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## EDITORIAL

This is the first of an intended series of 6 bulletins to be produced between now and the end of the season. It must be stressed that this is Nottinghamshire Chess Association's primary means of disseminating information to all it's members. I trust therefore that Club Secretaries will ensure that these bulletins achieve the widest possible readership within their clubs. Each issue will contain information from the League Secretary regarding any clubdetail changes and all club secretaries should note these carefully.

I hope that the bulletin will be more than a mere "results sheet". To achieve this I would welcome any contributions that are likely to be of interest to Notts chess players, and I will try to include them in future issues. I would like to see more games included, so if you have played a particularly interesting one, or a "brilliancy", send me a copy of the score so that others may enjoy it too.

I would ask all officers of the Association to ensure that I receive up to date information, for inclusion in the Bulletin, on the activities within their areas of responsibility.

This first bulletin contains last year's final league tables for those who may not have seen them; also a list of the Officers elected to run the Association during the coming season.

I apologise for the somewhat variable print quality of the results section - the Association's duplicator was reluctant to be roused from its summer recess:

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## NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.....

It often seems to me that the unlimited combination of social, economic, political and chance factors which make up the fabric of human existence, throws up over a period of time, sometimes centuries, situations which, if we could only reme mber them from what our history books taught us, have virtual, if not exact, parallels. No...this is not a philosophical treatise, but a useful way of introducing this theme into chess development. For example, one has only to admire Spassky's recent demolition of Seirawan in the Montpellier Interzonal to appreciate the point. He did it - not with a King's Indian Attack, or the English, but with a return to his old favourite, the King's Gambit. And what a game!! It could well have been played in Vienna in the 1860's. Did Seirawan defend very well? Maybe not. But to some extent the very use of this opening justifies itself if it results in an unsettling of the opponent.

The following line in the Queen's Indian was recently encountered in a Notts. League match: 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 Be7 6. O-O O-O 7. d5?! There can, I imagine, be little doubt that white was encouraged by the recent use of this move in the World Championship matches between Karpov & Kasparov. In fact, some of the more extravagant amongst commentators were all but suggesting that this was a "new move". We like to believe that such ideas are genuine 1980's vintage. But it is a case of old wine in new bottles (if you will pardon the pun). A case of nothing new under the sun!

Early experiments with this move in serious competition were undertaken by Pomar nearly 50 years ago! And he was still playing it in the 1950's, before young Gary was even thought of! Consider this game:

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 Be7 6. 0-0 0-0 7. d5 exd5

8. Nd4 Bc6 9. cxd5 Bxd5 10. Bxd5 Nxd5 11. e4 Nf6 12. e5 Ne8 13. Qf3 c6 14. Rd1 etc. No, it is not Kasparov sacrificing a pawn so freely, but Pomar playing in the Munich Olympiad of 1958. Others caught the drift of Pomar's thinking, and O'Kelly used the line to defeat Euwe at Beverwijk in the same year. That game proceeded as follows:

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 Be7 6. O-O O-O 7. d5 exd5 8. Nd4 Bc6 9. Nxc6 (varying from Pomar's prescription) 9...dxc6 10. Nc3 dxc4 (an unusually greedy approach from Euwe, which meets its reward) 11. Qa4 b5 12. Qa5 Nd5 13. Nxd5 cxd5 14. Qxb5 c6 15. Qb7 Nd7 16. Qxc6 Nb6 etc. Black's centre-pawns were unstable an White also has the bishops.

This little gambit idea is obviously interesting, but it is only one example of many which have been resurrected by today's players. When I tell you that only a year or so ago I saw a former British Champion playing in the Yorkshire League, as Black, and being vigorously attacked by a Danish Gambit, will you believe me? Or maybe you still think the Vikings belong to another era? Of course, they came up against Alfred the Great eventually (if I may be allowed some slight historical license), and to every method of proceeding in the chess opening there is a response to fit the bill. Some recent analysis suggests that Black need not venture into the muddy waters of the Queen's Indian d5 gambit; he allows White to take on e6, develops pieces, and works up his own attack on the K-side, thanks to the half-open f-file.

But doubtless someone will come along and show us that it was all played before.... in a Viennese coffee-house in 1860.

