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Barring hitches, the Grading List is out a week earlier this year - all credit to Brian Locke and his team. BCF studies continue on centralised grading by computer, but it could be a very long time before anything happens. If and when it does, the SCCU system will be redundant. Planning blight is the danger, but I am glad to say there is no sign of it setting in yet. Trevor Jones has gone on updating the programs, and I am sure the team will be ever vigilant.

I agree with my new grade. If yours doesn't agree with you, try one of Trevor Jones's itemised print-outs (see page 2). An eternal problem with grading is the results that don't get submitted, and a print-out will tell you just what went in. See also the list of events on the first page of the Grading List itself. And remember that games played after about the end of April will not have been included; these go forward to the 1983 List. This time-lag is always with us, and I understand that it cannot be shortened without drastic corner-cutting.

You can also have print-outs for clubs or whole Counties; the latter tailored to your own requirements. These special services are a distinctive feature of the SCCU system. I don't know if the BCF plans include anything similar, but it would be a great pity to lose them.

SCCU BULLETIN

The September issue is given away "free" with the Grading List. Sorry if you didn't want it, but why not have a browse anyway? You can always throw it away if it's as boring as you expect. If it isn't, the sub for the next 5 issues is £2.30.

The Bulletin goes free to all County secretaries in the Union. Also to all known magazine editors, in exchange for reasonably frequent copies of their wares. County match captains need it as it gives full results of all County matches played in the SCCU competitions. If you're a match captain and your County's too niggardly to buy you a sub, start complaining.

GRADING DETAILS

These details are additional to Brian Locke's notes in the Grading List.

New players: As mentioned in the List, new players are not now included in the system unless they have played at least 5 games in one event. What actually happens is that graders are no longer expected to submit results, in the initial stage, for any new player with less than 5 games. However, when the initial entries are in, a list of all new-player entries is sent to all graders; and if a grader sees a name on this list for which he has just one or two results he can submit them at this stage.

Sussex gave more details of junior inclusions than there was room for in the List itself. Events graded were: Schools leagues - Brighton and District; Hastings and District; Worthing and District; Haywards Heath and District. Internal school and club junior tournaments - Dorothy Stringer; Haywards Heath CC; William Parker. Congresses - Falmer; Dupree (including girls section). Knock-outs - Sussex U18, U16, U14 and Girls U18; Times, West Sussex/Hants Zone. (The Kent/E Sussex Zone was also done, together with inter-Zone rounds as available.)

List of Graders

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RA MacBrayne	
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RJ Richmond	
D Parsons	
IBN Smith	
AJ Cox	
LF Curtis	

County Graders

Beds	WA Cordon
Berks	NP Gunther
Bucks	AJ Cox
Cambs	P Kemp
Essex	I Pheby
Herts	R Talbot
Kent	RA MacBrayne
Middx	PR Fawcett
Middx league	T Parkes
Norfolk	PC Burnett
Suffolk	CN Riches
Surrey	DW Cay
E Sussex	GW Rutland
W Sussex	JD Robins

Junior events

Dr ML Levin	London S League
PE Morrish	London junior
AC Corfe	Congress
RJ Haddrell	Kent
MR Hickman	Sussex

Independent Leagues

WE Robinson	Banks	L Crane	N Essex
HM Lawrance	Barnet	BAM Piggott	Sy/Hants B
R Sefton	Civil Serv	DJ Rogers	Th Valley
HM Cath	Croydon	A Drake	Southend
G Watts	Hillingdon	WS Selby	Legal
CJ Dennis	Insurance	DP Grant	Mid Sx
WH Oakland	Lond Comm	<u>Outside Area:</u> P Wilson,	
M Cansdale	} London	K Hourd, BN Beasley,	
PL Eastwood		D Milton, D Major, D Per-	
WN Elton	N Circular	rett, FC Kingdon, P Jamieson	

Congresses

PR Fawcett	London CA
HM Cath	Surrey
R Rodie	Chelmsford
GMA Smith	Southend
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Club List: a list of all players in a given club, including those with too few games to get into the published List. Gives number of games, and grade. Only one list per club, no repeat orders. Price £2 plus SAE about 9" x 4".

County List: all players in a given County, including those with few games. This job would be run to your own requirements, so any reasonable arrangement is possible (grade order, or alphabetical, or how you will). Price £5. Don't send SAE, it's most unlikely to fit. There is a reduced rate for extra copies run at the same time.

Itemised Print-out: a print-out for one or more named players, giving separate details for each event included (number of games, and points scored, for each event). Price £1 per player, minimum £5, plus SAE about 9" x 4".

LETTERS

Dear Mr Haddrell,

In the Bulletin of July 1982 you reported that two counties were unrepresented at the Annual Council Meeting of 19 July. I was, in fact, to be Norfolk's representative and planned to attend. Unfortunately, I suffered a heart attack the day before and, indeed, I remained in the Intensive Care Unit of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital for four days. I can assure you I was in no condition to arrange a substitute!

Norfolk would have been particularly interested in the new proposals for Inter County competitions. I can assure you we were very sorry to have to withdraw our county teams from the Championship shortly after the start of the 1981/2 season - but the running of a properly organised team depends very much on an individual and when our then match captain could not carry on, and we could not find a replacement, we had no alternative. It had been my intention to help Norfolk's county team get going again but recent events have put a question mark against this.

To be more cheerful I can add that as far as my health is concerned I am told I am making very good progress.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Vivian (Norfolk match captain 1969-80)

We wish Mr Vivian a full and speedy recovery.

