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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Richard,

9.12.97

Following up my letter on how to define a Minor County:

In my opinion a definition based on population cannot be correct: the definition must be chess-related... If Herts and Oxon want to compete in both the Open section and the Minor Counties, with a stronger team in the latter, then the Minor Counties should find itself a new name...

A grading-related scheme should not be too difficult to manage. I would suggest the system that we use in Kent [a limit on mean grade, match by match: - Ed]. For those of us who cannot add and divide, most people have pocket calculators. The only question that remains to be answered is - just how strong/weak should a Minor county be.

Yours sincerely,

MICK CROFT

Margate

Ed: - I think what Mick wants to say, only he's too polite, is that Herts and Oxon were too strong for the Minor Counties and shouldn't have been nominated in the first place. Anyway, let's say it and see if we can't provoke someone. I can think of people in Herts and Oxon who write letters. More on the Minor Counties on page 9.

Dear Bulletin Editor,

17.12.97

Don't drop the Congress Diary, it's useful. Except when it's wrong, of course. The BCF Calendar often is, but printed very early. Here's a Southend 98 form hot from the press. Please list.

Nov Bulletin of more interest to computer programmers than chess players. If BCF think that, in order to feed results into their computer, they need a full-time employee, I suggest if they engage another full-time employee, they don't need a computer!

Seasonal greetings and kindest regards,

JACK SPEIGEL

Southend

Ed: - The need for a full-time employee was suggested at some meeting or other in 1997, as mentioned last time, but I don't believe it's current thinking. If they engage another full-time employee, they won't be able to *afford* a computer. Full-time employees cost an awful lot more than computers.

Dear Richard,

10.12.97

Please find enclosed [the Herts U18 results to date in the Chiltern League]. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the style and reasoned argument of the debates covered in your issues with sense and good humour, even when I disagree (slightly!).

My main concerns for 1998 are, regardless of the assurances, the resolution of the grading system to fulfil the need for a truly efficient "rolling grade" cruncher, and also the proper organisation of junior activities, both SCCU and BCF.

Yours truly,

BILL D'COSTA

Herts U18 team

Dear Richard,

7.12.97

Congratulations to the Bulletin - first with the news once again!

I refer to your comment on the last page of the November Bulletin, about "some counties having no teams in the Open this year Hants were mentioned."

The Hampshire Chess Association suspended all activities at its 1997 AGM following the resignation of three key officers. But at a Special General Meeting on 3/Dec, it found three 'volunteers' and is now back in business. I was persuaded to take on the Secretary's job despite my strong ties with a rival county, Devon, and Botley chess club came up with a President and a Treasurer.

Our match captain, Dominic Tunks, is now consulting with the WECU about the rest of the county match program, but having missed more than half the matches, it is unlikely that Hampshire will be actively competing in the WECU Union stage this season. Hopefully we will be playing all our matches next season.

For your information, Gloucestershire have also withdrawn from WECU county matches, due to lack of a Match Captain, I believe.

Despite having moved out of the SCCU more than 20 years ago, I still find the Bulletin essential reading - you have a happy knack of being first with the news, and also of getting it right. Long may it continue.

Best wishes,

JOHN WHEELER

Secretary, Hampshire Chess Association

Ed: - I thank Messrs D'Costa and Wheeler for their kind remarks. Some might dispute the "getting it right" bit.

WHITSTABLE RAPIDPLAY 6th December 1997: a new event

Open (8 pl) 1 MJ Basman IM 5½/6, two points ahead of the field. The last issue had a 6-round Swiss with seven players, and impossible pairings at the end. They got round this at Whitstable by doing the rd-6 pairings after round 4. Or something. Another solution might have been, do an APA and have 25 min each per round instead of 30. Or, do an APA with one round omitted! Any thoughts? But the numbers were a disappointment.

Under 160 (19 pl) 1-2 Mike Long (Basingstoke), Alan Atkinson (Canterbury) 5/6; 3 Martin Cutmore (Wood Green) 4½...

Under 120 (28 pl) 1-2 Malcolm Snashall (Whitstable), Richard Cheeseman (Danson / St Olaves) 5/6; 3-4 Andrew Bigg (Hayes Kent), Russell Scott (Danson) 4½...

Under 80 (18 pl) 1 Jan Wasserman-Fry (Whitstable) 5½/6; 2 Robert White (Beckenham) 5; 3 Alex Woodfield (Tunbridge Wells) 4½...

BWCA NATIONAL WOMENS QUICKPLAY Barbican, 6th December 1997

Harriet Hunt won with 6/6, from a very low entry of 16. Result gleaned from Surrey Girls Newsletter.

14th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY 7th December 1997

Open (20 pl) 1 Peter Large IM (London) 5½/6; 2 Danny Kopec IM (USA) 5; 3 Wang Pin WGM (China) 4½...

GRADING U200 1 Richard Bates (Richmond) 4; 2 Martin Taylor (Rainham Kent) 3½. (Why have people started saying "Rainham Kent"? Has the Rainham across the estuary sprouted a chess club? Hope so.) **U180** 1-5 Paul Dupré (Walton on Thames), Andy Horton-Kitchlew (London), Shanker Menon (RJCC/London), Nick Mitchem (Kingston), Colin Purdon (Bracknell) 3

Major U160 (21 pl) 1-2 David Faldon (London), Thirumurugan Thiruchelvam (RJCC/New Malden) 5½/6; 3-5 Geraint Edwards (RJCC/Kingston), Michael Kobylka (London), Iozeph Okosieme (London) 4... **Grading U140** 1 Ross Mooring (RJCC/Twickenham) 4 (so 3-6= dammit), 2 Shane McCabe (London) 3½. "A 180 tournament performance for Murugam Thiruchelvam of RJCC just four days before his ninth birthday."

Intermediate U120 (24 pl) 1 Luke Pettit (RJCC/Hounslow) 5½/6; 2 Adam Swersky (RJCC/Pinner) 5; 3-4 Kate Feld (Cobham), Thomas Nixon (RJCC/Kew) 4... **Grading U100** 1-5 Neville Belinfante (Borehamwood), Michael McTernan (Hayes Middx), Anna Partington (Epsom), Marc Pollitt (RJCC/Hampton), Jonathan Somekh (RJCC/London) 3½

Minor U80 (22 pl) 1 Matthew Robinson (Wallington) 5½/6; 2 Trevor Pettit (RJCC/Hounslow) 5; 3 Alexei Chernikov (RJCC/London) 4½...

2-Generation Family Prize: Malcolm & Richard Miles (Oxted) 6½

Best Game Prize Gavin Wall (London) for his win against WGM Wang Pin.

