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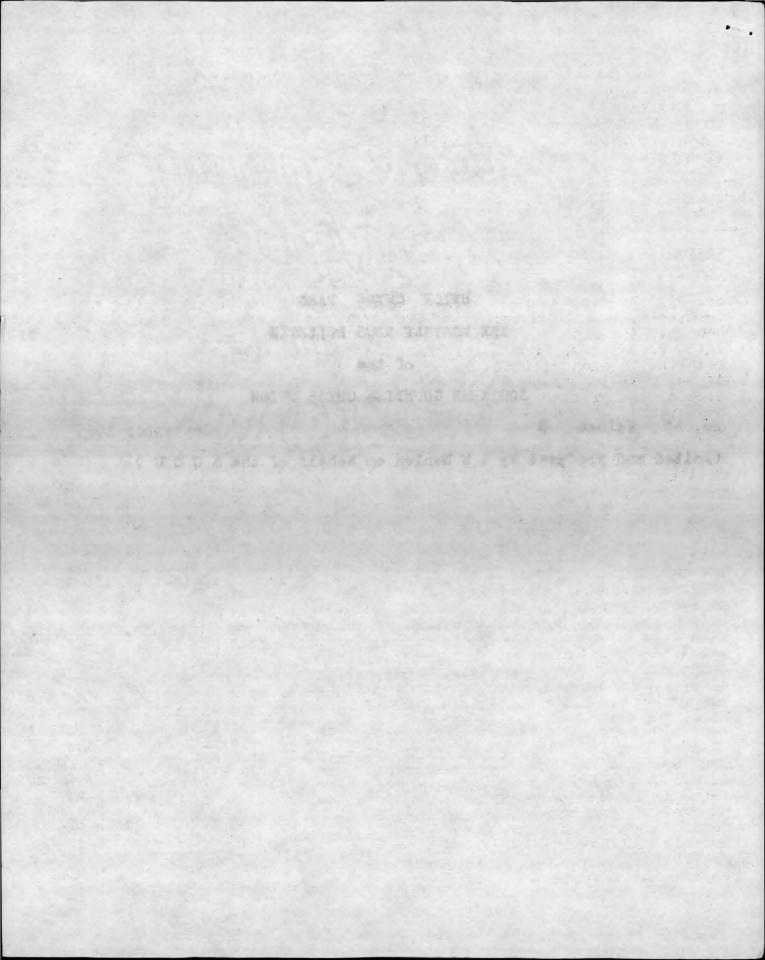
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## EDITORIAL

As was the case last year, this number will have little news, but will be much sought after - for the supplement - the S C C U Grading List. Spare copies of this list can be obtained from me, priced one shilling each. There are over 1,100 graded players named, and the Union gradings go from 3A to 11A. For the first time the numbers relating to each section are mentioned and each individual will know his or her position in each section. This list is the result of a grand pice of team work by all the County and League graders and one other who has picked out the Southern Counties' players taking part in Congresses up and down the country. Our grateful thanks are due to these workers for the hours spent in doing this job. I cannot answer any queries on the gradings; I have merely typed out the list as given to me and duplicated 200 or more copies. Any query on grading should be made to your County or League grader. So do not write to me, unless you require a copy of the list - and then enclose postal order or stamps to the value of one shilling.

Mr W Evans, the Union Grader, has stated that, on medical advise, he is unable to continue to do this job. This is a great pity because he has awakened a greater interest in grading, particularly in the non-metropolitan counties, and the great increase in the number of players shown in the list, gives a clear indication that grading has become popular. A new "Union Grader" is required and urgently. Someone with time to spare and able to take a very keen interest in the many problems which arise. Any offers? Anyone interested should get into touch with our Hon: Secretary, whose name and address are given above. If you, dear reader, have the time and the patience, do apply! Meanwhile our grateful thanks to Wilfred Evans for his past services, and may he be able, for many years, to continue his "stonewall" tactics over the board!

Another upset for the Union has been the resignation of the "London Match Controller", Harry Keeble - also on medical grounds. For many years he has done yeoman service in organising the dates for matches played in the Staff Canteen of John Lewis' Partnership; in making sure that all the equipment is available; in arranging the teas and doing the hundred and one other jobs required in looking after the interests of county players. In this work he has had a small band of willing helpers, notably Mr. Weaver and Mr. Smith, who were prepared to turn up week after week. Mr. Weaver, alas, died recently. His passing will bring sorrow to many of us who saw him at work in Oxford Street. All these voluntary workers workers gave up their Saturday afternoons, not to play chess, but to ensure that others could come along and play without being bothered to set out boards, sets, clocks etc. A labour of hove for the benefit of chess within the Union. It may be difficult to find replacements, but the call goes out for volunteers to carry on this essential work, and if you know of anyone who would be willing to do this sort of thing willingly, then do please get into touch with our Hon: Secretary. Such help will be greatly appreciated.

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This year we welcome, as our President, Mr S G R Champ, whose service to the Union has extended over many years. He was, for some time the Honorary Tournament Secretary, and has recently been Chairman of the sub-committee which reviewed the fixtures between counties. The results of these deliberations have met with general approval and look likely to infuse new life into the competitions for both the strong and not so strong counties within the Union. Sydney Champ brings with him an extensive knowledge of the problems of chess administration, having taken part in such activities in several other Unions. We all wish him well in his new posting, and feel sure he will be ably aupported, not only by Dr M R Porter, the new Vice President, but also all members of the Executive and Council. We thank the retiring President, Hr J I C Grant for his services during his year of office, and note with satisfaction that he will continue to serve on the Executive.

