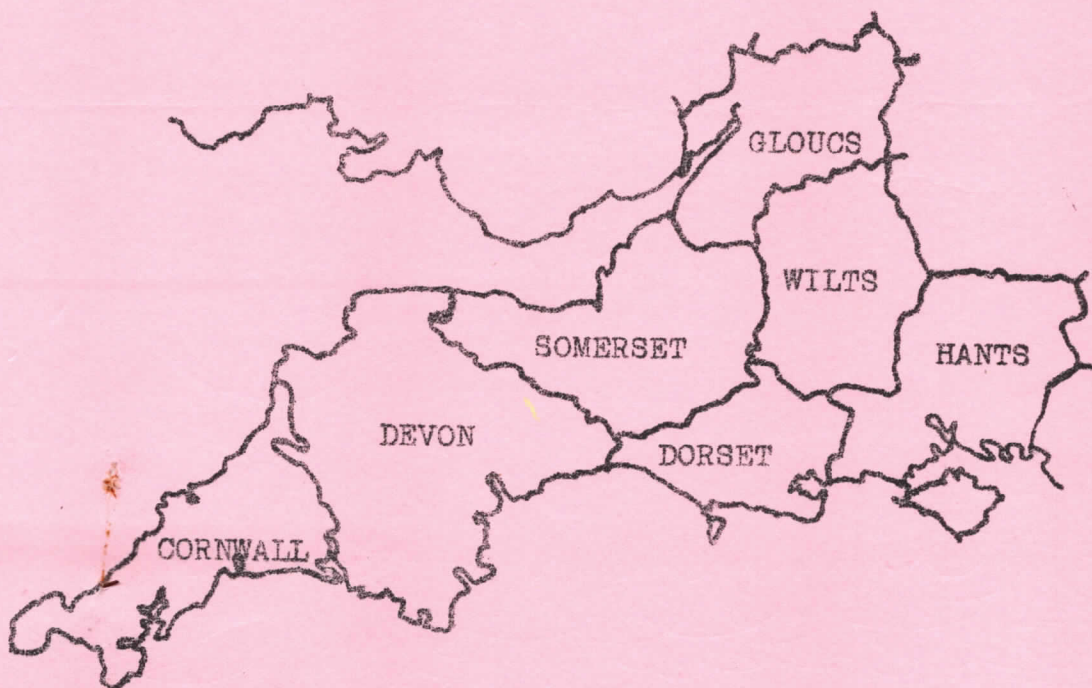


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EDITORIAL

I am very pleased at the number of Clubs that have ordered "Westward Ho"
this Autumn, for their club members. This bulletin contains most of the
News and Results that I get sent from various parts of the Region. I am
publishing all the letters I have got on the Non-publishing of grades of
non registered players together with the full minutes of the Executive
meeting held in September on the subject.

I am sorry to hear that George Kilmister is in hospital in Southampton.
We wish him a speedy recovery. It has been pointed out that the county
Boundaries on the cover need revising - this will be done sometime when we
have to cut a new stencil.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr. Bond,

I have, of course, been extremely interested in the discussion within the West of England Chess Union with regard to whether or not unregistered players should be graded, and this interest has been heightened by the WECU's recent decision that the gradings of unregistered players would not be published by the WECU.

It was pleasing to see the lively interest in this subject expressed by correspondents in your September issue and with your permission I would like to add my comments to theirs. I must emphasise that my comments are purely those of a private individual who as both player and club secretary does have some appreciation of the significance of grading both to himself and to members of his club. My views in no way represent or imply any policy on behalf of the British Chess Federation who employ me.

I was somewhat confused by Mr. Schaefer's letter in which he states that his League's main complaint was lack of consultation. He continues by implying that very few players are interested in events outside his League but notes that the WECU should, none-the-less, seek to convince them of its usefulness.

It would appear from his remarks that somewhere a communication difficulty has stepped in, for the grading service, the possible denial of which he deplures, is one which depends very largely on the energies and activities of chess organisers outside the Bristol League. I hope very much that this communication gap can be overcome and that the WECU will accept Mr. Schaefer's offer to communicate its views to his League.

If, however, the Bristol League were to remain unconvinced of the influence of other organisations in contributing towards the grading service they receive, I feel that they could have no complaint were these unappreciated bodies to withhold this service. In any walk of life one ultimately receives what one pays for and I do not think that there is any reason for grading officers to supply figures for players who are not prepared to make some return - in this case the financial return of a registration fee - for the effort involved. Mr. Parker states this point clearly when he refers to the large amount of time and energy given for nothing by persons involved in grading work. The sum involved is a small one and the service given is worth far more. If a player is not prepared to support the grading service, either financially or by working with those organisations who supply it, I fail to see how he can expect something for nothing.

I have far more sympathy with the point made by Mr. Kingdon who, I imagine, expresses the point of view of many graders. There will undoubtedly be some graders whose view is that, when they have devoted so much effort altruistically towards calculation, it is improper for a part of their labour to be suppressed. No craftsman likes to see his handiwork presented in any form other than that in which he produced it, but I hope that graders who hold this purist's view will appreciate, as Mr. Kingdon does, that there are greater issues at stake.

It is my opinion that the BCF, Union and County Grading Services are greatly underestimated and that players should be persuaded to recognise the value of the service they receive. Of course, it is their right to feel that the service is not worth it and within your Union they can now express this opinion by failing to register: it is a necessary consequence of my opinions that the grading service must be based upon giving value for money.

Thank you for your patience in reading this far; I hope that the views I have expressed are coherent and that they will not be spoiled by any ignorance on my part of detailed local circumstances within the WECU.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Buswell.

Dear Sir,

In the W.E.C.U. Council Meeting minutes, item 17, I note with concern the intention to debar unregistered players from the 1977 grading list.

I understand that this is a defensive measure related to the calculation of levy members.

I hope that it will prove possible to obtain agreement with B.C.F. not to count juniors in any calculation of levy numbers. I consider that it is of great importance to continue to encourage juniors by publishing their gradings.

Yours sincerely,

A.J. Peters.

Hampshire Grading Officer
Hampshire League Conductor.

Letter to the Editor.

There is a WECU ruling which debars the grading of results from tournaments which may have their games terminated by 'sudden death' finishes. This ruling caused much comment from various quarters, the most severe being that it is 'a retrograde step'.

There are those who would argue that quick play finishes are no worse, or more anomolous, a way of deciding a game than is adjudication.

Whilst I agree that adjudication often removes from the players a very necessary, and indeed interesting phase of the game, and it is debateable whether the players themselves would have achieved the same result; nevertheless it always attempts to give the correct result on the position reached. In addition where the adjudication may be wrong there is provision for an appeal against that decision.

I cannot accept that sudden death finishes are no worse. There have been many anomolous results brought to my attention, where clearly the correct results under 'normal' playing conditions would have been different to the one achieved by 'sudden death', often turning a win into a loss. This situation is being confirmed more and more frequently by letters appearing in magazines. It has also been pointed out that the threat of a quick play finish can affect players quite early during the course of a game.

I fully appreciate the reasons and need for a result where these methods are used, and that these tournaments fulfill a popular need. But I am opposed to reflecting these obviously incorrect results, however few they may be, in our published grades. Adjudications on the other hand, in my opinion, do not reflect the same degree of error.

Obviously grades can only indicate the performance of players in the games which are taken for grading. Ideally these games should only be those played to a finish with a reasonable rate of play. The arguments now come, what is a reasonable rate of play? To explore this question this season my own club is playing at the rate of 30 mph, and I can assure you that this rate is generally proving to be unpopular, and no doubt we will, next season, revert to the more usual 24 mph.

I would welcome letters to the Editor of Westward Ho from those who have strong views on this subject, so that it may be debated in our journal.

With all best wishes for Xmas and the New Year.

Frank Kingdon.

Dear Mr. Bond,

To begin with I think it would be best if I introduced myself. For 13 years I was Hon. Secretary of the Bristol & District Chess League (B. & D.C.L.), relinquishing the post a couple of years ago in favour of Mr. G.L.A. Schaefer, the present Hon. Secretary. I have been Chess Correspondent of 'The New Observer' since 1965. Last May I took over from Mr. D.C. Jarrett as League Hon. Treasurer and it is in this capacity that I am writing to you. These are my own personal opinions and do not necessarily express the views of the Management Committee of the B. & D.C.L.

When I heard that the W.E.C.U. had decided not to give a player an official grading unless he was registered with the B.C.F. I was dismayed. The B. & D.C.L. which is probably the largest in the West of England and which provides approx. 20% of all the gradings was not even consulted. I therefore proposed at the League Management Committee Meetings early in July that as from the 1st October, 1976 no games played in the B. & D.C.L. should be sent to the W.E.C.U. for grading. Although my proposition was defeated, I received some measure of support.

Why did I take this action? On 31st August, 1973, I put forward my own scheme for B.C.F. Registrations to Mrs A. Hopton, then the B.C.F. Secretary, because I was of the opinion that to use the county as the unit on which to base registration was all wrong. This is borne out by my own county of Gloucestershire. It is responsible for its own registrations and yet it has no control over its component parts, e.g. the B. & D.C.L. This is further aggravated by the fact that the League contains clubs from both Gloucestershire and Somerset.

In November 1972, when I was League Hon. Secretary, I sent a circular letter to every club in the League whose members were eligible to play for Gloucestershire, urging Club Secretaries to do all they could to push B.C.F. Registrations. It had no effect and all I got for my pains was a polite rap over the knuckles from the Management Committee. I was taken to task for writing such a letter without their authority and they made it quite plain that it didn't represent their views. They stated quite categorically that B.C.F. Registrations was a County matter and was of no concern to the B. & D.C.L.

How can the County improve the registration situation without the support and co-operation of the B. & D.C.L.? Yet the League says it's no concern of theirs. I am not apportioning blame, but it's a ridiculous situation.

Basically the king pin of the present set up is the Club Secretary. Yet in my experience the average club secretary is usually someone who gets pushed into the job because no one else will take it on. He does the usual things expected of him, e.g. registers the number of teams to play in the League and the names of the players who will be playing in the League - all at the right time. He may or may not have a little correspondence with the League Secretary and there he finishes. He's not interested in the B.C.F. and very often he hasn't the faintest idea of what the B.C.F. is all about. Letters urging him to do something is like water on a duck's back.

