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EDITORIAL

I have found that putting this issue together was a lot easier than the first two, thanks mainly to the News/Results and articles sent to me. I acknowledge all these especially the History of the Gosport Club from Mike Cole, which I have published in full, part of his letter I have also incl. I still lack news from Wiltshire and this time Dorset. Please help me to keep up a high standard of "Westward Ho" by sending me news etc.

Derek Bond
(Harefield
Camborne.

My apologies to Mr. Bloodworth. The Simultaneous Display by Tony Miles raised £200 not £20 as printed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY MILES

Pride of place this week must go to Tony Miles aged 20 of King Edward's School, Birmingham and Sheffield University, who became the first ever British International Grand Master in the field of chess.

To become an International Grandmaster a player must achieve two "norms". A norm is achieved when a player reaches a given number of points from a tournament in which most (or all) players are already international Grandmasters.

Naturally opportunities to gain norms are infrequent in this country.

Ray Keene, 28, a post-graduate of Cambridge University, gained his first norm at the Olympiads in Nice in 1974, but ever since the second norm has eluded him, sometimes most narrowly.

Tony Miles obtained his first norm at the Alexander Memorial Tournament in September last year. He looked well set to gain the second leg at Hastings last January until near the end of the tournament; there he met with a crashing defeat from none other than Ray Keene.

However, he has now earned lasting fame by gaining his second norm at a tournament at Dubna in the U.S.S.R.

In this tournament attended by a bevy of Russian masters, whose names are household names, he scored nine points from 15 games - four wins, 10 draws and one loss. This total of nine points gave him equal third place in the tournament, equal with Gipslis, Savon and Suetin.

The tournament was won with 10 points by a rising soviet star, Vitaly Tseshkovski.

Miles was Junior Chess Champion (under 18) of the world two years ago. He is reading mathematics at Sheffield University, and is enjoying a one years' sabbatical to further his chess ambitions.

The British Chess Federation arranged for Miles to play in Russia, paying all expenses. It is hoped he will be able to visit U.S.A. and play in a big tournament there later this year.

It is interesting that King Edward's School, Birmingham, also produced C.H. O'D Alexander, the greatest British player to date; and also, coming down slightly to North Gloucestershire League levels, that popular player, J.C.B. Date.

W.E.C.U. Executive Meeting held at Ilminster on Saturday 6th March.

1. It was hoped that the 1976 Congress at Weston-Super-Mare would break even. 1977 Congress, Bournemouth to be considered.
2. Junior Jamboree Grant to be increased and to be given to the farthest Counties as £10.00 each.
3. Mr. Newman (Chairman of BCF Development Committee) gave a report on the various BCF Meetings he has attended.

4. Mr. Wade reported on the Levy Scheme, that all the Counties had been paid their Levy quoters. He was very disturbed by the successful appeals by other Counties so decreasing their Levy numbers.

CALLING ALL COUNTY SECRETARIES: re B.C.F. Council

Under the recently revised Constitution, the Council of the Federation will include one nominated representative from each county, in place of a similar number from the Unions. If you have not already done so, please send to the B.C.F. General Secretary, Mr. Paul Buswell, 4 The Close, Norwich, NR1 4DH, the name and address of the member whom your county has selected.

Normally the Council meets once a year in July but this year we have an extra meeting in April which makes the appointment of county nominees a matter of some urgency for all counties. It might be advisable for you to make sure that your delegate has been given the opportunity to study pp4 et seq of the year Book of Chess 1975/76 and become acquainted with the voting rights of delegates on the Council with particular reference to the procedure under Part 3 (Voting) as set out on page 6 of the Year Book.

The following was taken from another Union Bulletin, Any comments on it?

News from the British Chess Federation that levies for next year are likely to increase by 20% and board fees are likely to double. Whilst the latter decision to raise the fee from 5p to 10p per match is not calculated to bankrupt chess players the former decision will affect chess players down to club level.

Whilst in the past my support for the BCF through this column has been unequivocal, it becomes increasingly difficult to justify further increases in subscriptions to rank and file players not concerned with BCF matters. Most club players are not interested in the progress of British teams and players abroad & increases in subscriptions direct or indirect are not welcomed in these times of economic restraint. This will be especially so in counties new to the levy system which in the past have practised minimal registrations.

The amount of money used by the BCF for the actual promotion of the game is by far outweighed by administrative expenses. This is not surprising with 7 standing committees as well as the Council & Executive.

County Associations will want the BCF to look very carefully at its budget and also its administrative costs in the coming year before any increase is agreed upon. As chess players are responsible for providing the BCF with its primary source of income, the BCF must be in turn responsible to the chess player for providing an efficient service.

CORRESPONDENCE.

With reference to the Bristol and District League query about adjudication problems - I strongly suggest they adopt a suitably adapted version of the new British Postal Chess Federation rule G5 (I enclose a copy). As controller of the British correspondence Championship, I can confirm the rule cuts down adjudications, and also the work and responsibility of the Adjudicator.

Yours truly,
R.J.M. Selfe.

- G5. The adjudicator shall be neutral and should be a titled player. His decision shall be based on the analysis provided by the competitors. If neither competitor has submitted analysis or if the only analysis submitted is found to be incorrect or insufficient, then he may adjudicate the position without deep analysis, referring to general principles. e.g. extra material, theoretically drawn or won positions. The adjudicator may append to the analysis which shall not be returned to the competitor, such comment as may be helpful in case of appeal.

From J.E.C. Grant (Hampshire Secretary)

All this must ring a bell amongst local players; when I acted as Match Captain (At a time before Grading was invented) I could do some horse trading on the lines "Let's call this one a draw and I will concede on board 3 if you will concede on board 5".

What has prompted me to let off steam on this subject is the fact that out of nine match results in the Hampshire League and the Senior Section of the Local League sent to me this week, I can only publish two; the other seven have one or more unfinished games to be adjudicated.

Over the past few years, we have tried starting matches earlier, giving players the option of playing to a finish and increasing the adjudication fee to over £1. It has also been suggested (but not adopted) that we increase the rate of play or have "sudden death" completions, but none of these steps have had the slightest effect. It being impractical to have playing sessions of more than 2½ hours in the evenings, it looks as if this unsatisfactory feature of local League Chess is likely to remain with us.

From Paul Buswell:

The BCF Congress Committee has expressed concern about the low number of entries for the BCQC from the West of England. (Any Answer) ?

The Best Games of C.E. O'D Alexander by Harry Golombek and William Hartson, with a memoir by Sir Stuart Milner-Barry. (Oxford University Press £5.95).

Hugh Alexander, who died in 1974 at the early age of 65, was Britain's strongest chess player for nearly two decades. A brilliant mathematician he worked at the Foreign Office during and after the second World War. Stationed at Cheltenham Alexander was a well-known figure in local chess circles and played for Gloucestershire during that time.

Sir Stuart's memoir makes fascinating reading and, coupled with cleverly annotated games, provides a most absorbing book.

Cutty Sark Grand Prix Again a huge success in 1975 and Cutty Sark are again sponsoring a 1976 Grand Prix with cash prizes of £1250 plus Whisky as well. All Congress organisers should contact Cutty Sark Public Relations Division, 42, Albemarle Street, Mayfair, London for full details. Even your county regional "Petit Prix", Leonard Bardon is Cutty Sark's adviser & general queries should be sent to him at 89, Tennyson Road, Sth Norwood, London SE25. In the 1975 Grand Prix Tony Miles again won £1000 1st. prize but Gerald Bennett and Robert Bellin were in contention to the end.

