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Your subscription expires with this issue, unless you're one of the handful of people who have paid for next year in advance. A renewal form is enclosed. I make no apology for repeating the annual formula: fill it in and return it at once, if you want to renew. You'll forget if you put it off. County secretaries and members of the SCCU Executive get the Bulletin free of charge, unless they wish to pay (some always do). Other county officers receiving free copies do so because their counties have subscribed on their behalf: prod your secretary/treasurer if you think he's likely to forget! A small number of people get complimentary copies in exchange for magazines or other things; they need take no action.

There is also an order form for grading lists. This has to go to a different address. Don't attempt to combine Bulletin and grading list orders in a single cheque, it could lead to part of your order getting overlooked. County secretaries are being sent lots of grading list order forms, with a request to spray them around when convenient.

SCCU COUNCIL MEETING

Council met on Saturday 30th June 1990 at the Great Northern Hotel, Kings Cross. Main points:

(1) County matches. You will remember that Sussex, who finished top Minor County in the first division, were victims of an unfortunate misunderstanding and did not get nominated. They accepted this with a good grace, but were then understandably annoyed when Cambridgeshire, who did get nominated, withdrew from the quarter-finals and Sussex were not invited to fill the gap. The President explained that Cambs did not notify the SCCU of their withdrawal; they simply told their opponents and the BCF controller (with 18 days notice), and the controller assumed the SCCU would know about it. It seems likely that he would have accepted a replacement nomination had we made one, and Sussex would almost certainly have been able to get a team together.

Sussex argued, and Council agreed, that counties defaulting in the BCF stage should be subject to some form of SCCU penalty (like, maybe, being ineligible for nomination next time). The trouble was, no one seemed to know whether Cambs had explicitly accepted nomination in the first place. Clearly this should always be checked. The matter was referred to the Executive.

(2) Rule changes (County matches). There were three proposals, a proposal-that-should-have-been, and a proposal-that-couldn't-be.

Nomination of players accounted for two of the real ones. Lester Millin of Oxon wanted to base nominations rigidly on the previous year's matches: anyone who played anywhere in the top 10 boards, reserves excepted, would be "nominated" for that team in the following year. There were refinements about reserves, and a rather odd (this is your Editor talking) provision that bona fide match captains could play in any team whatever. This proposal was rejected in favour of a proposal from Chris Howell of Kent to retain the present rules but with a provision that nominees who had played less than twice in the previous season should not count towards the total number of nominees required. "Less than twice" seems to mean "less than twice, including the BCF stage".

Quick-play finishes accounted for the third. The Executive had proposed QP finishes, with an option to restrict them to late-season matches. The manner of QP finish was not specified. All the old arguments for and against QPFs were wheeled out. To cut a long story short, Council decided to adopt accelerated finishes (an extra 15 minutes for 15 moves) plus adjudication. This will apply only to matches played after the 1st March.

The one that should have been was a proposal to allow 16-board matches. Kent had raised this at last year's Council Meeting, which had agreed to have it on the agenda this year. Only it wasn't on the agenda this year, because the Kent committee fairly recently changed its mind and asked to have it removed. The SCCU secretary had mistakenly complied. Mistakenly, because the proposal had by then become the property of Council and other counties besides Kent would have been expecting to see it on the agenda. Don't know why Kent changed its mind, since the Kent teams have actually played quite a few 16-board matches this year, with the bottom four being technically double defaults. Fortunately game points didn't come into the reckoning at the end of the season.

The one that couldn't be was a proposal which Berks would have made if they hadn't been out of time. This was to the effect that a county first team can't be relegated below the second division. On a straw poll Council was overwhelmingly in favour of accepting this proposal even though it wasn't on the agenda. The one who voted against would probably have had a fit if the Chairman hadn't happened to agree with him. There was, of course, another way. Council is empowered to adjust the number of promotions or

relegations between any pair of divisions, and it was the easiest thing in the world to say that there will be no relegation from division 2 this time. The beneficiary, if you hadn't guessed, was Berkshire, and yes they had said they probably wouldn't be in next time if relegated.

Provisional forecast for next season was 8 teams in Division 1 and 5 in each of the other two. A new second team from Essex had made this possible.

(3) Money. The accounts for the season showed a small surplus. The proposed increase in Bulletin sub to £4.50 was approved, and the SCCU grading list will cost the same as last year (£3.40, but see inside front cover for details). As for the SCCU bit of the county levy, it's whatever the Executive was proposing but your Editor doesn't seem to have any note of what that was and he isn't going to lose any sleep over it. The BCF levy, apparently, could well come down from £225 to £200 at the autumn Council Meeting. Apparently the April Meeting provided for this possibility; your Editor hadn't heard.

(4) BCQ congresses. The BCF has not in the past charged an entry fee for people qualifying via congresses. (Your Editor didn't know that either, but the officers who matter did.) It seems, but it's a bit vague, that they have now reversed this practice without notice. At any rate they sent a bill to the organisers of the Sutton congress. The bill had not been paid, and would not be pending enquiries.

(5) SCCU Junior Organiser. There were no volunteers or suggestions for a new organiser, and the job is still vacant. It could be split. Ideally it would be filled by someone with interests going beyond the Metropolitan area.