To sum up:-

1. A county responsible for registration but no control over its component parts.
2. The B. & D.C.L. which in effect is South Gloucestershire washing its hands of the whole business and saying B.C.F. Registrations are no concern of ours.
3. Club Secretaries not interested because the parent body isn't interested.

With this chaotic situation I think it is iniquitous that a club player should be penalised by being deprived of an official grading unless he is registered with the B.C.F. He is being 'crucified' for his shortcomings of his betters and that is just not good enough. He is also 'being crucified' for the archaic system under which B.C.F. Registrations operate. The sensible answer would be for the B. & D.C.L. to become an integral part of a new county set up i.e. The County of Avon. This idea was put forward by Mr. A. Wilson Osborne at the League A.G.M. some years ago but was defeated. I think that with careful preparation this new county set up could be approved at the League A.G.M. in May 1977.

There would be no point in doing so unless there was a reasonable chance of the W.E.C.U. accepting the new county as a constituent unit.

I should be grateful, therefore, if you could let me know the chances of the new County of Avon being accepted by the W.E.C.U. commencing 1978/79 or 1979/80. In my opinion the bringing into being of this new County would solve the problems of B.C.F. Registrations for the B. & D.C.L.

Would you kindly bring this letter up at the next meeting of the W.E.C.U.

Yours sincerely,

K.C. Cleak.

Hon. Treasurer B. & D.C.L.

Dear Mr. Cleak.

British Chess Federation's Registration Scheme

I am opposed to the views expressed in your New Observer chess notes dated 1 and 8 October, 1976.

I cannot see why a player who does not subscribe to the County, the Union and the British Chess Federation through the registration scheme should expect to enjoy free registration for which others are cheerfully paying.

If you are not a member of an organisation then you cannot expect to enjoy the privileges.

I, and many others, have long been advocating the elimination from the Grading List of all players who are having a "free ride" and I am glad that it has at last come about.

The annual cost of registration is equivalent to a pint of beer or a few cigarettes, so there is no excuse on the grounds of expense for not supporting the County, the Union and the Federation.

Another point which I find so difficult to reconcile with the parsimonious attitude on registration is the generous spirit of Bristol and District Chess League members when it comes to raising a substantial sum to enable Colin Chambers, the blind international, to accept the invitation to play for his country in the blind Olympics in Finland, or to subscribe to the Friends of Chess.

Surely it would be in the best interests of chess to drop this parochial attitude and become, like the London Chess League, a constituent unit of the British Chess Federation and support chess wholeheartedly at County, Union and Federation level.

Yours sincerely,

A. Wilson Osborne.

Full Member British Chess Federation
Life Vice-President West of England Chess Union
Life Member Gloucestershire County Chess Association
Life Member Bristol and Clifton Chess Club
Life Member Downend and Fishponds Chess Club
Life Member Bristol Omnibus Chess Club
Vice President British Universities Chess Association
Chess Correspondent Bristol Evening Post

Amendments to the WECU Grading List 1976.

The long list of amendments which follows, is mainly due to the receipt of results from last season after we had published the list. In the future I would like all clubs to ensure that any results for grading are in the hands of their area Grading Officers as soon as is practicable, as I in turn ask the area graders for their figures early in June of each year.

	Previous figure
19 J Antoniazzi, (Totnes)	ungraded
84*J Bailey, S. (Teignmouth)	ungraded
196*S Burnett, L.P. (Weston. S.M./Essex)	192
108 Cole, S. (Newport I.O.W.)	ungraded
184*S Cooley, C.M. (Swindon/Camb.Un.)	182*
88 Curtis, J. (Kinson)	ungraded
99 Curtis, J.M.O. (Parkstone)	92
95* Ferrari, J. (Newport I.O.W.)	100
140* Gallimore, R.W. (Newport I.O.W.)	144*
128* Groves, W.D. (Newport I.O.W.)	121
118 J Hills, K. (Holiton)	ungraded
106 Jones, L. (Exeter)	ungraded
114*J Joyce, B.R. (Newport I.O.W.)	117
119 Kidd, G. (Holsworthy)	ungraded
78 Leffley, P. (Newport I.O.W.)	ungraded
50 J Livingstone, M. (Teignmouth)	ungraded
82 J Livingstone, S. (Teignmouth)	ungraded
110 Lowndes, G. (Newport I.O.W.)	ungraded
136 M Marlton, M.L. (Gala/Ross)	119
173 Millington, A. (Claverton)	144
200*S Moore, G. (Bath/Aylesbury)	199*
110 Murray, S. (Newport I.O.W.)	ungraded
173* Price, A.J. (Newport I.O.W.)	169*
67 Ralphs, E. (Totnes)	ungraded
161* Read, S.J.E. (Newport I.O.W.)	154*
61 J Rosseinsky, M. (Exeter)	ungraded
33 J Sanders, A. (Teignmouth)	ungraded
126 State, G. (Southampton Univ.)	ungraded
192* Stritton, L.A. (Ventnor I.O.W.)	197*
29 Tindal, W. (Teignmouth)	ungraded
121* Turner, R.G.	115*
123* Webb, B. (Newport I.O.W.)	126*
91 Whitmore, D. (Newport I.O.W.)	ungraded
104 Wilkinson, R.B. (Totnes)	ungraded
52 J Woodthorpe, (Totnes)	ungraded
155* Wools, F. (Newport I.O.W.)	143*

F.C. Kingdon,

WECU Grading Officer.

Part of the Minutes of the Executive Committee held on Saturday, 18th September, 1976 at the Exeter Chess Club.

Officers Reports A) The Match Captain reported that the Union Jamborees would be held on the following Saturday at Exeter University. Six teams had entered the Senior Jamboree and seven teams had entered the Graded Jamboree. Mr. Newman expressed disappointment with the entry to the Graded tournament, because apart from Devon there had been no support from Leagues.

B) The Registration Officer reported that claims had been made on behalf of both Hampshire and Devon against their Levy numbers. He also reported that under the present ruling, direct members of the BCF could not be offset against registrations; and that Counties who registered members in excess of those required by their levy, could no longer benefit other regions within the Union whose registrations were insufficient. Both these points were being taken up with the B.C.F.

C) The Grading Officer presented an analysis of the 1848 players appearing in the Grading List. Just over half of these players had met the B.C.F. requirements as far as number of games were concerned. In addition the analysis of Juniors by region and grade distribution were very similar to the previous season.

Union Income A) The Registration Officer reported that his analysis of the current grading list indicated that there were 906 players who were graded but not registered.

B) A letter from the Bristol & District Chess League was read in which they complained of the Union resolution to debar non-registered players from the future issues of the Grading list. This letter raised no points which could persuade the meeting to reconsider its attitude on this matter. A lengthy discussion took place on how we should implement this resolution. It was finally agreed to publish a full list of all players who had obtained WECU grades, but in which the grading numbers of the un-registered players would not be included but marked in a way to be determined. One exception to this rule would be that Juniors appearing for the first time would have their grades published even if they were unregistered. It was further agreed that anyone who had a grade which was not published for this reason, could obtain that grade and have it published in a subsequent issue of Westward Ho by paying to the Union a fee of £1.25, this fee would include late registration and administrative expenses.

1976/77 Fixture List. Mr. D.M. Bond apologised for the list of events published in Westward Ho, in which the home team had been listed as the away team.

Westward Ho Mr. D.M. Bond was complimented on the previous issues. Thanks were also expressed to Mr. G.W. Kilmister for producing the grading section, and to Mr. R.H.T. Newman for his assistance in overall production and distribution.

Correspondence A letter from the B.C.F. was read regarding County Boundaries and whether the B.C.F. had any jurisdiction within the Unions. It was agreed that a letter be written in answer, stating that the WECU had not altered its attitude that all matters relating to Chess within the Union were primarily the concern of the Union.

Junior Jamboree Grant A letter was read from the Junior Secretary of Devon, in which he complained of our Executive decision (item 7, 6th March 1976) in not allowing any grant to Devon for travelling expenses if the Junior Jamboree is to be held at Ilminster. The Executive decided that this decision was wrong, and it was agreed that the £40 grant be shared out in the following manner. That the mileage from Ilminster of the furthest main centre of Chess in each County be taken, and that the mileage in excess of 60 miles will qualify for a grant of £1 per 5 miles. This would mean that Cornwall (Penzance) would get £17, Hampshire (Portsmouth) - £8, Gloucestershire (Cheltenham) - £8, Wiltshire (Swindon) - £4, Devon (Plymouth) - £3, and Somerset and Dorset would receive no grant.

Other Business It was confirmed that the WECU will continue not to grade results from Congresses which may be terminated by 'sudden death' finishes.

B.C.F. Announcements

ADJUDICATIONS... don't forget that the BCF runs an adjudication service with the aid of expert players. Current cost £1 per side - details from G.D. Self, 115, Tumulus Road, Saltdean, Brighton.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT... remember that you can obtain a Certificate of Chess Merit from the BCF. Full details from Mrs. Lambert-Gorwyn, 8, Downsvlew, Heathfield, Sussex, TN21 8PE.

EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE... the BCF hires equipment at very reasonable rates. - details from General Secretary or from the Curator of Equipment, David Welch, 63, Croxteth Road, Liverpool L8 3SF.

BCF LIBRARY... remember that the BCF has a collection of books donated by generous individuals which are available on loan to Direct Members of the Federation. It is the General Secretary's hope that in due course it may be possible to co-ordinate and recognise the various book collections in the country into a comprehensive national library.

OUTDOOR CHESS... some interest is being expressed at increasing the number of places where such facilities exist. The BCF Secretary would like to assemble some information - he only has a little to date - on current facilities.

This game, which was played in the recent congress at Woolacombe, is one of those David and Goliath affairs. Gloucester's Richard Dixon is graded 161. D. O. Vaughan, graded 200, is a Welsh international and played in the British Championship at Portsmouth.

