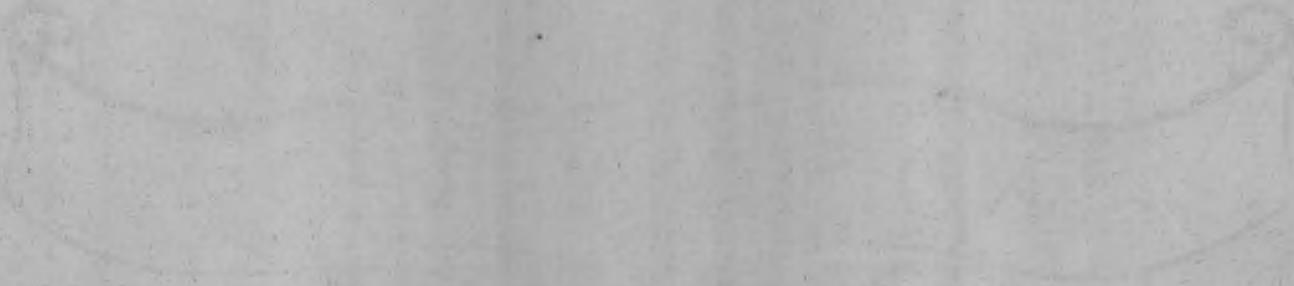


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EDITORIAL

I must begin my first Editorial by congratulating WA Cordon of Bedfordshire on his election as President of the British Chess Federation. He has long been a devoted servant of Bedfordshire and the SCCU and we wish him every success in his new position.

Congratulations also to Middlesex on winning the Minor Counties Championship with a sweeping victory over Devon. I had hoped to be congratulating Kent on regaining the Counties Championship; it was not to be, and instead we must congratulate Lancashire on retaining it. Let us hope that either Kent or another SCCU County will go one better next year.

The main feature of the September Bulletin is, of course, the SCCU Grading List (printed separately from the Bulletin proper this year). The report of the Grading Secretary, Mr BG Locke, is printed on a later page of this issue. I urge all readers to note this report, and I take this opportunity of thanking the unsung many who make the Grading List possible.

The BCF, as all should know by now, are looking at ways of relating members' financial contributions to grading. The proposed method of doing this was provisionally rejected by the SCCU Council in June. Readers of the August issue of News Flash will have seen that a quite different method has now been mooted. If we are ever to reach agreement on this question it is essential that all Counties consider the issues with great care. Unfortunately they have not yet had a chance to consider the alternative method. It seems to have a lot to recommend it, and for the benefit of those who missed it in News Flash the issue is summarised on a later page.

The principal function of the Bulletin is to publish results, and I shall try to be as complete and accurate as I can. To this end I would like to make some requests. First, County matches: Will match captains please send all results to me as well as to Jeff Douglas, as promptly as they can; and with full initials for all players. If any player finds his name spelt wrong in the Bulletin he is asked to ensure that his match captain has the correct spelling next time he plays - the mistake may very well have been mine, of course, but if the match captain goes on getting it right I will follow suit sooner or later. Second, Congresses, Simuls and other local events: I am keen to publish any local news that comes my way. But I can't publish it if I don't know about it, so please point it in my direction.

Finally, I am pleased to note that your ex-Editor, JJ Lauder, has become Assistant Editor of Surrey Chess News - an excellent publication, incidentally, which I have already plundered for results. His wealth of experience will certainly not be wasted. It's hard not to make some comment about gluttons for punishment... Seriously, though, I suppose we both do this sort of job not only because we think it's worth doing but also because we enjoy doing it. I hope to enjoy editing the Bulletin and will stop when I stop enjoying it... unless readers' enjoyment runs out first, in which case I hope they will let me know.

BCF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 8th JULY 1978

OV Stobart, Union delegate to the BCF Council, sends this report:

For the first time for over 20 years, the meeting was held outside London - at Aston University, Birmingham, to be precise. The Jeremiahs who predicted a low turnout were confounded by the attendance of 55, which is certainly a record for the 1970's. Although it may be less convenient for SCCU delegates to attend Birmingham meetings, the improvement in general interest justified the experiment, and the meeting voted overwhelmingly to hold the July 1979 meeting at the same venue.

The meeting itself was largely taken up with procedural matters requiring little comment. The Treasurer reported a surplus of over £4150 in 1977/8, caused by monies budgeted for international events which did not occur or were relocated closer to home, a larger-than-expected entry and increased sponsorship for the Annual Congress, and

improvements in Yearbook financing. The surplus is to be divided as follows:

Equipment purchases	£300
Publicity Director's budget	£500
Other Directors' publicity	£250
Balance to Levy Equalisation fund	£3100

Two important elections were made. The Publicity Director is to be Mr GF Walsh of Cleveland, and the new President is Mr WA Cordon of Bedfordshire, at present a member of the SCCU Executive Committee. Our congratulations and our support go with him.

Another long and inconclusive discussion on what is loosely called "payment-for-grading" was the other notable feature of the meeting. Two schemes were before the Council (see separate item below - Ed) but there seemed to be no common ground between their respective supporters. There were even voices raised in favour of the existing levy scheme as fairest! My own view is that neither scheme is likely to prevail in its present form, and that finance-by-grading may not be appropriate for raising the whole of the BCF finances. However, in areas beyond those covered by Territorial Affiliates (i.e. congresses and unaffiliated leagues) a finance-by-grading scheme might still be appropriate.

#### PAYMENT FOR GRADING: TWO WAYS OF DOING IT

What follows is based on the memorandum submitted to the BCF Council in July by the General Secretary and the Director of National Grading. A number of points have been omitted in the interests of brevity; for additional comments on the financial aspects of the issue you are referred to the August issue of the BCF Newsflash. It should be borne in mind throughout that money raised under either scheme would finance all BCF activities and not grading alone.

(1) The scheme originally proposed by the BCF is well enough known by now. It is already operating in the WECU where the number of registrations has increased substantially since the scheme was introduced. The scheme is simple in principle: all games played are graded, but the grades of unregistered players are not published. The main practical disadvantage of the scheme is the amount of paper work generated, since records have to be kept of all individual registrations. This would be more of a problem in the SCCU than in the WECU as the number of players is much greater. There is also the problem of players who register during the season; presumably an interim list could be published, or their grades could be communicated to them privately. Further, there would be no incentive for a player to register if he knew he would not play enough games to qualify for a published grade. On the moral plane, a registered player might feel aggrieved that he could not discover an unregistered opponent's grade, even though an unpublished grade existed and would be used in calculating next season's gradings.

A sub-committee of the SCCU Executive considered this scheme at some length and devised a (rather complex) way in which it could be applied in the SCCU; but the SCCU Council meeting held in June rejected the scheme pending alternative suggestions.

