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Editorial

Well, here we are at last! The Chilworth Review is on the road. Maybe a little late, but none the worse for that, I hope.

All our plans for production of the magazine last year were scuttled by the tragic death of our printer's wife, after which he was no longer willing to carry on. Anyone who has paid for printing will know how very expensive it is, and we have been fortunate to find a sympathetic chess player who is willing to produce the magazine for us at non-commercial rates.

In the meantime, most of the copy I produced over the last year has had to be discarded because it became so out-of-date. Not that I am worried by that, because some of the more recent news has been tremendously exciting, with our winning of the National Under-18 Team Championship, a great showing in the EPSCA Under-11 competition and successes in the British Championships. I would like to apologise, however, to those kind people who fed me with results and reports which I have not used. Т hope they will understand on this occasion, and keep them coming, as I shall be able to use them in future.

The prime function of this magazine is to act as a communications medium amongst the junior chess community in Hampshire. Since the majority of junior chess activity in Hampshire is organised by Chilworth Chess Club, it is in the nature of things that most of the communication should be from us to you. However, there is no reason why local organisers shouldn't use the magazine to publicise their own activities to a wider audience. I would like to emphasise, however, that it is devoted to serious chess only, and events such as lightning tournaments, quickplays, etc. will not normally be considered to be appropriate for inclusion. Remember that we publish quarterly, so plan accordingly.

To my younger readers, who form the bulk of our circulation, I would like to wish an active and successful new season. I shall be glad to hear from you about what you like or don't like about The Chilworth Review. If there is something missing that you would like to see included, let me know. Send in your games for publication (remember there is a five pound prize for the best set of notes to a game), and I'll be glad to receive reports from you on any tournaments you visit, especially outside Hampshire. Your report on a tournament might persuade other players that it is a good tournament to go to in future (or vice versa).

Apart from junior organisers, I hope the magazine will be interesting enough to be read by adult players, but they will have to understand that I am not writing with them in mind. It is my intention to give coverage to adult chess activities (local leagues, county matches, etc.), as many of our young Hampshire players are involved in these activities. I shall rely on local administrators to keep me posted on relevant things in their areas.

The second issue is scheduled for Christmas. Any material intended for inclusion in the Christmas issue should reach me, at the address below, no later than November 30th to be certain of getting in, though I'll be as lenient as possible on this deadline.

In order to receive your free issue of The Chilworth Review, make sure that you have paid your membership. And do remember that membership of Chilworth Chess Club carries many benefits, notably cheap entry to tournaments. You can easily save the cost of your membership in reduced entry fees alone. For non-members. the cost is 50p per issue (including postage, if necessary). If you are not a member and have received this first issue through the post, I would be delighted to receive 50p from you if you think the magazine is worth it. Otherwise, please keep it with our compliments.

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National Champions!

by Terry Hollington and Pat McEvoy

Saturday, 26th March 1983, saw the fulfilment of a dream for Hampshire junior chess when the Under-18 team won the national Counties Under-18 Championship.

Four years ago, as Hampshire Junior Organisers, we made what was then quite a controversial decision. Our under-18 team had been fairly consistent winners of the West of England Championship over a number of years. However, they had never been able to overcome the enormous strength-in-depth of counties like Yorkshire and Middlesex in the National Finals. Because of their greater populations (Middlesex, for example, includes half of London), these counties have inbuilt advantages. We have to counter this by increased effort in developing our young players. Through the medium of Chilworth Chess Club young players of exceptional promise can be identified, and in 1979 an exercise was carried out to project forward for a number of years the likely progress of our most promising youngsters. From this exercise it was possible to get a good indication of the future strength of our teams and who the players would be.

The results indicated that the team would peak in strength in 1983.

A decision was then taken, in 1979, to immediately revamp the under-18 team and rebuild it around the players who were predicted as being the main strength in the 1983 team. This would give the younger players maximum opportunity to build their experience, and enhance team spirit over the longer term. Inherent in all of this was a decision to drop certain older players who would become ineligible when they reached 18. This meant weakening the team in the short-term.

The first outing for the rebuilt team was to the West of England Championships in 1980. Having become quite used to winning this event in convincing style, it came as something of a shock to some of the players that we didn't even finish second. Afterwards, there was not a little concern amongst some of the leading players that what we were doing might be mistaken. The then team captain, Stephen Bell of Southampton, was instrumental in allaying some of their fears when he reminded them that they had themselves been controversially included in the team when they had been very young.

Following this initial, and expected, setback, the team has strengthened steadily, and the core of the 1983 team is as predicted in 1979.

Over the years, the lads have shown commitment to the goal of achieving the title by 1983. We thought we might do it last year, but we finished second. Their victory this year is a fitting reward for the efforts and dedication they have shown for the past four years. Typical of this has been the willingness of players to travel long distances as reserves. The team has always carried a reserve, and on more than one occasion that player has been called upon to make Herculean efforts (once on top board). This time was no exception. Dominic Tunks of Warblington travelled as reserve, concealing his disappointment in the remark that "... it's all for the team, isn't it." In the event, he filled a vacancy on Board 6, where he won, and rounded off a memorable day by collecting the trophy for the team from a representative of National Westminster Bank.

We remember, also, that several players no longer eligible for the junior ranks made major contributions to the squad while they were members of it.

The team's victory is a suitable climax to the junior career of their captain, Peter Wells of Portsmouth, who has led them with distinction. Having recently been awarded the international title of FIDE Master (see Page xx), Peter was by some margin the strongest player in the finals.

The event was sponsored, as part of their wider programme of support for junior chess, by National Westminster Bank, who presented the winning team with medals.

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Why not write up one of your games and send it to the editor? There were only a few entries for this issue's competition, so you're in with a good chance of winning. But be fair! It must be all your own work.

The winning entry for this issue was submitted by Dominic Tunks, who plays for Emsworth Chess Club.

White: Dominic Tunks (Emsworth) Black: D. Hannam (Malins Road Manglers) Opening: Pirc Defence

| 1. | P-K4 | P-Q3 | |
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| 2. | P-Q4 | N-KB3 | |
| 3. | N-QB3 | P-KN3 | |
| 4. | N-B3 | B-N2 | |
| 5. | B-K2 | | |

A quiet line, which aims at a small but enduring advantage.

| 5. | | 0-0 |
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| 6. | 0-0 | P-B3 |

Perhaps 6 ... B-N5 7 B-K3 N-B3 8 Q-Q2 P-K4 is a better plan, although White can still keep a space advantage with 9 P-Q5 N-K2 10 QR-Q1.

