

All Clubs have been supplied with brochures for the Congress which contain the entry form on the back inside cover. A LARGE LOCAL ENTRY IS ESSENTIAL SO PLEASE LODGE YOUR ENTRIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. There are a host of final arrangements to make in the two weeks immediately prior to the event and it will help the Organisers considerably if the bulk of the entry forms are not received in a last minute flood.
THIS IS YOUR CONGRESS!! ENSURE IT BECOMES AN ANNUAL EVENT BY MAKING THIS ONE AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS.

GRAND SPRING DRAW 1976 - A supply of tickets has been sent to each Club for distribution and sale. Although there are between 5/6000 tickets to dispose of, if most Club players can dispose of ten tickets in five weeks (i.e. a mere two tickets a week), there should be no difficulty in disposing of all of them. The tickets were deliberately not numbered because cheques will be made payable to names entered on the winning counterfoils and posted to the address as shown.

AS I HAVE INDICATED, MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR THIS DRAW REQUIRES ONLY MODEST EFFORT BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. By selling all the tickets, there will be no need for the Association to use any of its liquid reserves to cover the cost of the Congress.

Will individual Club Secretaries please return the ticket counterfoils to me together with a cheque for the appropriate sum in favour of T.Guy Chess A/c by the date indicated in my letter.

COUNTY MATCH RESULTS

24.1.76

Notts I	v. Northants I	
1. M.H. Horton (B)	0 G.A. Leyton	
2. A.N. Walker	1 M.A. Bramer	
3. R.J. Clunie	1 I. Mason	
4. A.J. Rolfe	1/2 P. Fielder	
5. T. Guy	1 M. Clarke	
6. P.D. Hare	1 J. Sawiak	
7. K. Morrison	1 V.W. Griffiths	
8. P. Abbot	1/2 J.T. Cutler	
9. A. Richmond	1 R.W. Green	
10. A. Cockcroft	1/2 J. Piasecki	
11. R.G. Truman	0 R. Bodily Jnr	
12. C.T. Kent	1 A. Blott	
13. W.F. Ray	0 R. Stockwell	
14. G.E. Beales	1 T.E. Dellor	
15. J. Gardener	1 H. Lazda	
16. S. Humphreys	1/2 N.H. Turner	
17. R.S. Wardlaw	1 J.C. Cochran	
18. A.J. Gillam	1 M. Newman	
19. I.R. McInlay	1 J.M. Robinson	
20. G. Murfet	1 Default	
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Notts II

v. Derbys II 10 Jan

1. R. Bradley (W)	1 D.J. Brown	0
2. A.J. Gillam	1 G.T. Bowes	0
3. M. Lambert	1 M.T. Holland	0
4. G. Beales	1/2 N.A. Johnson	1/2
5. R.S. Wardlaw	1 A.E. Hall	0
6. M. Cooke	1 J.E. Kelsall	0
7. N. Graham	1/2 F. Murfin	1/2
8. R.G. Simpson	1 D.J. Meadows	0
9. J. Herrington	1 T. Smith	0
10. D. Greenwood	1 S.N. Gilmore	0
11. J. Wagenbach	1 B.B. Barnett	0
12. A. Birchton	1 M. Stonier	0
13. D.G. Gwynne	1 C.A. Clark	0
14. D. Fewkes	1 N.W. Parkin	0
15. W. Genders	0 G. Heelan	1
16. G. Murfet	0 G. Morris	1
17. P. Martin	1 A. Paulsen	0
18. J. Graham	0 J. Henderson	1
19. B. Williams	1 G. Morse	0
20. S. Foster	1 J. Shaw	0
21. R.S. Haynes	1 I. Francis	0
	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING

O.H. Hardy 3 1/2 and K. Morrison 1 1/2 now play in the Midland Zonal. Other scores:-
J. Wagenbach 1 and M. Alcock withdrew thro illness. We hope Mike is now on the way to full recovery.

MIDLAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Sutton 5 Chaddleton 1

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Sheffield Univ. 4 Sutton 2

N.C.C. PLATE

Sutton 6 1/2 Nott. Mechanics 1 1/2

COUNTY UNDER 12 CHAMPIONSHIP

Held at Gambit C.C. on Saturday 31 Jan., this years event resulted in a well deserved victory for Graham Waddingham. Six straight wins, including a well played victory over the current British Under 11 Champion Neil Walford, enabled him to draw comfortably in the last round for outright victory.