(2) The new scheme was proposed at the BCF Council meeting by Bryan Threadgall, Director of National Grading. It would abolish individual registrations; instead, lump sums would be collected from all Counties, leagues and congresses wishing to have their games graded. The fee would be calculated on the number of games played: the amount suggested is 2½p per player per game. An average weekend congress could cover this by adding 12½p or 15p to the entry fee. The main attractions of this scheme are its administrative simplicity (no individual registration records, and money coming in in manageable lump sums) and the fact that independent leagues and congresses would have an incentive to contribute to BCF funds. While it would be hard if not impossible for a registered player under scheme (1) to avoid playing unregistered opponents, under scheme (2) it would normally be easy for a player to avoid competing in non-contributing events. (It is expected that congresses which contribute will advertise the fact, of course.) To what extent people would avoid non-contributing events is naturally a matter for conjecture, but it seems reasonable to suppose that congress organisers would feel some pressure to contribute - and some would be happy to do so.

The main disadvantage of scheme (2) is that games played in non-contributing events would not get graded at all, thus casting some doubt on the accuracy of published grades. The abolition of individual registration would also make it harder to maintain a meaningful concept of "BCF membership".

#### Editor's note

I happen to have strongish views on this topic and am about to inflict them on anyone who doesn't skip the next few lines. I think scheme (2) is preferable on just about all counts. It is administratively superior - by a mile! - and it offers a serious prospect of involving congress organisers more closely with the BCF. It is

fairer in that it does not ask graders to spend time on the games of players who aren't interested. The major disadvantage of scheme (2) - that grading, because less universal, would be less accurate - is in my opinion more apparent than real. The point is that even now not all games get graded. I cannot speak for the WECU, but I know that many games have gone ungraded in the SCCU this year because the graders did not have time to cope with them. On top of this there are always some congresses which do not submit their games. There seems no reason to think this would change if scheme (1) were introduced. But if we're going to have ungraded games whatever we do, let's make the best of it: let's use scheme (2) which will tell us in advance which events are ungraded; let's use the ungraded events for "fun" chess if we feel so inclined; and above all let's concentrate our limited grading capacity on the people who are prepared to pay for it, rather than letting chance decide the issue as it sometimes does now.

Well, where's the fun in being an Editor if you can't use your own platform?... I believe there are people in the SCCU, including some who know a lot more about grading than I do, who wouldn't agree with what I've said. If they feel strongly enough about it to put their thoughts on paper I will be happy to give them all the space they want in the next issue.

### SCCU GRADING LIST 1977/8

BG Locke, Grading Secretary, reports on this year's List:

The Grading List has been produced on a computer owned by the stockbrokers Grieveson, Grant at Tunbridge Wells. The transfer from the Sun Alliance computer was carried out by Trevor Jones (who is now controlling our computer input and programming) with the assistance of Paul Taylor and Peter Leat. We had some difficulties with the transfer, owing to different operating methods, but these were ironed out and the program has been running satisfactorily, exactly as last year. The transfer was made due to the removal of Sun Alliance's computer service to Birmingham, combined with the lower charges imposed by Grieveson, Grant.

Graders have carried out their arduous task with great efficiency this year, with two or three new recruits to do the congress grading, and the only major omission this year is the London Commercial League, which is usually included but has not been received at all.

The criteria to appear in the List remain the same as before - 18 graded games in the last two seasons of which 8 must have been in the 1977/8 season. If the BCF qualification of 30 games in the last two seasons (including 10 in 1977/8) has been achieved an asterisk appears before the player's name. A "J" appearing before the 1978 grade indicates a player under 18 on the 1st September 1978.

I would again emphasise that our main difficulty is one of identification of players and to assist in this please ensure that all match, tournament and congress records of any games you play include all your initials. If you notice any errors in the current List please notify your local grader.

I append a list of the results which have been included in preparing this year's List:

Games graded by all 13 County Graders

All County Matches and Chiltern League matches

Leagues: Berks, Barnet, Basingstoke, Civil Service, Croydon, Hillingdon, Insurance, London, NALGO Met. District, North Circular, North Essex, Surrey and Hants border, Thames Valley, Southend and District, plus Queen's Gambit, AWRE and Tunbridge Wells

Junior results from SCCU, Middlesex, Essex and Kent Graders, Sunday Times and B Poulter

National Club Championship and British Championship, including subsidiary tournaments, and international events

Other Congresses: Aaronson, Basingstoke, Borehamwood, Charlton, Chess National Promotions, Evening Standard, Folkestone, Guernsey, Hastings, Herts, Ilford, Islington, Jersey, LARA, London Experts, Portsmouth, Richmond, Southend, Surrey and Gateley together with results for SCCU players from congresses held in the Midlands, North, West, Wales and Scotland

Grading for players who also play club or county chess in other Unions

Brian G Locke  
Grading Secretary

4 HT Jones, SCCU Grader-and-Programmer, contributes an account of the season's grading activities (both human and electronic).

### THE SCCU GRADING SYSTEM

Players sometimes ask about the basic arithmetic of grading, so let's clear that up before we start. Every player whose games have been graded during the last two seasons has a grade (though it may not appear in the published list - see below). Grades for the new season are calculated as follows: for each win you score your opponent's grade plus 50; for each draw you score your opponent's grade; and for each loss you score your opponent's grade minus 50. If your opponent is ungraded (that is, if there are no records for him at all over the last two seasons) an estimate is used. There are two important qualifications: one is that if your opponent is a junior (U18) ten points are added to his grade for the purpose of calculating yours. This is to allow for the natural improvement of juniors. The other is that if the difference between your grade and your opponent's is more than 40 points, your opponent is assumed for the purpose of calculating your grade to be just 40 points above (or below) you. This ensures that you cannot gain by losing a game, or lose by winning one.

At the end of the season an average is taken, and in principle that is your new grade. I say "in principle" because if you have played fewer than 30 games during the season your figures will be topped up by adding in the appropriate number of games at the previous season's average (plus 10 if you are a junior) in order to bring the number of games up to 30; unless you have played fewer than 30 games in the two seasons put together, in which case you will simply score the average of all your game results for the two seasons. An example may make it clearer: suppose you have played 25 games this season at an average grading score of 150, and 20 games last season at an average of 140. Five notional games will be added at an average of 140 in order to bring the number of games up to 30, and your new grade will be  $(25 \times 150) + (5 \times 140)$ , all divided by 30: which, to the nearest whole number, makes 148.

Your grade will not be published unless you have played at least 18 games in the last two seasons, including at least 8 in the most recent season. But it is important to remember that even unpublished grades are used in calculations.

Now, down to the mechanics of it...

The season operates on an annual cycle geared to the production of the published SCCU Grading List each Autumn (plus several other documents not on sale to the public). The grading season runs roughly from May to April. We will pick up the system immediately after the production of a previous year's published Grading List.