7. P-QR4

To prevent ... P-QN4, but not necessary. After 7 P-KR3 (keeping Black's Queen Bishop out) 7 ... QN-Q2 8 P-K5 N-K1 9 R-K1, Black has trouble freeing his position.

7. ... P-QR4

An interesting plan, aimed at controlling the dark Queen-side squares.

8. N-K1

More natural seems 8 P-KR3 and B-KB4

| 8. | | P-K4 |
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| 9. | P-Q5 | R-K1 |

I still don't see the point (other than to force White to reveal his plan) behind this move. The Rook is better placed on KB1, where it can support a future ... P-KB4. If Black must retain his options, then 9 ... K-Rl is a better way of doing so.

| 10. | B-KN5 | P-R3 |
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| 11. | B-R4 | N-R3 |
| 12. | B-B4 | P-KN4 |
| 13. | B-KN3 | N-B4 |
| 14. | Q-K2 | |

Not 14 P-B3? Q-N3!

14. ... Q-Q2

The Queen seems better on Q1, where it can go to N3.

| 15. | N-Q3 QxN | NXN N-R4 |
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17. PxP

Hoping to generate play against the Queen Pawn.

| 17. | | PxP |
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| 18. | QR-Q1 | R-Q1 |
| 19. | K-R1 | |

Trying to induce NxBch. How about 19 P-R4!? ?

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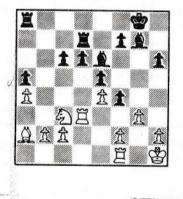
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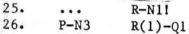
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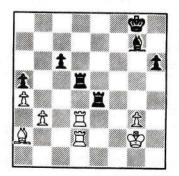
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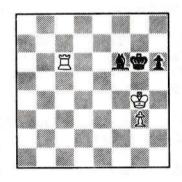
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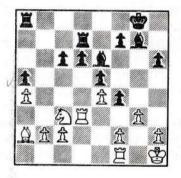
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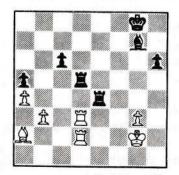
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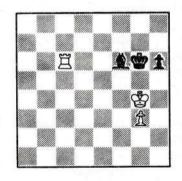
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The British Championships

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A fortnight of intense competition was crowned for us by Philip Rossiter and Caroline Hallett winning British Championship titles and Keith Fuller qualifying to play in the 1984 British Championship.

Your editor was present during the entire fortnight, and records his impressions of the Hampshire players' performances.

BRITISH UNDER-11 CHAMPIONSHIP

With 76 participants, this was a very large tournament. The BCF are in the process of considering how they can reduce the numbers in future years. An Under-12 championship during the second week (the Under-11 takes place during the first week) is likely to be implemented. We are unconvinced that the proposals will have the effect predicted, but we must await developments.

Julian Bailey

This was Julian's first outing to the British and, as might be expected, it proved a very stiff test for him. He scored two-and-a-half points from the eleven rounds, improving his grade by one point. He wants to go again next year and do better.

Robert Edwards

Last year Robert scored three points in this competition. This year he increased this to three-and-a-half, and maintained his grade. Robert has a lot of talent but it will drain away unless he exercises it regularly in tournaments. He was just starting to get rolling properly at the end of this event (scoring two-and-a-half points from the last three rounds), but by then it was too late. Being an Under-9, Robert has plenty of time to make an impact as an Under-11.

Edward Holland

Edward scored five-and-a-half points, just maintaining his grade. As he scored six last year, when a year younger, this was obviously a big disappointment. In the second round he lost to Mark Walker and, although he dropped only one-and-a-half points after that, this was enough to place him well down the field. Edward had to spend the entire tournament with his arm in plaster.

Emilia Holland

As an Under-8 girl, Emilia couldn't be expected to have any significant impact on the Under-11 championship. She has shown remarkable promise in the past but has been inconsistent of late, and her two-and-a-half points at Southport, putting two points on her grade, are a welcome move in the right direction.

Genevieve O'Farrell

Genevieve is Under-9, and little more could have been expected of her than of Emilia, especially as it was her first visit to the championships. In the event, she gave us great cause for excitement when after five rounds she was the highest scoring girl in the tournament, ahead even of Claire Ashby who played in the England team against Scotland. Over the last three rounds, however, both the Ashby sisters scored two-and-a-half points share the girls title, with to Genevieve half a point behind on four points. This was a marvellous show which increased her grade by seven points, and she has won the Most Improved Girl Award for the second quarter running.

John Pillay

John had a steady tournament, scoring three-and-a-half points and improving his grade by one point. He may have been a little disappointed with this after his success in the Under-11 Reserves in Liverpool, but the level of this competition was very high.

Donna Pothecary

Donna has been a most impressive player over the past year, and we had high hopes of her taking the girls prize in the Under-11. However, she never really got going, and finished on a disappointing three-and-a-half. She is still young enough to get her revenge next year.

Mark Walker

Mark is acknowledged as the best Under-10 in the country, and as such he had to be considered a contender for the Under-11 title. He suffered set-backs in the third and fourth rounds when he came up against the players who eventually finished as winner and runner-up. After that, he was always trailing the leaders, and two further draws conceded in later rounds meant that he finished two points behind the winner on five-anda-half points, but he did share the prize for the top Under-10.

Mark side-stepped the Under-11 last year to play in the Under-14, thereby missing a year's experience in the Under-11 event. It has been proved again and again that there is no real substitute for actual experience in the event you are trying to win. The relative ease with which he scored 50% in the lower half of the Under-14 event last year would have left him psychologically unprepared for the tougher opposition offered by the upper reaches of the Under-11 event.

He is, of course, a formidable little player, and with this year's event under his belt and another year of improvement ahead of him, it will take a very good player indeed to deprive him of the title next year.

Mark also played in one of the 5-day tournaments during the second week at Southport. Unfortunately, he scored only one point from the five games, losing to two other young players in the process, and ended the fortnight with his grade three points lower.

BRITISH U-14 CHAMPIONSHIP

This is another substantial event, and one in which we always have a keen interest. The three-year gap from the Under-11 tournament keeps the numbers high in the Under-14, and the strength at the top is such that it needs a player of about 190 grade to win it. As Philip Rossiter is now at that level, we obviously harboured high hopes for him. Looking at the girls who were competing, the girls title seemed to be a two-horse race between our two lasses, Caroline and Lorian.