Sicilian Defence

	R.J. Dixon	D.O. Vaughan
1.	P - K4	P - QB4
2.	N - KB3	P - Q3
3.	P - Q4	P x P
4.	N x P	N - KB3
5.	N - QB3	P - KN3
6.	B - K3	B - N2
7.	P - B3	O - O
8.	B - QB4	N - QB3
9.	Q - Q2	B - Q2
10.	O - O - O	Q - R4
11.	B - N3	QR - N1 (a)
12.	P - KR4	N - K4 (b)
13.	P - R5	N x RP
14.	B - R6 (c)	N - QB3
15.	B x B	K x B
16.	P - KN4	N x N
17.	Q x N ch	N - KB3
18.	N - Q5	P - K4
19.	Q - K3	N - N1
20.	N - K7!	Q - N3 (d)
21.	Q - Q2	Q - Q5
22.	Q - K1	Q - B4 (e)
23.	R - Q5	N x N (f)
24.	R x Q	R x R
25.	Q - R4	N - N1
26.	Q x RP ch	K - B3
27.	Q - R8 ch	K - K2
28.	Q x P ch	B - K3
29.	Q x BP ch	K - B3
30.	P - N5 ch	Resigns

- (a) More usual is KR-B1 or QR-B1. Blacks idea is to deploy his QN to QB5 sup-
 (b) Dixon feels that P - KR4 or KR-QB1 (ported by a pawn on QN4 would be better here.
 (c) Threatening 15, B x B K x B, 16, P - KN - 4N - B3, 17, Q - R6ch K - N1, 18, N - Q5 and wins.
 (d) If 20 ... N x N, 21, Q - R6ch K - B3, 22, P - N5 mate. At this point Black offered a draw which White not unnaturally refused.
 (e) The final blunder - 22 ... Q - N3 was essential, after which one possibility is 23, Q - Q2 Q - Q5 24, Q x Q P x Q, 25, N x N followed by R x P with the better ending for White.
 (f) Desperation, but the alternatives are no better, e.g. 23 ... Q - N3, 24. Q - Q2 N x N, 25. Q - R6ch K - B3, 26. R x Pch Q x R 27. P - N5 mate.

BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION 1976 - 77 ZONE -

Section 1

Round 1

S. Taulbut 1 D.R. Steinger 0. C. Cooley 1 P.T. Guyan 0.

Round 2

P.T. Guyan 0 S. Taulbut 1. D.R. Stringer 0 R.J. Pool 1.

Round 3

S. Taulbut $\frac{1}{2}$ R.J. Pool $\frac{1}{2}$; D.R. Stringer 1 C. Cooley 0.

Round 4

R.J. Pool 0 C. Cooley 1.

Section 2

Round 1

I. Pledge 0 (Def) J. Wilkinson 1; J. Walker 0 A.R.B. Thomas 1

CONGRESS RESULTS

The 26th ANNUAL CONGRESS of the DEVON COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION, held at OLDWAY MANSION, PAIGNTON, 5th/11th September 1976 (195 players)

PREMIER. J. Kopelovitch, an Israeli Master and last minute entry began the last round with a full point lead and needed only the draw against K.I. Norman to make him the outright winner (6 points) of the £100 prize. The remaining placings were not decided until some time after the prize giving ceremony when, after nine hours play, M.L. Fuller beat G.H. James and B.H. Wood beat M.J. Staples. =2nd/3rd were M.L. Fuller (Australia) and G.W. Wheeler (Plymouth) (5½). =4th were B.H. Wood and K.I. Norman (5). Grading Prizes:- J.C. Cock, G.I. Ladds and N.M. Robertson.

CHALLENGERS "A". =1st/2nd M. Page and P.R. Rawcliffe (5½); 3rd K.W. Derrick (5); 4th A.J. Cooper (Torquay), C. Searle, J.M. Soesan, P.C. Wood. (4½) Grading Prizes:- J.A. Goldberg, V.B. Rumsey, F.V. Wallace.

CHALLENGERS "B". =1st/3rd R. Franklin, G. Homer, P. Walden (Paignton) (5½). 4th D. Greensmith. Grading Prizes:- P.B. Richards (Plymouth) and A.M. Tyrrell (Torquay)

PREMIER RESERVES

"A" - =1st/2nd. M. Reynolds, Mrs D. Wright (4½), 3rd R.A. Wagstaff (4)
"B" - 1st J.R. Cotterell (4½), 2nd N. Brat (4), 3rd R.J. Dixon (3) (In this section a default in the first round was filled by Peter Harris, who, being a strong player, very sportingly agreed not to take any prize money and who won all his games.)

"C" - 1st A.M. Dunlop (Dartington) (5½), =2nd/3rd. G. Beattie, A.W.R. Harris and A. Kerry (Torquay) (5)

"D" - 1st S. Charles (5). =2nd/3rd Mrs Chataway, E. Chambers (4½)

"E" - 1st G.W. Blackmore (6), 2nd W.R. Withers (4½), =3rd. M. Angel, B.M.S. Jolly (Plymouth) and H. Stewart. (4)

MAJOR

"A" - =1st/2nd T.B. Towner and J.H. Olive (4½) 3rd K.A.J. Francis (4)

"B" - 1st B.S. Osland (5), =2nd/3rd. R.S. Thornton, A. Doust (4½)

"G" - 1st. J.S. Redgrove (6½), 2nd G. Lane (Paignton) (5); 3rd A.J.L. Wade, (Torquay) (4).

GRADED SWISS. 1st R.M. Cherry (6), =2nd/3rd M. Turner (Brixham) and P.R. Rooke (Teignmouth) (5½), =4th Mrs Lloyd and M. Shaw (5)

A few of the shorter games from the Congress are given below commencing with the 6th round win of the Premier winner.

J. Kopelovitch (White), G.H. James (Black).

1. e4 e5, 2. Nf3 Nc6, 3. Nc3 Be5, 4. Nxe5 Bxf2 +, 5. Kxf2 Nxe5, 6. d4 Nc6
7. Be3 d6, 8. Bc4 Nf6, 9. h3 Nxe4+, 10. Nxe4 d5 11. Bg5 Qc7, 12. Nf6+ gxf6
13. Re1+ Ne7 14. Bxf6 Black resigns.

M.L. Fuller (White) P.A. Aston (Black) Premier, Rd2. 1.e4 e5, 2.Nf3 d6, 3. d4 cxd4, 4. Qxd4 a6, 5. Bg5 Nc6, 6. Qd2 h6, 7. Bh4 Qb6, 8. e3 g5 9. Bg3 Bg7, 10. Na3 Bc6, 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Ne3 Nf6, 13.Bd3 Nh5, 14.Nd5 Qd8, 15.Be2 Nxc3, 16. hxg3, Bg4, 17.Nd4 Bxe2, 18.Nxe2 e6, 19.Ne3 Qc7, 20.0-0 Rd8, 21.R(a)d1 Ne5, 22.b3 g4, 23.f4 gxf3 ep, 24.gxf3 h5, 25.Kg2 Bh6, 26.Rh1 Ke7, 27.Nd4 Qc5, 28.N(e)f5+ exf5, 29.Nxf5+ Kf6, 30.Nxh6 d5 31.Qf4+ Ke6, Qf5+ Black resigns.

SIXTH NORTH DEVON CHESS CONGRESS - Coombes Hotel, Woolacombe

The Golden Coast Tournament - 8th/10th October 1976. (93 players)

= 1st/3rd. M. Clarke (Northampton) 4½/5
M.F. Driscoll (Wallasey)
M.A. Hick (Taunton)

= 4th/10th prizes) K.J. Bloodworth (Plymouth), A.D. Cooke (Salisbury),
(4th & 5th G. Kaye (Coventry), G.W. Lane (Paignton), P. Lucas (Leicester)
prizes) D.A. McFarlane (Launceston), D.R. Smith (Torquay) 4/5

Grading Prizes:

145-136 M.A. Hick (Taunton) 4½/5
135-126 M.F. Driscoll (Wallasey) 4½/5
125-116 G.A. Lucas (Leicester) and L. Cutting (Yeovil) 3½/5
115-106 J.H. Hayward (Exeter) 3½/5
Below 106 C. Deakin (Totnes) and M. Turner (Totnes) 2/5

Special Prize of half-gallon bottle of Cutty Sark Whisky for the highest placed non-prizewinner went to R. Maishman (Burnham-on-sea) 3½/5

The Barnstaple Open Tournament - 15th/17th October 1976 (86 players)

First Prize - The Western Counties Building Society Prize

= 1st/2nd P.V. Byway (Royston) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$
D.I. Patrick (Syston)

= 3rd/9th J.R. Boyse (Bristol), P.A. Brown (Stevenage)
(3rd, 4th, D.G.A. Shallcross (Henfield), A.R.B. Thomas (Tiverton)
& 5th D. Williams (Seale, Surrey), S. Williams (Plymouth),
prizes) B.H. Wood (Sutton Coldfield). $4/5$

Grading Prizes:

200-186 D.G.A. Shallcross, B.H. Wood $4/5$
185-171 D.I. Patrick (Syston) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$
170-161 M.C. Goodland (Bristol), R. Marsh (London), K.J. Shipton (Bristol)
J.A. Tuck (Bristol) $3\frac{1}{2}/5$
160-151 S. Williams (Plymouth) $4/5$
150-136 G. Beattie (Mitcham) $3\frac{1}{2}/5$
Below 136 A.B. Bentley (Cheltenham) $2/5$

Totnes Congress

1st P. Waters $5/5$ Equ 2nd Dr. J.M. Aitken, J. O'Dell, G.W. Wheeler $4/5$

Major Tournament

1st S. Wilkes $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ 2nd & 3rd M.J. Boac, C.T. Callow, F.J. Fisher,
W.A. Frost, T.G. Joy, G. Lane.

B.C.F. COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE CHESS

DIV. 1. (Ward-Higgs Competition).

1. Lancs I 22	2. Somerset I 19	3. Yorks I 18½
4. Sussex I 18	5. Warwick I 17	6. Worcs I 15
7. Notts I 14½	8. <u>equal</u> Kent I Middx I	9. Oxford I 14
11. Berks I 13½	12. Glos. I 13	13. <u>equal</u> Staffs I + Surrey I 12½

Relegated: 15. Northants I 12 16. Essex I 11.