Results Richard James

15th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY 18th January 1998

Open (26 pl) 1 IM Peter Large (London) 5½/6; 2 IM Richard Bates (Richmond) 5; 3-4 GM Aaron Summerscale (London), FM Simon Williams (Farnham) 4... **GRADING U200** 1 Rob Eames (London) 4½; 2 Andy Horton-Kitchlew (London) 4; **U180** Martin Taylor (Rainham Kent) 3½

Major U160 (22 pl) 1 Ross Rattray (RJCC / Cheam) 6/6; 2-3 Shane McCabe (London), John Wolley (London) 4½... **GRADING U140** 1-3 David Barron (Kingswood Surrey), Jo Hart (Caterham), E Michael White (Bristol) 3

Intermediate U120 (25 pl) 1-2 Amir Habibi (Maidstone), Michael Mkpadi (London) 5/6; 3-4 David Bates (RJCC / Richmond), Claire Lusher (London) 4½... **GRADING U100** 1 Jonathan Somekh (RJCC / London) 4; 2-3 Derek Birt (Hayes Middx), James Wingfield (RJCC / Sutton) 3½

2-Generation Family Prize: Hamid & Amir Habibi (Maidstone) 7

Results Richard James

NATIONAL CLUB

Just the second-round pairings (and Plate first round) that involve Southern Counties teams.

OPEN (22 English entries) Atherton v Ilford; Bristol & Clifton v Maidstone; Crowthorne v Hastings & St Leonards; Keynsham v Slough; Wood Green v Bradford. That's *all* the pairings. They're spreading the SCCU around a bit. Three teams have byes.

Plate Hayes Kent v Hounslow. Seven teams, including Charlton and Mushrooms, have byes.

MAJOR (20 entries) Southbourne v Maidstone. Five byes, including Hastings.

Plate No SCCU teams in round 1. Seven byes, including Kingston, Milton Keynes and Reading.

INTERMEDIATE (34 entries) Wood Green v Waltham Forest, and seven byes. Round 3 pairings, already done, include Eastbourne v Phoenix, Hammersmith v Bourne End, Maidstone v Bedford, and Wood Green or Waltham Forest v Walsall Kipping.

Plate Cardiff v Reading; Hastings v Ashford; Southend v Wanstead & Woodford; Tunbridge Wells v Kings Head.

MINOR no details.

JUNIOR NEWS

NATIONAL UNDER 14 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS at Stoke on Trent, 29th November 1997

Championship 1 1 Richmond 27½/36; 2 Kent 26; 3 Greater Manchester 24; 4 Warwicks 21; 5-6 Bucks, Essex 20½; 7 Cheshire & N Wales 14½; 8 Lancs 11½; 9 Wilts 9; 10 Somerset 5½

Major 1 Kent B 33½/36; 2 Glamorgan B (so where was their A team?) 29; 3 Richmond B 28; 4 Gtr Manchester B 23; 5 Lancs B 20½; 6 Wilts B 19; 7 Warwicks B 16; 8 Ches & N Wales B 15; 9 Herts B 12; 10 Staffs B (and theirs?) 8½; 11 Yorks B (and theirs) 7½; Somerset B 4. Think those phantom A teams *are* phantoms; the scores in the Championship section add up correctly as printed.

Minor 1 Kent C 27/36; 2 Lancs C 15½; 3 Glamorgan "C" 11½

Results Roger Holmes

SURREY GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS at Therfield School, 1st December 1997

Under 18/14 (11 pl) 1-2 Jo Hart (Croydon High), Lucy Broomfield (Wallington H) 4/5; 3 Rosalind Kieran (James Allens) 3½; 4-5 (joint U14 title) Claire Thrower (St Bedes), Anna Partington (Sutton High) 3...

Under 12 (17 pl) 1 Teresa Khoo (LEH) 5/5; 2-3 Nicole Mangion (LEH), Aly Wilson (Croydon High) 4...

Under 10 (37 pl) 1 Sarah Hegarty (Knaphill) 5/5; 2 Catherine Bull (Danes Hill) 4½; 3-6 Meera Patel (Croydon High), Lara Moffat, Heather Megaw (both Danes Hill) 4; 7 Rebecca Gilbert (Guildford High) 3½...

Results Neil Clifton. Always enjoy working out the year-letter system. Fortunately, he explains it every time.

LONDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS at Ravenscroft School, Barnet, 13-14 and 28-30 December 1997

Under 21 & Under 18 (combined with FIDE rated adult open) 1 Nathan Alfred (Beckenham) 4/6...

Under 16 1-3 Ross Rattray (Sutton: takes title), Lorin D'Costa (Royston), Stephen Clark (High Wycombe) 4½/6... Girls Champion Claire Thrower (Sutton) 3½

Under 14 1 Thomas Rendle (Hastings) 5/6; 2-4 Timothy Woodward (Fulham: takes title), Lorin D'Costa (Royston), Murugan Thiruchelvam (New Malden) 4½...

Under 12 1 Murugan Thiruchelvam (New Malden: age 9.1, nearly) 7½/9; 2-5 Kenan Boztas (Reigate), Chris Jones (Kettering), Lawrence Trent (Ilford), Jonathan Zoubaida (Wimbledon) 7... Girls Champion Alexandra Wilson (Croydon) 4

Under 10 1 Lee Gold (Finchley 6½/7; 2 Amir Habibi (Maidstone) 6... Girls Champion Danielle Gross (Camden) 3½

Under 8 1 David Howell (Seaford) 9/9; 2 Poppy Aarons (Hampstead: Girls Champion) 7... Boys Champion Alexander Gilmore (Hampstead) 6

How rare is it for the Girls Champion to score more points than the Boys Champion? Letters, please. Under 14 and Under 8 winners were not eligible for London titles. The whole thing, including qualifiers at U12 and below, attracted nearly 2000 competitors. The finals had a total entry of 472, the largest for many years.

Results Leonard Barden

SCCU UNDER 18 JAMBOREES

Saturday 7th March 1988 at Watford Boys School, 2 - 6.30 pm: 35 in 1¼ then QPF 30/30.

All county junior organisers should have received invitations in December. If you're one and didn't, get on to Nigel Dennis quick. Closing date is/was 31st January. Major Counties are Essex, Kent, Middx and Surrey, Minor are Berks, Bucks, Herts, Oxon and Sussex, and the Bulletin doesn't know the rules. Don't think they're making the distinction for Girls teams. 12 boards "Boys", 6 boards Girls. Nigel Dennis, SCCU Junior Organiser, has been asked by the BCF to respond to these suggestions: (a) discontinue the separate Girls events; (b) require at least 2 girls in each "Boys" team; (c) two rounds instead of one; (d) teams who qualify and do not take part to be excluded from following year's final. They wanted an immediate response and he said (a) no; (b) no; (c) worth considering; (d) no, but some sort of rule may be needed. He has asked the counties for their views.

