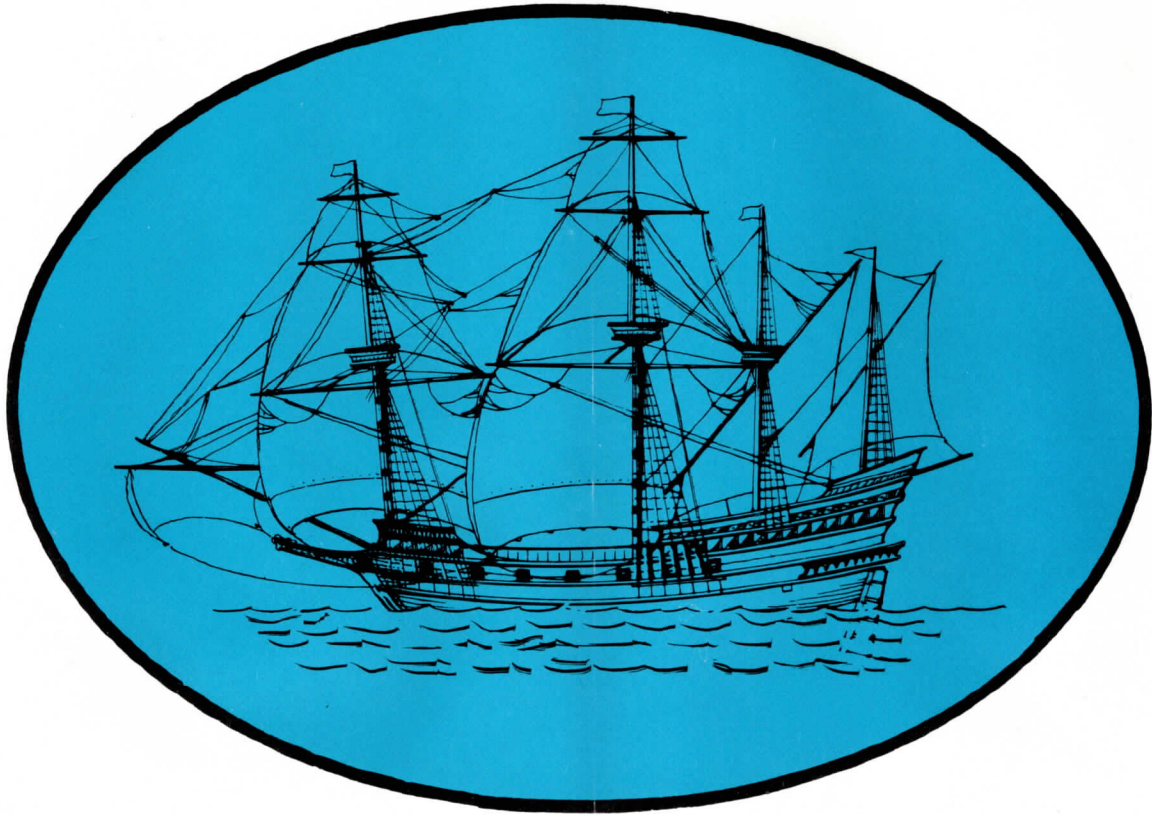
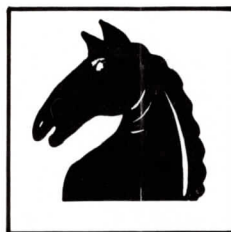


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A year ago I made an appeal for more permanent Westward Ho! subscribers and, as a result, the circulation has more than trebled in two years. What is even more encouraging is the interest outside the Union that is taken in our bulletin. In this issue, which is also circulated to all those who took part in the West of England Congress, you will find a renewal form for the next year's subscription which starts with the Grading Issue to be published 1st September. If you are a regular subscriber and have paid, please pass on to a friend.

Ralph Newman

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REPORT OF THE BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING 16.6.79.

1. Dates Of Board Meetings

- 15 September 1979 - Dealing with Finance & Administration
in place of Grading.
- 24 November 1979 - Grading. BCF Congress.
- 19 January 1980 - Junior Chess.
- 8(or 15) March 1980 International Chess.
- 21 June 1980 - Home Chess and Publicity.

2. Directors

Mr. Soames will be leaving the post of Congress Director in September and the Management Board will recommend that he be made a Life Vice President of the BCF.

The Board will recommend Mr. Walsh for Congress Director and Mr. Poole for Publicity Director.

3. Home Chess (Director Mr. P.M. Shaw)

- National Club Championship Entry Fee raised from £2.00 to £3.00.
- Adjudication Fee raised from £1.00 to £2.00.
- Appeal Fee raised from £2.00 to £3.00.
- Newsflash subscription raised to £2.75

Taking up an idea suggested by K.S. Schofield, Paul Buswell sent out a questionnaire to clubs in England to sound out their views on a limited grading team tournament. The responses from 191 clubs indicated that there would be significant support for such a venture probably of the order of a five-board event for teams of an average grading of about 150. It is hoped this may be put into operation for the 1980/81 season.

Mr. Self has, after many years of service, regretfully decided he must give up as Secretary to the Adjudication Service. His successor will be appointed shortly.

The most important part of this item was the discussion on the relations between the BCF and congresses operating outside its orbit. Mr. Reuben had been invited to address the Management Board meeting and his remarks were as follows :-

The London Chess Association had put some money into the BCF (referring to a donation made this year) and would continue to do so providing

- (1) Other congresses do the same
- (2) They get something out of it, namely ;
 - (a) Representation on the BCF Council.
 - (b) Representation on the BCF Management Board.
 - (c) A more "useful" grading system, i.e. more frequent, more accurate, more extensive.
 - (d) Help (including financial help) from the BCF and an understanding by the BCF of congress problems.

A committee has been set up to discuss this with a representative from each Union. (Ralph Newman will be representing the W.E.C.U.).

4. Junior Chess

U18 Finals. The date is confirmed as the Saturday before Easter in each year. Unfinished games are to be adjudicated at BCF expense.

Junior Coaching

At the January meeting of the Management Board when the special subject was Junior Chess, Mr Jarrett (Director of Junior Chess) brought up the subject of junior coaching and was requested to produce a paper on the full costings of a coaching scheme for discussion at the March meeting. Mr. Jarrett duly did so, but because of a full Agenda at the March meeting this item was put at the end and eventually deferred to the June meeting. Accordingly, Mr. Jarrett brought his paper to the June meeting and also had Mr. Wade (National Junior Coach) attend to address the meeting. Regrettably, this item was left at the end of the Agenda and, once again, has been deferred through lack of time!

5. Publicity

This was on the Agenda as one of the special subjects for consideration, but, in view of the change in Directors and shortage of time, the discussion was deferred.

6. BCF Council

The BCF Council Meeting will be held on Saturday, 14th July, 1979, in Birmingham and Agendas will be sent out to each County Representative. Counties are urged to send their Representative to this meeting, (at the April meeting they were thin on the ground) or to send their proxy vote to me.

Jean M. Parker

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STORM CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON

The new re-organisation of the BCF has now been running for a year. The whole concept of the streamlining of the old cumbersome system was to have a small and efficient management board to replace all the old costly committees and to ensure that the Unions had a majority of votes. It was also the intention to give ample warning to Unions of specialised subjects to be discussed at these meetings in order that the Union could bring as their second delegate the appropriate official to represent their views on this specialised matter. This has not, however, worked out in practice and caused speculation as to the reasons. Who is really in charge of the programming of the meeting? Is it the President? Is it the Chairman of the Management Board? or is it the General Secretary? In other words, is there someone in charge or do Unions submit items to the General Secretary for inclusion in the next agenda?

What is, however, even more alarming than the apparent lack of managerial guidance is the recent setting-up of a sub-committee to study the request for congresses to be represented by permanent membership of the Management Board and Council. This must be stopped at all costs for it can only be seen as the thin end of the wedge and before we know where we are every type of body in the chess world will be clamouring for admittance to the Board and the Unions will lose all control. What is certain is that the West of England will fight tooth and nail to keep the Management Board to its present size, otherwise, we shall see the BCF like a rudderless ship, overladen and floundering in a Sargasso sea of administrative paperwork.

Ralph Newman

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A GOOD RESULT FOR THE WEST

In the final of the Lloyds Bank Inter-Island Telephone Chess Competition the Isle of Wight beat Anglesey by $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$, the details which are as follows :-

	<u>Isle of Wight</u> $4\frac{1}{2}$	v	<u>Anglesey</u> $2\frac{1}{2}$
1.	J. Simpson	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	R. Coupe
2.	L. Stritton	1 - 0	M. Ormond Sn.
3.	A.J. Price (Capt)	1 - 0	M.L. Evans (Capt)
4.	S.J. Read	1 - 0	R. Walton
5.	W. Whitmore	0 - 1	H. Morris
6.	M. Doe	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	A. Hughes
7.	B. Joyce	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	M. Ormond Jn.

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COTSWOLD CONGRESS

Over 150 competitors entered for this popular Congress and in the Open in a field of 41 competitors R.C.S. Newton of Beaconfield emerged as the outright winner with 5 points.

The major tournament (47 competitors) was also won outright by R.J. Dixon of Gloucester with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points. In the Minor Tournament with a strong entry of 70 competitors the first prize was shared by C. Hawthorne of Paignton and J. Knight of Gloucester, each with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points.

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MATCH CAPTAINS REPORT

In the quarter-finals of the English Counties Championships Devon met Lancashire and Gloucester were drawn against Middlesex. Against this formidable opposition neither of our teams were by any means disgraced. Devon lost to Lancashire by $6\frac{1}{2}$ points to $9\frac{1}{2}$ and Gloucester, in a 20 board match, went down by 12 points to 8. It is interesting to note that the Middlesex grades for the first 4 boards was 220 and above and for the next 6, 199 and above! Out of the total team of 20 Middlesex players only 5 were under 190 (and then not much).