#### SCCU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive met, as usual, immediately after the Council Meeting. As usual it did routine things like appointing delegates to the BCF Council and Management Board, members of rules-and-appeals sub-committees and the like. No revolutions worth noting.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr Haddrell,

3.6.90

With reference to Mr Speigel's poser in the May SCCU Bulletin:

I should say that as arbiter he was empowered to act in order to implement the Laws of Chess: therefore, on discovering that white's flag had fallen before he had completed his 40th move, he should have awarded the game to black, even though the game had continued beyond move 40. The question of what the player intended by glancing round before making his 40th does not seem relevant because the arbiter saw what happened, which was a loss on time by the player of white. Had the arbiter not observed the flag fall, and had the player of the black pieces claimed a win after white had played his 41st move, then I do not think the arbiter would be in a position to do anything very confidently except ask for the game to continue.

Well, that's what I think, though I dare say I'm missing something...

I note the rise in price of the Bulletin (the new price seems much more realistic!) and take this opportunity to enclose a cheque for £4.50 as subscription for next season.

Yours sincerely,  
Ray Starkie                      Oxford

Eric Croker, who hates writing anything, expressed similar views by telephone. (On the flag-fall, that is.) Your Editor agrees, but see below.

Dear Richard,

11.6.90

Technically I should have announced that white had lost on time the previous move when from a distance I saw his flag fall. But it's not what I did! On the basis of "Why cause trouble where none exists?", since both players were playing on, what I did was... walk away!

Ref. the Interzonal incident wherein black played an illegal move and white, short of time, resigned, yes, I can see a case for appeal: Article 15.1(d) says "It is forbidden to distract or annoy the opponent in any manner whatsoever." It might have been held that playing an illegal move came into that category.

Many years ago - when Ebony matches were 100-a-side, that's how many - in an exciting game with multiple pawn promotions, my king was on e2 when black played a newly-promoted queen to e1 and yelled: Mate! Finding my 3rd rank squares escape squares either occupied or covered I shook hands and thanked my opponent for the game... whereupon a spectator said: What is wrong with king takes queen?! The queen was not protected. It ought to have been, as the Mikado would have said, but it wasn't. Now, by shaking hands, had I resigned? Not possible. You can't resign if you've been mated. Should I snatch K x Q? A bit unfair since I had assumed it was impossible when I shook hands. Without recourse to a Controller (remember, it was a County match) I invited my opponent to take back his last move and play his queen somewhere else, which is just what happened and the game continued amicably. Justification: The Rule at that time said "It is forbidden to worry or distract the opponent in any way whatsoever." If banging a queen down on e1 and yelling Mate at the top of one's voice is not distraction, I should like to know what is!

This might be seen as analogous except a handshake replaced a resignation.

Kindest regards,  
Jack Spiegel                      London W12

Eric Croker also made the "disturbance" point about the Interzonal incident, as indeed did Leonard Barden in his "Guardian" article. Your Editor doubts its relevance. The phantom-mate incident is mind-boggling. As for an arbiter turning round and walking away, the Bulletin thinks this would be fine if all arbiters did it. Not just to avoid trouble, but because it's wrong for the outcome of a game to depend on whether an arbiter happens to notice something. You could make a strong case for changing the rules so that arbiters never intervene uninvited. Even if they see an illegal move played. The onus would be on the opponent to claim, and the accidental presence of an arbiter would matter only if there was a dispute as to facts. Now I think about it, I quite like this idea. Must tell FIDE. Trouble is, FIDE don't live in the real world.

#### BCF NEWS

We have received the first issue of ChessMoves, the BCF's new "professional" monthly magazine. It runs to 8 A4 sides, densely printed, and has a much more sober and attractive appearance than the former Peterborough Software effort. It has an editorial panel, largely anonymous though we see Paul Buswell's on it, and as far as you can tell no editor-in-chief. Rather early to comment on its style and contents. Most of issue 1 is devoted to the just-launched Direct Membership scheme, but it also contains some local news and the full results of the Counties and National Club finals. We have actually copied one of the finals from it. A chunk from the Editorial has a familiar ring. "We are not competing with the commercial chess magazines, but we do hope to complement their coverage, and to include not just news but comment, controversy, features, perhaps even the occasional game! But there won't be anything to write about if you, the readers, don't contribute..."

Benefits of direct membership are still not fully worked out. For your £20 (£12 students, veterans, unemployed) you get ChessMoves (usual sub £10); a 16-month diary; copy of the Laws of Chess; one free copy each of BCM and Pergamon Chess; special book offers from BCM "from time to time"; 5% off certain chess computers; a fiver off your sub to Pergamon Chess; a free disc or magazine on request from ChessBase; £2 off your BCF grading list; "reduced" entry fees for congresses including British Championships and Lloyds Bank Masters, others to be arranged; a monthly prize draw; and anything else they add later. "Early" members get a free Batsford book and a free tie. If you would have subscribed to ChessMoves and Pergamon Chess anyway, and bought a grading list, that's already £17-worth of goods. Members are asked to name a "sponsoring" body which gets a 10% cut. We assume this is how the counties get their 10% kickback, though you are allowed to name a club. Last we heard, the Union got something as well (2½%, we think). Plan is to phase out the levy over 10 years from 1992. (Do the kickbacks continue when the levy disappears?)

We hear that Yorkshire and Lancashire are to secede from the Federation at the end of 1990. Presumably over money. The whisper is Durham may join them. Your Editor, as a long-lapsed Lancastrian, is slightly sad. Actually we think it's a conspiracy by the BCF to boost direct membership.