1975 - 1976

ENGLISH COUNTIES (Harold Meek) as at 10.3.75

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Adj.	Pts.
Hampshire	5	5	0	0	0	10
Devon	5	4	1	0		8
Gloucestershire	5	3	0	1	0	9
Dorset	5	2	1	1	1	5
Somerset	5	1	0	4	0	2
Wiltshire	5	1	4	0	1	2
Cornwall	5	0	5	0	0	0

Minor Counties (Watling Cup) as at 10.3.76.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Adj.	Pts.
Somerset	5	3	0	1	1	7
Devon	4	3	1	0	0	6
Gloucestershire	4	2	1	1	0	5
Hampshire	4	2	1	0	1	4
Dorset	4	1	3	0	0	2
Wiltshire	5	0	5	0	0	0

The match results due to adjudications are in the Adj column.

English Counties.

<u>Cornwall</u>				<u>Hampshire</u>			
1.	P.H. Clarke	½	217-186	M. Thompson	½		
2.	R.J. Grime	½	159-196	P. Lee	½		
3.	J. Anstend	0	169-	D. Kewley	1		
4.	P. Breach	½	161-182	K. Gregory	½		
5.	Mrs. MEE Clarke	0	169-182	J. Patience	1		
6.	M. Watkins	1	157-174	P. Andrews	0		

7.	B.H. Turner	$\frac{1}{2}$	150-	N. Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$
8.	A.J. Gunn	1	150-170	J. Corfield	0
9.	P. Day	$\frac{1}{2}$	162-167	M. Charter	$\frac{1}{2}$
10.	C. Tylor	0	148-150	S. Chivers	1
11.	J.J. Van Der Velde	0	-140	P. Marshall	1
12.	K. Gay	$\frac{1}{2}$	-162	L. Walters	$\frac{1}{2}$
13.	L.G. Shroll	0	134-165	I. Stenhouse	1
14.	J.R. Read	$\frac{1}{2}$	146-157	D. Drew	$\frac{1}{2}$
15.	P. Hutchins	0	-150	S. Cool	1
16.	J. Hampton	0	137-144	I. Sherman	1
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Dorset v Somerset at Yeovil, 17.1.76 Dorset had White on the odd numbered boards.

English Counties.

<u>Dorset</u>			<u>Somerset</u>		
1.	J. Anderson	1	182-178	J. Whitcutt	0
2.	R.H.K. Mann	1	184-167	K. Shipton	0
3.	Dr. P. Merrett	0	181-158	D. Hick	1
4.	H.D. Needham	$\frac{1}{2}$	174-159	D. Neagle	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	P.A. Aston	1	171-158	R.J. Gregory	
6.	M.J. Roth	$\frac{1}{2}$	168	J. Tuck	$\frac{1}{2}$
7.	R. Valentine	$\frac{1}{2}$	168-165	R.W. Grégory	$\frac{1}{2}$
8.	R. Burton	1	167-149	S.H. Brocklesby	0
9.	A. Pike	0	163-157	M. Sellars	1
10.	S. Street	$\frac{1}{2}$	162-156	T. Headlong	$\frac{1}{2}$
11.	D.F. Lock	0	161-155	B. Crouter	1
12.	F.C. Kingdon	$\frac{1}{2}$	160-153	C. Winch	$\frac{1}{2}$
13.	J.G. Marsh	$\frac{1}{2}$	160-148	J. Fewkes	$\frac{1}{2}$
14.	P. Dearlove	$\frac{1}{2}$	159-154	C. Lasper	$\frac{1}{2}$
15.	S.J. Shutler	1	157-155	G. Jepps	0
16.	D.K. Bevis	$\frac{1}{2}$	158-146	E.G. Walker	1
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Minor Counties

1.	E.W. Chandler	$\frac{1}{2}$	147-148	D. Woodruff	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	Dr. JF Tilney-Bassett	1	155-148	T.G. Farrell	0
3.	F.V. Wallace	1	147-	D. White	0
4.	D.W. Lock	$\frac{1}{2}$	145-146	D. Byron	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	P. Anderson	0	150-145	M. Hick	1
6.	R.A.G. Marples	0	115-	D. Adams	1
7.	B.J. Broadhouse	0	147-150	R.G. Gray	1
8.	E. Twamley	0	144-147	C. Bradley	1
9.	R. Kinnersley	1	142-141	J.A. Hornby	0
10.	E.J. Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$	140-139	R. Bowden	$\frac{1}{2}$
11.	H.R. Holmes	$\frac{1}{2}$	137-129	D. Collins	$\frac{1}{2}$
12.	C. Romero	0	140-130	K. Hillier	1
13.	J. Kiraly	$\frac{1}{2}$	132-113	J. Collins	$\frac{1}{2}$
14.	M. Caulfield	0	-146	D. Wilkinson	1
15.	K. Spackman	1	120-	C. Stanford	0
16.	W.A. Shutler	$\frac{1}{2}$	129-	S. Nardecchia	$\frac{1}{2}$
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English Counties

<u>Gloucestershire</u>			<u>Wiltshire</u>		
1.	J.M. Aitken	$\frac{1}{2}$	187-185	S. Taulbot	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	P.J. Meade	1	187-171	P.R. Watson	0
3.	D. Osborne	A	188-175	M.A. Spindler	A
4.	J.R. Boyer	1	185-163	W. Lowe	0
5.	M.E. Brigden	$\frac{1}{2}$	188-157	R.F. Bradley	$\frac{1}{2}$
6.	M.I. Davis	0	180-158	D. Vale	1
7.	M. Burn	1	184-150	R. Lane	0
8.	R.O. Powis	1	177-145	B. Walker	0
9.	C.J. Hutchings	0	166-156	P. Cooley	1

10.	R.C. Campbell	1	167-155	K. Inglis	0
11.	I.R. Pickup	1	157-152	P. Barker	0
12.	D.C. Jarrett	1	175-152	P. Edgington	0
13.	P.J. Tolhurst	0	159-153	E.C. Soliden	1
14.	H.J. Draisey	$\frac{1}{2}$	152-149	T. Higgs	$\frac{1}{2}$
15.	S.P. Finn	$\frac{1}{2}$	160-144	J. Denning	$\frac{1}{2}$
16.	C. Pillinger	1	149-140	E.C. Baker	0
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Minor Counties

1.	R.C. Last	0	161-136	M.C. Lovell	1
2.	R.J. Dixon	1	151-147	M. Dodson	0
3.	J.A. Fetterlew	1	150-	P. O'Driscoll	0
4.	J.A.R. Gusins	1	150-125	J. Renahan	0
5.	S.W. Maggs	1	136-118	L. Peach	0
6.	J.C.B. Date	1	153-	J. Dove	0
7.	P. Askworth	1	152-132	D. Ward	0
8.	A. Holie	1	-132	M. McCaugkerty	0
9.	H. Ellison	1	146-	D. Jones	0
10.	R. Lavington	1	145-	M. Wakefield	0
11.	A.R. Bentley	$\frac{1}{2}$	130-111	R. Sparks	$\frac{1}{2}$
12.	S.E. Hampton	$\frac{1}{2}$	135-122	M. Kiggs	$\frac{1}{2}$
13.	A. Pillinger	0	122-129	K. Beckitt	1
14.	J.R.B. Steadman	0	121-143	P. Kingsford	1
15.	K.K. Millbank	1	112-	D. Oldridge	0
16.	B.J. Farrington	0	127-102	M. Hunter	1
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Devon played Hants at Ilminster on the 31.1.76