Div. II (Sinclair)

1. Cumbria I 19½	2. Devon I 19	3. Dorset I 18½	4. <u>equal</u> . Norfolk I and Kent II 18
6. Greater Manchester 17½	7. Somerset II 17	8. <u>equal</u> Lancs II and Beds I 16	10. Cornwall I 15
11. <u>equal</u> Suffolk I and Northumberland I 14	13. <u>equal</u> Somerset III, Cheshire I and Leics. I 14	16. Durham I 13½	17. Bucks I 12½
18. Herts I 11	19. Surrey II 9½	20. Mddx II 7½	

Promoted: Cumbria and Devon. Hard Luck, Dorset!

Div. III (Brown-Pond).

1. Yorks II 15½	2. Wilts I 13	3. Worcs II 11½	4. Kent III 11
5. Lancs III 10	6. Surrey III 9	7. Cumbria II 7	8. Bucks II 8
9. Lincs I 7½	10. Glos. II 6		

1977 W.E.C.U. CONGRESS

from R.J. Gouldsworthy.

I confirm arrangements have been made to hold the Congress at Leisureland, Shoreditch Lane, Cheltenham. The Congress is to be sponsored by Charles Dickens who are providing an excellent venue, good lighting, carpeting and nearby cheap restaurant facilities in the same building. There is a separate room for the 20 competitors in the top section and facilities for analysis. Charles Dickens is also putting up a trophy in perpetuity.

List of Cups held by the W.E.C.U.

County Team Tournaments:

Harold Meek Trophy	- Counties Championship
Wayling Cup	- Minor Counties Championship
Bristol Cup	- Senior Jamboree
R.H. Newman Trophy	- Graded Jamboree

Annual Congress:

West of England Cup	- Championship
Evening Post Cup	- Challengers
Beatrice Pearce Rosebowl	- Reserves
Bath & Wilts Chronicle	- Open
Western Morning News Cup	- Junior
Wilson Osborne Cup (1)	- Minor
Wilson Osborne Cup (2)	- Girls
Elizabeth Walker Cup	- Ladies
Brigadier Morris Cup	- Best game

Special:

A.E. Giles Trophy	- School with best performance in 'Sunday Times' National Schools' Tournament.
Ethel Giles Shield	- Girls competition.

CHESS NEWS NOTES

H. Trevor Jones of Tunbridge Wells has a suggestion for a 'do-it-yourself' chess tournament:

Requires owning or borrowing 3 Chess sets and 3 Chess clocks, plus having accommodation for 3 games at once in own home - not too difficult, even in my 2-room flat.

Build up a list of interested players, with phone numbers. (I am fortunate with past and present local club list, but one could always write to a few local club secretaries for further names).

When I want some week-end chess, at times of my choosing, I select (and re-select as necessary) 5 other players of suitable strength to play amongst each other and with me. A 3-round 6-player Swiss (with fiddled rd 1 pairings, and possibly 10min finishes) workswell in one day, and a 6-player APA (5 rounds), with adjournments as necessary, fits easily in 2 days, with time to go to church on Sunday. The host has a little expense in providing afternoon tea whilst his guests may have a little travel expense, and guests can probably go home to lunch, although soup and light salad or sandwiches can easily be provided ... or, with 30 moves in 1 h + 10min finish, you can have three games starting after an early lunch. With adjournments, games can be graded by arrangement with your local grader.

Playing for England in the Blind Chess Olympiad at Kuortane, Finland, Colin Chambers, the blind chess international from Yetton helped to place his team eighth in a field of twenty-two.

Not only will this result give pleasure to Colin, but also to the many local chess players and others who subscribed £180 for the return air fare which made it possible for Colin to accept the invitation to play for his country.

I wonder how many chess classes are held in the Region. This is the sixth year that Barnstaple have held classes for beginners and those who play but want to improve to a good club standard. These consist of 20 sessions over the winter and have been proved popular and well worthwhile.

The laws of chess do not regulate all the possible situations that may arise during a game, and the controller of a tournament frequently has to use his own judgment to arrive at a fair solution of some tricky problems.

In the last Devon Junior Congress a player in one of the younger sections went to move his Queen but before letting it go, realised that he was placing it on a square where it could be taken. He replaced it on its original square and thought again. Finally he moved an entirely different piece.

Everyone knows this his opponent could have made him make a Queen move, but as he could capture the Queen where it had been left, simply did so. On losing his Queen the player went to the Controller and claimed that his last move must have been illegal and that the position should revert to that before the illegal move had been made - which is in accordance with Article 9 of the Laws of Chess.

W.E.C.U. SENIOR JAMBOREE 1976

R. Kneebone (Cornwall)	0	G. Lambert (Hampshire)	1
Dr. J. Aitken (Gloucester)	$\frac{1}{2}$	C.R. Orchard (Dorset)	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Whitcutt (Somerset)	0	P. Waters (Devon)	1
A.R.B. Thomas (Dev)	0	A. Ashby (Gl)	1
Dr. I. Roebuck (Dor)	0	J. Anstead	1
D. Bell (H)	1	R.J. Gregory	0
R.J. Grime (C)	0	G.W. Wheeler (Dev)	1
K. Gregory (H)	1	J. Anderson (Dor)	0
A. Roberts (S)	1	D. Osborne (Gl)	0
R.D. Powis (Gl)	1	P. Breach (C)	0
D. Richardson (Dev)	0	S. Goodman (H)	1
R.H.K. Mann (Dor)	1	D. Hick (S)	0
B.H. Turner (Cor)	0	C. Chapman (S)	1
M. Burn (Gl)	0	S. Hooker (H)	1
I.P. Legg (Dev)	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. Merrett (Dor)	$\frac{1}{2}$
S. Street (Dor)	0	P. Walden (Dev)	1
A. Berry (H)	1	D.C. Jarrett (Gl)	0
R.W. Gregory (S)	1	W.R. Pervis (C)	0
T.F. Thynne (Dev)	1	B. Clouter (S)	0
D.K. Bevis (Dor)	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Johnson (Gl)	$\frac{1}{2}$
P. Andrews (H)	1	A.D. Meakes (Cor)	0
C. Tylor (Cor)	$\frac{1}{2}$	D.P. Lock (Dor)	$\frac{1}{2}$
S. Dilke (Gl)	1	R.M. Bruce (Dev)	0
A. Borkowski (S)	1	A. Cullinane (H)	0
R.J. Dixon (Gl)	0	C. Winch (S)	1
R. Heasman (Dev)	1	K. Gay (Cor)	0
D.W. Lock (Dor)	1	P. Marshall (H)	0
J.J. Van der Velde (Cor)	$\frac{1}{2}$	K.W. Derrick (Gl)	$\frac{1}{2}$
D. Beer (H)	0	B.W. Clapp (Dev)	1
J. Fewkes (S)	1	R. Burton (Dor)	0
P. Hutchings (Cor)	1	L. Walters (H)	0
M. Davies (Gl)	$\frac{1}{2}$	S.J. Shutler (Dor)	$\frac{1}{2}$
M. Hick (S)	1	G. Lawrence (Dev)	0
K.J. Boodworth (Dev)	0	C. Anthony (Gl)	1
Dr. J.F. Tilney-Bassett (Dor)	1	W.H. Peek (Corn)	0
D. Drew (H)	1	D. Woodruff (S)	0

(Hampshire 8
(Somerset 7

3rd Devon $6\frac{1}{2}$
4th Gloucester 6
5th Dorset $5\frac{1}{2}$
6th Cornwall 3

WEST OF ENGLAND GRADED JAMBOREE - 24th September 1976

1. I. Cragg (Dorset)	1	D. Farndon (Somerset)	0
2. A. Waller (Gloucester)	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Kelway (Exeter)	$\frac{1}{2}$
3. A.M. Tyrrell (Torbay)	1	D. Miles (Plymouth)	0
4. C. Stanford (Somerset)	1	G. Kidd (North Devon)	0
5. F.V. Pye (North Devon)	1	D.G. Ayres (Torbay)	0
6. A.J. Chamberlain (Ply)	1	A. Pillinger (Gloucester)	0
7. D. Cooper (Exeter)	1	R. Spicer (Dorset)	0
8. S. Arnold (Plymouth)	1	R.J. Smith (North Devon)	0
9. W.G. Oliver (Gloucester)	0	E. Grubb (Somerset)	1
10. P. Rodgers (Exeter)	$\frac{1}{2}$	B.H. Boomsma (Torbay)	$\frac{1}{2}$
11. M. Turner (Torbay)	1	D.P. Deeth (Dorset)	0
12. F.R. Roberts (North Devon)	1	M. House (Gloucester)	0
13. G. Stagg (Dorset)	0	B.M.S. Jolly (Plymouth)	1
14. H.G. Peters (Somerset)	0	S. Landon (Exeter)	1
15. F. Sherman (North Devon)	0	I. Ashford (Exeter)	1
16. K. House (Gloucester)	1	P. White (Dorset)	0
17. B. Francis (Somerset)	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Cooper (Torbay)	$\frac{1}{2}$
18. D. Tongue (Exeter)	$\frac{1}{2}$	D.A. Harper (Plymouth)	$\frac{1}{2}$
19. J. House (Dorset)	0	Mrs P. Bromell (North Devon)	1
20. S. Cooke (Plymouth)	1	P. Gear (Somerset)	0
21. A.J.L. Wade (Torbay)	0	C. Brookes (Gloucester)	1
22. E. Weetman (Dorset)	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Lund (Exeter)	$\frac{1}{2}$
23. P. Norris (Gloucester)	1	A. Page (Plymouth)	0

24. G. Lane (Torbay)	1	M. Davis (North Devon)	0
25. L.A. Philp (North Devon)	0	R. Freke (Somerset)	1
26. R. Vickery (Plymouth)	$\frac{1}{2}$	V.J. Nunney (Torbay)	$\frac{1}{2}$
27. A.R. Willis (Exeter)	0	J. Polhill (Gloucester)	1
28. M. Bleach (Somerset)	1	R.A. Marples (Dorset)	0
29. S. Callender (Plymouth)	1	M. Hale (Dorset)	0
30. J. Drakely (Gloucester)	$\frac{1}{2}$	R.L. Chew (North Devon)	$\frac{1}{2}$
31. B. Landon (Exeter)	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Carter (Somerset)	$\frac{1}{2}$
32. Miss Goodwin (Dorset)	0	P. Rooke (Torbay)	1
33. D. Bond (North Devon)	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Cruice (Plymouth)	$\frac{1}{2}$
34. R. Cranage (Torbay)	0	M. Boag (Exeter)	1
35. A. Rushton (Somerset)	0	P. House (Gloucester)	1
36. J. Rice (North Devon)	1	M. Lamb (Dorset)	0
37. C. Breach (Gloucester)	1	S.J. Bailey (Torbay)	0
38. M. Girling (Somerset)	1	T. Anson (Plymouth)	0
39. M. Hughes (Plymouth)	0	J.H. Hayward (Exeter)	1
40. R. Balentine (Dorset)	1	B. Hunt (Gloucester)	0
41. F. Tregellis (Exeter)	1	M. Jewell (North Devon)	0
42. S. Wilks (Torbay)	1	C. Barret (Somerset)	0

Exeter $8\frac{1}{2}$, Gloucester 7, Plymouth $6\frac{1}{2}$, Torquay $6\frac{1}{2}$, Somerset 6, North Devon 5, Dorset $2\frac{1}{2}$.