Lorian Cunningham

After terrific progress last year, Lorian has been faltering of late, and needed something to restore her confidence. Before the British, she had a good booster when she won the Under-16 tournament at Southampton's Quick-play. Unfortunately, this was not enough to restore her to her former swashbuckling self, and she played rather unconvincingly during the whole fortnight. Even so, she was the leading girl after 9 rounds. She lost her last two games, however, the last one to a rather sneaky sacrifice, and finished half a point short of the girls title, but added four points to her grade.

Caroline Hallett

Caroline had already won the British Girls Under-14 title in 1981-2. Last year there was a small group of girls in the running, but the destiny of the title was decided largely by the strength of the boys the girls got paired against. On that occasion, Mina Eaves ran out the winner.

This year, there was a noticable lack of good girl players in the Under-14, with Caroline and Lorian Cuningham the only two obvious contenders. The race between them was close, with no more than half a point in it most of the time. For the first eight rounds Caroline fared slightly better, but lost the lead in the ninth. In the tenth round she took the lead again when she beat Martin Collins and Lorian lost. As they both lost their last round games, Caroline emerged with her crown recovered.

There were at least two games that Caroline lost as a direct result of allowing herself to be steered into prolonged defensive arrangements and not being vigorous enough in her counter-measures. There is no time to weed the garden when the house is on fire.

Hopefully, this title will renew her enthusiasm to work on the weak points in her game so that she may go forward with confidence to the Under-16 age group. She is one of a line of Hampshire girls who have claimed a generous share of British titles in recent years.

Daniel O'Farrell

With five points scored and another six points added to his grade, Daniel could feel reasonably satisfied with his performance. He was clearly not able to live with the better Under-14 players he met during the first week, scoring only one-and-a-half from six, but he then proceeded to score more heavily against the tail-enders.

Philip Rossiter

As a former British Under-11 Champion who goes from strength to strength, we were quietly hopeful that Philip could come out on top this time. He is in the same age-group as a group of very talented young players who have vied with him for top honours for three or four years now. This players group includes like the Wheeler brothers, David Wood and now the vastly talented young Michael Adams. It means a lot to Philip that he should be able to establish his supremecy over this group, and it was gratifying to see that the splendid fighting spirit he displayed through the whole event was rewarded with victory in the end.

For the first eight rounds, he and Michael Adams were locked together as the other challengers gradually fell by the wayside. Luck was certainly on the side of Michael Adams, as he escaped with draws from a couple of games, including one very sticky against Philip. In the eighth round, Michael got himself into such a hopelessly lost position that I was expecting his resignation at any point, when his opponent blundered In the meantime, Philip and lost. had had the better of a number of his drawn games, but didn't have enough resources to win them.

In the last round, Michael Adams's luck finally deserted him and he was beaten for the first time. At that point, Philip was level with him on points and had a comfortable position in the game in hand. He needed only a half point to win outright, and he sensibly didn't overplay his hand, conceding the draw a half hour later.

Immediately after the British, Philip went to play in the Lloyds Bank Masters tournament, where he scored four-and-a-half points for a grading performance of 199 against players from nine different countries.

Philip is now on the short list for selection as England's representative in the World Under-16 Championship. The competition for this place is obviously fierce, and Philip has a massive task on his hands to stay in the reckoning.

Martin Collins

It is only about a year since Martin started to take part in serious chess outside Basingstoke. He obviously has a good measure of ability, but needs to supplement this with stamina and experience built up in proper tournaments. Quick-play events are no substitute for the real thing. He scored four points and dropped three points from his grade, but did manage to draw with Philip Hughes who came =4th in the championship.

BRITISH UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Guy Bailey

Although Guy has been improving his grade all year, and added another 3 points at Southport, the level of the British Under-16 Championship is rather more than he is used to coping with locally. He suffered heavily in the first week, scoring only one-anda-half points, but then found his level and achieved a plus score in the second week, finishing on fourand-a-half points.

Jeffrey Baillie

During the first week, Jeffrey scored four-and-a-half points from six games and was amongst the leaders. In the second week, however, he managed to increase his score by only one point and finished on 50%. There is little doubt that this can be attributed to Jeffrey's lack of activity in recent times. Apart from his activity in the local league, he takes part in little serious competitive chess, and his result is not unexpected in this context. He achieved his best result at the end of the first week when he drew reasonably comfortably with Mark Wheeler who finished second in the championship, but in the end the stamina was not there and the pace proved too hot.

Andrew Daley

Andrew is another player who could have been better prepared for these championships. Like Jeffrey, he scored better in the first week than in the second, and the same comments apply. He finished on six-and-a-half points, including a win over Jeffrey Baillie in the last round. However, because several of his opponents were rather weak, he dropped two points from his grade.

Keith Walker

A 50% score of five-and-a-half points reflects Keith's performance aptly. He drew seven of his games, and consequently played in the middle order boards all the way. Although he seemed to be working hard enough, the ideas didn't seem to be flowing to enable him to turn positions to his advantage.

Peter Whalley

Peter is of similar strength to Guy Bailey, and his pattern of results in this event was very similar - little success in the first week and then, having found his level, much better results in the second. He scored five points and also improved his grade by five points.

BRITISH UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

Hampshire are the reigning National Under-18 Team Champions, and it was disappointing, therefore, that we could muster only one representative in the British Under-18 Championship, and that a girl. Ioseph Okosieme, a student at Southampton University, was there but we can hardly count him as he was in his last month as an Some prominent members of Under-18. our Under-18 team were young enough to compete in younger age groups, and Peter Wells and Keith Fuller competed in the British Championship and Major respectively.

Emma Dove

Under less testing conditions, Emma should have been a contender for the British Girls U-18 title, but against the power of Susan Walker, who finished third, she didn't stand a chance. Emma found the going very tough, and she needs to play more regularly to compete at this level.

HAMPSHIRE JUNIORS IN OTHER EVENTS

Peter Wells

Since his marvellous feat of winning the Under-14, Under-16 and Under-18 British Championships in successive years, Peter has qualified annually for the British Championship.

His score this year of five points will have been a disapointment to him even though he met many tough players (including Rogers, Botterill and Hodgson who all finished in joint third place). He beat Hodgson, and his third round game against Mark Hebden was a fascinating struggle in which the Leicester IM showed all his famous tenacity in holding on to a tiny advantage until Peter resigned without being even a pawn down.