In the semi-finals of the Minor Counties Devon II met Cheshire II and after a real nail-biting finish Cheshire conceded the match to Devon by the narrowest margin of $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$. In the final Devon met a very strong Essex side and with unfinished games the Devon Match Captain is forecasting a loss by 3 games to 13.

Full details of all above matches appear below :-

<u>DEVON</u> $6\frac{1}{2}$	v	<u>LANCASHIRE</u> $9\frac{1}{2}$
A.R.B. Thomas 194	0 - 1	B. Cafferty
J.F. Wheeler 185	1 - 0	M.J. Conway
G.W. Wheeler 184	0 - 1	M.J. O'Hare
P. Walder	1 - 0	P. Timson
D.A. Hick 187	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	D. Lees
B.W.R. Hewson	0 - 1	N. Ivell
A.F. Footner 181	0 - 1	J.E. Horner
S.D. Arnold 178	1 - 0	R. Doney
T.F. Thynne 176	0 - 1	I. Ellison
R.T. Stuart 175	0 - 1	M. Frier
G. Lane 148	1 - 0	W. Cottam
P. Pritchard 169	0 - 1	R. McMichael
R. Heasman 170	1 - 0	P. Joyce
C.J.V. Bellers 168	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	D. Newhouse
R.M. Bruce 158	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	P. Dickinson
R.H. Newman 162	0 - 1	S. Coles

<u>MIDDLESEX</u> 12	v	<u>GLOUCESTER</u> 8
J.S. Speelman 232	1 - 0	A.P. Ashby 201
R.G. Wade 220	0 - 1	M.E. Binks 193
A.P. Law 220	1 - 0	Dr. J.M. Aitken 186
A.J. Whiteley 220	1 - 0	D.C. Osborne 184
G.D. Lee 210	1 - 0	P.J. Meade 185
P. Large 210	0 - 1	D.O. Collier 192
J. Hodgson 204	1 - 0	S. Hooker
S. Berry 200	1 - 0	K.W. Derrick 185
P.J. Sowray 199	1 - 0	P.F. Day 185
G. Dickson 199	0 - 1	J.M. Will 183
W. Watson 188	1 - 0	M. Goodland 183
R. Holmes 190	0 - 1	G. Anthony 165
T. Parkes 194	0 - 1	M.E. Burn 179
J.M. Qinn 194	1 - 0	J. O'Loughlen 169
D.P. Lynch 191	1 - 0	N. Hosken 180
S. Goodman 190	0 - 1	C. Jones 179
C. Hill 181	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	R.O. Powis 178
G. Pearce 183	1 - 0	S.W. Dilke 173
G.A. Leyton 185	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	R.J. Johnson 167
G.H. Govas 171	0 - 1	A. Mustapha

DEVON II 8½ V CHESHIRE II 7½

K. Schofield	154	0 - 1	I. Dutton
S.H. Crockett	140	1 - 0	R. Conroy
R. Liggitt	145	0 - 1	E.J. Bradshaw
P. Halmkin	156	½ - ½	P. Taylor
A.M. Tyrell	149	0 - 1	P. Carpenter
Mrs. R.M. Bruce	141	½ - ½	R. Clucas
S. Landon	151	0 - 1	P. Thursfield
S. Dilleigh	149	1 - 0	E. Harrison
A. Kerry	148	0 - 1	D. Bourne
M. Rosseinsky	129	1 - 0	R.A. Furness
D. McCarthy	117	1 - 0	R. Jardine
Dr. R. Hitchcock	131	½ - ½	A. MacKenzie
R.H. Pearce	147	1 - 0	P. Rathbone
S. Wilks	139	0 - 1	G. Annand
R.H. Jones	122	1 - 0	D.A. Knox
R. Luffman	120	1 - 0	N. Jelley

DEVON II 1½ v ESSEX II 9½

K. Schofield	154	0 - 1	A.D. Martin
P. Halmkin	156	0 - 1	D. Coleman
A.M. Tyrell	149	A A	K. W. Spurgeon
K.J. Bloodworth	153	0 - 1	N. Cutler
Mrs. R.M. Bruce	141	A A	R.W. O'Brien
S.R. Boniface	151	0 - 1	S. Kalinsky
S.M. Owen	147	0 - 1	R. Heppinstall
J. Parker		½ - ½	G. Moore
C. Rigby		1 - 0	A. Marshall
S. Dilleigh	149	A A	I. Hunnable
S. Landon	151	A A	I. Robson
M. Rosseinsky	129	0 - 1	D. Taylor
D. McCarthy	117	0 - 1	H.I. Woolverton
Dr. R. Hitchcock	131	0 - 1	K. Bowden
H.R. Pearce	147	0 - 1	A. Kinder
E.G. Sparke	136	A A	S.J. Abbot

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W.E.C.U. COUNCIL MEETING

The Council met at Taunton early in June and was well attended. The officers as printed in this edition were elected - there being no changes. All Vice Presidents were re-elected and Mrs. Parker was proposed and unanimously elected to this select fraternity,

The finances of the Union, admirably looked after by our Treasurer, Mr. Grant, showed a healthy state of affairs. The accounts were circulated to all Counties but it is deemed expedient not to publish them in Westward Ho! lest those in high places outside the Union get ideas as to the disposal of the profits!

It was generally agreed that the year had been successful, with much activity especially in the Junior Chess world.

Strong disapproval was expressed on the amount of the levy increase, especially as the re-organisation of the BCF had cut out all sub-committees.

A very firm resolution was passed that, with reference to grading and finance, the Union would oppose any scheme that involved making a charge for grading, whether at Congress level or any other level. The Union re-affirmed its policy of regarding the publication of grading as one of the privileges of BCF registration, and their action in withholding publication of grades of non-registered players, protected this privilege.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Sir,

The author of your feature, "The Old Order Changeth", stands to be congratulated for having had the courage to speak openly of a sorry situation which many of us who are Match Captains within the W.E.C.U. area have had to watch worsening, as time goes on.

To be perfectly fair, by no means all juniors are tarred with this same brush. In the National Club Championship, I called upon two students. One was exemplary in his independence and resourcefulness, travelling from the opposite direction, by hitch-hiking in the main, and was always on hand before the rest of the team, eager to start play, and, quite incidentally, went through the competition unbeaten. In the other case, however, your contributor's worst fears were realised. Also coming from the opposite direction, this young player sent me, three weeks beforehand, an unconditional acceptance of my invitation to play. Just five days before this vital match, I received a peremptory demand that a car, already fully laden, should make a detour of very many miles to convey him to the playing venue. I agreed to do this, but pointed out that this last-minute change would render nugatory the detailed route directions supplied by the host Secretary, and added that it would be manifestly impossible to comply with his very precise timing requirements, after our drive of 200-plus miles. In spite of this attempt to lean over backwards to help, the very day before the match brought another letter from this student, to the effect that he had decided not to play after all. The stop-gap substitute I was lucky enough to get at that late stage predictably lost, and the match went at 2-4.

One should not blame the recalcitrant students themselves too much for this excessive "feather-bedding", but rather those who are misguided enough to lead them to expect it. Ironically, if one asks some of these doting adults to do something for the ordinary chess club member, regardless of age, or even to play in a club championship, the response is "Sorry, no time! Too much junior chess organising!" There must be many of us who join your shrewd contributor in suggesting that it is more than time that The Old Order Changeth Back Again.

Kenneth Gunnell "

"Dear Mr. Newman,

Mr. Ken Gunnell has kindly let me read the End of Season edition of Westward Ho! which I find most interesting, although the passage of time has removed me from County match and Congress play.

In response to the appeal for more subscribers (no fixed price is stated) please add St. Ives Chess Club c/o the writer and accept his cheque for £2 which amount, if inadequate, shall be adjusted.

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In the interests of historical accuracy I would like to see the record put straight concerning "W.E.C.U. founded 1947." When I entered chess administration at the start of the 1950s, as Hon. Sec. for Monmouthshire County C.A. (now Gwent) that County had dual affiliations to Southern Counties C.U. and the West of England Chess Association. On a few occasions I attended meetings at Taunton as their delegate, as Mrs. R. Bruce and some of your Hon. Life Presidents will recall.

As my responsibilities expanded, up to BCF level, and I looked at the South and West Wales chess scenes, it occurred to me that something constructive and of support to the BCF could be achieved by an amalgamation of Monmouthshire - East Glamorgan - West Wales - Mid-Wales and, in time, possible North Wales under the banner of a Welsh Chess Union, with certain advantages, including a place in the British Championship. Negotiations were conducted 1952-3 and the Union was established, as a territorial constituent of the BCF, in 1954 and the first BCF Congress held in the Union was staged at Aberystwyth in 1955. The eventual emergence of the W.C.U. as a member nation under F.I.D.E. lies outside this narrative.

To return to the point, then : the late C.H.O'D. Alexander gave a Simul, in the Newport club in 1955-6 and in the course of conversation with him I enquired why, in his view, the W.O.E.C. Association did not seek similar concessions from the BCF as a constituent Union. His answer was that the BCF was somewhat out of favour with R.M. Bruce (and others ?) in the West of England but he would take the first opportunity of raising the matter with W.E.C.A. officials. What then transpired was never revealed to me; all I know is that the West of England Chess Union came into being in 1957 and has deservedly flourished from that time, producing from its ranks many talented exponents well known in British chess circles.

Whether any change of caption should be made is matter for your Union also ne but I felt, as a witness of events, that the facts should be made known to you.

Yours sincerely,

H. Golding.

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EASTER CONGRESS

TORQUAY

The 34th. annual congress of the Union was held over the Easter weekend in the Assembly Hall of the Town Hall in Torquay.

This year's entry of 131 was a record and, in that, we welcomed eleven young people from the Normandy area of France.

The Torbay Borough Council was extremely generous in letting us have the facilities without payment and playing conditions were first class - even to the extent of a red carpet for Championship contenders to pace up and down, said carpet having been last used for the Queen's visit to Torquay some while back. Such is the standing of the game today!

An enjoyable reception was laid on for all competitors by the Council and the official opening ceremony was carried out by the Mayor of Torbay, Councillor R.J.C.Coombe.