Dear Richard,

Surely the purpose of an adjudication (see issue 146: - Ed) is to give the hypothetical best result? If so, one disregards such matters as the players' abilities, or the previous course of the game; and should also disregard similar irrelevancies such as the claim made (unless of course identical!). After all, if you ignore the player's ability to win or draw why not ignore his/her own perception of that ability?

However, I do agree that if one claims a draw, and gets a win, the money should be refunded. It won't always be justified, but let's have the benefit of the doubt. (But not, of course, if both claim a win and the adjudicator says "draw".)

Yours sincerely,
Paul Buswell St Leonards

COUNTY MATCHES

The fixture list, as always, is on the back page. Jeff Douglas's notes should have reached all match captains but in case any have gone astray we give a summary:

(1) Adjudications/appeals. The fees are: adjudications £3; appeals £5. All "applications" must be accompanied by the fee unless you are using a "deposit" scheme. If you wish to do this please arrange for your treasurer to send a cheque direct to the BCF Adjudications Secretary, Dr RHS Phillips, 16 Cae Rhedyn, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran, Gwent NP44 2BB. Suggested deposit is £25-£30 per team. If the deposit is for one team only though the County has more than one, please make sure this is made clear. Dr Phillips will tell you if funds are running low and will refund any balance at the end of the season.

Adjudications/appeals must still go direct to Jeff Douglas, who will inform you of the result as in the past.

Note that you must send a stamped envelope where applicable. Be careful to make out your claims correctly. The BCF adjudication rules published in the Yearbook should be noted. Late claims may be disallowed.

(2) Nominated players. A list must go to Jeff Douglas as soon as possible and at any rate before your first match.

(3) Results. Please send these promptly to Jeff Douglas, and also to the Bulletin for publication. (The graders work directly from results as published in the Bulletin: no publication no grading.) There is no need to send adjudication results to the Bulletin; these come direct to us from Jeff.

(4) Competition rules are available from Jeff if required.

(5) Dates/venues. Please inform Jeff Douglas and/or Nigel Dennis if you change these.

(6) Jeff will be in New Zealand for about 4 weeks from mid-January and there will obviously be a hiatus in dealing with results, adjudications etc. But please send them in the

usual way and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Jeff Douglas's address is 101 Hazelwood Rd, Hurst Green, Oxted, Surrey RH8 OJA: tel Limsfield Chart (088388) 3367. Office tel, for emergencies only: East Grinstead (0342) 311311.

Guidelines for Match Captains

Jeff has asked us to publish the following guidelines, prepared by KL Woodland.

(1) Arrange the date with opposing m/c and if at home book a room.

By counties running more than one team this is often done by appointing one of the m/cs to make all the fixtures, or a fixture secretary is appointed to arrange the dates and places of all county matches.

(2) Collect a team.

It has generally been held that for major events like county matches the players should have formal printed invitations to play, and not be enlisted by verbal or telephone messages. The invitations should give at least a fortnight's notice. Except for contingencies like car breakdown on the way to a match there should be no defaults.

(3) Set out the room for play (home matches).

It is rare nowadays for a caretaker to be available to prepare the room. The m/c needs to arrive at least half an hour before the starting time, to set up the furniture. He has to bring with him: sets and boards, clocks, game slips, board number cards and a prepared match-sheet (with his own team already entered on it) and a copy of his team list with full initials to give to the opposing m/c. Not less than 10 minutes before the starting time he must exchange team lists, toss for colour, write the names of the other team on the match sheet and inform his team of their board numbers and opponents.

(This is best done by fixing the match sheet on a clipboard and leaving it at a central place to be consulted by the players without reference to the m/c. They can also be instructed to enter their results on it as they finish.) 5 minutes before the start the m/c asks players to go to their boards, then informs them of the rate of play and duration, and tells them to start clocks. In Hertfordshire we allow 5 hours for play with the first check at two and a quarter hours (45 moves) and 5 moves in further quarter hours. The home m/c has to act as controller and arbiter of the match, applying the rules (written and unwritten) as queries arise. (A copy of the Laws and their Interpretations as published by the BCF is probably indispensable.) He has to arrange for refreshments to be served during the match (having brought the necessary ingredients, tea, coffee, milk, sugar, biscuits) and wash up afterwards. In none of the venues which we use in Hertfordshire is there a caretaker who will do this. Play should continue for the whole of the playing time (normally 2-7 in Hertfordshire) and clocks should not be stopped before 7. At 6.55 the m/c should give a diagram blank to players with unfinished games, and get the positions from them before any discussion or analysis. He should discuss them later (at home) with the opposing m/c and seek agreement. As a last resort he may send them to the adjudicator.

(4) Act as team captain (away matches).

Arrive 15 minutes before starting time and exchange lists. (That means: arrive with a list already written out with full initials, and give it to the other m/c.) Have a separate match sheet of your own, fill in the opposing team's names as soon as you get the list, and see that your players know their board numbers and opponents. Make sure that your team is seated and ready to start at the agreed time. 5 minutes before the time for stopping play give to any of your players whose game is still unfinished a diagram blank and get the position before there is any discussion or analysis. Arrange with the other m/c to discuss the positions with him later (at home) to try to come to agreement.

(5) Draw up a result sheet and send it in.