Although the Union only deems it appropriate to publish grades based on at least 18 games, graders need to know about all known players (besides needing more information on everyone); so there is also produced a Master List (commonly known as the "master file") which lists all SCCU players who had at least one game graded at some time in the previous two seasons. This list is itself a subset of an even more comprehensive list, properly known as the Master File, which is held magnetically within the computer system and gives up to 5 years' history of all players. The printed Master List gives all the information in the published List; there is also, for every player, a 6-digit reference number by which he (or she) is identified to the computer, and that player's results (expressed as number of games and total of grading points) from the most recent season. Further, calculated grades are printed for all players, however few games they have played (although, where a grade is based on less than 15 games, graders are encouraged to revise it in the light of current results when doing current calculations). The Master List also replaces a junior's "J" by an indication of the actual age, wherever it is known, and this is automatically updated every year until the player reaches 18 and is no longer a junior.

The computer also uses 4-digit reference numbers to identify clubs (including schools and counties, but not other Union codes; nor postal areas, which are sometimes shown). So a Club List is also printed to identify clubs, in both numeric and alphabetic order. The Master List and both parts of the Club List are distributed to all SCCU graders plus other Unions' senior graders (and to the WCA and SCA). A few spare copies are usually available for hiring out to congress organisers at a large fee.

The work of the various SCCU graders now begins. Each of these gentlemen is responsible for grading one or more events (whether they be whole congresses, particular tournaments, county matches, inter-club chess within a county, schools chess, local leagues, or anything else). It is advisable, though not essential, for graders to check the computer output for all players for whom they entered results in the previous season, just in case of any errors or surprises (e.g. a reference number may have been changed if two players with similar names have been identified as one and have been appropriately merged).

During the playing season graders work manually with pencil and paper and/or pocket calculators, or occasionally with their own private and totally separate computer programs, to accumulate grading points for all players in the events they are grading. In practice, except for congresses, most of the work has to be left to the end of the season in order to get sufficient results on which to base estimated grades for new

players. These estimates, all too frequently wild figures based on still insufficient information, are necessary for performing the calculations for the newcomers' opponents. (I have incidentally promised Paul Buswell an article for the BCF News Flash on the mathematical significance or reliability of grades and estimates, so I will not elaborate here.)

At the end of the season, ideally during May, graders send in their results. For this they use three different types of form. For players already in the system in the previous year, results are submitted in the simple format of reference number, then number of games, then total of grading points. For new players it is necessary to give numeric club-codes (there is space for up to three of these per player), plus estimated grade (optional), plus name and initials, plus junior age indicator (if appropriate), as well as number of games and total of points, and so there is only room for two sets of these to a line. (At this stage there is no reference number for a new player, one will eventually be supplied by the appropriate program.) There are also forms for alterations, again only two sets to a line, to allow amendment of any information already in the system.

Graders send their forms to the Grading Secretary, Brian Locke, in Horsham, who allocates "batch-numbers" to identify each grader's forms, checks that expected information has been received, and passes on alteration forms for cross-checking by Peter Eastwood to resolve any conflicts submitted by different graders. Different graders can of course submit different results for the same player and in due course the computer will combine these (topping-up where necessary) to produce an overall grade for all the player's games. (This facility to combine different sets of results identified by the same reference number is the essential characteristic of the SCCU computer system.)

The forms all eventually reach me at the Grieveson, Grant computer in Tunbridge Wells via my firm's messenger on the train from London (as Brian Locke conveniently works nearby, in the City). They then take their turn in the queue for the production of punched cards which will later be fed en bloc to the computer.

The first priority is the identification of new players. So the new players are pushed ahead of alterations and plain results, and the first job run on the computer is to produce a print-out giving the names of all the new players, together with their clubs and sources (county, tournament, congress, etc.). This list is then hastily sent to all graders, who have to report back via the grading secretary (who collates the information returned) saying, for example, that J Smith is the same as JR Smith, but that J Brown of Beds is not the same as J Brown of Kent. At the end of this operation I have to alter several hundred punched cards (perhaps 600 in a total of 6000 cards of all three types). If I did not do this the computer, having no reference numbers to go by, would merge all the new players with identical names and initials, regardless of club or source; and of course it would fail to merge J Smith and JR Smith, even though they are the same player.

While all this is going on, the programs have to be altered to cross reference any old players who have been merged by alteration forms; and the magnetically stored list of clubs has to be updated by me in a more complicated way to allow for new clubs.

Simultaneously we have the first full run of the computer system, using unaltered new-player cards. This produces: (1) a provisional master list, which is not distributed to graders other than the Grading Secretary; and (2) detailed lists of double-area players for the other Unions, and of 185+ players for the BCF. All this has to be done in time for the BCF meeting of Union graders and a few other people at the end of July which agrees on what grades will be published for players in the BCF National Grading List in the BCF Year Book. These detailed lists, unlike the Master List, give a separate entry for each different set of results submitted by different graders for the same player. This provides a check against something being counted twice.

Soon after the BCF meeting, the SCCU receives the results from other Unions (and the SCA etc.) for double-area players' activities in other parts of the UK. These have to be transcribed to the standard forms for punching in the usual way. When this is done and the alterations to new players have been completed - together with a good number of cards listed as in error (punching or grader's error) on the first full run - we are ready for the second and final full run. This additionally, through an extra program not run earlier, produces the published Grading List. Starting this year, the List will be sent away for professional duplicating to save time.

This year there has also been a lot of extra work, on my part and with the help of a non-chessplaying colleague at work, to adapt the original Sun Alliance programs to a Grieveson Grant environment and to produce the necessary documentation so that the computer operators can know what they are doing and how to do it when the full system is run properly. Some problems naturally took longer than anticipated to solve, so I can but offer my apologies for the late publication.

H Trevor Jones  
SCCU Grader-and-Programmer

QUOTE from DW Cay, Hon. Grader, Surrey CCA (by permission of Surrey Chess News):

"... The attitude of Surrey clubs towards grading varies from one extreme to the other. Some clubs go to great trouble in reporting all their internal competitions and friendly matches, whilst others show no interest whatsoever and do not have even their club championship results recorded for grading. I have always encouraged the Surrey clubs to submit as much as they like (provided it is serious chess) in the belief that the more figures there are against a player's name the more meaningful are the statistical results, and in the case of ungraded players the grader's estimated gradings tend to be more realistic. Furthermore a player's grading can be deemed to be correct only if all his chess is reported - and not a selection.

Of the 1000 players in Surrey chess about 600 now have a firm SCCU grading, leaving the grader to estimate gradings for the remaining 400..."

ANOTHER QUOTE from Stewart Reuben writing in the September News Flash (quoted without permission: hope Mr Buswell doesn't mind):

"... Being in the throes of the Evening Standard Congress, it is clear that having several lists makes the entry fee acceptor's job a nightmare... Why cannot there be one list and everybody have a life-time code number?... The system of one grading list per year which is at least a year out of date when it appears must be overhauled. A first step would be to have a bi-monthly official list up-dating players whose gradings have changed dramatically. But what right do organisers have to demand such a system when they contribute nothing?"