The congress would barely get off the ground were it not for the able assistance of many volunteers and I am happy to record my thanks to the following for their considerable help

- Ron Powis, together with his son Michael, for controlling the congress in his efficient, unobtrusive fashion. If there were any controversial incidents during play they were handled so well that they were not apparent to the others present.
- Les Wade of the Paignton club for all the local liaison and leg work. Such was the effectiveness of his arrangements that he was able to compete in the congress itself.
- our President, Mr. Walker, for his interest during the weekend and Mrs. Walker for presenting the trophies and prizes.
- my son, Frazer, for organising the catering which kept me occupied at the sink for many a happy hour!
- Peter Clarke and family for providing the bookstall with such a comprehensive range of books and equipment.
- Devon, Somerset, Gloucestershire and the Bristol & Clifton club for the use of boards, men and clocks.
- finally, anyone else whom I have, inadvertently, forgotten and who contributed in any way to the success of the congress.

The destination of the Championship was undecided until the last round when Maurice Staples, of four in contention, was the only one to record a win to take the trophy by a half point with $5\frac{1}{2}/7$. Runners-up were former winners Dr. J.M. Aitken, P.H. Clarke and A. Ashby.

The Challengers was a clear cut win for Gary Lane with $5\frac{1}{2}/6$, a point ahead of M. Cook in second place. Both qualify for next year's Championship.

There was a four way tie in the Reserves between I. Pickup, P. Norris, S. Wilks and French entrant T. LeHay. Each had the chance to take the title, outright, with a win in the final round but each could only draw his last game. I. Pickup and P. Norris qualify for next year's Challengers.

The Junior was, virtually, a one horse race with J.F.S. Menadue all but leading from start to finish and cantering home with a draw in the final round to give him the title with $5\frac{1}{2}/6$, a point ahead of runners-up D.C. Spurgeon, A. Bourke and B. Collinson.

The Minor was a half point win for P.G. House with $5/6$ over runners-up P.M. Spurgeon, D.P. McCarthy and W. Crickmore.

The low entry to the Open necessitated its being an all-play-all which was not decided until the final round when the two, top graded players met, D.A. Bennett beating I.B.N. Smith to take the trophy.

There were three graded sections in the All-play-all, R. Maishman & S.L. Russell tying for first place in Section A; P.S. Short winning Section B and J.E. Smith winning Section C.

The Ladies trophy was awarded to Mrs.S.Osmond who had the highest percentage score of the three ladies entered in different events in the congress. It is a continuing disappointment of the congress that not more ladies enter. Perhaps even more disappointing is the lack of entries from the girls where Penny Clarke of the chess playing Clarkes was the only girl entered and the Girls Championship trophy could not be awarded.

The Dickins Trophy for the most improved player in the congress was won by P.S.Short and the Westward Ho trophy for the best performance by a player from the county in which the congress is held went to C.Butt.

D.C.Spurgeon was awarded the Brigadier Morris Best Game trophy for his win against C.Weeks. The comments of Dr.Aitken, who assessed the entries, are given in the games' section.

I had some difficulty in getting one individual to annotate the games for publication as has been done in previous years. With the Westward Ho deadline fast approaching, and knowing the wrath of the editor if he doesn't receive his 'copy' on time, I asked several of the winners to annotate their own games. To them many thanks for getting me out of an awkward spot.

Finally, it remains for me to thank the competitors for entering. I hope all of them, plus others, will be at Weymouth next year.

Alistair Brown,

Congress Secretary.

C H A M P I O N S H I P

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Tot.	Pos.
1 M J Staples 201	x	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 1/2	1
2 P H Clarke 209	1/2	x	1/2	1/2	-	1/2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	2
3 A Ashby 201	0	1/2	x	-	1/2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3
4 D A McFarlane 184	1/2	1/2	-	x	1/2	0	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 1/2	4
5 J M Aitken 186	1/2	-	1/2	1/2	x	-	-	-	-	1/2	1	-	1/2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 1/2	5
6 S J Shuttler 190	-	1/2	-	1	-	x	1/2	-	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	-	1	-	-	1/2	-	-	-	4 1/2	6
7 G Moore 198	-	-	0	-	-	1/2	x	1	1/2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	7
8 J R Boyce 182	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	x	-	1/2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	4	8
9 T F Thynne 176	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	x	-	1	0	-	1	-	-	-	1/2	0	-	-	-	-	1	4	9
10 G W Wheeler 184	0	0	-	-	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3 1/2	10
11 D C Osborne 184	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	x	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3 1/2	11
12 D A Hick 187	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	1	-	1/2	x	-	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3 1/2	12
13 R H Northage 188	-	-	0	0	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	1/2	-	1	1/2	-	-	-	1	3 1/2	13
14 S J Hooker 175	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	x	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1/2	-	1	3 1/2	=14
15 B P Andrews 180	-	-	0	-	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	1/2	1	-	0	1/2	-	1	-	-	3 1/2	=14
16 D LeMoir 212	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	0	1/2	x	-	1/2	-	-	1	-	1/2	-	3 1/2	16
17 M C Goodland 183	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	1/2	0	-	x	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	1	1	3 1/2	17
18 K Derrick 185	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	x	-	0	1	1/2	-	1/2	-	3	18
19 K W Lloyd	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	1	-	0	0	0	-	1	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	2 1/2	=19
20 M H Prettejohn 165	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	1/2	0	1/2	-	-	1	-	x	1/2	-	-	-	-	2 1/2	=19
21 S D Arnold 178	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1/2	0	-	1/2	x	1/2	-	-	-	2	21
22 D O Collier 192	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1/2	0	-	-	1/2	-	-	1/2	x	1/2	-	-	2	22
23 N Hosken 180	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	1/2	0	-	1/2	-	-	1/2	x	1/2	-	2	23
24 F C Kingdon 179	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	1/2	x	1	24

C H A L L E N G E R S

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Tot.	Pos.
1 G Lane 159	x	-	1	-	-	1/2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5 1/2	1
2 M Cook 177	-	x	-	-	-	1/2	1	-	-	-	1/2	1/2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4 1/2	2
3 P Walden 185	0	-	x	-	-	1/2	-	1	1/2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	3
4 G Miller 145	-	-	-	x	-	0	1	-	1/2	1/2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
5 A K Swift 179	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	-	-	0	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	5
6 S J Street 187	1/2	1/2	1/2	-	-	x	-	-	1/2	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3 1/2	6
7 R Johnson 167	0	0	-	1	-	-	x	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3 1/2	7
8 R Heasman 170	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	x	1	1/2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 1/2	8
9 J C Cock 166	-	-	1/2	-	-	1/2	1/2	0	x	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 1/2	=9
10 A M Tyrrell 149	-	-	-	1/2	-	1/2	0	1/2	-	x	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3 1/2	=9
11 P Aston 153	0	1/2	-	1/2	0	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	11
12 D R Smith 153	-	1/2	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	1/2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	12
13 S Landon 151	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	x	-	1/2	1/2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	13
14 S Owen 147	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	1/2	-	x	1/2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	14
15 D J White 153	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	1/2	1/2	x	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	15
16 A Easton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1/2	-	-	x	-	-	-	1/2	1	1	-	-	-	3	16
17 B T King 154	-	-	-	-	1	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	x	-	-	-	1/2	1/2	-	-	-	2	17
18 S W Maggs 156	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	=18
19 G L Pritchard 155	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	0	x	1	-	-	1	-	2	=18
20 P Starling 140	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	1/2	-	-	0	x	-	1/2	-	1	-	2	=18
21 Mrs M E Clarke 154	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1/2	-	-	-	x	1/2	1	0	-	2	=21
22 A C Barton 159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	1/2	1/2	1/2	x	1/2	-	-	2	=21
23 D G Woodruff 155	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	1/2	x	1	1 1/2	23	
24 J Parker 151	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	0	1	-	0	x	1	24

Positions are from sum of opponents' scores.

RESERVES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Tot.	Pos.	
1 I Pickup	x	0	-	1/2	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 1/2	=1	
2 T LeHay 155	1	x	1/2	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 1/2	=1	
3 P Norris 136	-	1/2	x	1/2	-	-	1	-	1/2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4 1/2	3	
4 S Wilks 139	1/2	1	1/2	x	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	4 1/2	4	
5 C Low 111	0	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	1	0	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	
6 L Guard 130	-	-	-	-	-	x	1/2	-	1/2	0	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	6	
7 K House 140	-	0	0	-	-	1/2	x	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	3 1/2	7	
8 M Turner 123	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	1/2	-	1	-	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3 1/2	8	
9 D V A Hutchison 113	-	-	1/2	-	0	1/2	-	1/2	x	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	
10 B Malandain 150	-	-	-	1/2	-	1	0	-	0	x	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	
11 M V House 143	0	-	-	-	1	-	0	-	0	-	x	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	11	
12 H J Draisey 139	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	1/2	1	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	=12	
13 J C B Date 134	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	0	-	x	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	=12	
14 A W Brusey 130	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	0	x	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	0	-	-	3	14	
15 I S Annetts 139	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	1/2	1/2	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 1/2	=15
16 R M Morgan 130	-	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/2	x	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2 1/2	=15	
17 A D Meakes 131	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	1/2	-	x	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2 1/2	17	
18 R C Luffman 120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	-	1/2	0	-	1/2	0	-	x	-	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	2	18
19 H Norris 128	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	x	0	1	1	-	-	2	19	
20 J/T McAvooy	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	x	-	1/2	-	-	1 1/2	=20	
21 A J L Wade 108	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	1/2	0	-	x	-	-	1	1 1/2	=20	
22 W A Shutler 121	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	1/2	-	x	-	-	1 1/2	22	
23 M Powis 165																											
24 J Hampton 131																											

J Hampton withdrew after first round. M.Powis stood down after J.Hampton withdrew.