Keith Fuller

As an American citizen, Keith has spent the last few years earning his residential qualification so that he would be eligible to enter the Under-18 Championship. In the meantime, he has been entering the <u>Major Open</u> each year and doing quite well.

At Southport he started solidly but unspectacularly, scoring four points from the six games in the first week. In the second week he really got motoring, scoring another four out of five, to finish joint second. He did have his moments of good fortune in a couple of the games, but credit is due to him for taking his chances when they were offered.

Apart from one relative duffer with a grade of 160 in the first round, his opponents' grades ranged from 181 to 210, and he still scored 8 out of 11.

The three top eligible players in the Major earn the right to play in the British Championship the following year. One of these places will go to Keith as the tie-break operated in his favour, and by next year he will have completed his residential qualification.

Keith's tournament performance of 209 was one of the best by the Hampshire players, and he improved his grade by 9 points. He is to be congratulated on a splendid showing.

Christopher Walker

Christopher played in a 5-day event during the first week. He is only an occasional player these days, and his result reflected this. He scored two points and lost two points from his grade.

Carl Gorka

I'm not sure that Carl goes to many tournaments outside Basingstoke, but he does seem to be a regular player in his club and in the Hampshire Junior League, where he plays quite a respectable game. It was surprising, therefore, that he failed to make any impression in either of the two 5-day events in which he played, amongst players who were generally around or below his own grade. Inevitably, he would have suffered from lack of experience in events of this nature. He did, however, manage to beat his older brother in the first week.

SENIOR HAMPSHIRE PLAYERS' RESULTS

Apart from the cohort of juniors who competed at Southport, a number of adult Hampshire players also took part. I mention here those that I spotted, and hope that anyone I have overlooked will understand that I was rather preoccupied with the younger generation.

In the British Championship, we were quite well represented as, apart from Peter Wells, Tony Kosten (Chandlers Ford) and Arthur Brameld (Fareham) had also qualified. Tony scored six points, which was very good, but he will not have been satisfied with this after his high placing last year. Arthur scored two-and-a-half, and struggled a bit. He is to be congratulated on qualifying. It is the first time that he has actually qualified, but some years ago, when Hampshire was in the SCCU, he was equal first in the SCCU Championship and missed his ticket to the British only on tie-break.

In the Major Open, Martin Buckmaster scored five-and-a-half points, Steven Bell six-and-a-half and J. Brookes of Southampton four.

Our gallant grader, Commander Peters, played in a 5-day event during the

second week and found the opposition adequate, but he seemed to enjoy it, and scored 50%.

Dave Smith of Cosham and his son Anthony also competed in a 5-day event. Dave scored one-and-a-half, and Anthony outpaced him with two.

R. Gorka of Basingstoke, brother of Carl, competed in 5-day events during both weeks, but found the strength of both tournaments too much, managing to score only one point.

RESULTS

British Championship

- 1st Jonathan Mestel
- 2nd Murray Chandler
- =3rd Darry Johansen, Australia, Ian Rogers, Australia, George Botterill, Wales, William Watson, Julian Hodgson, Andrew Martin

British Ladies Championship

=lst Rani Hamid, Bangladesh, Helen Milligan, Scotland

Major Open

- lst M. Levene, New Zealand
- =2nd Keith Fuller,
 - G. Pearce, Wales,
 - J. Sugden, Beckenham,

B. Jones, Sheffield

First 3 qualify for British in 1984.

British Under-21 Championship

=1st B. Lund, Preston,

- N. Thomas, Northampton,
- F. Khan, Harrow

British Under-18 Championship =1st B. Sharp, Kidderminster, D. Watts, Pinner =3rd A. Wright, Dundee, Susan Walker, Sutton Girls Title - Susan Walker

British Under-16 Championship lst N. McDonald, Gravesend, 2nd M. Wheeler, Walsall Girls Title - Cathy Forbes

British Under-14 Championship lst Philip Rossiter 2nd Michael Adams, Truro 3rd Darren Wheeler, Walsall Girls Title - Caroline Hallett

Game

| The following game was played at the |
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| Co-op New Year Tournament, 1983. |
| White: David Cray (Co-op) |
| Black: Neil Crosswell (Portsmouth) |
| Opening: Kings Indian Defence |
| Notes by Neil Crosswell. |

| 1. | d4 | Nf 6 |
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| 2. | c4 | g6 |
| 3. | Nc 3 | Bg7 |
| 4. | e4 | d6 |
| 5. | Nf3 | 0-0 |
| 6. | Be 2 | e5 |
| 7. | 45 | |

The Petrosian System of the Kings Indian Defence.

7. ... a5

Other possibilities are Na6, h6, c5 and Nbd7. a5 is an idea of several Ukranian masters, although often attributed to Leonid Stein.

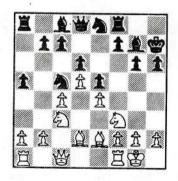
> 8. Bg5 h6 9. Bd2

The usual move is Bh4. The idea of Bd2 is to put pressure on h6 by Qc1.

9. ... Na6

To prevent a Queen side expansion via b4 and c5.

| 10. | 0-0 | Nc 5 |
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| 11. | Qc2 | Ne8 |
| 12. | Qc1 | Kh7 |



13. h3?!

This move weakens White's King side, as he can never play g3 against f4.

| 13. | | £5 |
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| 14. | ef | gf |
| 15. | Ne 1 | f4 |
| 16. | Nd 3 | Qg5 |
| 17. | Nxc5 | Bxh6 |
| 18. | Bf3 | dxc5 |
| 19. | Ne4 | Qg6 |
| 20. | Nxc5 | Nd 6 |
| 21. | Re 1 | |

or else 21 ... e4, with advantage to Black.

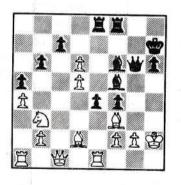
| 21. | | Rae8 |
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| 22. | Kh2 | Bf5 |
| 23. | a4?! | b6?! |

23 ... Bf6, followed by ... e4!

24. Nb3 Bf6

Not 24 ... Bc2?, 25 Bd1.

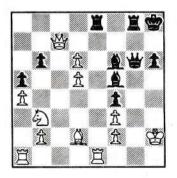
| 25. | c5 | e4! |
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| 26. | cxd6 | |



26. ... exf3!

and Black has a won game.

| 27. | Qxc7+ | Kh8 |
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| 28. | gf | Rg8 |



29. Resigns

International

The World Under-16 Championship, which was held in Colombia, South America, was won by Dreyev of the Soviet Union with ten points from the eleven games. Neil Carr, the English representative, scored five-and-ahalf points.