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#### DEFINITION of CHESS:

Intimate conversation without a word spoken: thrilling activity in quiescence: triumph and defeat, hope and despondency, life and death, all within sixty-four squares: poetry and science reconciled, the ancient East at one with modern Europe - that is Chess

(Prof. Rose, St. Andrews)

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S. Young A. McCandlish A. Taylor J. Mutch N. Toyne	1 0 1	K. Helling D. Martshorne R. Shooter R. Randall S. Wallis	0 0 1 0	N. London J. Woodhurst D. Connor J. Gwatkin J. Smith	12 1 1	N. Graham $\frac{1}{2}$ A. Robinson 0 C. Potter 0 A. Capon 0 A. Liley 1				

### CLUB AND TEAM DETAIL CHANGES FROM THE LEAGUE SECRETARY

1. University of Nottingham Students:

Secretary: D Philips,

1st Team Captain : S Firth,

2nd Team Captain : S Troake.

3rd Team Captain : S Johnson,

4th Team Captain : M Roberts,

Venue: Portland Building, University Park

Sutton in Ashfield:

Secretary: S Burke,

1st Team Captain : G Halfpenny,

Telephone:

2nd Team Captain: R Dicks,

Telephone

3rd Team Captain : T Lewis,

Telephone

4th Team Captain : J Vanags,

Telephone:

5th Team Captain : N Graham.

Telephone:

3. Bulwell:

2nd Team Captain : J Brown,

Telephone

## NOTTINGHAM MISSES OUT AGAIN

A recent perusal of Botvinnik's "Half a Century of Chess" (available from Nottingham Central Library) reveals that it was proposed during the Autumn of 1945 that a match for the world championship should be played in Nottingham (commencing in August 1946) between Alekhine and Botvinnik.

No mention of this is made in the minutes of this Association, but presumably Alderman Derbyshire (who was then BCF President) decided not to publicise this until final details had been settled.

Alekhine died on 24th March and thus ended the chance of another celebratory event in Nottingham's calendar.

D.Sandford

#### COUNTY FIRST TEAM

Notts I

Leics I

1	M	Hebden	1 - 0	J	Ems
2	G	Lawton	1 - 0	N	Lazonby
3	S	Finlayson	A - A	R	Clunie
4	Р	Davies	1 - 0	M	Thomas
5	Α	Hyslop	1/2 - 1/2	S	Burke
6	Α	Morley	1/2 - 1/2	K	Morrison
7	I	Cragg	1 - 0	R	Eames
8	Α	Edwards	1 - 0	D	Nicholls
9	Α	Ward	1 - 0	Α	Walker
10	J	Robinson	0 - 1	D	Holmes
11	Α	Bryce	1 - 0	Α	Griffiths
12	M	Barnes	1 - 0	G	Halfpenny
13	0	Hardy	1/2 - 1/2	R	Dicks
14	J	Mitchell	1/2 - 1/2	S	Firth
15	C	Goodwin	1 - 0	Α	Wright
16	M	Walker	1 - 0	D	Ball
17	R	Burgess	1/2 - 1/2	S	Woodhouse
18	J	Llewellyn	0 - 1	J	Tassi
19	J	Wordsworth	1 - 0	N	Hill
20	J	Toan	1 - 0	Α	Morrey

Result  $14\frac{1}{2} - 4\frac{1}{2}$  (1 Adj)

Having taken over from Dave Holmes as Captain it was disappointing (to say the least!) to preside over Notts heaviest defeat for at least six years. It may be considerably longer than that, as my records only go back to 1979. The defeat was due in part to the quality of the opposition, but the main difficulty is the permanent loss of at least half a dozen of the team's regular players since the end of last season.

In view of the overall drop in strength of the team, we can expect a difficult match against Derbyshire on 16 November. Last season we won 11% - 8%, a result which may be difficult to emulate. With this in mind, I should be happy to hear from any strong players who would like to play for the county, but who have not been asked recently.

In the meantime, I would like to thank the players who turned out (particularly John Tassi and Dave Holmes, who battled hard for Notts' only wins) and hope that I shall have better news in my next report.

Steve Burke Tel:

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#### FUTURE LIGHTNING EVENTS

Please make a note in your diary

Team Lightning Tournament - 14 January at 7.30pm at Gambit Chess Club

Individual Lightning Tournament - 18 March at 7.30pm at Gambit Chess Club

Further details will appear in a future bulletin.

