 0 C Gant 18917 DS Boyle ½ ½ NRE Alldritt 19218 M Rehburg ½ ½ J Burke 18319 P Faulkner 0 1 CNJ Rose 18320 R Little 0 1 RJ Pearce 180(Trinity Coll) **12 8** | **Oxon**\* 25.2.95 **Cambs**\*M Truran 200 (W) ½ ½ MJ Turner 227P Jowett 189 0 1 JF Parker 224NS Jakubovics 189 1 0 AJ Cohen 204T Dickinson 188 ½ ½ JJ Hastings 204R Nixon 167 1 0 EN Holland 194DG Hackett 184 ½ ½ D Cristinacce 189M Devereaux 180 0 1 DDA Lawson 2240R Starkie 171 ½ ½ B Hague 183J Stayt 168 ½ ½ PA Garner 177N Jones 166 0 1 NDJ Noden 170G Chapman 164 1 0 D Hotham 160N Hepworth 154 ½ ½ R Little 155S Jayakumar 1900 1 0 M HasenbuschL Millin 151 0 1 PN Best 147P Hastings 158 1 0 IR Gooding 147P Ball 145 0 1 K Buecker 150(Long Hanboro) **10 10** (adjusted) |
|   **Middx** 25.2.95 **Sussex**\* 1 SH Berry 220 (B) 1 0 DH Cummings 223 2 TA Fatin 216 0 1 GH James 208 3 M Carlson 208 1 0 DB Graham 200 4 PJ Sowray 213 ½ ½ KI Norman 195 5 SD Brown 208 1 0 B Cafferty 190 6 PS Cawte 208 1 0 SJ Newman 193 7 TJ Kett 197 ½ ½ JA Dodgson 181 8 M Lyell 197 1 0 J Graham 182 9 C Mackenzie 194 0 1 PG Farr 18210 NRE Alldritt 192 1 0 AO Pickersgill 17811 L McShane 183 ½ ½ RJ Almond 17512 JM Quinn 190 1 0 R O’Brien 17513 CNJ Rose 183 1 0 SON Hawes 17314 KR Barnes 190 ½ ½ IG Kelly 16815 C Gant 189 0 1 MR Stott 16716 J Burke 183 1 0 A Hall 16717 NJ de Peyer 175 0 1 CN Hann 16818 TKH Lee 164 ½ ½ P Watson 16319 AM Dunn 159 0 1 LJ Cannon 15420 MR Collins 158 1 0 def(Chess & Bridge) **12½ 7½** | **Berks**\* 25.2.95 **Essex**MV Houska 208 0 1 AP Lewis 210 (B)AP Smith 200 ½ ½ M Twyble 216PS Cooksey 197 0 1 G Kenworthy 205PJ Sharp 190 ½ ½ JH Hodgson 201HW Murphy 179 0 1 GJ Moore 200Jovanka Houska 173 ½ ½ B Kemish 186MW Marlow 181 ½ ½ J Goldberg 184DS Tucker 171 ½ ½ M Roberts 186IR Henderson 150 ½ ½ S Death 185DV Deane 169 0 1 SM Kalinsky 183JE Hickman 167 1 0 R Parker 180MC Bowhay 163 1 0 JC More 174L Davis 162 0 1 S Harris 175AJ Cox 164 ½ ½ R Heppinstall 174I Duvall 162 0 1 DJ Milward (so) 172SL Freitag 163 0 1 CR Ramage 171CJ Lyne 158 ½ ½ I Hunnable 169SG Gilmour 160 0 1 S Harvey 168BG Millis 149 1 0 IBN Smith 165MF Redmond 156 ½ ½ D Smith 152(Bracknell) **7½ 12½** |
|   **Kent**\* 25.2.95 **Herts**\* 1 N McDonald 225 1 0 S Swanson 202 (W) 2 A Hanreck 212 ½ ½ J Rudge 203 3 R Eales 219 1 0 S Roe 198 4 D Gormally 196 1 0 def 5 J Vigus 195 1 0 K Clark 185 6 D Moskovic 194 ½ ½ B Savage 174 7 T Jefferies 99 0 1 R Brennan 174 8 J Sugden 192 ½ ½ K Ellis 176 9 A Mack 192 1 0 C Majer 17710 D Farndon 1 0 S Law 15311 A Harakis 182 0 1 A Gilfillan -12 L Smart 181 0 1 J Cook 17113 G Botley 186 ½ ½ M Robertson 15914 N Donovan 178 1 0 S Rawlings 16715 D Horton 178 1 0 T Sinkinson 16916 J Newman 172 1 0 T Ray 15917 S Wood 174 1 0 N Lee 15318 M Wiper 170 ½ ½ J Franks 16219 Z Mehmet 170 1 0 A Atkinson 15220 S Jacob 162 1 0 P Primett 142(Charlton)  **14½ 5½** | 222:9**Surrey**\* 11.3.95 **Kent**APH Kinsman 229 1 0 def (W)CKD Holland 205 1 0 D Gormally 196C O’Shaughnessy 200 ½ ½ J Sugden 192MJ Franklin 197 1 0 D FarndonPD Kemp 195 1 0 J Scholes 185RA Allicock 195 ½ ½ A Harakis 182SG Walker 188 1 0 G Botley 186O Rosten 184 ½ ½ C Howell 178JC Marley 184 0 1 L Smart 181DB Rosen 183 ½ ½ N Donovan 179JM Shepley 182 0 1 D Horton 178BG Whyte 180 1 0 L Wooldridge 176RJ Stockwell 180 0 1 J Newman 174KP Mynett 176 1 0 A Ropek 168K Richardson 175 ½ ½ Z Mehmet 170ME Osborne 171 1 0 C Brown 171PJ Roche 171 ½ ½ S Jacob 162DR Sedgwick 169 1 0 C Charles 148CR Clegg 166 ½ ½ S Howell 147K Hurst 156 1 0 DG Ropek -(Sutton)  **13½ 6½** |
|  **Sussex\*** 11.3.95 **Oxon**\* 1 GH James 208 (W) 0 1 H Hunt 209 2 DB Graham 200 ½ ½ I Upton 3 B Cafferty 190 ½ ½ A Hunt 198 4 SJ Newman 193 ½ ½ M Rose 180 5 MD Nicholas 184 ½ ½ T Dickinson 188 6 JA Dodgson 181 1 0 DG Hackett 184 7 PG Farr 182 0 1 M Deveraux (so) 180 8 RV Elliston 181 ½ ½ RJ Starkie 171 9 J Graham 182 1 0 JN Stayt 16810 AO Pickersgill 178 ½ ½ N Jones 16611 RJ Almond 175 1 0 A Lewis 16612 SON Hawes 173 ½ ½ G Chapman 16413 IG Kelly 168 1 0 NJ Hepworth 15414 MR Stott 167 0 1 LR Millin 15115 CN Hann 168 ½ ½ C Marcus 204616 A Hall 167 ½ ½ P Hastings 15817 GD Parker 146 ½ ½ C Moxley 13518 DG Ratcliffe 153 ½ ½ P Ball 145(Brighton) **9½ 8½** (Should be adjusted to 10½-9½ but won’t be, Rule 13(c) being what it is.) | **Herts**\* 11.3.95 **Berks**\*PV Byway 198 (W) 0 1 MV Houska 205JF Rudge 203 1 0 Mario Houska 129 (r)SJ Roe 198 0 1 PS Cooksey 197JG Foulger 194 0 1 J Houska 173PG Maguire 190 0 1 DS Tucker 171KR Clark 185 0 1 IR Henderson 150BD Savage 174 1 0 JE Hickman 167JN Fraser-Mitchell 179 1 0 MC Bowhay 163CE Majer 177 1 0 JT Munday 171KS Ellis 176 0 1 L Davis 162T Ray 159 ½ ½ AJ Cox 164SJ Tovey 174 ½ ½ I Duvall 162D Fewell 170 1 0 CJ Lyne 158J Cook 171 1 0 PAF Watkins 156S Law 153 ½ ½ BG Millis 149TA Sinkinson 169 1 0 SG Gilmour 160B Morris 168 0 1 MF Redmond 156S Rawlings 167 ½ ½ WP Tickner 155NS Lee 153 1 0 NW Dennis 141C Lean 138 ½ ½ SJR Turner 137(Stevenage) **10½ 9½** |
|  **Essex** 11.3.95 **Middx**\* 1 MS Twyble 216 (W) 0 1 JS Speelman 251 2 J Rogers 205 1 0 CS Crouch 224 3 G Kenworthy 205 0 1 SH Berry 220 4 JH Hodgson 201 0 1 B Martin 217 5 A Dunn 198 0 1 TA Fatin 216 6 GJ Moore 200 1 0 M Carlson 208 7 KCC Mah 195 0 1 SD Brown 208 8 JP Manley 185 0 1 RJ McMichael 208 9 B Kemish 186 0 1 T Hinks-Edwards 20610 D Sherman 192 ½ ½ MC Forster 20511 JR Nellist 188 0 1 T Farrand 20012 M Roberts 186 ½ ½ M Lyell 19713 IJ Myall 184 ½ ½ T Kett 19714 S Death 185 ½ ½ A Trifunovic 19715 RP White 179 0 1 RG Wade 19016 JC Moore 174 ½ ½ F Rayner 19417 R Parker 180 0 1 NRE Alldritt 19218 S Harris 185 0 1 CNJ Rose 18319 R Heppinstall 174 0 1 J Burke 18320 DJ Millward 172 1 0 C Gant 189(Wanstead) **5½ 14½** | Received 17.2.95: an U100 result sheet with all the Whites on the left, and the teams alternating sides to fit. Team A were in bold typeface. Fortunately we didn’t have to type this oddity, because it was for a match played on the 3rd December and already reported by the other side. And printed in the last issue. Just as we were about to file the sheet under “miscellaneous monstrosities”, we happened to turn it over. And there on the back was another match, same style, played 4th February. We didn’t have to type that one either, as it turned out, because it too had already been sent by the other side. But there are one or two morals, even if it is a bit late in the season for them to do any good. (1) Be prompt. (2) Please, if you’re new, give results as on the official result sheet (and as published in these pages). Home side on the left, all the way down. We were a bit surprised that the match captain in question hadn’t noticed the disad­vantages of doing it his way. (3) If you’re going to use both sides of the sheet, *please* signpost the fact. Put “PTO” on both sides in fluorescent ink, or something. Letters that overflow onto side 2 are one thing, but if side one is self-contained the Bulletin does not automatically turn the paper over to see what’s on the back. (Usually, with match results, nothing is. People send one match at a time.) |
| 222:10 **UNDER 175** |
|  **Surrey** 4.2.95 **Essex**\* 1 DF Hill 174 (W) 0 1 R Heppinstall 174 2 ME Osborne 171 ½ ½ DJ Millward 172 3 DR Sedgwick 169 ½ ½ TM Donnelly 172 4 JS Tymms 169 0 1 PC Doye 171 5 D Parsone 103 (r) 0 1 CR Ramage 171 6 SMacdonald-Ross164 ½ ½ ID Hunnable 169 7 HM Cath 163 0 1 SD Harvey 168 8 JJ Skielnik 163 1 0 D Smith 152 (r) 9 CJ Mann 159 ½ ½ M Weighell 16210 RJ Wilcox 158 1 0 R Waldteufel 16211 K Hurst 156 1 0 A King 16112 PD Dupré 156 1 0 JA Philpott 15713 PE Barnard 152 0 1 P Walker 15314 R Shorthouse 148 0 1 SM Williams 15215 SR Jones 142 0 1 S Harwood 15016 FC Manning 134 0 1 MRA Murrell 137(Sutton) **5 11** | **Essex**\* 18.2.95 **Kent\***R Heppinstall 174 ½ ½ PD Fenn 174 (B)DJ Millward 172 ½ ½ JR Bayford 174TM Donnelly 172 1 0 PW Eldridge 174PC Doye 171 0 1 CM Brown 171CR Ramage 171 1 0 Z Mehmet 170SD Harvey 168 1 0 MI Mortimer 167G McNally 164 ½ ½ MD Brougham 165M Weighell 162 ½ ½ LR Gurr 164R Waldteufel 162 1 0 SJ Jacob 162A King 161 0 1 NC Mackett 163NH Twitchell 160 ½ ½ PC Rutland 161JA Philpott 157 1 0 RJ Everson 158SM Williams 152 0 1 AB Mata 157S Harwood 150 1 0 RE Lane 155A Parsons 150 0 1 JH Lewin 155MRA Murrell 137 0 1 AJ Sherriff 153(Wanstead) **8½ 7½** |
|  **Sussex** 4.2.95 **Kent\***1 S Hawes 173 (W) ½ ½ JR Bayford 174 2 I Kelly 168 0 1 PW Eldridge 174 3 MR Stott 167 1 0 CM Brown 171 4 S Blewitt 167 0 1 MM Robertson 170 5 K Davies 161 0 1 AG Ropek 169 6 RH Williams 161 0 1 MI Mortimer 167 7 IP Judd 160 ½ ½ MD Brougham 165 8 ASJ Fleming 159 0 1 LR Gurr 164 9 RH Clark 158 ½ ½ SJ Jacob 16210 CR Squires 158 0 1 NC Mackett 16311 D Banks 158 0 1 RJ Everson 15812 MJ Reddie 156 0 1 AB Mata 15713 LJ Cannon 154 1 0 RE Lane 15514 DG Ratcliffe 153 0 1 JH Lewin 15515 G Parker 146 \*½ ½ HT Jones 15016 PR Selby 148 ½ ½ N Alfred 142(Hassocks) **4½ 11½**\*Bd 15 subject to Sussex appeal on QPF ruling | **Kent\*** 18.3.95 **Surrey**PD Fenn 174 (W) ½ ½ DF Hill 174JR Bayford 174 ½ ½ MC Page 173ME Taylor 171 1 0 ME Osborne 171PJ O’Donovan 170 1 0 PJ Roche 171PW Eldridge 174 1 0 PM Stimpson 170MM Robertson 170 0 1 DR Sedgwick 169TH Owens 169 1 0 WD Lowe 168MI Mortimer 167 ½ ½ CRA Clegg 166MD Brougham 165 1 0 TJJP (so) Gibbons 165A Knights 165 ½ ½ SMacdonald-Ross 164NC Mackett 163 ½ ½ JJ Skielnik 163SJ Jacob 162 ½ ½ M Maxwell 162PC Rutland 161 0 1 CJ Mann 159RJ Everson 158 0 1 PD Dupré 156AB Mata 157 0 1 PR Archer 152JH Lewin 155 1 0 FC Manning 134(Orpington) **9 7** |
| **UNDER 150** |
|   **Kent**\* 28.1.95 **Surrey**\* 1 DJR Barnes 148 1 0 EJ Brodie 149 (W) 2 MR Wiltshire 149 1 0 R Shorthouse 148 3 AVH Sands 149 ½ ½ JB Hawson 145 4 GF Steele 147 1 0 STK Wilkinson 143 5 IA Hames 147 0 1 SR Jones 142 6 RW Parsons 146 0 1 JED Hale 141 7 SC Howell 147 0 1 T Phillips 141 8 IT Moroney 145 0 1 D Spearman 141 9 def 0 1 MDW Harverson 13910 I Underwood 140 0 1 CPL Parker 13711 PL Childs 139 ½ ½ JR Bell 13612 BES Hunter 131 1 0 JW Halls 13613 R Dugdale 127 0 1 KN Mehendale 13214 DC Picton 120 0 1 DA Baldock 13115 T Stock 115 0 1 DM Woods 13116 def 0 0 def(Orpington)  **5 10** | **Herts**\* 28.1.95 **Essex**\*A Potter 148 (W) 0 1 AD Hartland 149B Judkins 145 ½ ½ ND Cundy 146S Charles 140 ½ ½ KS Jones 144M Wali 144 ½ ½ PR Barclay 146K Brooks 143 0 1 AE Drake 146D Price 143 0 1 TG Winter 141R Yip 144 1 0 S Armour 137P Lawrence 143 1 0 T Hebbes 134J Coles 141 ½ ½ P Zammit 138S Cook 140 ½ ½ MRA Murrell 137B Fewell 140 0 1 R Weeber 136R Gordonsmith 139 1 0 C Taank 133A Hall 140 1 0 LJ Sargent 132J Marshall 136 1 0 I Maclachlan 128T Wright 128 ½ ½ DG Cannan 128A Fulton 129 0 1 L Burtt -(Welwyn) **8 8** |
|  **Essex**\* 25.2.95 **Sussex**\* 1 AD Hartland 149 1 0 PR Selby 148 (B) 2 PR Barclay 146 ½ ½ FW Brown 148 3 ND Cundy 146 ½ ½ RC Davies 147 4 A Drake 146 0 1 IK Edgson 146 5 T Allan 115 (r) 0 1 DBA Hughes 145 6 D Reid 143 ½ ½ DL Roberts 145 7 TG Winter 141 1 0 RA Clement 144 8 P Zammit 138 1 0 MI Wickens 142 9 MRA Murrell 137 1 0 WH Partridge 14210 R Weeber 136 0 1 RR Harper 14111 T Hebbes 134 0 1 KA Andrews 14112 C Taank 133 1 0 G Scamardella 13813 LJ Sargent 132 0 1 MR Hickman 13814 I Maclachlan 128 0 1 S Willison 13115 L Burtt - ½ ½ TJ Woods 12916 DFC Bird 125 ½ ½ PH Benson 124(Wanstead) 7½ 8½ | 222:11**Herts** 25.2.95 **Surrey**\*A Potter 148 (W) 0 1 EJ Brodie 149A Adams 148 0 1 JB Hawson 145S Weston 146 ½ ½ SR Jones 142B Judkins 145 ½ ½ D Spearman 141R Yip 144 1 0 A Smith 140S Charles 140 1 0 MD Harverson 139P Lawrence 143 0 1 CP Parker 137K Brooks 143 1 0 JR Bell 136D Price 143 ½ ½ JW Halls 136J Coles 141 1 0 FC Manning 134S Cook 140 ½ ½ DA Baldock 131R Gordonsmith 139 1 0 DM Woods 131J Marshall 136 ½ ½ WJ Marshall 131P Laskier 131 0 1 J Xuereb 126A Fulton 129 1 0 L Evboumwan 126M Wali 144 1 0 def(Welwyn) **9½ 6½** |