CONGRESS RESULTSFIFTH KINGS HEAD LONDON OPEN 9-10 June 1990

Open (60 pl) 1 Dr J Nunn (Solingen) 5/5; 2-7 J Emms (Norwich), M Hennigan (Muswell Hill), PJ Morris (Gravesend), A Mortazavi (Muswell Hill), M Hebden (Lancaster), N McDonald 4... Grading 200-209 PJ Morris 4; 190-199 R Thomas (Ks Head) 3; 180-189 T Wall (Kilingworth) 3½; 170-179 N Donovan (Charlton) 3½; U170 A Kitchlew 3. Junior 1 D Kumaran 3½; 2 ST Ansell (Cowley) 3½

Major U160 (96 pl) 1-2 JV Kaye (London Univ), A Spice (South Norwood) 5/5; 3 MA Shaw (Pinner) 4½... Grading 140-149 F Bowers (Spalding) 4; 130-139 J Simons (Hackney) 4; U130 DC Curtis (Frodsham) 3. Junior 1 K Hoare (London Central) 3; 2 W Whittow (Dr Challoners GS) 3

Minor U125 (85 pl) 1 B Spink (Black Lion) 5/5; 2 P McHale 4½; 3-11 C Blackburn (Northampton), JW Brant (Wallington), H Hunt (Cowley), MFC Joslin, RJ Maltby, ST Nicholls (DOE), POL Radford, H Roberts, E Sissoho (Int Students) 4... Grading 105-114 E Sissoho; 95-104 C Blackburn; U95 JW Brant. Junior 1 H Hunt; 2 K Mah (Wanstead & Woodford) 3½

Best Game T Wall; Best Swindle CICH Wallace (Ks Head). Two Mephisto Portorose computers, both on active mode, played in the Open. One got 3½ (grading score 209), and the other 3 (203).

Results WA Suttill

HITCHIN CHARITY CONGRESS 23-24 June 1990 raised about £240 for Childline.

Premier 1 Peter Large (Mitcham) 4½/5; 2-6 Keith Arkell, Susan Arkell (Derby), Michael Hennigan (Mill Hill it says here), Eric Tangborne (RAF Alconbury) 4; 7 A Salem 3½... Grading A Salem; SG Peters, R Maris, T Gavriel, B Connell 3

Challengers U165 1 Robert Newton (Lancaster) 4½/5; 2-4 David Drakeford (St Albans), Steven Harris (Ilford), Martin Likeman (Cambridge Univ) 4...

Major U145 1 MA Barkwill (London) 5/5; 2-6 Nick Rutherford (Hitchin), Dean Carpenter (Banbury), Len Barham (St Albans), Patrick McHale (Southall), GS Hathorn (Luton) 5...

Minor U105 1 Warren Jackman (Aylesbury) 4½/5; 2-5 Alan Howard (Leeds Univ/Dunstable), Harry Aldred (Hitchin), Stuart Lee (Pin Green), Andrew Weaver (Chalfont)...

Results Glynn Jones

VILLAGE CONGRESS at Charlton House 13-15 July 1990

Open (40 pl) 1 R Ziatdinov (Tashkent) 5½/6; 2-3 J Pigott (Kings Head), S Dishman (Nottingham Univ) 5; 4-5 M Hennigan (Muswell Hill), A Salem (London) 4½; 6-8 D Kumaran (St Pauls), J Sugden, D Okike (Kings Head) 4... Grading 180-190 A Salem; 170-179 D Okike; U170 MD Baker (Croydon) 3½. Junior U18 D Kumaran

Major U160 (56 pl) 1 R Vargas (London) 5½/6; 2-4 R Hyde (Charlton), JV Kaye (London Univ), JD Lynn (Crystal Palace) 5; 5-9 JF Kitchen (Metropolitan), NH Twitchell (Ilford), S Jacob (Lewisham), ME Osborne (Wallington), J Simons (Hackney) 4½...

Grading 140-150 S Jacob; 130-139 J Simons; U130 PL Szabo (Metropolitan) 3½; ungraded R Vargas. Junior U18 ME Osborne

Minor U125 (51 pl) 1 RC Burroughs (Metropolitan) 5½/6; 2 JB Farrell (Metropolitan) 5; 3-6 P Richards (Northampton), K Mah (Wanstead), S Haslinger (Hayes Park Junior: age 8), B Spink (Black Lion) 4½... Grading 100-115 V Litvin (Camden), JJ Neanor (Fulham), J Nelson (Hammersmith) 4; U100 M Newman ("Hayes"), D Stopp (Hampstead) 4; ungraded N Wood (Sutton Manor), S Fitzgerald (Sutton Manor), S Tomlinson (St Olaves) 3½.

Junior U14 R Shorthouse (Sutton Manor) 3; U12 A Trifunovic (Little Ealing) 3; U10 M Haslinger (Hayes Park Junior) 3

Results Ty Jefferies

34th SOUTHEND EASTER 13-16 April 1990 got lost in the post first time round. (We made sporadic efforts to chase it by telephone, but never got through.) It's rather out of date now, but it did host the SCCU Championship, so here it is.

Open (81 pl) 1 Matthew Sadler (Maidstone: SCCU Champion) 6½/7; 2-5 David Coleman (Harlow), Andrew Ledger (Bedford), Andrew Lewis (Essex: takes British Championship place), Neil McDonald (Gravesend) 5½; 6-11 Karl Bowden (Brentwood), Andy Bryce (Milton Keynes), Neil Carr (Ilford), Stephen Giddins (Chatham), Dave Ledger (Bedford), Mark Walker (Gosport) 5... Grading 155-170 Richard Almond (Hastings) 4½; 140-154 Richard Webster (Chelmsford) 4; 125-139 Robert Brown (Chingford), Syringa Turvey (Poisoned Pawns - Bucks) 3½; U125 K Regan (Rayleigh) 3½

Major A (14 pl) 1 Tony C Bennett (Wickford), Martin J Likeman (Cambridge Univ), Philip Thomas (Leighton Buzzard), Gordon Yates (Ilford) 3½/5...