#### COUNTY SECOND TEAM

### Lincs II v Notts II

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	K Palmer M Cartledge G Jones D Essex B Briggs T McKee J Armstrong T Archer F Bowers D Bustin J King R Jackson N Johnstone D Armstrong	$     \begin{array}{ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	R S Eames J Tassi R Dicks S V Woodhouse  M Craham B M Hayward G T Gibson A Dean D Ball T A Lane A J Wright L Cotter R J Stevenson M V Taylor
15	J Brown	0 - 1	A E Morrey
16	J Syrett	0 - 1	C Cantrill

Result 4½ - 11½

With both teams suffering absences through Congress and holidays, Notts II team nevertheless gained an expected win over Lincs II at Louth on 12 October. The League President was as reliable as ever with a draw, the only one in the match, and the final result was  $11\frac{1}{2}$  -  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in our favour.

Any players wishing to be considered for a place in the team are asked to contact the captain, Alan Morrey on

Alan Morrey

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#### JAMBOREE 85

Despite organising the Jamboree during half term (oops!) it seemed to go OK on the night.

Three teams in the Major was very disappointing, but thirteen in the Minor can't be bad.

Unfortunately West Bridgford could not defend their Jamboree Major title as they only entered the Minor. Yet although there were only the three teams in the Major it was still a good contest with Fiveways/Sherwood just pipping Sutton on board count as both scored 5 points.

The total number of players participating in the Jamboree was 89 and if you count the organiser, me, it was 90. On this basis it was very well attended and no doubt the bar takings reflected this!

Although I'd never organised a chess event before (who would have guessed!) I was told afterwards it went well. If it did it's all thanks to Neil Graham's experience and Chris Cantrill's enthusiasm. Thanks also to Gambit for letting us use their club and equipment and also to Sutton, West Bridgford and the Association for the use of their equipment and above all, thanks to all of you who turned up. See you next year.

Frank Noonan

## FINAL RESULT TABLES SEASON 1984/5

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TE	EAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
We	est Bridgford I	16	15	0	1	<b>7</b> 5	21	30
Su	atton I	16	11	2	3	61	35	24
De	erby I	16	10	4	2	57 <del></del> ₹	38 <del>2</del>	24
* Ur	niversity Staff	16	11	2	3	57	39	22
Su	itton II	16	9	2	5	52	44	20
Ga	ambit I	16	9	1	6	58½	37 <del>₺</del>	19
We	est Bridgford II	16	9	1	6	50 <del>1</del>	45 <del>₺</del>	19
Sh	nerwood I	16	8	1	7	47	49	17
Gı	rantham 'A'	16	6	3	7	51불	44 <del>2</del>	15
Ma	ansfield I	16	7	1	8	50	46	15
Bu	ılwell 'A'	16	6	3	7	43	53	15
* No	mads I	16	8	1	7	41 <del>2</del>	54 <del>월</del>	15
Ur	niversity Students I	16	5	1	10	43€	52 <del>½</del>	11
Lo	ong Eaton I	16	3	1	12	33 <del>2</del>	62 <del>复</del>	7
Gı	rantham 'B'	16	1	4	11	34 <del>2</del>	61불	6
P	lessey	16	2	0	14	27	69	4
+ Ur	niversity Students II	16	2	1	13	33	63	1

<sup>\* - 2</sup> pts.deducted for defaulting a match

<sup>+ - 4</sup> pts.deducted for defaulting two matches

DIVISION II							
Castle I	15	12	1	2	46	29	25
Gambit II	15	10	1	4	45	30	21
Chessnuts	15	9	3	3	43 <del>2</del>	31 <del>2</del>	21
West Brdigford III	15	9	2	4	44 <del>2</del>	30 <del>2</del>	20
Jessops	15	9	1	5	43 <del>2</del>	31 <del>2</del>	19
Stapleford I	15	6	4	√5	39 <del>₺</del>	35 <del>2</del>	16
Nomads III	15	7	2	6	36 <del>2</del>	38 <del>½</del>	16
University Students IV	15	7	1	7	39	36	15
Keyworth I	15	6	3	6	38 <del>2</del>	36 <del>2</del>	15
Sutton III	15	5	3	7	34 <del>2</del>	40 <del>2</del>	13
Radcliffe & Bingham I	15	, 5	2	8	33	42	12
Bulwell 'B'	15	5	1	9	32 <del>2</del>	42 <del>2</del>	11
Nomads II	15	4	1	10	34	41	9
Cosmos	15	4	1	10	33	42	9
* Derby II	15	5	1	9	26 <del>2</del>	48 <del>월</del>	9
Rainworth	15	3	1	11	30 <del>2</del>	441	7