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| **UNDER 125** |
|   **Surrey**\* 28.1.95 **Oxon\*** 1 R Tillett 122 ½ ½ AJ Wyeth 124 (B) 2 G Lamond 122 1 0 J Booker 122 3 D Howes 121 1 0 JD Wood 118 4 D Hodgson 121 1 0 A Collins 114 5 R Mattocks 119 ½ ½ G Spalding 116 6 R Rattray 119 1 0 F Fallon 113 7 J McGing 116 0 1 D Foreman - 8 D Jones 113 1 0 D Metcalfe 110 9 D Parsons 103 1 0 P Staniland 10810 D Innes 107 0 1 M Brindley 10811 P Shaw 110 0 1 G Tustian 10712 M Tillett 106 ½ ½ C Kerrigan 7113 M Green 100 1 0 DAS Buckland 9614 J Silverton 90 0 1 R Cordon 9315 S Smyth 85 ½ ½ S Booker 7316 def 0 0 def(Sutton) **9 6** | **Middx** 4.2.95 **Kent B**\*N Johnson 124 (B) 0 1 D Tan 122G Sweetland 124 ½ ½ T Stock 115R Okrzeja 123 0 1 D Bennett 120D Agbley 123 1 0 J McKenna 119S Lazarz 122 1 0 C Dunsmore 118R Crooks 122 1 0 H Richards 78A McHale 121 0 1 A Kissoon 114R Maddock 121 0 1 S Casement 112A Johnstone 121 1 0 W Stock 111D Ramsey 121 ½ ½ D Wiltshire 109G O’Grady 121 1 0 J Warren 101S Warman 121 1 0 S Thanesan 76A Goodman 120 ½ ½ Ben Gasson -G Smith 120 1 0 A Taylor 73N Bye 120 1 0 Shaun Simmons -B Etheridge 110 1 0 Ingrid Stock -(Lond Ch Centre) **10½ 5½**Mr Bye’s victims must be all too accustomed to the obvious quip so we’ll refrain. |
|   **Sussex\*** 4.2.95 **Essex**\* 1 KA Lucas 121 (W) ½ ½ MD Bradford 123 2 DJ Langridge 123 0 1 C Barrett 123 3 PH Benson 124 ½ ½ P Sheehan 122 4 PJ Helliwell 124 1 0 RP Joyce 121 5 CC Dunn 123 0 1 D Storey 116 6 CJ Parker 123 1 0 T Allen 115 7 A Ballard 123 1 0 GC Benger 115 8 L Rackham 120 1 0 D Hughes 113 9 M Plumb 113 0 1 JA Figgins 11210 N Pestelle 118 ½ ½ EG Lodge 11211 G McCulloch 120 0 1 ND Hopgood 10812 EJ Hillier 109 0 1 PW Pattison 10713 M Curtis 113 1 0 PEJ Kemp 10314 PS Smith 114 1 0 RJC Foster 10415 C Wakefield 108 0 1 P Storey 9816 SP Deere 1 0 def(Crowborough) **8½ 7½** | **Kent A**\* 18.2.95 **Surrey**\*PD Poland 124 ½ ½ R Tillett 122AP Fabian 122 0 1 D Weston-Lewis 122T Gulyas 122 0 1 R Wylie 124AJ West 122 ½ ½ D Howes 121L Winser 120 ½ ½ D Hodgson 121DC Picton 120 ½ ½ D Moore 122EJ Downham 119 1 0 R Mattocks 119GL Mingay 118 ½ ½ J McGing 116IG Clark 120 0 1 D Jones 113DSJ Shipp 116 1 0 H Wylie 112JC Robertson 111 1 0 P Munday 111A Fletcher 115 0 1 D Parsons 103IC Smith 105 1 0 D Innes 107NP Webb 104 1 0 P Shaw 110CG Gregory 102 1 0 M Green 100KC Cowan 97 ½ ½ J Silverton 90(Orpington) **9 7** |
| 222:12  **Kent B**\* 18.2.95 **Essex**\* 1 T Stock 115 (W) ½ ½ M Bradford 123 2 C Dunsmore 118 1 0 C Barrett 123 3 A Kissoon 114 0 1 R Hayley 121 4 T Jarrett 113 1 0 P Sheehan 122 5 S Casement 112 ½ ½ D Storey 116 6 W Stock 111 ½ ½ JP Thompson 115 7 D Wiltshire 109 0 1 T Allen 115 8 J Warren 101 0 1 G Benger 115 9 P Titmas 95 0 1 D Hughes 11310 D Ho 90 1 0 J Figgins 11211 A Blake 92 0 1 E Lodge 11212 P Richardson 113 ½ ½ N Hopgood 10713 S Thanesan 76 1 0 P Kemp 10714 B Neville 75 1 0 P Pattison 10715 Shaun Simmons - 0 1 R Foster 10416 A Taylor 73 0 1 P Storey 98(Orpington) **7 9** | **Oxon\*** 25.2.95  **Middx\***C Hunt 123 (W) 1 0 S Ronksley 124AJ Wyeth 124 0 1 S O’Brien 124G Reynolds 122 0 1 G Sweetland 124J Booker 122 0 1 R Okrzeja 123G Spalding 116 0 1 S Lazarz 122A Collins 114 ½ ½ R Maddock 121S Morris 116 1 0 D Ramsey 121D Foreman - ½ ½ A Johnstone 121R Jacobs 116 0 1 S Warman 121L Smith 116 0 1 Paul Endersby -S Crockart 111 1 0 Nigel Bye -F Fallon 113 ½ ½ Alex Goodman -G Tustian 109 ½ ½ R Balatoni 117G Hodgson 110 1 0 B Steele 110M Brindley 108 1 0 B Etheridge -P Staniland 108 ½ ½ C Andrews 103(Long Hanboro) **7½ 8½** |
|  **Essex\*** 11.3.95 **Kent A**\* 1 M Bradford 123 1 0 P Poland 124 (W) 2 C Barrett 123 1 0 AP Fabian 122 3 R Hayley 121 ½ ½ T Gulyas 122 4 P Sheehan 121 ½ ½ HJ West 122 5 JP Thompson 115 0 1 E Downham 119 6 T Allen 115 0 1 D Picton 120 7 G Benger 115 0 1 P Thomas 117 8 D Hughes 115 0 1 DS Shipp 116 9 J Figgins 112 ½ ½ J Robertson 11110 E Lodge 112 1 0 R Springett 10911 B Twinn 110 1 0 IB Bryan 10912 N Hopgood 107 ½ ½ IC Smith 10513 B Sheppard 107 1 0 NP Webb 10414 P Pattison 107 0 1 C Gregory 10215 P Kemp 100 1 0 def16 R Foster 104 0 1 K Hendrikse 99(Wanstead) **8 8** | **Surrey**\* 11.3.95 **Kent B**\*K Chamberlain 123 1 0 D Bennett 120 (B)R Tillett 122 0 1 T Stock 115DWeston-Lewis 122 1 0 J McKenna 119D Moore 122 0 1 S Casement 112M Shahoud 122 ½ ½ T Jarrett 113D Howes 121 1 0 R Jarrett 75D Hodgson 121 ½ ½ W Stock 111R Mattocks 119 1 0 H Richards 78J McGing 116 0 1 J McKenna 108D Jones 113 0 1 BM Neville 75H Wylie 112 1 0 D Wiltshire 109P Shaw 110 0 1 P Titmas 95D Parsons 103 ½ ½ D Ho 92A Palmer 92 1 0 J Warren 101B Swiftman 90 ½ ½ S Thanesan 76J Silverton 90 ½ ½ Frances Taylor -(Sutton) **8½ 7½** |
|  **Sussex** 11.3.95 **Oxon\*** 1 Lucas (W) ½ ½ AJ Wyeth 2 DJ Langridge 1 0 J Booker 3 Helliwell 0 1 D Foreman 4 Dunn ½ ½ A Collins 5 Parker 0 1 L Smith 6 Ballard 0 1 M Brindley 7 D Langridge 1 0 D Metcalfe 8 Rackman (sic) 1 0 G Hodgson 9 Plumb 0 1 G Tustian10 Pestelle 0 1 M Coleman11 McCulluh (sic) 1 0 P Staniland12 Hillier 0 1 IR Brooke13 Curtis 1 0 C Kerrigan14 Smith ½ ½ DAS Buckland15 Deere 1 0 S Booker16 Buswell 1 0 def(Brighton) 8½ 7½ | **Appeals and Disputes**(U100 fans relax, there *are* some results on the next page.) The Rules & Appeals sub-committee has three things to rule on. One has been hanging fire since early January and the sub-committee had hoped to meet before now. (Damn well ought to have, in your Editor’s opinion. He *was* expecting to have some decisions to report in this issue.) With any luck the sub-committee will meet in April. Very briefly, and without prejudging anything, the issues are: (1) The ineligibility thing from Surrey-Sussex U175, 10.12.94, as reported in the last issue. Sussex have appealed against the ruling. The sub-committee, whatever its decision in this instance, may wish to consider whether the rules need changing. (2) A Sussex appeal against a QPF ruling, Sussex-Kent U175 4.2.95, as noted on page 10. It also comes up, if you want some details, in a letter on page 1. The Bulletin does not know whether this is an appeal on |

procedural grounds, or just an appeal against the judge’s judgment. It doesn’t even know what the provision for appeals is. Careful, Richard, that’s going to get misunderstood in Sussex. The Bulletin does not know what the provision for appeals is, but it would not seek to have this one rejected on a technicality.

 (3) Kent-Herts U100, 25.2.95. Both teams turned up at Kent’s usual venue, and it wasn’t available. Subsequent events are not entirely clear to the Bulletin, but Kent’s defence against the Herts default-claim has something to do with the fact that another venue *was* available and everyone went there before Herts decided to call it off. Or something, and it probably isn’t as simple as that.

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|  **UNDER 100** 222:13 |
|  Middx\* 4.2.95 Kent\* 1 A Swersky - (B) 1 0 M Jones 95 2 R McShane 98 0 1 S Chick 96 3 G Luetchford 93 1 0 D Ho 92 4 L Keegan 84 0 1 P Titmas 95 5 Ben Chamberlain - ½ ½ David Hargrave - 6 N Kingston-Smith 97 ½ ½ Dieter Beaven - 7 Leighton Powell - 1 0 A Blake 92 8 T Trifunovic 84 0 1 A Dovey 97 9 T Kwong 88 1 0 D Bland 9010 A D’Cruz 81 0 1 L Jones 9711 S Morton 82 0 1 I Stoneman 9012 D Leadon 92 0 1 N Lang 90(Ch & Bridge) **5 7** | **Herts**\* 11.2.95 **Essex**\*D Aburrow 99 (W) ½ ½ P Storey 98A Humphries 94 ½ ½ F Riley 97M Read 63 ½ ½ F Gulley 94Steve Blackburn - 1 0 G Walker 93W Hamm 94 1 0 R Prickett 93Tony Phillips - 0 1 C Hobbs 92Steve Knight - 1 0 E Saunders -F Lovett 92 0 1 R Giddens 90J Angus 78 1 0 D D’Cruz 78J Lanaway 93 1 0 MJ Owen 75Terry Coleman - 1 0 DK Wornham 60J Dalton - 1 0 L Tomkinson 53(Hertford) **8½ 3½** |
|  **Essex**\* 25.2.95 **Middx**\* 1 P Storey 98 (W) 0 1 G Luetchford \* 93 2 F Riley 97 0 1 D Hutson 96 3 J Sansom 97 ½ ½ R Mooring 80 4 F Gulley 94 1 0 L Keegan 84 5 RC Smith 93 ½ ½ L Powell - 6 R Prickett 93 ½ ½ H McCormack 88 7 I Hebbes 87 (r) 0 1 R Attar 89 8 E Saunders - 1 0 G Crozier 87 9 R Giddens 90 1 0 L Nathoo 7210 D D’Cruz 78 1 0 S Mooring 32 (r)11 MJ Owen 75 0 1 A D’Cruz 8012 D Allen 69 0 1 JP Robinson -(Wanstead) **5½ 6½**\* Luetchford is so spelt by his own match captain; the Essex mc agrees with the grading list. | **Kent**\* 18.3.95 **Essex\***M Jones 95 (B) 1 0 P Storey 98S Chick 96 1 0 F Riley 97D Hargrave - 0 1 J Sansom 95D Smith 88 ½ ½ C Hobbs 92D Beaver - 1 0 RC Smith 93I Stoneman 90 1 0 RH Prickett 93A Davey 97 ½ ½ R Giddens 90A Lomas - (r) 0 1 A Sehmbi -A Blake 92 1 0 J Howlett 82T Jefferies 99 1 0 D D’Cruz 78L Horton 84 0 1 D Allen 69N Lang 90 1 0 G Ogilvy -(Orpington) **8 4** |

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“If you’re like me, and I know I am...” So Adam Raoof, in a kind mention of the SCCU Bulletin. But I was going to say something about *Chess Circuit* anyway. In the twelve-months plus since I first remarked on it as a promising new magazine, it’s developed into something really readable. Plenty of interesting articles even for those who, like me, haven’t the time or inclination to read all the chess in detail (and there’s a lot of it). It’s based on the topical congress scene, as its name implies, and features rabbit chess as well as the heavy stuff. Claims 120 subscribers so far, and over 400 readers, and is highly recommended. Available @ £12 p.a. for six issues from Chess Circuit, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF. RJH

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**OPEN** Rd 3: Atticus 2½ 3½ Barbican; Charlton 3½ 2½ Cambridge Univ; Exeter 1½ 4½ Guildford; Maidstone 5½ ½ Oxford Univ; Slough 1½ 4½ Hull; Wood Green 5½ ½ Cardiff. Also Bedford 0 2 Glasgow Polytechnic, with 4 for adjudication, in a telephone match. Telephone matches with Scottish teams are best avoided. Telephone matches are best avoided. Dundee & Victoria had a bye. **Quarter-final draw**: Barbican v Charlton; Bedford or Glasgow Poly v Wood Green; Guildford v Dundee & Victoria; Hull v Maidstone. Which makes 5 SCCU teams in the last eight.

 **Plate** Rd 2: Bradford ½ 5½ Atherton; Bristol & Clifton 3½ 2½ Cheltenham; Gloucester 2 4 Mushrooms; Hounslow \*3 3 Southbourne; Ilford 4 2 Ipswich; Kings Head 2 4 Crowthorne; Northampton 2 4 Hertford; Phoenix scr w/o Cavendish. **Quarter-final draw**: Atherton v Bristol & Clifton; Crowthorne v Cavendish; Mushrooms v Hounslow; Hertford v Ilford

**MAJOR** Rd 3: Gt Lever 4½ ½ Poulton le Fylde; Prescot & Knotty Ash \*2½ 2½ Morecambe; Lichfield 4 1 Hereford; Milton Keynes 4 1 Fulham; Rainham 3 2 Wood Green; Metropolitan 2 3 Guildford; Maidstone 1 4 Kings Head; Reading 1½ 3½ Teignmouth. **Quarter-final draw**: Prescot & KA v Gt Lever; Kings Head v Rainham; Milton Keynes v Lichfield; Guildford v Teignmouth.

 **Plate** Rd 2: Rochdale \*2½ 2½ Huddersfield; Liverpool 2 3 Dista; Mansfield scr w/o Warley Quinborne; Coddon 3½ 1½ Abercynon; Saxmundham 1 4 Kingston; Thamesdown 3½ 1½ Cosham; Hastings w/o scr Southend; Exeter w/o scr Southbourne. **Quarter-final draw**: Dista v Rochdale; W Quinborne v Coddon; Thamesdown v Exeter; Kingston v Hastings.

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**INTERMEDIATE** Rd 3: Barrow 2½ 2½\* Prescot & KA; Cosham \*2½ 2½ Teignmouth; Crowthorne 2½ 2 Reading; Grays \*2½ 2½ Southend; Gt Lever 2 3 Sherwood House; Hammersmith 2½ 2½\* Kings Head; Maidstone 3½ 1½ Hastings; W Quinborne 2 3 Tamworth & District. “You will appreciate that the Crowthorne-Reading match involved a penalty. If you want more details, let me know.” - Peter Gibbs. We nearly did, then thought any explanation would be a disappointment. How *do* you incur a half-point penalty? **Quarter-final draw**: Kings Head v Maidstone; Prescot & KA v Crowthorne; Sherwood House v Grays; Tamworth v Cosham.

 **Plate** Rd 2: Eastbourne 3 2 Torbay Juniors; Morecambe w/o scr Bradford; Phoenix 2 3 Rainham; Pontefract 1 4 Darnall & Handsworth; Slough \*2½ 2½ Metropolitan; Southampton 4 1 Bridgend; Waltham Forest 1½ 3½ Ipswich; Warwick Univ 1½ 3½ Solihull Youth. **Quarter-final draw**: Darnall & Handsworth v Morecambe; Ipswich v Southampton; Rainham v Eastbourne; Solihull Youth v Slough.

**MINOR** Rd 3: Gt Lever 3 2 Rose Forgrove; Totnes 2 3 Basingstoke; Tamworth 3½ 1½ Chelmsley Wood; Gloucester 1 4 Morecambe; Tunbridge Wells scr w/o Hastings; Kings Head 3½ 1½ Slough; Phoenix ½ 4½ Metropolitan; Walsall Kipping 3½ 1½ Fulham. **Quarter-final draw**: Basingstoke v Hastings; Morecambe v Gt Lever; Metropolitan v Kings Head; W Kipping v Tamworth.

 **Plate** Rd 2: Abercynon 2½ 2½\* Horfield & Redland; Maidstone 3½ 1½ Kilndown; Hayes & Harlington 3 2 Kings Head B; Bognor & Aron w/o scr Grays; Amber Valley 3 2 Darnell & Handsworth; Yorkshire Copperworks 3 2 Prescot & KA; Reading 4 1 Thamesdown; Sherwood House 4 1 Barton Dragons. **Quarter-final draw**: Horfield v Sherwood House; Maidstone v Bognor & Aron; Amber Valley v Yorkshire Copperworks; Reading v Hayes & Harlington.

**SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive met on Friday 24th March 1995 at the Friends House opposite Euston Station. 17 attended. Here’s some of the less boring bits. In chronological order, by and large and allowing for digressions and excursions.

**(1) Grading.** You may recall that the BCF’s dot matrix printer came in for a bit of stick one or two meetings back. The printer that does the Grading List, that is. No hard news, that anyone knew, but someone had heard that the Federation’s getting a laser printer. The Bulletin understands that all the grading software is due for replacement anyway. And speaking of changes, at present if you’ve played 30 minus n games in the latest season they top up your results by adding n imaginary games at the previous season’s average. They intend, when the time and the software’s right, to replace the imaginary games by the n *most recent* games from the previous season. Knew you’d want to know that.

 Martin Cath, Grading Secretary, said it was a bit early in the day to be expecting much through in the way of results from graders. There had been a trickle. He anticipated a surplus of maybe £450 on the Union’s grading activities for the season.

**(2) Notice of meetings.** Or rather, distribution of papers for meetings. It was agreed that every effort should be made to send papers out in good time, so delegates can consult their counties. Notice is always given in good time, but other things have sometimes tended to plop on your doormat the day before the meeting if you were lucky.

**(3) SCCU President.** David Sedgwick said he would step down this year, after the traditional two-year stint, and intended to propose Chris Howell as his successor.

**(4) Money.** The Treasurer had nothing much to report except that all counties were fully paid up. A proposal to donate £100 from SCCU funds to the Hastings Centenary event was deferred to the next meeeting to give counties time to think about it. The counties had, in fact, been invited a while back to consider their attitude on funding international events in general, and what response there was was cautious. If anything, counties were better placed to fund events than the Union was. But Kent’s financial success with the Menchik Memorial had not been unalloyed. [Kent’s loss, though it wasn’t said at the meeting, was more than £1000.]

**(5) Juniors.** Bruce Birchall said a meeting of county junior organisers 4.3.95 had decided to hold broadly the same events as last year. He had received only one nomination for a BCET national Schools Award. As usual we won’t name the school till the awards are made, but BHB endorsed the nomination and the Executive concurred. At this point your Editor’s notes include a scrawled “one hour so far and what have we done?”, which was possibly unfair since we *had* just made a decision.

**(6) Game fee.** John Philpott said the BCF had got much more efficient about sending information. All leagues except the Thames Valley had paid, and congresses were being very forthcoming as well.

 At the last SCCU AGM, in June 1994, Council appeared sympathetic to a shelved idea of Bryan Fewell’s which would have given game fee rebates to Direct Members, up to a maximum of 20 games, in any events of their choice. In other words, not just in congresses. Nothing much happened, and the Bulletin was pleased because it sounded complicated. It’s surfaced again. The Executive agreed, by 11 votes to 2 and the other one has some experience of Game Fee, to support this idea at the BCF (Finance) Council Meeting next month. Your Editor has never been a strong supporter of the Direct Membership Scheme (sorry) because it’s bitty. Discounts for this, rebates from that, a register of names to tend, and more work for congress organisers. Straight Game Fee is far better. The only sort of DMS we’d get enthusiastic about is the donation sort. No services no rebates, just a donation and your name in the Yearbook.

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**(7) Inter-County Nominations.** The Executive agreed the nominations for the BCF stages. Everyone took up their nominations, so we won’t list them here. (See page 6 for the league tables.) Cambs said they *might* have to field a weak team in the quarter-final if they couldn’t get a suitable date, but at any rate they wouldn’t default.

 Perhaps we should have said earlier that there was a spare place in the Championship, to which apparently the SCCU and MCCU had equal claim, and it had gone to the MCCU by lot. The BCF had told us we’d get it next
year if the same situation arose. There was some feeling that the third-placed teams should have been invited to play off for it, and the President said he had already made this point to the BCF. Middx made frightening noises about what they’d do to the MCCU third nominee if they got the chance to play them.

**(8) Inter-County Rules.** The President sought leave to propose, at the BCF Council Meeting 22nd April, a number of changes to the county match rules. One related, rather boringly, to dates for payment of entry fees. Of the other four, two were uncontentious and the others apparently contentious only to your Editor. If you don’t want the details, skip the rest of this paragraph. Oh, you have. Uncontentious: (a) write in, or clarify, the bit about Unions getting two nominations only if they’ve run a qualifying competition with at least three teams in; and (b) write in a rule that the teams required to play in preliminary rounds should be drawn from second nominees, and the home teams in the quarter-finals should be drawn from first nominees. Contentious: (c) make, and publish, the semi-final draw at the same time as the quarter-final one. Your Editor wanted to know whether this meant deciding the semi-final venues as well as pairings, and on hearing it did was dubious. Could mean that in the semi-final a team “due” for a home match was away against a team that had just had a home. No one else seemed worried about this, perhaps because most matches are played at half-way venues anyway. And (d) write in a provision that two nominees from the same Union should not meet before the Final. This would replace the rule that says the same thing about two nominees from one county. The Bulletin would probably support this proposal, but was bemused by the justification given for it: “to ensure that where the two strongest teams in a Division are both from the same Union, they play each other in the Final rather than earlier in the National Stages”. We fancy the proposer might accept that this wasn’t the best reason he could have found, and we won’t be as rude about it as we’d intended. (We threatened, at the meeting, to be rude in the Bulletin. “So what’s new?”, they said.)