If the Editor may stick an oar in (why not, he usually does), one or two more points about result sheets:

(1) We echo Mr Woodland's point about full initials. Kent has two players of roughly similar strength called AJ Smith and AP Smith. Both play for the County. It was not very helpful last year when one of them appeared as "A Smith". Give full initials even if you don't know of any other player with the same name. After all, there may be one you don't know about. And if you take the trouble to ask players their full initials you will avoid the nickname trap (W Bloggs, not B; and M Mouse might really be JR Mouse).

(2) It helps the Bulletin if you put the home side on the left - or, better still, write the name of each team above it. You'd be surprised how often we have to thumb through a grading list to find out which team is which, particularly when the two sides send in result sheets opposite ways round. (Incidentally, that bit at the bottom where it says "Result submitted by": we feel sure this is meant for the name of the County, not the match captain. At any rate the name of the County is more helpful.)

(3) Adjudications: Please, where possible, put an indication of the claims on the result sheet. A simple "+" or "=" next to the result column will do. Often the adjudication results will not be through by the time the match is published, and we are sure readers will be interested in the claims.

(4) Be legible, and add the scores up right!

Here is a true story, from about eighteen years back, by DW Cay.

MY 100 BEST GAMES: No. 1

We sailed from Tahiti for a month-long voyage to the Marquesas Islands. Our ship was a copra schooner of 120 tons, and we were working all the plantations up there, collecting their copra and delivering sundry cargoes. It was the season when the South-East trade winds were blowing very strongly, and after we had lost the shelter of the Tuamotu Islands we were holding on with both hands for the next three days.

The captain was a Frenchman and his so-called officers (the mate, the engineer and the supercargo) were Polynesian or half-caste. The captain was indeed the master, and he considered himself socially, racially and intellectually superior to his wretched officers. It was noticeable that, apart from the intake of food, none of them dared open his mouth at table when the captain was present. He was usually drunk by dinner-time, but fortunately it was only after the 14th July celebrations that we sailed with an entirely drunken crew.

We found a couple of French detective stories lying around in the saloon, and when my wife and I had read both of them twice we had exhausted the ship's library. I then produced my pocket chess set, and we used to play a few games after the dinner-table had been cleared.

One evening at dinner the captain challenged me to a game, which proposal I was pleased to accept. To my surprise a real chess-board and set were produced. His officers sat watching the master perform, though they had not a clue what it was all about.

The game was not a great success for several reasons. Firstly, I thought that, when the captain came down to dinner, he appeared more drunk than usual. Secondly, his spectacles were attached to his head by only one arm, and every now and again they slid down his nose and scattered the pieces. Thirdly, the buffeting from the trade winds was so great that on two occasions the whole outfit was shot across to the other side of the saloon. I replaced the pieces in their proper position, but I knew that he regarded me with the greatest suspicion. Lastly, I discovered that he was somewhat hazy about the rules.

I mated him on the tenth move. He took it very philosophically, showed no desire to play any more and packed the pieces back into the box. After all, he had made his point. He had demonstrated to his benighted officers that he could play this fancy intellectual game, otherwise they might have thought that they had passengers on board superior to the master himself. In any case, they may well have believed that he had won.

(Editor's note: Copra schooners, it appears, are schooner-rigged but mechanically powered. If you don't know what a supercargo is you'll have to look it up. We had to.)

CONGRESS RESULTS

10th CHARLTON at Charlton House 16-18 July 1982

The Congress suffered badly from the rail strike, being well down on entries compared to previous years. (In fear of libel we omit GEF's comments about Ray Buckton.)

Open (80 entered, 74 played): 1-5 MG Chandler IM, AP Lewis (Chelmsford), CR Chandler (Gravesend), AC Kosten (Drunken Knights), JC Pigott (Streatham) 5/6... Grading 180-199 CKD Holland (Battersea), RJ Sams (Croydon) 4; 170-179 SJ Lowe (Wanstead), SE Lazarus (Finchley) 4; U170 R Rabilizirov (Finchley) 4. Junior U18 JM Ffms (Norwich) 4½.

Major (65 entered, 59 played): 1 BS Virk (Forest Gate) 5½/6; 2-4 H Bhatia (Islington), S Whitehouse (Wimbledon), CF Dorn (Ilford) 5... Grading 140-150 N McDonald (Gravesend); 130-139 RJ Kearsley (Mitcham); U130 A Breakspear (Sidcup). Junior U14: no entry. Highest Charlton member M O'Connor 3½.

Minor (93 entered, 88 played): 1-2 A Raof (Lewisham), J Fleischer (GPO) 5½/6; 3-6 S Barr (Beckenham and Bromley), JA Philpott (Wanstead), I Okosieme (Charlton), NJ de Peyer 5... Grading 100-115 JM Baldwin (Black Lion); U100 MJ Cherry (Woking), P Rutherford (St Peters) 4. Junior U14 C Hornell (Greenwood Acad), BA Barlow (Sutton Manor) 4; U12 AL Mack (Hayes) 4; U10 M Walker (Southampton), M Sadler (Walderslade) 4. Highest Charlton H Gravelle 4. Prizes included vouchers from Competence.

Results GE Fifield

3rd CITY CHESS QP at Highbury Fields School 15 August 1982 attracted 173 entries: "far in excess of what we expected, none the less it helped us to our required average of 140 after the disappointing entry of 116 last time." Once again Tony Miles failed to get in the prize money. 10 players were graded over 200.