Later (25.1.98): "boys" entries received from Berks, Herts, Surrey, Sussex. Girls from Surrey only. Oxon still deciding, Middx not entering, no word so far from the others. Surrey are strongly in favour of two rounds, Sussex and Herts against. Surrey would strongly oppose the abolition of Girls teams.

Games from the 14th Richmond Rapidplay 7.12.97

Wang Pin White Gavin Wall Black: Open section. *Philidor Defence*. Best Game winner.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Be3 0-0 7.f3 d5 8.e5 Ne8 9.Nb3 Be6 10.Qd2 a5 11.0-0-0 a4 12.Nc5 b6 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.g3 c5 15.Bh3 Nc7 16.Ne2 d4 17.Bf2 Qd5 18.Kbl a3 19.b3 Qxe5 20.Nf4 Bg5 21.Rhe1 Qf6 22.Qe2 Bxf4 23.gxf4 Re8 24.Qc4 Nba6 25.f5 b5 26.Qd3 Nb4 27.Qd2 Ncd5 28.Bg3 exf5 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Re1 Re3 0-1

Timothy Emiola White Peter Szabo Black: Major section. *English Opening*

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.g3 Bxc3 4.dxc3 d6 5.Bg2 Ne7 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bd2 Nbc6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Qc2 Rb8 10.0-0 b6 11.e3 Qe8 12.Rael Qh5 13.Bcl Bg4 14.Nh4 g5 15.Bxc6 Nxc6 16.Ng2 Bf3 17.h4 Qg4 18.Kh2 e4 19.Rgl Ne5 20.Nf4 Qf5 21.Ng2 Ng4+ 22.Khl Nxf2+ 0-1

Luke Pettit *White* Michael McTernan *Black*: Intermediate section. *Italian Four Knights*

1.e4 e5 2.N13 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bc4 d6 5.Ng5 d5 6.Nxd5 Nxd5 7.Nxf7 Kxf7 8.Q13+ Ke7 9.exd5 Nd4 10.Qe4 Qd6 11.c3 Nf5 12.d4 h6 13.dxe5 Qg6 14.b3 1(17 15.e6+ Kf6 16.Bd3 Bd6 17.h4 Qh7 18.Bg5+ Kg6 19.Qxf5+ Kh5 20.g4#

BCF Yearbook 1998

The SCCU has a limited number of copies available. Free to Union Officers, otherwise £7 including postage. BCF price is £10. Contact the SCCU Secretary: RJ Haddrell, 48 Southview Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9BX 01892 532361. First come first served.

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES: LEAGUE TABLES

including all results received up to 26.1.98

OPEN	Br	Bu	C	E	H	K	O	Sy	Sx	MP
Berks				7	4½	5		8½	4	1 :5
Bucks				7		2½		4½	6	0 :4
Cambx					10½	8	12	13½	6	3½:5
Essex	9	9						10½	9½	4 :4
Herts	11½		5½			4	11½			2 :4
Kent	11	13½	8		12		8½			4½:5
Oxon			4		4½	7½		7½		0 :4
Surrey	7½	11½	2½	5½			8½			2 :5
Sussex	12	10	10	6½						3 :4
UNDER 175	E	K	Sy	Sx		E	K	Sy	Sx	MP
Essex		10	10½	10½			12			4 :4
Kent	6		4½	10½		4				1 :4
Surrey	5½	11½		8					9	2½:4
Sussex	5½	5½	8					7		½:4
UNDER 150	E	H	K	M	Sy	Sx				MP
Essex		8½	8	10		9				3½:4
Herts	7½		7½		7½=					½:3
Kent	8	8½		10		11				3½:4
Middx	6		6		10					1 :3
Surrey		7½=		6		8				1 :3
Sussex	7		5		8					½:3
UNDER 125	E	H	K	O	Sy	Sx				MP
Essex		8½	8		3½	12½				2½:4
Herts	7½			8						½:2
Kent	8				12	7				1½:3
Oxon		8			8					1 :2
Surrey	12½		4	8		8				2 :4
Sussex	3½		9		8					1½:3
UNDER 100	E	H	M	Sy		E	H	M	Sy	MP
Essex		8½	5	5½			6½			2 :4
Herts	3½		7½	5½		5½				1 :4
Middx	7	4½		4						1 :3
Surrey	6½	6½	8							3 :3

= match drawn

The tables tend not to be independently checked, but they have been this time. Please tell the Editor if you spot mistakes that have slipped through. Everything's come in, up to and including 17.1.78, except KH (Open) played on that day. That result has been picked up unofficially by telephone, together with two from the following weekend, and included in the tables. Full details next time.

Some teams have qualified for the BCF stage already. We'll leave you to work out which.

Players

150512K Nicholas J Bawden 93 (Surrey U100 last time) is so spelt, and listed.

151885K Alistair Taylor *90 (Kent U125) confirms that he is Alistair T Taylor. BCF please note the middle initial. His grade should not have gone in the Bulletin, at any rate not without the star, because it's an unpublished master-list grade.

And you'll have noticed that DSJ Shipp (Kent U125) turned into DSJ Smith for the Essex match 8.11.97. We were close.

SCCU Under 200 League. You will remember that Kent, at the start of the season, were making noises about an U200 section. They haven't done anything about it yet (Christmas Eve 1997). Keep you posted.