**(9) Badger Sponsorship.** Prizes for the Open are: 1 £600, 2 £450, 3-4 £200, 5-8 £100; plus Best Game prizes £25 per match. Minor Counties: 1 £150, 2 £100. March *ChessMoves* has different figures but we think ours are right.

**(10) BCF Yearbook.** There was some criticism of the new BCF/Batsford Yearbook, with particular reference to its small print in places and its omission of Union and County results. Some thought that the (large-print!) “magazine style section” was out of place, or overdone. It was accepted that the publishers were targeting a wider readership than before, and one not dominated by the likes of SCCU Executive members.

**(11) Minor Counties.** John Poole, BCF Director of Home Chess, “seems determined to put forward” (DRS) proposals to alter the eligibility for this event with effect from 1995-96. It appears that JP’s first idea was to make the MC a competition for the 3rd and 4th placed teams from each Union. He then allegedly put forward a proposal based on levy numbers (no misprint). What his current thinking is we don’t know. The Bulletin would change the rules as well, to prevent nonsenses like Middx (mean grade nearly 200 on a good day) qualifying as they did last year. It said how four issues back. The Executive decided it was happy with the status quo.

**(12) Fixtures 1995-6.** Dave Metcalfe found himself forced, through changes in his pattern of work, to resign as Fixture Secretary. But he had produced a list for next year, and with minor amendments it will be sent to the counties for their comments. The definitive list, for the Championship, is expected to be out in May.

**(13) Southern Counties U180 KO.** Fred Manning said there were six entries so far, and he hoped to have a list out by the 1st April.

**(14) Rules & Appeals Sub-committee.** Apart from the three things mentioned elsewhere (see page 12) the sub-committee also has to consider something or other about teas - the Bulletin has no details - and may or may not feel constrained to look at possible rule changes. It will meet on Friday 28th April at the Durham Castle. Telephonic meetings aren’t allowed these days unless all parties agree, and it’s got rather a lot on its plate for that anyway.

**BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Report based on material supplied by David Sedgwick

Briefly, on the meeting 4th February: Roger Edwards proposed replacement of the grading software, and the MB agreed expenditure of £4000 over two years subject to Council approval. The intention, quite apart from replacing an admittedly inefficient system, is to improve the flexibility of the software with later enhancements in mind. The **quarter-final draw** for the Counties Championships was made in the lunch break, and Chr\*s H\*w\*ll, who was deputising for David Sedgwick, was supposed to go to it but didn’t. Depending which account you accept, he either forgot, or was dragged forcibly and against his will to the pub by the Union Treasurer. Returning, too late, to the draw he told everyone: “Whatever you do don’t let David Sedgwick know I wasn’t here.” Unfortunately he omitted to say the same to the villain of the piece, the Union Treasurer, and the Bulletin offers no prizes for guessing the first thing the Union Treasurer said to the Union President afterwards.

 On to the 25th March, the day after the SCCU meeting reported above.

**(1) Presidents Award.** It was decided that the Award should no longer confer any of the benefits of Direct Mem­bership. David Sedgwick thought this was mean and penny-pinching. (One recipient, whose free Yearbook and

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*ChessMoves* came as a surprise, doesn’t feel too strongly about it but then he always charged the Union for them anyway.)

**(2) Yearbook.** The points made at the previous day’s SCCU meeting were considered. In particular, it was felt that the YB should include as many of the Federation’s rules as possible. (Some of the rules, including quite important ones, are currently on a three-year cycle or thereabouts and may well not be in the YB you’re carrying around in your glove box.) John Poole, Director of Home Chess, would like to hear *within 4 weeks* from anyone who feels that any particular item should go in every time. His address:

**John Poole, 6 Cleves Court, Warwick Rd, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 2PE**

Within four weeks, remember, and by the time you read this it may be three weeks. He is also considering partial restoration of the Union and County results.

**(3) BCF Income.** Projected Game Fee income of £36,000 for 1994-5 will be exceeded by some £9000. For this reason the MB had little difficulty with its budget proposals for the April Council Meeting. The Manchester & District CA has proposed that its game fee payments be waived for the next three years in return for specific M & D projects, to be agreed with the BCF, for the development of junior chess. These were, apparently, projects that would have gone ahead if the Manchester Match had, and we gather that M & D’s future silence about the match comes into the agreement somewhere. The MB is to recommend the agreement to Council and has presumably budgeted for it.

 The DFE grant, amazingly, has gone up (from £47,000 to £48,500) after the inquisitorial process. The MB, feeling that we are expected to put in something of our own to match the government increase, will propose an increase in Game Fee from 20p to 21p per half-game (and a Rapidplay increase from 5p to 10p). The government grant, while expected to be maintained in real terms for three years, is likely to be progressively withdrawn thereafter. (But three years is an age in politics.)

**(4) Management Board Structure.** Views are to be sought at the April Council Meeting with a view to proposals in September. Game Fee has changed things.

**(5) Minor Counties.** JP will propose eligibility changes at the April meeting, no details yet.

**(6) Chess Centre Ltd** has received a bequest from the estate of the late Harry Golombek. It includes his chess library, and money to be spent on the establishment of a National Chess Library.

**BRITISH SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP**

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|  | Never thought the day would come when you’d see a diagram in the Bulletin. This is the first stage in this year’s Championship; successful entrants will receive a harder postal eliminator, with an on-the-spot Final in January.White to play and mate in 2, against any defence.Send your solution (key move only) to British Chess Problem Society, 9 Roydfield Drive, Waterthorpe, Sheffield S19 6ND, with a cheque for £2 payable to BCPS. Also send an SAE for the postal stage. Closing date 30th June.Mark your entry “SCCU Bulletin”. |

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**CONGRESS DIARY**

Apr 1 TUNBRIDGE WELLS JUNIOR U19/parents; U16/14/12/10/8. RJ Haddrell, 48 Southview Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9BX 01892 532361

 1- 2 SPECTRUM CHESS at Gloucester sports a Première (U180) again but we’ve heard them well spoken of. U180; U140; U105. Norman Went, 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Essex RM13 8JT 01708 551617

 2 LETCHWORTH Open; U160; U125; U90; U16/14/11. T Thurstan, 33 Brompton Park Rd, Hitchin, Herts 01462 459873

 8 WESTMINSTER CHESS. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881

 8- 9 SUFFOLK at Ipswich. BCQ Open; U171; U136; U101; U71. N Sanderson, Park Farm House, Whersted, Ipswich IP9 2AF 01473 601192

 10-12 MAIDENHEAD JUNIOR U18/13/11/9. R Brugge, 16 Wootton Way, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 4QU

 14-16 BOLTON Open; U160; U120. Chess Congress, 21 Argo St, Bolton BL3 6TT

 14-17 SURREY Open 7 rds BCQ, FIDE rated, incorporating SCCU Championship; U170; U145; U120; U100. FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 0PF

 14-17 SOUTHEND Open 7 rds BCQ, FIDE rated; graded Swisses 5 rds. GMA Smith, 41 Westwood Gardens, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex SS7 2SH 01702 556086

 14-17 WEST OF ENGLAND at Weymouth. Open; Ladies!; U160; U125. R Rendell, Romany, Chergrove Lane, Sturdington, Cheltenham, Glos GL51 5XB 02142 862041

 14-17 SHEFFIELD Open; U166; U136; U101. All 6 rds. BD Stephenson, 9 Roydfield Drive, Waterthorpe, Sheffield S19 6ND 01442 471579

 22 PRUDENTIAL READING. T Matthewson, 81 Recreation Rd, Tilehurst, Reading RG3 4UB 01734 413840

 22-23 SOUTH HERTS at St Albans. Open; U176; U150; U130; U110. JA Leake, 14 Highfield Avenue, Harpenden AL5 5UA 01582 621623

 28-30 NORFOLK at Norwich. Open; U160; U120; U80. F Bowers Chess Suppliers, 34 Middle Rd, Whaplode, Spalding, Lincs PE12 6TW

 29 GOLDERS GREEN U150. AN Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982

May 5- 7 ABERDEEN. J King, 39 Forestside Drive, Banchory, Kincardineshire AB31 3ZG 01330 824110

 6 LLOYDS BANK GIRLS SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP at Hampton Middx. U18; U13; U11. Neil Clifton, 114 Windermere Rd, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 2JB 0181 660 8564

 6 WALSALL Open; U130. J Withnall, 10 Gorway Close, Walsall WS1 3JG 01922 20569

 6- 8 MIDDX OPEN TEAMS of four. Simon Brougham, Top Flat, 41 Wetherall Rd, Hackney E9 7DB 0181 986 5496

 6- 8 DART VALLEY. W Fairbairn, Peake Cross, Dartington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6DH

 6- 8 NORTH OF ENGLAND Open; U160; U135; U110. B Shap, 39 Alloe Field View, Illingworth, Halifax HX2 9EP 01422 246774

 7 BASINGSTOKE. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2LS 01256 472537

 12-14 FROME Open BCQ; U170; U135; U115; U90. G Jepps, 27 Lockley Rd, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5RQ 01749 344191

 13 WESTMINSTER CHESS. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881

 13 SHEFFIELD RAPIDPLAY Open; U161; U121. BD Stephenson as 14-17 Apr

 14 PETERBOROUGH. D Rooke, 20 Shortacres Rd, Peterborough PE2 9DZ 01733 383879

 19-21 RHYL. H Jones, 17 Bryntirion Drive, Prestatyn, Clwyd LL19 9NT 01745 854110

 20 GOLDERS GREEN Rapidplay Open; U160; U120. Golders Green RPC, BO Box 1962 NW4 4NF

 20 EARLEY. 491 Basingstoke Rd, Reading RG2 0JG 01734 868113

 21 SCUNTHORPE. GS Turner, 8 Endcliffe Avenue, Bottesford, Scunthorpe, Lincs DN17 2RD 01724 866433

 27-29 MORECAMBE. FS Rushworth, 21 Douglas Drive, Morecambe, Lancs LA3 2LW 01524 859860

 27-29 COTSWOLD at Stroud. L Wood, 55 Blenheim Drive, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 7LY 01684 72875

 28 BRACKNELL JUNIOR QP Under 10/9/8. J Lloyd, 58 Pembroke, Hanworth, Bracknel, Berks RG12 7RD 01344 54000

**ARBITERS COURSE** at the Barbican 10th June, 8th and 22nd July. Think you’re supposed to go to all three of them. Details from David Sedgwick, 23 Tierney Court, Canning Rd, Croydon CR0 6QU 0181 656 7682

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Issue 223 **EDITORIAL** May 1995

Let’s dust the hobby-horse down. A county-match QPF this year went to an independent BCF Arbiter on a claim of “not winnable by normal means”. You’ll know the outcome after appeal, if you’ve sneaked a look at the top of page 6. It was a clear draw on adjudication, and everything depended on the (absentee) arbiter’s interpretation of “normal means”. With plenty of time on his clock the defender would certainly have drawn. Any reasonable moves would have held the position easily, and the best moves (pretty obvious ones) would have proved the draw at once. But with 30 seconds on his clock the defender might have panicked and dropped a rook; and if he just played on, no matter how sensibly, he would eventually have lost on time. As one of the match captains said, “It will be very useful to get a judgement in this case as similar cases are bound to occur in the future”.

 The trouble with precedents is, they may be wrong. Arbiters do the darndest things. No one would suggest that this particular “precedent” is perverse, but it could easily have gone the other way and actually would have done if it had been made by another BCF Arbiter I know of. Besides which no two cases are alike, and I doubt if we’ll ever hear learned arbiters quoting Parker versus Jones 1995.

 What we do need, perhaps, is a tightening of the arbiters’ guidelines. Arbiters are supposed to “determine the probable result of the game”, but what do they take into account and what don’t they? Clearly they will ignore the fact that the defender was going to lose on time anyway. But they can’t reasonably ignore the clock altogether. Can they? A player with 30 seconds left is more likely to blunder than one with 30 minutes. It seems to me that the guidelines should make some reference to this. An obvious pointer is the defender’s play so far - *has* he been making sensible moves? - and the guidelines are quite wrong not to require a scoresheet (QPF guidelines, Yearbook p 129, right-hand column, items 2-4). The arbiter who did the Parker - Jones game actually asked if the moves were available, and finding that despite the rules they were, played through them. I feel that the strength of the players should also be taken into account; the bit about unqueenable pawns (same page, last paragraph) would surely madden a grandmaster who had a pretty good idea how to draw it, especially if his play so far had demonstrated that he wasn’t going to blunder. And switching to on-the-spot arbiters, if they aren’t sure whether the defender knew exactly what he was doing, why not *ask him*? A quick “OK, so how are you going to hold this position?” could resolve a multitude of doubts. Granted, the arbiter has to be a strong enough player to understand the answer. And the general rule would be, the defender gets his draw if the arbiter is satisfied that, playing quickly, he wouldn’t have lost.

 No rule will ensure complete fairness or uniformity of judgment. But this is not ammunition for the dwindling anti-QPF lobby! I think it’s the first time a claim under this rule has got as far as the tournament controller since we introduced QPF in county matches. Adjudications used to be rather more frequent. And adjournment’s fine where you’ve got time for it, but adjudicators are as prone to error and disagreement as arbiters.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Dear Richard,** 30.3.95

Congratulations on the new format and style of the Bulletin. I quite liked the “antique charm” of the old one, but for clarity and style it can’t compare with the new one.

 I’m glad to see you are maintaining the standard of news and comment as usual; the Bulletin mentions that the BCF intends to increase Game Fee by 1p not 5p, and, lo & behold, to-day I receive the agenda for the BCF Finance meeting confirming your report. Best wishes,

 **John Wheeler** Portsmouth

**Dear Richard,** 31.3.95

Congratulations on the “new” SCCU Bulletin. It looks good, feels good etc etc. My only comment is that you have given Fred Manning & Martin Cath the same telephone number, as a result of which you owe me the cost of a call or a pint of beer!

 I will try & remember to send you results of SCCU teams in the County Championships.

 Best regards,

 **Jeff Douglas** Hurst Green, Surrey

Ed: - Telephone numbers are right now. So’s the postcode that went BULLETIN7 2LU. That’s aroused some comment (“Do all postcodes in the Brighton area now give an unofficial plug for the Bulletin?”) and the Union President, whose acquaintance with idiot computers is not extensive, derived innocent merriment from the explanation when I told it him. For anyone else who hasn’t worked it out: I like to save typing. I therefore told the beast that when I typed “Bn”, what I really meant was “Bulletin”. This works fine, except for Brighton postcodes. I thought it knew the difference between “Bn” and “BN”, but it didn’t.

**Dear Richard,** 3.4.95

New Look Bulletin looks very good indeed, especially those match results. Doesn’t look like a stencil job at all. I’d have guessed photocopied. Excellent!

 The snag about bi-monthly publication is that replying to other correspondents has the built-in time-lag, so that

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by the time the reply appears everybody has forgotten the original letter. However, I can’t let H Trevor Jones get
away with being self-appointed Arbiter and an Expert in his own disputes, so I enclose a rebuttal, unless someone has submitted a better one.

 One advantage of bi-monthly, on the other hand, is that I can use second class postage with impunity. These particular stamps look like “National Coconut Biscuit Week”!

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 H Trevor Jones noes *not* know the rules! In case 1, when his opponent offered him a draw after having played his move and started Mr Jones’s clock, the experienced Mr Jones, armed with correct knowledge as he would put it, should have replied “Don’t distract me” or, more cleverly, “I’ll think about it”. Instead, he said “No”. Of course, Mr Jones was right in claiming his opponent had distracted him. If instead of a club match it had been a tournament game, an Arbiter might well have warned the opponent about offering a draw incorrectly and possibly awarded Mr Jones an extra 5 min thinking time, or perhaps required the opponent to play the rest of the game with one hand tied behind his back. The one thing he could *not* rule was that Mr Jones was now entitled to accept the offer, since he had already rejected it.

 In case 2, Mr Jones may very well have been in order claiming a draw under the QPF rules - but what a nerve to criticise his young opponent for saving his own clock time by playing quickly, thus not winning sooner! If Mr Jones left himself insufficient time to play carefully, as he correctly put it, any fault was his own and it could be argued that perhaps he should have had to *try*, instead of relying on the bell to save him.

 Mr Jones is a gentleman and I am sure he would not wish to benefit unfairly through use of the Rules alone. So why doesn’t he just play quicker? Yours,

 **Jack (Speigel)** Southend

**Dear Richard,** 31.3.95

I am sorry that you did not take up Mr Gibbs’s offer of an explanation for the extraordinary result of Reading’s match against Crowthorne in the National Club Intermediate competition. I thought it would have appealed to your interest in the wording and application of rules. It also contains a lesson for match captains, namely that you should never throw away a grading list, however old it may be, as you may have the misfortune to be drawn against a club like Crowthorne in this competition.

 At the beginning of the season a new player aged 85 joined Reading chess club. He had been a strong player in his youth but had not belonged to a club, or played any serious chess, for many years. On the evidence of about a dozen games so far, mainly in the club championship but also one or two in the Berkshire league, he will have a grade at the end of the season of no more than 140.

 The club secretary rang me one evening to see if I could unearth any prior grading information about this player. He said that Crowthorne claimed that he was ineligible for the Intermediate as his last published grade was in excess of 150. I clambered into my loft and eventually found his name in the 1983 list with a grade of 168; I noted that in the previous year he had been 175 and suggested that at that rate of decline in his advanced years he might be expected to be graded below 100 now! More sensibly the club captain put forward the view that, while rules may be rules, it was a bit much to claim that the gentleman concerned was of the same strength as he had been 12 years ago at the age of only 73 years. Furthermore his recent results bore that out. This argument cut no ice with Mr Gibbs and we were given the odd penalty to which you refer.

 We did point out that, given their insistence on adherence to the rules and their faith in gradings of whatever vintage, it was odd that Crowthorne had not fielded their team in grading order, notwithstanding the rule that teams must be in order of current playing strength. That argument did not cut any ice either! We live in a peculiar world.

 Finally, on a completely unrelated point, the inclusion of grades in the county match results is a great help to the grader (me) in identifying new players. It should be noted however that I use the grades published in the master list when grading results; while it makes no difference in the majority of cases, I have noticed some changes which result, I suspect, from the inclusion of late results in the main database after the Cadogan list was published. This also possibly explains why the master list was sent to graders so late this season!

 Yours sincerely,

 **Alan (Cox)** Reading

**Dear Richard,**

Re your comment on Intermediate in Bulletin 222:14. See Rule 9.

 **Peter (Gibbs)** Controller

Ed: - This letter came with, indeed was written on, a copy of the National Club rules. I’d not been able to find one last time round. Rule 8 says if you don’t have a published grade, your most recent one counts (and it’s the match captain’s responsibility to check). Same as the SCCU county match rule. Rule 9 says the penalty for playing an ineligible player is the loss of his game and the deduction of half a point from the team’s total. Peter Gibbs applied the rules and could not do otherwise. The only discretion lay with Crowthorne who could have chosen to ignore

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the infraction (and what Controllers don’t know they can’t get worked up about). Whether they should have ignored it is not for me to say. I can’t think Reading expected their counter-claim to be taken seriously.

 On grades in county matches, perhaps I should say that I publish what match captains send me. I certainly don’t check the grades, or supply them when none are sent, though I will sometimes look them up when I can’t read the match captain’s version (yes, it happens). I find grades helpful for identifying players I can’t read, and to that extent the grader gets things already a bit pre-digested. Correctly, I hope.

**Dear Richard,** 30.3.95, received 18.4.95

…I feel that sections Under 150 and Under 175 in the SCCU leagues should only be contested by players with official BCF grades. This would not penalise new and inexperienced players, because inexperienced players are unlikely to be playing at Under 150 or Under 175 level. If an ungraded player can say he qualifies as he is “about 170”, then a 180-graded player can say, “My grade is too high, I am usually graded about 170, so *I* qualify as well.” Surely the point of limitations is just that: limited to players under 175 now, not last year or even 10 years ago. Especially as some players carry on playing correspondence chess after they stop playing in leagues or tournaments, even if they go abroad.

 I hope you can publish this, as I would like everybody to know how I feel. Surrey have never in my time as captain (2 seasons) played any ungraded players in the Under 175 section, but have lost on three occasions to ungraded players, last year missing qualifying for the national stages when **cheated** out of it by Middlesex. After all, you cannot really tell how good a player is currently until next year’s grades are published. I will definitely NOT be U175 Captain next season if ungraded players are still allowed.

 Yours sincerely,

 **Paul Dupre** Surrey U175 Captain

Ed: - This letter has been edited. Mr Dupre’s name has not; I find that he spells it without the accent so will do likewise in future. Last year more than one person remarked on an ungraded Middx player but no one complained officially, about cheating or anything else. We’ve changed all that. Purely as an aside, even next year’s grades won’t tell you how good a player is (was?) “now”. The best you’ll get is an idea of how good he was, on average, over the 12-month period ending 30th April 1995.