Hants had white on the odd boards

English Counties

<u>Devon</u>			<u>Hants</u>		
1.	A.R.B. Thomas	0	206-194	A. Brameld	1
2.	P. Waters	$\frac{1}{2}$	206-186	M. Thompson	$\frac{1}{2}$
3.	P. Broad	1	189-	D. Kewley	0
4.	J. Wheeler	$\frac{1}{2}$		G. Keane	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	G.W. Wheeler	$\frac{1}{2}$	188-160	D. Bell	1
6.	I. Legg	$\frac{1}{2}$	181-180	A. Cullinane	$\frac{1}{2}$
7.	R. Amos	0	176-182	K. Gregory	1
8.	T.F. Thynne	$\frac{1}{2}$	176-190	M. Newbury	$\frac{1}{2}$
9.	R.M. Bruce	$\frac{1}{2}$	171-169	A. Berry	$\frac{1}{2}$
10.	K. Schofield	1	170-	I. Fatience	0
11.	R. Heasman	$\frac{1}{2}$	177-169	D. Bower	$\frac{1}{2}$
12.	P. Walden	$\frac{1}{2}$	162-150	P. Adnerson	$\frac{1}{2}$
13.	B.W. Clapp	$\frac{1}{2}$	167	N. Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$
14.	R. Tingham	0		R. Hastley	1
15.	R.H.T. Newman	$\frac{1}{2}$	166-170	J. Corfield	$\frac{1}{2}$
16.	Mrs. R.M. Bruce	1	159-167	M. Charter	$\frac{1}{2}$
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Minor Counties

17.	R. Liggett	0	176-161	A. Crossie	1
18.	G. Lawrence	1	177-150	S. Chivers	0
19.	S.R. Boniface	1	159-140	P. Marshall	0
20.	R.N. Swan	$\frac{1}{2}$	149-162	L. Waters	$\frac{1}{2}$
21.	P. Cowdrey	1	154-163	P. Hackman	0
22.	J. Hutchings	0	155-162	S. Dean	1
23.	C. Hall	$\frac{1}{2}$	-162	A. Barton	$\frac{1}{2}$
24.	C. Scott	1	135-165	I. Stanehouse	0
25.	P. Halmkin	$\frac{1}{2}$	154-	M. Stone	$\frac{1}{2}$
26.	M. Roberts	1	137-156	M. Southwell	0
27.	C. Gilbey	$\frac{1}{2}$	147-151	K. Davis	$\frac{1}{2}$
28.	I. Annetts	0	149-150	S. Cool	1
29.	J. Parker	1	143-145	R. Clark	0
30.	Dr. R.W. Hitchcock	1	136-143	S. Le Fevre	0
31.	R.H. Jones	0	151-130	Meaton	1
32.	P. Sparke	1	125-	Absent	0
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Dorset v Wiltshire, Salisbury, 7.2.76. Dorset had white on the odd numbered boards.

English Countirs

<u>Dorset</u>				<u>Wiltshire</u>			
1.	J. Anderson	$\frac{1}{2}$	182-185	S. Taulbut	$\frac{1}{2}$		
2.	Dr. I Roebuck	1	197-163	W. Lowe	0		
3.	R.H.K. Mann	0	184-175	M.A. Spindler	1		
4.	Dr. P. Merrett	0	181-171	P.R. Watson	1		
5.	H.D. Needham	1	174-157	R.F. Bradley	0		
6.	P.A. Aston	1	171-161	D.O'Byrne	0		
7.	M.J. Roth	0	168-157	D. Hale	1		
8.	R. Valentine	$\frac{1}{2}$	168-156	P. Cooley	$\frac{1}{2}$		
9.	R. Burton	0	167-156	F. Haynes	1		
10.	A. Pike	1	163-150	R. Lane	0		
11.	S. Street	1	162-145	B.R. Walker	0		
12.	D.P. Lock	0	161-152	P. Edgington	1		
13.	F.C. Kingdon	1	160-153	C. Sowden	0		
14.	P. Dearlove	$\frac{1}{2}$	159-152	P. Barker	$\frac{1}{2}$		
15.	S.J. Shutler	0	157-144	J. Denning	1		
16.	D.K. Bevis	1	158-	P.P. O'Driscoll	0		
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Minor Counties

17.	Dr. JF Tilney-Bassett	1	155-140	E.C. Baker	0		
18.	D.W. Lock	$\frac{1}{2}$	145-147	T. Dodson	$\frac{1}{2}$		
19.	R. van E. Kummer	0		P.O'Driscoll	1		
20.	E. Twamley	1	144-	J. Dove	0		
21.	R. Kinnersley	$\frac{1}{2}$	142-132	D. Ward	$\frac{1}{2}$		
22.	B.J. Broadhouse	1	147-122	M. Higgs	0		
23.	E.J. Clark	1	140-125	J. Renahan	0		
24.	H.R. Holmes	1	137-121	A. Dawkins	0		
25.	J. Kiraly	1	132-	D. Jones	0		
26.	K. Spackman	1	120-	C. Szentimihaly	0		
27.	E. Wilson	$\frac{1}{2}$	-150	M.M. Spindler	$\frac{1}{2}$		
28.	W.A. Shutler	1	129-111	R. Sparks	0		
29.	P. Burnham	1	.	J. Hopkins	0		
30.	C. Foord	1	126-	R. Hayden	0		
31.	R.A.G. Marples	$\frac{1}{2}$	115-149	Dr. P. Hopkins	$\frac{1}{2}$		
32.	Default	0		Default	-		
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English Counties

Gloucester v Somerset at Weston-Super-Mare 7.2.76. Somerset had white on the odd boards.

<u>Gloucestershire</u>				<u>Somerset</u>			
1.	A. Ashby	0	-193	R. Northage	1		
2.	J.M. Aitken	$\frac{1}{2}$	187-178	J. Whitcutt	$\frac{1}{2}$		
3.	P.J. Meade	1	187-158	D. Hick	0		
4.	D. Osborne	1	188-	C. Chambers	0		
5.	J.R. Boyce	1	185-	Default	0		
6.	M.E. Brigden	$\frac{1}{2}$	188-167	K. Skipton	$\frac{1}{2}$		
7.	M. Burn	$\frac{1}{2}$	184-	J. Tuck	$\frac{1}{2}$		
8.	M.I. Davis	1	180-165	R.W. Gregory	0		
9.	R.D. Powis	$\frac{1}{2}$	177-	A. Borkowski	$\frac{1}{2}$		
10.	M.E. Poolake	0	171-161	C. Chapman	1		
11.	C.J. Hutchings	0	166-149	S.H. Brocklesby	1		
12.	R.C. Campbell	1	167-154	C. Lasper	0		
13.	I.R. Pickup	1	157-130	C. Stanford	0		
14.	S.H. Dilke	1	184-113	J. Collins	0		
15.	J.A.R. Cousins	$\frac{1}{2}$	130-155	G. Jepps	$\frac{1}{2}$		
16.	A. Howe	1		S. Nardecchia	0		
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$10\frac{1}{2}$				$5\frac{1}{2}$			

Minor Counties

<u>Gloucestershire</u>				<u>Somerset.</u>	
1.	D.C. Jarrett	$\frac{1}{2}$	175-155	B. Crouter	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	J.K. Fawcett	0	157-	A. Roberts	1
3.	D. Hume	1	C62-153	C. Winch	0
5.	S.P. Finn	1	160-157	M. Sellars	0
5.	S.W. Maggs	0	136-156	T. Headlong	1
6.	H.J. Draisey	1	152-148	J. Felikes	0
7.	R.J. Dixon	1	151-146	E.G. Walker	0
8.	R.C. Last	$\frac{1}{2}$	151-133	B. King	$\frac{1}{2}$
9.	J.C.B. Date	0	153-148	D. Woodruff	1
10.	P. Askworth	0	152-146	D. Adams	1
11.	E.W. Joce	0	151-	D. White	1
12.	D.E. Pye	$\frac{1}{2}$	144-146	D. Byron	$\frac{1}{2}$
13.	M.G. Powis	$\frac{1}{2}$	143-147	C. Bradley	$\frac{1}{2}$
14.	M.W. Hughes	1	145-150	R. Gray	0
15.	D.H.T. Spencer	$\frac{1}{2}$	138-130	K. Hillier	$\frac{1}{2}$
16.	H.K. Millbank	$\frac{1}{2}$	112-129	D. Collins	$\frac{1}{2}$
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Cornwall v Dorset played at Okehampton on 28th February 1976
 Cornwall had white on the odd boards
English Counties.