OPEN

Berks*	29.11.97	Sussex*	Cambs*	29.11.97	Surrey
1 HW Murphy 193 (W)	0 1	DH Cummings 208	J Parker 243 (B)	1 0	R Bates 220
2 AM Leech 187	0 1	FJ Kwiatkowski 204	M Turner 233	1 0	S Berry 209
3 KD Smallbone 184	½ ½	DB Graham 204	M Ferguson 226	1 0	M Anderton 204
4 PJ Sharp 183	0 1	LE Rutherford 198	B Kelly 222	1 0	R Allicott (so) 196
5 MV Taylor 180	1 0	KI Norman 198	A Cohen 213	1 0	K Richardson 192
6 I Duvall 176	½ ½	GH James 197	J Rudd 197	1 0	D Gunter 190
7 IR Henderson 170	0 1	F Rayner 193	D Moskovic 204	1 0	D Rosen 190
8 ACP Milnes 170	½ ½	M Broom 193	N Regan 194	1 0	M Osborne 188
9 MW Marlow 165	½ ½	SJ Newman 187	M Shephard e190	0 1	P Kemp 187
10 PS Janota 168	1 0	S Wade 183	I Gooding 176	1 0	J Shepley 174
11 J Townsend 167	0 1	JA Dodgson 179	B Morgan 171	1 0	G Briscoe 171
12 MC Bowhay 166	0 1	PG Parr 179	S White 169	1 0	P Stimpson 170
13 PR Maul 155	0 1	JC Mansson 178	S Larski 167	½ ½	C Clegg 168
14 MF Redmond 156	0 1	MR Stott 177	E Goodall 167	½ ½	K Inwood 160
15 WP Tickner 154	0 1	MO Costley 176	P Webster 160	1 0	P Dupré
16 K Savoy 138	0 1	RJ Almond 175	R Farzaneh-Far 156	½ ½	HT ¹ Jones 152
(Newbury)	4 12		(Cambridge)	13½ 2½	

¹ Bet he insisted on that

Bucks*	29.11.97	Essex*	Oxon*	29.11.97	Kent*
1 Miroslav Houska 211	½ ½	Jonathan Rogers 217 (B)	M Devereaux 208	½ ½	N McDonald 237 (B)
2 Richard Webb 211	½ ½	Andrew P Lewis 212	A Hunt 208	0 1	James E Vigus 210
3 Gerald Moore 202	0 1	David Coleman 204	M Rose 197	½ ½	Neil F Dickenson 210
4 Simon Lazarus 192	0 1	David Sands 204	J Wittman 186	½ ½	Alan E Hanreck 201
5 Mike Lambshire 197	0 1	Graham Moore 207	A Lewis 183	0 1	Lyndon R Gurr 201
6 Jonathan Beedle 184	½ ½	Mike Twyble 200	D Hackett 186	1 0	John N Sugden 196
7 Raymond B Edwards 185	½ ½	Gary Kenworthy 200	S Jayakumar 180	½ ½	John D Wager 193
8 Hans-Peter Hansen 180	0 1	John H Hodgson 196	R Starkie 171	½ ½	Peter P Taylor 191
9 Roger de Coverly 173	0 1	Mark Rich 184	G Chapman 172	1 0	Nathan SW Alfred 190
10 Majid Mashayekh 173	½ ½	R Parker 177	D Bruce 166	0 1	Alexis M Harakis 188
11 Andrew MJ Robbings 172	1 0	W (Bill) Saunders 171	J Stayt 166	½ ½	Gordon Botley 191
12 Malcolm Armstrong 166	1 0	Tim Hebbes 174	M Hannon 165	1 0	James E Scholes 184
13 Dave Mansfield e160	0 1	John C Moore 182	N Cundy 162	½ ½	RMR O'Kelly 183
14 Matthew George 160	1 0	David Millward 168	N Jones 166	1 0	Stuart J Williams 180
15 Stephen Law 156	1 0	Colin Ramage 167	S Terry 160	0 1	Nigel P Donovan 181
16 Adrian Laurence 148	½ ½	IBN Smith 161	P Ball 150	0 1	David J Horton 179
(Marlow)	7 9		(Long Hanborough)	7½ 8½	

Sussex*	17.1.98	Cambs	Essex*	17.1.98	Berks*
1 FJ Kwiatkowski 204	0 1	M Ferguson 226 (B)	EJ Dearing 208 (W)	½ ½	HW Murphy 193
2 DB Graham 204	0 1	H Hunt 217	AP Lewis 212	1 0	DS Tucker 187
3 LE Rutherford 198	0 1	A Cohen 213	DJ Coleman 206	1 0	KD Smallbone 184
4 GH James 197	½ ½	D Moskovic 204	DA Sands 204	0 1	PJ Sharp 183
5 F Rayner 193	0 1	J Rudd 197	M Twyble 200	½ ½	MV Taylor 180
6 B Cafferty 192	1 0	N Regan 194	PL Williamson 184	½ ½	I Duvall 176
7 MD Nicholas 192	½ ½	S White 169	RP White 187	½ ½	JT Munday 175
8 M Broom 193	1 0	E Goodall 167	JA Goldberg 178	1 0	IR Henderson 170
9 SJ Newman 187	1 0	M Campbell 153	R Parker 177	½ ½	J Townsend 167
10 JA Dodgson 179	½ ½	CJ Howell	JC Moore 182	0 1	MC Bowhay 166
11 PG Farr 179	½ ½	S Essen 142	W Saunders 171	1 0	PR Maul 155
12 JC Mansson 178	1 0	BK Tan 141	T Hebbes 174	0 1	MF Redmond 156
13 MR Stott 177	1 0	C Kremer ¹ 130	R Heppinstall 170	1 0	WP Tickner 154
14 MO Costley 176	1 0	C Brown 128	IJ Myall 168	1 0	BG Millis 148
15 RJ Almond 175	1 0	def	DJ Millward 168	½ ½	Alan B Jones 140
16 RV Elliston 171	1 0	def	CR Ramage 167	0 1	NW Dennis 141
(Brighton)	10 6		(Writtle)	9 7	

¹ Not listed by BCF. Converted foreign grade? (It would help if match captains said when they'd done this.)

Surrey*	17.1.98	Oxon*
1 PJ Sowray 213 (W)	½ ½	M Devereaux 208
2 SH Berry 209	0 1	A Hunt 208
3 FC Manning 133 (r?)	0 1	M Rose 197
4 DB Rosen 190	½ ½	J Wittman 186
5 PD Kemp 187	1 0	T Dickinson 185
6 TM Thrower 182	0 1	D Hackett 186
7 JM Shepley 174	½ ½	S Jayakumar 180
8 S Thrower 173	1 0	G Chapman 172
9 K Hurst 173	0 1	R Starkie 171
10 DR Sedgwick 173	½ ½	L Millin 167
11 PM Stimpson 170	0 1	D Bruce 166
12 CRA Clegg 168	1 0	S Terry 160
13 MC Page 164	½ ½	P Ball 150
14 KFH Inwood 160	1 0	W Burt 149
15 AN Smith 156	1 0	T Heslop 122
16 EP Goggin 130	1 0	J Kennedy 87
(Sutton)	8½ 7½	