The leading scores from 48 competitors were: 1. Graham Waddingham 6 1/2

2. Neil Walford 6

3. Jonathan Tait

Paul Harrington 5 1/2

5. J. Parsons, I. Best, I. Jackson, Jane Harrison, N. Brunton 5.

INDIVIDUAL LIGHTNING CHESS TOURNAMENT

Played at Gambit C.C. on Tuesday 6th January, this new event was organised by Paul Kemp and attracted 38 competitors. Leading scores after 7 rounds Swiss

were: 1. A.J. Rolfe 6 1/2

2. R.J. Clunie 6

3. P.D. Hare 5 1/2

4. C.B. Williams, J. Wagenbach, S. Humphreys, 5

7. A.J. Groves, J. Herrington, J.G. Cooper, A. Richmond 4 1/2

Prizes were awarded to the top two players and the most highly placed Junior, Stuart Humphreys.

This was a highly successful event and hopefully next year, all Clubs will be represented. Perhaps an annual trophy could be considered at the next A.G.M. of the Association.

Next match v. Hunts II at Peterboro 7 Feb then v. Leicester II at Crown & Woolpack on 28 Feb.

DIVISION I MATCH RESULTS

WBI 5½-½ GranthamI; MansfieldI 4½-1½ U. Staff; ElecI 4-2 NomadsI; GambitIII 2-4 U. StudsI; WBII 3-3 ElecI; GranthamI 1½-4½ GambitI; SuttonI 4½-1½ MechSI; U. Staff 4-2 ElecI; GambitII 3½-2½ SuttonI; GambitIII 1-5 SuttonII; Derby 4½-1½ GambitII; GambitI 5-1 Derby; MechSI 2-4 Derby; MechSI 4½-1½ PlayersI; ElecI 3-3 GambitIII;

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gambit I	9	9	0	0	45	9	18
W. Bridgford I	7	7	0	0	36	6	14
Derby	9	5	1	3	27	27	11
U. Staff	8	4	0	4	27½	20½	8
Sutton I	8	4	0	4	24½	23½	8
U. Students I	8	3	2	3	23½	24½	8
Grantham I	8	3	2	3	22	26	8
Electricity I	9	2	3	4	25½	28½	7
Gambit II	7	3	1	3	19½	22½	7
Mechanics I	9	3	1	5	24½	23½	7
Sutton II	7	3	1	3	18½	23½	7
Mansfield I	7	3	0	4	20	22	6
Gambit III	8	2	1	5	17½	30½	5
W. Bridgford II	7	1	2	4	16½	25½	4
Nomads I	7	2	0	5	15	27	4
Players I	6	1	0	5	9½	26½	2

DIVISION II MATCH RESULTS

Lincoln 3½-1½ Ukrainians; U. StudsII 3-2 PlesseyI; PlayersII 1-4 Clifton; Gambit IV 3½-1½ SherwoodI; U. StudsII 4½-½ SuttonV; BootsI 1-4 SuttonIII; ElecII 2-3 PlesseyI; MansfieldII 3-2 SuttonIV; ElecII ½-4½ MansfieldII; Ukrainians 3½-1½ Clifton; SuttonIII 4½-½ PlayersII; PlesseyI 4-1 SuttonV; NomadsII 2½-2½ U. StudsII;

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutton III	8	7	1	0	29	12	15
Lincoln	7	6	0	1	26½	8½	12
Mansfield II	8	4	3	1	25	17	11
Mechanics II	6	5	0	1	20½	9½	10
Gambit IV	7	4	2	1	22	13	10
Plessey I	9	5	0	4	26	19	10
Ukrainians	8	4	1	3	23	17	9
Nomads II	6	3	2	1	19	11	8
Electricity II	8	3	2	3	23½	16½	8
Boots I	7	3	0	4	17½	18½	6
U. Students II	9	2	2	5	18½	26½	6
Sherwood I	7	2	1	4	14	21	5
Sutton IV	7	2	0	5	12½	22½	4
Clifton	8	1	1	6	9½	30½	3
Sutton V	8	1	0	7	9	31	2
Players II	7	0	1	6	6½	28½	1