Major B (15 pl) 1-3 Stephen Day (Bourne End), Andrew King (Grays), M Siegel (Ilford) 4/5; 4-5 Stephen Cordy (Caerphilly), Ron Gooch (Southend) 3...

Minor A (18 pl) 1 TC Wright (Bs Stortford) 4½/5; 2 CJD Newman (Billericay) 4; 3-5 JR Cotterell (Enfield), Ian Dellow (South Benfleet), Hugh Tanton (Billericay) 3½...

Minor B (16 pl) 1 Melvin Pool (Customs, Southend) 4/5; 2-5 Dale Bailey (Billericay), Harold Hubbard (Rayleigh), Ronald Prickett (Grays), DW Sadler (Chatham) 3½...

Minor C (16 pl) 1-5 MJ Brown (Rayleigh), Jon P Gazzard (Rayleigh), Marc Lewis (Thorpe Bay), FW Sadler (Waltham Forest), DS Welton (Hadleigh) 3½/5...

Junior U12 A (14 pl) 1 Adam Capal (Ilford) 4½/5; 2 David Whitehead (Sudbury) 4; 3 Simon Whitewood (Benfleet) 3½...

Junior U12 B (20 pl) 1 Chris Hunt (Southend) 4½/5; 2-4 Tam Lovett (Southend), Luke McShane (Richmond), David Surry (Ipswich) 4...

Results George Smith

From the 5th Kings Head Open: the Best Game

White T Wall 188, Black F Rayner 191

1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 Ne4 3 h4!?! c5 4 dxc5 Qa5+ 5 Nd2 e6 6 c3 Nxc5 7 hxc5 Qxc5 8 Ngf3 d5? 9 g6! fxg6 10 Ne5 Bd6 11 Nxc6 Rg8 12 Rxh7 Nc6 13 Rh5! Bd7? 14 Ne4! dxe4 15 Rxc5 Bxc5 16 e3 0-0-0 17 Qc2 e5 18 Bc4 Bf5 19 Bxc8 Rxc8 20 Qb3 Rd8 21 Rd1 Kxd1+ 22 Kxd1 1-0

and a bloodthirsty game that nearly won a prize:

White GH Monk 135, Black RR Goodfellow 152

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Be2 a6 7 g4 Be7 8 g5 Nfd7 9 h4 Nc6 10 Be3 Nb6 11 Qd2 d5 12 0-0-0 Na5 13 exd5 exd5 14 Nf3 Nac4 15 Bxc4 Nxc4 16 Qxd5 Qc7 17 Rhe1 Be6 18 Qd4 0-0 19 Bf4 Qa5? 20 Rxe6 fxe6 21 Qxc4 Qf5 22 Ne2 Rac8 23 Qd3 Qg4 24 Rg1 Qh5 25 g6 h6 26 Qd7!?! Qxf3 27 Qxe6+ Kh8 28 Bxh6!?! Qc6? (28...Bf6 is safe and 28...Rfe8 probably wins) 29 Bxc7+! Kxc7 30 Qxe7+ 1-0

From the Southend Open:

White Russell White (Chelmsford), Black Neil Carr (Ilford)

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 d6 4 Bc4 Nc6 5 Be3 Nf6 6 h3 0-0 7 Nge2 e5 8 de5 Ne5 9 Bb3 a3 10 f4 Nc6 11 Ng3 Re8 12 0-0 a4 13 Bc4 a3 14 Rb1 ab2 15 Qd2 Na5 16 Bb3 Nb3 17 cb3 b5 18 f5 b4 19 Nd5 Nd5 20 Qd5 c6 21 Qc6 Ba6 22 Rfd1 Qa5 23 Bd4 Bd4 24 Rd4 Rac8 25 Qd7 Qc5 26 Qd6 Qd6 27 Rd6 Rcl+ 0-1

White Roy Brown (Rayleigh), Black Zaki Harari (USA)

1 e4 d5 2 ed5 Qd5 3 Nc3 Qa5 4 d4 Nf6 5 Qd3 Nc6 6 Bf4 Nd5 7 Qd2 Nf4 8 Qf4 e5 9 de5 Ba3 10 Bc4 0-0 11 0-0-0 Qc3 12 ba3 Be6 13 Bd3 Qa3 14 Kd2 Qa5+ 15 Ke2 Ne5 16 Nf3 Bg4 17 Kf1 Nd3 18 Qg4 Ne5 19 Ne5 Qe5 20 h4 Rad8 21 Rh3 h5 22 Qf3 Rfe8 23 Rg3 Rd4 24 Rg5 Qh2 25 0-1

#### LEIGH NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Finals were held at Derby on the 24th June 1990.

#### OPEN

Semi-finals: Wood Green 3½ 2½ Kings Head; Atherton beat Dundee.

Final: Wood Green 4 2 Atherton

#### Plate

Semi-finals: Cosham 2 4 Richmond; Cavendish 3½ 2½ The Albert

Final: Richmond 4 2 Cavendish

#### MAJOR

Semi-finals: Cardiff 2 3 Warley Quinborne; Kings Head 1½ 3½ Fulham.