FRIENDS OF CHESS

H Golombek, Chairman, reports that membership is about the same as last year (100 friends and 37 patrons). Income is slightly larger at £2900 compared with £2714, owing largely to a gain on the redemption of gilt-edged stock. Administrative expenses have been contained in spite of inflation. But outstanding commitments are higher than ever before and the Friends are almost certain to overspend their income this year, unless there is an increase in membership.

Ralph Hopton, the Treasurer, is being forced by pressure of work to relinquish the office at the end of this year if not before, though he will remain Secretary. It is hoped that one of the members will volunteer to take on this arduous but rewarding task.

This is one way you can help British chess in its continued expansion. The minimum Patron's subscription is £30, and the minimum Friend's subscription is £8; if you would like to join please write to the Treasurer, Friends of Chess, Juniper Cottage, South Park Crescent, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire SL9 8HJ.

JUNIOR NEWS

GLORNEY CUP: 1 England 23; 2 Netherlands 22; 3 Scotland 16½; 4 Ireland 14; 5 Wales 8; 6 France 6½

FABER CUP: 1 Ireland 8; 2 England 7; 3 Wales 6½; 4 Scotland 2½

KENT: Is this a record? The new season of the Kent Schools Chess League has 182 teams taking part, from 120 different schools. The League is divided into three competitions: Senior (49 teams), Junior (U15) (71 teams) and Primary (62 teams). Schools play local league sections in the Autumn term followed by a knock-out (and a one-day Primary Congress) for local winners, played in the Spring. Last year's winners appear on page 7.

Kent's Fourth Junior Championship Congress will be played at Simon Langton School, Canterbury, on the 4th and 5th November. There will be U18, U16, U14, U11, U10, U9 and Girls U11 events and the organisers are aiming for an entry of 300.

ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHESS ASSOCIATION will hold their Southern Zone Team Championships at Maidstone Grammar School in April. The EPSCA, which is not as well known in chess circles as it might be, has about 30 member Associations throughout England (and spilling over into Wales). Teams of 18 play Northern, Southern and Final jamborees to decide the national championship. London are the current champions; other affiliated bodies in the Southern Counties are Berkshire, East Surrey, Hillingdon, Kent, Sutton and Wycombe.

This should not be confused with the EPSCA's other competition, a national schools knock-out for teams of six.

EUROPEAN CHILDREN'S TOURNAMENT sponsored by Eumig Ltd, the well known suppliers of cine cameras and other photographic equipment: This tournament, for teams of four players aged under 13, was held for the first time in France last year and was staged this year at Waltham Forest YMCA on the 1st - 3rd September. Results: 1 England A 17½/20; 2 England B 12½; 3 Denmark 10; 4 France 9; 5 West Germany 8½; 6 Holland 2½. Stuart Conquest who played top board for England A was the only player to score 100%.

Fuller details of this event will be given in the next issue (or they may be squeezed in at the end of this issue if they arrive in time).

NATIONAL COUNTIES  
CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

MINOR COUNTIES  
CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

<u>Kent</u>	1.7.78	<u>Lancashire</u>
1 RG Eales	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Littlewood
2 M Macdonald-Ross	0 1	J Horner
3 D Friedgood	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Corden
4 PS Milner-Barry	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Cafferty
5 MV Lambshire	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ Conroy
6 JN Sugden	0 1	ND Short
7 PG Large	1 0	D Lees
8 AG Trangmar	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	MJ O'Hara
9 A Hanreck	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JE Horner
10 R O'Kelly	0 1	R Doney
11 KJ Wicker	1 0	K Harris
12 MP Cook	0 1	N Ivell
13 GM Clark	0 1	D Shuttleworth
14 J Hutcheson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Price
15 RL Johannes	0 1	G Ellison
16 G Botley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Beardsworth
17 R Parry	0 1	P Brooks
18 S Macdonald-Ross	0 1	W Cottam
19 DC Taylor	1 0	P Dickinson
20 SW Giddins	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Joyce
(Long Lawford)	$7\frac{1}{2}$ $12\frac{1}{2}$	

<u>Middlesex II</u>	10.6.78	<u>Devon II</u>
GD Lee	1 0	G Lawrence
W Watson	1 0	P Halmkin
R Holmes	1 0	R Liggitt
KR Clark	1 0	A Dunlop
T Peterson	1 0	SR Boniface
S Quigley	1 0	Mrs RM Bruce
G Wolfarth	1 0	R Lingham
CHJ Orton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	KJ Bloodworth
PS Thornton	0 1	SM Owen
JV Skilleter	0 1	AM Tyrrell
DN Foley-Comer	0 1	D Miles
MH Hawley	1 0	D Smith
D Barasi	1 0	C Rigby
G Sage	1 0	J Parker
J Redon	0 1	S Landon
JVA Franks	1 0	EG Sparke
(Bristol)	$11\frac{1}{2}$ $4\frac{1}{2}$	

Correction: the semi-final score was of course Devon II 9 Yorks II 7, and not as reported in the July issue.

NATIONAL CLUB  
CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

NATIONAL PLATE  
TOURNAMENT FINAL

<u>Brighton</u>	18.6.78	<u>Islington</u>
1 RD Keene(W)	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Perkins
2 NJ Holloway	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Webb
3 BJ Denman	0 1	PG Large
4 GH James	0 1	R Bailey
5 JC Henshaw	1 a 0	J Century
6 JIP Simpole	1 0	S Reuben
(London Cent. YMCA)	3 3	

<u>S Manchester</u>	23.7.78	<u>Bradford</u>
R Brownsord(B)	0 1	G Kenworthy
AA Smith	1 0	AP Taglione
CR Beaumont	1 0	H Baxter
DJ Ralston	1 0	A Toothill
CJ Gentile	1 0	JC Hawksworth
GP Burton	1 0	J Tolan
(Manchester)	5 1	

Islington won on board count.

SUNDAY TIMES NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Finals in this 21st year of the competition were played at the St Ermin's Hotel, London, on the 12th and 13th July.

Semi-finals: St Albans  $4\frac{1}{2}$  Blue Coat  $1\frac{1}{2}$   
St Pauls 5 Newcastle Royal Grammar 1

Third place play-off:

Newcastle Royal Grammar  $3\frac{1}{2}$  Blue Coat  $2\frac{1}{2}$

The prizes were presented by Mr James Evans, a director of Times Newspapers, Ltd.

	<u>FINAL</u>	
<u>StPauls, London</u>		<u>St Albans</u>
1 JM Hodgson	1 0	AM Simpson
2 WN Watson	1 0	HW Murphy
3 RF Holmes	1 0	JR Nellist
4 MJ Benjamin	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RE Rickard
5 DB Rosen	1 0	HJ Slater
6 P Bowness	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	TM Grummitt
	5 1	

SOME INTERNAL COUNTY RESULTS

KENT County Champion MP Cook; County Cup: Charlton; Lewis Cup: Sittingbourne; Stevenson Cup: Sevenoaks; En Passant: Sidcup II; Harvey Cup: Wellcome. Schools League - Senior: Langley Park, Beckenham; Junior (U15): St Olaves, Orpington; Primary: John Ball (Blackheath).