MINOR

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Tot.	Pos.	
1 P G House 141	x	1/2	1	1	1	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
2 D P McCarthy 117	1/2	x	1/2	-	1	1/2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 1/2	2
3 N Crickmore	0	1/2	x	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4 1/2	3
4 P M Spurgeon 141	0	-	-	x	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	4 1/2	4
5 C Butt 9	0	0	-	-	x	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5
6 M Jolly	-	1/2	0	1/2	-	x	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 1/2	6
7 A Exton 131	1/2	-	0	-	-	0	x	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3 1/2	7
8 P J Telfer 118	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	x	-	1/2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3 1/2	8
9 S R Luffman	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	1	1	1/2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3 1/2	9
10 D LeMesle 104	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	1/2	-	x	1	-	0	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3 1/2	10
11 V Smith 98	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	x	1/2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	3 1/2	11
12 A C Luffman	-	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	1/2	-	x	-	1/2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	12
13 D Cook 70	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	x	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	13
14 J Poynes	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	1	-	1/2	0	x	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2 1/2	14
15 D Leadbetter 103	-	-	-	-	-	1/2	0	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	x	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2 1/2	=15
16 C M Hawthorne	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	x	1/2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2 1/2	=15
17 G Norris 111	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	1/2	-	0	-	-	0	1/2	x	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	17
18 C Morrisroe	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	1	1	-	2	18
19 J Rickard 80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	x	1/2	1/2	1	-	-	2	19
20 P Hawthorne	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	1/2	x	-	1	-	1 1/2	20
21 S R Bennett	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	1/2	-	x	1	1 1/2	21
22 Miss P A Clarke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	22

JUNIOR

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Tot.	Pos.
1	J F S Menadue 137	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
2	D C Spurgeon 160	0	x	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
3	B Collinson 145	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	x	-	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	-	-	-	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
4	A Bourke 155	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	x	-	1	-	1	0	1	-	-	1	-	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
5	A Sebille 128	0	-	0	-	x	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
6	C Weeks 136	-	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	-	x	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	-	-	-	3	6
7	P Sausse	-	0	-	-	-	0	x	1	0	-	-	1	1	-	3	7
8	M Calice 112	-	-	-	0	-	0	0	x	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	8
9	I Leadbetter 128	0	0	0	1	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	9
10	T Geslain 117	0	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	-	-	-	-	x	-	1	-	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10
11	D R Hinsley	-	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	x	1	1	-	2	11
12	A Biniguer 112	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	-	-	0	0	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	12
13	G Chevrier 112	-	-	-	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	0	0	-	-	-	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	13
14	G Kerneis 112	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1	14

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	D A Bennett 173	x	1	1	1	1	1	5
2	I B N Smith 194	0	x	1	1	1	1	4
3	M D Gyton 155	0	0	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
4	S R Boniface 151	0	0	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	C L Bray 147	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	0	1
6	R Hitchcock 131	0	0	0	0	1	x	1

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Section A

		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	R Maishman 140	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	S L Russell 124	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	B H Turner 150	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	3
4	C M Oliver 126	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	0	1	3
5	D LeBourhis 130	0	0	0	1	x	1	2
6	G Wood 138	0	0	0	0	0	x	0

Section B

		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	P S Short 90	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4
2	R J Gouldsworthy 115	0	x	1	0	1	1	3
3	Miss M Goodwin 122	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	x	1	0	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
4	W G Oliver 107	0	1	0	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	K J Copeland 119	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	2
6	B Hawthorne 110	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1

Section C

		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	J E Smith 89	x	1	0	1	1	1	4
2	A Boyne	0	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	Mrs S Osmond	1	0	x	1	0	1	3
4	L J Marshall 60	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	x	1	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	A Taft 65	0	0	1	0	x	0	1
6	N W Roberts 55	0	0	0	0	1	x	1

Game No.1 Championship: Round 2. M.J.STAPLES v A.P.ASHBY

1. d4	c5	8. Bf4	d6	15. Qb5	Qc7	22. Qd3	Qc6
2. c3 (a)	Nf6	9. Qd2	Re8	16. Rfe1	Qc8	23. f3	h6 (f)
3. Nf3	g6	10. d5 (c)	Bf5	17. e4	e6	24. e5	Ne4
4. g3	Bg7	11. Nh4	Be4	18. Nc4	Bf8	25. Be7	Re7
5. Bg2	0-0	12. Rad1	Bg2	19. Bg5	Kg7	26. Qe4 (g)	Resigns
6. 0-0	Qc7	13. Kg2	Qa5	20. Ne3 (e)	Be7		
7. Na3 (b)	Na6	14. Qd3	Rad8 (d)	21. de	fe		

- (a) Aiming for a solid equal position and possibly a quick draw. I had not won with the White pieces since October, so I certainly did not believe that I was likely to win this game.
- (b) At this point White offered a draw but it was rejected (more than an hour after opening time!)
- (c) This is not consistent with the previous moves and White nearly gets into a mess as a result.
- (d) Now Black starts a series of doubtful moves in an attempt to provoke White into doing something.
- (e) This move and the next two set up a nice swindle which Black duly allows to succeed. However, Black should, at least, equalise with careful play. Probably better is 20. f4 which is difficult to meet, especially since Black is, already, very short of time. After 20. f4 Black has various possibilities eg. 20. . . h6; 21. Bf6+ Kf6; 22. e5+ Kg7 (22. . . de; 23. fe+ Kg7; 24. d6 with clear advantage) 23. ed Bd6; 24. de Re6; 25. Re6 Qe6; 26. Rd6 Rd6; 27. Nd6 Qd6; 28. Qb7 unclear but advantage to White. Or 20. . . Be7; 21. Nd6! Rd6; 22. e5 Rd5; 23. ef+ Bf6; 24. Bf6+ Kf6; 25. Rd5 Nc7; 26. Qe5 Nd5; (26. . . ed; 27. Re8 Qe8; 28. Qc7 Qe4+; 29. Nf3! Qe2+; 30. Kh3 Qf4; [30. . . Qf3; 31. Qe5 mate] 31. Kh4 Kg7; 32. Ng5 1-0) 27. Qd4+ Ke7; 28. Qd5 & wins. Or 20. . . ed; 21. e5 de; 22. fe with a large advantage. Or 20. . . e5; 21. fe de; 22. Rf1 Be7; 23. d6 winning. (note that 23. . . Qg4 is inadequate). Also interesting is 20. Nd6 Bd6; 21. e5 Be5; 22. Re5 after which 22. . Rd5; 22. . ed; and 22. . h6 all seem inadequate but 22. . Nc7 seems to be O.K.
- (f) Perhaps the reader can find a forced win for White.
- (g) Walks into the swindle. A pathetic game to decide the Championship!

Game No.2 Championship: Round 4. D.C.OSBORNE v M.J.STAPLES

1. e4	e5	11. d3	Bb7	21. Qg5	Qg5	31. c3	Ng3
2. Bc4	Nf6	12. h4	f5	22. Ng5	Ba8	32. Nc2	Ngf5
3. Nc3	Ne4	13. Qf3	Nd4	23. Nf3	Re8	33. Ne3	Re3
4. Qh5	Nd6	14. Qg4 (a)	Bg7 (b)	24. Kbl	Kc7	34. Kd2	h4
5. Bb3	Nc6	15. Bd2	h5	25. Bel	Bel	35. Bdl	Rg3 (h)
6. Nb5	g6	16. Qh3	Bf6 (c)	26. Rde1	Ne3	36. Bf3	Bf3
7. Qf3	f5	17. Bb4	N4f5	27. Rhg1	Re7	37. gf	Rg1
8. Qd5	Qd7	18. 0-0-0	Bh4	28. d4 (f)	ed	38. Rgl	Ng3
9. Nc7+	Kd8	19. Nf3 (d)	Bf2	29. Nd4	Ne4 (g)	39. Resigns (i)	
10. Na8	b6	20. Qg4? (e)	Qf6	30. Kcl	g5		

- (a) This is the main line of this interesting opening. Although theory gives the position as won for White, I have never yet lost with Black from this position.
- (b) This is inferior to the book move 14. . . Bh6, but has the merit of avoiding most of the theory.
- (c) Possibly better is 16. . . Nd6f5.
- (d) White, here, chooses to give Black material in order to start to untangle his pieces on the king-side. Black, generally, ends up with an overwhelming position if White attempts to hold on to everything.
- (e) This idea of exchanging queens would be good in principle, but here it is too slow.
- (f) Without this, White would be slowly strangled but it is, already, too late.
- (g) Not 29. . . Bg2; 30. Rg2
- (h) The sealed move, winning quickly. Still, it was nice to have an hour in the pub to check the analysis.
- (i) Because of 39. Rg2 h3; 40. Rf2 h2; 41. Rh2 Nf1+

Game No.3 Championship: Round 7. G.W.WHEELER v M.J.STAPLES

1. c4	e5(a)	12. b4	ab	23. Bb2	Ne6	34. Nc2 (g)	d4
2. Nc3	Nc6	13. ab	g5! (c)	24. Ra1	Ra1+	35. Nd4	ed
3. g3	g6	14. b5	Nd8	25. Ba1	c6	36. Bd4	c5
4. Bg2	Bg7	15. Kh2 (d)	Bg2	26. bc	bc	37. Bc3	Nd3
5. e3	d6	16. Kg2	gh	27. Nb4	f4 (e)	38. Ng4	Ngf4
6. d3	h5 (b)	17. gh	Ng6	28. ef	Nf4	39. Ne5+	Ke6
7. h4	Be6	18. Rh1	Qg4+	29. Ne2	Nhg6	40. Nd3? (h)	Rd3
8. Rb1	a5	19. Ng3	Nh4+	30. Rg1	Rh4 (f)	41. Be1	Rd1
9. a3	Qd7	20. Kf1	f5	31. Ng3	Bf8	42. Rg8	Be7
10. Nge2	Nge7	21. Qg4	hg	32. Nf5	Rh3	43. Rc8	Kd7
11. 0-0	Bh3	22. Nd5	Kd7	33. Ne3	d5	44. Rg8	Ke6
						45. Re8	Ra1
						46. Resigns	

- (a) Before this game I had played George Wheeler four times in the previous five West of England Championships with results draw, loss, draw, loss. In the third game I got a poor position after starting with 1. . . e6 and in the fourth an even worse position from 1. . . g5
- (b) I've had good results with this move this season. White always responds with h4 and, generally, castles king-side into a slightly weakened position.
- (c) An unpleasant surprise for White who should, probably, have played 12. e4 to prevent it. Of course, it is easy to overlook . . g5 as it is rarely playable in this sort of position.
- (d) This loses a pawn but has the merit of tying up Black's pieces to hold on to the pawn. 15. hg h4 is very dangerous eg. 16. Bh3 (16. gh?? Qg4) Qh3; 17. Re1 Nf5 etc.
- (e) Probably premature. Now White gets some play on the king-side.
- (f) This is, probably, not the best move but the plan of getting the rook to d3 with the knight on f4 is successful due to White's time shortage.
- (g) Perhaps 34. Nbd5 is the best attempt to leave Black with no pawns.
- (h) With four moves to make in less than a minute, White allows the Black rook in at the best possible moment. The mate threat guarantees the win of another piece. Black should win, eventually, after 40. Ng6 but not without a lot more work.