Kent	13.12.97	Surrey*
JR Cordner 170 (B)	0 1	DR Sedgwick 173
RJ Everson 165	0 1	C Briscoe 171
SJ Jacob 161	0 1	PM Stimpson 170
J Allen 161	1 0	CRA Clegg 168
MD Brougham 159	½ ½	MC Page 164
AA Atkinson 152	0 1	RGR Harris 164
JH Lewin 156	½ ½	KP Mynett 162
PC Rutland 155	0 1	KFH Inwood 160
SJ Peters 155	1 0	N Maxwell 160
AM Stille 155	0 1	PD Dupré 158
RJA Winterburn 153	½ ½	AN Smith 156
P Wood 151	1 0	def
C Charles 149	0 1	AS James 155
MR Wiltshire 148	0 1	D Tuddenham 154
CM Brown 146	0 1	RJ Wilcox 152
def	0 1	PR Archer 151
(Charlton House)	4½ 11½	

Sussex	6.12.97	Essex*
1 Richard O'Brien 171	0 1	Tim Hebbes 174 (B)
2 Robert V Elliston 174	1 0	Martin McCall 171
3 ASJ Fleming 168	0 1	Roy Heppinstall 170
4 Michael J Reddie 168	½ ½	George McNally 172
5 Paul A Batchelor 168	0 1	Larry E Marden 169
6 SON Hawes 168	1 0	Ken W Clow 173
7 Ian G Kelly 167	½ ½	David J Millward 168
8 AO Pickersgill 165	½ ½	Colin R Ramage 167
9 Arthur Hall 163	½ ½	Ian D Hunnable 166
10 Alan H Palmer 155	½ ½	Les Crane 164
11 Ian P Judd 155	0 1	Ivor BN Smith 161
12 Paul R Selby 153	0 1	RE Waldteufel 163
13 Stephen Blewitt 151	1 0	Mark Weighell 161
14 David G Ratcliffe 148	0 1	NH Twitchell 160
15 Laurence Rackham 142	0 1	Andy Hartland 160
16 Paul Smith 119	0 1	Andy King 156
(Hassocks)	5½ 10½	

Kent	24.1.98	Essex*
Matthew D Noakes 170	1 0	Tim Hebbes 174 (W)
def	0 1	George McNally 172
Robert J Everson 165	0 1	William L Saunders 171
Sid J Jacob 161	½ ½	Peter C Doye 170
Mark D Brougham 159	0 1	Larry E Marden 169
Andy G Ropek 157	1 0	Ivan J Myall 168
John H Lewin 156	½ ½	Ken W Clow 173
Barry Beavis 155	0 1	David J Millward 168
Stephen J Peters 155	½ ½	Colin R Ramage 167
Paul C Rutland 155	0 1	Ian D Hunnable 166
Zia Mehmet 153	0 1	Les Crane 164
Roger JA Winterburn 153	0 1	Ivor BN Smith 161
Nick C Mackett 152	0 1	Roberto E Waldteufel 163
def	0 1	Neville H Twitchell 160
def	0 1	Andy Hartland 160
Adrian M Lawrence 139	½ ½	Sid Kalinsky 157
(Charlton H)	4 12	

UNDER 150

Kent*	29.11.97	Essex*
1 Cosmo Charles 149	½ ½	John White 147 (W)
2 Geoff Steele 149	0 1	Stephen Williams 147
3 Andy Heard 148	½ ½	David Smith 146
4 Mike Wiltshire 148	½ ½	Jason Roberts 145
5 Terry Lloyd 147	½ ½	Tony Drake 145
6 Alan Sherriff 146	½ ½	Laurie Burt 144
7 Mark Jordan 146	½ ½	Philip Zammitt 138
8 Derek Davis 145	0 1	David J Rawlings 136
9 Simon Moate 142	0 1	Peter Walker 136
10 Clive Davis 142	1 0	David FC Bird 133
11 Ian Hames 140	½ ½	Roger D Sharman 132
12 David Gleed 132	1 0	David J Payne 132
13 Ricky Turrell 130	0 1	Ian Maclachlan 131
14 Peter Childs 128	½ ½	Barry Sheppard 130
15 Steve Chick 128	1 0	David G Cannan 128
16 Mike Jones 121	1 0	Ian Gunn 116
(Charlton House)	8 8	

Middx*	29.11.97	Surrey*
R Aw 148	1 0	def
C Fewtrell 146	½ ½	Colin Parker 146
G Brown 143	1 0	Charles Fellows 146
P Sargeaunt 143	½ ½	Ian McLeod 145
K Dan 142	½ ½	Rod Bell 143
A Fulton 140	½ ½	John Hawson 140
K Morris 140	½ ½	Don Baldock 135
N Tomkin 139	½ ½	Fred Manning 133
BA Tysoe 137	1 0	Krishna Mehendale 132
G McLeod 136	½ ½	Jo Hart 131
G Wallace 133	0 1	Dennis Rattray 127
G Jordan 131	1 0	Jim Hale 127
E Larkman 129	0 1	Howard Curtis 126
P Staneland (so) 109 (so)	1 0	Chris Goode 123
K Parr 108	½ ½	Michael Bolan 112
J Marchant 102	1 0	Neil Clifton 106
(Northolt)	10 6	

Kent*	17.1.98	Sussex*	Herts	17.1.98	Essex*
1 Cosmo Charles 149 (W)	½ ½	Laurence Rackham 142	Neil R Rughwani 149	½ ½	John White 147 (W)
2 David C Helsby 149	1 0	David L Roberts 148	Brian D Judkins 148	½ ½	Stephen M Williams 147
3 Geoff Steele 149	0 1	Ian K Edgson 144	Roger Lever 147	0 1	Thomas G Winter 147
4 AH Heard 148	1 0	Brian Izzard 144	Christopher Lovisa 147	1 0	Mark RA Murrell 146
5 Mike R Wiltshire 148	1 0	PN Kington 143	Lorin D'Costa 141	1 0	J Arnold Lutton 145
6 Mark Finch 146	½ ½	Keith Davies 143	Ronald Hughes 144	1 0	Jason Roberts 145
7 AJ Sherriff 146	½ ½	Ralph Hollinghurst 140	Simon T Cook 144	1 0	Tony Drake 145
8 Mark A Jordan 146	1 0	Timothy J Woods 139	John Coles 143	½ ½	Mike J Cresswell 143
9 KRP Kingston 146	1 0	Eric J Hillier 138	Ronald Clayton 146	0 1	Peter Walker 136
10 Clive R Davis 145	0 1	LJ Cannon 131	Paul Lawrence 143	½ ½	Philip Zammit 138
11 Simon Moate 142	1 0	C Chris Dunn 132	Karl Hardy 140	0 1	David J Rawlings 136
12 Peter M Titmas 139	½ ½	Michael R Hickman 131	John S Marshall 141	1 0	David FC Bird 133
13 Stephen J Casement 137	½ ½	Peter H Benson 129	Simon Charles 132	½ ½	Roger D Sharman 132
14 Ian A Hames 140	1 0	RC Grundy 127	David P Young 133	0 1	Ian Maclachlan 131
15 Stephen Chick 128	1 0	Gary McCulloch 131	Thomas C Wright 128	0 1	Barry Sheppard 130
16 Peter L Childs 128 (Charlton House)	½ ½ 11 5	Richard A Clement 128	Derek Price 134 (Welwyn)	0 1 7½ 8½	David G Cannan 128