SURREY Alexander Cup: Wimbledon beat Streatham in the final on board count. Surrey Trophy: Streatham I; Beaumont Cup: Streatham III; Ellam Trophy: Redhill II; Centenary Trophy: Crystal Palace; Minor Trophy: Dorking beat Kingston IV in the final. Bryony Bowl (Surrey Girls League): Coloma Convent GS beat Guildford County School in the final.

SUSSEX JUNIORS U11 KO: Great Walslade beat St Nicolas (Portslade) in the final. Girls U11: Sir Henry Fermor School beat Hoddern in the final (their 8th victory in the 8 years the competition has been running!)

MIDDLESEX Winters Trophy: Hendon beat Mushrooms  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in the final.

MONTAGUE-JONES 1977 - 1978

Oxfordshire v Middlesex II 22.4.78: An appeal against adjudication was upheld on board 5, giving Middx an extra  $\frac{1}{2}$  point: S Hughes  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  S Spivack; match result Oxon  $9\frac{1}{2}$  Middx  $10\frac{1}{2}$ . This brings Middx a whole match point nearer to Oxon in the final table but Oxon cling on to 1st place with  $7\frac{1}{2}$  pts against Middx's 7.

CONGRESS RESULTSFOURTH SURREY CONGRESS

Sutton Adult School, 30th June - 2nd July

Open 1st (£200) JDM Nunn (Oxford) 5/5; 2 - 4 (£67 each) TB Bennett (Staines), CS Crouch (Harrow), J Silman (USA) 4½; 5 - 9 (£10 each) R Bellin (SW19), R Emerson (Streatham), RA Harris (Mushrooms), DE Rumens (Hampstead), AJ Whiteley (Cavendish) 4 ... 99 played  
Grading prizes: U-180 EG Lea (Berks) 4; U-165 CC Sherwood (Morley Coll) 3; U-150 BA Jacobs (Slough) 4. Junior prizes: U-18 RF Holmes (Richmond) 3½; U-16 DJ King (Streatham) 3. Audio Chess cassette: RJD Reddin (S Norwood)

Major 1 - 2 (£75 each) PP Taylor (Hayes, Kent), JS White (Chertsey) 5/5; 3 - 5 M Dymond (Harrow), PR Fawcett (Centymca), M Sriarun (Clapham Common) 4½... 130 played  
Grading prizes: U-145 JD Ward (Streatham); U-130 JD Hockaday (Acton and Harrow).  
Highest placed ungraded player: PR Hughes (Hertford). Junior prizes: U-18 G Lane (Lewisham); U-16 LJ Pinto (Alcazar); U-14 AP Soane (Wallington). Audio Chess cassette: JB Kirk (Pinner Centre)

Minor 1st Miss TM Needham (W10) 5; 2 - 3 F Cloonan (London), JD Llewelyn (Solihull) 4½; 4 - 9 K Bowden (Brentwood), F Carlucci (Morley Coll), JRM Moore (Wimbledon), EV Sperrin (Redhill), GR Webb (Chertsey), EJ Wilson (Kingston) 4... 61 played  
Grading prize: U-115 SD Taylor (Morley Coll). Junior prize: U-18 SR Lee (Wanstead).  
Audio Chess cassette: EG Jones (Sutton).

Novice Tournaments:

Section A: 1 - 2 S Bell (Richmond), Miss SK Walker (Banstead) 3½  
Section B: 1st AP Pickering (Guildford) 4; 2nd IM Sim (Sutton) 2½  
Section C: 1st D Burford (Wimbledon); 2nd= Miss KEA Jukes (Muswell Hill), Miss S Wowk  
Section D: 1st W Skok (Epsom) 5; 2nd AR Henry (SW2) 4  
Section E: 1 - 2 AL Bingham (Whitgift S), J Pincis (Wimbledon) 3½  
Section F: 1st Miss L Pereira (S Norwood) 4½; 2nd R Balatoni (Wimbledon Coll) 3½  
Section G: 1st PW Eldridge (Maidstone) 4½; 2 - 3 Miss K Cartmel (S Norwood), F Khan 3

On the Saturday evening there was a lightning tournament divided into 7 APA sections of 7 or 8 players. Section winners: S Homer, PW Eldridge, R Granat, AF Woodland, D Edmonds, CS Crouch, A Prizant/AJ King

PARK LANE SUITE'S OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

Greyhound Hotel, Croydon: organised by the "Croydon Advertiser" and Surrey CCA  
 188 entered the second Park Lane Suite Tournament, held over seven week-ends in May and June. Results: -

1st MJ Franklin 7/7; 2nd RA Harris 6½; 3 - 5 NE Povah, RJJ Sams, HAJ Stewart 6  
Grading prizes: U-160 MJ Young, RJ Carthy, DE Luckin 5½. U-130 KH Khoo 5½, N Cornwell, PA Hart, MJ Toull, HB Proctor, K Konior, E Huonder 5  
Junior prizes: U-18: GW Dormand 5½; MA Thomas 4½. U-16 D Huggins 5; S Pesting 4½.  
 U-14 AP Soane 5; SG Walker 4½.

The tournament was controlled by FC Manning.

SEVENTH CHARLTON CONGRESS

7th - 9th July

Open 1-2 GS Botterill, JG Nicholson 5½/6; 3-5 PG Large, J Silman, AJ Whiteley 5... 92 pl  
Owen Dixon Junior Prize: R Webb; Grading prize (U-185): SP Goodman; ½ gallon Cutty Sark Whisky: LS Blackstock

Major 1st H Erdogan 5½/6; 2-7 M Youssefzadeh, S Triggs, M Dymond, K Gordon, P Kelen, H Bhalia 5... 93 played. Junior prize: G Crawley, J Richardson; Grading prize (U-145): HM Lawrence, JRM Moore

Minor 1-2 J Giltrow, R Reid 5½/6; 3-6 S Alam, R Chapman, P Needham, NR Calver 5... 100 pl  
Grading prize (U-110): J Baldwin, G Blount, S Lee. Junior prizes: U-16 M Bennett; U-14 AGH Kluth, I Mason; U-12 J Emms, J Gorman, R Morrison; U-10 C McElligot

FIFTEENTH BERKS AND BUCKS CONGRESS

Amersham: 25th - 28th August

The Congress attracted 179 entrants. AJ Cox reports:

Invitation Masters 1 B Eley 4/5; 2 KI Norman 3; 3-4 AS Hollis, G Moore 2½... 6 played  
Premier 1 PC Girdlestone 4/5; 2-5 JH Hodgson, RCS Newton, RA Parry, JC Saunders 3... 14 pl  
Invitation Junior (for the Mrs Marjorie Wood Memorial Trophy) 1-2 BA Jacobs, NJ Walford 3½/5... 10 played

Challengers A 1 KW Derrick 4/5; 2-3 BW Atkinson, CE Hill...