Game No.4 Championship: Round 6 D.A.McFARLANE v S.J.SHUTLER

1. e4	c5	6. Nf3	Be7	11. Nb1	a6	16. c3	Bc5
2. Nc3	Nc6	7. 0-0	0-0	12. Ba4	de	17. Kh1	Ne3
3. f4	d6	8. Qe1 (a)	d5	13. de	b5	18. Rg1 (d)	Nf5
4. Be4	e6	9. Bb5 (b)	Nd4	14. Bb3	Bb7 (c)	19. cd	Bd4
5. d3	Nf6	10. Nd4	cd	15. e5	Nd5	20. Nc3	Bg1 (e)
						21. Resigns	

- (a) Black has achieved a fairly solid position from the opening. In his efforts to break through, White now embarks on an obvious plan which does not turn out well.
- (b) Better 9. Bb3. The text gives Black the chance to take advantage of the weakness at c2.
- (c) Now the White centre has no support, subsequently allowing the Black pieces to become active.
- (d) 18. Be3 was correct, but Black's two powerful bishops should still prove decisive against White's uncoordinated men.
- (e) With the exchange ahead, coupled with the play, Black has a clearly winning game.

Game No.5 Championship: Round 3. J.R.BOYCE v N.HOSKEN

1. e4	e6	6. Qc2	Be7	11. 0-0	Qe8	16. Ne5	Ne5
2. d3	d5	7. e5	Nd7	12. Re1	Qh5	17. Re5	Qf7
3. Nd2	Nf6	8. d4	f6	13. Nf1	Bd6	18. Bg5	Ng4
4. Ngf3	Nc6	9. ef	Nf6	14. Ng3	Bg3	19. Bh7	Kh8
5. c3	a5	10. Bd3	0-0	15. fg	e5	20. Bg6	Qd7
						21. Re2	Resigns

Game No.6 Championship: Round 4 D.A.HICK v J.R.BOYCE

1. P-K4	P-K4	12. NxB	BxBch	23. P-Q6	N-Q4	34. KxP	R-K7ch
2. P-KB4	PxP	13. QxB	PxN	24. R-Q3? (f)	Q-QB5ch (g)	35. K-B5	RxKNP
3. N-KB3	P-Q3	14. N-N3	O-O-O	25. K-Q2	R-B7ch	36. R-QN1	P-B4
4. P-Q3 (a)	P-KN4 (b)	15. O-O-O	QR-B1	26. B-K2	RxBch	37. P-R5	K-Q3
5. P-KR4	P-N5	16. P-Q4	N-B2	27. KxR	N-B5ch	38. P-N4	P-B5
6. N-N1	B-R3	17. Q-R5 (e)	K-N1	28. K-K3	QxR	39. P-R4	P-B6
7. N-QB3(c)	P-QB3	18. P-K5	N(3)-Q4	29. KxN	QxP? (h)	40. R-QB1	P-B7
8. B-Q2	N-R3	19. N-K4	PxP	30. Q-K5	R-B1ch	41. K-N5	K-Q4
9. QN-K2(d)	B-K3	20. PxP	Q-N2	31. K-K4	K-B2	42. K-R6	K-Q5
10. NxP	N-B3	21. P-B4	QxP	32. R-Q1	QxQch	43. KxP	K-Q6
11. KN-K2	Q-K2	22. PxN	QxN	33. KxQ	R-B7	44. Resigns (i)	

- (a) I nearly fell off my chair!
- (b) Striving for an advantage. There are many alternative moves eg.4. . P-KB4, 4. . N-KB3 or the development of one of the other minor pieces.
- (c) I thought this was White's best move. My reply was intended to free my queen to move on Black squares.
- (d) 9. KN-K2 P-B6 and Black's extra pawn, although weak, can still make a nuisance of itself.
- (e) In my view, White stands well. Hereabouts, he should be thinking about completing his development
- (f) This move is a mistake in a position which now favours Black.
- (g) 24. . RxB wins a piece. Black hoped for a mating attack after White's 29th.
- (h) Both players were, now, very short of time. 29. . R-B1ch looks natural and good. After 30. KxP the winning move is 30. . P-R4ch or 30. . R-B5ch. I missed both!
- (i) Not a very good game. The main interest lies in White's opening play.

Game No.7 Championship: Round 6 S.ARNOLD v D.LeMOIR

1. Nc3	d5	12. O-O	e6 (d)	23. c5	e5	34. Bd1	Bc3
2. e4	c6	13. Rad1	Be7	24. Rb1!(f)	Qd7	35. Kf2	Bb4
3. d4	de4	14. Rd3	Bd7	25. Be2	e4	36. Nb3	Be6
4. Ne4	Nf6	15. Rfd1	O-O-O	26. Qe3	b5	37. h3	Kd7
5. Bd3	Qd4 (a)	16. Qe3	Kb8	27. Na5	Be5	38. Ke2	f6
6. Nf3	Qd8	17. Nd4	Bc8	28. a4	a6	39. Bc2	h6
7. Qe2	Qc7 (b)	18. Qf3	f5	29. ab5	ab5	40. Bd1	Bc4+
8. Bg5	Ne4	19. b4!	Bf6	30. g3	Kc7	41. Kf2	Bf7
9. Qe4	Nd7	20. Nb3	Rd3	31. Ra1	Qd4! (g)	42. Bc2	Be6
10. Bc4	Nf6	21. Bd3	b6	32. Rd1	Qe3	43. Ke2	Bc4+
11. Bf6 (c)	gf6	22. c4	Rd8	33. fe3	Rd1+	44. Kf2	Bb3
						45. Resigns(h)	

- (a) Very risky, but I had generously been giving away points before this game, so I was determined to play for a win.
- (b) It looks better to simplify with 7. . . Ne4; 8. Be4 (Qe4!) Bf5!?!; 9. Bf5 Qa5+
- (c) I was worried about 11. Qd4 when I probably had to play 11. . c5; 12. Qd3 e6; 13. O-O-O Bd7; 14. Ne5! Qe5; 15. Bf6 Qc7; 16. Be5 Qc6; 17. Rd2 O-O-O; 18. Rhd1 threatening 19. Bb5 but Black can defend by 18. . Be7
- (d) White has insufficient for his pawn but Black will find it difficult to expand his position.
- (e) In order to make progress, Black gradually sharpens his position.
- (f) White is playing cleverly 24. . e4 loses back the pawn to 25. Be4!
- (g) Refuting White's 'brilliant' play (31. . Ba1; 32. Qf4+ wins) and forcing a winning ending.
- (h) At the adjournment, I revealed my sealed move which wins a third pawn. A brief analysis demonstrated that further resistance was hopeless.

Game No.8 Championship: Round 1. Dr.J.M.AITKEN v S.J.HOOKER

1. P-K4	P-QB4	10. QN-Q2	P-QR3	19. BxNP	N-R5	28. BxQ	RxRch
2. N-KB3	P-K3	11. P-K5	B-R2	20. R-K2	N-Q5	29. B-N1	R-N8 (j)
3. P-Q4	PxP	12. P-QR4	P-KN4?! (a)	21. NxN	BxN	30. Q-R6 (k)	R-B2
4. NxP	B-B4	13. N-B4	N-N3	22. B-K1	N-N3 (f)	31. N-B6ch	K-R1
5. N-N3	B-N3	14. Q-R5! (b)	P-N5	23. N-B4	R-N2	32. NxRP	RxN
6. B-Q3	KN-K2	15. B-Q2	P-N4 (c)	24. N-Q6	Q-N3	33. QxN	R-N2
7. O-O	QN-B3	16. PxP	PxP	25. P-B4	R-R8	34. Q-R5ch	K-N1
8. K-R1	O-O	17. N-K3	R-B2 (d)	26. N-K8	B-B7! (g)	35. BxP	Resigns (l)
9. P-KB4	P-B4	18. QR-K1 (e)	B-N2	27. B(2)xB(h)	QxR? (i)		

- (a) I give this move the double mark - an exclamation mark in recognition of its tactical ingenuity, the query because I think it is not positionally sound.
- (b) Essential for the defence. The White queen is now cut off but it cannot be attacked and trapped.
- (c) Black is ready to sacrifice this pawn to place his QB on the long diagonal.
- (d) Continuing in the same spirit. Not 17. . P-N5; 18.NxNp PxN; 19.BxN PxB; 20.QxPch with three pawns for the piece and a winning attack.
- (e) I did not like the complications after 18.BxP NxBP; 19.RxN BxN; 20.BxB RxRch; 21.NxR Q-R4 threatening two pieces at once. I moved from the QR file to stop this but it allows the later irruption of the Black QR into the game.
- (f) I was pleased to see this retreat as I was more nervous about 22. . N-B6. I thought that, then, 23.B-B2 would hold the position and my opponent agreed.
- (g) The climax of Black's attack. The main threat is 27. . BxPch winning.
- (h) This is the only way to take the piece - but it is not necessary to take it at all. White can play 27.Q-R6 R-B2; 28.N-B6ch K-R1; 29.NxRP RxN; 30.QxN P-N6 (threatening mate) 31.Q-K8ch K-N2; 32.Q-K7ch K-N1; (other moves lead to mate) 33.Q-K8ch and draws. However, the text move can hardly be faulted - it gives White a chance to go wrong. . . .
- (i) . . . which he now takes. Instead of this impetuous sacrifice, he should play 27. . RxB. My first idea was 28.RxR QxR; 29.R-KN1 when Black wins by 29. . R-B2; 30.N-B6ch K-R1; 31.NxRP RxN; 32.QxN RxPch and mates next move. The correct line, as I saw later, is 28.Q-R6 R-B2; 29.N-B6ch K-R1; 30.NxRP RxN; 31.QxN QxR; 32[Q-K8ch and draws, as above.
- (j) There seems nothing better. This threatens 30. . BxPch as well as 30. . RxP. Note that 29. . BxP ch loses for Black as also does 29. . NxP; 30.N-B6ch and mates. Note that White has, now, queen and bishop v two rooks, so he must win if he can repel the attack.
- (k) Correct - the knight is always stronger than the rook. Black had to play his moves up to the control on move 34 instantaneously.
- (l) The end could be 35.RxP 36.BxPch K-B1; 37.B-B5ch and mates next move.