Final: Fulham 3 2 Warley Quinborne

#### Plate

Semi-finals: Bushbury 1½ 3½ Rose Forgrove; Rainham 2 3 Barnet

Final: Rose Forgrove 3 2 Barnet

#### INTERMEDIATE

Final: Charlton 3 2 Hackney. Plate Final: Prescot & Knotty Ash 3½ 1½ Cheltenham

#### MINOR

Final: Calderdale 4 1 Hastings & St Leonards. Plate Final: Cowley 3 2 Musketeers

Results JA Leake

#### INSURANCE CC Results 1989-90:

League Div 1 Bacon & Woodrow; Div 2 Bowring; Div 3 Rodney-Smith. Bowring-King KO Bacon & Woodrow; Durham Trophy Pearl. Individual Championship is down to a play-off between AGC Paish and JT Ward; Major G Derbyshire; Minor SM Ali.

LLOYDS BANK National Solving Competition produced a surprise when the "easy" first problem, published in newspapers and magazines in Britain and abroad, was answered wrong by more than half the entrants. Your Editor, who didn't send an entry, admits that his own off-the-diagram solution was wrong as well. Must have underestimated it!

KENT SCHOOLS LEAGUE is completed, very late in the day. Senior (16 teams) Simon Langton Boys GS, Canterbury; Under 16 (30 teams) St Dunstons College, Catford; Under 13 (20 teams) Dulwich College Prep School, Dulwich; Under 11 (52 teams) Dulwich College Prep School.

SUSSEX GIRLS U11 Finals were held at Great Walstead Prep School on Tuesday 19th June 1990. Semi-finals: Gt Walstead\*  $2\frac{1}{2}$   $2\frac{1}{2}$  Sir Henry Fermor B (Crowborough); St Margaters Ditchling 3 2 Fermor A. Final: St Margaters 3 2 Gt Walstead. Fermor have won the competition 12 times in its 21 years. St Margaters are now the only other school to have won it more than once.

TIMES SCHOOLS KO final stage at the Charing Cross Hotel 28-29 June 1990:

Semi-finals: St Pauls  $5\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$  Nottingham High School; Truro School\* 3 3 RGS Newcastle.  
Third place play-off: RGS Newcastle\* 3 3 Nottingham HS.  
Final: St Pauls 5 1 Truro. Results Mitchell Taylor

#### ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHESS ASSOCIATION

(For other results, see the last issue.)

Girls U11 Team Championship at Liverpool 23rd June 1990

1 Kent  $32\frac{1}{2}/36$  (including 12/12 in rd 2!); 2 Liverpool 26; 3 Manchester  $25\frac{1}{2}$ ; 4 Lincs 24; 5 Wey Valley 22; 6-7 Richmond, Somerset 20; 8 Nottingham  $19\frac{1}{2}$ ; 9-10 Lancs, Suffolk 19; 11 Northants  $16\frac{1}{2}$ ; 12 Hants  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ; 13 Barnet  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ; 14 Leics 12; 15 Humberside 9; 16 Salop  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ; 17 South London  $6\frac{1}{2}$ . Results Bob Blake

This makes Kent National Champions at U11 in both Open and Girls events.

#### COUNTY LEAGUE TABLES (final at last, we hope)

##### CHAMPIONSHIP

	K	H	Sx	M	C	E	Sy	Bu	GP	MP
1 Kent		10	11	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$	10	$16\frac{1}{2}$	13	$83\frac{1}{2}$	6
2 Herts	10		8	$9\frac{1}{2}$	10	11	$14\frac{1}{2}$	12	75	4
3 Sussex	9	12		10	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$	10	$13\frac{1}{2}$	$73\frac{1}{2}$	4
4 Middx	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	10		5	12	11	10	68	4
5 Cambs	$7\frac{1}{2}$	10	$9\frac{1}{2}$	15		$11\frac{1}{2}$	10	10	$73\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
6 Essex	10	9	$11\frac{1}{2}$	8	$8\frac{1}{2}$		$14\frac{1}{2}$	12	$73\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
7 Surrey	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	10	9	10	$5\frac{1}{2}$		12	$55\frac{1}{2}$	2
8 Bucks	7	8	$6\frac{1}{2}$	10	10	8	8		$57\frac{1}{2}$	1

##### MONTAGUE-JONES

	M	K2	K3	O	Br		M	K2	K3	O	Br	GP	MP
1 Middx II		$12\frac{1}{2}$	12	14	$14\frac{1}{2}$			7	13	11	12	96	7
2 Kent II	$7\frac{1}{2}$		12	10	$8\frac{1}{2}^*$		$9^*$		$7\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}^*$	$77\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$
3 Kent III	8	5		$10^*$	$12\frac{1}{2}$		7	$8\frac{1}{2}^*$		$12\frac{1}{2}$	12	$75\frac{1}{2}$	5
4 Oxon	6	10	9		12		9	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$		$14\frac{1}{2}$	$74\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$
5 Berks	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	8			8	$6\frac{1}{2}$	8	$5\frac{1}{2}$		$56\frac{1}{2}$	0

##### AMBOYNA/EBONY

	Sx	Sy	M	K		Sx	Sy	M	K	GP	MP
1 Sussex II		$10\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	11			$9\frac{1}{2}=$	20d	$11\frac{1}{2}$	73	$5\frac{1}{2}$
2 Surrey II		$9\frac{1}{2}$	13	18		$9\frac{1}{2}=$		11	9	70	$3\frac{1}{2}$
3 Middx III		$9\frac{1}{2}$	7	11		Od	9		16d	$52\frac{1}{2}$	2
4 Kent IV		9	2	5		$8\frac{1}{2}$	11		Od	$35\frac{1}{2}$	1

\* match won

= match drawn

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

Adjudication results from last issue but one:

C Middx 11 9 Surrey 10.2.90: 4 Lyell  $\frac{1}{2}$  Pinto  
Surrey  $5\frac{1}{2}$   $14\frac{1}{2}$  Herts 10.3.90: 6 Walker 1 Simpson; 19 Wilcox 0 Majer

If you think that doesn't complete the tally of adjudications, have a look at the stop-press ones in the last issue (page 11), and if you still think so, complain. Your Editor has got so confused, with adjudication results sometimes coming in three separate batches for a single match, that he could well have missed one out.