UNDER 125

Essex*	22.11.97	Sussex*	Oxon*	29.11.97	Herts*
1 M Bradford 123 (W)	0 1	A Bradbury 124	H Tutty 123 (B)	1 0	J Leake 123
2 R Davies 123	1 0	M Plumb 115	I Brooke 122	0 1	L Noble 121
3 T Cole 123	0 1	P Helliwell 120	A Helsop (so) 122	1 0	M Flatt 122
4 R Iannetta 123	1 0	MA Bryant 117	T Frost 121	1 0	M Barnes 121
5 L Trent 120 j	1 0	J Parker 117	A Collins 121	0 1	T Lawson 112
6 R Payne 118 j	1 0	P Dezzani e116	M Duck 116	1 0	J Lanaway 118
7 E Walker 117 j	1 0	P Simpkins 107	A Wyeth 116	0 1	T Sims 112
8 W Petchey 116	1 0	M Curtis 116	M Brindley 116	½ ½	P Laskier 117
9 R Giddens 116 j	1 0	E Cherry e110	G Brown 115	1 0	A Humphreys 113
10 C Turner 113 j	1 0	N Pestelle 100	F Fallon 112	0 1	T Berg 110
11 D Allen 110 j	1 0	P Buswell 106	R Langham 111	0 1	J Moore 110
12 S Trent 93 j	1 0	T Peffer 99	S Grigson 102	½ ½	D Marchand 109
13 M Grieve 106	½ ½	E Lamb 96	D Buckland 96	0 1	G Lunn 106
14 G Bengier 106	0 1	J Bryant 89	P Williams 88	0 1	R Murriss ¹ 106
15 P Flint 107	1 0	S Carter 75	J Kennedy 87	1 0	J Gorman 106
16 P Pattison 97 (Wanstead)	1 0 12½ 3½	M Shorrocks e50	M Creasey 81 (Long Hanborough)	1 0 8 8	Q Latif 104

Bd 14. ¹Of course it's Morris. It says Murriss, and by this time we'd got a bit tired of checking the names we couldn't read.

Essex*	6.12.97	Surrey*	Kent*	10.1.98	Surrey*
1 M Bradford 123 (B)	1 0	Jim McGing 123	MR Jones 121 (B)	1 0	J McGing 123
2 R Davies 123	0 1	David Hodgson 124	R Springett 122	1 0	D Hodgson 124
3 C Barrett 123	½ ½	David Rees 123	RC Fenn 123	½ ½	D Rees 123
4 R Iannetta 123	0 1	Arnold Hunt 122	GL Bishop 120	1 0	A Hunt 122
5 M Ashkettle 124	1 0	Chetan Deva 120	G Battye 115	1 0	K Boztas 120
6 T Cole 123	0 1	D Weston-Lewis 121	M Snashall 114	½ ½	D Weston-Lewis 121
7 R Joyce 123	0 1	Kenan Boztas 120	DC Picton 113	1 0	T Chase 114
8 def	0 1	Dennis Ramsey 115	PD Poland 109	1 0	D Ramsey 115
9 W Petchey 116	0 1	Hugh Wylie 114	IB Bryan 108	1 0	H Wylie 114
10 def	0 1	Muhammad Daood 111	K Sanders 104	1 0	J Xuereb 116
11 I Rook 112	0 1	David Innes 115	ID Stoneman 104	0 1	D Innes 115
12 M Grieve 106	½ ½	Chris Dixon 105	IC Smith 104	½ ½	G Morse 106
13 G Bengier 106	½ ½	David Howes 104	JR Thompson 101	0 1	C Dixon 105
14 J Figgins 104	0 1	Paul Battersby 96	AP Fabian 97	1 0	D Howes 104
15 P Pattison 97	0 1	Lana Boztas 93	T Hogg 94	1 0	L Boztas 93
16 E Lodge 96 (Wanstead)	0 1 3½ 12½	Ben Morgan 90	AT Taylor *90 (Charlton H)	½ ½ 12 4	B Morgan 90

Herts*	17.1.98	Essex*
1 D Green 120 (W)	½ ½	M Bradford 123
2 L Noble 121	½ ½	C Barrett
3 J Leake 123	0 1	R Ianetta (so) 123
4 M Sutton 119	1 0	M Ashkettle 124
5 T Lowson 112	0 1	T Cole 123
6 M Flatt 122	0 1	L Trent 120 j
7 C Byrne 117	1 0	R Payne 118 j
8 M Barne 121	0 1	E Walker 117 j
9 P Laskier 117	½ ½	W Petchey 116
10 J Lanaway 118	1 0	R Giddens 116 j
11 T Berg 110	½ ½	C Turner 113 j
12 J Moore 110	½ ½	D Allen 110 j
13 D Marchand 109	1 0	I Rook 112
14 G Lunn 106	½ ½	P Flint 107
15 R Morris 106	½ ½	G Benger 106
16 Q Latif 104	0 1	P Pattison 97
(Welwyn)	7½ 8½	

BCF Rapidplay Grading List

The November list (well, it came out in December) is available from Chris Howell, 28 Fowler Close, Maidenbower, Crawley, W Sussex RH10 7UN 01293 885176. £2.50 (DMs £2.25) payable to SCCU. Go on, treat yourself.