**Dear Richard**, 14.5.95

I’ve just completed my second year as a county team co-captain, and some thoughts come to me quite forcefully. Bear in mind that for Sussex players an away match can involve a round trip of 120+ miles, and a 4½ hour session: you’re effectively writing off the whole day, not just an afternoon.

 (1) I have been to venues that provide no refreshments, or negligible refreshments. If I’m going to be spending the best part of five hours at a match I’d hope for something reasonably substantial for my tea, but not even getting a cuppa... I suggest it should be an SCCU requirement that the makings for tea and coffee should be available throughout the match.

 (2) It is quite unacceptable for a day of one’s life to be lost to a default. I know mishaps happen (my team has just defaulted two boards to a car breakdown) but I get the feeling some county captains take things too lightly. SCCU rules provide for a defaulting county to pay the opposing player’s board fee and travel, but I further suggest a centrally-levied “fine” of £10 for an away team default and £20 for a home team default, per board; and say half these figures for a board conceded before the day of the match. For a well-organised county those would be occasional irritations; a county for whom they would be a significant burden shouldn’t be competing.

 (3) Although it’s not affected us directly, I’m surprised to see one county with team lists showing top boards ungraded but estimated at one point below the limit. I’m sorry, but I don’t have any confidence in those estimates: I don’t doubt the captain’s good faith, but I wonder whether it contains an element of wishful thinking. It certainly seems a case where the doctrine of Caesar’s wife should apply. I suggest that *no* ungraded player should be eligible to play in a grading-limited county match unless clearance has been sought beforehand from the controller; where that is impractical, the captain should be *obliged* to submit full evidence of playing strength with the results.

These are my personal views, but I’ll be pushing my county association to advance them.

 **Paul Buswell** St Leonards

Ed: - Default league tables, SCCU 1994-5. Errors and omissions excepted, and

**Open U175 U150 U125 U100** the omissions include a Middx-Herts

Berks 0 Essex 0 Essex 0 Kent B 0 Herts 0 U100 match we never received.

Essex 0 Kent 0 Herts 0 Middx 0 Kent 0 Total defaults 50: home 14, away 36.

Kent 1 Surrey 0 Sussex 0 Sussex 0 Middx 2 Defaults other than at bottom end 27.

Sussex 1 Sussex 0 Kent 4 Essex 1 Essex 2 These, of course, were the ones not

Cambs 2 Surrey 4 Oxon 2 known about in advance. Two of

Middx 3 Kent A 3 them were on top board. Don’t know

Herts 4 Surrey 7 how many of the other 23 were

Oxon 6 conceded in advance. Anyone got

Surrey 8 league tables for refreshments?

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**Dear Richard,** 18.4.95

In reply to Adam Raoof’s letter to the Bulletin March 1995 regarding London/South East England weekend congresses - and I have written a personal letter to him on the subject - I would like to share with the Bulletin and its readers my personal experiences of organising weekend chess congresses, and how I conquered the chess organisers’ nightmare known as RPS.

 I have been organising the Charlton Village Chess Congress for the last six years, and suffered in the early years from RPS (Reduced Prizes Syndrome). This problem manifests itself when the organiser promises attractive prize funds to tempt the chess punter, and then reduces the prizes when entries “prove insufficient”. This monster used to ruin my chess weekend, giving me sleepless nights and worry throughout the duration of the event. Organising chess events is fun, challenging, and here I was suffering, in torment. I wrestled with the problem night after night.

 A remedy was found, and it came to me while I was lying in bed one night, looking at a.. manual. I considered myself reasonably good with figures, I was used to preparing budgets, cashflow forecasts, dealing with ratios etc, in my business life, and I began to examine where I was going wrong. I discovered that I wasn’t matching my fixed and variable costs with the advertised prize fund correctly. I was promising something in theory which I couldn’t deliver in practice, and I didn’t even have a sponsor to bail me out. It then hit me like a bolt out of the blue and I fell off the bed. Why not tailor the prize fund to the actual congress entry? A prize fund divided into prize bands which would accumulate with each entry I received. And there the Village System was born. At last I could budget for profit to carry forward to organise future events, and chess players would know early in the congress timetable the size of the prizes to be won. RPS was defeated in one almighty blow, and I could relax about congress finances and concentrate on more important matters like sorting out the pairings, sorting out disputes, cleaning up excreta in the toilets.

 I redesigned my entry forms to accommodate this new system and had a very successful congress last year which I hope will be even better this year.

 Yours sincerely,

 **Ty Jefferies** Village Congress organiser

Ed: - Entry form advertises different prizes depending on total entry, going in jumps of (about) 10 entries. Total advertised prizes, excluding books and anything extra like grading prizes (not mentioned), come to £1840 for an entry of 160 players. 160 players would produce, very roughly, entry fees of £3400 less £10 per junior. Daresay juniors and donations and refreshment money are predictable factors? Game fee (total £200 or so) is included in the entry fee. Barking Congress (quoted only because its entry form came in the same post) advertises fixed prizes with “further prizes according to entries”; published prizes in the Open are explicitly guaranteed, from which we can only conclude that published prizes elsewhere implicitly aren’t. (Kent junior congresses, entry fee £5 top whack, never advertise prizes at all. The organisers just work out on the day how much they can afford to give, and winners get a surprise in their envelopes. Maybe adults wouldn’t wear that.)

**Dear Richard,** 26.4.95

As you may have been told, my attempt to reintroduce Bryan Fewell’s proposal regarding the Direct Membership Scheme at April’s BCF Council Meeting was postponed to September’s BCF Council Meeting. After talking with Bryan on the phone, we decided that he would write to *ChessMoves* and I would write to the SCCU Bulletin.

 The reason given by David Sedgwick when he suggested the delay was that a Direct Members delegate for whom he held the proxy wanted more time to consider the proposal. As Bryan Fewell first presented the proposal to the Management Board in March 1994; and I asked Direct Members Delegate Rod McShane to second my proposal that Bryan’s original proposal be reintroduced in February 1995; and the SCCU Executive supported the proposal by 11-2 at its march meeting; I find the delay in making a decision indefensible. If people travel miles to attend a BCF Council Meeting, they are surely right to expect a decision to be made at that meeting whether for or against, and not postponed at the request of a person who cannot even be bothered to attend the meeting or discuss the matter with the Direct Members delegate who seconded the proposal.

 As the decision will(?) be taken in September, is it possible for you to put the relevant parts of Bryan’s proposal in the next Bulletin so that no one can ask for another postponement? At the end of Bryan’s proposal, the last sentence is “the aim would be to process claims on an honesty box basis...”. This was queried at the BCF meeting, but in my opinion, it is obvious that a person has played 20 games if he/she has an “A” or “B” grade, and easy to obtain a computer printout for any dubious claim.

 Is it possible for you to publish the name of the person who voted for a game fee of 55p per player per game? Although I realise that the vote was secret, when a person abuses his position when representing others, then the people that he is representing should have the right to change their representative if he is not representing their views. Best wishes,

 **Lester Millin** Begbroke, Oxford

Ed: - I gather that when they read out the voting figures, there was a solitary One for 55p. But of course I can’t publish his name, I don’t know it. I also don’t know that he wasn’t representing his members’ views. LRM has

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sent a copy of an LRM paper to Council supporting the (LRM) proposal. I’m not sure how to identify the
“relevant parts”, in the absence of guidance from the author. But in brief, DMs would be able to claim a rebate on their renewal fee in respect of up to 20 game-fees paid in the previous season. This would include any events, leagues, congresses or whatever, in which game fee has been paid. I believe, though the paper doesn’t say, that the BCF would discontinue their rebates to congress organisers in respect of DMs. If so, the proposal seems to have a lot going for it. All DMs get the same rebate entitlement, admin sounds easy, and congress organisers lose a job.

**Dear Richard,** 27.4.95

I write to you in my capacity as Thames Valley League secretary in regard to the last issue of the SCCU Bulletin which mentions that our league has not paid the game fee to the BCF which in fact we had already paid prior to your publication which stated otherwise.

 The Thames Valley League committee has since met and this item was brought up by a couple of concerned individuals who asked for clarification and I have been requested to write to you to ask if it is possible to print a correction in regard to this as we feel that this is misleading and would appreciate an amendment to enable the name of our league to remain untarnished in this respect. Yours sincerely,

 **Adrian Laurence** Ealing

Ed: - I am pleased to confirm that the Thames Valley League has paid its Game Fee. Its committee must have guessed the reason for the “error”, though. The fee was received by the BCF on the 17th March, some ten days before the Bulletin went out and just seven days before the Executive meeting I was reporting. The informa­tion came from the BCF’s start-of-March list, the latest then available, and if I’d been thorough I’d have said so.

**SCCU RULES & APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE**

The sub-committee met on Friday 28th April 1995 at the Durham Castle. Everyone was there. Chris Howell and Fred Manning attended by invitation, without voting rights. No one voted on any claim/appeal/dispute directly involving his own county. This account of the meeting, though fullish, is not exhaustive and your Editor assures readers that the disputes were very thoroughly gone into. He *was* there.

**(1) Surrey - Sussex U175.** The Tournament Controller had ruled that R Power, ungraded, was ineligible because his most recent published grade - eighteen years ago! - was 188. Sussex appealed on the ground that the rule couldn’t have been intended to apply to such ancient grades, and other people seemed to have got away with breaking it anyway. In fact no one, in the SCCU at any rate, has been challenged on this one and got away with it; a possible case, or something similar, arose last year but no formal claim was made. The sub-committee upheld the Controller’s decision. The rules were clear and he had had no choice.

 Did the rules need changing? There were times when the last published grade meant nothing. (Another recent case, even more extreme perhaps, appears in the Letters pages.) The sub-committee was not of one mind. It considered a time limit on previous grades (ignore anything more than, say, 5 years old). Or you might give the Controller discretion to waive the rule in special cases, though this would place a heavy burden on him.

 The current rule was borrowed from the National Club, no doubt in a desire to follow BCF practice. However, the BCF’s rule for inter-union county matches - a rule not available when the SCCU one was drafted - makes no mention of previous grades. The rule for ungraded players with previous grades is exactly the same as for ungraded players without. The match captain merely has to satisfy himself, using all available evidence, that any player currently ungraded is, in fact, “weak” enough to play. It makes obvious sense to fall in line with this. But it would do no harm to beef the rule up and require the captain not merely to satisfy himself, but to produce objective evidence, in advance maybe. Something a bit better than “Grader’s never heard of him but I played him in the pub last night and he didn’t seem that strong to me”. It was agreed to draft a rule along these lines for Executive/AGM consumption. The Controller would naturally want more evidence in the U175 than the U100, and you’d expect him to publish guidelines in advance.

 An incidental question was the definition of a “published grade”. But everyone knows what it means really.

**(2) Kent v Herts U100.** The sub-committee found this one difficult. Both sides turned up at Kent’s usual venue, it wasn’t available, and everyone went to Charlton House which was. Then instead of playing the match the Herts team decided they’d been messed around enough and went home, claiming a win by default. What was clear was that: (a) Kent messed the arrangements up; (b) Herts agreed to go to Charlton; and (c) everyone got to Charlton within an hour of the agreed start, and the match could have been played (with Kent presumably taking the lost time on their clocks). The sub-committee was in no doubt that Herts could legitimately have refused to go to Charlton and claimed the match. Their agreement to the Charlton trek, and arrival there in time to play, put a different complexion on it. However, there was a suggestion that they might have been misled about the length and difficulty of the trek (which actually, on the Herts account, took an hour after their on-board Kent pilot got lost). The sub-committee ruled “match void”. But like we said, they found it difficult.

 It is understood that Kent have agreed to make some reparation to Herts for financial losses. They have certainly apologised in writing for the cock-up. The sub-committee saw no need for any rule changes.

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**(3) Sussex v Kent U175.** A Kent player had claimed a (QPF) draw on the ground that his opponent could not win by normal means. His claim had been upheld and Sussex appealed on the ground that the correct procedures did not seem to have been followed. The sub-committee thought they had a case and resolved to start the process again, submitting the position to an independent BCF Arbiter.

 The idea of an official “standing arbiter” had some appeal. But it would cause delays if the man was in Peru at the time, and the feeling was that we should just go for the strongest suitable arbiter available. Strongest in playing terms, that is.

 Later note (12.5.95): the result’s in and it’s DRAW. The Arbiter was a titled player.

**(4) Time limits: U100.** Some match captains had found that the time allowed was more than adequate for an U100 match. The sub-committee agreed to draft two new options: 30 in 1½ plus 15/15, and 30 in 1¼ plus 15/15. The AGM could choose either or neither or both, with or without a restriction to the U100.

**(5) Refreshments.** One or two counties don’t provide refreshments. It was agreed that the rules ought to require advance notice, with the notice of venue, if you can’t provide anything. In particular, there was an important distinction between “can’t provide but there’s a bar downstairs” and “can’t provide and there’s no food this side of the county boundary”.

**(6) Sussex v Oxon (Open).** Not another dispute, you’ll be glad to hear. This match was played over 18 boards and the Bulletin gave the score, last time, as “9½-8½: should be adjusted to 10½-9½ but won’t be, Rule 13c being what it is”. Shortly after the issue came out, your Editor found to his surprise that the Tournament Controller *had* adjusted it to 10½‑9½. “Illegal but sensible, and who’s going to object?”, he thought. Whether the sub-committee found it illegal isn’t entirely clear, but they voted to endorse it. They also decided to propose a rule change allowing 18-board matches by agreement, and one free point apiece.

**(7) SCCU Management Board.** The sub-committee discussed a proposal, left over from last year’s Council Meeting, to reduce the MB to 4 members (and change its name). No clear decision was reached, and it was decided to put forward no less than three alternative proposals: leave the MB as it is, change it as proposed, or abolish it and legislate to extend the President’s powers.

**(8) Other rule changes.** Other changes discussed, and likely to pop up in Council, are: (a) a rule requiring match results to be submitted within three days; (b) a rule on deadlines for eligibility claims, saying who’s entitled to claim; (c) possibly a rule applying board count to jamborees, except you’d have to say how to do it and we don’t run all that many jamborees; and (d) lots of little tidying-up points.

The meeting took 3½ hours and your Editor missed his last train to Tunbridge Wells, but wouldn’t have done if he hadn’t stayed for another beer.

**SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive met on Friday 12th May 1995 at the Durham Castle. 17 attended. Main points:

**(1) Fred** was on time.

**(2) BCF Council** report. Just a quick run-down, but (a) Manchester & District sweetener is to go through, though they’re calling it a grant of some sort instead of waiving the game fee payment. (b) John Poole’s proposals on Minor Counties eligibility got postponed. Essentially, the less active counties (in game fee terms?) would be Minor. Unless they’ve won it in the last 10 years or reached the Final in the last 5, or something like that. (c) The SCCU proposals on the draw for the BCF stage went through, except for the bit that kept teams from the same Union apart till the Final. They agreed semi-final, though. (d) The BCF has asked the SCCU, and the SCCU has agreed, to pay the £25 cost of Kent U100’s attendance at the Finals prizegiving ceremony. Not sure that came up in Council, but still. And the BCF will provide an U100 trophy, to be awarded from this year. (e) Council reversed, by a large majority, the Management Board’s proposal (or was it a decision?) to withdraw Direct Membership benefits from recipients of the Presidents Award. Amazingly the actuaries seem to have been wheeled out, and their advice is that recipients will average 17 years of benefits before dying. This may or may not be the reason for the very large number of nominations this year. (About nine, we think.)

**(3)** **SCCU Competitions**: (a) There were six entries this year in the U180 KO: Berks, Bucks, Herts, Kent, Surrey and Sussex. (b) SCCU Individual Champion, from the Sutton Congress, is John Emms. G Buckley qualified for the British.

**(4) SCCU Officers**. We shall need a new Secretary and Minute Secretary for next season. Volunteers please step forward. In addition, Martin Cath would like help with the publishing and marketing of the SCCU Grading List. David Sedgwick, the retiring President, has volunteered to take over from Fred Manning as County Match Con­troller, and Fred will be happy to sidestep into the Fixture Secretary’s job.

 Of course you can make nomi­nations for any post, whether filled or not.

**(5) Juniors**. Bruce Birchall outlined proposals to set up a charitable trust. Forgive the vagueness of this statement. Your Editor confessed his financial imbecility at the meeting and asked exactly what the benefits were, but didn’t
understand the answer. Others, who appeared to, saw drawbacks as well as benefits and thought it needed careful study. BHB is to do a paper for the AGM.

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**(6) Money**. Provisional accounts indicated break-even, near enough, for the season 1994-5. A thorough exami­nation of the figures suggested new affiliation fees of £30 per county plus £12 per team (currently £25 and £10). To prove that it has the counties’ interests at heart, the Executive selflessly agreed that its future meetings would be at the Durham Castle which is much cheaper than the Friends House.

 The Junior budget occasioned some discussion. One delegate thought junior events should pay for themselves, and another questioned grants totalling £100 to two individual county junior organisations. Someone else was a bit unhappy about the preponderance of Girls events. The Executive rejected the first point and supported BHB’s contention that money should be spent on getting new events off the ground. A junior budget of £500 was agreed.

 It was agreed, by 8 votes to 3, to donate £100 to the Hastings Centenary appeal.

**(7) British Championship Qualifiers**. Doubts were expressed about the Essex Congress as an SCCU qualifying event. One reason was their cock-up with this year’s entry form, which incorrectly advertises the SCCU Individual Championship (yes, it *has* just been held at Sutton). The county had undertaken to correct the error, but lots of entry forms had still found their way into circulation without the correcting sticker. There was also some feeling that our three places should go to congresses in three different counties. (The other one’s Southend, also in Essex.) The upshot was that the Executive resolved to give a BCQ place next year to the Maidstone congress in preference to the Essex one. Maidstone has been pressing for a place for some time; it has been, perhaps, the strongest non-BCQ event in the country in the last two or three years. It will now be much the earliest BCQ event. Next year’s SCCU Championship will be at Southend, and Sutton gets the third BCQ place. (Sutton, in view of its size, got a second BCQ place from the BCF this year and no doubt will do so again.)

**(8) Rules & Appeals**. Nearly forgot. The deliberations of the Rules & Appeals sub-committee were reported, and debate was minimal.

The meeting lasted nearly three hours. The most you can manage at the Friends House, with their early chucking-out time, is 2¼ hours. Your Editor, on Coca Cola, was in plenty of time for his train but missed it because he couldn’t find it.

**CONGRESS RESULTS**

**WESTMINSTER RAPID** 11th February 1995

**Open** (14 pl) 1 Timothy Kett 5½/6; 2-3 Mark Levitt, David Sands 4...

**“Major”** (21 pl) 1 Edgar Flacker 5/6; 2-4 John Capes, Peter Murrey, Kevin White 4½...

**“Minor”** (23 pl) 1 James P Robinson 5/6; 2-3 Paul Blackwell, Ian Murray 4½... Results John Sargent

**WESTMINSTER RAPID** 11th March 1995

**Open** (14 pl) 1 Michael Trent 5/6; 2 Edgar Flacker 4½; 3 Ulrich Hirth 4...

**“Major”** (21 pl) 1-2 Andrew Kitchlen-Hauchton, Michael Kubylka 5/6; 3 Marius Gizycki 4½...

**“Minor”** (23 pl) 1 Peter Hayes 5½/6; 2 Alexander Meynell 5; 3-6 Paul Blackwell, Victor Litvin, Steve Taylor, Barry McMurdock 4½... Results John Sargent

**BOURNE END ONE-DAY** 45/45 8th April 1995

**Section A** (18 pl) 1 AP Smith (Slough) 4½/5; 2-3 JP Conlon (Reading), MV Houska (Slough) 4...

**Section B** (24 pl) 1 AM Leech (Maidenhead) 5/5; 2-3 SG Gilmour (Lower Earley), G Gold (Newbury) 4...

**Section C** (24 pl) 1 W Hughes (Aylesbury) 5/5; 2-3 EB Sandercock (Chalfont St Giles), M Vandenberghen (Maidenhead) 4...

**Section D** (24 pl) 1-3 DJ Lewis (Reading), N Towers (Stratford on Avon), M Ward (Hayes Middx) 4/5...

**Section E** (24 pl) 1 A Jesse (Marlow) 4½/5; 2-3 T Quilter (Beaconsfield), RC Thursby (Wendover) 4...

 Results AJ Cox

**SURREY EASTER** at Sutton 14-17 April 1995 had 494 competitors, slightly down on the peaks of 1993 and 1994.

**Frank Winter Memorial Open** (102 pl) 1 (and SCCU Champion) John Emms (Maidstone) 6/7; 2-7 Simon Brown (Hampstead), Graeme Buckley (Bath), Lawrence Cooper (Midland Monarchs), Harriet Hunt (Cowley), Andrew Martin (Wood Green), Peter Marusenko (Ukraine) 5½... grading Christopher Rice (Streatham) 4½; Kevin Richardson (Surbiton), Ben Savage (Chess Forum) 4; Iozeph Okosieme (International Students) 3½. junior Mark Ferguson (Haslemere) 5; Oliver Rosten (Sutton), Simon Williams (Woking) 4½. British Championship places: Simon Brown, Lawrence Cooper.