BCF STAGE COUNTY MATCHESCHAMPIONSHIP

## Semi-finals

Kent*	3.6.90	Gtr Manchester	Herts*	2.6.90	Northumberland
1 CG Ward (W)	1 0	J Horner	NH Bradbury (B)	1 0	AJ Rounding
2 JJ Ady	0 1	M Orr	S Swanson	1 0	TP Wall
3 NL McDonald	1 0	OA Jackson	TK Hemingway	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AR Lawson
4 PJ Morris	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	RA Beach	JG Foulger	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	JD Wheeler
5 CM Cooley	1 0	VW Knox	PG Maguire	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Graham
6 RG Eales	0 1	M Surtees	PAJ Brown	1 0	SR Gillem
7 JR Richardson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Firth	JF Rudge	1 0	CH Storey
8 AE Hanreck	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Smith	JDH Sachs	1 0	PB Eastlake
9 JN Sugden	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Naujokas	KR Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	C Ray
10 AG Trangmar	0 1	P Siddall	JR Denton	0 1	JS Clarke
11 MP Cook	0 1	DA Knox	S Law	0 1	D Blackburn
12 AP Smith	1 0	P Adams	J Cook	1 0	R Coathup
13 AI Armstrong	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	H Lamb	TJ Turner	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Burne
14 PJ O'Donovan	1 0	GP Burton	B Morris	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	B Harkness
15 JD Wager	0 1	R Donet	CE Majer	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Florence
16 NP Donovan	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	W Giblin	BD Judkins	1 0	J Young
17 CI Howell	1 0	M Vidler	(Nottingham)	$10\frac{1}{2}$ $5\frac{1}{2}$	
18 def	0 1	R Watson			
19 PS Milner-Barry	0 1	S Clarke			
20 CM Brown (Aston Univ)	0 1 9 11	D Ralston			

Kent might have played 16 boards if they'd appreciated their opponents' strength in depth! The defaulter turned up all right, but bypassed the

security men who would have told him what room to go to, waited a short while outside the locked door of the room they played in last time, then went home and left an obscene message on the match captain's answering machine.

Final

Herts	26.3.90	Gtr Manchester
1 P Littlewood (W)	1 0	J Horner
2 C Majer (r)	0 1	M Orr
3 S Knott	1 0	O Jackson
4 S Swanson	0 1	R Beach
5 P Byway	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	V Knox
6 J Foulger	0 1	M Surtees
7 A Simpson	1 0	M Firth
8 T Hemingway	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	J Smith
9 S Roe	1 0	J Naylor
10 P Macguire (sic)	1 0	P Siddall
11 P Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D Knox
12 K Clark	0 1	A Reeve
13 J Denton	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Adams
14 H Tebbs	0 1	H Lamb
15 S Law	0 1	G Burton
16 J Cook (Derby)	0 1 <u>7 9</u>	S Clarke

Acknowledgments BCF ChessMoves. So Herts also lose it at the bottom end. Their scheduled board 2 failed to turn up; if he had played and won Herts would have won on board count. It is not recorded that he made any obscene phone calls.

The Minor Counties was won by Huntingdon & Peterborough who beat Lincolnshire & South Humberside  $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ . Whoever pays for the engraving will be relieved that the shorter side won.

SECOND TEAMS

<u>Semi-final</u>				<u>Final</u>				
<u>Middx*</u>		2.6.90	<u>Warwicks</u>	<u>Middx*</u>		23.6.90	<u>Notts</u>	
1	RJ McMichael (B)	1	0	R McFarland	F Rayner 191 (B)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Tait 183
2	NE Foster	1	0	M Harris	JR Nellist 186	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	AC Dempsey 188
3	DP Lynch	1	0	J Naylor	S Spivack 188	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Halfpenny 175
4	SD Arnold	0	1	I Dutton	JM Quinn 189	1	0	R Higham 173
5	AI Wheatley	1	0	P Briggs	DP Lynch 184	1	0	M Thomas 168
6	NRE Alldritt	1	0	A Lloyd	NA Peters 185	0	1	M Lambert 175
7	JD Llewellyn	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R James	A Hon 187J	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	KG Morrison 171
8	G Szaszvari	1	0	A Watt	SD Arnold 182	1	0	S Joseph 159J
9	GA White	1	0	R Drury	NRE Alldritt 175	0	1	R Dicks 164
10	K Bowmer	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Soesan	AI Wheatley 179	1	0	PB Dodson 168
11	AM Dunn	0	1	D Thomas	KR Barnes 179	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Simpson 161
12	SVF Dickinson	0	1	K Hern	G Szaszvari 170	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	PJ Mercs 161
13	J Grundy	0	1	A Southall	JCH Nyman (r)141	1	0	D Andrews 163
14	R Brown	1	0	M Probert	GA White 177	1	0	AJ Wright 151
15	CJ Stephenson	1	0	I Fisher	DC Ball 160	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Walker 158
16	MA Shaw	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	R Woodcock	AO Alabi 173	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Gibson 157
(Wantage)		11	5		J Grundy 160	1	0	D Amour 122
					CJ Stephenson141	1	0	J Tassi 156
					LHJ Fincham 150	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	SV Woodhouse 156
					JM McVicar 144	1	0	MB Hayward 148
					(Derby)	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	