Watch out for America's 19-year-old prodigy, Joel Benjamin. In the new U.S. list he is rated in excess of 2600 (BCF 250), and has just finished equal fifth in the U.S. Championship as well as finishing high up in the prize list at the World Open (a very massive Swiss tournament in America with over twenty grandmasters). Joel tends to receive less publicity these days than some of his contemporaries in the U.S., particularly Seiriwan, who is one of the leading players in the world, but time is on his side.

The World Junior Championship was won by Georgiev of Bulgaria with a score of eleven-and-a-half from thirteen. Second place went to Salov of the Soviet Union, and Saeed of the United Arab Emirates was third. Nigel Short scored eight-and-a-half points, and shared fourth place with Stohl of Czechoslavakia. In spite of all his continued promise (he achieved his second GM norm at the OHRA tournament in July), success still eludes Nigel in the World Junior arena. If he is to fulfil the hopes some people have for him, he needs to do just a tiny bit better than this.

Also in the World Junior, Mark Condie of Scotland scored six-and-a-half, as did J.R. Smith of Wales. J. Kennedy of Ireland scored five-and-a-half.

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Chaos reigns in the Candidates stage of the World Championship, with both the Russian contenders (Kasparov and Smyslov) being defaulted by the FIDE president for refusing to accept his venue arrangements. This has left Ribli and Korchnoi to play a match for the right to challenge Karpov for his title. It is very difficult to know just what is happening, but the rumours circulating leave one very apprehensive about the future of the championship. It is suggested that the Russians may not allow Karpov to defend against Ribli or Korchnoi, and that they would not regard such a default as a proper loss of the title by Karpov. I seem to remember that Karpov was willing enough to accept the title by default in the first place when a certain Bobby Fisher (remember him?) found arrangements not to his liking. I remember having a firm conviction, at the time of that furore, that Fisher would never give up the title by default. After being wrong about that, I will simply await developments in this latest crisis.

In the European Team Championship, England finished fourth, behind the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and Hungary. The new British Champion, Jonathan Mestel gave ample warning to his rivals by winning the prize for the best score with six points from his seven games.

England won both the Glorney and the Faber Cup, which were staged in July at Trinity College, Carmarthen. The margins of victory in both were very convincing. In the Glorney Cup, 24 points from 30 games gained England first place, five-and- a-half points ahead of Holland who were second. In the Faber, the England girls had an even more comprehensive victory, scoring 19 out of 20. For the girls, Cathy Forbes, Karen Cartmel and Mandy Hepworth all scored 100%, while for the boys Graham Waddingham achieved the same feat. Peter Wells played top board for the England team.

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The Lloyds Bank Masters tournament ended in a four-way tie between Nunn, Razuvaev of the U.S.S.R., Matanovic of Jugoslavia and William Watson, all of whom scored 7. Razuvaev was placed first on tie-break. Congratulations to young William on an outstanding performance. Peter Wells and Tony Kosten both scored five-and-a-half. Peter started rather indifferently, but ended =2nd in the Junior prizes. After 6 rounds, Tony was the joint leader, but then lost to Matanovic. However, he did achieve an IM norm. In his first international, Philip four-and-a-half, Rossiter scored confirming his form at Charlton and the British Championships.

Murray Chandler is now Britain's 7th Grandmaster, subject to ratification.

# Improvers

Chilworth Chess Club has announced a scheme of cash awards for the most improved player, to be awarded every quarter, based on the previous twelve months improvement each time.

Details of the scheme were circulated last May to active players, but the major points are highlighted below.

Chilworth grades are the basis of comparison.

You need to have had a full grade at the start of the previous twelve months.

The minimum improvement to qualify is 18 points.

You must have at least 30 tournament games on record over the 12 months period.

Awards will not be made to players who have shown themselves not willing to put themselves out either for the county or for their fellow players.

The award is intended to assist with your expenses in attending tournaments outside your local area. You are likely to have to write a letter of intent before the award is paid, although exceptions may be made for very active players.

The first awards have already been won, and are as follows:

#### MAY AWARDS

Most Improved Player Ricky Allen, Southampton

Most Improved Girls Genevieve O'Farrell, Southampton Abigail Ranson, Farnborough

#### AUGUST AWARDS

Most Improved Player Adam Chandler, Titchfield

Most Improved Girl Genevieve O'Farrell (again!)

# WECU

In the WECU Counties Championship, Hampshire were unlucky not to retain their title, finishing in 3rd place. In a recent circular, Peter Marshall, the match captain, points out that penalty points imposed because of an unregistered player fielded against Somerset cost us the championship and a place in the National quarterfinals. Intending participants for this season make certain that you are registered, both for the remainder of 1983 and for 1984! The registration year's being out-of-line with the playing season is a positive nuisance in this respect.

If you are interested in playing in these matches, Peter Marshall will be very pleased to hear from you at

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# Leagues

Due to pressure on space, reports on the end-of-season positions have been squeezed out this time. In the next issue we will have up-to-date reports on the 1983/84 season activity.

I have contact with the following: Hampshire League, Hampshire Junior League, Portsmouth & District League, Southampton League, Basingstoke League, Portsmouth Schools League, Southampton Schools League. I would welcome news of any others and, of course, dependable correspondents.

# **Computer Corner**

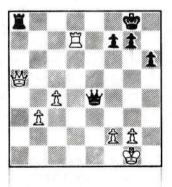
A large number of these machines are now in use, ranging in price from 25 pounds to 800 pounds. In recent months we have become aware that a number of people are interested in contacting other owners with a view to swapping machines etc. If you want to sell, buy or swap a chess computer, you may use the facilities of this feature to make your wishes known. Items for inclusion are subject to editorial approval and space limitations.

# Attack! Attack!

When faced with an aggressive move by your opponent, you should not always turn defensive. If you can find an equally aggressive idea in reply, you needn't give ground. It is frequently said that the best form of defence is attack. While this guideline is not infallible, it is a good one to keep in mind.

At the recent Post Office Recreation Club Charity Tournament in Portsmouth there were two remarkably similar instances of players graded below 40 defending by attack. Both White players showed inspiration beyond what one would expect from players of this age and experience.

Unfortunately, I do not have a record of the players' names in this first example. Black has just played the very energetic move ... Ra8, which is threatening ... Ra1 and ... Qh4 mate, if White becomes defensive and moves his Queen carelessly out of attack.