**Under 170** (58 pl) 1 AJ Barwise (Bolton) 6½/7; 2 AM Gregg (Hampton) 5½; 3-6 DJ Faulkner (Welwyn Garden City), JV Kaye (Ilford), AM Leech (Maidenhead), SJ Levy (Wimbledon) 5... grading S Menon, S Kapadia (both Richmond Juniors), D Heron (Edinburgh) 4½. junior MI Roberts (Dartford) 3½.

**Under 145** (84 pl) 1 JCH Nyman (Kings Head) 6½/7; 2 M Noakes (Maidstone) 6; 3-6 GJ Ball (Staines), AG Bynnersley (W London), DV Gibbs (Flying Teapots), RR Harper (Eastbourne) 5½... grading G Botfield (East Grinstead), DA Gold (Newbury) 5; D Lewis (Earley) 4. junior A Edmans (St Pauls School) 4½; “Miss” R Bates

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(Richmond Juniors), J Ho (Maidstone) 4. (We quote the “Miss” because we’ve a feeling there may be another R Bates of Richmond Juniors. Other sexist prefixes have been removed. Happy now, Martin?)

**Under 120 A** (78 pl) 1 JB Farrell (Metropolitan) 5/5; 2 GJ Edwards (Richmond Juniors) 4½; 3-6 C Imlay (Christ Church Purley), J McGrath (Bracknell), D Paskins (SW11), W Stewart (New Cross) 4... grading H Richards (Whitstable), PW Brown (S Norwood) 4. junior J Stone (Horley) 3½; AN Kissoon (Maidstone) 3.

**Under 120 B** (65 pl) 1-2 EJ Downham (Lewisham), JB Farrell (Metropolitan) 4½/5; 3-5 M James (Woodpushers), A Kieran (Hayes Kent), J McGrath (Bracknell) 4... grading F Howard (Charlton) 4; D Molineux (Kings Head) 3½. junior P Seet (Oxted), M Broomfield (S Norwood) 4.

**Under 100 A** (58 pl) 1 LY Bennett (Beckenham) 5/5; 2-3 A Adebiyi (E9), D Hutson (Richmond Juniors) 4½... junior M Feld (Ashtead), C Rawlinson (Godalming), D Zoubaida (Richmond Juniors) 4.

**Under 100 B** (49 pl) 1 M Dixon (Trinity School) 5/5; 2-3 D Ho (Maidstone), D Zoubaida (Richmond Juniors) 4½... junior HE Bates (Richmond Juniors) 4; L Hunt (Cowley) 3; M Zoubaida (Richmond Juniors) 2.

**Congress Special Prizes**: **Veterans** 1 JE Hall (East Grinstead) U120 A, SG Manning U100 B, PM Shaw (Sutton) U120 B (all 3½/5). **Family** 1 Kate and Matthew Feld 70% in U100 A; 2 Jessica and David Ho 67.6% in U170 and U100. They used to say “The best game prizes will be announced after the entries have been judged”, but now it’s just a disappointing “in due course”. Results Martin Cath

**READING ONE-DAY** 40/40 22nd April 1995

**Open** (25 pl) 1 S Koutsin (Kiev) 4½/5; 2-4 P Marusenko (Kiev), M Rose (Oxford), S Williams (Woking) 4...

**Under 150** (25 pl) 1 P Morrey (Reading) 4½/5; 2 J Coleman (Solihull) 4; 3-4 T Glass (Bracknell), DP Kidd (Wallingford) 3½...

**Under 120** (48 pl) 1 A Hunt (Reading) 5/5; 2-6 I Brooke (Oxford), G Brown (Wantage), P Manning (Farnborough), A Mirukenda (Reading), D Smalley (Bourne End) 4... Results AJ Cox

**SOUTH HERTS CONGRESS** 22-23 April 1995

**Open** 1 J Emms (Maidstone) 4½/5; 2 L McShane (Kings Head) 4; 3-6 A Romanski (Sv Dinslakin 1923), PD Kemp (Streatham), R Sagall (Hendon), T Kett 3½...

**“Challengers”** 1 B Savage (Chess Forum) 4½/5; 2-3 N Blake (Redhill), TJ Bean 4; 4-8 A Punnett (Guildford), JR Holland (Dereham), S Law (?Hemel), R Almond (Hastings), C Evans 3½...

**“Major”** 1-2 RR Harper (Eastbourne), J Ho 4½/5; 3-5 GCW Coomber (Redhill), EB Sandercock, S Jerome 4; 6‑10 P Lawrence (St Albans), GJ Ball (Staines), D Titmas (Maidstone GS), B Kreel (Islington), J Billingham (Letchworth) 3½...

**“Intermediate”** 1-2 R Hunt (Streatham), M Joseph 4½/5; 3-5 MW Thomas (Corby), MA Baig (Barnet), M Waltham (St Albans) 4; 6-8 PT Housden (Bedford), M Tsentides (Edmonton), CAJ Costello 3½...

**“Minor”** 1 D Webb (Gerrards Cross) 5/5; 2-7 S Chick (Chislehurst), T Wheeler (Barbican), S McGregor (Herts Univ), C Kreuzer (Richmond Juniors), AR Howie, M Coughtrey 4...

**JUNIOR NEWS**

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** 1st April 1995

**Under 19/16/Parents** (26 pl) 1 James Vigus (Chislehurst) 5½/6; 2-3 Mark Roberts (Sevenoaks: U16 title), Paul Fenn (Sittingbourne) 5; 4 David Moskovic (Welling) 4½; 5-8 Russell Jones (Bromley: parent), John Weatherlake (Ashford), John Wood (Beckenham & Bromley: parent), Jessica Ho (Maidstone) 4...

**Under 14** (19 pl) 1 Matthew Noakes (Maidstone) 5½/6; 2-4 David Titmas, Trevor Jarrett (both Maidstone), Richard Murphy (Hayes) 4½; 5-6 Leigh Bennett (Catford), Timothy Holmes (Eltham) 4...

**Kent Under 12 Championship** (46 pl) 1 Desmond Tan (Dulwich) 6/6; 2 Oliver Cooley (Orpington) 5; 3-6 Stephen Casement (Canterbury), Rosalind Kieran (Hayes), Thomas Rendle (Crowborough), Heather Richards (Whitstable) 4½...

**Under 10** (41 pl) 1James Veltman (Sevenoaks) 5½/6; 2-3 Andrew Welch (Folkestone), Daniel Bulger (Biggin Hill) 5; 4-6 Matthew Burgess (Otford), Stephen Milford (Phoenix), Benjamin Edwards (Kilndown) 4½...

**Under 8** (21 pl) 1-3 Jack Leonard (Bishop Challoner), Zakerey Bennett (Balgowan), Thomas Stradwick (Bromley) 5/6; 4-5 Sara Higgins (Sevenoaks), Mark Dickinson (Tonbridge) 4...

**SCCU SCHOOLS GIRLS JAMBOREE** at Imperial College 2nd April 1995

1 Sheen Mount Primary 13/18; 2 Southend Girls High 12½; 3 Hasmonean (heard that name before) Girls High 10½; 4 Copthall Girls 10; 5 Oxford Girls High 8. Six rounds, teams of 4 as far as we can make out, best 3 scores counted. No age limit mentioned. Bruce Birchall hopes to hold similar events termly. He is very keen to develop girls chess and would like to know of any schools having active girl players.

**UNDER 14 FRIENDLY JAMBOREE** at Colchester 25th March 1995

1 Kent 14½/24; 2 Suffolk 13½; 3 Essex 8 Results Roger Holmes

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**NATIONAL UNDER 18 TEAM FINALS,** or what we’ve got of them, Nuneaton 8th April 1995

**Open** 1 Manchester 10/12; 2-3 Surrey, Devon 6½; 4 Humberside 5; 5 Lancashire 4½; 6 Cleveland 3½

**Open Girls** 1 Kent 6/6; 2 Middx 4½; 3 Staffs 3½; 4 Cleveland 1; 5 Devon 0

**Minor Girls Second Teams** 1 Devon 5/6; 2 Kent 4; 3 Leicestershire 0

Results AJW Thorn and an anonymous Kent contributor

**SUSSEX JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** at Ditchling 18.3.95

**Under 9** (62 pl) 1 Tom Whitehouse (Cuckfield) 22/24 (i.e. 7-and-a-bit out of 8); 2 Kieran Snowdon (Cuckfield) 21; 3-8 William Abbott (Crowborough), Joseph Carthew (Battle and Langton), Wayne Chim (Lindfield), Georgina Gunn (Ditchling: Girls title), Alex Thompson (Horsham), Jonathan Thompson (Cuckfield) 18...

**Under 7** (16 pl) 1 Matthew Moore (Haywards Heath); 2 Tom Garland (Haywards Heath); 3 Nicholas Campion (Hurstpierpoint); 4 Richard Howell-Peake (Hurstpierpoint)... Results Tim Greenhill

**21st MAIDENHEAD JUNIOR** 10-12 April 1995

**Under 18** (14 pl) 1-3 E Dearing (Perth), MC Campbell (Guildford), J Houska (Maidenhead) 6/8; 4-5 NJ Harmer (Hindhead), I Henderson (Earley) 5...

**Under 13** (25 pl) 1 JJ Foster (Newbury) 7/9; 2-3 RC Thursby (Wendover), R Knight (Yeovil) 6½; 4 M Bovey (Slough) 6...

**Under 11** (35 pl) 1-2 D Kay (Guildford), M Broomfield (SE25) 8½/9; 3-6 A Navias (Ascot), KB Nicholas (Stoke Poges), J Lutton (Basildon), RJ Hansell (Great Kingshill) 6...

**Under 9** (27 pl) 1 T Thiruchelvam (New Malden) 9/11; 2 CG Hansell (Great Kingshill) 8½; 3 GR Hargreaves (Beenham) 8; 4-7 GP Morris (Abingdon), D Bareham (Cricklade), JP Mela (Earley), L Goodwin (High Wycombe) 7... Results Nigel Dennis

**EPSCA UNDER 9 TEAM FINALS** at Leatherhead 29th April 1995

1 Wey Valley 30½/36; 2 Richmond 27½; 3 Kent 23... No other details except that six teams had qualified from the Southern Zone, and five of them finished in the top six.

**SUSSEX JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** (part 2) at Brighton 6-7 May 1995

**Senior** 1-2 Robin Clark, Glen Parker (both Eastbourne) 6½/7; 3 Gavin Lock (Crawley) 4½...

**Junior** 1 Laurence Rackham (Chichester) 6½/7; 2 Anthony Higgs (Horsham) 6; 3 Thomas Rendle (Hastings) 5½...; **Best U11** Joe Davey (Hurstpierpoint), Edward Lamb (The Holt) 5; **Girls** Kate Banwell, Vicki Banwell (Hassocks) 4 Results Paul Watson

**EPSCA UNDER 11 GIRLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP** at South Camden Community School, 20th May 1995

1 Somerset 30½ (out of 42, possibly?); 2 Wey Valley 29½; 3-4 Nottingham, Devon 28½; 5 Liverpool 27; 6 Suffolk 25; 7 Solihull 22½; 8 Wilts 19; 9 Richmond 16½; 10 Barnet 16; 11 Northants 15; 12 Kent 14; 13 Hants 7.

**“TIMES” NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Quarter-finals**: Truro School (16.7) 5½ ½ Arden, Solihull (14.3); Maidstone GS (14.11) 4½ 1½ Haberdashers Elstree (16.5); Ipswich School (14.8) 5½ ½ RGS Newcastle (14.0); Methodist College Belfast (17.0) 4 2 Manchester Grammar (15.10). **Semi-finals and Final** (and third place play-off) are at the Charing Cross Hotel 29th and 30th June.

**Plate** quarter-finals: Northgate Ipswich (16.6) \*3 3 RGS High Wycombe (16.6); Nottingham High School (16.3) 4 2 Shrewsbury (16.3); Westminster School (16.10) 5½ ½ Torquay Boys GS; St Columbs Derry (16.9) 5 1 Dame Allens Newcastle (14.7) Results Mitchell Taylor

**KENT** Schools League U16 and U13 titles duly went to Maidstone GS, completing their clean sweep.

**Croydon**’s joined the Initiative (what is it about that word?). The Croydon Borough Chess Initiative, new this year, intends to establish a weekly junior club and a schools league. Ten schools have joined so far. Objectives, not confined to juniors, include coaching and a pubs league. Question: why does Chris Dunworth live at Bunny Cottage?

**FORTHCOMING SCCU EVENTS** (but not confined to SCCU teams, we think)

**SCCU Girls U14 inter-county** team championships Saturday 10th June 1995 at North London Collegiate School, Edgware. Teams of four. Options seem a bit complicated; for details contact Bruce Birchall 0171 792 8031. Entries to Tony Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd, London W11 2BY.

**SCCU Girls U14 inter-school** team championships Sunday 2nd July 1995 at Imperial College. U18 and U11. Same contacts as above.

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**SCCU STAGE COUNTY MATCHES**

Just to tidy things up. We left the Under 100 League table in limbo last time.

**UNDER 100** K M H E K M H E GP MP

1 Kent 7 8 8½ 7 - 8 38½ 5

2 Middx 5 5½ \*6 5 6½ 6½ 34½ 3

3 Herts 4 6½ 5½ - 5½ 8½ 30 2

4 Essex 3½ 5 6½ 4 5½ 3½ 28 1

And **corrections from last time** (with rambling remarks).

Please remember the grader works from the Bulletin. So check our typing next year, if you haven’t this. We’re careful but not infallible, and to prove it:

**U175 Surrey - Essex** p 10: Surrey bd 5 was Parson*s*, not Parsone. Expect the grader solved it.

**U150 Kent - Surrey** p 10: we got the results the wrong way round on bds 1 and 15. Should read:

 1 Barnes 0 1 Brodie; 15 Stock 1 0 Woods.

Yes, we told the grader a couple of months back. This one was entirely our mistake and it was just bad luck that the errors cancelled out, defeating the adding-up check. The check works on the assumption that we’re unlikely to mistype two results in the same match, and if we do the errors are unlikely to cancel out. Foolproof it ain’t.

**U125 Surrey - Kent B** p 12: Surrey bd 14 was Palm*i*er, 15 Sw*ee*tman. Copied Kent’s version, which came first. Palmer rang no alarm bells, but we did think Swiftman looked suspect and we made a mental note to check with Surrey’s version. Surrey’s version, when it came, was not too clearly written and was capable of being read Kent’s way. Which was, no doubt, why Kent had read it that way. Given a second initial we’d have looked further; we *know* there’s a BS Sweetman. Without it we just took the line of least resistance. We do try to get things right and we wish match captains would make it easier sometimes. One way is writing clearly; another (why not?) is checking your opponents’ score sheet for spellings. The worst way is doing neither and pointing the mistake out afterwards. This may be the time to thank those match captains who send typed results in the standard layout. Makes life much easier. One of them sent three word-processed results on disk the other month, and even took the trouble to convert them for the Bulletin’s word processor. Unfortunately they were in a tabular form not readily compatible with the way we do it, and editing them would have taken longer than typing them out again. Match results on disk aren’t really useful unless your layout’s very similar to the Bulletin’s own.

 And it’s not exactly county matches, but:

**Under 18 Jamboree (Major)** p 3. David Parsons observes that the Surrey scores don’t add up. The offending result is on board 9 and it should read Horton 0 1 Johnson (and Johnson is Surrey, not Middx, and presumably the Kent scores didn’t add up either). Never checked the adding up. With matches we check. Jamborees are a pain to type and a pain to add up, and we confess to being less thorough with them. We’re not alone. The NYCA actually gave a trophy to the wrong team in this year’s national U16 jamboree, having done their sums wrong at the end of the event. The rightful owners of the trophy risked life and limb retrieving it from the usurpers’ departing coach.

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| **BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES**(Editor’s note: I regret that clarity of handwriting and quality of photocopying have not everywhere improved.) |
| **OPEN**quarter-final **Lancs** 13.5.95 **Middx**\* 1 Brett Lund 204 (W) 0 1 Jon S Speelman 251 2 William Giblin 198 0 1 Jonathan Levitt 227 3 Howard Hughes 192 1 0 Kenneth Shovel 230 4 Steve Barnes 192 0 1 Steve H Berry 220 5 Graham Lilley 189 1 0 Peter J Sowray 213 6 Natasha Regan 188 0 1 Mats Carlson 208 7 David Lees 184 ½ ½ RJ McMichael 208 8 Mike Conroy 180 0 1 Paul S Cawte 208 9 Malcolm Peacock 180 ½ ½ Matthew Piper 20310 Alan Barton 177 0 1 Mark Lyell 19711 Bob Newton 176 1 0 Tim Kett 19712 Steve Appleby 174 0 1 Aleks Trifunovic 19713 Philip Seery 169 ½ ½ Luke McShane 18314 def 0 1 Colin McKenzie 19415 def 0 1 ( notice given in time16 def 0 1 ( to save travelling(Nuneaton) **4½ 11½** | You’ll not be surprised to hear that the Bulletin hasn’t received all the results. But bare match scores, gleaned from Jeff Douglas:**open** quarter-finals: Cambs 8½ 7½ Staffs; Warwicks 9 7 Devon; Hants 9 7 Notts. Semi-finals: Warwicks v Middx, Cambs v Hants**minor counties** quarter-finals: Beds 8½ 7½ Staffs; Suffolk 8½ 7½ Cheshire. Semi-finals: Herts v Beds, Suffolk v Surrey**under 175** Quarter-finals: Greater Manchester 9½ 6½ Merseyside; Notts 9 7 Hants. Semi-finals: Essex v Gtr Mcr; Notts v Kent**under 150** Essex lost 7 9 to Notts in the preliminary round; see May *ChessMoves*. Quarter-finals: Devon 8½ 7½ Cleveland; Sussex 10 6 Hants; Lancs 10 6 Notts; Warwicks \*8 8 Suffolk. Semi-finals: Warwicks v Devon; Lancs v Sussex**under 125** Quarter-finals: Cheshire 10 6 Gtr Mcr; Suffolk 10½ 5½ Staffs; Lancs 9 7 Sussex. Semi-finals: Cheshire v Middx; Suffolk v Lancs |