THIRD TEAMS

<u>Semi-final</u>				<u>Final</u>				
<u>Notts</u>		2.6.90	<u>Kent*</u>	<u>Kent*</u>		23.6.90	<u>Cambs II(!)</u>	
1	MH Horton (B)	0	1	GR Tidmarsh	JS Williams	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Richardson
2	A Erridge	0	1	JS Williams	LR Gurr	1	0	R Newman
3	DR Wightman	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	JH Lewin	AVH Sands	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Firth
4	B Hayward	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	LR Gurr	MJ Reddie	1	0	P McMahon
5	N Bowler	0	1	CGJ Wright	DJR Barnes	1	0	M Pinner
6	M Kennedy	0	1	DJ Horton	DF Hill	1	0	S Pride
7	SC Maxwell	0	1	DF Hill	F Percival	1	0	L Retallic
8	R Webster	1	0	MH Micklethwaite	DJ Horton	1	0	W Cruse
9	TA Lane	1	0	PW Eldridge	MH Micklethwaite	1	0	A Peachey
10	T Redburn	0	1	MD Brougham	PW Eldridge	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Penston
11	M Tailby	1	0	BJ Westover	MD Brougham	0	1	G Glue
12	C Martin	0	1	PC Rutland	PC Rutland	0	1	D Webb
13	MV Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	RT McCorry	BJ Westover	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Henderson
14	M Nailard	0	1	RC Shilling	RC Shilling	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Cattermole
15	A Robinson	0	1	SC Scott	RT McCorry	1	0	P Ribbands
16	C Cantrill	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	MR Croft	SC Scott	1	0	R Pennington
(Cambridge)		5	11		MR Croft	0	1	I Garwood
					RF Pooley	1	0	G Williams
					(Derby)	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Middx III pulled out of their semi-final v Cambs because of "venue problems and other constraints".

Mick Croft's team have worked hard for their first win. They have played in three of the four finals to date, coming second last year and the year before. As for second teams playing in a third teams competition, it's absurd.

Actually it seems the BCF are thinking about discontinuing the Third Teams (on grounds of economy, we believe). At any rate Kent, and presumably other counties with third teams, have been asked how they would feel about it. Kent said what you'd expect.

## The Fleming Trophy match:

Bucks*	20.5.90	Beds
1 DR Smith (W)	0 1	D Ledger
2 G Moore	0 1	A Bryce
3 N Davey	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	S Ledger
4 SP Finn	1 0	P Habershon
5 RD de Coverly	0 1	R Freeman
6 AMJ Robbings	0 1	G Smith
7 DR Woods	0 1	P Kendall
8 ACP Milnes	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	R Mahoney
9 RD Lancaster	1 0	P Clarke
10 J Beedle	1 0	T Weir
11 EK Tweeddale	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	P Thomas
12 EN Bramley	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	K Williamson
13 RCS Newton	1 0	D Chandler
14 RP Ginger	0 1	O May
15 P Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	D D'Cruz
16 CD Floyd	1 0	S Matthews
17 AJ Cox	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Ionides
18 DJ Turner	1 0	P Gill
19 N McHale	0 1	N Staddon
20 J Springall	1 0	G Ames
(High Wycombe)	10 10	

## An end-of-season friendly:

Oxon*		RAF
N Jackubovics	1 0	AJ Hammond
JJ Hastings	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Toll
MJ Nightall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Mushens
GW Chapman	1 0	P Martin
B Bix	1 0	A Nelder
P Hastings	1 0	P Ball
P Fallon	1 0	D Metcalfe*
R Soulsby	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	H Brown
R Cherry	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	A Foulds
IR Brooke	1 0	H Phipps*
J Beaumont	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs A Ball
T Jenkinson	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	M Carbin
	9 3	

\*Oxon players lent to the RAF

Beds retained the Fleming Trophy on board count.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: DATES 1990-91Division 1 Cambs, Essex, Herts, Kent, Middx I, Middx II, Surrey, Sussex (8 teams)Division 2 Berks I, Bucks I, Kent II, Kent III, Oxon I, Sussex II (6 teams)Division 3 Essex II, Kent IV, Middx III, Surrey II (4 teams)

	<u>Championship</u>	<u>Montague Jones</u>	<u>Amboyna/Ebony</u>
Oct 6	KSy CSx EH M2M1		
13			
20			KM SyE
27		K2K3 BuO BrSx	
Nov 3	SxK HC M1E SyM2		
10			MSy EK
17	CSy ESx M2H KM1	K3Bu	
24		OBr SxK2	
Dec 1	SyE SxM2 HK M1C		
8		K2O BrK3 BuSx	
15			KSy EM
Jan 19	SxSy CK M1H M2E		
26		K3Sx BrBu	
Feb 2			MK ESy
9	SyM1 HSx KM2 EC		
16		OK3 K2Br	
23			SyM KE
Mar 2	HSy EK M1Sx M2C		
9		BuK2 SxO	SyK ME

