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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN

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EDITORIAL

Following my request in the first bulletin for Club News etc., I am pleased that some people have taken the trouble to send to me some details. I hope that this will encourage other clubs to send me details of their events and players performances in congresses.

The Association have had a very disappointing start to the season. Firstly, we have already had 5 teams including 2 clubs withdraw from the league namely, Derby 2, Keyworth 3, Nomads 3, Phoenix and St Josephs. Over the last 2 years we have had a fall of approximately 10% in competing teams. A number of reasons can be put forward for this decline; are clubs doing enough for their players, or, in attracting new players? Is the Association to blame? Recent Chess Publications seem to indicate that there has been a national decline in chess despite England now being the number 2 Chess Nation behind the USSR. Does some of the blame lay with B.C.F., certainly there have been general dissatisfied rumblings at grass roots level about the B.C.F. I would be interested in anyones views on the subject and if none are forthcoming you may have to suffer mine in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Secondly, a further disappointing situation has recently come to light concerning the apparent mis-management of equipment used by the Association. For many years the Congress has acquired equipment for any emergency over a shortage of equipment which may arise in future years congresses. In particular, the Congress has purchased approximately 3 clocks per year as Brian Eley's stock of chess clocks which we use at the Congress fluctuates more than the stocks of any other equipment. The clocks have every year been handed over to the Association for safe keeping and their use, which is why the Association has not had to acquire any new equipment for itself during the past few years. After the 1987 congress a further 3 clocks were acquired, but when Norman Lazonby (Congress Director) came to place these with the Association's equipment kept under lock and key at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre it became apparent that a substantial number (I estimate it to be 20!) of these clocks are missing. After the 1986 congress, which was extremely successful, 6 new clocks were purchased, (a good deal being obtained from Brian Eley). These were first used at the international event run by Chessforce in January 1987. After the events had finished no-one appears to know what happened to the 6 new clocks. If anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of any of the clocks please contact Norman Lazonby or myself, as we are anxious for as many as possible to be returned.

As you should all know this is the second bulletin of the 1987/88 season, and I hope to issue a further 5 at least. Due to the substantial amount of assistance given to me by Ron and June Clunie and Frank Noonan I have been able to issue more copies of the bulletin to clubs to ensure a wider readership. However, if any person wishes to be placed on a direct mailing list and receive his or her private copy, please send me your name and address and £1 to cover the cost of the postage. Please ensure that the address is legible.

P D HARE (BULLETIN EDITOR)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Great Britain have won the 9th Correspondents Chess Olympiad by a convincing margin. The event lasted 5 years! From 1982 - 1987. The leading scores were as follows;

Great Britain	35½	(+ 2 adjudications)
West Germany	30	
U.S.S.R.	25	(+ 3 adjudications)
Poland	25	(+ 2 adjudications)

The British team were Dr Jonathan Penrose, Adrian Hollis, Simon Webb, John Footner, John Toothill and Chris Shepherd. One notable absentee was ex-Notts player Keith Richardson who is a Correspondence Chess International Grand Master.

Unfortunately Dr John Nunn was beaten by Lajos Portish of Hungary in the play-off for the final qualifying place in the World Championship candidate matches which begin in January 1988.

Tony Miles for a long time England's leading player no longer wishes to play for England. He has left amidst rumours of alleged allegations against leading British Chess Officials. Hopefully, we will be able to get more details of this from our B.C.F. and M.C.C.U. representatives.

After the Chess for Peace Tournament in London which was won by J. Hodgson (London), C. Crawley, (London) and Barua (India) with 9 out of 11, Ally Amin who has given to British Chess a substantial amount of time, facilities (at Chequers Cafe) and money has turned his back on sponsoring British Chess. I wonder what appears to be going wrong with British Chess when one of our leading players and leading sponsors turn their back on us. If anybody has any printable views on this please send them in to me.

HOME NEWS

Neil Graham has supplied me with some Nottinghamshire players results at the B.C.F. Congress. Steven Burke (Sutton in Ashfield) scored 6½ out of 9 in the second week two rounds a day tournament. Russell Dicks (Sutton in Ashfield) scored 4 out of 5 and finished equal second in a first week tournament. Marcel Taylor (Radcliffe on Trent) scored 5 out of 11 and John Calvert (Mechanics) scored 3 out of 11 both playing in all play all tournaments. Jonathan Parker (Radcliffe on Trent) finished second in the British under 11 championships and equal third in the British under 13 championships. Unfortunately I do not know what points he scored.