English Counties

<u>Devon</u>			<u>Cornwall</u>		
1. P. Waters	1	211-215	P.H. Clarke	0	
2. A.R.B. Thomas	$\frac{1}{2}$	199-185	R. Kneebone	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3. P. Broad	1	191-172	J. Anstead	0	
4. G.W. Wheeler	1	192-160	R.J. Grime	0	
5. I.P. Legg	1	176-163	Mrs M.E.E. Clarke	0	
6. P. Walden	A	173-159	P.H. Breach	A	
7. T.F. Thynne	0	167-152	B.H. Turner	1	
8. R.M. Bruce	$\frac{1}{2}$	170-156	D.A. McFarlane	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9. K. Schofield	0	160-147	S. Shirley	1	
10. R.H.T. Newman	$\frac{1}{2}$	165-145	W.R. Provis	$\frac{1}{2}$	
11. R. Heaseman	1	162-146	D. Meakes	0	
12. B.W. Clapp	1	161-144	C. Tylor	0	
13. C.J.V. Bellers	1	166-142	J.J. VanderVelde	0	
14. R. Liggitt	1	155-138	P. Hutchings	0	
15. P. Halmkin	1	159-119	L.G. Shroll	0	
16. K.J. Bloodworth	1	163-146	A.J. Gunn	0	
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	$11\frac{1}{2}$			$3\frac{1}{2}$	+ 1 ADJ

Somerset White on Odd Board

1. G. Moore	1	199-171
2. R. Northage	1	189-172
3. J. Whitsutt	0	180-164
4. J. Tuck	1	175-151
5. D. Hick	1	174-158
6. G. Lasper	$\frac{1}{2}$	-
7. C. Chapman	$\frac{1}{2}$	162-147
8. M. Sellars	1	168-162
9. R.W. Gregory	1	167-156
10. B. Crouter	$\frac{1}{2}$	167- -
11. C. Parsons	1	165-144
12. T. O'Mahoney	1	163-139
13. D. Neagle	$\frac{1}{2}$	161-139
14. J. Borkowski	$\frac{1}{2}$	158-133
15. S. Brockelsby	$\frac{1}{2}$	158-156
16. C. Winch	1	159-144

Wiltshire

W. Lowe	0
P.R. Watson	0
D. O'Byrne	1
B. Walker	1
D. Hale	0
G. Chapman	$\frac{1}{2}$
R. Haydon	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. Sowden	0
P. Edgington	0
E.C. Baker	$\frac{1}{2}$
P.P. O'Driscoll	0
M.C. Lovell	0
D. Ward	$\frac{1}{2}$
M. Higgs	$\frac{1}{2}$
M.M. Spindler	$\frac{1}{2}$
R. Garraway	0

Somerset II

Wiltshire II

1.	T. Headlong	1	157-132	R. Szentimihaly	0
2.	J. Fewkes	$\frac{1}{2}$	154-145	N. Freebury	$\frac{1}{2}$
3.	M. Hick	1	153-151	R. Wardell	0
4.	H. Thomas	1	153-124	R. Sparkes	0
5.	D. Byron	0	150-120	A. Dawkins	1
6.	C. Bradley	1	140-115	D. Perrott	0
7.	B. King	0	149-135	R. Allen	1
8.	R. Gray	1	146- -	K. Khoo	0
9.	D. Woodruff	1	146- -	S. Zeidler	0
10.	G. Jepps	1	143- -	P. Saunders	0
11.	K. Hillier	1	140- -	M. Zeidler	0
12.	R. Maishman	1	140- -	G. Wheeler	0
13.	M. Wheeler	1	135-124	Mrs. C. Williams	0
14.	S. Nardecchia	1	- -124	D. Oldridge	0
15.	R.J. Bagshaw	1	133- -	Mrs K. Wheeler	0
16.	C.S. Stanford	$\frac{1}{2}$	123- -	S. Hardy	$\frac{1}{2}$
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English Counties

Hampshire White on Odd Board.

<u>Hampshire</u>			<u>Dorset</u>		
1.	M. Thompson	0	194-217	G. Bennett	1
2.	A. Brameld	0	193-194	I. Roebuck	1
3.	D.W. Bell	A	192-190	R. Valentine	A
4.	K. Gregory	$\frac{1}{2}$	179-182	J. Anderson	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	M. Newbury	1	175-179	R. Mann	0
6.	J. Corfield	$\frac{1}{2}$	173-175	H. Needham	$\frac{1}{2}$
7.	S. Dean	1	170- -	P. Curtis	0
8.	D. Bower	0	169-173	M. Charter	1
9.	A. Cullinane	1	169-169	D.W. Lock	0
10.	W. Yeeles	$\frac{1}{2}$	166-170	D.P. Lock	
11.	P. Marshall	0	164-168	F. Kingdon	1
12.	R. Walmisley	0	164-165	S. Shutler	1
13.	A. Barton	1	163-164	R. Ellison	0
14.	D. Fryer	0	161-156	M. Roth	1
15.	S. Chivers	A	160-163	R. Burton	A
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Minor Counties

1.	M. Clarke	$\frac{1}{2}$	159-162	J. Crewe	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	L. Walters	1	158-160	P. Anderson	0
3.	S. Perry	$\frac{1}{2}$	156-152	A. Pike	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	D. Spurgeon	$\frac{1}{2}$	151-152	E. Chandler	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	S. Clinch	0	- -151	E. Twamley	1
6.	M. Street	0	149-148	E. Wilson	1
7.	I. Stenhouse	1	150-147	J. Kiraly	0
8.	R. Noyce	$\frac{1}{2}$	144-144	P. Dearlove	$\frac{1}{2}$
9.	M. Meaton	1	143-144	A. Bright	0
10.	K. Hancock	$\frac{1}{2}$	142-142	B. Broadhouse	$\frac{1}{2}$
11.	R. Clarke	$\frac{1}{2}$	141-141	H. Holmes	$\frac{1}{2}$
12.	C. O'Bee	0	139-143	H. Dulson	1
13.	S. Bell	1	138-138	R. Kinnersley	0
14.	J. Coburn	0	136-142	R. Underhill	1
15.	S. Le Fevre	1	133-132	W. Shutler	0
16.	J.J. Evans	1	124-120	R. Marples	0
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English Counties

Gloucester White on Odd Board

1.	M.E. Poolake	$\frac{1}{2}$	166-187
2.	M.K. Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	191-217
3.	J.M. Aitken	1	190-190
4.	P.J. Meade	0	187-182
5.	R.O. Powis	1	181-175
6.	J. O'Loughlen	1	180-179
7.	M.E. Burn	$\frac{1}{2}$	177-175
8.	J.M. Will	0	175-173
9.	M.I. Davis	1	171-173
10.	I.R. Pickup	$\frac{1}{2}$	166-172
11.	P.J. Tolhurst	$\frac{1}{2}$	166- -
12.	M.A. Cook	0	166-169
13.	S.W. Dilke	1	164-170
14.	R.J. Dixon	$\frac{1}{2}$	161-168
15.	C.J. Hutchings	0	158-165
16.	K.W. Derrick	1	155-160
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Dorset

C. Orchard	$\frac{1}{2}$	
G.H. Bennett	$\frac{1}{2}$	
R. Valentine	0	
J. Anderson	1	
Dr. P. Merrett	0	
R.H.K. Mann	0	
H.D. Needham	$\frac{1}{2}$	
S. Street	1	
M. Charter	0	
D.K. Bevis	$\frac{1}{2}$	
P. Curtis	$\frac{1}{2}$	
D.W. Lock	1	
D.P. Lock	0	
F.C. Kingdon	$\frac{1}{2}$	
S.J. Shutler	1	
Dr. J.F. Tilney-Bassett	0	
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Minor Counties

Gloucester White on Odd Board

1.	R.C. Last	$\frac{1}{2}$	153-163
2.	J.A.R. Cousins	0	149-162
3.	G. Anthony	$\frac{1}{2}$	145-152
4.	M. Powis	0	148-152
5.	S. Hampton	0	148-151
6.	D.H. Spencer	0	148-148
7.	P. Ashworth	1	145-144
8.	S.W. Maggs	1	141-138
9.	J.C.B. Date	0	139-142
10.	L.A. Dorrington	0	132-141
11.	C. Powney	$\frac{1}{2}$	138-142
12.	H.K. Millbank	$\frac{1}{2}$	129-143
13.	R. Nall	1	130-138
14.	J. Marks	0	127-147
15.	J.R.B. Steadman	1	123-138
16.	Default	0	132
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Dorset

R.C. Burton	$\frac{1}{2}$	
J.E. Crewe	1	
E.W. Chandler	$\frac{1}{2}$	
A. Pike	1	
E. Twamley	1	
E. Wilson	1	
P.C. Dearlove	0	
E.J. Clark	0	
B.J. Broadhouse	1	
H.R. Holmes	1	
R. Underhill	$\frac{1}{2}$	
H.N. Dulson	$\frac{1}{2}$	
R. Forrest	0	
J. Kiraly	1	
R. Kinnersley	0	
W.J. Shutler	1	
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English Counties