GAMES

White: Alan Richmond Black: Sid Marshall (W. Bridgford I) (Grantham I)
 1) f4 c5; 2) Nf3 Nc6 3) e3 b6 4) b3 Bb7 5) Bb2 h6 6) Be2 d6 7) 0-0 Nf6 8) Nc3 e6 9) d3 Be7 10) Ne4 Ng4 11) Qd2 f5 12) Ng3 Bf6 13) Bf6: Nf6: 14) e4 fe: 15) de: 0-0 16) Rad1 d5 17) e5 Ne4 18) Ne4: de: 19) Qd8:?? (best was Qe3) Rad8: 20) Nd2 Nd4 21) Bg4 e3! 22) c3 (what else apart from Resigns?) e2 23) cd: ed:=0 24) Be6:+ Kh8 25) Rd1: Rd4: threatening Rfd8 26) Kf2 Rff4:+ (best was Rfd8) 27) Ke3 Bg2: 28) Rg1 Bc6 29) Bc3 Rf8 30) Bg4 Rfd8 31) Nc4 Re4+ 32) Kf2 Rf8+ 33) Kg3 g5 34) Rd1 Rd4??? (an immediate win was available by Re4 :+ followed by Bf3+) 35) Rd4: cd: 36) e6 d3? (Rf1 looks better) 37) Ne5 Be4?

DIVISION III MATCH RESULTS

GambitVI 3-2 SuttonVII; BulwellIII 2-3 SherwoodIII; BulwellIII ½-4½ NomadsIII; RaleighI 3½-2½ SuttonVIII; BulwellI 2½-2½ PlesseyII; SuttonVI 3-2 Long EatonI; PlesseyII 4-1 SuttonVII; GambitV 1½-3½ GranthamIII; Long EatonI 4-1 MechSI; RaleighI 2-3 U. StudsIII; SherwoodII 5-0 BulwellIII; NomadsIII 3½-1½ SuttonVI; SherwoodIII ½-4½ GranthamIII; MechSI 1½-3½ GranthamIII; SherwoodII 2½-2½ GranthamII; BulwellIII 0-5 GambitV; BulwellII 2-3 Long EatonI; SuttonVII 4-1 RaleighI; GranthamII 2-3 SuttonVIII; U. StudsIII 4-1 GambitVI; SuttonVIII 0-5 GranthamIII;

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
U. Students III	10	10	0	0	36½	13½	20
Plessey II	10	7	1	2	35½	18½	15
Long Eaton I	10	7	1	2	32½	19½	15
Raleigh I	10	7	0	3	40	21	14
Grantham III	9	6	1	2	27	18	13
Gambit V	10	6	0	4	28½	21½	12
Bulwell I	11	5	2	4	34	23	12
Nomads III	9	5	0	4	25	21	10
Grantham II	8	4	1	3	26½	13½	9
Boots II	7	4	1	2	21	15	9
Sherwood II	9	4	1	4	26½	23½	9
Gambit VI	9	4	1	4	17	28	9
Sutton VI	8	3	0	5	26	29	6
Sutton VII	11	3	0	8	30	39	6
Bulwell III	9	2	0	7	16	37	4
Sutton VIII	9	2	0	7	19	40	4
Sherwood III	8	1	1	6	10	33	3
Bulwell II	8	1	0	7	15	30	2
Mechanics III	2	1	0	8	14	31	2

DIVISION IV MATCH RESULTS

Bingham 4-3 NomadsIV; Long EatonII 1-4 BootsIII; RaleighII 1½-3½ WBIII; Eastwood 4-1 Newark; Newark 4-1 Boots III; NomadsIV 5½-1½ RaleighII; Eastwood 3-2 Long EatonII;

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastwood	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
Nomads IV	2	1	0	1	8½	5½	2
W. Bridgford III	1	1	0	0	3½	1½	2
Bingham	1	1	0	0	4	3	2
Boots II	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Newark	2	1	0	1	5	5	2
Long Eaton II	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Raleigh II	2	0	0	2	3	9	0

GAMES (continued)

(Best Be8) 38) Bh5 Rf6?? (Best d2) 39) e7 Re6 40) e8=Q+ Re8: 41) Be3: Bf5??? (d2 wins the piece back after Bh5 Bc2) 42) Bh5 d2 too late 43) Bdl b5 and Black resigns.

With a trophy for the season's best swindle, Our good friend Sid Marshall might be considered for the award for swindling himself!

Reported from a 3rd Division match- the shortest game ever in the League ? Score as follows: 1) f4 f5 2) e4 g6 3) ef: gf: 4) Qh5 mate.

As requested in the last issue, could I please have games from other sources for publication (particularly from the lower divisions. They do not have to be masterpieces, merely interesting in some respect.