Challengers B 1-3 NW Dennis, EJ Smith, MJ Southgate 3½...

There were also eight Reserves sections and two groups of "late entries".  
 The lightning tournament was won by RCS Newton who beat ME Rose in the final. In a simultaneous display, Brian Eley played 15, won 12, drew 2 and lost to JA Nightingale.

The Mrs J Stean Trophy for the most promising performance by a junior was awarded to 10-year-old Cathy Forbes who came equal third in Reserves G with 3½/5.

## GRIEVESON, GRANT BCF CONGRESS

If you think I'm going to copy all the results out from News Flash you've got another think coming! Obviously that isn't the Bulletin's function: I shall not give any congress results from outside the Union unless they are actually sent to me. Will congress organisers inside the Union please note that I would like to receive their results!!

## SEVENTH EVENING STANDARD CONGRESS

21 - 23 and 28 - 30 July

The Congress, sponsored by the National Bank of Dubai, attracted 1242 entries. National Bank of Dubai Open 1 Y Kraidman  $5\frac{1}{2}/6$ ; 2-8 R Bellin, B de Bruycker, S Knott, PG Large, J Speelman, S Kosanski, I Rogulj 5... London Woman Champion: Sheila Jackson. National Bank of Dubai Amateur (U190) 1-2 P Coleman, RG Granat  $5\frac{1}{2}/6$ ; 3-6 BA Jacobs, T Peterson, MJ Surtees, TM Wheatcroft 5... 186 played. London Major (U160) Championship 1-3 R Arundell, B Dogeon, J Lacunza  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ... 220 played. London Minor (U145) Championship 1-3 DR Feinstein, AP Soane, R Tong  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ... 208 played. London Novice (U125) Championship 1 W Thorpe 6; 2-3 R Nipzlader, A Weatherby  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ... 196 pl. London Beginners (U105) Championship 1-2 M Stajeic, E Hopkins 6... 180 played.

## NINTH THANET CONGRESS

St Lawrence College, Ramsgate: 8 - 10 September

Open Tournament 1 AJ Whiteley  $5/5$ ; 2 M Hebden  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3 MJ Bulford 4; 4-7 JJ Ady, MJ Franklin, C Russ, L Wooldridge  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ... 37 played. AJ Whiteley received an additional prize of four silver-plated goblets in recognition of his outright win. The prize for the highest placed Thanet resident went to C Russ. Major Tournament 1 GJ Mason  $5/5$ ; 2-5 I Giles, F van Setton, ID Thompson, MR Wiltshire 4... 50 played. Minor Tournament 1 B Malkin  $5/5$ ; 2-6 J Baldwin, FA Curlucci, I Haines, RF Pooley, R Wynarczyk 4... 50 played.

## 21st FIDE PROBLEM CONGRESS

Canterbury: 30th August - 6th September

The Congress, jointly organised by BP Barnes and C Vaughan, was sponsored by Lloyds Bank whose Chairman, Sir Jeremy Morse, is President of the British Chess Problem Society. Apart from the competitive side there was a lot of administrative business, including arrangements for the next World Chess Composing Tourney (to be undertaken by West Germany) and the next World Solving Competition (probably in Israel). New Master Titles and International Judge Titles were ratified; Dr CCL Sells of England became a new International Judge.

The Congress included the 2nd World Chess Solving Championships, in which 13 countries took part. England, represented by JDM Nunn hotfoot from Hungary with his brand-new (chess-playing!) GM title, and John Beasley of Harpenden, came 4th behind Finland, Yugoslavia, and Israel. John Nunn was placed 2nd in the individual list, two points behind the Finnish leader.

## SCCU NEWS

The SCCU Executive Committee, taking a leaf out of the BCF's book, has decided that its meetings should in general be freely reported. Accordingly here is a condensed account of the first committee meeting of the season, held at St Brides on Friday 15th September 1978. Naturally much of the business was routine, but the main items of general interest were:

(1) SCCU Rules: The General Rules (Constitution) were last duplicated in 1962 although there have been plenty of amendments since. It was decided to see about producing an updated version which with any luck could be discussed at the AGM in 1979. This may also be done with the Tournament Rules.

(2) SCCU Treasurer: Mr RJ Richmond of Cambridge was elected to fill the gap left by Mr Emerson's resignation. His address appears in the Secretaries' column at the end of this issue.

(3) Timetable for Committee Meetings: There will be three more meetings this season, on the 8th December, 2nd March and 11th May.

(4) BCF Junior Championships: It was suggested that it might be a good idea to hold the Junior Championships separately from the main BCF Congress in future. Discussion was very brief and no attempt was made to reach a consensus, but the possibility will be put to the BCF (not as a recommendation, simply as something worth thinking about).

(5) SCCU Trophies: Mr Douglas said he had been quite unable to find the Shannon Trophy and believed it would have to be officially given up as lost. The Amboyna and Ebony Shields were in his possession but damaged beyond repair. The Montague-Jones Trophy at least was in commission and currently with Oxfordshire.

The Union will make an insurance claim in respect of the Shannon Trophy. It was suggested that we might abandon the principle of perpetual trophies altogether, since

they seemed to be more trouble than they were worth, and instead give small trophies which the winning counties could keep. It was agreed to consider putting this to Council in 1979.

(6) BCET Schools Shield: The Committee decided its nomination for a British Chess Educational Trust Shield in 1979. (I'd rather not name the school until the BCF has considered nominations in the summer - Ed.)

The Committee agreed that its policy on BCET shields ought to be made more widely known. Briefly, the SCCU makes one nomination a year (usually only two shields are awarded) and will consider applications direct from schools or from counties. Sometimes an award goes to a league rather than an individual school. In either case an applicant must show outstanding achievements in chess over a reasonably extended period, and enthusiasm is taken into account as well as attainment.

Applications should be sent to the SCCU Secretary. They will be considered in each year (starting 1979) at the Committee meeting nearest to December.

(7) Counties Championship: Oxfordshire v Sussex 28th October 1978: Sussex wanted a half-way venue, and Oxfordshire did not agree. In the absence of agreement between the two sides the Committee decided that the normal home and away arrangement must stand.

Oh, and the payment-for-grading issue came up again. Nothing was decided, of course. We really have no idea what the "ordinary" player in the SCCU thinks about this. If clubs and counties will pass their opinions on to the Editor, he will publish them in the Bulletin.

#### REVIEW

Capablanca's Best Chess Endings by Irving Chernev : Oxford University Press  
288pp £5.95 boards, £2.95 paper covers. In long algebraic notation.

Another book on Capablanca? Well, this one is justified by its concentration on the endings - not unreasonable, since it's Capablanca. The book is a collection of 60 Capablanca games, given in full but annotated only lightly in the opening and middle game. In the endgame the notes get much more copious. Chernev's aim is to show how Capablanca would often reject promising middle games in order to go into an ending in which his remorseless technique could transform a microscopic advantage into a win.