Wiltshire White on Odd Board

Cornwall

1.	P.H. Clarke	A	215-171
2.	R. Kneebone	0	185-172
3.	J. Anstead	$\frac{1}{2}$	172-160
4.	R.J. Grime	$\frac{1}{2}$	160-164
5.	Mrs. M.E.E. Clarke	A	163
6.	B.H. Turner	$\frac{1}{2}$	152-151
7.	D.A. McFarlane	0	156-147
8.	S. Shirley	$\frac{1}{2}$	147-162
9.	A.W. Busby	A	144-139
10.	A.D. Meakes	$\frac{1}{2}$	146-131
11.	W.R. Provis	A	145-147
12.	C. Tylor	A	144-124
13.	J.J. Van Der Velde	A	142-132
14.	P. Hutchins	1	138-132
15.	L.G. Shroll	$\frac{1}{2}$	119-121
16.	S. Blackford	$\frac{1}{2}$	138-135
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Wiltshire

W. Lowe	A	
P.R. Watson	1	
R.F. Bradley	$\frac{1}{2}$	
D. O Byrne	$\frac{1}{2}$	
G. Chapman	A	
B. Walker	$\frac{1}{2}$	
R. Haydon	1	
G. Sowden	$\frac{1}{2}$	
D. Ward	A	
E.C. Baker	$\frac{1}{2}$	
T. Dodson	A	
D. Oldridge	A	
S. Szentmihaly	A	
Maj. W.E. Bruges	0	
M.N. Saunders	$\frac{1}{2}$	
R. Allen	$\frac{1}{2}$	
		<u>5</u> + 6 ADJ

English Counties

Devon White on Odd Board

Somerset

1.	P. Waters	1	211-199	G. Moore	0
2.	A.R.B. Thomas	1/2	199-189	R. Northage	1/2
3.	P. Broad	2/3	191-180	J. Whitcutt	1/3
4.	G.W. Wheeler	A	192-178	R.J. Gregory	A
5.	J. Wheeler	1	191-175	J.A. Tuck	0
6.	I. Legg	1/2	176-172	K. Shipton	1/2
7.	D. Richardson	1/2	180-168	M.R. Sellars	1/2
8.	J.G. Ottoson	2/3	- -167	R.W. Gregory	1/3
9.	P. Walden	A	173-167	B.T. Crouter	A
10.	T.F. Thynne	0	167-165	C.C. Parsons	1
11.	R.M. Bruce	1/2	170- -	D. Stringer	1/2
12.	R.H.T. Newman	2/3	165-163	T. O'Mahoney	1/3
13.	K. Schofield	0	160-162	C.F. Chapman	1
14.	R. Heasman	1/2	162-153	C. Lasper	1/2
15.	B.W. Clapp	1/2	161-158	A. Borkowski	1/2
16.	C.J.V. Bellers	1/2	166-158	H. Brockelsby	1/2

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7 + 2 ADJ

Minor Counties

Devon White on Odd Board

Somerset

1.	P. Halmkin	0	159-159	C.E. Winch	1
2.	R. Liggitt	1	155-157	T. Headlong	0
3.	K.J. Bloodworth	0	163-140	C. Bradley	1
4.	R. Lingham	1	150-154	J. Fewkes	0
5.	Mrs. R.M. Bruce	1/2	143-153	H.G. Thomas	1/2
6.	A.F. Footner	1	154-152	K. Payne	0
7.	E.G. Sparke	0	149-152	D. Wilkinson	1
8.	J. Hutchings	0	152-150	D. Byron	1
9.	M. Roberts	1	149-146	R. Gray	0
10.	C. Gilbey	0	153-146	D. Woodruff	1
11.	A. Dunlop	1/2	138-143	J. Dagnall	1/2
12.	Dr. R.W. Hitchcock	0	145-143	G.N. Jepps	1
13.	J. Parker	1	144-140	K. Hillier	0
14.	D. Miles	A	147-140	R. Maishman	A
15.	A.M. Tyrell	0	144-136	E. Brunsch (By Default)	1
16.	R.H. Jones	0	148-135	M. Wheeler	1

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9 + 1 ADJ

Cornwall League Table

	<u>Played</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Godolphin A	4	4	0	0	8
Camborne A	4	3	1	0	7
Truro A	4	3	1	0	7
St. Austell Knights	4	2	2	0	6
St. Ives	4	3	0	1	6
Truro School	4	3	0	1	6
Godolphin B	4	2	0	2	4
Liskeard	4	1	1	2	3
St. Austell Bishops	4	1	1	2	3
Perranporth A	3	1	0	2	2
Perranporth B	3	0	1	2	1
Poltair	4	0	1	3	1
Camborne B	4	0	0	4	0
Truro B	4	0	0	4	0

I have long been a supporter of an Avon County Chess Association but as long as I am a member of the Gloucestershire Executive, I would not take any active part in its formation, unless the County Executive held the same view. It would seem a logical step, particularly as the present Gloucestershire County is virtually two non fraternising halves, but it would need the active co-operation of Gloucestershire, Somerset and the B. & D.C.L. I would not like to see the same troubles in the W.E.C.U. as have occurred in the North, following the creation of the Greater Manchester Chess Association. Also the North part of Gloucestershire might feel more inclined to join the Midland Counties, than affiliate to the W.E.C.U.

Incidentally, at the recent B.C.F. Executive, it was announced by the General Secretary that all juniors under 18 travelling by Rail to Chess Congresses, could apply to him for a special concession to go at child rates. This obviously applies to those between the ages of 14 and 18. The only requirement is B.C.F. membership and special forms to hand to the ticket office, are obtainable from the B.C.F. Secretary on request.

Yours sincerely,

David Jarret.
Joint Hon. Grading Officer For Gloucestershire.
B.C.F. Chairman for Junior Chess Club.

DEVON.

ISLES CUP. (At Exeter.)

<u>Exeter.</u>			<u>Taunton.</u>		
1.	A.R.B. Thomas	T $\frac{1}{2}$	M. Hick		$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	D.F.L. Richardson	T 1	R. Hirons		0
3.	J. Ottossm	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Hibbitt		$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	B.W. Clapp	T 1	P. Little Johns		0
5.	S.R. Boniface	T 1	N. Rosser		0
6.	C.J. Bellerst	T 1	J. Bull		0
7.	S. Karlsson	1	B. Nassiri		0
8.	J. Kelway	T 1	A. Mansfield		0
9.	A.P. Paine	T 1	R. Wannacott		0
10.	D. Cooper	<u>1</u>	Def.		<u>0</u>
		9			1

Another close match occurred in the second round of the National Club Championship between Teignmouth and Bristol & Clifton. The Devon side did well to hold the Bristol club to a 3-3 draw but lost on board count. T.F. Thynne 0, M Poolake 1; P.E. Halmkin 0, A. Ashby 1; R.S. Thynne 1. J. Boyce 0; R. Liggitt 1. R. Gregory 0; I.S. Annetts 0. A. Collier 1; G.C. Walker 1; D. Roberts 0.

Teignmouth also drew their Bremridge cup match with Exeter. T.F. Thynne 1, A.R.B. Thomas 0; P. Halmkin $\frac{1}{2}$, B.W. Clapp $\frac{1}{2}$; J. Walker 0, C.J. Bellers 1; R.S. Thynne $\frac{1}{2}$, R. Hitchcock $\frac{1}{2}$; R. Liggitt 0, S M. Owen 1; G.C. Walker 1, D. Cooper 0. The Holsworthy Club has withdrawn from this competition.

NORTH DEVON.

NORTH DEVON CHESS LEAGUE 1976/77 SEASON.

Amongst the important decisions taken by a well attended Council Meeting on 22nd. September was the major one concerning registration. It was unanimously agreed that in future all players in League events must be B.C.F. Registered, except for juniors for the first year and new adult members for the first six months. Four out of the seven clubs in the League already register all their members, but until this year there has been no ruling in the League.

Six Clubs will play in the all-playall Team Championship, which has a top grading limit of 160, and five Clubs have entered teams in the second division which has a grading limit of 125. They are as follows:-

13 Whitecross Avenue,
Whitchurch,
Bristol BS14 9HZ

Dear Mr. Bond,

I am sorry to hear you are still in hospital and hope you have a speedy recovery.

With regard to Ken Cleaks letter, I would point out the views expressed by me in reply are personal ones and that the official Gloucestershire view will probably be stated after the executive meeting of the County Association on Monday, December 13th.

Ken Cleaks is a lone voice amongst the hierarchy of the Bristol and District Chess League (B. & D.C.L.) but one who's views are respected. If all persons in the W.E.C.U. had a small amount of the energy which he puts into Chess and its administration, the problems which we face today would be non-existent. I remember well his efforts in 1972/3, and was the only supporting voice for his views on the B. & D.C.L. Management Committee. Unfortunately, the attitude of the League, with minor exceptions, is very parochial. They argue that the League provides all the facilities for games which the average club player wants, and that it could still usefully function without the continued existence of the W.E.C.U. and B.C.F. Although its top players play in national competitions, they fail to see that monetary support is necessary from all. They argue that those who play in such competitions should pay the expenses. B.C.F. Membership to them means financing the enjoyment of the minority of players who play in the County Championship, Minor Counties Championship, National Club Championship, Correspondence Chess Championship, Sunday Times Schools Tournament and National and Regional Individual Championships. The cry goes up 'but what do we get out of it' Club Secretaries do not want to know when you say that the B.C.F. and W.E.C.U. is responsible for the rules of play including an interpretation of unclear issues, as well as other important duties, such as providing a grading system and adjudication service (both of which the League uses.) What does the average club player know about the training of juniors, chess services to the disabled and unsighted players, and the sending of senior and junior inter-national teams and individuals abroad? Usually the proverbial fairy godmother is expected to finance these things and unless someone takes the trouble to go to the club players, they go on believing this. Some players are still naive enough to believe that the upswing in chess activity after the publicity of the Fischer/Spassky match was sheer coincidence, and that the corresponding increase in club memberships, which helped keep all members fees down, was luck. We can have a further upsurge in interest if we add to the Grandmasters we already have, but to do this, money from all players is needed to fund the system which produces them. Nearly one third of nett B.C.F. expenditure goes on Junior Chess and 3,000 registrations alone are needed to cover this item.