<u>Cornwall</u>				<u>Dorset</u>	
1.	P.H. Clarke	$\frac{1}{2}$	217-182	J. Anderson	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	M. Watkins	1	157-184	R.H.K. Mann	0
3.	R.J. Grime	$\frac{1}{2}$	159-174	H.D. Needham	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	J. Anstead	1	169-168	M.J. Roth	0
5.	Mrs. MEE Clarke	$\frac{1}{2}$	169-167	R. Burton	$\frac{1}{2}$
6.	P. Day	$\frac{1}{2}$	162-163	A. Pike	$\frac{1}{2}$
7.	P. Breach	$\frac{1}{2}$	161-162	S. Street	$\frac{1}{2}$
8.	B.H. Turner	0	150-161	D.P. Lock	1
9.	S, Shirley	0	149-160	J. March	1
10.	A.J. Gunn	0	150-157	S.J. Shutler	1
11.	C. Tylor	0	148-158	D.K. Bevis	1
12.	J.J. Van Der Velde	$\frac{1}{2}$	-155	Dr. J.F. Tilney Bassett	$\frac{1}{2}$
13.	K. Gay	$\frac{1}{2}$	-145	D.W. Lock	$\frac{1}{2}$
14.	L.G. Shroll	$\frac{1}{2}$	134-140	E.J. Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$
15.	J.R. Read	1	146-137	H.R. Holmes	0
16.	J. Nicholas	0	124-120	K. Spackman	1
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Devon v Gloucester played at Ilminster on
 Gloucester had white on the odd boards
English Counties.

<u>Devon</u>				<u>Gloucestershire.</u>	
1.	A.R.B. Thomas	1	206-	A. Ashby	0
2.	P. Waters	1	206-187	Dr. J.M. Aitken	0
3.	P. Broad	1	189-187	P.J. Meade	0
4.	J. Wheeler	$\frac{1}{2}$	-185	J.R. Boyce	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	G.W. Wheeler	0	188-180	M. Jones	1
6.	I. Legg	$\frac{1}{2}$	181-188	M.F. Brigden	$\frac{1}{2}$
7.	D. Ricksrdson	0	178-184	M. Burn	1
8.	R. Amos	1	176-177	R.O. Powis	0
9.	T.F. Thynne	$\frac{1}{2}$	176-168	A. Kendry	$\frac{1}{2}$
10.	K. Schofield	$\frac{1}{2}$	170-	J. O'Loughlen	$\frac{1}{2}$
11.	R. M. Bruce	$\frac{1}{2}$	171-175	D.C. Jarrett	$\frac{1}{2}$
12.	R. Heasman	1	177-165	M.A. Cook	0
13.	P. Walden	1	162-157	I.R. Pickup	0
14.	B.W. Clapp	$\frac{1}{2}$	167-167	J.K. Fawcett	$\frac{1}{2}$
15.	Mrs. R.M. Bruce	0	159-	D. Kulme	1
16.	S.R. Boniface	0	159-160	S.P. Finn	1
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Minor Counties

17.	G. Lawrence	$\frac{1}{2}$	177-159	P.J. Tolhurst	$\frac{1}{2}$
18.	J.K. Gross	1	169-151	R.J. Dixon	0
19.	R. Liggitt	$\frac{1}{2}$	146-160	G.P. Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$
20.	R. Lingham	1	-150	J.A.R. Cousins	0
21.	R.N. Swan	$\frac{1}{2}$	149-161	R.C. Last	$\frac{1}{2}$
22.	P. Cowdray	1	154-152	K.J. Draisey	0
23.	K.J. Bloodworth	1	145-153	J.C.B. Date	0
24.	C. Scott	0	135-152	P. Ashworth	1
25.	P. Halkin	$\frac{1}{2}$	154-136	S.W. Maggs	$\frac{1}{2}$
26.	J. Hutchins	$\frac{1}{2}$	155-	A. Kowe	
27.	E.G. Sparke	1	158-145	R. Lavington	0
28.	M. Roberts	1	137-145	M.W. Hughes	0
29.	C. Gilbey	0	147-144	D.E. Pye	1
30.	Dr. R. Whitchurch	$\frac{1}{2}$	136-143	P.G. Po is	$\frac{1}{2}$
31.	W.A. Frost	$\frac{1}{2}$	141-121	J.R.E. Steadman	$\frac{1}{2}$
32.	R.H. Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	151-129	G. Anthony	$\frac{1}{2}$
			<u>10</u>		<u>6</u>

Wiltshire v Hants played at Salisbury on the 28.2.76.

English Counties

<u>Wiltshire</u>				<u>Hants</u>	
1.	S. Taulbut	1	185-194	A. Brameld	0
2.	M.A. Spindler	17	175-193	G.E.J. Lambert	1
3.	W. Lowe	$\frac{1}{2}$	163-186	M. Thompson	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	R.F. Bradley	0	157-	G. Keane	1
5.	D. O'Byrne	$\frac{1}{2}$	161-	D. Kewley	$\frac{1}{2}$
6.	P. Cooley	6	156-168	$\frac{1}{2}$. Bell	$\frac{1}{2}$
7.	R. Lane	0	150-182	K. Gregory	1
8.	B. Walker	1	145-188	A. Cullinane	0
9.	P. Edgington	0	152-180	D. Bower	1
10.	E.G. Baker	0	140-180	A. Killick	1
11.	J. Denning	0	144-169	A. Berry	1
12.	E.C. Sowden	0	153-	J. Patience	1
13.	T. Higgs	0	149-	R. Hartley	1
14.	T. Dodson	0	147-150	P. Andrews	1
15.	M.M. Spindler	1	150-161	A. Crossin	0
16.	Dr. P. Hopkins	0	149-162	S. Dean	1
			<u>4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>11$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Minor Counties

1.	Det	0	-162	L. Walters	1
2.	D. Ward	0	132-167	M. Charter	1
3.	J. Renahan	0	125-156	S. Hooker	1
4.	M. Higgs	0	122-150	S. Chivers	1
5.	Det	0	-146	D. Beer	1
6.	R. Haydon	0	-155	D. Scotney	1
7.	D. Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	-155	N. LeFevre	$\frac{1}{2}$
8.	C. Szentimihaly	0	-150	S. Cool	1
9.	J. Hopkins	0	-157	D. Drew	1
10.	R. Allen	0	126-161	W. Silber	1
11.	N. Freebury	0	124-162	A. Barton	1
12.	L. Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$	133-132	A. Griffiths	$\frac{1}{2}$
13.	R. Sparks	0	111-135	C. Harris	1
14.	M. Webb	0	122-143	S. Lefevre	1
15.	D. Perrott	0	129-123	R. Noyce	1
16.	M. Burgess	0	100-120	S. Bell	1
			<u>1</u>		<u>15</u>

JUNIOR CHESS

The Junior Jamboree of the West of England Chess Union produced a maximum turnout of the seven counties affiliated to the Union.

Hampshire retained their hold on the Boys team championship and also succeeded in wresting the Girls title from Devon so they will represent the West of England in the national finals in Birmingham next month.

Hampshire boys on paper easily the best team, but were hard pressed by a spirited Devon effort. Gloucestershire played above themselves and finished a good third, but Somerset must be a little disappointed with their performance.