The book is open to some fairly serious criticisms. To start with, much of what it contains is not new; Chernev has drawn freely on previous analysts (acknowledged in a full bibliography). The only relevant work of any importance on my bookshelf is Golombek's 1947 collection, but if I've counted right 18 games are in both books. A comparison suggests that Chernev has relied quite heavily on Golombek, though his treatment of the endings is certainly more thorough and I found it often enlightening. It errs, if anything, on the side of excess: the comments are sometimes so obvious as to be unnecessary, even for me. There is also a fair amount of space-filling waffle ("Capablanca is a Pawn down - for the moment. After he recovers it, material will be even."). And there is too much of the exclamatory brand of hero-worship.

This isn't Chernev's best book, but it's a workmanlike one of its type and it contains some superlative endgames. It is nicely produced, with a wealth of diagrams, and easy to browse in. I don't like the long form of algebraic notation - I kept getting the feeling I was reading a knitting pattern - but I suppose that's a matter of taste.

RJH

Chess for Tigers by Simon Webb : Oxford University Press. 99pp £3.95 boards, £1.95 paper covers. In long algebraic notation. Illustrations by Edward McLachlan

Simon Webb has been publishing a series of interesting articles on the way chess players of diverse strengths and mental make-up set about analysing a position. This book has a different purpose, but shows the same "psychological" approach.

A Tiger is a player who wants to win. He doesn't much care whether a game is exciting, hard-fought, logical, beautiful or anything else so long as his opponent comes second. He plays the man, not the board. He knows his own strengths and weaknesses as well as those of his opponent, and plays accordingly. There are chapters on playing strong opponents (mix it) and weak ones (rely on technique); on Swindles and how to play for them; on winning won positions; on winning (or drawing) drawn ones; on clock control; and so on. Throughout there is an almost indecent emphasis on fooling the opponent about your state of mind (when to look confident - when to look anxious - HOW to look anxious).

Most of the practical advice offered is pretty obvious, of course. What distinguishes this book is the games - not all masterpieces but all fascinating, ranging from the placid to the wild, and beautifully chosen to illustrate Webb's points. The notes are mostly aimed in a psychological direction; moves get exclamation marks not because they are good but because they are right against the particular opponent. Most of the games are Webb's - including a beauty in which he gets smashed up - and his comments display a refreshing candour.

This is a light-hearted book, but its purpose is serious. It is well written and very readable, and I recommend it strongly.

RJH

BCF NEWS

Some very brief snippets from the SCCU representatives on the Management Board: Grieveson, Grant are willing to sponsor the next BCF Congress at Chester.

Sussex are asking for a reduction in levy number from 7 to 6.

New Titles: The following have been ratified - British Master: JG Cooper, OM Hindle, J Horner, SJ Hutchings, IC Jones, D Parr, DE Rumens. Candidate Master: DSC Goodman. British Lady Master: Miss SL Caldwell.

Payment-for-Grading(!): The management Board has voted by 9 votes to 7 to recommend that graders should not publish the grades of unregistered players.

An Anglo-Danish match has been fixed for February.

Provisional BCF Budget for 1979/80: Budgeted expenditure is just over £14 100 on administration, attracting £9 000 government grant. £1000 has been earmarked for a grading flexibility study, £2500 net for junior chess, and £4050 net for international chess. Other items fall short of four figures.

Adjudication service: There was some criticism of the standard of adjudication, and a strong suggestion that the fee paid to professional chess players for this service is quite inadequate to expect them to do a thorough job.

INTERNATIONAL

EEC OLYMPIAD: Britain came second, never recovering from a  $3\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$  defeat by West Germany in the first round.

WORLD YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: A resounding success for England in the inaugural t, held in Mexico City, of this U26 competition. Miles, Stean and Nunn were all eligible but otherwise engaged, but the England team (Mestel, Speelman, Taulbut, Goodman, Kinlay) still came FIRST with  $26\frac{1}{2}/30$  ahead of the USSR  $25\frac{1}{2}$ , with Cuba and the USA third and fourth. England beat the USSR 3-1 and Cuba and the USA  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Financial assistance came from the Aaronson Chess Trust, Friends of Chess, British Chess Educational Trust, and Slater Foundation.

FOURTH MAIDSTONE SCHOOLS CONGRESS

Organised by Maidstone Grammar School: 23 - 24 September

Senior Team Competition: 1 St Olaves A  $20/24$ ; 2 Harvey GS A  $17\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3-4 Simon Langton, Maidstone GS A  $15\frac{1}{2}$ ... 25 teams of six played.

Junior (U11) Team Competition: 1 St Marys, Royston  $38\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2 Kilndown PS  $27\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3 Brunswick House (Maidstone)  $26$ ... 8 teams of six played.

Senior Individual Event: 1 SD Brown  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ ; 2-7 SJ Barrett, PJ Dawes, SW Giddins, AS Luckhurst, A Savins, ID Thompson  $4$ ... 40 played. U16 prize: BD Rickayzen  
U14 prize: P Saunders, AP Dowton

Under 12 Individual: 1 Jaime Gorman  $5/5$ ; 2 Christopher Ward  $4\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3-4 R Lee, P Saunders  $4$ ... 42 played.

CUTTY SARK

The race for the £2000 Cutty Sark Grand Prix, the national league for British chess congresses, is hotting up. By mid August Dave Rumens (Coulsdon), the 1976 winner, was in a strong position. Shared first place in the Middlesex Championship, scoring 8/9, gave him a Grand Prix total of 180.0 out of a maximum 200. His closest challenger, Andrew Whiteley, trailed on 171.9.

Rumens took a few weeks rest. It could prove a costly mistake. With his rival on the sidelines, Whiteley won three September congresses in succession - at Thanet, Kettering and Hull. His total has jumped to 178.9 and he and Rumens are neck and neck.

The Cutty Sark final at Islington counts tenfold for the Grand Prix, so others remain in the running. 13-year-old Nigel Short in third place has a clear lead in the Petit Prix for regional congresses. Aldo Haik of France has already won the Aaronson and Bénédictine internationals and could yet take Cutty Sark's £2000 overseas for the first time. Mestel and British Champion Speelman are capable of winning with a big score in the Islington final.