Lastly, but by no means least, congratulations to Hiddlesex on again becoming the County Champions. What a pity Surrey just failed to overcome Gloucestershire in the semi-final and thus have made it a Union final! Surrey drew with Gloucestershire and lost on board count. Details of the final match played at Oxford are given elsewhere.

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1065	FIXTURES 1965/66
1965 October 2nd	Hampshire v Berkshire (A) Bedfordshire v Middlesex (C) Kent v Essex L (e) Hertfordshire v Suffolk (C)
9th	Sussex v Buckinghamshire L (A)
. 16th	Middlesex v Kent (Juniors) Essex v Norfolk (C) Hampshire v Surrey (A) Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire
23rd	Surrey v Essex (Juniors) (C) Kent v Hertfordshire L (e)
30th	
November 6th	Hampshire v Buckinghamshire (SB) (A)
13th	Oxfordshire v Berkshire (C) Bedfordshire v Norfolk (C) Kent v Surrey L (E)
	November 20th

Fixtures 1965/66 (Continued) November 20th JAMBOREE SCCU Middlesex v Essex (Juniors) Cambridgeshire v Suffolk 27th Oxfordshire v Kent (SB) (C) (C) 4th selv and filler Kent v Surrey (Juniors) December Middlesex to Kent L (e) llth The second second second Berkshire v Surrey (A) Essex v Bedfordshire (C) 1966 January 8th Buckinghamshire v Surrey (A) Essex v Hertfordshire L (E) Sussex v Kent (A) Cambridgeshire v Middlesex (C) 15th Oxfordshire v Hampshire (C) FIXTURES MEETING 22nd Metropolitan Jamboree (Juniors) 29thMiddlesex v Suffolk (C) February 5th Kent v Berkshire L (A) Essex v Cambridgeshire (C) 12th Essex v Kent (Juniors) Hertfordshire v Hiddlesex (E) Oxfordshire v Sussex L (C) 19th 19. The 18 18 19 Kent V Hampshire L (A) 26th Essex v Surrey L (e) Cambridgeshire v Norfolk (C) S C C U Junior Jamboree March 5th Surrey v Middlesex L (e) Bedfordshire v Suffolk (C) Sussex v Hampshire (A) Hertfordshire v Norfolk (C) 12th Berkshire v Buckinghamshire (A) 26th Sussex V Surrey (A) Middlesex v Essex L (E) Norfolk v Suffolk (C) Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire (C) April 2nd Kent v Buckinghamshire (L) (A) BCF Under-18 Junior · 9th Easter Jamboree Final 16th Bognor Regis Congress 30th Hertfordshire v Surrey L'(e) 7th Montague-Jones and Stevenson Finals L May NOTES : C Championship only. A Championship (20) & Amboyna Shield (50) E Championship (20), Amboyna Shield (50) & Ebony Shield (80) e Ebony Shield (80) L Suggested venue at John Lewis' Partnership SB Suggested venue St Bride Buckinghamshire v Bedfordshire match for the Fleming shield to be arranged on an agreed date in April. a stored

Will all match captains please send a copy of the results of their County matches to the Editor of the News Bulletin as soon as possible after the matches have been played, and let him know later of the results of adjudications (if any). Last season several match captains did not send any results at all.

Entries for the SCCU Jamboree on the 20th November should be sent as soon as possible by match captains to the Honorary Secretary. boycol and i well min a modeld wint with bobo.

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The B C F Counties Championship final was played at the Cowley Community Centre on 10th July, 1965. As the Controller of the Competition was a Middlesex player, (Alan Stammwitz, Honorary Secretary of the B C F), he asked me to take his place. The venue was perfect for such an important match, and the Secretary of the Cowley Community Chess Club deserves high praise for the excellence of the arrangements made. Early results seemed to indicate that the match would be a close one, but after the tea interval, Middlesex began to pile up the score and before time was called they had built up a winning lead. Although it does not matter at this late stage, I was never told the result of the adjudication on board 17! I rather fancied Gloucestershire's chances, but may be the adjudicator had other views!

Here is the score as given to me, and also as published in the Middlesex Newsletter.

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2 H Israel 1 3 D G Wells 1 G 4 K Lloyd 1 J 5 D Pritchard 1 M 6 W Poutrus P 7 S Bruzzi N 8 Miss E Tranmer <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> P 9 M Blaine 1 R			12 T Landry 13 S O N Hawes 14 D J Rogers 15 J Flynn 16 F E Tinworth 17 N A Perkins ac 18 G H Govas 19 P Timson	ljR Garside I F Grix	0 0 1 1 2 1 0 adj 0 0 1 2

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Miss Tranmer arr ived at Cowley as a non-playing Captain, but found that one of her players had failed to turn up, and after waiting until the very last minute, played a splendid draw, despite the obvious time trouble. Talking of time trouble, Black in the game given below had less than fifteen minutes left after making his fifteenth move! (The rate was 40 in two hours). White: K W Lloyd Black: J C Cock Reti 1 Kt-KB3, P-Q4; 2 P-KKt3, P-QB4; 3 P-B4, PxP; 4 Kt-R3, Kt-QB3; 5 B-Kt2, P-K4: 6 QktxP, Q-B2; 7 P-Q3, B-K2; 8 0-0, P-B4; 9 P-Kt3, B-B3; 10 B-R3 P-K5; 11 PxP, BxR; 12 BxP, QKt-K2; 13 QxB, QxB; 14 QxP, Kt-Kt3; 15 R-Q1, PxP; 16 Kt-KKt5, resigns.

In the final of the current inter-Union competition, the SCCU team met.the previous winners NCCU over thirty two boards, and after adjudications the match ended in a draw. However, an appeal was lodged against one result, and was upheld to our detriment, so the final score was a loss by  $15\frac{1}{2}$  to  $16\frac{1}{2}$ .