Boys Final scores

10½/12 Hampshire, 9/12 with one for adjudication Devon, 6½/12 Gloucestershire, 4½/12 Somerset and Dorset, 4/12 with one for adjudication Wiltshire, 2/12 Cornwall.

Girls Final scores Hampshire 3½, Devon 1½, Wiltshire 1.

The SUNDAY TIMES National Schools' Chess Competition 1975/76. Zone 21.

Second Round Results:

The Thornden School	5 (5)	Ringwood Comprehensive School	1 (3)
Redrice School	5 (2)	Glenmoor Secondary School	1 (4)
Bournemouth School	4½ (3)	Bishop Wordsworth's School	1½ (3)
King Edward VI School	4 (2)	Poole Crammar School	2 (3)
St. John's College 2nd Team	5 (5)	Bishop Luffa School	1 (4)
Great Salterns School.	6 (2)	Salesian College	0 (2)
St. John's College 1st team	4½ (4)	Fernhill Comprehensive School	1½ (5)
Bedaes School	6 (4)	St. Philip Howard School 2nd Team	0 (5)

Third Round Results:

The Thornden School	2½ (5)	Redrice School	3½ (2) won on handicap
King Edward VI School	4 (2)	Bournemouth School	2 (3)
Great Salterns School	6 (2)	St. John's College 2nd team	0 (6)
Bedaes School	3 (4)	St. John's College 1st team	3 (4) won on elimination rule.

Semi Final Results:

King Edward VI School	4½ (3)	The Thornden School	1½ (5)
Great Salterns School	6 (2)	Bedaes School	0 (4)

Final Result:

Great Salterns School	5 (2)	King Edward VI School	1 (3)
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ZONE

- 17. Sir Thomas Rich's Gloucester to play Cheltenham Grammar School
- 18. George Ward, Melksham 3½ Churchfields, Swindon 2½
- 20. Park School, Barnstaple 4 Taunton School 2

CLUB HISTORY

1. GOSPORT

Probably a chess club existed in Gosport during the 1930's and 1940's but information is lacking. Certainly there were local players a hundred year earlier, and they were well enough organised to play by correspondence. The earliest known instance, anywhere, of "telechess" took place in April 1845, by telegraph between Gosport and London.

QUOTE From the HAMPSHIRE TELEGRAPH & SUSSEX CHRONICLE of Sat. 12/4/1845.
Game of Chess by Electric Telegraph

The game of chess played on Thursday last by St. Staunton, who was placed at Gosport 88 miles from London and Mr. Walker at the Terminus at London will appear exclusively in the "Illustrated London News" for Sat April 12, 1845 of which Mr. Staunton is the Editor of the Chess Department.
(This appeared on the last page of the HT & SC.)

Quote from the Illustrated London News of 12 April 1845 (page 233). The Game of Chess played between London and Portsmouth, through the Electric Telegraph of the South Western Railway, 10 April. There followed a picture of the room of the Electric Telegraph, at the Nine Elms Station, and an account of how Staunton proposed to use the game of chess as a trial of the Electric Telegraph. There is also a score of White (London) v Black (Portsmouth) a game of 43 moves, taking nearly 9 hours, which was abandoned as drawn.

One game was unfinished and the other was drawn by agreement of the two Gosport players, one was Captain Kennedy, and the other was no less a person than the World Champion, Howard Staunton.

There is little firm information about the early years of the present club, for its minute book opens with an account of the fourth Annual General Meeting on 14 October 1955. The years 1955 to 1959 show a small struggling group of players, rarely more than ten, achieving little than is memorable; but in 1959 a brighter picture begins to emerge. The Chairman then was the Director of the Royal Naval Physiological Laboratory, which boasted a separate chess club. The two clubs amalgamated in that year. Of the club's three nominated players then, two were Royal Navy Captains. The third became later, in 1971-72, the President of the Hampshire Chess Association, (W.J. Eaton), and he richly deserved the honour.

At the Annual General Meeting in September 1960, when the membership was 15, it was announced that during the previous year the club had made a profit, of 1s 5d. At this date, the names of several of the present members begin to appear, together with those of young players, who, after making illustrious contributions to the club's reputation, have departed elsewhere.

Since 1960, the records show all the normal anxieties of financial stringency, obsolete equipment, administrative difficulties, lack of strong players insufficient numbers, membership too great for available accommodation, and so on. Problems have not been overwhelming, however, and the club has always been fortunate in finding capable and hardworking officers. The remainder of this account may justly be a brief record of the club's brighter experiences.

The club is a sponsored section of the Gosport Community Association, in whose premises it meets. Relations between officers of the club and those of the Association have been harmonious, and the Association's assistance has been generous and valuable. Members of visiting teams are rarely slow to appreciate the easy access to the refreshment canteen or to the licensed bars that adjoin the club's meeting place. A less obvious advantage is that links with the Community Association entail, essentially, a very businesslike conduct of the club's officers. This included, in 1970, the adoption of the club's formal constitution. Possibly the absence of any dispute, requiring invocation of the constitution's teams, indicates that its composition was sound.

The club has always supported the Hampshire Chess Association and at one stage provided the President and seven Vice Presidents, County captains prefer players who fight hard; but other qualities such as willingness to travel and to pay expenses also influence selection. Gosport players seem to have qualified in all ways, for the club has often had seven or eight, and once as many as ten, representatives in the County side at a fifty board match. At present the club is honoured to include the County captain (I. Stenhouse) among its members. An enduring contribution to the game's development in Hampshire was made by three other members who, in succession, held the office of Junior Organiser. The response to their labours was extraordinary and the club itself benefited, as the following records bear witness.

The club's golden years were 1964-69. Twice the club topped the

A third member, after less than four years playing experience, became the Under-18 Ladies Champion of England (M. Saverymuttu).

In common with other clubs, the Gosport Club experienced, in 1970, and unprecedented, and in some ways problematical, expansion of membership. The increase has been largely maintained, and this suggests that the World Championship Match was not the only cause.

The club welcomes players of all ages and of all playing strengths. At present the age range extends between extremes over sixty years apart. One enthusiast, at the tender age of ten, travelled twenty miles each way every Friday evening.

Perhaps it is permissible, in this informal account, to end with the story of a not so young member, who, just before a county match was due to start, took a flying jump on to a platform, and reached it with one leg only. The other showed an exposed shin-bone, which involved thirteen stitches at the nearest hospital. It may be that his clock was duly started and that his flag fell. He himself claims however, that the forfeited point was due to his having achieved the unique distinction, in a county chess match, of being "retired hurt".

By M. Cole. This of course refers to the originator of this screed.
(Harold E. Davies)

QUOTE from the PORTSMOUTH TIMES of Sat 15/3/1890 (Page 3)
"Our Chess Column". 1st Chess column in Portsmouth Times.
Mr. J.E.C. Grant (President Fareham Chess Club)
now runs its successor in the News (Portsmouth)

Of all indoor games chess is immeasurably the best and most scientific, Billiards and Cards claim more votaries, but in addition to any moral objections both are most or less influenced by luck. Bad cards or atrocious flukes will try the temper and defeat the best of players but at chess it is different. In 99/100 games the better man wins and, in addition to the most constant practice all the intellectual force of a man's character must be concentrated on the game before a player can consider himself in any degree proficient.

In view of the widespread interest in the game we intend to devote some space each week in the Portsmouth Times giving a problem, the solution of which we invite our readers to attempt. Correct solution will be acknowledged in due course. (There followed a problem)

QUOTE from the PORTSMOUTH TIMES OF 5/10/1889

A Chess Club for Portsmouth.