Game No.9 Championship: Round 7. A.ASHBY v Dr.J.M.AITKEN

1. N-KB3	P-Q4	16. Q-Q1	B-Q3	31. K-N2	R-KN1	46. N-K1	N-K2
2. P-QN3	B-B4	17. N-B2	KR-K1	32. B-KN4	P-B3	47. P-B3	P-N3
3. B-N2	P-K3	18. R-N1	N-N1	33. R-KR1	K-N2	48. QxQch	R(4)xQ
4. P-N3	N-B3	19. B-B1	N-B3	34. P-KR4	R-R1	49. R-R1	N-N1
5. B-N2	B-K2	20. Q-K1	N-Q2	35. B-R5	BxB	50. R(4)-R4	R(4)-B3
6. O-O	O-O	21. K-R1	N-B1	36. QxB	Q-KB2	51. P-N4	R-N3
7. P-Q3	P-KR3	22. B-R3	N-K3	37. Q-B3	Q-K3	52. K-B2	K-N2
8. QN-Q2	QN-Q2	23. N-B3	B-K2	38. R(2)-N1	P-N5	53. K-K2	B-K2
9. P-B4	P-B3	24. B-Q2	N-N4	39. Q-K2	QR-KB1	54. R-R5	B-N4
10. Q-B2	P-QR4	25. B-N2	NxN	40. P-R5	P-KB4?	55. BxB	RxB
11. P-QR3	B-R2	26. BxN	B-Q3	41. R-R4	K-R2	56. RxRch	PxR
12. B-B3	P-B4	27. B-N2	P-KN4	42. PxP	RxP	57. R-R5	K-N3
13. P-K4	P-Q5	28. Q-K2	B-N3	43. RxP	R(1)-B1	58. R-R8	K-N2
14. B-N2	P-K4	29. R-N2	Q-K2	44. R-rB1	RxP	59. R-R5	K-N3
15. N-K1	Q-B2	30. P-B3	K-R2	45. Q-K4ch	Q-B4	60. R-R8	K-N2

Draw agreed

Game No.10 Championship: Round 5. T.F.THYNNE v S.J.HOOKER

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	9. B-K3	N-B5	17. P-B5 (c)	QPxP	25. KPxB	Q-Q1
2. P-QB4	P-KN3	10. KR-K1	NxB (c)	18. NPxP	B-B1	26. BxRP (j)	N-N1
3. N-QB3	B-N2	11. RxN	P-QB3	19. N-N5	N-N1 (f)	27. P-K5	P-B3
4. P-K4	O-O	12. P-KR3	Q-B2	20. PxP	P-KR3 (g)	28. PxP	QxP
5. N-B3	P-Q3	13. QR-Q1	R-K1	21. N-B3 (h)	B-K3	29. N-K4	Q-B4
6. B-K2	QN-Q2 (a)	14. R(2)-Q2	B-B1	22. Q-N2	N-R3 (i)	30. N(4)-N5+	K-N7 (k)
7. O-O	P-K4	15. P-QN4	B-K2	23. R-Q6!	K-R2	31. Q-Q4	Resigns
8. Q-B2	N-R4? (b)	16. Q-N3	K-N2	24. Q-Q2	BxR		

- (a) Normal here is P-K4
- (b) A dubious manoeuvre while the centre is not yet fixed and it wastes time, as well.
- (c) Black has used four moves with the knight to exchange a piece which has only moved once. From now on Black is struggling to develop.
- (d) Black's troubles revolve largely around the weakness of his Q3 square.
- (e) Striking at Black's weak point and opening up lines for his pieces
- (f) Black's pieces are not a pretty sight now.
- (g) Of course, if Q or RxB then B-Q4 follows
- (h) The game should have ended here! 21.R-Q7!! is a pretty and decisive blow seen by several spectators but not, sadly, by me! Now White has to start thinking again.
- (i) Black seems to be unravelling himself but White's next move is a positional exchange sacrifice aimed to tie Black up completely.
- (j) The black square weaknesses now prove fatal.
- (k) Or KxB; 31.NxB+ and 32.N-B7
- (l) Mate or heavy material loss is unavoidable. A severe lesson in what happens if you break fundamental principles in the opening.

Game No.11 Championship: Round 1. D.LemOIR v D.A.McFARLANE

1. e4	e6	12. c3	Kb8	23. Rb5	Ba6 (d)	34. Rb4	Rb8
2. d4	d5	13. Rd1	g4	24. Ra5	Qc6	35. Bc5 (f)	Rbc8
3. e5	b6	14. Ne1	Rg8	25. Nc2	Bc5	36. Be3	Rc3
4. Nf3	Qd7	15. Bf4	h5	26. Nd4	Bd4	37. Bd2	Rc2
5. a3	Ne7	16. Rab1	h4	27. Qd4	Qc4	38. Rd4	R8c4
6. Nc3	Nbc6 (a)	17. Rd2	Be7	28. Be3	Qd4	39. Rc4	Bc4
7. Bb5	Bb7	18. Nc5	bc	29. Bd4	c5 (e)	40. Be3	Rg2+
8. O-O	O-O-O	19. bc	Ka8	30. Bc5	Rc8	41. Kh1	Rc2
9. Qe2 (b)	h6	20. Rdb2 (c)	Ncd4	31. Be3	Rc6	42. Ba7	Re1+
10. b4	g5	21. cd	Nd4	32. g3	h3	43. Bg1+	Kb8
11. Na4	Nf5	22. Qd2	Nb5	33. f4	Rgc8	44. Resigns (g)	

- (a) A difficult alternative to the Ba6 plan
- (b) Allowing pressure on the d pawn. Qd3 would have been the right choice as the game turns out.
- (c) Missing the pressure on the d pawn. Qd3 now was probably winning as Black runs out of moves.
- (d) Fighting back but White's attack is still dangerous.
- (e) Just escaping. Black is winning now as White's king is in danger on the back rank with no chance of a flight square.
- (f) The sealed move hoping for 35. . Rb4; 36. ab when the position is more blocked than the game continuation.
- (g) There is no defence to the bishop mate on the long diagonal.

Game No.12 Championship: Round 3. D.A.HICK v D.A.McFARLANE

1. e4	e6	9. Be3	Nf5	17. hg	Nh6	25. Qf3	Rac8
2. d4	d5	10. Bf2	Ba6	18. g5 (b)	Nf5	26. Rh1	Qc2
3. e5	b6	11. Ba6	Na6	19. Nh2	Kg7	27. Rh8	Rh8
4. c3	Qd7	12. Ne2	Be7	20. Ng4	Rh8	28. Nf6 (d)	Nd3
5. a4	a5	13. g3	c5	21. Kg2	Qc6	29. Kg3	Nf2
6. f4	g6	14. 0-0	0-0 (a)	22. Qd3	cd	30. Resigns (e)	
7. Nd2	Ne7	15. h3	Rfb8	23. Nd4	Nd4		
8. Ndf3	h5	16. g4	hg	24. cd (c)	Nb4		

- (a) Better is 14. . Kf8 and 15. . Kg7
 (b) I was expecting 18.Nh2 straight away playing for f5 whereupon 18. . g5 is an interesting try.
 (c) Probably forced as 24. Bd4 Nc5 and the knight settles on e4 or 25. Bc5 Bc5 and d4+ is a threat.
 (d) Unfortunately a knight on the 6th. doesn't always win.
 (e) If 30. Qf2 then Qd3+ 31.Kg2 Qh3+; 32.Kg1 Qh1++ or 31.Qf3 Rh3+ wins.