1-5 G Flear, JG Gallagher, M Hebden, PD Kemp, DE Rosen 6/7... Grading 190-171 D Lee, PJ Sharp; 170-151 KJ Thurlow, NP Inzani; 150-131 JP Sharp, D Chricton; 130-111 PJ Wilson; U110 WG Clark; Ungraded G Simpson, RJ Marshall, TA Landry, RC Lynn.

Results George Goodwin

(Note 4th QP is 19th September, not 12th as previously advertised. See Congress Diary at end of Bulletin.)

BCF CONGRESS at Torquay: see Newsflash!

19th AMERSHAM at Amersham Community Centre 27-30 August 1982 attracted 116.

- Championship (12 pl): 1 WR Hartston (Cambridge) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-3 BR Eley (Rotherham), SM Taulbut (Reading) $3\frac{1}{2}$; 4 G Moore (Chalfont St Peter)...
- Premier (14 pl): 1-3 RD de Coverly (Bourne Fnd), RN Dixon (Ickenham), JS Munday (Great Missenden) $4/5$...
- Challengers (14 pl): 1 IP Mouillaux (France) $4/5$; 2-3 I Millin (Begbroke, Oxon), PR Rawcliffe (Leighton Buzzard) $3\frac{1}{2}$...
- Reserves Tournaments: A (16 pl) S Mitchell $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; B (16 pl) RD Barnett, M Kelly 4; C (16 pl) J Beedle 4; D (14 pl) D Samuel $4\frac{1}{2}$; E (14 pl) P Lawrence, M Nelson $4\frac{1}{2}$
- Lightning: 1 G Moore; 2 RD de Coverly; 3-4 RCS Newton, SJ Roe.
- Bucks Free Press Tripartite Shield went to High Wycombe from Bourne Fnd and Gerrards X;
- Bucks Examiner Cup Gerald Moore; Mrs J Stean Cup (best or most promising U14) Stephen Foister (Maidenhead) =2nd Reserves C $3\frac{1}{2}/5$.
- Shaun Taulbut gave a simul over 28 boards: +19 =5 (S Charles, RD Barnett, SJ Knight, BD Railes, M Trent) -4 (JG Gorodi, M Kelly, G Robins, JH Taylor).

Results AJ Cox

2nd NORTH LONDON at Highbury Fields School (formerly Highbury Hill) 28-30 Aug 1982 attracted 311. This was 4 more than the previous year - a reversal of recent trends, and above the break-even figure of 300.

- Amateur (95 pl): 1 C Holland $6/6$; 2 P Webster $5\frac{1}{2}$; 3-5 S Sarssam, J Denton, W Stanton 5...
- Grading N McDonald $4\frac{1}{2}$, C McSheehy 4. Highest 1st rd losers J Freeman, D Abiaw, D Levin 4. Highest Islington M Houghton, G Novik. Highest veteran G Govas. Highest junior M Hennigan $3\frac{1}{2}$.
- Major (99 pl): 1 N Hackers $6/6$; 2-3 M Hubbard, F Vosa $5\frac{1}{2}$; 4-5 T Hare, R Goodfellow 5...
- Highest 1st rd loser P Hadden 5; highest Islington H Bhatia; Highest veteran C Hattersly 4; highest junior C O'Sullivan 5 (looks to us as though two of those were =4th).
- Minor (107 pl): 1-2 J Grudin, D Rutter $5\frac{1}{2}/6$; 3-6 W Estick, N Foster, N DePeyer, F Young 5...
- Highest 1st rd losers C Lai, D Wedge $4\frac{1}{2}$; highest Islington T O'Brien; highest veteran R Prince $4\frac{1}{2}$; highest junior M Abrahams 5 (and =3rd?)

Results G Goodwin

13th THANET at St Lawrence College (Ramsgate) 3-5 Sep 1982

- Open (32 pl): 1-2 M Blugy (US), G Hjorth (Aus) $4/5$; 3-10 SJ Barrett (Folkestone), GE Borrowdale (Ascot), S Brown (Gravesend), B Cafferty (Hastings), RG Eales (Canterbury), B Eley (Rotherham), SW Giddins (Chatham), JH Hodgson (Wembley) $3\frac{1}{2}$... TSB Highest Thanet award CAH Russ (Herne Bay) 3. The 2 winners entered on the spot at the last minute.
- Major (34 pl): 1 P Childs (London) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 2-4 CM Brown (London), HM Greaves (Broadstairs), Graeme Jenkins (Ashford)...
- Minor (38 pl): 1-2 TJ Brown (Haywards Heath), B Shakeshaft (Broadstairs) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$; 3-4 AD Hargreaves (Whitstable), H Sharples (Canterbury) 4...

Results MR Croft

ROUND THE COUNTIES

It'll be "County" soon at this rate.

- ESSEX: North Essex League Division 1: 1 Chelmsford A $11\frac{1}{2}/12$; 2 Marconi A 9; 3 Writtle A 8... Division 2: 1 Braintree B $10\frac{1}{2}/12$; 2 Colchester B $9\frac{1}{2}$... Division 3: 1 Clacton B $11\frac{1}{2}/13$; 2 Braintree E $9\frac{1}{2}$... KO Cup Final: Chelmsford A 1-3 Writtle A. Individual Premier: DJ Millward. Individual Challengers was shared after two tied play-offs between JSA Wood (Braintree) and R Middleton (Chelmsford). Al Scibor Trophy for best performance in league matches: T Delieu (Braintree).