Some details that I have been able to gather from players or from the television are that P. Merce of Oxclose Chess Club came second in the major tournament at Hull with 4½ out of 5. Michael Barnes (West Bridgford) scored 3 out of 6 (all 6 draws) at the Leicester Congress, and scored 2½ out of 6 at the Charlton Congress. All clubs please send me details of club members results in other tournaments for publication.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HUCKNALL CHESS CLUB (REPORT BY RON STEVENSON)

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of Hucknall Chess Club and as a prelude to the new season, a special representative match took place on 7 September between Hucknall and a Notts Presidents six ably led by Neil Graham. The intention was for each teams gradings to be approximately equal to try and

ensure a tight contest and this did in fact transpire even though the outcome was a $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ score line in Hucknall's favour. As well as the grading factor the presidents team was selected from players who in one way or another had contributed to the advancement of chess locally. On board 1 Hucknall's Geoff Gibson (black) showed the benefit of having competed in the Leicester Congress for the previous weekend, and the inherent weakness of his opponents opening (apologies Brian I am only joking). On board 2 the President overlooked a cunning move when about to win a bishop, and an horrendous blunder allowed me to checkmate and Neil was pleased that it was only a friendly. A complicated game on board 3 was the last to finish when the players agreed to split the points. Paul Chambers (Presents) on board 4 was overheard to say that he had spent the whole day in trying to equalise and having done so promptly went and lost. Cliff Potter (Presidents) managed to inflict a rare defeat upon Tony Ellis in the board 5 contest. Dave Bury eventually won a tight rook and pawn end game against Doug Sandford on board 6.

FULL SCORE:

1.	G. Gibson	1	B M Hayward (Gambit)	0
2.	R J Stevenson	1	N Graham (Sutton)	0
3.	W H Selby	.5	M V Taylor (Rad/Bing)	.5
4.	P Clarke	1	P Chambers (Stapleford)	0
5.	A C Ellis	0	C Potter (Sutton)	1
6.	D Bury	1	D Sandford (Nomads)	0
		<u>$4\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>$1\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Our sincere thanks go to Neil Graham and his team for making the occasion both enjoyable and successful. The celebrations have since continued with a dinner at the Woodville Hotel, Nottingham where the Association were represented by Steve Burke.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to the Nomads Club for the sporting way in which a problem arising from our first game of the season was resolved.

RON STEVENSON

SUCCESS FOR SUTTON IN ASHFIELD CHESS CLUB IN TWO NATIONAL PLATE FINALS IN JULY (REPORT BY NEIL GRAHAM)

Sutton became double national champions when they contested the Peterborough Software National Finals in July, it only goes to show that a first round loss might be turned to advantage as it was in the consolation Plate finals that Sutton made progress. Sutton won £100 plus two inscribed clocks. The side was sponsored by St Clements Soft Drinks of Mansfield. In the major Plate Sutton had lost heavily in the opening round to Liverpool side Prescott and Knotty Ash 4 - 1. However in the Plate the Sutton team reached the finals despite a couple of narrow squeaks with wins over Newcastle (walkover) and Warley & Quinborne (board count), Synthonia, Formby & Whaddon. Steve Burke won all five games in the Plate and a win where board count could into play was vital on board 1. Neil Graham won four out of five on board 2 and George Wagenbach weighed in with points on vital occasions. Lower boards too played their part with both Phil and Jason scoring important points. Oddly enough the final was one of the easiest matches we played - only against Synthonia did we manage a similar score. Sutton had White on odd and George was an early winner

and when the Hackney captain in a clearly won position blundered and resigned on board 2 it was all but over. Steve never looked in trouble and time trouble was a contributory feature elsewhere.