Game No.13 Championship: Round 5. A.ASHBY v G.MOORE

1. e4	g6	9. Be3	Qa5	17. Qg3	Rac8	25. Be3	Qc3? (h)
2. d4	Bg7	10. 0-0	Bg4	18. Rf2	Qb4 (d)	26. Nh6+	Kf8
3. Nc3	d6	11. h3!?(a)	Bf3	19. Rf1	Qb2	27. Qh4	Nd3
4. f4	Nf6	12. Qf3	Nc6	20. Nd1	Qa2	28. cd	Bf6 (i)
5. Nf3	c5	13. Kh1	Nd7	21. f6	Bh8 (e)	29. Rf6	Nf6
6. dc	Qa5	14. Nd5!?	e6 (b)	22. Bh6	Rfe8 (f)	30. Nf7!	Black lost on time (j)
7. Bd3	Qc5	15. Nc3	a6 (c)	23. Ne3	Qa5		
8. Qe2	0-0	16. f5	Nce5	24. Ng4	Qc5 (g)		

- (a) Rad1 is more usual but I didn't know that at the time.
 (b) Bb2; 15.Rab1 Bg7; 16.Rb7 + or here 15. . Qa2; 16.c3! threatening 17.Qf2. My intended reply to 14. . e6 was 15.Bd2?? Qd8??; 16.Nc3. I now realised that 15. . Qd2 won a piece! My plan immediately became clear: I would play 15.Nc3, have a coffee and a cheese sandwich and then try to play some chess.
 (c) Fortunately for me, 15. . Bc3; 16.bc Qc3 is, at least, murky while 15. . f5; 16.Nb5 is strong for White as my opponent pointed out afterwards
 (d) 18. . Rc3 is almost certainly Black's best and might even be winning for Black.
 (e) I was, originally, more afraid of 21. . Nf6 but after 22.Rf6 Bf6; 23.Rf6, the black squares around Black's king become very weak.
 (f) 22. . Rfd8 may be stronger.
 (g) 24. . Ng4; 25.hg is unclear.
 (h) 25. . Qa5 is necessary to cover h5. If 26.Nh6+ Kf8; 27.Qh4 Nd3; 28.cd Qh5! White has other tries but I feel that 26.Nh6+ Kf8; 27.Bd2 Qc5; 28.Be3, drawing by repetition, is White's best.
 (i) 28. . Ne5 is met similarly.
 (j) If 30. . Kf7; 31.Qh7+ or if 30. . Ke7; 31.e5! The dramatic role of White's QN - 20.Nd1, 23.Ne3, 24.Ng4 26.Nh6+, 30.Nf7 - strengthens my feeling that 18. . Rc3 is Black's best strategy.

Game No.14 Championship: Round 2. S.J.HOOKER v D.Lemoir

1. e4	e5	10. ef	Nf6	19. Be6+	Kb8	28. Qf2	Qd5
2. f4	Bc5	11. 0-0	Rhe8	20. Bf5	Bf5	29. Rd1	Bh3-
3. Nf3	Nc6	12. Bc4	Qh5	21. Qb2	Ne5	30. Nc6+	bc
4. c3	d5	13. Qc2	Re7	22. Bf4	g5	31. Rd5	Rd5
5. ed	Qd5	14. b4	Rd4	23. Be5	g4	32. Qg3	Bc8
6. fe	Bg4	15. Kh1	Rd8	24. Nd4	Bc8	33. Qf3	a5
7. d4	0-0-0	16. a4	Ne5	25. Bf4	g3	34. e4	Rd8
8. Be2	Bb6	17. Ne5	Re5	26. h3	Nf2+	35. c5	Ba7
9. Nbd2	f6	18. Nf3	Rf5	27. Rf2	gf	36. Qc6	Resigns

Game No.15 Championship: Round 2. P.H.CLARKE v D.O.COLLIER

1. d4	e6	7. 0-0	c4 (b)	13. Be4 (d)	a6	19. Bd6	h5
2. Nf3	b6	8. Bc2	Qc7	14. Ba3	Bg7	20. Rfb1 (e)	b5
3. e4	Bb7	9. b3	Na5	15. Nd2	Rc8	21. a4	Nh6
4. Bd3	c5	10. Ng5	g6	16. Bb4	Be4	22. ab	ab
5. c3	d5	11. Qf3	Qd7	17. Nde4	Nd6	23. Ne4	Resigns
6. e5 (a)	Nc6	12. bc	dc (c)	18. Nd6+	Nd6		

- (a) Now White has reached a favourable set up in the Advance Variation of the French Defence; Black has less play against the centre pawns than usual.
- (b) This advance is, certainly, dubious if White has not yet weakened the b3 square by playing a3.
- (c) 12. . Nc4 loses to 13.Ba4! Qa4; 14.Qf7+
- (d) The e4 square has become the key to the position. White will occupy it with a knight which will control the holes at d6 and f6.
- (e) After the opening of lines on the Q side, Black's defences must collapse.

Game No.16 Challengers: Round 3. G.LANE v P.A.ASTON

1. e4	c5	13. Bf3	f5	25. Bf7	Nf7	37. Rd5	Bc4
2. Nc3	d6	14. Bf2	Da6	26. Bf4	g5	38. Rd2	hg
3. g3	g6	15. Pa1	e5	27. Bg3	h5	39. Kg2	Re8
4. Bg2	Bg7	16. d4 (a)	fe	28. Nf2	h4	40. Kg3	Re3+
5. d3	Nc6	17. Be4	d5?!	29. Bc7	g4	41. Kg2	Be5
6. f4	Rb8	18. Bg2	ef	30. Bf4 (c)	Bf6	42. Rg1	Kf8
7. Nf3	e6	19. d3	fg	31. Re6	Bg5	43. Ng5	Ke7
8. 0-0	Ngc7	20. Bg3	Rb7	32. Be5+	Ne5	44. Kf2	Bf4
9. Be3	Nd1	21. c6!	Nc6	33. Re5	g3	45. Rd4	Re2+
10. Qd2	0-0	22. Qd5+	Rf7	34. Nh3	Bf6	46. Kf3	Resigns (d)
11. Nd1	b6	23. Qd8?!(b)	Nd8	35. Rh5+	Kg8		
12. c3	Nf3	24. Bd5	Kg8	36. hg	Be2		

- (a) After the exchanges on d4 White gains central control and, also, leaves Black with a weak, isolated d pawn. Also 16. . ef; 17.Qf4 = eg. 17. . fe; 18.Qe4 Nf5; 19.g4! followed by 20.dc and 21.Bg3.
- (b) Qc6, perhaps, is better although Black has pressure on White's king-side.
- (c) 30.Ng4 Ng5; followed by 31. . Nf3+ followed by 32. . Bb7.
- (d) White wins a piece 46. . Bg5; 47.Rg5 Ba6 (b5 48.Rc4 bc; 49.Ke2) 48.Ra4 Bd3; 49.Rd5 Rd7; 50.Ke3 followed by 51.Rd3.

Game No.17 Challengers: Round 6. G.LANE v P.WALDEN

1. e4	b6	12. Be4	fe	23. gf	Be2	34. Nf4	Ne4
2. d4	Bb7	13. Ng5	Qc7	24. Re1	Bf3 (b)	35. Bc1	Rf8
3. Nc3	e6	14. Be3	0-0	25. Rf1	Kg8	36. Nh5	Rf7
4. Nf3	Bb4	15. Qh5	h6	26. Nf4	Be4	37. Nf6+	Kh8
5. Bd3	Nf6	16. Nh3	cd	27. Rbe1	Bf5	38. R2g2	Rf6
6. Qe2	d5	17. cd	Qf7	28. Rf2	g6	39. ef	Rf8
7. e5 (a)	Ne4	18. Qf7+	Kf7	29. Ref1	Rfe8	40. Bh6	Rf7
8. Bd2	Bc3	19. Rb1	Rcc8	30. h4 (c)	Be4	41. Rg8+	Kh7
9. bc	c5	20. c3	Na5	31. Kh2	Kg7?	42. Rf8	Rf8
10. 0-0	f5	21. Rd2	Ba6	32. Rg1	Kh7	43. Bf8	Ne3
11. Rfd1	Nc6	22. f3	ef	33. Ng6!	Bf5 (d)	44. Bh6	Bg6 (e)

- (a) Also 7..d Nd5; 8.Bd2 Bc3; 9.bc 0-0; 10.0-0 followed by 11.c4 followed by 12.Ne5
- (b) This move, although gaining a pawn, gives White space and attacking chances on g7.
- (c) This move puts pressure on g6. There is, also, another idea behind it.
- (d) 33. . Bg5; 34.Rf6 Rg3 (if the bishop moves Rh6 mate) 35.h5, the other idea behind h4. 35. . Rcf8 (Black's best try) 36.hg+ Kg7; 37.Bh6!! Kh6; 38.g7+ (discovered) Rf6; 39.ef. There is no defence against 40.f7
- (e) 44. . Ng4+ is rubbish because of 45.Rg4 Bg4; 46.f7 queens.

Game No.18. Championship: Round 3. C.W.WHEELER v G.MOORE

1. c4	g6	12. cb	ab	23. Qd2	Qa3	34. Re3	Rb4
2. Nc3	Bg7	13. d5	Ne5	24. Qd4+	Kg8	35. Re7	Nb6
3. d4	Nf6	14. Nd4	c5	25. O-O	Rfc8	36. Nc3	Kf8
4. e4	d6	15. Nd4b5	Qa5	26. Rf3	Qc5	37. Rb7	Nd5
5. f3	Nc6	16. a4	Qb4	27. Kf1	Ra8	38. Nd5	Rd4+
6. Nge2	c5	17. Be2	c4	28. Qc5	Re5	39. Ke3	Rd5
7. Be3	Rb8	18. Rd1	Bb5	29. Ke2	Ra3	40. b6	Rb5
8. Re1	O-O	19. ab5	Nf6d7	30. Kd2	Rb3	41. Ke4	Rb2
9. Qd2	Bd7	20. f4	Nd3+	31. Rc1	Rc4	42. Kd5	Rg2
10. Bh6	b5	21. Bd3	cd	32. Rb1	Rb1	43. Rc7	Kg7
11. Bg7	Kg7	22. Qd3	Qb2	33. Nb1	Re4	44. b7	Rb2
						45. Kd6	Resigns

Game No.19 Championship: Round 3. S.J.SHUTLER v B.P.A.ANDREWS

1. P-K4	P-QB4	10. N-N3	R-B1	19. N(3)-Q4	NxN	28. P-B6	B-B1
2. N-KB3	P-K3	11. B-B3	Q-B2	20. NxN	B-KB3	29. PxP	BxKNP
3. N-B3	N-QB3	12. Q-Q2	KR-Q1	21. P-QN4	N-R5	30. B-N4	RxKP
4. P-Q4	PxP	13. Q-B2	P-QN3	22. P-B5	P-K4	31. QxPch	K-R1
5. NxP	P-Q4	14. P-QR4	B-K1	23. N-K2	B-QN4	32. B-KB5	R-R5
6. B-K2	N-B3	15. P-QR5	N-Q2	24. P-N4	BxN	33. R-R7	R-N1
7. O-O	B-K2	16. PxNP	PxNP	25. QxB	NxP	34. R(1)-R1	Q-KB1
8. B-K3	O-O	17. N-N5	Q-N1	26. Q-KB2	R-B5	35. Q-Q7	N-K7ch
9. P-B4	B-Q2	18. P-B3	N-B4	27. P-KN5	B-K2	36. K-N2	Q-K1
						37. QxQ	Draw agreed