<sup>\* - 2</sup> pts.deducted for defaulting a match

## FINAL RESULT TABLES SEASON 1984/5

DIVISION III							
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
Southwell	15	12	2	1	50 <del>2</del>	24 <del>2</del>	26
Mansfield II	15	10	4	1	47 <del>호</del>	27 <del>2</del>	24
Gambit III	15	9	3	3	42	33	21
Ilkeston	15	8	3	4	43	32	19
Castle II	15	6	5	4	40 <del>1</del>	$34\frac{1}{2}$	17
Sutton IV	15	7	2	6	42	33	16
Sleaford	15	6	4	5	38	37	16
Phoenix	15	6	3	6	38	37	15
Radcliffe & Bingham	<b>1</b> 5	7	1	7	28 <del>2</del>	46½	15
Boots	15	6	2	7	38 <del>1</del>	36 <del>½</del>	14
White Knights I	<b>1</b> 5	5	4	6	37	38	14
* Bulwell 'C'	15	6	1	8	31 <del>2</del>	43 <del>2</del>	11
West Bridgford IV	<b>1</b> 5	3	4	8	36	39	10
* Mechanics	<b>1</b> 5	4	3	8	36 <del>2</del>	38½	9
Nomads IV	15	2	1	12	27호	47 <del>2</del>	5
Nomads V	15	1	2	12	23	52	4
* - 2 pts.deducted for	default	ting a	a match				
DIVISION IV							
Grantham 'C'	13	11	0	2	45	20	22
Fiveways	13	9	2	2	44 <del>2</del>	20 <del>2</del>	20
University Students V	13	9	1	3	44	21	19
Mansfield III	13	9	1	3	41	24	19
Stapleford II	13	8	0	5	35 <del>2</del>	29 <del>2</del>	16
Ollerton/Bevercotes	13	7	0	6	33	32	14
Sutton IV	13	6	2	5	32	35	14
Long Eaton II	13	5	2	6	29	36	12
Sutton Bonnington	13	5	1	7	33 <del>2</del>	31 <del>2</del>	11
Bulwell 'D'	13	5	1	7	26 <del>2</del>	38 <del>2</del>	11
Keyworth II	13	4	2	7	30 <del>2</del>	34 <del>2</del>	10
Sutton V	13	4	1 .	8	29	38	9
* White Knights II	13	1	2	10	19	46	2
Keyworth III	13	0	1	12	14 <del>2</del>	50 <del>2</del>	1

<sup>\* - 2</sup> pts.deducted for defaulting a match

## Correspondence Team Captain werites:-

Nottinghamshire had a sucessful season retaining the MCCU championship and coming sixth in the national competition (only two points behind the winners (Berkshire)).

The individual results in the MCCl were:

G. ALLCOCK	12	P.B DCDSCL	2	M. ALCCCY	2	T. GUY	1
P. GRIMSEY	1	M. TOLAS	2	M. COOKE	1	J.G. COOPER	2
C.C. KENT	12	D.A. TCMS	1	E.J. ARLITAGE	2	W.H. SELBY	2
D.T.K. LEWIS	2	J. TASSI	12	G. MURFET	2	G. GIBSON	1

Our winning margin being by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points which should have been larger had it not been for an administrative error on my behalf. Apologies therefore to Tom Guy and Geoff Gibson but congratulations to everybody for their performances. Let us hope we can make it a hat trick this season.

Our Ward-Higgs results were as follows:-

P.B. DODSON T GUY	12	M. ALCOCK P.W. GRIMSEY	1 2 1	DR. A.M. WĄLKER M. COOKE	1 2	G. ALLOCK K. MORRISON	12
	7	I GILLINDI	-	n. oooki		N. MORKIBON	2
D.A. TOMS	0	J.G. COOPER	1	B.J. ARMITAGE	0	J.K. WALTERS	1
M.J. HILL	1	C.T. KENT	0	G. MACAULEY	0	W.H. SELBY	1
D.T.K. LEWIS	3	J. TASSI	ı	N. GRAHAM	1	B.M. HAYWARD	1
G. GIBSON	À	G. MURFET	1	N. HILL	ำ	S.V.WOODHOUSE	1
R. DICKS	ร์	R. STEVENSON	1	A. MORREY	_		2
N. DIONE	Ψ.	W. DIEAEMBOM	2	A. MORREI	U	B. OLDHAM	U
P. BISSETT	0	T. MTT.WARD	1				

This competition appears to be more competitive each year with only 4 points covering let to 10th positions and the whole team are to be congratulated on a fine performance.