Results RG Rodie

- KENT: County Champion is AC Kosten. Summer Quick-play Final is between Charlton and Tunbridge Wells (oh dear). Greenwich were beaten $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $25\frac{1}{2}$ by the Rest of Kent in a match laid on as part of the Greenwich Festival, and turning gradually into an annual fixture.

And we're not sure which Counties to put them in, but:

- London Chess League: It seems that Forest Gate, having finished 5th and bottom with minus one(!) match point in Division 8, gain promotion to Division 7. (Thank you Check Mate.)
- BBC Chess Club held a simul 2.7.82 at which Bill Hartston scored +20 =4 (R Andrade, N Leeson-Smith, D Kusbandi, D Broughton) -0.

JUNIOR ODDMENTS

- The National coaching scheme continues (with, in some cases, homework set in advance!). A need is felt for suitably qualified players to give individual coaching to promising juniors: contact Derek Evans, 47 Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth CV8 2EP.
- Morgan Crucible Tournament. What? We hadn't heard of it either, but this is a tournament for school teams of six players, all of whom must have passed the 3rd level BCF Certificate of Merit paper. (We hope we have this right; details from Morgan Crucible Chess, PO Box 55, London N13 5BE.) Disappointingly few schools qualified, and what had been intended as a national tournament turned into a home-counties affair with 7 teams competing. Two

were from primary schools, and one of them won. 1 Highfield Junior School, Bromley 29/36; 2 Oathall, Haywards Heath 26½; 3 Writtle Junior CC (Essex) 26½; 4 Southlands (New Romney) 19; 5 Maylands Junior School (Hemel Hempstead) 12; 6 Trevelyan (Windsor) 9½; 7 Coloma (Croydon) 3½. John Littlewood and Bill Hartston gave simuls and lectures to teams having the bye. (Was this competition adequately advertised? Is the BCF sufficiently in contact with the schools? A senior primary schools chess organiser was heard to complain a couple of months ago that he'd only just found out about the national training scheme. We don't think many school teachers (primary, at any rate) read the Bulletin so a mention here isn't going to make much difference. BCF please note?)

Kent Schools League entries are down again - only 103 schools barring late entries. What are we doing wrong?

BCFT School Shields. Whether school teacher or not, if you know of any school whose achievements over the last few years have been particularly outstanding - have a word with your County secretary/junior organiser. Counties have the right to make nominations for these prestigious BCF awards, and should contact Peter Morrish (address inside front cover) with full details by the end of March. The SCCU normally selects one nomination to be passed to the BCF.

LLOYDS BANK BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP

The initial stage of the 1982/3 championship attracted 2260 entries - about 300 more than last year - and 1785 were correct. Entries through the Bulletin reached a massive 7 (40% increase!) but we regret to say that one was wrong. Our very first failure. We see that Newsflash sent in 16 entries, 14 correct. Well done PB. The key was Qa7. The second stage continues, and there will probably be about 14 finalists in London in January. Top prize £100.

BCF CONGRESS

Though we forbore to give all the results, we must congratulate AC Kosten on his splendid 3rd= in his first appearance in the Championship. SCCU names are rather scarce in this year's list of Champions, being confined to the Girls events: K Cartmel (U18), S Walker (U16), S Needham (U11). Near-miss mentions for runners-up: N Bradbury (U21); NL Carr, J Emms, N Pelling (U18); F Lee (U16); CG Ward (U14). Apologies for omissions. The Editor's performance in a 5 day event merits no congratulations. We were about to omit C Cooley and EOMC Teichmann who came first equal in the Major Open. And we must remember to congratulate the organisers on the noticeable speed with which results went up - a big improvement. Apologies if these 2 games have appeared elsewhere, but we haven't seen them.

Levitt - Speelman

1 d4	d5	17 0-0-0	cx d6
2 c4	e5	18 Bxd6+	Qxd6
3 dxe5	d4	19 Rxd6	Rxd6
4 Nf3	Nc6	20 Qa4	Rhd8
5 g3	Be6	21 Kbl	Nc4
6 Nbd2	Qd7	22 Rcl	Rd4
7 a3	Nge7	23 Kal	f6
8 Nb3	Ng6	24 Qc2	Rd2
9 Nbx d4	0-0-0	25 Qf5	Ne5
10 Be3	Ngxe5	26 Bh3	b6
11 Nxe5	Nxe5	27 Qxh7	Bc4
12 Bg2	Bxc4	28 b3	Bxb3
13 Qc2	Bc5	29 Qxg7	Nc4
14 Nf5	Bxe2	30 Rxc4	Bxc4
15 Bxc5	Ba6	31 Bg4	Re8
16 Nd6+	Kb8	0-1	

Speelman - Martin

1 Nf3	Nf6	17 Nxd4	Nxd4	33 Rel	Qc4
2 c4	g6	18 Qxd4	Ng4+	34 Bal	Qa2
3 g3	Bg7	19 hxg4	Bxd4	35 Kg1	Qc4
4 Bg2	d6	20 Rxd4	Bg6	36 Bf3	Qb3
5 0-0	0-0	21 c5	Rbe8	37 Kg2	Qc4
6 b3	e5	22 Nd5	f6	38 Ne4+	Kh7
7 Bb2	c5	23 Ne3	Qb5	39 Nxc5+	Ng5
8 Nc3	Nc6	24 cxd6	Qe2	40 Rh1+	Kg8
9 d3	h6	25 Bc3	Qxa2	41 Rxc6+	Kf7
10 e3	Bf5	26 d7	Rd8	42 Rg7+	1-0
11 h3	Qd7	27 Rd6	Kh7		
12 Kh2	Rab8	28 Nd5	Qa3		
13 Qd2	g5	29 b4	Qa4		acknowledg-
14 Rad1	a6	30 Ral	Qb5		ments BCF
15 d4	cx d4	31 Rd1	Qe2		
16 ex d4	ex d4	32 Nxf6+	Kh8		