Mr. Cleak is quite correct in saying that without the goodwill of the B. & D.C.L, registrations are unlikely to rise very much in this area. He is also right in criticising the Gloucestershire Executive, who have taken a very passive attitude with this problem. As a member of that Executive, I must take a share of the collective responsibility attributable. As the County organises very little of the Chess played in its area, it is in a very poor position, but I feel more could have been done.

Although people complain about paying a fee for grading, this criticism is hardly correct. They are paying to provide the services which the B.C.F. offers, and their grade is a small part of this. Anyone who feels that the amount paid is large, is welcome to grade Bristol League results. For approximately four hours a week they can have a nice comfortable job, in their own home, at their own pace but, unfortunately, without pay! The decision of the W.E.C.U. not to grade un-registered players, was taken as a means of trying to obtain a more equitable distribution of the financial burden among Chess Players, in order to provide the funds needed to run an excellent National Chess Organisation.

First Division: A.M.P. Barnstaple, Bratton Fleming, Holsworthy, Ilfracombe and Lynton.

Second Division: Bideford, Holsworthy, Ilfracombe, Lynton and Pilton.

North Devon Knock-Out Cup. R. Lock (White) to play D. Macfarlane, and the winner meets A. Footner in the final.

NORTH DEVON INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP. This new Competition is open to any player below grade 170 and either resident in North Devon or a member of a North Devon Club, and all matches are to be played in North Devon. The competition is due to commence on 1st. November and to be concluded by 30th. April.

DORSET.

BOURNEMOUTH CHESS LEAGUES.

	P	W	D	F	A.	Pts.
DIV. ONE TABLE.						
OAKMEDIANS	2	2	0	6½	3½	4
KINSON A	2	1	1	7	3	3
PARKSTONE A	2	1	1	5½	4½	3
PARKSTONE B	2	1	1	5½	4½	3
XCHURCH B	2	1	0	5	5	2
KNIGHTS A	2	0	2	5	5	2
XCHURCH	2	0	2	5	5	2
PLESSEY	2	0	1	4½	5½	1
CANFORD HEATH A	2	0	0	4	6	0
KINSON B	2	0	0	2	8	0

Only one team with full points but two more close behind.

Leaders this year so far are:

DIV 2 CHRISTCHURCH C and SOUTHBOURNE A (promoted this season)

DIV 3 FERNDOWN SCHOOL A. Max points

DIV 4 EAST HURN COURT SCHOOL and "TWEOXNEAM"

DIV 4 WEST B.A.C. (British Aircraft Corp.)

10 teams in each Div.

BRISTOL AND DISTRICT

Yatton are to introduce a club grading system to stimulate interest. The grading will include all games played for the club and county and will be published after five games and extended to twenty games. Once twenty games have been played the grading will be continually revised and will be based on a player's last 20 games. Initially, where available, the grading will be from the WECU list and the National system of grading will be used. This, or a variation of it, could well be introduced in other clubs and would certainly encourage newcomers to the game who have normally to wait many months before obtaining an official grading. The continual revision would also help to a better assessment of a player's current strength, particularly of up and coming juniors. No doubt many can recall playing a youngster with a two figure grading which was, obviously, wrong by a factor or two.

At a well attended meeting of Thornbury Chess Club the following officers were elected:

Chairman, G. Hinchcliffe; Secretary, D.R. Evans; Treasurer, H. Dowler; Community Association Rep, D. Pinnock; Capt A Team, D.R. Evans; B. Team, J. Nichols; C. Team, not yet elected.

Last season was the most successful in the clubs history when two divisional championships were won in the Bristol League and three teams are again being entered this year. The annual subscription was raised to £6.50 with corresponding increases being made in the junior and old age pensioner rates. W.(Bill)Jones, one of the earliest members, was unanimously elected as the clubs first honorary life member. Due to ill-health he had been unable to attend as regularly as he used to, but the members present welcomed the news that he was now much better.

Bristol & District Junior Chess Association held their 22nd annual meeting at Youth House, George Street. Mr. Cyril Welch, after many years as honorary adjudicator of the Association, was elected president. Adjudications will now be shared by a quartet of Bath University students led by Kevin Shipton, a former officer of the Association. Other officers elected were: Vice Presidents, Dr. J. Duffy, D. Bye, J.G. Milton, M.F. Jones, M. Slucott, W.J. Bird, J. Beard, T. Britton, Vice-Chairman, C. Pillinger; Secretary, Treasurer, J. Beard, Asst. Sec. M. Slucott, Asst. Treasurer, A. Smith, Tournament organiser, D. Woodruff; Registrar, M. House; Match Captain, P. Taylor, Equipment Officer, A. Bourke.

Additional Funds are to be raised by an increase in team affiliation fees. These will go, primarily, to the purchase of new chess boards and, although the Association is not making an appeal, it will always be extremely grateful for any donations of chess equipment to provide for its ever growing number of enthusiasts.

BRISTOL & DISTRICT

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>
University B	4	8	Sea Mills B	3	5
University A	5	6	Bristol & Clifton C	4	5
Downend & Fishponds A	2	3	Thornbury A	5	5
Yatton A	4	3	Central YMCA	5	5
Hanham & Kingswood A	2	2	University C	2	4
Bristol & Clifton A	2	1	Yatton B	4	4
Sea Mills A	2	1	Horfield A	6	4
Hanham & Kingswood B	0	0	University D	2	3
Totterdown YMCA A	3	0	Bristol & Clifton B	3	3
			Downend & Fishponds B	2	4
			Patchway A	2	4
<u>Division 3</u>			<u>Division 4</u>		
Congresbury A	5	10	Thornbury C	5	8
Hanham & Kingswood C	5	8	Yatton C	5	7
Keynsham A	4	6	Patchway B	4	6
Bristol & Clifton D	5	6	Thornbury B	3	4
Downend & Fishponds C	5	6	Hanham & Kingswood D	3	4
Keynsham B	4	5	Bristol Omnibus	4	4
Cabot A	5	4	University F	4	3
University E	5	2	Civil Service A	3	2
Natwest A	3	0	Sea Mills C	5	2
Horfield B	4	0	Wills Hall	5	2
Pegasus	4	0	Phoenix	2	0
University C	5	10			
Cabot B	5	6			
Clifton. Bristol E	4	5			
Downend Fishponds D	4	5			
Keynsham C	4	5			
G.K.N.	3	4			
Congresbury B	4	4			
Nat West B	5	4			
Totterdown Y.M.C.A. B	4	2			
University Staff	5	1			
Civil Service B	4	0			

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

In the Counties Correspondence Championships, which have just got under way, players are no longer debarred from consulting with other players about their game, the rule forbidding this having been deleted by the British Postal Chess Federation.

The change is deplored by Roger Selfe, Gloucestershire's new and energetic secretary for correspondence chess, and most players will agree with him in feeling that if you can't win a game on your own then it's not worth playing. No doubt it was one of those rules impossible to enforce, but to abolish it is tantamount to encouraging a thoroughly undesirable practice.

Mr. Selfe, who has been able to run only one team in this year's competition owing to administrative difficulties inherited from his predecessor, has arranged a friendly 8-board match with BCCA seconds. There are two games at each board and the county team is: M.S. Davies (Bristol) D. Conway (Br. Omnibus), D.A. Nicholls (Cheltenham), G.A. Bowles (Cheltenham) C.B. Brown (Dowty) E.M. Sollars (Stroud)

Fourteen players have entered for this season's North Gloucestershire Individual Championship which will be run as a Swiss tournament: D. Bates, R.H. Bunten, P. Coast, and N. Hosken (Cheltenham); M.E. Burn and D.W. Harper (Gloucester) R.F. Bradley, B.J. Farrington, D. Hulme, R.C. Last and G.D. Neville (Stroud) G. Anthony (Rich's), M. Heasman (Whaddon); S. Whitehead (Cirencester).

North Gloucestershire beat South Gloucestershire by $22\frac{1}{2}$ - $16\frac{1}{2}$ in the annual match played at Sea Mills Community Centre. The score in the series now stands at six wins each with one match tied.

This year the event included the final of the County Club championship between Bristol and Clifton and Cheltenham.

Cheltenham are generally considered the strongest club in Gloucestershire and they had recently won their first match in the National Club championship against Bushbury (Staffs) by 6.0

Informed opinion was that they should beat Bristol fairly comfortably and they became cast-iron certainties when three of the Bristol team failed to turn up. Apparently one had mistaken the date and the other two had omitted to inform their captain that they could not play.

With a 3-0 start the seven Cheltenham players who did get a game probably felt they did not need to pull out all stops. Whatever the reason, they mustered only two draws between them and Bristol ran out clear winners by 6-4!

The two prizes offered by the Gloucestershire County Chess Association for the best games played during last season have both been won by North Gloucestershire players.

The prize in grading category 165-130 went to R.C. Last (Stroud) for his game against H. Chant (Yorks) in the Counties Correspondence Championships and the prize for players graded below 130 was won by C. Vyle (CEGB) for his game against R. Alder (Tewkesbury) in Division 3 of the North Gloucestershire League.

The judge was Stuart Hutchings, formerly a Gloucestershire county champion and now a leading Welsh international who was impressed by the high standard of the entries generally.

HAMPSHIRE

A simultaneous display was given by Leonard Barden on Saturday, 9th October, in the Great Hall, Teachers' Training College, Milton. This event had been arranged by Portsmouth Polytechnic Chess Club, who are also meeting Mr. Barden's fees and expenses. £240 was promised.

The indefatigable Terry Hollington now moves in with the following highly original ideas:-

- (a) There is no entry fee, but each player wishing to take part is asked to obtain sponsors.
- (b) Each sponsor will undertake to pay anything upward from $\frac{1}{2}p$ for every move that the player that he is sponsoring makes against Leonard Barden, up to a maximum of 30 moves.
- (c) The money raised in this way (which could, given an enthusiastic response, be a sizeable sum) will be donated to the Hampshire Chess Association, with particular emphasis on the furtherance of Junior activities.
- (d) If a player obtains 10 or more sponsors, his Club will receive a refund of the amount of his County registration fee.