A similar story in the National Minor Plate but a much more troublesome route to the final. In round one we were paired against holders in 1985 and 1986 Rose Foregrove. We were losing semi-finalists in both years, both times to Rose Foregrove and for a third successive year lost by 3-2. Doesn't someone seed these competitions? Meanwhile into the Plate - highlights of which (or disasters) could fill a couple of volumes. - Rugby defaulted, failed to tell us so venue and refreshments booked. Calderdale drew with us but complained about our side with the result that the Controller debarred Charles Judd because he was "too highly graded". Appeal gets Charles re-instated. Into the semi-finals at home and the said player C Judd fails to appear so we've only got four boards! We subsequently find that Charles was rushed to hospital on the day of the match having attempted to remove two fingers from his hand in a work accident. The match score Sutton 2-1 in the lead but the adjudications were very doubtful. The opponents failed to send in the adjudications and so Sutton in the final! In the final Charles was again unavailable and Adrian Capon steps in (grade 054J) and draws easily by perpetual check. There ~~were~~ wins for Clifford and a win for Malcolm Jackson (captain). Slough needed two wins but Andy Flint sealed the match and we almost apologetically give Slough a draw on board 1 where we are clearly winning. On to the reception and Magnus Magnusson presents Neil and Malcolm with trophies including a silver tray - was this the Minor Plate? No in fact it was Peterborough Town Hall Silverware which we only discovered when the real plate was sent on to us but the silver has subsequently been returned to its rightful owners. The grading limits have changed this year - perhaps they thought we'd get through to three finals. (It appears that Sutton are looking to lose in the first round again? - PDH) Here are the results of the two matches:-

National Major Plate

Sutton	4	Hackney	1
S.J.Burke	1	C.N.J. Rose	0
N. Graham	1	R. Brown	0
G.Wagenbach	1	K.P.Jackson	0
P. Morgan	0	T. Donnelly	1
J. Crockett	1	D. Green	0

National Minor Plate

Sutton	4	Slough	1
J.E. Cundey	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. Webb	$\frac{1}{2}$
M. Jackson	1	J.C. Brind	0
A. Flint	1	N. Monney	0
C. Potter	1	R. W. Smith	0
A. Capon	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs M. Bool	$\frac{1}{2}$

SUTTON WIN CHESTERFIELD & NORTH MIDLAND LEAGUE

Sutton Chess Club won the Chesterfield & North Midland League with current champions Worksop runners-up. Breadsall were clear favourites early in the season but dropped back towards the end. Andy Toothill lost both individual games to Sutton (to George and Steve). A total of 23 members played in the league. Sutton's results were played 14, won 10, drew 3, lost 1, for 55½ against 27½ points 23 they finished 4 points ahead of their nearest rivals.

CLUB OFFICIALS UPDATE

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Derby 1 continue. Captain is D. Heelan of

Ron Stevenson's new address with effect from 2 October 1987 is

Ron is Club Secretary of Hucknall and Correspondence Team Captain.

Oxclose's club officials are as follows:-
Secretary - John Huthwaite of

1st Team Capt. John Hornagold of

2nd Team Capt. Tony Hall

3rd Team Capt. Peter Lowe of

4th Team Capt. John Huthwaite [see above]

Keyworth's 2nd Team Captain is A.Connor

Sutton's remaining officials are as follows :-
Secretary - M.Jackson

1st Team Capt. R.Dicks

2nd Team Capt. T.Lewis

3rd Team Capt. A.Robinson

TEAMS AND FIXTURES

Division 1

Jessops have withdrawn. Delete all their fixtures.

Hucknall cannot start their matches at home until 7.30 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM QUICKPLAY

The second Nottingham Quickplay took place on Sunday 11 October 1987 at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre. The first quickplay event attracted 147 entries so a total entry of only 90 was very disappointing. There were two main reasons for this. We clashed with the established event at Belper despite theirs being listed in the BCF yearbook. When the date for the event was booked it was in the belief that the Belper event had been cancelled. This resulted in our attracting very few entries from Derbyshire and North Notts. The second reason was that the entry forms were sent to clubs before the league season began and not all club secretaries passed them on to their members.

Turning to the event itself, played in a very good new venue for chess, the Concert Hall at the Leisure Centre, it was for most of the competitors an enjoyable day. In the Minor competition it was pleasing to see that the leading players going into the last round were Juniors. The final game to finish resulted in a mad time scramble between S.Bibby (Sutton Coldfield) and Jonathan Parker (Radcliffe-on-Trent) in which the former left his King en prise resulting in Jonathan winning the event with 6/6. Other prize winners were 2= B.Berzins (Manchester); S.Calderwood (Loughborough); P.Marsh (Shepshed) & J.Simpson (Leicester) 5/6. The grading prizes U121-S.Sheahan (Leicester) 4/6 & U101 P.Erentz (Stapleford) 3.5/6. The Junior prize was shared between S.Bibby & S.Joseph (Nottingham).