LLOYDS BANK MASTERS at the Barbican Centre 25 Aug - 2 Sep 1982

130 players from 19 countries, including 6 GMs and 21 others with FIDE titles, took part. 1 (tie-break) AJ Miles (Birmingham) 7/9; 2-5 GM Hort (CSR), IM Gutman (Israel), ML Hebden, Johansen (Aus) 7; 6-7 GM Ftacnik (CSR), Strauss (USA) 6½... Others rated 2350+: GM Keene, IM Kudrin (USA), R Kuijf (NL) 6; IM Mestel, IM Plaskett, IM King, IM de Firmian, IM Zlotnikov (USA), GM Flesch (Hun), IM Hartoch (NL), IM Parameswaran (Ind), Barua (Ind) 5½; GM Korchnoi (Swi), Thipsay (Ind), IM Pritchett (Sco), IM Odendahl (USA), Flear (Eng) 5; FM Hodgson (Eng), McNab (Sco) 4½; IM Lederman (Isr), Ivell (Eng) 4.

Lloyds Bank Junior Masters is the world's only junior international incorporated in a senior event. The Bank gives £21000 a year to British chess, with special emphasis on school and university players. 25 BCF Squad juniors took part. 1 (tie-break) Jan de Wit (17, NL) 6/9; 2-4 Dlugy (16, USA), Hawksworth (18, Eng), Levitt (18, Eng) 6. Hawksworth and Levitt scored IM norms, Jacobs and Wells FM norms. The youngest scholar, Neil Carr (14) drew with GM Ftacnik.

Lloyds Bank Lady Masters is the only womens international incorporated in a larger event. 14 entered from 9 countries. 1 Pia Cramling (Swe) 5½/9 made the WGM norm after 6 rds and went on to become the first woman born outside E Europe to make an IM norm. Her tournament

grading performance was 2464. 2-3 Jackson, Groves (Eng) 4½; 4 WGM Hund (W Ger) 4; 5-8 Polgar (Hung), Mulder (NL), Walker, T Needham 3½...

And some games:

Hort - Mestel (comments by Hort)

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 c4 Nf6
5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Nf3 Be7 8 c5 0-0
9 Rcl b6

(9...Ne4 is theory. Black's choice in the game is dubious because White sets up a dark-square bind based on the c pawn.)

10 Bb5 Bd7 11 Bxc6 Bxc6 12 b4 bxc5 13 Ne5 Rcl 14 bxc5 Ne4

(And here 14...Nd7 is better. Black should try to prepare his counter-action with...e5 while still keeping minor pieces on the board. As played his position becomes steadily worse and without perspectives.)

15 Bxe7 Qxe7 16 0-0 Nxc3 17 Rxc3 f6

(17...Bb5 is still a harder fight. In the heavy piece endgame which follows the black e pawn is chronically weak while the white c pawn makes further exchanges dangerous for Black.)

18 Nxc6 Rxc6 19 Rel Rb8 20 Qa4 Rbc8 21 f4 Qb7 22 Rb3 Qc7 23 Rf3 Qb7 24 Rb3 Qc7 25 Rf3 Qb7 26 Qd1!

(Naturally White does not continue to repeat moves for a draw. The Q retreat is very strong because it gives the possibility of Qg4 in many variations.)

26...Ra6?

(The last mistake. He has to try ...f5 just to hold on by passive defence.)

27 Rfe3 Qd7 28 Qe2 Ra4

(because now 28...Rcc6 is decisively met by 29 f5!)

29 Rxe6 Rxd4 30 c6 Qf7

(Black cannot permit 30...Rxc6 31 Re8+ Kf7 32 Re7+)

31 Re8+ Kf7 32 Qxe8+ Qf8 33 Qxf8+ 1-0

(Of course if 33...Kxf8 34 Rcl. An easy game to understand, and a good example of the principles behind this variation of the Caro-Kann.)

Miles - Kudrin (comments by Miles)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 4 a3 c5 5 d5 Ba6 6 Qc2 Qe7

(This opening follows Kasparov - van der Wiel, Graz 1981, where White now continued 7 Bg5 exd5 8 Nc3 Bxc4 9 e4 transposing. Kudrin was in Graz and I assumed he had an improvement ready somewhere. So I looked for a way to get in first, and found 7 Nc3 which reduces Black's options.)

7 Nc3 Bxc4 8 Bg5 exd5

(If 8...Bxd5 White has e4-e5, while if 8...h6 I can either take on f6 or play 9 d6)

9 e4 h6 10 Bxf6 Qxf6 11 exd5 Bxf1 12 Kxf1 d6 13 Rel+!

(Kasparov also gave this check but says in

his notes that it is a mistake. He gives 13 Qa4+ Kd8 14 Rel Be7 15 h4 as better for White. I didn't find this convincing and nor did Kudrin, which explains why he was ready to try it again.)