Cutty Sark leaders:

<u>Grand Prix</u> (max. 200)	<u>Petit Prix</u> (max. 100)
DE Rumens 180.0	ND Short 88.3
AJ Whiteley 178.9	CG Burton 83.3
ND Short 171.9	CW Baker 82.5
A Haik 169.7	
AJ Mestel 168.1	<u>Prixette</u>
J Horner 165.8	Jane Garwell 110.0
JS Speelman 164.8	Sheila Jackson 105.0

EBONY

<u>Essex V</u>	23.9.78	<u>Essex IV</u>
1 G Gatheral	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	L Mercer
2 G Williams	1 0	P Harbott
3 N Amor	0 1	G Boden
4 I Robson	1 0	C Oppenheim
5 JS Wood	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Denison
6 L Crane	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Read
7 R Hammond	0 1	B Whitelaw
8 M Speight	1 0	P Heath
9 C Beilby	0 1	W Coatman
10 B Imrie	1 0	N O'Connor
11 S Russell	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Tyrell
12 A Barber	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	T Carr
13 D Duffin	0 1	B Morgan
14 J Fragoso	1 0	H Anderson
15 W Attwood	a	UC Allum
16 R Rodie	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	G Gooding
17 D Bird	0 1	P Revell
18 A Quartermain	1 0	K Guinness
19 J Ounstead	0 1	M Stanley
20 T Dickerson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Horn
(Witham)	<u><math>9\frac{1}{2}</math> <math>9\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	

It had to happen: the first match result before I've even sent the fixture list out...

Speaking of the fixture list, I understand that the Montague-Jones match Essex II - Middx II will take place on the 20th January and not as indicated on the list.

SECRETARIES' COLUMN

Please note these new officers' names and addresses. The first two at least will not appear in the BCF Year Book for 1978/9.

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Norfolk Secretary: DJ Lister, 11 Alan Rd, Norwich NR1 2BX

FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES

- OCT 13-15 NORTH DEVON (Barnstaple Open): U161, U151, Junior. Mrs MEE Clarke, Oakdale, Bush, Bude, Cornwall (tel. Bude 3586)
- 15-21 GUERNSEY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CHESS: The Secretary, International Chess Festival, PO Box 23, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands
- 20-22 SCARBOROUGH: U161, U136, Junior. D McGregor, 61 Redscar Lane, Scarborough
- 21-22 HERTFORDSHIRE: Open, U161, U131. The Congress Secretary, 7 Kipling Close, Hitchin, Herts
- 21-22 NORTH LONDON JUNIOR TEAM: C Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Park, London N5
- 27-29 LARA: Open, U160, U130, Junior. WL Bush, 63 St Johns Rd, Newbury Park, Ilford IG2 7PD
- NOV 4-5 KENT JUNIOR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS: U18, U16, U14, U11, U10, U9, U11 Girls.  
RJ Haddrell, 22 Grosvenor Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
- 19 BASINGSTOKE: RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Buckskin, Basingstoke, Hants

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Postscript

Sorry about the rather nasty paper I've been using for the previous two issues of the Bulletin and large parts of this one. It was a new batch, now happily exhausted. So am I, after typing and duplicating 1000 copies of this issue. It wasn't going to be a 13-page issue, incidentally, it just grew. Mostly because the publication date kept getting pushed back. I shall aim to come out on the 14th of the month in future, but am making no promises for November.

SCCU FIXTURE LIST 1978/9

Teams taking part:

County Championship: Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Middlesex, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Sussex

Montague-Jones: Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Essex II, Hertfordshire II, Kent II, Middlesex II, Norfolk, Suffolk, Surrey II, Sussex II

Amboyna Shield: Essex III, Kent III, Middlesex III, Surrey III, Sussex III

Ebony Shield: Berkshire II, Essex IV, Essex V, Kent IV, Surrey IV

The fixture list has been agreed by all Counties and was correct on 12th August 1978 although subsequent alterations may occur. The home team is named first.

\* indicates a match to be played at a half way venue.

Date	CHAMPIONSHIP	MONTAGUE-JONES	AMBOYNA	EBONY
Sep 23	M-Sy	Sy2-Sk	Sy3-Sx3	E5-E4
30		Sx2-M2, Bc-N*		Bk2-K4
Oct 7	Sy-O, E-H, M-K	Sk-Bd	Sy3-K3, E3-Sx3	
14	Sx-C*	H2-E2		
21	Bk-C	K2-Bd, M2-N, E2-Sx2*	Sx3-M3, K3-Sy3	Bk2-E4
28	O-Sx			
Nov 4	H-Bk, C-E	M2-K2, N-Bd*, Bc-Sk	M3-K3	E4-E5
11		Sy2-H2	M3-E3	Sy4-Bk2
18	K-Sx, Sy-Bk*, O-C	K2-E2	K3-Sx3	E5-K4
25	M-H	Bd-Bc, N-Sk		K4-Sy4
Dec 2	K-O	M2-H2, Sx2-Sy2		K4-E4
9	Sy-E, Sx-M		Sy3-E3	Bk2-E5
16		Sk-Sx2*, N-K2, H2-Bc		
Jan 6		Sy2-E2		Sy4-E4
13	Bk-K, O-E		E3-M3	
20	C-M, Sx-Sy	H2-N	Sx3-Sy3	
27	H-C	E2-M2, K2-Sk, Bd-Sy2, Bc-Sx2*	K3-E3	Sy4-E5, K4-Bk2
Feb 3	Sx-Bk, K-Sy		Sx3-E3	
10	E-M			Sy4-K4
17	O-Bk	Sx-Bd*, Bc-Sy, Sk-M, E-N*, K-H		E4-Bk2
24	Sy-C, E-K, Sx-H		E3-K3, Sy3-M3	
Mar 3	Bk-M	H2-Sx2, Sk-E2		
10	Sy-H, C-K, E-Sx*	N-Sx*		E4-K4, Bk2-Sy4
17	M-O	Bd-E2, K2-Bc, M2-Sy2	M3-Sy3	E5-Bk2
24	Bk-E	H2-Sk		
31	K-H	E2-Bc	Sx3-K3	E4-Sy4
Apr 7		K2-Sx2, Bd-M2	K3-M3	K4-E5
14				
21		M2-Bc, Bd-H2	E3-Sy3, M3-Sx3	E5-Sy4
28	H-O	Sy2-N*		
May 5		Sy2-K2		

JUNIOR FIXTURE LIST

All matches (except the National U-14 jamboree) will be played at St Brides.

Nov 18 )

Dec 9 ) Metropolitan 40-board U-18 matches (Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey)

Feb 3 )

Feb 17 Met. U-18 jamboree (20 boards)

Mar 3 SCCU U-18 jamboree (12 boards)

Mar 10 National U-14 Championship jamboree (10 boards)

Apr 26 SCCU U-14 jamboree (20 boards)

Junior Organiser: FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey 01-647-0063

AJ DOUGLAS, SCCU Tournament Secretary, reminds all Match Captains and County Secretaries to let him have their lists of nominated players as early as possible. He also suggests that Match Captains may wish to lodge a sum of money with Mr Self, Adjudications Secretary, to cover the season's adjudications. This would save sending small cheques etc. back and forth and would simplify everyone's task enormously. Mr Self would do the necessary book-keeping and would refund any outstanding money at the end of the season. Mr Douglas suggests amounts of £10 or £15 for one or two teams and up to £30 for three or four teams; the money should be sent to him and he will pass it on to Mr Self.

Mr Douglas emphasises that this is only a suggestion - there is no compulsion. His address: 101 Hazelwood Rd, Hurst Green, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0LA: tel. 088 388 3367