In the open event the favourite, Colin Crouch, led from start to finish losing only half a point to Andrew Bryce. The full prize list was as follows :-

1. C.Crouch (Durham) 5.5/6
 2. A.Bryce (Milton Keynes) 5/6
 3. P.A.Richmond (West Bridgford) 4.5/6
- U150 grading prize - P.Merces (Oxclose) 4/6

Other Notts players results: 4/6 M.Barnes (West Bridgford); 3.5/6 N.Lazonby (Gambit); 3/6 A.Wright (Gambit); 2.5/6 S.Burke (Sutton) G.Gibson (Hucknall) B.Hayward and P.Kalugeroich (both Gambit).

Despite the disappointment of this year the organiser, Norman Lazonby, is very confident of running a successful quickplay event next year.

GRANTHAM QUICKPLAY

The Arthur Jones Memorial Quickplay Tournament takes place at Grantham Chess Club on Sunday 22 November 1987. There will be two sections, an open and an Under 130 section. Details can be obtained from Mick Smith

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS

Report of the County Correspondence Team Captain

The County Correspondence teams have once again put up good performances in both the Midland and National competitions. The Midland competition was won by the narrowest of margins (half a point) and this was our fourth consecutive victory. Point scorers were: G.Allcock 1, P.B.Dodson 2, P.A.Richmond 1, G.Murfet 1, C.Jones 2, J.G.Cooper 0.5, C.T.Kent 1.5, Dr B.J.Armitage 2; Dr D.A.Toms 1, J.Tassi 2, W.H.Selby 2, G.T.Gibson 2, N.Hill 2.

In the National competition (the Ward-Higgs) we currently stand at 14/28 with two outstanding adjudications. I doubt that we will be able to repeat our position of last season. At this juncture I would bring to your attention that the Correspondence Captain is always on the look out to strengthen the team. If you feel that you can play correspondence chess to a reasonably high level, please let me know (will players please note Ron's new address). If we get another 40 people we will be able to enter two teams! Anyway, to the roll of honour. Those obtaining the full point were: Tom Guy, Peter Grimsey, Andrew Walker, George Murfet, Keith Walters, Russell Dicks, Tim Lane, Ben Hobson, Tony Wright. Those who drew were: Peter Dodson, Mike Allcock, George Allcock, John Cooper, Bill Selby, Brian Hayward, Colin Jones, Neil Graham, Chris Kent and Brian Oldhan.
(Ron Stevenson-Correspondence Captain)

Here are three games from the two competitions.

White: Dr.B.J.Armitage (Notts) Black: A.Tipton (Staffs)

1. e4	c5	7. Bd3	Nc6	13. exd6+ Kd8
2. c3	Nf6	8. Nf3	g6	14. Ng5 Rf8
3. e5	Nd5	9. O-O	dxcc3	15. Bf4 h6
4. d4	cxdd4	10. Nxc3	Bg7	16. Nxf7+ Rxf7
5. Bc4	Qc7	11. Nb5	Qb8	17. Bxg6 Rf8
6. Qe2	Nb6	12. Nd6+	exd6	18. Rfel Resigns

Black resigned as he could not stop the mate threat of 19.Qe8 Rxe8 20. Rxe8 ++

White: T.Guy (Notts-living in Kent!) Black:A.Walters (Kent)

1. e4	c6	10. Bb2	b5	19. Nf3 f6
2. Qe2	d5	11. Nh4	Re8	20. Ne1 Ba7
3. d3	dxee4	12. Nf5	Qf8	21. Bf3 Ng7
4. dxee4	e5	13. Nd2	a5	22. Bg4 Nc5
5. g3	Nf6	14. c4	b4	23. Bxc8 Raxc8
6. Bg2	Bc5	15. h3	g6	24. Ng4 Nh5
7. Nf3	Nbd7	16. Ne3	Nh5	25. Nd3 Ne6
8. O-O	O-O	17. Kh2	Qd6	26. Ndxee5 fxe5
9. b3	Qe7	18. Rad1	Qc7	27. Bxe5 Resigns

After black moves his Queen white wins by Nh6+ Kf8; Qf3+

The following correspondence game has been entered in the best game competition in the Ward-Higgs. Andrew Walker had the white pieces against McCurdy (Lancs) and it is his analysis also.