13...Be7 14 Qa4+ Kf8

(The implication of Kasparov's notes is that this is why White should play Qa4+ first - but he seems to have missed White's next. However, in answer to 14...Kd8 (or if ...Nd7 15 Qc6 and 16 Ne4) my idea was 15 Ne5! dxe5 16 d6 Bxd6 17 Rdl Nd7 18 Ne4 and in the post-mortem we couldn't find a satisfactory defence, e.g. 18...Qf5 19 Qc6 Rcl 20 Qxc8+)

15 Qg4!

(The threatened Qc8+ forces the next few moves and allows White to regain his sacrificed pawn with interest.)

15...Na6 16 Qd7 Rd8 17 Qxa7 Nb8 18 Qxb6 Nd7 19 Qb7 g6 20 Re3 Kg7 21 g3 Qf5 22 Kg2 Bf6 23 Ne4! Rb8 24 Qc6! Ne5

(The other main alternative is 24...Rb6 when I planned a Q sac in Speelman style by 25 Nxd6 Qg4 26 Re4! (less precise is 26 h3 Rxc6 27 dxc6 Qa4) Rxc6 27 dxc6 Qh5 28 cxd7 Rd8 29 Rdl! threatening 30 g4 when White has more than enough for the Q.)

25 Nxe5

(A clearer way than 25 Nxd6 Nxc6 26 Nxf5+ gxf5 27 dxc6 Bxb2)

25...Bxe5 26 Rhe1 Rxb2

(or 26...Rhc8 27 Nxd6)

27 Rf3 Qc8 28 Nxd6!

(A pretty finish. If 28...Qxc6 29 Rxf7+ Kg8 30 dxc6 Bxd6 31 Rd7)

28...Bxd6 29 Qxd6 Rb7 30 Qf6+ Kh7 31 Re7 1-0

My most interesting win of the tournament.

Mestel - Flesch: an old-fashioned King-hunt.

1 e4 c6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nd7 5 Bc4 Ngf6 6 Ng5 e6 7 Qe2 Nb6 8 Bd3 h6 9 N5f3 c5 10 Be3 Qc7 11 Ne5 Bd6 12 Ngf3 Nbd7 13 0-0-0 a6 14 Rhe1 b5 15 Nxd7 Bxd7 16 dxc5 Bxc5 17 Bxc5 Qxc5 18 Ne5 Ra7 19 f4 0-0 20 g4 Qb4 21 Qf2 Rc7 22 g5 hxg5 23 fxg5 Nd5 24 Re4 Qe7 25 Qh4 f5 26 Ng6 Qe8 27 Qh8+ Kf7 28 Qh5 Rg8 29 Rd4 Ne7 30 Bxf5! exf5 31 Ne5+ Ke6 32 Rd6+ Kxe5 33 Qe2+ Kf4 34 h4 mate.

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BACK TO THE GRADING...

An addition, and a correction (see the introduction printed on the first page of the 1982 Grading List). To the list of events graded, add Universities Team Championship. As for the correction:

Definition of a Junior. The definition given in the List is wrong: a Junior is anyone under 18 on the 1st September 1982. (The same mistake happened last year: no doubt a self-perpetuating gremlin from way back.)

What drew our attention to this was a whisper reaching us from the national grading hierarchy. Seems they have been concerned about an apparent discrepancy between the Southern Counties on the one hand, and the WECU and NCCU on the other. The WECU and NCCU define a Junior in the same way as we do, but the BCF, presumably misled by the error in last year's List, thought otherwise. Had the discrepancy been real, that would have meant SCCU players remained technically Juniors for one year longer; which in turn would have meant a small but definite inflationary bias in SCCU grades because of the 10-point junior addition.

You may have noticed that we made no mention of the MCCU above. In fact the whisper was that not only the SCCU but also the MCCU were using the September 1981 cut-off. For all we know, the MCCU may actually be doing so.

We understand a study is under way to find out whether the different Union lists are keeping in step - there is, apparently, a tendency for grades to drift. The Bulletin does not understand how inflation and deflation can affect Union grading lists, unless either standards for new-player estimates vary, or the junior 10-point addition is more realistic in some parts of the world than others. Or, we suppose, aging players decline more rapidly in some places than others. (Anyone ever proposed a decrepitude deduction?) The more we think about it, and we're thinking as we type, the more we can understand grades drifting. We would welcome comment from someone with more than the Bulletin's "0" level mathematics.

Someone has unorthodox ideas about junior improvement. We notice that a forthcoming congress requires players under 16 to add 10 points to their grade.

Quote: "If there is an obviously drawn position (in ordinary chess) and your opponent sees you have only seconds left, you are perfectly entitled to inform your opponent that you wish the referee to adjudicate the match. You can stop the clock and go and get the referee. The referee must declare a draw... You are about to move the piece and say 'checkmate', but before you even get to touch the piece your time runs out. You call over the referee. He must declare you the winner. Because FIDE rules state quite clearly that if mate is imminent (meaning one move), time shall not be a forfeit."

A spectator at the Tunbridge Wells Junior Championships? No, an anonymous arbiter due to officiate at the Lucerne Olympiad, as quoted in a recent magazine. We hope he's been misquoted.

NOTICES

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BCF YEARBOOK 1982/3: Publication date 10th October, price £2.50. Orders to P Wilson, 99 Grange Rd, Darlington DL1 5NN.