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**MINOR COUNTIES**

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| preliminary round: **Dorset** 22.4.95 **Surrey**\* 1 MJ Simons 192 (B) 0 1 M Ferguson 214 2 GA White 185 ½ ½ DB Rosen 183 3 MJ Freeman 182 0 1 JM Shepley 182 4 JR Hopkins 174 1 0 KP Mynett 176 5 IC Clark 173 0 1 ME Osborne 171 6 RM Pegg 169 ½ ½ PM Stimpson 170 7 T Lines 166 ½ ½ CR Clegg 166 8 PJ Taylor 162 1 0 JJ Skielnik 163 9 LJ Crane 163 ½ ½ RJ Wilcox 15810 TE Simms 161 ½ ½ K Hurst 15611 KA Sarahs 155 1 0 RGR Harris 15312 SR Iyengar 149 0 1 PE Barnard 15213 DE Papworth 148 0 1 PR Archer 15214 FC Kingdon 148 1 0 JB Hawson 14515 JA Oldfield 146 0 1 SR Jones 14216 L Laker 141 1 0 FC Manning 134(Winchester) **7½ 8½**Surrey outgraded Dorset by three-sixteenths of a point on average, and only on top and bottom boards were opponents separated by more than five points. Is this some sort of record? |  |
| quarter-finals: **Gloucestershire** 14.5.95 **Herts**\* 1 S Dilleien 182 (B) ½ ½ A Simpson 199 2 M Burn 186 ½ ½ C Maduekwe 186 3 P Meade 179 0 1 B Savage 174 4 J McMillan 171 0 1 A Gilfillan - 5 D Smith 170 1 0 S Law 153 6 G Taylor 168 0 1 C Majer 177 7 P Denison 164 1 0 M Robertson 159 8 J Boyce 163 1 0 S Tovey 174 9 M Kambites 146 0 1 J Denton 17210 R Comley 169 or 161 1 0 J Cook 17111 R Powis 159 0 1 T Sinkinson 16912 D Jordan 156 or 150 0 1 S Rawlings 16713 P Day 143 1 0 J Franks 16514 G Mann 137 0 1 T Ray 15915 S Roberts 132 0 1 A Atkinson 15216 S Roberts 123 ½ ½ B Judkins 145(Frampton on Severn) **6½ 9½**Glos bds 15 and 16 as received | **Surrey**\* 13.5.95 **Derbyshire**C O’Shaughnessy 200 0 1 P Madden 199 (B)PD Kemp 195 ½ ½ J Shannon 183RA Allicock 195 1 0 M Alderson 174Oliver Rosten 184 ½ ½ R Forey 172DB Rosen 183 1 0 P Moore 172JM Shepley 182 1 0 I Iglesias 165KP Mynett 176 0 1 R Gamble 177Kevin D Richardson 175 0 1 S Gilmore 164Marcus E Osborne 171 1 0 DJ Brown 151S Macdonald-Ross 164 1 0 D Pickering 149PD Dupre 186 ½ ½ J Collins 151JB Hawson 145 1 0 R Nath 150Stuart R Jones 142 0 1 S Bracey 146D Spearman 141 ½ ½ DJ Williams 155FC Manning 134 1 0 P Kelman -DA Baldock 131 ½ ½ D Beckford 122(Nuneaton) **9½ 6½** |
| **UNDER 175**quarter-finals |
|  **Norfolk** 13.5.95 **Essex**\* 1 J Allison 153 (r) 1 0 R Heppinstall 174 (W) 2 R Savory 167 0 1 DJ Millward 172 3 J Dawson 162 0 1 PC Doye 171 4 def 0 1 CR Ramage 171 5 S Moore 153 0 1 SD Harvey 168 6 D Golder 150 0 1 IBN Smith 165 7 N Latter 149 0 1 TD Whitton 168 8 P Badger 149 ½ ½ R Waldteufel 162 9 J Wickham 146 0 1 M Weighell 16210 F Bowers 144 1 0 A King 16111 C Tuffin 140 ½ ½ NH Twitchell 16012 T Buttolph 130 0 1 JA Philpott 15713 D Lubbuck 128 0 1 S Harwood 15014 I Smith 125 1 0 SM Williams 15215 J Danger 127 0 1 David Smith 15216 W De Jong - ½ ½ MRA Murrell 137(Norwich) **4½ 11½** | **Lancashire** 13.5.95 **Kent**\*JD Lyth 169 (B) ½ ½ PD Fenn 174P Fallon 168 ½ ½ PW Eldridge 174S Foulkes 168 ½ ½ PJ O’Donovan 170RK Taylor 168 0 1 Z Mehmet 170S Woodcock 170 1 0 TH Owens 168P Muleady 163 0 1 AG Ropek 169KJ Gornall 161 ½ ½ LR Gurr 164MA Whitehead 152 0 1 SJ Pink 163J Tennant-Smith 155 ½ ½ NC Mackett 163PJ Taylor 154 0 1 SJ Jacob 162P O’Mara 153 1 0 RJ Everson 158PM Taylor 169 ½ ½ AB Mata 157R Tokeley 146 ½ ½ RE Lane 155FS Rushworth 130 0 1 DJR Barnes 148 def 0 1 AC Waters 151 def 0 1 PR Lloyd(Nuneaton) **5½ 10½** |
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| **UNDER 125**quarter-final **Norfolk** 13.5.95 **Middx**\* 1 Owen Green 121 (B) 1 0 Valerie Vangucht e124 2 Len Hall 119 0 1 O Onanunga e124 3 Jo Barger 116 0 1 Greig Sweetland 124 4 Richtry Green 117 1 0 Mike Whitworth 124 5 Mark James 117 ½ ½ Bob Okrzeja 123 6 Phil Suggsey 113 ½ ½ Dougald Agbley 123 7 Cock Bayue 113 0 1 Stan Lazarz 122 8 Lucy Carter 109 ½ ½ Roy Maddock 121 9 William Courtney 108 ½ ½ Alastair Johnstone 12110 Steve Griggs 102 ½ ½ Dennis Ramsey 12111 Mike Wietrl e100 ½ ½ Gary O’Grady 12112 Pam Hwpec 98 1 0 Gareth Smith e12013 Joe Schrtz e100 0 1 Alex Goodman e12014 Ray Cashier 104 0 1 Nigel Bye e12015 Park Allen 97 0 1 Richard Balatoni 11716 Pave Johnsod 89 0 1 Steve Myatt 114(Norwich) **6 10** | **SCCU COUNTY FIXTURES 1995-6**(open division)Oct 7 KM SyO HC Esx (BuBr) 21 CSy SxH OK MBr (EBu)Nov 4 KC SySx HE BrO (BuM) 18 ESy SxK CBr OM (HBu)Dec 2 MC BrSx KE SyH (OBu)Jan 27 HK EBr SxM CO (BuS)Feb 10 OSx ME BrH KSy (CBu) 24 SyBr HM EO SxC (BuK)Mar 9 CE OH MSy BrK (SxBu)This is provisional, for two reasons. One, at this stage counties have the right to insist on changes. And two, the position of Bucks is not yet clear. |

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| **SCCU UNDER 180 KO** |
|  **Sussex**\* 6.5.75 **Kent\*** 1 AO Pickersgill 178 0 1 CI Howell 178 (W) 2 RJ Almond 175 1 0 PD Fenn 174 3 SON Hawes 173 ½ ½ JR Bayford 174 4 IG Kelly 168 0 1 LR Gurr 164 5 CN Hann 168 1 0 NC Mackett 163 6 A Hall 167 1 0 RJ Everson 158 7 IP Judd 160 ½ ½ AB Mata 157 8 AS Fleming 159 1 0 AC Waters 151 9 LJ Cannon 154 0 1 HT Jones 15010 AH Palmer 154 ½ ½ SC Howell 147(Brighton) **5½ 4½** | **Surrey** 20.5.95 **Herts**\*K Mynett 176 (W) 0 1 B Savage 174K Richardson 175 1 0 C Majer 177M Osborne 171 1 0 P Georghiou 173D Sedgwick 168 ½ ½ M Robertson 159D Tuddenham 165 1 0 N Lee 153S McDonald-Ross 164 0 1 S Law 153J Skielnik 163 1 0 D Webb 157P Brown 157 1 0 R Noakes 153P Dupre 156 1 0 A Atkinson 152F Manning 134 ½ ½ B Judkins 145(Sutton) **7 3** |

**CHILTERN LEAGUE 1994-5** courtesy Nigel Dennis

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1 Herts II 12 8 10½ 11½ 14½ 20d 13 13 16 12 130½ 9

2 Oxon II 8 10½ 11½ 16 14 0d 8 12 12 14 106 7

3 Bucks II 12 9½ 9 6½ 11½ 7 12 10½ 11½ 10½ 100 6

4 Berks II 9½ 8½ 11 13 13½ 7 8 9½ 14½ 15 109½ 5

5 Bucks U18 8½ 4 13½ 7 5 4 8 8½ 5½ 14 78 2

6 Berks U18 5½ 6 8½ 6½ 15 8 6 9½ 5 6 76 1

**NATIONAL CLUB**

**OPEN** Quarter-finals Barbican \*3 3 Charlton; Bedford v Wood Green; Guildford 3 3\* Dundee & Victoria; Hull ½ 5½ Maidstone. **Semi-final draw** Dundee & Victoria v Barbican; Maidstone v Bedford/Wood Green

 **Plate** Quarter-finals Atherton 3½ 2½ Bristol & Clifton; Crowthorne 3½ 2½ Cavendish; Mushrooms 3½ 2½ Hounslow; Hertford 1½ 4½ Ilford. **Semi-final draw** Atherton v Mushrooms; Ilford v Crowthorne

**MAJOR** Quarter-finals Prescot & Knotty Ash 2 3 Great Lever; Kings Head 4½ ½ Rainham; Milton Keynes 2 3 Lichfield; Guildford 3½ 1½ Teignmouth. **Semi-final draw** Lichfield v Gt Lever; Kings Head v Guildford

 **Plate** Quarter-finals Dista 3½ 1½ Rochdale; Warley Quinborne 2½ 2½\* Coddon; Thamesdown 1½ 3½ Exeter; Kingston 3½ 1½ Hastings & St Leonards. **Semi-final draw** Coddon v Dista; Exeter v Kingston

**INTERMEDIATE** Quarter-finals Kings Head \*2½ 2½ Maidstone; Prescot & KA 1½ 3½ Crowthorne; Sherwood House 3 2 Grays; Tamworth & District 1½ 3½ Cosham. **Semi-final draw** Cosham v Crowthorne; Sherwood House v Kings Head

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 **Plate** Quarter-finals Darnall & Handsworth 3½ 1½ Morecambe; Ipswich 2 3 Southampton; Rainham 2 3 Eastbourne; Solihull Youth \*2½ 2½ Slough. **Semi-final draw** Darnall & Handsworth v Solihull Youth; Eastbourne v Southampton

**MINOR** Quarter-finals Basingstoke 3½ 1½ Hastings; Morecambe 3½ 1½ Great Lever; Metropolitan 1 4 Kings Head; Walsall Kipping 1½ 3½ Tamworth. **Semi-final draw** Kings Head v Basingstoke; Tamworth v Morecambe

 **Plate** Quarter-finals Horfield & Redland 2½ 2½\* Sherwood House; Maidstone 3½ 1½ Bognor & Aron; Amber Valley 2 3 Yorkshire Copperworks; Reading 4 1 Hayes & Harlington. **Semi-final draw** Yorkshire Copperworks v Sherwood House; Reading v Maidstone

 Acknowledgments PI Clemow, JA Leake, PC Gibbs, D Rowe

**KENT** leagues 1995-6: Finals Day. Div 1 Charlton 3½ 2½ Maidstone; Div 2 Maidstone III 3½ 2½ Hayes II; Div 3 Rainham II 3½ 2½ Maidstone V; Div 4 Charlton V 4 2 Chislehurst III; Div 5 Welling IV 4 2 Lewisham VI; Div 6 Sidcup \*2 2 Maidstone VIII. Division 6, new this year, is for teams with mean grade not exceeding 80. (We should have made it Under 80, it’s easier to say.)

County Chess Match Surrey v Dorset

Venue:-Weeke Community Centre, Taplings Rd,

Winchester 01962 880349

Date:-Saturday, April 22nd 1995 at 1300 hours

The Grid Reference of the Community Centre is 467312. The approach path is as follows:-

All Surrey players will proceed south-west on the M3. At Junction 8 (GR 574459) they will leave the M3 and take the A303 towards Andover. At Bullington Cross (GR 466420) they will turn south on the A34 towards Winchester. Bullington Cross is marked with a GREEN A on MAP ONE.

 At GREEN Z on MAP ONE they will leave the A34 and take the B3420 south-east. GREEN Z is also marked on MAP TWO. GREEN Z is (GR 462340).

 Taplings Rd is in SQUARE B2 of MAP TWO. The Community Centre is on the north side of Taplings Rd between Rowlings Rd and Taplings Close. The RED SPOT on MAP TWO marks the target.

From 1030 hrs to 1330 hrs the Dorset captain will maintain a listening brief on Mobile 0850-646455.

 Dorset match captain, to Surrey match captain.

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Jun 3- 4 KENSINGTON Open; U165/35. D Agble, 15 Beit Hall, Prince Consort Rd SW7 2BB 0171 594 9456

 9-11 MIDLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP BCQ in Birmingham. Open; U160/130/100. No smoking. Bruce Holland, 2a Bertie Rd, Kenilworth, Warwicks CV8 1JP 01926 53280

 10-11 KINGS HEAD Open; U160/120. WA Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd, London W11 2BY

 11 POTTERIES at Stoke on Trent. C Hankey, 374 Barks Drive, Norton, Stoke on Trent ST6 8EU 01782 544249

 17 WESTMINSTER CHESS. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881

 17-18 CAMBRIDGE BCQ. Open; U170/145/125/100. D Martin, 12 Caribou Way, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge CB1 4XG 01223 242958

 23-25 EAST GLAMORGAN at Bridgend. Open; U151/113. DK Evans, 121 Llangewydd Rd, Bridgend, Mid(!) Glam 01656 658476

 23-25 PETERLEE Open; U156/116/novice. B Hesler, Burdon House, Horden, Peterlee, Durham SR8 4JF 0191 586 4342

 24 GOLDERS GREEN U150. AN Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 081 202 0982

 24-25 HEYWOOD Open; U171/141/116/91. W O’Rourke, 101 Queens Park Rd, Heywood, Lancs OL10 4JR 01706 627874

 25 BASINGSTOKE JUNIOR. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, South View, Basingstoke 01256 472537

 30- 2 SANDWELL. Open; U166/136/106; junior U18/16/14/12/9. JA Crump, 21 Shaftesbury St, West Bromwich B71 1LP 0121 525 1407

Jul 1 MILL HILL BLITZ. AC Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar EN6 3HA 01707 659080

 2 FAMILY TOURNAMENT at Sevenoaks. U150. M Roberts, 61 Chipstead Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 2AJ 01732 453523

 7- 9 VILLAGE CONGRESS at Charlton. Open; U161/126. TR Jefferies, 112 Austen Close, Thamesmead, London SE28 8AZ

 7- 9 GREATER MANCHESTER SUMMER. P Clissold, 4 Vale St, Turton, Bolton BL7 0EB 01204 852036

 14-16 SOUTH WALES at Monmouth. Open; U151/113/82. K Staveley, 57 Treharne St, Cwmparc, Rhondda, Mid Glam CF42 6LH 01443 772750

 14-16 CLEVELAND at Middlesbrough. Open; U161/136/111/novice. PO Box 41, Middlesbrough TS3 0YZ 01642 327583

 16 HAMPSHIRE JUNIOR. J French, 31 Brocas Drive, South View, Basingstoke 01256 472537

 16 CHESTER. RA Furness, 9 Cranwell Avenue, Culcheth, Warrington QA3 4JX 01925 762654

 21-23 SKEGNESS Open; U161/121/81. F Bowers, 34 Middle Rd, Whaplode, Spalding PE12 6TW 01406 370166

 22 WESTMINSTER CHESS. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881

 22-23 MILL HILL NW7. Open; U160/120. No smoking. 4th Mill Hill Congress, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3HA

 29-30 JRW Harradence Memorial, London. N Went, 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Essex RM13 8JT 01708 551617

We are sorry to hear that Lorraine Harding, BCF Grading Administrator and Membership Secretary, has gone into hospital and is expected to be off work for at least two months. This is bound to have some effect on BCF services, especially in grading at a very busy time of year. Graders are urged to keep up to date with deadlines. They should continue to send things to the BCF office but it might be a good idea if letters were marked “Grading”, or something, in prominent letters. We believe Roger Edwards will be in the office at regular intervals.

Reminder:

**ARBITERS COURSE** at the Barbican 10th June, 8th and 22nd July. Details from David Sedgwick, 23 Tierney Court, Canning Rd, Croydon CR0 6QU 0181 656 7682. He’s doing another one Wednesday evenings at Maidstone June-Julyish, don’t know exact dates. One thing they do at these sessions is a “practical” where stooge players behave as badly and illegally as possible. Not sure where they recruit the people for this job. We hope to publish some kind of account next time.

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On the subject of grading, I am pleased to note that Lorraine Harding, BCF Grading Administrator, is back in harness (on a part-time basis I think, as I type this) after her spell in hospital. I hear she wasn’t due back for a while but they couldn’t keep her away. Thanks are due to her, and to Roger Edwards who put in I don’t know how many weekend hours in St Leonards so the list could appear on time. Corners have been cut, but last I heard it was safely with the printers. There’s the usual crop of missing results, including two from the SCCU. One omission at least, I won’t say from what Union, is rather embarrassing. Missing results are usually down to individual graders or organisers not doing their thing, and in some cases a monitoring process would pick up the problem before it’s too late. I’m sure the BCF and/or Unions will have this in mind.

 I’ve just corrected a mistake of mine which would have reduced the player’s grade by at least 10 points or so, more likely 20 or 30. Wonder how many similar mistakes have gone uncorrected? None of mine, I think. I checked a bit carefully, having found one mistake! But it’s easy to do. Just input 6 games and125 points for him instead of 6 games and 1258 points. This wouldn’t happen with a proper computerised system. I use a more-or-less proper one most of the time, but it just so happened I wasn’t doing for this event. I don’t know how much grading *is* properly computerised. The BCF’s own programs are anything but proper and would not have prevented my mistake. They’re working on this, or thinking about it anyway, and a four-figure budget’s agreed, and with any luck some self-respecting BCF software will emerge in a year or two. A laser printer as well, let’s hope (and see postscript on page 10). But it won’t come right till every grader has the hardware and is willing to use it.

**SCCU ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Council met on Saturday 24th June 1995 at the Fountains Abbey, formerly Tavistocks, near Paddington station. 23 attended but your Editor didn’t, and this account derives mainly from the draft official minutes. It’s far from exhaustive.

**(1) BCF Management Board.** Restructuring the Management Board is one of those things, like Where are the Missing Trophies and what’s this one for?, that will always be with us. At the moment one of the possibilities is that the Unions may lose their representation. The other Unions don’t seem too bothered, but Council (the SCCU one, that is) asked their reps to do their best to stay put.

**(2) Juniors.** The Junior Organiser’s very full written report provoked much discussion and, it appears, a fair bit of sniping. In one county at least there is an obvious feeling that Bruce Birchall, the Junior Organiser, has too much freedom in deciding what events to run, and too much money to run them with (1994-5 budget £500, though he’d only spent £306). Similar points had been made at the Executive meeting 12th May (Bulletin 223:7) and the Executive had come down pretty well on Bruce’s side. Council seemed, on the whole, to agree with the Executive and it approved a junior budget of £450 for 1995-6. A feature of BHB’s stewardship has been new and experimental events, with a strong bias towards Girls competitions. His “new developments kitty” puts money into such events in the hope that they will take off under their own steam.

 The snipers will not have been mollified by BHB’s suggestion that, in view of his energy-sapping commitments to junior chess, he ought to be paid. Council seems to have felt that in a general sort of way Officers should not be paid; a more appropriate solution might be to share the work out by finding helpers from outside the Executive. Regular and formalised meetings of county junior organisers could be a good source of helpers, as well as advising the Junior Organiser on the need for events and the appropriateness of expenditure.

 BHB wanted to set up a charity to help raise junior funds. The trustees would be a parent, a teacher, “a professional”, and the Junior Organiser, and they would meet quarterly and employ one or two paid workers. Against this it was urged that a Union charity would be effectively outside the control of Council; a better way might be to set up an independent charity to which the Union could always contribute if it wished. There was, moreover, a BCF charity already in existence with similar aims; did we really need another? Council decided, with only one dissenting vote, that it did not wish to set up a Union charity.

**(3) Money.** You’ve already had a bit of this in the last paragraph but two. But Council adopted Tony Suttill’s audited accounts, showing a modest surplus of £21. For 1995-6 it agreed county fees of £30 per county plus £12 per team (previous year’s figures £25 and £10). Note: the BCF has just increased its own entry fee from £10 to £15 per team; this fee is levied on entry to the Union stage.

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**(4) Election of Officers.** No contested elections or anything, but we have a new Secretary in Lee Davis of Berkshire. The Bulletin has to admit it had never heard of him (which probably says more about the Bulletin than it does about Lee Davis). He will also do the minutes. We understand there had previously been another volunteer for the secretary’s job but he withdrew his name because he wouldn’t work on the same committee as \*\*\*\*\*\*\*, and we probably weren’t supposed to say that.

 David Sedgwick, standing down as President after the traditional two-year stint, took over as County Match Controller and Fred Manning sidestepped into the Fixture Secretary’s job vacated by Dave Metcalfe. Chris Howell duly moved into the President’s chair, John Philpott is the new Deputy President, and the Bulletin feels a hidden Editorial coming on. It dislikes the SCCU’s approach to senior office. Don’t get this wrong. It’s years since the Union had a President the Bulletin disapproved of and it thinks John Philpott an excellent choice. (What? Oh, for 1997, dammit.) But the two-year tenure is a nonsense. Good Presidents aren’t so thick on the ground you can afford to throw one away just because he’s been two years in the job. Do the other Unions do this? Nearly four years ago, when we temporarily had no Deputy President, the Executive appointed one that nobody present knew anything about. Someone had just heard he was “a good man”, or something. We did this on someone’s proposal and the spur of the moment in the knowledge that, barring unpleasantness, we were effectively appointing the next President. His name was David Sedgwick. It worked out fine, but what a way to run a Union.

**(5) Rule changes.**

(a) Principal Officers Sub-committee. This was to have been the new streamlined SCCU Management Board, but no one seemed to want it. The Management Board is abolished, and the President, in consultation with such officers as he thinks necessary, is empowered to take urgent decisions on the Union’s behalf.

(b) Quorum. It was agreed, with only one vote against, that proxy votes don’t count towards quorums.

(c) Various minor tidying-up changes were made to the Constitution.

(d) Eligibility of ungraded players in grading-limited events. The new rule (approved by 16 votes to 2) is that players without a current grade can play if the match captain obtains prior clearance from the County Match Controller. He must submit evidence, where available, from the local grader or master list and the Controller will refuse clearance if not entirely satisfied.