UNDER 100

Middx*	10.1.98	Essex	Herts*	17.1.98	Essex
1 T Rowland 99 (B)	1 0	def	Michael Brooks 98	½ ½	John Sneesby 98 (B)
2 WGV McLaughlin 97	1 0	Katie Bates 98	Stuart Tinsley 98	0 1	Katie Bates 97
3 Keith Grice 97	1 0	Graham Walker 96	Robert Huhn 98	1 0	Graham Walker 96
4 Derek Birt 96	0 1	Josiah Lutton 96	Nick Chandler 95	½ ½	Josiah Lutton 96
5 Stephen Banks 93	0 1	Michael Bridges (so) 95	Kris Devoti 95	1 0	Heather Walker 77
6 Barry S Miles 93	1 0	Ronald Prickett 95	Peter Tuck 95	0 1	Michael Bridger 95
7 Larry McDonagh 93	0 1	Matthew Cain 90	Rees Gates 90	1 0	Ron Prickett 95
8 Andrew Havery 93	0 1	John Marsh 77	Frank Batchelor 88	½ ½	Matt Cain 90
9 Paul M Roche 89	0 1	Heather Walker 77	John Richardson	0 1	John Marsh 77
10 Ted Bradley 83	1 0	Jon Livesley 61	Simon Morris ¹	0 1	Jonathan Livesley 61
11 Carl EG Tams	1 0	Nicholas Fenton 58	Alan Brewis 71	1 0	Nicholas Fenton 58
12 Cliff W Aylett 76	1 0	Robert Parish 47	Stephen Burt	0 1	Robert Parrish 68
(Durham Castle)	7 5		(Welwyn)	5½ 6½	

Some obvious mis-spellings (bds 3, 8 and 10) have been corrected without comment. If they were right all along, let us know.

¹ Still the new Simon Morris. Couldn't he get himself a middle initial or something?

SCCU COUNTY MATCHES 1997-8

Or what's left of them. Matches asterisked are on re-arranged dates.

	Open	Under 175	Under 150	Under 125	Under 100
Jan 31	BrBu CE HSy OSx		SyK HM	OE	HM
Feb 7		SyE		*HSy	MSy
14	BuC SxH SyK EO		SxH ESy	KO	
21					SyH
28	OBu HE KSx CBr			SxH	
Mar 7	(SCCU U18 qualifier)	SxK			
14	BuH EK BrO SxSy		MSx		
21	(4NCL)	SyK ESx		KH SxO	ESy
28					*EM

The late Essex-Middx date (U100, 28th March) has been agreed with David Sedgwick but they've got to phone the result straight through!

County Matches: BFC Stage 1997-8

The SCCU is "due for" an extra place in the Open this year.

Dates, all divisions:

Preliminary round 25th April

Quarter-finals 16th May

Finals Saturday 4th July at Ratcliffe College, Ratcliffe, Leics. (Nat Club Finals are 5th July at the same venue.)

Incidentally the Controller, Cyril Johnson, has asked for copies of all SCCU result sheets at Union level. We'll send him the Bulletin. Presumably he's asked the other Unions as well. He aims to catch the people who break the rules by playing for more than one county in different Unions. It happens, apparently. Don't know how promptly he's expecting to pick the offences up, or what sanction he has in mind. He's thinking about rule changes, which would doubtless specify the sanction.

Minor Counties 1997-8

Still no BCF decision on what counties qualify as "Minor" this year. Union nominations were to have been vetted in November, then December, and for whatever reason it still hasn't been done. The SCCU nominations, if you remember, are Berks, Bucks, Herts and Surrey, and there's no obvious reason why any of those should be rejected. But read on.

Minor Counties: the future

26.1.98

Dear Richard,

Following the request for interested parties to submit their views regarding the definition of a Minor County, I have received, either directly or through the Bulletin, submissions or comment from Nigel Dennis (Berkshire), Chris Lean (Hertfordshire), and Mick Croft and Nicholas Mackett (both Kent). I would like to thank all of them for their trouble. In essence, the ideas proposed fall into three broad areas: overall population of County (Mackett); average strength of team (Croft, Dennis, and one idea from Lean); historical results (a second idea from Lean).

I react negatively only to the overall population concept. This has hitherto been vigorously opposed by the SCCU and I am in no doubt that it would effectively debar my own county, Surrey, from the National Stages. (All my comments refer only to the Open and the Minor, not to the grading limited Divisions.)

The objection to the average strength of team basis is simply the difficulty of administration, and I would welcome constructive ideas as to how the problems might be overcome. Failing any solutions, I feel that there will need to be a reversion to determining eligibility on the basis of historical results; as indicated below, this is under consideration elsewhere.

It is not only within the SCCU that the present rules are causing problems. At Open Division level, there is essentially a split between two large Unions with highly competitive Championships (MCCU and SCCU) and three smaller ones with fewer teams (EACU, NCCU and WECU). The current rules requiring Unions to submit nominations as to eligibility which the BCF Management Board then approves or otherwise, emanate from the MCCU and appear to operate satisfactorily only within that Union. Of the others, the EACU play only in the Minor, the NCCU only in the Open, and the WECU seek places in both. I have no objection in principle to the WECU so doing, but there is a danger that they could thereby obtain an unduly privileged position and the Management Board has been exercised by this in each of the three years since the current rules came into force.

For these reasons, I understand from Cyril Johnson, the new BCF Counties Championships Controller, that, quite apart from any motions which the SCCU may put forward, there may well be some "official" proposals for changes to take effect next season. Amongst the ideas under consideration is simply a reversion to the former rule that, in order to be eligible for the Minor, a county must not have been nominated for the National Stages of the Open in the current year or in any of the preceding four years. The SCCU never wished to see this rule altered and I imagine that its reintroduction would satisfy our present concerns.

Any proposals which the SCCU wishes to submit to the meeting of the BCF Council on 25th April will need to be formulated at the meeting of the SCCU Executive Committee Meeting on 13th March and John Philpott has asked me to prepare a paper for our meeting. My paper will reflect the submissions already received, any discussion which may take place at the meeting of the BCF Management Board on 14th February, and responses to the coverage in this issue of the Bulletin. I would be grateful if any such responses could be submitted to me by 21st February.

DAVID SEDGWICK

Yours sincerely,
SCCU County Match Controller

Ed: - Nigel Dennis suggests mean grades, calculated over the previous four seasons to eliminate short-term fluctuations. Chris Lean would use the previous season's results (rather than grades, because it's easier). But he would use them only for "intermediate" teams: the obvious Major teams would be Major and the obvious Minor teams would be Minor, leaving (in his prototype version, for the SCCU) four teams in the middle which would split two and two according to results. Don't know how this would work out in the other Unions. He adds that he can see no reason why the previous year's BCF Minor Champion should be automatically unMinored. Hear hear.

You can apply match-by-match grading restrictions for the current season, dispensing with the historical approach, but counties would have to decide at the outset whether they wanted to be Minor or not (and someone would have to check their arithmetic for every match). A statistically dubious survey has revealed that checking a match by hand takes less than a minute. If you take the match captains' word for the grades, that is. For the matches between Minor counties in the SCCU stage, ten minutes a season will do nicely. Applying the penalties might take longer.

Corrected Grades. Another fax from DRS, still with a County Match Controller's hat on, addresses a different question.