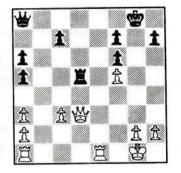


White found the excellent counterattack Rd8+!, forcing the exchange of Rooks, and keeping the initiative. He went on to win easily with his passed pawns.

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The second example, which is even more subtle, was between Christopher Buckenham and Bianca Bedwell.

Christopher is clearly winning, being a whole Rook ahead. However, Bianca has found the irritating move Rd5, attacking his Queen.



Not wanting to become defensive in a situation where he was clearly in control, Christopher chewed over the many good moves at his disposal, and came up with Re8+! This forces Black to exchange Rooks, and in the process she loses her most active piece, and leaves White's Queen in command of the board.

Christopher soon put his active Queen and extra Rook to good use, notching up another point on his way towards winning the tournament.

As a general principle, it is to your advantage to exchange off material if you are ahead in material and to your disadvantage if you are behind. This is particularly true in the endgame. Both of these examples illustrate the kind of approach which is necessary in the crucial endgame stage.

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# Notation

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Readers will have noticed that the magazine carries a mixture of Descriptive and Algebraic notation. This has been a conscious decision on my part. Although officially Algebraic is the notation of the future, and we teach it to all our young players, that doesn't mean that Descriptive has suddenly ceased to exist. I intend to publish game notes in the original notation as supplied to me, as I feel that is fairer to the author, and it is certainly fairer to me as I won't have to translate them!

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I would welcome readers' comments on this approach.

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## **EPSCA Under-11**

We have always been very proud of Hampshire's strength in the younger age groups. There can be no doubt that this is directly related to our willingness (nay, eagerness) to involve youngsters in chess at a very young age. A five-year-old in a junior chess club is by no means exceptional, and I know of no other county which stages a regular county Under-7 championship.

By the time our young players reach the age of 11, many of them have 4, 5 or even 6 years of experience behind them. Such experience is invaluable in serious competitions, where confidence is a tangible asset.

When we first entered a team into the EPSCA (English Primary Schools Chess Association) Under-11 Championship last year, we approached the regional heat at Bristol full of confidence. We needed only to finish in the top six to get through to the finals and, knowing the quality of the team we were fielding, we thought we had an outside chance of coming first.

Imagine, then, the bitter pill of not finishing in the top six. Such a failure did not reflect the true potential of our team, and we were determined to prove this. The lessons of Bristol 1982 were learned and corrective action taken.

A year had to pass before we could have another bite at the cherry. Our players approached Swindon this year in a different frame of mind, aware now of the job that lay before them, and how easy it was to fail. The prize was not there for the taking - it had to be earned. Amongst the aspiring finalists at Swindon were the powerful London team who have won the final for several years now. They were obviously a problem for us, but they were not the only team to be considered. Points needlessly dropped against weaker teams could be vital at the end of the day.

With their new spirit of determination, our team set about amassing the points. From the start, London signalled their intentions by going into the lead, a position they held until the end, although their final round result was most unconvincing. By a consistent performance, with their biggest score in the last round, our team clinched second place. In the process, Donna Pothecary maintained her 100% record in this competition over the past two years, and our Board 2, Edward Holland, drew with the London Board 1.

So we were in the Final, in Liverpool on May 14th. Here we were up against even tougher opposition, as all the other 15 teams had won their way through like us.

In order to give ourselves our best chance, we travelled to Liverpool on Friday afternoon, and stayed at the homes of local players overnight. This allowed all our players to be at their freshest on Saturday morning. It proved well worth it, as the team's stamina showed itself with an improved score in each round.

As they had at Swindon, London took an early lead, but flopped in the 2nd round. Manchester and Cleveland also started very strongly. London's poor result in the 2nd round gave our team great encouragement, and they responded by putting in their best performance in the last round. This lifted us into third place, behind London who won, and Manchester. This was as much as we could have hoped for, and a good deal better than many people expected of us. It was achieved by a team of quality players, superbly managed and motivated by Terry Hollington. Terry is not noted for being easily satisfied, but he was clearly proud of the way the players rose to the occasion and redoubled their efforts each round to improve on the previous round's score.

Suggestions in one Hampshire newspaper that the players were benefitting from "learning to pace themselves" and "gamesmanship" must have emanated from a very obscure and uninformed source, and detract unfairly from the very genuine effort and determination shown by our young players in Liverpool. Quite a number of players scored 100%, and some of those that didn't carried the burden of having

been moved to a higher board with honour. John Pillay of Southampton deserves a particularly warm mention for winning the Reserves Tournament. By the nature of things, effort and attention were focused largely on the team players. The reserves, who played at a different speed in another part of the building, were left largely to their own devices. It is a measure of the strength of the team that a player of John's calibre couldn't get in.

This is the Under-11 team's best ever performance, but of course the best is yet to come. We are already making plans for the 1984 Under-11 programme. Our showing this year was so impressive that EPSCA invited us to stage a regional elimination event in Hampshire in 1984. This we have agreed to do, and we are now planning this event at Bohunt School, Liphook, on May 5th. Although the demands of running such a large event will tend to distract us from the business of getting the best out of our own team, we will make sure that our team receive the full support and motivation that they deserve. Failure to qualify for the final on our home ground would be unthinkable.

Mark Walker and Edward Holland were both selected to play for England Under-11 against Scotland in Manchester on June 25th. Both are amongst the best in the country for their age group. From the two rounds played, Mark scored two points and Edward one-and-a-half. Congratulations to them both on achieving their international caps. England won the match 70-10.

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Mark Townsend is moving to Devon this month. He will be very much missed both by his club and by the Hampshire Under-11 team. Mark's pleasant quiet nature hides a considerable chess talent, and he is the reigning Hampshire Under-9 Champion. We hope that Mark will return to Hampshire in a few years time, and we won't forgive Devon if they let his talents wither in the meantime.

It is an opportune moment to welcome James Poulton to the county. James was the top board for the Northants U-9 Team last year, so he is obviously going to be a lad to watch out for. He will attend Harrison Primary School, and is likely to join Steve Pothecary's club. Good luck for the new season, James.

Did you know that Chilworth Chess Club provides valuable scholarships to the winners of our top county titles? In years past, the Hampshire U-18 Champion played for the glory of the title and the right to put his name on the trophy. Whilst these honourable objectives are still there, we now offer the winner something of a more substantial and immediate nature.