(e) Time limits in county matches. The Executive proposed a range of choices, but it became apparent that the meeting preferred simply to give match captains a free hand (subject to grading eligibility and the retention of a QPF). This was agreed. John Philpott rightly objected to the fact that the proposal was made without a detailed draft, and the Rules & Appeals sub-committee will do the necessary.

(f) Submission of match results. Results are to be posted within 7 days.

(g) Refreshments. Counties must now, when advising match details, say whether refreshments are available.

(h) 16 and 18 board matches. A county may now opt to play all its matches over 16 boards in the Open, provided it gives notice before the 1st September. Counties may still play an individual match over 16 boards by agreement, and 18 boards is now allowed as well. When a match is played over 16 or 18 boards, each side is credited with an extra half-point per unplayed game.

(i) Ineligibility claims. Claims may be made by any match captain in the competition or by any officer of the Union, within 14 days or by the 31st December, whichever is later. The Bulletin doesn’t know why the 31st December comes into it.

**(6) Lighting.** Someone said the Fountains Abbey lighting was inadequate. Think we’ve said this ourselves.

The meeting closed at 7.07 p.m. Glad we weren’t there!

**SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The executive met, as always, immediately after the Council meeting. It did routine things, mostly.

**(1) BCF Management Board reps.** Chris Howell, Tony Suttill.

**(2) BCF Council reps.** Chris Howell, John Philpott, Lee Davis, Tony Suttill.

**(3) BCF Game Fee Committee rep.** John Philpott.

**(4) London Chess Association rep.** John Philpott. The Bulletin was a bit vague about this and still is, but the LCA is an association of London organisers which, among other things doubtless, produces and co-ordinates a calendar of London congresses. Its 1995-6 calendar inscrutably lists the North Essex and Maidstone organisers but no others from outside London.

**(5) Signatories.** The Deputy President is now a signatory in addition to the President, Secretary and Treasurer. Two signatures are required for cheques over £100.

**(6) Womens event.** The BCF Budget for 1995-6 includes £2000 for a regional womens event. As BCF funding was allocated to the Menchik event in 1994, the £2000 ought to go to another Union. No other Union has applied for it yet, and if none did we could do so; David Sedgwick suggested an 18-player Scheveningen in Croydon. 1997 would be nicer, though, to mark the centenary of the first ever womens tournament.

**(7) Letterhead.** John Philpott agreed to send out new letterhead for officers to replace the old stuff overtaken by British Telecom’s printer-and-signwriter-friendly exercise. (No thanks if you haven’t already, John. Doing my own is easier.)

**(8) Next meeting.** Friday 8th September 1995 at the Durham Castle.

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**BCF ODDMENTS**

**Officers sought:** Director of Management Services; Chief Controller, National Club; officers for adult education, chess in prisons, chess for the disabled.

**Badger Computers:** the liquidation of the sponsors led to some cost-cutting (like the cancellation of the reception at the National Club Finals) but commitments were met; additional cost to the Federation was around £1500.

**Head Lease** at St Leonards, in case you understand such things: asking price is £20,000+ and a report has made no clear recommendation.

**British Championships** 1998 will be in Durham (1996 Nottingham, 1997 Hove).

**Club of the Year** is Hull.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Dear Richard,** rec 5.7.95

I feel I must write and clarify some issues with regard to Alan Cox’s letter that you printed in the SCCU May 95 Bulletin. His comments suggest that Crowthorne were dishonourable. I am angered by this and seek to rebut his suggestions. In particular I am unhappy that Mr Cox should suggest that the lesson for club captains is to keep old grading lists as they may have to play a club such as Crowthorne. In this case a simple question to the player before picking him would have avoided this dispute altogether.

 In the National Club U150 match between Reading and Crowthorne, Reading played an ungraded player on board 2. During the course of the match and again afterward that player was asked by three different Crowthorne players if he had previously held a grade. He replied that he had and that it had been 198 or thereabout, albeit 12 years previously. After much debate among our players following the match, we decided that this was pushing things a little too far. Reading had not discussed the matter with us prior to the game so we objected.

 It has been suggested that I should have conferred with Reading before objecting. Maybe, but I had only three days to get the objection to the controller in writing. If I, or the Crowthorne club, are guilty of anything my opinion is that this is the only thing.

 As you wrote, Peter Gibbs acted absolutely correctly in awarding the result to Crowthorne. He had no choice, rules are rules. The only discretion was with Crowthorne.

 By the time I met Mick Tarrant (Reading Captain) correspondence was going on between the two clubs and the controller. We had now discovered that the player concerned was graded considerably lower, at 163 twelve years earlier. I said to Mick, if Reading were to concede that they had erred, and that Crowthorne had not acted dishonourably, I would withdraw the claim. He thus agreed, and I have no hesitation to state that Mick’s behaviour was that of the gentleman he is.

 Unfortunately it did not end there. It was Ted Mathewson, Reading’s Secretary, who was handling the dispute. Instead of taking a contrite approach, he had decided that tactically his best chance was to counter claim and suggest that Crowthorne had been improper and unsporting to complain. Unfortunately it was these letters that caused my team to decide not to retract the claim. It was felt unfair to deride the innocent victims for asking that the rules be upheld. It was further felt that Reading’s counter claim, that we had played out of order, was insulting. We accepted the official ruling.

 Subsequently I talked to Ted and we agreed it was unfortunate that things had gone the way they had, and I understood there would be no further hard feelings. I accepted his explanations and he mine. It is unfortunate that Alan Cox went to press without possessing all the facts. I am sure, as a reasonable man, he will now be happy with the way things went. Yours sincerely,

 **Mark Saunders** (Crowthorne Captain)

cc Mick Tarrant, Ted Mathewson, Alan Cox

Ed: - You’re the controller and Crowthorne want to withdraw their claim. What do you do?

**Dear Richard,** 12.7.95

I do not wish to prolong the agony of the Reading v Crowthorne result but, having seen Mark Saunders’s letter, I must confirm that I wrote my letter of 31 March to the Bulletin entirely on my own initiative and not on behalf of my club, Reading...

 The prescriptive nature of the rule on eligibility contrasts with the rule on order of playing strength which makes no reference to grades and apparently allows match captains to take recent form into account. I sense that there is a *non sequitur* somewhere in this.

 The problem with prescriptive rules is that sooner or later a case will arise which does not fit. There should be a provision for discretion in interpreting the intention of such rules in extreme cases. I offer this suggestion to the BCF. In so doing I realise from other letters in the May Bulletin that many will disagree with me. Indeed it does

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appear from the correspondence columns of the Bulletin these days that, to adapt the words of the late Bill Shankly, chess is not a matter of life and death, but much more serious than that.

 Yours sincerely,

 **Alan (Cox)** Reading

Ed: - For what it’s worth I agree the rule didn’t fit, but it was the rule and I can’t work up much sympathy for a club that broke it without even noticing. With which Last Word I declare this correspondence closed.

**Dear Richard,** 18.6.95

Just surfing through SCCU Bulletin 223:

 **QPF**. Offhand I can not think of any other sport - apart from those with explicit subjectivity such as diving, ice skating, dancing - where there is room for doubt as to a decision within the rules when the facts are absolutely indisputable. One of the reasons I gave up arbiting is because I found it absurd and discouraging to be put into a position where my own playing strength, and not my knowledge of the rules, might decide the result of a game. Heck, I couldn’t evaluate the likely outcome of a game with players graded 50 points below me; and when I sit down to play, after the first three or four moves I make it up all over again. I’m not going to put that lack of ability into a QPF arbiting situation, and no arbiter should be put in that wide a discretionary situation.

 **222:3, Dupre letter**. I do sympathise with Mr Dupre’s point, but shouldn’t it apply even more to the U100/U125 events? An ungraded player is statistically less unlikely to be over 100 or 125 playing strength than they are to be over 150 or 175. [Errm... - Ed]

 **223:4, Millin letter**. Votes at Council - representing view. Lester should remember that quite a number of votes at Council are cast by ex officio, not representative, members. There is also the point about the recent extension of the franchise to congresses - who does an independent congress represent? If a chess entrepreneur runs a congress for their own profit, they will pay BCF Game Fee and get votes at BCF Council - but they represent no one except themself. Hastings Congress has more votes than some very small counties: but Hastings players have no control over the actions of the Hastings Committee, whose constitution has no provision for player representation: so we can outvote a democratically controlled county.

 **223:13, Dorset v Surrey**. All praise to the Dorset captain for clear and explicit direction: but how sad it is that everyone had to go by car and couldn’t/wouldn’t use public transport.

 A propos the above, should there be provision for county match venues to be accessible by public transport? Say at least once an hour to a point within half a mile? And to have ramp access for the disabled too?

 **Paul Buswell** St Leonards

**Dear Richard,** 20.7.95

...Since I was one of the tellers at the BCF Council Meeting, I do know the identity of the individual who voted for a 55p Game Fee per player per game. However if I were to tell, I would never be allowed to tell again, if you see what I mean. Lester may be pleased to learn that the individual concerned did not come from the SCCU area.

 Yours sincerely,

 **John Philpott** Chingford

A congress organiser writes:

 “I had one unsavoury incident in that a competitor entered late and paid by cheque (claiming his BCF Member’s discount) but his cheque was returned by his bank for lack of funds 4 days later. The same player accepted a cheque for a grading prize and cashed it before I could stop it. He also has failed to respond to requests for further payment of due fees. I found out subsequently that the same person presented a credit card which was later dishonoured for goods at the bookstall and that he also owes BCF fees from a previous event where his credit card was dishonoured. I suggested to BCF that they might advise other congress organisers who are registered with them for Game Fee to be wary of this person but the Chairman of the Finance Committee declined to take any action for reasons that escape me...”

 The organiser goes on to give a pretty broad hint at the player’s identity. He won’t have meant us to publish the hint and we wouldn’t dare anyway. In the organiser’s place we’d be strongly tempted to tell all the congress organisers in sight - the bits we could prove, that is - and tell the player we were doing so.

**ARBITERS COURSES: THE INSIDE STORY**

(Well, a bit of it)

“Would you like to be official Observer at my Arbiters Course, Richard? I really need a BCF Arbiter for the job but I can’t find one so you’ll have to do.” “OK David, so long as I can write about it.” So there I was at the Maidstone Leisure Centre one Wednesday evening, and here’s what I wrote.

 What *is* an Arbiters Course? I’ve not witnessed the full thing so I’m a bit vague, but normally there’s three
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sessions. The first is devoted to rules and Swiss pairings, the second is a practical where invited players behave
badly on purpose, and the third is the BCF’s Exam (rules, pairings, coping with problems). Or something along those lines. To become a BCF Arbiter you must not only pass the exam but also gain suitable experience, and then get recommended by two BCF Arbiters at least one of whom wears a big hat.

 Anyway. What I went to was the practical, and my job was to note what happened and what the candidates did about it. This was necessary because the course tutor (oh, David Sedgwick, didn’t I say?) was playing in the “tournament”. Candidates are not assessed on the practical, it’s only for practice, with a feedback session at the end. Which was just as well on this occasion, because it was the most over-arbitered tournament I’ve ever been at or heard of. Ten arbiters for eight players, I think it was, and that was after an arbiter dropped out. Problem was an arbiter-overflow from the Barbican course. But I have to say the players did their best to keep them occupied.

 The tutor had primed his playing team with specific ways of being awkward. Like doing e.p. captures wrong, or not writing the moves down, or claiming spurious repetitions, or playing illegal moves in the last five minutes, or discussing their games, or failing to hand a result in. Or disputing the pairings, naturally. The very first problem scheduled was Entrant Failing to Turn Up. This one fell flat when the named player, who wasn’t supposed to be at the club that night, was. Shortly afterwards the tutor found himself unexpectedly handicapped when his notes on the event, jotted down as things happened, were taken away from him on the ground that you’re not allowed to make notes during a game, and even if they weren’t about his game he was distracting his opponent anyway. Thereafter the team’s inventiveness, or inborn knavery, ensured that the unplanned problems outnumbered the planned ones and the Observer never got the chance to spring his own really nasty one.

 It went well for a round and a half (there were three rounds). Then to be honest the atmosphere got a bit light-hearted, or headed, and by the end Observer Spilling Crisps on Board hardly seemed out of keeping. The most improbable incident was solved by a remarkable piece of detective work on the arbiters’ part. A player, finding his flag suddenly three minutes past the hour, loudly accused his opponent of fiddling the clock. Controllers’ dilemma. Was the opponent guilty? Had the player done it himself because he was losing? Was it a Defective Clock? None of those things, the clock had been advanced by the player sitting to the claimant’s left. How the arbiters found out, or what clues they had, I don’t know; unless it was local knowledge (Matthew Noakes is known at the Maidstone club). We all had a laugh, but it wasn’t the stuff of Arbiters Courses.

 It was a useful event and I think the candidates would agree they learned from it. Only they *were* too many. David felt, as I did, that things went a little over the top towards the end. The event’s twin, at the Barbican soon afterwards, reportedly had a lower arbiter-player ratio and a more sober set of problems to solve.

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Moving off at a tangent: The other week, in an U11 event I was controlling, a player claimed a perfectly valid repetition but made his move first. Dammit, I thought, this is a county-level player and I’m going to apply the rules whether he knows them or not. No draw. Was I harsh? (A few moves later he claimed the same repetition again, the right way, and I was going to give him it until someone pointed out that a pawn had moved in the meantime.)

 Some weeks earlier I arbited a team match in which one side had a blind player. Feverishly scanning the rules on blind players I discovered that his (personal) board, while quite unexceptionable, didn’t meet the regulations. The opponents said nothing and neither did I. Was I wrong? That one’s almost too easy, but arbiters - Arbiters - don’t always agree on the point at which they should step in uninvited.

 QPF in a recent congress: Black’s flag drops when he has K+RP v K+N. Arbiter says draw. Very soon afterwards, but not immediately, White points out the mating possibility (which, apparently, was plausible from that position). Arbiter: “Oh, I didn’t know Knights could mate against Rooks pawns. White win.” (So shoot the arbiter, but that isn’t the question.) Next it turns out that White didn’t know about the mate either, till someone told him after the (first) ruling. So he’s received advice. Can he do that, bearing in mind that the game’s over?

**CONGRESS RESULTS**

**SOUTHEND** 14-17 April 1995, better late than never. 158 played, and “all prize money as advertised was paid out”.

**Open** (74 pl) 1-2 Andrew Ledger (Bedford), Matthew Sadler (Maidstone) 6½/7; 3-4 Paul Cooksey (Newbury: takes BCQ place), Michael Twyble (Southend) 5½; 5 Brian Kemish (Basildon) 5... grading 171-185 RA Barton (Morecambe), J Bayford (Folkestone), R Gamble (Courtaulds), D Millward (Writtle), G Reid (Basildon), P Williamson (Rayleigh), L Wooldridge (Bourne End); 156-170 A King (Grays), J Potter (Ashford); 141-155 K Forman (Coventry Transport), S Harwood (Southend), R Newton (Rayleigh), D Read (Colchester); 126-140 S Lefevre (Cosham); U126 P Bloom (Hayes Kent), DC Gibbs (Ilford), M Lewsey (Colchester).

**Swiss A** (18 pl) 1 J Rogers (Brentwood) 5/5; 2 P Laundy (Basildon) 4; 3-5 A Corish (Upminster), J Dodgson (Hastings), J Holland (Dereham) 3½...

**Swiss B** (22 pl) 1-2 M Bradford (Grays), M Pool (Customs Southend) 4½/5; 3 A Batson (Wickford) 4...

**Swiss C** (22 pl) 1 K Foakes (Westcliff) 5/5; 2 H Tanton (Billericay) 4; 3-5 M Cain, AM Miles, B Smith (all Basildon) 3½...

**Swiss D** (22 pl) 1 B Archer (Benfleet) 4½/5; 2-4 A Brew (Basildon), S Grey (London), A Russell (Port Sunlight) 4

 Results GMA Smith

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**WESTMINSTER** 13th May 1995

**Open** (16 pl) 1-2 Jerzy Dybowski, David Sands 5; 3 Mark Rubery 4...

**Major** (31 pl) 1-2 Michael Kobylka, Shanker Menon 5, Besharet Khan 5...

**Minor** (30 pl) 1-3 David Shalom, Carl Weeks, STK Wilkinson 5... Results JM Sargent

**BARKING** 27 - 29 May 1995 had only 153 players compared with the previous year’s 178. The organisers aren’t too complimentary about Chess & Bridge who ran a clashing event on the Saturday.

**Open** 1 Mark Ferguson 5/6; 2-6 Lawrence Cooper, Gerry Hayes, Miroslav Houska, David Sands, David Wood 4½... Junior Karl Mah

**Major** 1-4 Carlos Nathan, Stephen Wedlock, Iozeph Okosieme, Eddie Dearing 5/6... Junior Nathan Alfred

**Minor** 1-2 Desmond Tan, Tobias Stock 5½/6; 3-6 Stephen Chick, John Gazzard, Barry Archer, Michael Allen 4½... Junior Christopher Hobbs Results JM Sargent

**KINGS HEAD LONDON OPEN** 10-11 June 1995

**Open** (59 pl) 1-2 S Conquest (Sea Mills), JDM Nunn (Duisberg) 4½/5; 3-7 DH Cummings (Slough), APH Kinsman (Wimbledon), M Rubery, G Wall (Richmond), SK Williams 4... Grading 190-209 SK Williams; 170-189 N Donovan (Metropolitan) 3; U170 DG Flower (Barbican) 2½. Junior SK Williams. Best Game JDM Nunn.

**Major** (66 pl) 1-4 E Dearing (Writtle/Perth), S Law (Hemel Hempstead), MI Roberts (Dartford), D Spearman (South Norwood) 4½/5... Grading 135-149 D Spearman; U135 G Sweetland (Kings Head) 3. Junior D Dearing. (We assume this is the Dearing who came 1st=since his score is given as 4½ and his club as Writtle/Perth; however the initial has been typed as received.) Best Game NSW Alfred.

**Minor** (76 pl) 1-2 G Bishop, AS James (Surbiton) 5/5; 3-12 B Bankavs (Bell Green), R Cutting (Streatham), JB Goldman (Westminster School), L Hylands (Colchester), J Joyce (Nat Correspondence), J Levy (Barnet), C Lipscombe, V Litvin, D Molineux (Kings Head), R Rattram (Richmond Juniors) 4... Grading 95-109 J Joyce, V Litvin; U95 D Molineux. Junior R Rattram. Best Game JP Goldman.

**Computers**: No computers played. Results WA Suttill

**WESTMINSTER** 17th June 1995

**Open** (15 pl) 1 Nigel Rose (Hackney) 5/6; 2 M Rubery (Hackney) 4½; 3 Justin Marley (Crystal Palace) 4...

**Major** (21 pl) 1-2 DJR Barnes (Rainham), NSW Alfred (Beckenham & Bromley) 5½/6; 3 KD White (UCL) 5...

**Minor** (32 pl) 1 Matthew King (Ashford) 6/6; 2-3 Howard Berlin (Ilford), W Francis (E2) 5... Results JM Sargent

**AND ODD NEWS...**

**ESSEX** Leagues 1994-5: **Div 1** (12 teams) 1 Ilford I 20; 2 Writtle 20; 3 Southend I 16... **Div 2** (13 teams) 1 Edmonton I 21; 2 (after play-off) Billericay 21; 3 Southend II 19... **Div 3** (12 teams) 1 Newham 22; 2 Ilford V 16; 3 Wanstead & Woodford III 14... **Div 4** (14 teams) 1 Eastbrook IV 22...

 Essex Team Blitz Championship (Writtle 9th July) was an APA for teams of four, with 8 minutes each per game. 1 Ilford 37; 2 (tie-break) Powdermill A 37; 3 Chelmsford A 36½... It was agreed to split the prize equally between the two leading teams. Till someone remembered the prize was an engraved clock. Results JA Philpott

**SOUTHEND & DISTRICT LEAGUE**: resultsfrom John Philpott

**Div 1** (7 teams) 1 Rayleigh I 20/24; 2 Southend I 18... **Div 2** (7 teams) 1 Southend III 17/24; 2 Customs II 15... **Div 3** (6 teams) 1 Customs III 18/20; 2 Wickford III 14... **Perriman Cup** Customs I beat Rayleigh II 5 - 2½ in the Final. (You heard. The Rayleigh score included 1½ points handicap bonus.) **Senior Individual** (not sure what Senior means) M Blyth beat SL Wedlock in the Final; **Plate** AJ Parsons beat S Harwood. **Team Lightning** Southend II 2 1 Southend I (whoops). **Individual** Lightning 1 S Harwood 6/6; 2 AJ Parsons 5...