Thanks to the energy of a few local players and the kindly support of the Mayor (Mr. G. Ellis) the above club is an accomplished fact. At the meeting held on Thursday at the Guildhall the Mayor was unanimously elected the first President and a provisional committee consisting of the following gentlemen was appointed to draw up rules etc. The Mayor, Major Gordon, Messrs John Brickwood, M. Jepps, C.C. Clayton BA, W.J. Tuck, C.C. Cumming Dancer, Mather Deal, Wheatstone and Moorshead. Mr. T. Crassweller was appointed Hon Sec (protem). New meeting at Guildhall on Thursday 17th when it is hoped that all the necessary arrangements as to rules, place of meeting etc will be settled, the club will be in a position to arrange matches with the neighbouring clubs. Gentlemen desirous of joining are requested to communicate with Hon Sec 27 Stamford Street, Fratton. (please note last sentence's phrasing & use of word "desirous")

QUOTE from the PORTSMOUTH TIMES of 11/10/1890

Borough Chess Club

The Annual meeting of Portsmouth Chess Club was held Wed. in the Council Chambers at the Guildhall. Balance sheet showed receipts of £15.18.6, expenditure left a small balance. Mr. Martin proposed the adoption and publication of report together with result of Chess Tournament, Dr. Pearse seconded.

Mr. Cunningham as an amendment moved the question of the Tournament not be published as it was still unfinished, seconded by Mr. Pillans; this was carried.

Major Gordon - President.

Dr. Pearse, Rev E.P. Grant (Vicar of Portsmouth), Messrs Clayton, Ross, Cromarty, Moorshead were elected Vice Presidents.

Mr. Mather - Treasurer.

Mr. Wheatstone - Secretary.

Rev. J. Rigley and Messrs Martin, Cummings, Collins, Peel and Crassweller on committees.

£15.13.6. was an extraordinary amount in these days.

Comparison of Graded Names & Registered Members.

1725 Names on the Grading List of which 1697 were capable of comparison with the Registration Records.

731 Registered this year.
 966 Were graded but not registered
1697

County	Registered & Graded	Graded but not registered	Clubs Organ's etc not registering any members		Schools inc. in preceding columns	
			Clubs etc	No of Graded Members	Schools	No. of Graded Members
Cornwall	63	15	-	-	-	-
Devon	184	73	4	11	1	4
Wilts	64	27	3	12	-	-
Somerset	35	105	5	36	-	-
Dorset	96	103	7	30	4	22
Hampshire	107	345	46	220	36	168
Gloucestershire	132	298	24	149	4	12
	731	966	89	453	47	206

Again, Any comments by readers, should non Registered players be given a published Grading Number?

REGISTRATIONS ... all registration cards except those submitted in the last couple of weeks should by now have reached clubs or counties. Is your registration card with you? - Remember that extra Cutty Sark points are available for congresses with 100% registrations and you can thus benefit by registering with the BCF.

CORNWALL.

Cornwall Club Championship 14th March 1976.

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Points</u>
St. Austell A.	10	8	1	1	17
St. Ives	10	8	1	1	17
Godolphin A.	10	8	0	2	16
Camborne A.	9	7	1	1	15
Perranporth	9	3	2	4	8
St. Austell B.	9	4	0	5	8
Truro	8	4	0	4	8
Liskeard	9	3	1	5	7
Camborne B	9	2	0	7	4
Truro School	9	2	0	7	4
Godolphin B	9	1	0	8	2
Poltan	6	0	0	6	0

A.W. Busby Cup (Knock-out)

Finalists St. Austell v Camborne-Redruth

A.G.M. to be held on May 19th at Truro.

BRISTOL DISTRICT.

Up-to-date League tables of the Bristol & District Junior Chess Association:
As at 23/2/76

<u>Division 1.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Division 2.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Brislington A	8	13	Bristol Cathedral School	10	17
Henbury A	9	12	Bristol G.S. C	9	15
Bristol G.S. A	8	7	Downend & Fishponds	8	13
Q.F.M.	8	7	St. Bedes A	8	8
Hanham & Kingswood A	9	6	Hanham & Kingswood B	9	4
Bristol G.S. B	8	5	Fairfield A	9	3
			Nailsea A	9	2
<u>Division 3.</u>			<u>Division 4.</u>		
Fairfield B	6	11	Bristol G.S. D	8	11
Speedwell B	9	11	Henbury B	8	10
Speedwell A	7	10	Brislington C	8	8
Colstone	8	5	Bristol Cathedral School	7	7
Withywood	8	5	Ashton Park	9	7
Brislington B	8	2	Nailsea B	8	5
<u>Division 5.</u>					
Bristol G.S. F	8	13	Speedwell C	8	7
Fairfield C	7	10	Nailsea C	8	5
St. Bedes B	9	9	Bristol G.S. E	8	4

DEVON.

Devon Ladies Championship won by Mrs. Yvonne Foweraker (Plymouth)

Leading positions in Devon inter-club competitions 23/2/76

<u>Bremridge Cup</u>	Exeter Univ. W2, D1, Plymouth W2, Exter Won 1 Drawn 2
<u>Mamhead Cup</u>	Plymouth W4 D1, Torquay W3, Drawn 1 Lost 1.
<u>Schofield Cup</u>	Plymouth W4, Drawn 1, Totnes W3 D1 Lost 1, Exmouth W3
<u>Moyle Cup</u>	Torquay W4, L1, Plymouth W3, Teignmouth W3 L2
<u>5th Division</u>	Exmouth & Torquay joint leaders with 3 wins each.

Sponsored Simultaneous Display in aid of Glorney Cup Junior International Funds.

George Wheeler at Teignmouth against 37 Juniors

W28, D5, L4.

those to beat Wheeler included two Primary players.

Judging of the entries for the "best game" prizes at the Plymouth Junior Congress has been completed and neither adjudicator had an easy task. The adjudicators had no idea of the identity of the players in any of the games submitted.

In the over-15 section for the book prize presented by Mr. J. B. Goodman, the final choice must have been difficult between these two entirely different by really excellent games, both from the Devon under-18 championship.

White - S. Dilleigh, Black - S. Menear.

1. P-QB4, P-K3; 2. N-QB3, N-KB3; 3. P-K4, N-QB3; 4. P-Q4, B-N5;
5. P-B3, P-Q4; 6. BPxP, PxP; 7. P-K5, N-Q2; 8. B-K3, N-N3;
9. P-QR3, BxNch; 10. PxB, B-Q2; 11. B-Q3, N-R4; 12. P-K4, N(4)-B5;
13. B-KB2, N-N7; 14. Q-B2, NxBch; 15. QxN N-B5; 16. N-B3, Q-K2;
17. O-O, B-N4; 18. B-R4, Q-Q2; 19. Q-N1, NxRP; 20. RxN, BxR;
21. KxB, P-QN3; 22. P-B5, P-B4; 23. QxP, O-O; 24. QxBP, QxP;
25. QxQP, Q-Q6ch; 26. K-B2, Q-B7ch; 27. K-N3, Q-N3ch; 28. K-R3, Q-B4ch;
29. P-N4, Q-Q6; 30. K-N3, R(RI)-B1; 31. RxP, RxP; 32. B-K7, R-K1;
33. B-N4, QxNch; 34. QxQ, RxQch; 35. KxR and black resigned within a few moves.

This was a thoroughly workmanlike game and both players are to be congratulated, but the prize eventually went to the new under-18 champion, Christopher Scott for the game that follows. His opponent had just beaten the Somerset junior champion, David Hick and this game was vital to both players and probably settled the issue.

White - C. Scott, Black - D.R. Smith.