PORTSMOUTH ... Stephen Kensett has won the city Under-8 Championship and brother Stephen the U-10; Carey Groves has won the U-16 title as well as the Girls' U-18.

From Mr. J.E.C. Grant:

I was present at Fareham Chess Club when the juvenile Portsmouth D team arrived to play Fareham C; a remarkable sight, reminiscent of the March of the Seven Dwarfs and with, I suspect, an average of around 9 years of age. On this showing, they should do quite well in Division 3 when they have had a chance to settle down.

Division 3: Fareham C $3\frac{1}{2}$, Portsmouth D $2\frac{1}{2}$

HAMPSHIRE players were prominent in the prize list of the Southampton Open Chess Tournament, held at the College of Art.

The tournament attracted 96 entries and there were some long hard battles for the £350 prize money at stake. All but one of the prizes were eventually shared.

A three way tie for the top spot netted £65 each for Graham Keane, a Southampton University student in his second year, and Londoners N.E. Povah and C.W. Kennaugh.

But the hero of the tournament was Douglas Beer, of Southampton whose 160 grade was 50 points below the top names. In the third and fourth rounds he disposed of strong players Marshall Thompson and David Bell, then held Kennaugh to a well fought draw.

His meteoric run came to an end in the last round when Keane got the better of him.

It was Keane who brought down top-graded Gerald Bennett of Highcliffe in the fourth, and Bennett was trapped again in the next round by Bob Cullinane of Portsmouth.

It was another Portsmouth player, 11 year old Ian Welch who impressed talent spotters looking for tomorrow's champions. All six of his opponents had higher grades but he took three points off them and won a £20 grade prize.

Two local juniors who scored well were Martin Buckmaster of Hedge End and Tim Joslin of Southampton, both 15, who shared the under 16 prize and a grade prize.

Other prize winners were: fourth, Thompson and Bell; under 185, Martin Newbury, Fareham; under 185 and under 170, Beer, David Bower, all Southampton, and Cullinane, Portsmouth; under 155. Stephen Cool and Geoff Daw both Southampton; ungraded. G. Fischer, Bristol and F. Dingwall, Chichester.

Portsmouth played a representative team from Berkshire at Southcote over 20 boards for Under-18 and 24 boards (double round) Under-11. Although soundly beaten in both matches with total scores of $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $15\frac{1}{2}$ for the U.18 and $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $41\frac{1}{2}$ for the U-11, most of the players in the U-18 match were in fact Under-12.

Rather better news from the Portsmouth girls event played at Bristol. The team comprising Jane Seymour, Sharon Prince, Carey Groves, Julia Scotney, Terri Ruff, Ruth Thompson, Tina Ruff, Lindsey Knight, Karen Brooks and Penelope Langford scored $13\frac{1}{2}$ points from a 2 round jamboree type competition against teams from Clifton High School (8 points) and Redmaids School ($2\frac{1}{2}$ points).

PORTSMOUTH & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS</u>
<u>DIVISION 1</u>						
I B M A	1	1	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2
Portsmouth A	1	1	0	4	2	2
Cosham A	1	1	0	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	2
Gosport A	2	0	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	0
Fareham A	1	0	0	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	0
Community Ctr A	0	0	0	0	0	0

<u>DIVISION 2</u>						
Community Ctr B	2	2	0	9	3	4
Cosham B	3	1	1	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$	3
Polytechnic A	1	1	0	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2
Leigh Park A	1	1	0	5	1	2
Portsmouth B	2	1	0	5	7	2
Gosport B	3	1	0	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$	2
Fareham B	4	0	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$18\frac{1}{2}$	1

<u>DIVISION 3</u>						
Fareham C	3	2	1	$10\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	5
Portsmouth D	4	3	0	$13\frac{1}{2}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$	4
Cosham C	1	1	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2
Polytechnic B	2	1	0	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	2
Portsmouth C	2	0	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	1
Leigh Park B	2	0	0	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$	0

<u>DIVISION 4</u>						
Gosport C	2	2	0	9	3	4
I E M B	2	2	0	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4
Polytechnic C	1	1	0	4	2	2
Schroder	1	0	0	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	0
Fareham D	1	0	0	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	0
Emsworth	3	0	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$	0

SOMERSET.

CONGRATULATIONS: Adrian Hollis has been the outstanding (C.C.) player in Britain for several years and the automatic choice as No.1 for our teams in the (C.C.) Olympics and European Championship, ahead of even such eminent (O.T.B.) players as C.H. O'D. Alexander and P.H. Clarke. His true class has finally been confirmed as Grandmaster, following his scintillating win in the prestigious Potter Memorial Tourney (currently in its concluding stages). Despite his pre-eminence, as a World Class player, he has been most loyal member of our Somerset I for 20-years, working up through the team from Bd. 30 - a shining example to all our brilliant young players.

Paul Habershon has come 3rd in the British (C.C.) Championship

Over-the board Leon Burnett came close to winning the W. of E. Championship again this Easter.

David Hick won the W. of E. (under 18) Championship.

John Whitcutt won the Somerset Championship.

Mike Truran drew (on Bd. 2) against John Cooper, Cambridge, the brilliant Welsh International, in this year's University match. On top board, A.J. Mostel (Cambridge) drew with J. Speelman. These are but a few of the many successes recorded by Somerset (C.C.) players this season.

PAN SOMERSET RAFFLE

from Dr. Gordon Peters.

Somerset Correspondence Chess motor changed into top gear last season and should soon reach peak performance. Fueled by the enthusiasm and skill of our players, and controlled by the best governor in the business, this high revving machine will soon be unstoppable.

Back in the pits there are, however, a few furrowed brows - the executive mechanics fearing overheating resulting from insufficient lubrication; that lubrication of course being the old bogey of finance.

Our players have taken increased postal charges and registration fees in their stride, but the internal administrative costs have been borne by the County and while not bankrupt the balance of payments has gone into reverse.

Rather than impose a further levy on players, Ernst Brunsch and myself have agreed to organise a grand raffle in the late Spring, with the draw at the A.G.M.

Profits to County Association for all its activities. There are technical difficulties, but we are trying to work out a formula so that individual clubs with financial difficulties can take a cut of the money raised by their own players.

The first need is to raise a long list of good prizes. Please donate benevolently with the future of the County in your heart.

Your generosity will be multiplied by the efforts of the ticket sellers. A grand slam effort this year could secure the finances for a generation.

Peter Kefflers recipe for success is 'having a common determination and unity of purpose, and a complete absence of squabbling over team places which inevitably spells disaster. While the players have taken increased postal charges and registration fees in their stride, the Somerset Chess Association have borne the internal administrative costs and, now, with 130 enthusiasts to cater for, these have become a major item in the Associations finances.

WILTSHIRE

LEAGUE TABLES

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Dragons	6	6	0	0	6
Polonia	6	6	0	0	6
Wyvern	8	4	2	2	5
Lawn A	4	4	0	0	4
Plessey	5	3	1	1	3½
RAF Wroughton	4	3	0	1	3½
Devizes A	5	3	2	0	5
Thorn A	6	2	2	2	3
Vickers	6	2	3	1	2½
Hambro Life	5	1	3	1	1½
Churchfields	4	1	3	0	1
Nationwide	5	1	4	0	1
Thorn B	5	1	4	0	1
Malmesbury	3	0	3	0	0
Swindon Police	6	0	6	0	0

Martin (10) won the Chess Prize

Martin Zeidler, aged 10, of High Lawn, Devizes, won the prize for the best performance when two top chess players each played 19 games simultaneously at an event staged by Corsham Chess Club.

Martin, and his brother, Sven, each drew with Mr. William Lowe, Wiltshire's No. 2, who won his other 17 games.

The other player, Dr. Ian Roebuck, of Dorset won 14 drew three and lost two. Those who beat him were H. Light of Corsham Chess Club and D. Grimshaw George Ward School, Melksham. The draws were against T. Hyde (George Ward School) G. Wheeler and Mrs K Wheeler (Corsham Chess Club).

Sven and Martin are members of Devizes Chess Club. Both played chess for St. Peter's School Club, and Sven, who has now moved to Devizes Comprehensive school and is a member of the school club, is the reigning West Wilts schoolboy chess champion. Martin plays in the West Wilts primary schools league which plays inter-school matches.

Their father, Mr. P. Zeidler, said he was naturally very proud of their successes. "Funny thing, I don't play at all, but I give them all the encouragement I can," he said.

CONGRESS DATES

The Editor apologises to Mr. C. Couldson, Dartmouth for giving his name as Secretary of the Dartmouth Congress. Mr. Couldson states that he resigned from the Dartmouth Club in June 1975 and has not taken part in any Chess Activities of the club since then.

DEVON JUNIOR CONGRESS.

Programmes are now available for the Devon County Chess Association Junior Congress to be held at Plymouth College from Wednesday, 29th December 1976 to Sunday, 2nd January 1977, and organised by the Plymouth Chess Club. All tournaments are open to both boys and girls and whenever numbers permit, competitors will be divided into sections graded according to age and known playing ability. Competitors must be under age on 1st September 1976 and for Devon Championship Trophies must have one of the following qualifications (a) birth in the county, (b) attendance at an educational establishment within the county, (c) membership of a chess Club affiliated to the D.C.C.A. or (d) a bona-fide resident in the county from 1st September 1976. The tournaments comprise the Devon Under 21, Under 18, Under 15, and Under 11. Under 11 Tournaments Secretary: T. Anson, 20 Rectory Road, Stoke, Plymouth. All other Tournaments Secretary D Hunt, 20, Eastfield Avenue, Hooe, Plymstock, Plymouth. 1977.

March 18/20. East Devon Congress. Exeter University. Secretary. K. Schofield, 4, Boucher Road, Budleigh Salterton, Ex9 6HG. Tel. 2074.
April 22/24 North Devon Spring Congress, Barnstaple. Two graded Tournaments Secretary, D. Evans, 4, Trafalgar Lawn, Barnstaple.
September 4/10 Paignton Congress. Sections for all grades of players, one game per day. Secretary, W.A. Frost, 3, Cott Meadow, Dartington.