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CONGRESS DIARY

- Sep 17-19 CLEETHORPES. Open; U161; U121. M Colebrook, 105a Station Rd, Healing, Grimsby
- 17-19 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH at Kettering. Open; U160; U130; U14/12/10. K Ball, 259 Deeble Rd, Kettering
- 19 CITY CHESS at Highbury Fields School, N5. Open. IG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Pk, London N5
- 19 KEYNSHAM Open; U130. P Grant, 16 St Annes Drive, Oldland, Bristol
- 24-27 GLASGOW Premier; Open; U144; U120; junior. W Munn, 8 Seres Rd, Clarkston, Glasgow
- 25 BURY QP Open; U150; U110. L Howard, 2 Willow Rd, Prestwich, Manchester M25 7DZ
- 24-26 CHELMSFORD Open; U160. M Learner, 17 Hearsall Ave, Chelmsford
- 25-26 MAIDSTONE SCHOOLS. Teams of 6 (Sat) U19, U11. Individual (Sun) U19, U13, U11. SJ Trezise, 28 Berwyn Grove, Loose, Maidstone, Kent
- 26 LONDON SPEED at Highbury Fields School N5. 10 min/player/game, at least 14 games each. IG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Pk, London N5
- 26 BASINGSTOKE Open; U180; U18. RE Boxall, 91 Campsie Close, Buckskin, Basingstoke
- Oct 3 BEDFORDSHIRE at Dunstable. Graded sections. K Liddle, 1 Lime Tree Close, Sundon Park, Luton
- 8-10 PERTH Premier; U150; U120; schools. D Cowling, 5 May Place, Perth.
- 8-10 WARWICKSHIRE at Birmingham. Open; U156; U116. D Jones, 10 Didsbury Rd, Exhall, Coventry.
- 9 HACKNEY QP London E9. R Brown, c/o 23 Mitford Rd, London N19
- 9-10 SOUTH LAKEFELD at Millom. Open; U151; U121. J Billsborough, 102 Holborn Hill, Millom, Cumbria
- 9 BELPER. R Harrison, 25 Pinewood Rd, Belper, Derbyshire
- 8-10 NORTH DEVON at Woolacombe. U176; U131 } MEE Clarke, Chapel House, Morwenstow,
- 11-15 NORTH DEVON Open } Bude, Cornwall
- 15-17 NORTH DEVON Open; U141 }
- 17 CITY QP Open. IG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Park, London N5
- 23-24 HERTS at Hitchin. Premier Open; U151; U126. Junior U11 (Sat), U13 (Sun). J Glynne Jones, 7 Kipling Close, Hitchin, Herts SG4 ODU
- 23-24 LONDON JUNIOR OPEN TEAM at Highbury Hill High School N5. Teams of 4, U21/16/12. IG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Park, Highbury N5 2AZ
- 23-24 ROCHDALE Open; U160; U120; Junior U16/12. R Plant, 7 Harrow Ave, Bamford, Rochdale, Lancs
- 29-31 NORTH LONDON NW1. Open; U166; U136. IG Goodwin, 63 Aberdeen Pk, Highbury N5
- Nov 20-21 CITY NOVICE at Highbury Fields School N5. U121. IG Goodwin, you probably know his address.

SCCU FIXTURE LIST 1982-3

This list was correct on the 30th August 1982 though there may be subsequent alterations.
The home side is named first.

Teams competing:

Championship: Beds, Berks, Bucks, Cambs, Essex, Herts, Kent, Middx, Surrey, Sussex

Montague-Jones: Essex II, Herts II, Kent II, Middx II, Suffolk, Surrey II

Amboyna: Essex III, Kent III, Middx III, Surrey III, Sussex III

Ebony: Essex IV, Kent IV, Surrey IV

Date	Championship	M-Jones	Amboyna	Ebony	Junior	
Oct 2			SxM			2
9	HK				BrE MSy	9
16	MSy BdBr ESx BuC*		ESx SyK			16
23		MSy SkE		KSy		23
30	CSx BrE KBd SyH BuM		SyM KE			30
Nov 6					BrK EM	6
13	MC HBu BdSy EK SxB		MK ESy			13
20		SyE KSk MH		SyF		20
27	CBr SyE BuBd MH		KSx			27
Dec 4			ME		BrM KSy	4
11		HSy EK	SxSy	EK		11
18						18
Jan 8						8
15	BdM EBU SxSy BrK		SxE KSy		ESy KM	15
22	HC	SyK ME HSk		SyK		22
29	CK SyBr BuSx ME HBd		EK MSx			29
Feb 5		SkM			BrSy EK	5
12	BdC EH SxM BrBu KSy		KM SyE			12
19		SkSy EH		ESy		19
26	CSy MBr HSx BdE		MSy SxK			26
Mar 5	CE				U18 jamboree	5
12	SxBd BrH KM SyBu		SySx FM			12
19				KE		19
26	KSx					26

To be arranged: Championship BuK; Montague-Jones KM, HK

* Championship BuC is Sunday 17th Oct.

Will all Counties agreeing to change dates please inform Jeff Douglas and/or Nigel Dennis.

Some other junior dates:

Oct 22-24 London Junior Team at Highbury Grove School

Oct 30-31 Kent championships U12 and upwards

Dec 29-31 London Junior (sponsored by Batsfords)

Jan 28-30 Middx championships U12/18

Feb 11-13 Middx championships U15

Mar 11-13 Surrey championships

Mar 18-20 Lloyds Bank SCCU/BCF Junior Squad U21, U16, U12/10

Apr 8-11 North London Junior

Apr 15-17 Lloyds Bank SCCU/BCF Junior Squad U18, U14; Girls U18/16/14/12

Please send all results, junior included, to the Bulletin for publication.