Dear Richard,

26.1.98

I understand from Chris Howell that a comprehensive list of corrections to the August 1997 BCF Grading List is to be incorporated in a supplementary grading list to be issued in February 1998. Most of the players affected will either have been listed in the previous supplementary list or have received appropriate individual notification. However, there will be a number of players, probably about 100, who will in the February list be the subject of a correction of which they will have had no previous knowledge or intimation.

In contrast to its equivalent last year the forthcoming list will be widely available and will be issued whilst SCCU County Matches are still in progress.¹ Hence I have been considering the problem of eligibility for the small group of players who will be corrected from, say, 174 to 176 or vice versa. This raises a more general issue as to whether mid-season corrections should affect eligibility for events already in progress and in my opinion this has never been adequately addressed at BCF level. I have therefore suggested to Chris Howell that the topic should be considered at the forthcoming BCF Management Board meeting on 14th February.

So far as the SCCU County Championships are concerned, my provisional ruling, following consultation with John Philpott, is that where a correction is published in the February list which has previously neither been published nor notified to the player concerned, this does not affect in either direction the player's eligibility for the remaining matches of the grading limited Divisions. If I feel that I need to alter this decision following the meeting of the BCF Management Board, a circular will be issued to match captains.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID SEDGWICK

¹ And it's free (Ed). Send stamped addressed DL envelope to the BCF office. Graders should get a copy automatically.

The MCCU Centenary Match:

MCCU	13.12.97	SCCU*
1 L Cooper 208 (W)	0 1	N McDonald K 235
2 A Dyce 205	0 1	Mark Ferguson C 225
3 DW Anderton 196	½ ½	Richard Bates S 220
4 R James 194	0 1	Gary Kenworthy E 200
5 D Garner 183	0 1	CI Howell K 186
6 PC Gibbs 175	0 1	HJ Edwards MCCU 153
7 SN Gilmore 174	0 1	G McNally E 172
8 O Hardy 170	½ ½	R O'Brien Bu 171
9 P Mercs 169	½ ½	DJ Millward E 168
10 A Longson 164	1 0	C Ramage E 167
11 AM Brown 163	½ ½	IBN Smith E 161
12 D Price 161	½ ½	M Weighell E 161
13 M Johnson 160	1 0	D Pearse E 158
14 B Pribanich 159	1 0	R Weeber E 154
15 AM Rogerson 156	0 1	SC Howell K/Sx? 152
16 RJ Forey 154	1 0	JA Philpott E 152
17 RA Beach 190	½ ½	J White E 147
18 M Fox 149	1 0	T Winter E 147 ¹
19 S Gordon 147	1 0	J Roberts E 145
20 N Graham 145	1 0	STK Wilkinson ² Sy 139
21 J Sawiak 145	0 1	D Bird E 133
22 J Hoddy 140	1 0	F Manning Sy 133
23 W Murray 139	½ ½	K Mehendale Sy 132
24 F Jimenez 129	0 1	K Groce E 132
25 AK Ghasi 128	1 0	T Allen E 125
26 P Kelman 123	½ ½	C Turner E 113
27 R Taylor 121	½ ½	D Allen E 110
28 AR Powis 119	1 0	RCN Lee-Anderson K
29 P Shelley 95	1 0	SK Ghasi MCCU 98
30 H Ratner 93 (Nuneaton)	½ ½ 16 14	G Barron MCCU 110
Also played:		
JM Robinson 91	½ ½	RCN Lee-Anderson

The intended 40 boards didn't happen. MCCU guested for SCCU on 6, 29 and 30. MCCU bd 17 (correspondent says 18, think he means 17) was really bd 5 but moved down to avoid a couple of defaults. SCCU county affiliations supplied by the Bulletin, hope correctly. Match captain really hasn't got a published grade.

Notes: ¹ Bd 18: says 148 but there isn't a T Winter 148. There's only one T Winter. Shouldn't have said that, we'll never get TG now.

² Bd 20: says K Wilkinson. There are eight K Wilkinsons, if you count AK and ST Kevin (but not Paul K). The only one with the right grade is ST Kevin, who's thoughtfully provided a full name if you can be bothered to use it. (We can do you a Kevin Wilkinson of Maidstone but it ain't him.)

CHILTERN LEAGUE 1997-8

Bucks Juniors 9½ 10½ Herts Juniors 27.9.97; Herts Juniors 18½ 1½ Berks Juniors 4.10.97; Oxon A 17 3 Herts Juniors 19.10.97; Herts A 14½ 5½ Herts Juniors 8.11.97; Herts Juniors 16 4 Bucks Juniors 6.12.97

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 1999
(3-11 July)

The venue has been confirmed as the Riviera Centre, Torquay (which is also hosting the 1998 British).

CONGRESS DIARY

This list includes only the congresses we've received details of.

- Feb 14 GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY. Adam Raof, 21 Golderton, Prince of Wales Close, Hendon, London NW4 4QZ
- Mar 1 15 KINGS HEAD RAPID. Tony Suttill, 7 Lonsdale Rd, London W11 2BY 0171 229 9750 before 9 pm
- 1 16th RICHMOND RAPIDPLAY. Richard James, Ennerdale, 4 Sandersfield Gardens, Banstead, Surrey SM7 2DQ 0181 898 1190 or 0181 891 7547
- 15 LETCHWORTH RAPIDPLAY (Leigh/BCF registered). Mark Pateman, 24 Brays Manor, Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts SG5 4DW 01462 733039
- Apr 4 BEXLEYHEATH JUNIOR with KENT LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP. Chris Higgins, 3 Charterhouse Drive, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3YE 01732 460762
- 7-8 MAIDENHEAD JUNIOR U18,13,11,9. R Brugge, 16 Wootton Way, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 4QU 01628 636276
- 10-13 SOUTHEND OPEN BCQ incorporating SCCU Individual Championship. FIDE rated. Plus 5-rd Swisses in graded sections. Howard Grist, 124a Oakleigh Park Drive, Leigh on Sea, Essex SS9 1RU. Telephone enquiries to George Smith 01702 556086
- 10-13 SURREY CONGRESS at Sutton. FC Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington, Surrey SM6 0PF 0181 647 0063
- 18 GOLDERS GREEN RAPIDPLAY. Adam Raof, 21 Golderton, Prince of Wales Close, Hendon, London NW4 4QZ
- 26 TONBRIDGE JUNIOR U18,16,14,12,10,8. RJ Haddrell, 48 Southview Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9BX 01892 532361

Kent Representative on the SCCU Executive (he's also Maidstone Secretary) has a new address and phone number. NC Mackett, 16 Clare House, Lesley Place, Maidstone ME16 0UE 01622 726079. That address rings a bell. (Oddly enough, the phone number doesn't.)

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