1. e4	c5	13. a3	Rc8	25. Nh6+ [k] Kg7
2. d4	cx d4	14. b4 [c] Nd8		26. g4! [l] Rc7 [m]
3. c3	dx c3	15. Bg5	Ne6	27. Rg1 d5 [n]
4. Nxc3	Nc6	16. Bxf6	Bxf6	28. Bxd5 Rxc1
5. Nf3	d6	17. Nd5	Bd8	29. Rxc1 hxg+ [o]
6. Bc4	e6	18. Ne3	Ba4 [d]	30. Nxc4 g5
7. O-O	Be7	19. Re1[e] Nf4		31. Ne3 [p] Bd7 [q]
8. Qe2	Nf6	20. Qd2	g6 [f]	32. Bxf7 g4+ [r]
9. Rd1	e5	21. g3!	Nxh3!	33. Kg2 Bc6 [s]
10. h3	O-O	22. Kg2	Ng5	34. Rxc6! bxc6
11. Be3	Bd7 [a]	23. Ng4	Nxf3 [h]	35. Qd7 1-0 [t]
12. Rac1	Qb8 [b]	24. Kf3 [i] h5 [j]		

Analysis

[a] Book to here but black's move seems rather passive.

[b] And this with the next is definitely a faulty plan.

[c] Making room for Qa2 as well as gaining space on Q side.

[d] It's tempting to drive the R off the d file, but the K side is looking bare.

[e] Not of course 19. Rd2 b5 winning a piece

[f] He can't allow 21. Nf7 Bc7? 22. Ne7+. If 20....Bd7 21. Nxe5 with complications in white's favour.

[h] 23.....Ne6 24. Bxe6 wins back material or 24. Qh6 to continue the attack.

[i] Nh6+? Kf8! is unclear.

[j] 24....Kf8 25. Qh6+ or 24....Bc7? 25. Qh6 Bf8 26. Nf6+

[k] 25.Qh6? hxg+ 26. Kg2 Rxc4 27. Rh1 Bf6

[l] 26. Nxf7 Rxc4 winning or 26. Bxf7 Rxc1 27. Rxc1 Be7(notg5 28. Qd5) allows black to escape the worst.

[m] not so much to protect f7 as to get his Q into play.

[n] not 27....Qc8? 28. Nf5+ gxf (28....Kf6 29. g5++ or 28....Kf8? 29. Qh6+ Ke8 30. Nxd6+ 1-0) 29. gxf+ Kh7 (if

29...Kf8 30. Qd6+ Be7 31. Rg8+ Kd7 32. Be6+ 1-0) 30. Bxf7 Rxf7 31. Rxc8 (not 31. Rg6 Rxf5+) Rxc8 32. Rg6 winning.

Round about here I was setting up the position and noticed that, short of placing them actually en prise, black's pieces Q, R & Bs are just about on their worst imaginable squares. That was a big psychological boost!

[o] 29....Qd6 30. Nxf7 Qf6+ 31. Kg2 g5 32. gxh winning.

[p] 31.Bxf7 Kxf7? 32.Qd5+ 1-0 but 31...Be7 then 32...Qd6=?

[q] There is nothing better e.g. 31...Bf6 32.Nf5+ Kf8 33.Rh1 (threatening Qxg5) Ke8 34.Bxb7. White infiltrates on f5.

[r] If 32...Bh3 33.Bh5 Be7 34.Bg4 Bxg4 35.Kxg4 Qh8 36.Nf5+ Kf8 37.Qd7 Re8 (or 37...Qh7 38.Rh1; or 37...Qf6 38.Rh1; or 37...Bd8 38.Rc3) 38.Rc8 1-0

[s] loses immediately but 33....Ba4 34.Qd5 threatening Bg8 as well as Nf5+ and Rh1 isn't much fun either.

[t] His Q & R are still impotent. The variations are numerous rather than hard. (i) 35...Qc7 36.Nf5+ Kh7 37.Qe6 (ii) 35...Qc8 36.Nf5+ Kf6 37.Qe8 Kg5 and white can choose between 38.Qh8 or Nd6 or Qxe5 (iii) 35...Bf6 36.Nf5+ Kh8 (if 36...Kf8 37.Bh5) 37.Qd1 Qd8 38.Qxg4 Qg8 39.Bxg8 Rxg8 40.Nh6 winning easily.

(iv) 35...Bg5 36.Nf5+ Kh8 37.Be8 Bf6 (37...Bh6 38.Qe6 Bg7 39.Qf7 Bh6 40.Qg6) 38.Qf7 Qd8 39.Qh5 Kg8 40.Qg6+ Kh8 41.Bf7 1-0

Allan Richmond, a BCF senior regional coach, is a self-employed Chess Coach available evenings & weekends for coaching beginners up to County players. His address is 25 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 7QZ Tel. (0602) 813464. He played in the Chessforce International event in January 1987. Rather than ask him for an article about his games at the event, I asked for details of his preparation and what it was actually like to play in such a strong event. Here is his article.