Starting this year, the Hampshire U-18 Champion will be awarded a scholarship to compete in a British Championship Qualifying Tournament. The scholarship is intended to cover travel and accommodation costs for the tournament, and should be worth up to fifty pounds. The tournament will probably take place somewhere in the WECU at the end of the season.

Last year, the Hampshire U-18 Champion (Keith Fuller) was awarded a scholarship to play in the Ian Wells Memorial Tournament in Morecambe. Ian Wells was a brilliant young Lancashire player who was involved in a training capacity with some of our Hampshire players. He was drowned in a tragic incident whilst he was playing for his country in South America. As well as being one of the most promising young players this country has ever produced, Ian was extremely well liked, and the tournament is held to honour his memory. It is our wish that Hampshire should be represented at the tournament and as Ian was in the U-16 age group, we feel that the most appropriate representative is our U-16 Champion.

# Hampshire Junior League

Fourteen teams, from all parts of Hampshire, entered the Hampshire Junior League in its first season. This is the first such league that we know of, and it is possible only because of the number of junior chess clubs that now exist in the county. Teams consist of four players under the age of 18, and for the first season a maximum grade of 140 was imposed to encourage the less powerful clubs to take part. In order to make the competition more interesting, and foster a congress-like atmosphere, all the teams came together approximately once a month to play the fixtures. At each meeting, two matches were played by each team.

After a season of very interesting and close fought competition, Waterlooville 'A' emerged as winners, hotly pursued by Basingstoke 'A'. The table below shows the final positions.

| TEAM              | Р  | W  | D | L  | F    | Α    | PTS | POSN |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|------|------|-----|------|
| Waterlooville 'A' | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1  | 43.0 | 9.0  | 23  | 1    |
| Basingstoke 'A'   | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1  | 39.5 | 12.5 | 23  | 2    |
| Co-operative      | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1  | 40.5 | 11.5 | 22  | 3    |
| Crofton           | 13 | 9  | 2 | 2  | 35.5 | 16.5 | 20  | 4    |
| Waterlooville 'B' | 13 | 7  | 2 | 4  | 31.0 | 21.0 | 16  | 5    |
| Brighton Hill     | 13 | 6  | 3 | 4  | 33.5 | 18.5 | 15  | 6    |
| Basingstoke 'B'   | 13 | 6  | 3 | 4  | 30.5 | 21.5 | 15  | 7    |
| Titchfield 'A'    | 13 | 7  | 1 | 5  | 30.0 | 22.0 | 15  | 8    |
| Waterlooville 'C' | 13 | 4  | 1 | 8  | 25.5 | 26.5 | 9   | 9    |
| Titchfield 'B'    | 13 | 4  | 1 | 8  | 18.0 | 34.0 | 9   | 10   |
| Portchester       | 13 | 2  | 2 | 9  | 12.5 | 39.5 | 6   | 11   |
| Leigh Park        | 13 | 2  | 0 | 11 | 9.5  | 42.5 | 4   | 12   |
| Bohunt 'A'        | 13 | 1  | 1 | 11 | 6.0  | 44.0 | 3   | 13   |
| Bohunt 'B'        | 13 | 1  | 0 | 12 | 8.0  | 44.0 | 2   | 14   |
|                   |    |    |   |    |      |      |     |      |

The award for the best individual performance over the season was won by David Turner, who scored nine out of nine.

At the end of the season, an individual championship was staged, as well as tournaments for the lower graded players. These events were not as well supported as we might have hoped, but there were sufficient entries for all the tournaments to be staged.

The Championship was won by Jeno Lock of the Co-operative club.

At the league's Annual General Meeting, to be held at Bohunt School on September 12th, the rules and composition of the league will be thoroughly reviewed. The possibility of a First and Second Division will be considered, and the lifting of the 140 grade limit is also likely to be considered (at least in the First Division).

New teams have expressed an interest in joining this season. If your club does not take part or has never heard of the league, why not have a word with your Group Leader. A team of four is easy to raise, and can be transported to the matches in one car by a willing parent. Weak or inexperienced teams will find that they are not alone - and they will be welcomed by the existing weaker teams taking part!

Last season, the regular venue for the matches was at Bohunt School in Liphook. This was an excellent venue, with adequate playing space, both for the chess indoors and for restless early losers outside. Being more-or-less half way between the north of the county and the south, it allowed for the travelling to be shared fairly. For the coming season, however, the venue may move around.

Any clubs or schools interested in taking part in the league should contact the League Secretary, Steve Pothecary, on Titchfield 42164.

# Goodbye

With all the success that Hampshire has enjoyed, it is perhaps strange that there is a moment of sadness. However, I'm sure readers will appreciate that it is indeed sad when you have to say goodbye to the following four stalwarts of Hampshire junior chess, who have reached their eighteenth birthdays and so leave the junior ranks forever.

All these Hampshire stars played an equally important part in the team that won the National U-18 Team Championship. Thank you and every success to all of you!

#### NIGEL SIBBETT

Nigel made his progress at chess rather late in his teens. He has thoroughly enjoyed the game this past season, being the playing captain of Aldershot Chess Club. He led the club's team on Board 1, and had the splendid record of ten wins and two draws from his twelve games. This effort helped to clinch the Second Division Championship of the Borders League for Aldershot.

Apart from chess, Nigel is interested in watching football (Manchester United), enjoys canoeing, sailing and table tennis. He will be reading Mathematics at Warwick University (ex-Farnborough Sixth Form). He intends to pursue chess, but will be reserving a lot of his study for Melanie!

#### GRAHAM STROUTS

Graham had a great reputation for humour at Petersfield School. He attained a place at Colchester University, where he will be reading Politics and French. However, he has a year off until October 1984, and is currently on the continent (holidaying, but also seeking employment there).

His interests include modern music, not pop music, and reading books. Very much averse to athletic activity - has had wheels fitted to his rucksack! May take up journalism for a career.

#### IAN WELCH

Ian is a very determined young man. He eased off considerably in his extremely promising chess career in favour of academic study. He attended the City of Portsmouth Boys School, where he obtained three very good 'A' Levels. He will read History and Politics at Brunel University. He expects to keep his interest in chess, also football and tennis. Ian is fairly keen on snooker, but does not profess any great prowess!