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-Kb3, N-QB3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; 4. NxP, P-KN3;
5. N-B3, B-N2; 6. B-K3, N-B3; 7. B-Q4, O-O; 8. P-B3, P-Q3;
9. Q-Q2, B-Q2; 10. O-O-O, P-QR3, 11. B-R6, NxN; 12. BxN, NxKBP;
13. PxN, KxB; 14. P-KR4 P-QN4; 15. B-K2, P-N5; 16. N-Q5, NxN;
17. PxN, P-Qr4; 18. P-R5, R-R1; 19. B-Q3, Q-KN1; 20. Q-K4 Q-B1;
21. R-R4, P-R3; 22. PxP, PxP; 23. R-B4, B-B4; 24. R-N1, K-R2;
25. BxB PxB; 26. RxP, Q-KI; 27. Q-K4 resigns.

NORTH DEVON CHESS NEWS

NORTH DEVON CHESS LEAGUE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

League Table with results to date: to 1/3/76

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won.</u>	<u>Drawn.</u>	<u>Lost.</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
Barnstaple	5	4	1	0	9
Bratton Fleming	4	2	2	0	6
A.M.P. Ltd.	5	3	0	2	6
Hols. Bishops	5	2	2	1	6
Lynton.	5	1	3	0	5 + 1 Adj
Hols. Knights	5	1	2	2	4
Bideford	6	1	1	3	3 + 1 Adj
Ilfracombe	4	1	1	2	3
Pilton	5	0	0	5	0

NORTH DEVON JAMBOREE

This year's Jamboree was extremely well supported by the League. Not only were there no defaults at all but the eight teams taking part had arrived well before time, and this, coupled with the organisation of the Match Secretary, made for a very smooth and enjoyable event. Bideford were unable to field a team this time but Ilfracombe, on the other hand, were out in force with two teams.

The Trophy was won outright by Lynton scoring 4½/5. Equal second were Barnstable and Bratton Fleming with 4/5; Ilfracombe 'Blacks' and Holsworthy scored 2½/5; A.M.P. and Pilton, 1/5 and Ilfracombe 'Whites' ½/5.

From: Joan Barker.

Members of the North Devon League present at the last A.G.M. will remember the difficulties encountered as we set ourselves the impossible task of arranging grading limits on the Team Championship that would be completely fair to all the clubs. Eventually a ruling was made, not altogether unanimous - some members confused by all the proposals and counter proposals and not sure what they were voting for, some so fed up with the whole thing as to be not voting at all - and some of us have felt that there must be a better way!

The following suggestion has been sent to me by a reader :-

It is that "The North Devon Chess League be divided into two divisions. Division 1 for players graded 145 (or 150, or 155, or without limit?) and below, and Division 2 for those graded 125 and below. Any player qualifying to play in Division 2 may also play in Division 1 for the same club, or for one other club. This will give all players who have previously played in the League a number of games in Division 1, it will also allow new players in at the lower boards in Division 2."

What do YOU think? Please let us know.

News from Holsworthy Chess Club

Holsworthy Chess Club held their Annual Dinner & Dance at the Eagle House Hotel, Launceston on Saturday 24th January. At a sherry reception before the dinner Mrs. M.E. Clarke presented the trophies to the various winners of the Club's Tournaments during 1975.

They were, Club Champion W.K. Jones, Challengers Tournament C. Barrell, Summer Cup D. Harrison, Speed Tournament W.K. Jones.

Do any other Club's have any Social Events?

N.D.C.L. SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

Table of results to hand:

To: 1/3/76

	<u>Played.</u>	<u>Won.</u>	<u>Drawn.</u>	<u>Lost.</u>	<u>Total Points.</u>
Park School "A"	5	5	0	0	10
Pilton School	3	3	0	0	6
Bideford	5	2	1	2	5
Park School "B"	3	2	0	1	4
Chulmleigh C.S.	3	0	1	2	1
West Buckland	3	0	0	3	0
South Molton C.S.	2	0	0	2	0
Holsworthy C.S.	2	0	0	2	0

Park School, Barnstable, have won the South West England Schools' Chess Championship. They beat Taunton by 4-2 in the final

The Taunton School, led by the Hick brothers, the holders of several Devon and Somerset county junior titles, went swiftly into the lead but were well and truly outclassed by Park's fighting qualities and overall superiority in tactics.

DORSET NEWS

No news.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE NEWS

NORTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE LEAGUE

Stroud have won the Championship of Division 1 and Cheltenham of Division 2 - both with matches to spare.

Division 1.

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Stroud	7	6	1	0	13
Gloucester	9	4	0	5	8
Rooks	7	2	1	4	5
Knights	7	2	0	5	4

Division 2.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cheltenham	9	9	0	0	18
Gloucester	8	6	0	2	12
Cheltenham G.S	8	3	1	4	7
Marling School	8	2	1	5	5
Stroud	8	2	1	5	5
Dowty	9	1	1	7	3

Division 3 (West)

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Tewkesbury	10	10	0	0	20
C.E.G.B.	10	8	0	2	16
G.A.L.A.	10	5	1	4	11
Gloucester	9	4	1	4	9
Forest of Dean	9	3	1	6	7
Whitecross Sch.	10	3	1	6	7
Whaddon	11	0	0	11	0

Division 3 (North)

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ch. Knights	7	5	0	2	10
Gloucester	6	3	2	1	7
Sir Thomas Rich	6	3	2	1	7
Smiths	7	3	0	4	6
Crypt School	6	2	0	4	4
Churchdown	8	2	0	6	4

Division 3 (South)

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cheltenham Cell	12	8	2	2	18
Nailsworth	10	8	0	2	16
Stroud	10	6	0	4	12
Rooks	8	4	0	4	8
Cirencester	9	2	2	5	6
Cirencester Sch	8	1	1	6	3
Wycliffe College	9	0	3	6	3

In the North Gloucestershire Individual Championship M.E. Burn (Gloucester) leads after four rounds with four points.

Other scores:- P. Coast (Cheltenham), G.P. Taylor and A.J. Wood (Gloucester) 3; M.I. Davis and D.W. Harper (Gloucester) 2½; R.F. Bradley, R.C. Last and G.D. Neville (Stroud), D. Pye (Twekesbury 2; P. Ashworth (Gloucester) and J.P. Fetterlein (Cheltenham) 1½; J.C.B. Date (Cheltenham) and P.J. Tolhurst (Stroud) 1; D. Bates (Cheltenham) and B.J. Farrington (Stroud) ½.

Sir Thomas Rich's School (Gloucester) have won Zone 17 of the Sunday Times National Schools Competition, beating Cheltenham Grammar School by 4-2 in the final.

M.B. Binks (Downend and Fishponds) is the new lightning chess champion of Gloucestershire. In a strong entry of fifty competitors Binks scored 9 points to give him a clear point margin over O. Moore (Hanham and Kingswood). Third place went to N. Davey (Cheltenham) who scored 7½.

Other leading scores were 7 J.P. Fetterlein (Cheltenham), S.P. Finn (Cheltenham) and J. Tuck (Hanham and Kingswood); 6½ R.C. Campbell (Cheltenham), I.R. Pickup (Downend and Fishponds), R.C. Powis (Stroud) and D.G. Woodruff (Keynsham)

The team championship was won by Cheltenham with 28 points. Other scores were 26 Hanham/University; 25½ Downend and Fishponds; 23 Grendle's Mother (University); 22½ Gloucester; 22 Bristol Grammar School; 18½ Bristol and Clifton; 17½ Keynsham; 17 Henham and Kingswood 15½ Speedwell School.

CHESS

A new chess group has been formed with the title of Severn Chess League. At present five teams comprise the group, but it is hoped that others will join when the venture gets under way.

The five are Bristol & Clifton, Bridgend, Cardiff, Downend & Fishponds and Newport.

Teams will be eight-a-side with single round fixtures ranging from April to December in each year. Matches will be played on Saturday or Sunday and a cup for the champion club will be provided.