PLAYING IN THE NOTTINGHAM CHESSFORCE INTERNATIONAL

by P. Allan Richmond

Prior to playing in a major event I have devised a five point checklist :-

1. I like to have practice against strong opposition. My preparation for this event consisted of being smashed by IM John Cooper at 5 min. chess on New Year's Day and a poor 3/5 in the Cardiff Open.
2. I like to know about my opponents, what openings they play, what type of games they prefer etc. I knew a reasonable amount about the English players and Douglas Bryson but nothing about the other two.
3. I overhaul my opening repertoire. Generally I prefer to play openings leading to sharp positions as this decreases the chances of drawing. In competition with professional players I prefer not to play double-edged openings as they normally know more about them than I do. So I concentrate on the quieter lines in my repertoire.
4. I like to avoid any distractions; this enables me to concentrate on playing. Prior to this tournament I was involved with setting up my own business. Then in the tournament I was appointed Chairman of the Appeals Committee.
5. I need to keep a positive mental approach to playing. I was not very impressed with my own form or preparation, so I did not set myself a particularly high target.

My lack of confidence brought me to disaster in the first round. I obtained a nice plus against John Emms but ran myself short of time and blundered. Round two showed the superficiality of my preparation when Geoff Lawton surprised me on move eight. Fortunately Geoff was on bad form and didn't manage to finish me off. Round three was a good example of how a professional player can rely on basic technique to beat an amateur. Keith Arkell made good simple moves, 72 of them at a minute a move. I had all the problems so he made me solve them all in a session and I couldn't manage it. Round four saw me get the one opening I wanted and it is no coincidence that the two games where I knew the opening produced my two best positions of the tournament. I now had 1.5/4 and was due to play the last of the IMs so things were going quite well. It was now that things started to go wrong. John Emms submitted an appeal before the next round started leading to a delay in play of

about 15 minutes. We had to make a quick decision and this meant that when we sat down to play my mind was elsewhere. This was not the way to go into a game against the highest rated player I had ever played (Karolyi of Hungary). I then changed my mind at move two and received a good technical lesson in the use of the two Bishops. My mental approach was wrong for this game: I had already reached my target of 1.5/5 so losing this game did not hurt. A player should never think like that as it is much harder to get out of a negative attitude than to get into it.

I spent the time before the next round drafting the report of the appeal committee and thus made the fatal mistake of playing a strong player without considering what I was going to play. I therefore deviated from the earlier game Burgess v Susan Arkell in a bad way, continued to play badly and blundered a piece away despite 20 minutes thought. Now I had 1.5/6 and had reinforced my depressed attitude. In the next round I agreed a quick draw with Susan Arkell who also had 1.5/6. This draw gave me enough points to stay on the ELO rating list so I had achieved my minimum target. This however reinforced my negative feelings and I got smashed in the final rounds. Susan on the other hand did not "give up" and drew her last two games ensuring respectability.

The following game from round three shows how games at this level should be approached. Colin Crouch made excellent use of my library to prepare thoroughly for this game which won him the best game prize. White should play a3 in this line, probably on move 13. BRYSDON v CROUCH.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6
6 Bg5 e6 7 Qd2 a6 8 O-O-O h6 9 Be3 Be7 10 f3 Nxd4
11 Bxd4 b5 12 Kb1 Qa5 13 g4? b4 14 Ne2 e5 15 Be3 Be6
16 Nc1 d5 17 Nb3 Qc7 18 g5 hxg5 19 Bxg5 dxe4 20 Bxf6
Bxf6 21 Qxb4 exf3 22 Qe4 Rc8 23 Bxa6 Rh4 24 Qd3 e4
25 Qd2 e3 26 Qc1 e2 27 Rde1 Ra8 28 Bd3 Qe5 29 c3
Rxa2 30 Kxa2 Ra4+ 31 Kb1 Bxb3 32 Qd2 Qa5 0-1

POINTS TO PONDER

From the latest B.C.F. NEWSFLASH :

Chess on Channel 4 on Saturdays at 12 noon. Watch it!

The complete new National Grading List will be available at the end of September. Has anyone seen it yet?

A plug for the National Chess Club Events. Closing date for entries 26 September. This issue of Newsflash was dated 25 September and arrived on 2 October!!