Ian's more notable chess successes include being the 1982 Solent U-18 Champion, the 1981 Sir William Dupree U-21 Winner and the 1980 Portsmouth and District League Individual Champion. Not the least of his achievements was to be the very first recipient of the McEvoy Medallion, upon winning the Hampshire U-14 Championship some five years ago. He was representing Hampshire in the National U-18 Team Competition even then - a remarkable testimony to his loyalty and ability.

## PETER WELLS (FM)

World Chess Federation Master at the age of seventeen, Peter clearly has a very bright chess future ahead of him. He is ambitious for an International Master title and we are hopeful for a Grandmaster title. A pupil of St. John's College, he is very much a success story - three A-levels (History, Politics and English) with grades A, A and A - what can one say?! Peter's interest in politics is pronounced, being the chairman of the school's political society. Other interests include playing the piano (he has the Grade A exam) and table tennis.

Of chess, it is well worth repeating that Peter established an unique record in winning the British U-14, U-16 and U-18 titles in three successive years! Another big succes for him was the capture of the Schilde (Belgium) title ahead of many of the world's leading U-17 players in 1982.

# Grading List

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# Diary

| DATE           | EVENT(S)                                                                                                                                 | VENUE                        | CONTACT                                  |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 12 Sept        | Hampshire Junior League AGM                                                                                                              | Bohunt                       | S.Pothecary                              |
| 17 Sept        | WECU Senior and Graded Jamborees                                                                                                         | Taunton                      | P.Marshall                               |
| 24 - 25 Sept   | Waterlooville Area Junior Championships<br>Hampshire Girls U-18 Championship<br>Hampshire U-7 Championship<br>Hampshire U-8 Championship | Waterlooville<br>"<br>"<br>" | TEH/PJM<br>TEH/PJM<br>TEH/PJM<br>TEH/PJM |
| 1 Oct          | Hampshire v Berkshire U-18 (40 Boards)                                                                                                   | Portsmouth                   | TEH/PJM                                  |
| 8 - 9 Oct      | BCF Girls Training Event                                                                                                                 | Cheltenham                   |                                          |
| 15 Oct         | Hampshire Senior County Match                                                                                                            | Devizes                      | P.Marshall                               |
| 15 - 16 Oct    | Andover Area Junior Championships<br>Hampshire Girls U-10 Championship<br>Hampshire U-16 Championship                                    | Andover<br>"                 | TEH/PJM<br>TEH/PJM<br>TEH/PJM            |
| 22 - 23 Oct    | Solent Open Junior Championships                                                                                                         | Portchester                  | D.Brett                                  |
| 29 - 30 Oct    | BCF Training Event                                                                                                                       | Southampton                  | L.Walker                                 |
| 5 Nov          | Portsmouth v Southampton (Schools)                                                                                                       | Portchester                  |                                          |
| 12 Nov         | Hampshire Senior County Match                                                                                                            | Exeter                       | P.Marshall                               |
| 12 - 13 Nov    | South Hants Junior Chess Tournament                                                                                                      | Southampton                  | L.Walker                                 |
| 19 - 20 Nov    | Portsmouth Area Junior Championships                                                                                                     | Portsmouth                   | TEH/PJM                                  |
| 19 - 20 Nov    | Hants Senior Individual (1st Weekend)                                                                                                    | Southampton                  | A.C.Barton                               |
| 26 - 27 Nov    | Hants Senior Individual (2nd Weekend)                                                                                                    | Southampton                  | A.C.Barton                               |
| 3 - 4 Dec      | Farnborough Area Junior Championships<br>Hampshire Girls U-12 Championship<br>Hampshire U-18 Championship                                | Farnborough<br>"<br>"        | TEH/PJM<br>TEH/PJM<br>TEH/PJM            |
| 31 Dec - 2 Jan | Co-op New Year Graded Tournaments                                                                                                        | Portsmouth                   | TEH/PJM                                  |
| 14 - 15 Jan    | Petersfield Area Junior Championships<br>Hampshire Girls U-14 Championship                                                               | Petersfield<br>"             | тен/рјм<br>тен/рјм                       |
| 28 Jan         | Hampshire Senior County Match                                                                                                            | Southampton                  | P.Marshall                               |
| 28 Jan         | Waterlooville v Portsmouth (Schools)                                                                                                     |                              | TEH/PJM                                  |
| 28-29 Jan      | Basingstoke Junior Championships<br>(U-11,12,14,18, plus Girls Special)                                                                  | Basingstoke                  | J.French                                 |
| 3 - 5 Feb      | Portsmouth Congress                                                                                                                      | Portsmouth                   | TEH/PJM                                  |
| ll Feb         | WECU Junior Jamboree                                                                                                                     |                              | TEH/PJM                                  |
| 18 Feb         | Hampshire Senior County Match                                                                                                            | Devizes                      | P.Marshall                               |
| 24 - 26 Feb    | ARC Young Masters                                                                                                                        | Westergate                   | P.Barton                                 |

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| DATE           | EVENT(S)                                                                                                      | VENUE                | CONTACT                       |
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| 3 Mar          | Hampshire Senior County Match                                                                                 | (Away)               | P.Marshall                    |
| 3 - 4 Mar      | New Forest Area Junior Championships                                                                          | Brockenhurst         | TEH/PJM                       |
| 17 Mar         | Hampshire Senior County Match                                                                                 | (Home)               | P.Marshall                    |
| 17 - 18 Mar    | Winchester Area Junior Championships<br>Hampshire Girls U-16 Championship<br>Hampshire Girls U-8 Championship | Winchester<br>"<br>" | TEH/PJM<br>TEH/PJM<br>TEH/PJM |
| 31 Mar - 1 Apr | Hampshire Open Junior Championships                                                                           |                      | TEH/PJM/SP                    |
| 7 Apr          | Chilworth U-12 Team plays at Wey Valley                                                                       |                      | TEH/PJM                       |
| 20 - 23 Apr    | WECU Championship Congress (Easter)                                                                           |                      | R.Powis                       |
| 28-29 Apr      | Hampshire Junior Championships (Finals)                                                                       | Portsmouth           | TEH/PJM                       |
| 5 May          | EPSCA Eliminator (Chilworth U-11 Team)                                                                        | Bohunt               | TEH/PJM                       |
| 19 May         | EPSCA National Final (Chilworth U-11)                                                                         | London               | TEH/PJM                       |

Apologies for the quaint way in which scores involving half a point have been expressed in this issue. It was rather late in the day when I realised that my printer did not have a proper 'half' sign on it. This shortcoming will be rectified for the next issue. In the meantime, I hope that long-suffering readers will be charitable.

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