HAMPSHIRE NEWS

(B.C. Coppin ½, P.J. Eales, I.P. Judd 1, M. Day 0; G. Train 1, C.P. Smith 0, R.S. Smith 1, S.R. Williams 0, A.J. Charlwood 1, G. Wildridge 0; S. Wilkinson 0, I. Brewerton 1)

	<u>TABLES</u>					
	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<u>Division 1</u>						
Community Ctr. A	9	6	3	33½	20½	15
Portsmouth A.	9	5	3	32	22	13
Cosham A	7	5	0	25½	16½	10
Gosport A	9	3	1	24	30	7
Portsmouth B	8	2	2	20½	27½	6
Cosham B	8	2	1	19½	28½	5
Fareham B	8	1	0	19	29	2
<u>Division 2</u>						
Community Ctr. B.	8	5	1	27½	20½	11
I.B.M.	6	5	0	26	10	10
Leigh Park	8	4	1	25	23	9
Polytechnic A	6	3	1	21	15	7
Portsmouth C	6	2	3	18½	17½	7
Gosport B	7	2	0	22	20	4
Schroder	7	0	0	4	33	0
<u>Division 3</u>						
Fareham B	6	5	1	24	12	11
Cosham C	7	3	2	22½	19½	8
Polytechnic B	6	2	3	20½	15½	7
Fareham C	6	3	0	16½	19½	6
Gosport C	6	1	1	16	20	3
Portsmouth D	7	1	1	14½	27½	3

GLOUCESTER NEWS

Street Chess Club have a new Secretary. He is Mr. B. Francis, 15 Chancellor Road, Walton, Nr. Street, Somerset BA16 9RX.

. International Honours.

Yatton's Collin Chambers has been invited to play for England in the World Blind Team Chess Olympiad which will be held in Finland this August. Teams consist of four players plus one reserve. He played in the last Olympiad in Yugoslavia four years ago, when England finished 6th out of 20. Colin scored 8 out of 11 then and was the only player to beat a Russian.

NOTATION BY A.C. BROWN.

I Learnt the basics of the game during World War Two. The English master formed a club at school and we played with anything we could lay our hands on. Wooden Staunton sets were unobtainable and the first set I owned was cast in lead. I eventually swapped this curio with the said master for an old English set which had three knights missing and which I still possess. My first book on the game was "Chess Openings" by Alfred Emery. price 1s 6d (7½p) and from it I learnt all I know of opening theory. Again, I still have it. At that time I was shown how to record my games in English Descriptive but, certainly the word English wasn't used - perhaps not unreasonably in a Scottish school - and nor was the term Descriptive. The word Algebraic was confined, solely to mathematics. Consequently a chessboard has never been to me, 64 inanimate squares each neatly docketed in a letter and number system. However, there is nothing new about the basic Algebraic system, its history going back, apparently, to medieval times and the late C.E. O'D Alexander's remark that it "is concise, rational and international" can hardly be denied. FIDE, Chess's international ruling body is proposing that from 1980 Algebraic, either the standard or shortened version, will be the only system recognised in FIDE events. Consequently, it seems likely that more and more books will be published in Algebraic with, of course the economic advantage of using less paper. From now on I shall give game scores in whatever notation I happen to find them.

CHESS NOTES

Thirty-two players took part in the 1975/76 Hampshire Senior Individual Championship, which was again organised in conjunction with the Southampton University Chess Championship. Two University members, C.R. Chandler and G.D. Keane, tied for first and second places with 7 points each and intend playing-off for the title before Easter.

PORTSMOUTH

1. M.J. Franklin (London) 6/6, 2. E.G. Lea (Peacehaven 5½, 3. C.R. Chandler (So'ton) C.M. Cooley (Cambridge), D.J. Kewley (So'ton) 5 ... 119 competed. Grading Prizes - U-175 R.W. O'Brien, G.K. Sandiford; U-160 T, O'Donoghue U-145 J.A. Coburn, D.V. Deane, C.W.J. Trotter, U-130 I. Brewerton: U-115 C. Bellinger, A. Driscoll. Age Prizes - U-16 D.C. Spurgeon; U-12 C. Fronda, G.D. Scotney, Julia Scotney I.A. Welch.

SOMERSET CHESS LEAGUE

1. HENRY POWELL.

As on 10/3/76

(a) <u>East</u>	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	F.	A.
Claverdon	4	2	2	0	6	14	10
Bath Knights	2	1	1	0	3	6½	4½
Bradford-on-Avon	2	1	1	0	3	7	5
Bath Bishops	3	1	1	1	3	10	8
Corsham Whites	3	0	1	2	1	6	11
Norton Radstock	2	0	0	2	0	3½	8½
(b) <u>West</u>							
Yatton	5	5	0	0	10	21½	7½
Yeovil	5	3	0	2	6	17	13
Weston A.	4	2	0	2	4	12½	10½
Taunton A.	4	2	0	2	4	9	15
Bridgwater	4	1	0	3	2	8½	15½
Wellington	4	0	0	4	0	8½	15½

11. CHARLES MARSH

(a) East.

Bath University	8	3	0	0	16	39½	7½
Kingswood	6	3	1	2	7	17½	16½
Bradford-on-Avon C.	4	3	0	1	6	14	10
Corsham Blocks	7	2	1	4	5	21	21
Bath Blacks	3	2	0	1	4	8½	9½
Bradford-on-Avon B.	3	1	1	1	3	10	8
Bath Whites	4	1	1	2	3	9	15
Beechen Cliff	5	0	1	4	1	7½	20½
King Edward School	6	0	1	5	1	8	28

(b) Central

EMI/Wells	5	4	1	0	9	22	8
Downside	5	3	0	2	6	18½	11½
Millfield	4	3	0	1	6	13	11
Frome	4	1	1	2	3	11½	12½
Wincanton	4	1	1	2	3	9	14
Street	4	1	1	2	3	8	16
Tinsbury	4	0	0	4	0	7	17

(c) West.

Taunton B.	4	3	1	0	7	19	5
Burnham-on-Sea	4	3	1	0	7	15	9
Weston B.	4	3	0	1	6	15	9
Minehead	4	1	1	2	3	12	2
Bridgwater College	5	1	1	3	3	12½	17½
Bridgewater B.	5	1	1	3	3	9	21
British Cellophane	4	0	1	3	1	7½	16½

WILTSHIRE.

No News.

DATES & CONGRESSES

March 19 - 21	East Devon At Exeter University
April 1st	DCCA Council Meeting at the Exeter Chess Club
April 15- 19	West of England Chess Congress at Weston Super Mare. Entry forms from E.G. Walker, 18 Homefield, Locking Avon. Tel. Banwell 2149
April 23 - 25	North Devon Chess League Spring Congress Details from T. Parker, 2 Rock Avenue, Lynton, Devon.
April 26 - 30	Portsmouth Youth Chess Festival at St. Lukes Church of England Secondary School.
May 19th	Cornwall A.G.M. Truro 7 p.m.
May 28 - 30	Colsthald Chess Congress at Stroud. Details from A.J. Wood, 30 Badminton Road, Matson, Gloucester.
June 5	W.E.C.U. Council Meeting
June 25 - 27	Bristol Congress at The Grand Hotel, Bristol.
July 10	Holsworthy Quick Play
August 27 - 30	Dorset (Weymouth) E.J. Clark, 9 Melcombe Avenue Weymouth.

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I think that there are enough comments and questions from each one who receives this issue and they should be able to write to me with their views. The next issue will be published in July. Comments to me, the Editor, Mr. D. Bond, 9 Harefield, Camborne.

And finally there was welcome consolation for all those fathers whose children now beat them at all games, and particularly chess. In a Yugoslav chess tournament the Russian grandmaster, Rafael Vaganian, did not spot that his opponent could mate him in one until he made the wrong move and the audience laughed. Tell that to your son next time he crows over his "fool's mate".