**KENT** individual titles 1994-5: County Champion C Chandler; Major RJ Everson; Intermediate B Hunter; Minor TR Jefferies. And the Primary schools title, in a repeat of last year’s results, went to Barming (Maidstone) with Amherst (Sevenoaks) as runners-up.

**LONDON LEAGUE** 1994-5: results from Bob Turnham

**Div 1** 1 Wood Green I 11/12; 2 Charlton 8; 3-4 Kings Head I, Cavendish I 6½; 5 Streatham I 6...

**Div 2** 1Hackney I 9/10; 2 Drunken Knights 8½; 3 Ilford I 6½; 4 Barbican II 6; 5 Wimbledon II 5½...

**Div 3** 1 Gravesend 9½/10; 2 Woodbridge 7½; 3 Beckenham & Bromley 6½; 4-5 Hackney II, Wood Gn II 5½...

**Div 4** 1Lewisham II 6½/10; 2 Philippine I 6½; 3 Kings Head IV 6; 4-5 Morley College I, Richmond II 5½...

**Div 5** 1 International Students 8/9; 2-4 Barbican III, Athenaeum II, DHSS I 5½; 5-6 Streatham III, Wanstead III 5..

**Div 6** 1 Barbican IV 5½/8; 2 BBC 4½; 3 DHSS II 4; 4 Kings Head VI 3...

 The Division 5 table includes a team called “Cancelled” which played no matches and didn’t come bottom. Penalties (for defaults we assume) produced several negative totals, and the lowest score in the League was -1½

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match points (Hampstead II in Division 3). Matches are over 10 boards, if you didn’t know, and last we heard promotion and relegation was in operation.

**INSURANCE CC** 1994-5

**Leagues**: in a “disappointing” season marred by withdrawals Div 1 went to Lincoln National for the first time, and Div 2 to IOB. **Bowring King KO** IOB; **Durham Trophy KO** Minet; **Frost Wilmot Team Rapid Play** Bain Hogg. **Individual Championship** D Malcolm after a play-off against DR Sedgwick; **Major** MR Wiltshire; **Minor** HR Kember.

***TIMES* BRITISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP**: results from Mitchell Taylor

The Big Do at the Charing Cross Hotel (end of June, dates not instantly to hand and we’re feeling lazy):

**Semi-finals** Methodist College Belfast 5 1 Ipswich School; Maidstone GS \*3 3 Truro School. **Third Place Play-off** Truro School 4 2 Ipswich School. **Final** Methodist College 4½ 1½ Maidstone GS. This is the first time an Irish team has won the Championship. (MGS report that the odd queen or two left lying around in the Final didn’t improve their chances.) **Plate** competition, for Zone runners-up, went to St Columbs College, Derry (isn’t that in Ireland as well?), who beat Northgate High School, Ipswich, 5-1 in the Final. Pity about the Ipswich fairy tale.

**EUROPEAN CLUB CUP**

**Maidstone** are in Group 2 (E Bohemia 15-17 Sep) and play Lyon in round 1 “but there are no other frightening teams”. **Slough** in Group 3 (Paris 22-24 Sep) play some totally unspellable Hungarians in round 1; **Guildford** in Group 7 (Göteborg) play Paisley in round 1.

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| **SCCU U180 KO**: Semi-final **Bucks** 15.7.95 **Sussex**\* 1 LM Wooldridge 176 0 1 RJ Almond 175 (B) 2 MS Vann 127 (r) 0 1 IG Kelly 168 3 EK Tweeddale 170 ½ ½ CN Hann 168 4 A Robbings 166 1 0 A Hall 167 5 J Springall 157 ½ ½ IP Judd 160 6 B Shipley 154 ½ ½ P Watson 163 7 RDW Marsh 168 (r) ½ ½ LJ Cannon 154 8 J Broome - 0 1 PR Selby 148 9 A Kelly 138 ½ ½ RD Hirsch 14410 AJ Hawkins - 1 0 def(Bourne End) **4½ 5½**The Sussex defaulter was involved in a car accident en route.Matches in this competition have a distressing tendency to arrive without any indication of what round it was. From the AGM draft minutes we know this one was a semi-final. From the same source we know the other finalists are/were Surrey. Since there were six entrants we deduce this to have been the fourth match; two of its predecessors appeared in the last issue. You can probably work out which one’s missing and what round it was. | **the fleming trophy match****Beds** 9.7.95 **Bucks**\*S Ledger (B) 1 0 G MooreM Ioannides 0 1 J BeedleR Freeman ½ ½ RD de CoverlyT Hare 1 0 R O’BrienR Mahoney 0 1 L WooldridgeP Thomas 1 0 SL ScopesK Williamson 0 1 RDW Marsh def 0 1 C FloydA Matthews 0 1 A RobbingsK Liddle ½ ½ R FoxA Macrae 0 1 A CoxM Joseph 1 0 J SpringallK Hunter 0 1 M VannK Bush ½ ½ S JamesK Mutchell 0 1 A LaurenceD Phillips ½ ½ A Jesse(Milton Keynes) **6 10** |
| **SCCU COUNTY FIXTURES 1995-6**(open division)are as published last time except that Bucks will not compete.Oct 7 KM SyO HC ESx  21 CSy SxH OK MBrNov 4 KC SySx HE BrO 18 ESy SxK CBr OMDec 2 MC BrSx KE SyHJan 27 HK EBr SxM COFeb 10 OSx ME BrH KSy 24 SyBr HM EO SxCMar 9 CE OH MSy BrKWe have heard of no changed dates. | From the Kings Head London Open 1995: Best GamesOpen: **White** T Gavriel, **Black** J Nunn1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 Nc6 7 Nge2 a6 8 Qd2 Rb8 9 0-0-0 b5 10 g4 bxc4 11 h4 Nb4 12 Ng3 (JDMN considers 12 Nf4 better) c5 13 dxc5 Nd7 14 Bxc4 Ne5 15 Bb3 Nxf3 16 Qg2 Qa5 17 Nge2 Be6 18 Nd4 Nxd4 19 Bxd4 Bxd4 20 Rxd4 Bxb3 21 axb3 Qa1+ 22 Nb1 Rfc8 23 Rhd1 Rxc5+ 24 Rc4 Rxc4+ 25 bxc4 Na2+ 0-1Major: **White** M Daniels 130, **Black** N Alfred 1421 e4 g6 2 Nf3 Bg7 3 d3 d6 4 g3 e5 5 Bg2 f5 6 exf5 gxf5 7 0-0 Nf6 8 Re1 0-0 9 c3 6 10 Qb3+ Kh8 11 Ng5 Qe7 12 Nd2 h6 13 Ngf3 Be6 14 Qc2 Nbd7 15 Nf1 Qf7 16 Nh4 d5 17 h3 e4 18 Be3 Ne5 19 dxe4 fxe4 20 g4 Nfxg4! 21 hxg4 Nxg4 22 f3 Nxe3 23 Rxe3 Qh5 24 fxe4 Qxh4 25 exd5 Bxd5 26 Rh3 Qf4 27 Bxd5 cxd5 28 Rd1 Rf5 29 Ne3 Rg5+ 30 Kh1 Rf8 31 Rf1 Qxf1+! 32 Nxf1 Rxf1+ 33 Kh2 Be5+ 34 Rg3 Bxg3+ 35 Kh3 Rh1+ 36 Kg2 Rh2+ 0-1Minor: **White** JB Goldman 111, **Black** A Feltham 921 d4 f5 2 Nf6 Bd3 3 Bd3 g6 4 f4 Bg7 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Nbd2 d6 7 0-0Nc6 8 c3 Qe8 9 Qe1 e5 10 fxe5 dxe5 11 Ng5 e4 12 Bc4+ Kh8 13 Qh4  |

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| **BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHES** |
| **open** semi-final **Warwicks** 3.6.95 **Middx**\* 1 K Arkell 236 (B) ½ ½ Kenneth Shovel 230 2 CW Baker 206 1 0 Robin J Pearce (r) 180 3 J Nelson 205 0 1 Ben Martin 217 4 CCW Shepherd 206 ½ ½ Mats Carlson 208 5 RG Evans 201 0 1 Peter J Sowray 213 6 RS McFarland 199 ½ ½ Simon D Brown 208 7 A Hynes 202 1 0 Paul S Cawte 208 8 PE Johnstone 201 ½ ½ Matthew Piper 203 9 AD Lloyd 194 ½ ½ Mark Lyell 19710 D Mason 193 ½ ½ Tim Kett 19711 N Thomas 193 0 1 Colin Mackenzie 19412 KL Escott (r) 174 ½ ½ John M Quinn 19013 P Briggs 183 0 1 Nigel RE Alldritt 19214 A Fish 184 1 0 def15 RH Wildig 183 1 0 Chris Gant 18916 A Baruch 184 0 1 C Nigel J Rose 183(Nuneaton) **7½ 8½** | We do know the result of the other semi-final, and even the Final come to that, but the post office has lost them or no one’s sent them. Pity, really, considering both Finalists were SCCU nominees. A number of other match captains, in the grading-limited sections, also seem not to have sent their results. If they don’t want them printed we’re happy to save ourselves the typing.It’s been a lean year for SCCU teams. Only two titles, and one of those went to a county (all right then, Cambs won the Open) which some might not consider SCCU at all. All praise to the Kent U100 team which not only took the inaugural BCF title, but also sent the result.Cambs-Hants 8½ - 7½Final Cambs \*8 8 Middx |
| **minor counties**semi-finals |
|  **Suffolk** 3.6.95 **Surrey**\* 1 K Bowden 225 (W) ½ ½ APH Kinsman 229 2 N Pert 197 0 1 C Dunworth 195 3 M Cook 193 1 0 def 4 S Gregory 189 0 1 RA Allicock 195 5 S Orton 186 1 0 DB Rosen 183 6 R Pert 181 ½ ½ JM Shepley 182 7 I Wallis 180 1 0 BG Whyte 180 8 S Munson 178 ½ ½ KP Mynett 176 9 S Ruthen 176 0 1 K Richardson 17510 J Feavyour 170 ½ ½ PJ Roche 17111 A Charity 169 ½ ½ CR Clegg 16612 C Franklin 174 0 1 PJ Gibbons 16513 Tony Rubin - ½ ½ S Macdonald-Ross 16414 M Taylor 163 ½ ½ JJ Skielnik 16315 R Sanders 159 1 0 PD Dupre 15616 D Whitehead 156 1 0 RGR Harris 153(Wanstead) **8½ 7½** | **Herts** 3.6.95 **Beds**S Knott 210 (B) 0 1 A Ledger 217S Swanson 202 ½ ½ S Ledger 193A Simpson 199 0 1 P Hare 190S Roe 198 1 0 M Ioannides 183B Sivmoe 174 1 0 G Smith 182P Georghiou 173 ½ ½ R Freeman 178M Robertson 159 ½ ½ T Hare 177C Majer 177 1 0 B Wiggington (so) 176S Law 153 0 1 P Kendall 168J Fraser-Mitchell 179 1 0 A Elwin 168S Tovey 174 ½ ½ R Mahoney 166J Denton 172 ½ ½ P Pritchard 160D Fewell 170 0 1 B Valentine 158T Sinkinson 169 1 0 G Valerio 157J Cook 171 1 0 E Lake (Cake?) -S Rawlings 167 ½ ½ K Williamson 156(Stevenage) **9 7** |
| final**Herts\*** 1.7.95 **Suffolk**A Simpson 199 ½ ½ K Bowden 225S Knott 210 1 0 N PertS Swanson 202 ½ ½ M CookJ Rudge 203 0 1 S GregoryP Byway 198 ½ ½ S OrtonS Roe 198 0 1 R PertB Savage 174 ½ ½ J WallisA Gilfillan 176 ½ ½ S MunsonM Robertson 159 0 1 S Ruthen 176C Majer 177 ½ ½ A CharityJ Fraser-Mitchell 179 0 1 C Franklin 174J Denton 172 1 0 G Aggry (so)K Ellis 176 1 0 T RubenS Law 153 0 1 M Taylor 171?J Cook 171 0 1 R Sanders 159T Ray 159 1 0 D Whitehead 156(Birmingham) **7 9** |

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| **under 175** |
| semi-finals: **Essex**\* 3.6.95 **Greater Manchester** 1 R Heppinstall 174 (W) ½ ½ A Wilson 174 2 DJ Millward 172 ½ ½ M Abbott 161 3 PC Doye 171 ½ ½ T Browin 167 4 CR Ramage 171 1 0 E Goodall 168 5 ID Hunnable 169 1 0 T Thompson 157 6 SD Harvey 168 0 1 P Kobryn 155 7 IBN Smith 165 1 0 J Bentley 154 8 TD Whitton 168 ½ ½ J Burgess 153 9 R Waldteufel 162 0 1 A Tyton 15210 M Weighell 162 ½ ½ M Searles 14811 A King 161 1 0 M Sanderson 14612 NH Twitchell 160 0 1 B Wood 14213 JA Philpott 157 1 0 M Stoker 14014 SM Williams 152 1 0 A Beresford 13615 AD Hartland 149 1 0 J Clissold 13216 David Smith 152 1 0 I Thompson 127(Syston, Leics) **10½ 5½** | **Notts** 3.6.95 **Kent\***NA Lazonby 174 (W) 1 0 JR Bayford 174P Fallon 171 1 0 PW Eldridge 174KGE Morrison 170 1 0 CM Brown 171A Chu 169 ½ ½ TH Owens 168SJ Burke 168 ½ ½ MD Brougham 165CS Cantrill 164 ½ ½ LR Gurr 164PJ Mercs 159 0 1 SJ Pink 163D Amour 155 0 1 NC Mackett 163M Darlington 152 1 0 SJ Jacob 162N Graham 152 ½ ½ PR Rutland 161Jul. Cast 151 0 1 RJ Everson 158BM Hayward 149 0 1 AB Mata 157AJ Wright 148 1 0 RE Lane 155JJ Wagenbach 147 ½ ½ DJR Barnes 148HR Edwards - 1 0 AC Waters 151V Naan 143 ½ ½ AJ Sherriff 153(Nuneaton) 9  **7** |
| As in the Championship, we’ve not had a result sheet for the Final. Essex lost to Notts.**under 150** |
| Sussex lost to Lancs in the semi-final; result sheet not received. Lancs lost 8½ 11½ to Warwicks in the Final. |
| **under 125** |
| semi-final: **Cheshire** 3.6.95 **Middx**\* 1 M Roberts 124 (W) 1 0 Valerie Vangucht e124 2 M Higgins 120 ½ ½ Mike Whitworth 124 3 M Driscoll 113 ½ ½ Colum Duddy 124 4 L Murphy 121 0 1 Greig Sweetland 124 5 C Burlinson 119 ½ ½ John Smith 123 6 P Bell 118 0 1 Ron Crooks 122 7 T Harrison (106) ½ ½ Stan Lazarz 122 8 J Daly 117 0 1 Brian Smith 122 9 I Johnson (120) 1 0 Alastair Johnstone 12110 J Chrystal (110) 1 0 Dennis Ramsey 12111 M Bramhall (120) 0 1 Gary O’Grady 12112 N Alms 108 0 1 Randy Plowright 12113 C Wilson 101 0 1 Gareth Smith e12014 R Glover 86 0 1 Nigel Bye e12015 E Davison 87 0 1 Richard Balatoni 11716 W Davison 88 ½ ½ Steve Myatt 114(Nuneaton) **5½ 10½** | Some ambiguity about grades here. When Mr Myatt puts an “E” before a Middx grade, it clearly means “estimate”; these people don’t appear even in the master list. However, to confuse the typist he gives opponents’ grades (not Middx ones) with letters A-E before them, apparently to reflect what’s in the grading list. Except for the ones in brackets, with no letter, which we assume are estimates. He wasn’t answering the phone when we were in the mood to check, but a quick look in the master list suggests that this hypothesis is right. We’ve bracketed the ones he did.**Final:** Not received. But Middx lost on board count to Suffolk after defaulting four boards. Highish boards, as you’ll have guessed. *And* they got fined by the BCF for the defaults. |
| **under 100 final** **Shropshire** 1.7.95 **Kent**\* 1 D Hollands 99 (W) 1 0 Michael Jones 95 2 E Ingelis 99 ½ ½ Stephen Chick 96 3 N Sampson 99 1 0 Peter Titmas 95 4 P Crean 93 1 0 Gary Titmas 86 5 R Brown 93 0 1 David Ho 92 6 I Davies 93 1 0 Alan Evans 98 7 L Roberts 93 0 1 Douglas Smith 88 8 A Scotford 92 0 1 Alex Blake 92 9 R Metcalfe 92 1 0 Conrad Saunders e85\*10 S Davies 89 0 1 Ty Jefferies 9911 C Bowlers e80 0 1 Christopher Eyre 6412 M McCrae 67 0 1 Neil Lang 90(Birmingham) **5½ 6½**\*Can’t help suspecting this is Konrad Sanders 81 |

This match went right to the last game. With 20 onlookers the Kent bd 11, needing a win from an inferior position, set his short-of-time opponent enough problems and was actually winning by the time the flag fell.

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**CONGRESS DIARY**

Jul 29-30 WSTMINSTER U201/171/131/101. Norman Went, 53 New Zealand Way, Rainham, Essex RM13 8JT 01708 551617

 31-12 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS at Swansea. Congress Secretary, BCF, 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards, E Sussex TN38 0DD 01424 442500

Aug 3- 4 KENSINGTON Open; U165/35. D Agble, 15 Beit Hall, Prince Consort Rd SW7 2BB 0171 594 9456

 12 WESTMINSTER. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881

 13 KENSINGTON. Dugald Agble, 15 Beit Hall, Prince Consort Rd SW7 2BB 0171 594 9456

 14-19 SCCU INTERNATIONAL at Golders Green. DR Sedgwick, 23 Rierney Court, Canning Town, Croydon CR0 6QA 0181 656 7682

 18-20 THANET at Broadstairs. U210/165/130/100. AD Hargreaves, 1 Medina Avenue, Whitstable, Kent CT5 4EN 01227 274885

 19-29 HASTINGS CENTENARY. Open (rabbit-expensive) 20-27; U175 20-25; U175/135/100 25-27; plus special events. C Power, 418 Harold Rd, Hastings, E Sussex TN35 5HG 01424 431970

 20 GOLDERS GREEN. Adam Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982

 26-28 BERKS & BUCKS at Maidenhead. Open 175+; Challengers “usually 150-175”; Reserves (graded sections). NW Dennis, Boundary House, 230 Greys Rd, Henley on Thames, Oxon RG9 1QY
01491 576052

Sep 3 CHESS & BRIDGE. Neville Twitchell, Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Rd NW1 0171 388 2404

 9-10 KENSINGTON at Imperial College. Dugald Agble, 15 Beit Hall, Prince Consort Rd SW7 2BB 0171 594 9456

 16 WESTMINSTER. John Sargent, 903 Longbridge Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2BU 0181 595 5881

 17 RICHMOND (Surrey). Stephen Mooring, 30 The Terrace SW13 0NR 0181 876 2407

 22-24 MAIDSTONE BCQ. Open; U160/130/105; Rapidplay Sunday. NC Mackett, 74 Peel St, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2SD; enquiries to Stephen Webb 01634 23332 (home), 0171 775 2500 (work).

 23 GOLDERS GREEN. Adam Raoof, PO Box 1962, London NW4 4NF 0181 202 0982

 24 CHESS & BRIDGE. Neville Twitchell, Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Rd NW1 0171 388 2404

 30- 1 MILL HILL Open; U160/120. Tony Corfe, 51 Borough Way, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3HA 01707 659080

**GRADING POSTSCRIPT**: a couple of oddments

Preliminary print-out of the new SCCU grading list, or it may have been the national one, has a diverting peculiarity. You know the way last year’s grade always gets printed in brackets? Well, this year it’s got a minus sign in front of it instead. The explanation’s the best part - see if you can think of it. Remember it was a computer job. Accounting for idiot computers isn’t always easy. Solution at foot of page.

 The other oddment’s more serious. The BCF have taken on board all those complaints about the print quality of the grading lists. Their solution, since they haven’t got a laser printer yet, was to farm the job out commercially. At a cost of £1 a page. Two-hundred-ish pages, for the national list. For the money they could have picked up a laser printer. They could have used the Bulletin’s laser printer, for that matter. If we’d charged them 5p a page we’d have made about 100% profit on the materials.

**Quotes**

“Monday 31 to Saturday 12 August 1995...” - Entry form of a prominent congress

“Prize fund for the Open was £!.050”

“In actual fact we would have made a profit of £205.20 had we been in receipt of sponsorship!”

“\*\*\*\*\* resigned [as county SCCU rep] because SCCU meetings were so boring. \*\*\*\*\* took it on partly because they are held in a pub.”

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**Solution** to the minus-sign problem

Don’t know the details but they were using some kind of software that’s in the habit of talking to spreadsheets. You know what it means when accountants put figures in brackets. So did the software.