(RJC)

NOTTS. CHESS LEAGUE. Results reported to : 12/10/87

(w)LONG EATON 2 : W. BRIDGFORD 4

21/09/87 Division 3
Brown D. 0:1 Richmond A.
Robins A. == Wilson S.
Burrows P. 0:1 Burgess A.
Barry M. == Blackburn J.
Smith T. 0:1 Morrell L.J.

(w)NOMADS 1 : HUCKNALL

22/09/87 Division 1
Hill M. == Gibson G.
Billington R. == Stevenson R.
Davies G. 0:1 Selby W.
Jodrell A. 1:0 Ellis A.C.
Marriott R. == Clarke P.
Eastwood S. == Bury D.

NOMADS 4 : OXCLOSE 4(w)

22/09/87 Division 4
King S. 0:1 Palmer R.
Wilson I. 0:1 Huthwaite J.R.
Bray P. == Wintle O.
Short S. 0:1 Parrish C.
Vollbracht I. 1:0 Attaway P.

(w)GRANTHAM C : GRANTHAM B

23/09/87 Division 2
Smith M. 1:0 Bustin D.
Holt C. == Wylde M.
Johnston N. 1:0 Smith J.
Stagg P. 1:0 Marshall S.
Pettit A. 0:1 Marshall N.

SUTTON 4 : W. BRIDGFORD 5(w)

24/09/87 Division 4
Potter C. 1:0 Clarke S.
Vanags J. 0:1 Mainwaring J.
Shipley W. 0:1 McFarlin D.
Pickering H. 1:0 Williams H.
Blythe N. 1:0 Edwards P.

(w)OXCLOSE 2 : OXCLOSE 3

21/09/87 Division 2
Merces P. 1:0 Palmer R.
Squire J. 0:1 Smith T.
Logins A. 1:0 Bowen L.
Sudar D. 1:0 Crossland W.
Hall A. 1:0 Lowe P.

(w)OXCLOSE 1 : EAST NOTTS 1

29/09/87 Division 1
Merces P. 0:1 Andrews D.
Sewell L. 0:1 Ladds G.
Hall T. 0:1 London N.
Erridge A. 0:1 Beales G.
Carter J. 0:1 Mumby P.
Crossland W. 1:0 Taylor A.

(w)LONG EATON 1 : STAPLEFORD 1

28/09/87 Division 2
Brown D. == Lambert M.
Bowes G. 0:1 Willoughby R.
Hnydiw J. 1:0 Chambers P.
Basker J. 0:1 Taylor C.
Robins A. 0:1 West M.

(w)PLESSEY : NOMADS 2

28/09/87 Division 2
Herbert M. 1:0 Hill M.
Vere W. 0:1 Marriott R.
Tys D. 1:0 Thompson M.
Moss R. 0:1 Wilson I.
Vere J. 1:0 Simms M.

(w)GAMBIT 2 : GAMBIT 1

29/09/87 Division 1
Gwynne D. 0:1 Lazonby N.A.
Hobson B. 0:1 Swain J.T.
Brown J. == Wright A.J.
Kankut Z. 0:1 Roper K.W.
Meyander P. 0:1 Kalugorovich P.
Fedorko W. 1:0 Hayward B.M.

EAST NOTTS 3 : KEYWORTH 2(w)

30/09/87 Division 4
Smith D. 0:1 Pinkett D.
Lord A. 1:0 Harvey K.
Cooper S. 0:1 Connor A.
Carrington A. 1:0 Ormandy T.
Begg A. 0:1 Marchant L.

(w)STAPLEFORD 2 : GRANTHAM D

30/09/87 Division 3
Williams A. 0:1 King J.
Mould P. 0:1 Jones F.
Erentz P. == Keasley D.
Cousins R. 1:0 Hammond G.
Rafferty D. 0:1 Sentance K.

(w)MANSFIELD 2 : MANSFIELD 3

01/10/87 Division 3
Cantrill C. 1:0 Freeman A.
Epro J. 0:1 Amour D.
Wilson D. 0:1 Slaney H.
Todd P. 1:0 Berry D.
Fish J. 0:1 Calvey P.

(w)HUCKNALL : SUTTON 1

05/10/87 Division 1
Gibson G. 1:0 Alcock M.
Stevenson R. 0:1 Burke S.
Selby W. 0:1 Cooke M.
Clarke P. 0:1 Bowler A.
Ellis A.C. == Graham N.
Bury D. 0:1 Wagenbach J.