Match Captains

Berks	N Johnson, 16 Church View, White Waltham, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 3JQ 0628 828476
Bucks	RD de Coverly, 1 Kennedy Close, Marlow, Bucks SL7 3JA 06284 6676
Cambs	not yet known
Essex	1 JR Cooke, 35 The Crescent, Loughton, Essex 081 505 3622 2 DA Smith, 21 Chigwell Rd, South Woodford EC8 1LR 081 530 2118
Herts	JR Denton, 43 Wordsworth Close, Royston, Herts 0763 7758
Kent	1 CI Howell, 16 Claire House, Lesley Place, Buckland Hill, Maidstone, Kent ME16 OSQ 0622 670169 2 Z Mehmet, 75 St Mildreds Rd, Lee SE12 ORE 081 851 5262 3 MR Croft, 37 Upper Dane Rd, Margate, Kent CT9 2NA 0843 224525 4 P Fenn, 50 Gayhurst Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent 0795 21789
Middx	1 CA Mackenzie, 9 Allan Way W3 081 992 1849 2 A Laurence, 62 Langham Gdns, West Ealing W13 081 991 0121 3 c/o CA Mackenzie
Oxon	D Metcalfe, 9 Roosevelt Rd, Long Hamborough, Oxon OX7 2JG 0993 883044
Surrey	1 FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey 081 647 0063 2 E Weimann, 11 Howley Rd, Croydon, Surrey 081 688 0497
Sussex	1 P Watson, Flat 7, Regency Court, Withdean Rise, London Rd, Brighton, E Sussex 0273 505480 2 RD Hirsch, 5 Orde Close, Pound Hill, Crawley, W Sussex RH10 3NG 0293 883244

## CONGRESS DIARY

- Jul 30-11 BCF CONGRESS with generous support from the family of the late Harry Baines. Congress Secretary, BCF, 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards, E Sussex TN38 ODD
- Aug 12 CITY QP. George Goodwin, 7 Ferncroft Avenue N12 OLN 081 368 7701
- 12-18 BH WOOD MEMORIAL at Whitby. Premier; U156; U126; Junior U16. GF Walsh, 2 Smiths Dock Park Rd, Normanby, Middlesborough, Cleveland TS6 OJN. Prizes guaranteed by Pergamon CHESS.
- 16-18 MARYMASS at Irvine. SL Clark, 47 Sillars Meadow, Irvine, Ayrshire KA12 OLQ 0294 78638
- 8-27 LLOYDS BANK MASTERS in London. Tony Gaffney, 59 Reighton Rd E5 8SQ 081 806 6518
- 24-27 THANET at Broadstairs. Open; U156; U121. MR Croft, 37 Upper Dane Rd, Margate, Kent CT9 2NA 0843 224525 (NB Dates in BCF ChessMoves are wrong. This is not just our reading, it's Mr Croft's as well.)
- 25-27 BERKS & BUCKS at Maidenhead. Open; Challengers (probably 150-170); reserves (graded sections). RJ Pidgeon, 12 Birch Grove, Windsor, Berks SL4 5RT 0753 863503
- 25-27 CHORLEY. GM Jones, 27 Clarke St, Leigh, Lancs WN7 4HU 0942 604262
- 26 BARBICAN. George Goodwin as 12 Aug
- 30- 1 ISLE OF MAN. Open; U160; Ladies!; Junior U16. Ian Poyzer, 24 York Rd, Douglas IOM 0624 72136
- 31- 2 BARBICAN JUNIOR. George Goodwin as 12 Aug
- 31- 2 HE ATKINS MEMORIAL at Leicester. Open; U165; U135. MJ Tate, 2 Carts Lane, Leicester 624561 daytime, 784304 evenings. (Yes, it infuriates us as well when people don't give their STD code. The exchange name you can omit; STD codes work for local calls, and you still pay at local rates)
- Sep 1- 2 NORFOLK at Norwich. John Charman, 45 Smiths Lane, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 8LQ 0328 4177
- 2- 8 PAIGNTON Open; U170; U125; graded APAs. L Moate, 46 Thatcher Avenue, Torquay, Devon TQ1 2PO 0803 293345
- 7- 9 BARBICAN. George Goodwin as 12 Aug
- 7- 9 WEST GLAMORGAN at Swansea. G Rhys Jones, 34 Hen Park Avenue, Swansea 206600
- Oct 12-14 1st MAIDSTONE CONGRESS. Open; U160-ish; U130-ish (yes, it was a rather informal contact but it's happening all right); Junior U12/10/8 (London Junior qualifier). NC Mackett, 74 Peel St, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2SD 0622 750610
- 19-21 DORSET CONGRESS at Weymouth. Open; U156; U126; Junior U18. AD Rookes, 6 Milton Close, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 7NB 0305 774044
- 20-21 HERTS CA at Hitchin. Open; U165; U145; U125; U105; Junior U14/11. Glynne Jones, 9 Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1PA: Hitchin (whoops) 454171
- 27 ASHFORD (Kent) JUNIOR U8/10/12/14/18 + parents(!). RG Blake 0233 639372
- Nov 10 SWANLEY QP + London Junior qualifier. R Clark, 264 Claremont Rd, Hextable, Kent BR8 7QU 0322 69338
- 10-11 RGS GUILDFORD JUNIOR U18/15/13/12. AJW Thorn, RGS Guildford GU1 3BB. Home tel. Guildford 577623
- Dec 1 HAYES JUNIOR (London Junior qualifier). DJ Brown, 32 St Johns Rd, Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent BR5 1HX 0689 21854
- 2 STEVENAGE QP (not Rapid: well resisted!). Stuart Lee, Pin Green Chess Club, 134 Leaves Spring, Stevenage SG2 9GB 0438 745576

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## Quote

"If \*\*\*\*\* withdraw because I can't make it double round, I'll be able to make it double round." - A fixtures secretary

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