(w)RAD/BINGHAM 1 : MANSFIELD 1

06/10/87 Division 1
Nicholson I. 0:1 Iglesias I.
Taylor M. 0:1 Simpson K.
Parker J. 1:0 Dean A.
Rees P. 1:0 Oldham B.
Smith I. 1:0 Noonan F.
Morley S. 0:1 Cantrill C.

MANSFIELD 1 : DERBY 1(w)
24/09/87 Division 1
Tait J. 1:0 Monk R.
Simpson K. == Smith D.
Dean A. 0:1 Kelley S.
Oldham B. 1:0 Heelan D.
Noonan F. 0:1 Pearson T.
Cantrill C. == Tomlin D.

(w)KEYWORTH 1 : CASTLE 1
06/10/87 Division 2
Johnson N. == Clare A.
Martin C. == Birks D.
Pinkett D. 0:1 Pinnock P.
Henderson D. == Bletcher T.E.
Rushton A. 1:0 Rickard J.

(w)W. BRIDGFORD 3 : QACLOSE 2
07/10/87 Division 2
Brown R. == Merce P.
Burgess A. 0:1 Shore J.
Bradwell F. == Squire J.
Hill F. 0:1 Hall A.
Caldicott I. == Crossland W.

GRANTHAM D : CASTLE 2(w)
07/10/87 Division 3
Ball P. 1:0 default
Jones F. 1:0 default
Foulds A. 1:0 default
Hammond G. 1:0 default
Sentance K. 1:0 default

W. BRIDGFORD 2 : W. BRIDGFORD 1(w)
07/10/87 Division 1
Higham R. == Clunie R.
Marshall P. 0:1 Richmond P.
Godfrey R. 0:1 Hare P.
Maxwell S. 0:1 Edwards H.R.
Tarling R. 0:1 Barnes M.
Mainwaring J. 0:1 Nicholls D.J.

matches listed

I have received a note from your Records Secretary, Malcolm Thompson, to say that since he is unfamiliar with the names of many of the players would team captains please write legibly (!) and standardise the spelling and initials of their players. This would also help the Grading Officer a great deal.

Most, but not all, team captains are sending in match result cards promptly. Those captains who are not are reminded that if the result is not with the Records Secretary within 7 days of the match, there is a 50p fine.

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Norman Lazonby

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Tue 10 Nov	TEAM LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT at Gambit Chess Club - Details from Frank Noonan	
Sat 14 Nov	County Match	Notts I v Lincs I
Fri 27 Nov to Sun 29 Nov	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre, W. Bridgford Details from Jenny Waddingham	
Sat 28 Nov	County Match	Lincs II v Notts II
Sat 12 Dec	County matches	Leics I v Notts I Notts III v Leics III
Wed 16 Dec	FUN CHESS NIGHT at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre Contact N.Lazonby - no further details yet!	
Sat 9 Jan	County Match	Northants II v Notts II
Sat 16 Jan	County matches	Derbys I v Notts I Notts III v Gtr. M/c III
Sat 30 Jan	County Match	Notts II v Derbys II
Sat 6 Feb	County Match	Notts III v Warwicks III
Sat 13 Feb	MIDLANDS U18 JAMBOREE	
Tue 16 Feb	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE INDIVIDUAL LIGHTNING at Gambit Chess Club - details Frank Noonan	
Sat 20 Feb	MIDLANDS U14 JAMBOREE	
Sat 27 Feb	County Match	Second teams - Semi-final
Sat 5 Mar	County Match	First teams - Semi-final Salop III v Notts III
Sat 26 Mar	County Match	Staffs III v Notts III
Sat 9 Apr	County Match	Second teams final
Fri 15 Apr to Sun 17 Apr	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CONGRESS County Hall, West Bridgford Details from N. Lazonby	
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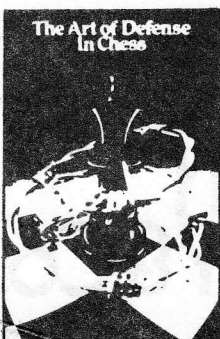
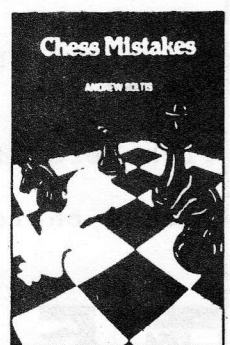
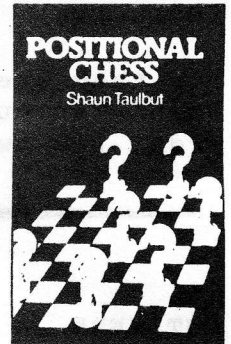
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