Game No.20 Challengers: Round 5. M.A.COOK v R.J.JOHNSON

1. P-KN3	P-Q5	12. QR-Q1	PxP	23. B-B3	P-KB4	34. R-QN1	R-K3
2. B-N2	P-KN2	13. NxP	N-B4	24. NPxP	NPxP	35. RxN	RxPch
3. P-Q4	B-N2	14. KR-K1	B-N5	25. NxQP	KR-B1	36. K-Q4	R-K5ch
4. P-K4	N-Q2	15. P-B3	B-Q2	26. P-K5	B-K3	37. K-B5	RxP
5. N-K2	P-QB3	16. Q-B2	QR-Q1	27. K-K3	K-N2	38. RxNPch	K-N3
6. N(1)-B3	N(1)-B3	17. N-N1	N-K3	28. B-K2	B-Q4	39. R-Q2	R-K1
7. O-O	P-K4	18. N-Q2	N-N5	29. B-B4	B-K5	40. P-Q6ch	K-N4
8. P-QR4	P-QR4	19. PxN	BxN	30. P-B3	B-B7	41. R-N7ch	K-R4
9. P-N3	Q-N3	20. BxB	QxB	31. R-Q2	BxP	42. RxPch	K-N5
10. B-N2	O-O	21. N-B4	QxQch	32. BxB	NxB	43. R-R4ch	Resigns
11. Q-Q2	R-K1	22. KxQ	N-B4	33. R-KB2	RxN		

Game No.21 Challengers: Round 4. Mrs.M.E.CLARKE v B.T.KING

1. P-K4	P-K3	16. QxN	N-Q4	31. Q-B2	B-K2	46. K-Q4	B-Q4
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	17. Q-B3	P-QN4	32. BxB	RxB	47. P-KN3	K-B2
3. N-QB3	B-N5	18. N-R5	P-QR4	33. R-Q4	P-K6	48. K-K5	P-N3
4. N-K2	PxP	19. N-B4	Q-B3	34. R-K1	PxP	49. B-K2	K-K2
5. P-QR3	B-K2	20. P-B3	B-Q2	35. R-E1	Q-K6ch	50. B-N4	K-B2
6. NxP	N-Q2	21. P-KR4	P-N5	36. R-Q2	Q-B5	51. B-K2	P-K6
7. B-K3	KN-B3	22. P-B4	NxN	37. K-N1	R-K8ch	52. K-Q4	K-K3
8. N(2)-B3	P-B3	23. BxN	QxQP	38. R-Q1	R(1)-K1	53. B-N4ch	K-Q3
9. B-QB4	N-Q4	24. B-K3	Q-B3	39. QxBP(7)	RxRch	54. B-K2	P-B4ch
10. B-Q2	O-O	25. PxP	BxP	40. BxR	QxBP	55. KxP	K-K4
11. B-N3	P-KB4	26. R-Q1	R-B2	41. Q-B4	QxQ	56. B-Q1	B-K3
12. N-N3	N(2)-B3	27. B-R4	P-K4	42. RxQ	R-K5	57. K-Q3	P-B5ch
13. Q-B3	B-Q3	28. B-KN5	Q-K3	43. RxR	PxR	58. K-K3	K-Q4
14. O-O-O	K-R1	29. Q-QN3	R-QN1	44. K-B2	K-N1	59. K-B4	B-B4
15. QR-K1	NxN	30. Q-Q3	P-K5	45. K-B3	B-K3	60. K-K3	Draw agreed

Game No.22 Reserves: Round 3. T.LeHAY v I.R.PICKUP

1. P-K3	N-KB3	10. N(1)-Q2	P-QN4	19. P-K6ch	K-B1	28. PxP	BxP
2. P-KB4	P-Q4	11. P-K5	N-Q4	20. P-B3	QPxP	29. Q-B4	R-QB2
3. N-KB3	P-QB4	12. N-K4	Q-B2	21. PxP	PxP	30. B-R5	B-N3
4. B-N5ch	B-Q2	13. K-R1	P-R3	22. B-K1	N-B5	31. Q-Q5	R-N1
5. Q-K2	P-QR3	14. B-Q2	N-B1	23. Q-K3	N(5)xKP	32. BxB	RxB
6. BxBch	N(1)xB	15. P-QR4	P-N5	24. BxP	Q-B5	33. Q-R8ch	R-N1
7. 0-0	P-K3	16. P-B5	PxP	25. Q-K2	Q-KN5	34. QxPch	R(1)-N2
8. P-Q3	B-K2	17. N-Q6ch	K-Q2	26. N(7)-K5	Q-R4	35. QR-N1	K-N1
9. P-K4	P-Q5	18. NxBP(2)	R-R2	27. P-Q4	P-N4	36. N-B6ch	RxN
						37. QxR mate	

Game No.23 Junior: Round 4. D.C.SPURGEON v C.WEEKS

This game won the Brigadier Morris trophy for David Spurgeon of Portsmouth. In his remarks, Dr.Aitken says 'I award the prize to this game principally on the grounds that it is played much more logically and constructively throughout than any of the other entries; one feels, throughout, that White is in command and knows precisely what he wants to do. The theme of the game, from the opening moves onward, is White's majority on the Queen side.

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	11. Q-R4	B-Q3	21. KR-K1	RxR? (h)	31. P-QN5	R-B4
2. P-QB4	P-QB4	12. R-Q1	P-B5 (e)	22. RxR	P-KB4	32. P-QN6	R-R4! (m)
3. P-Q5	P-QN4	13. P-QN4!(f)	K-K2!	23. N-Q4	B-KB3	33. P-R7	K-N2
4. PxP	P-QR3 (a)	14. BxN	QxB	24. K-B3 (i)	R-QB1	34. R-N4!	R-B4
5. N-QB3	PxP	15. QxQch	KxQ	25. P-QR4	B-K4	35. RxP	P-KN3 (o)
6. P-K4 (b)	P-Q3	16. P-QR3	R-R1	26. P-QR5	R-B2	36. K-Q3	RxR
7. BxPch	QN-Q2 (c)	17. R-R1	BxP (g)	27. P-KN4(j)	R-N2	37. KxR	B-Q8
8. B-N5	B-R3	18. Nx8	R-K1	28. R-N1	R-B2 (k)	38. K-N5	P-KB3? (p)
9. B-B6	R-N1	19. K-Q2	RxN	29. P-KB4	B-KB3	39. N-B6	Resigns
10. BxKN	KPxB (d)	20. N-KB3	B-K2	30. P-R6 (l)	K-B1		

(a) The Benko Gambit

(b) A highly popular line, recently, which usually continues 6. . P-QN5; 7.N-N5 P-Q6; 8.P-Q3

(c) Black's pieces now get tied down. Probably better was 7. . B-Q2 but this gives White the opportunity of exchanging his inferior bishop.

(d) Black prefers to capture away from the centre and create an escape square for his king in view of later threats of N-N5 to N-B7ch.

(e) Black's bishop is stranded.

(f) Creating two, connected, outside passed pawns.

(g) Black regains a pawn at the cost of allowing White to develop his king side.

(h) 21. . P-KB4 was better with the possibility of playing the bishop to KB3.

(i) A difficult decision to make. White places himself in a pin thereby tying down both king and knight, hoping that his queen side pawns can be successfully advanced.

(j) White wishes to play P-KB4 and open the king file for his rook.

(k) Black has nothing to do except repeat moves.

(l) 30.P-QN5 R-B4 poses White awkward problems approaching the time control.

(m) But not 32. . R-Q4; 33.P-N7ch K-N1; 34.P-R7ch KxP; 35.P-N8=Q etc.

(n) Solves all of White's remaining problems on how to capture the QB pawn without allowing Black to check on QR5 winning the knight eg. 34.KxP R-R5ch; 35.K-N5 RxN when 36.R-QR1 is not possible because of RxPch and the rook is en prise.

(o) Hoping for 36.RxR PxR and Black is saved.

(p) Not 38. . BxP; 39.P-R8=Qch KxQ; 40.KxB but the move played loses immediately. If Black had played a move such as 38. . P-KR3 White would have continued by N-B6, N-R5ch and K-B6 mating.

White tried to take advantage of his early queen side pressure and gain space by advancing his pawn. Black never gained any play for his early sacrifice; he was tied down and unable to free his pieces whilst White's minor pieces enjoyed more space to manoeuvre.

Game No.24 Junior: Round 5. J.F.S.MENADUE v D.C.SPURGEON

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	22. B-Q3	Q-R5	43. K-B4	K-Q3	64. K-K4	K-K1
2. P-QB4	P-KN3	23. K-N1	P-N6	44. KxP	R-KB1	65. P-B5	R-K4ch
3. N-QB3	B-N2	24. P-R3	NxBP	45. P-B4	R-N1ch	66. K-B4	K-B2
4. P-K4	O-O	25. BxN	QxB	46. K-B2	N-N5ch	67. R-B7	R-K2
5. B-K3	P-Q3	26. NxR	RxN	47. K-Q2	K-B3	68. K-N5	K-B1
6. P-B3	N-B3	27. Q-B1	QxQch	48. P-R6	R-Q1ch	69. KxP	R-R2ch
7. N(1)-K2	P-QR3	28. RxQ	NxP	49. K-K2	K-N3	70. K-N5	K-K1
8. Q-Q2	R-K1	29. R-B6	R-B2	50. P-R7	R-QR1	71. P-B6	NxP
9. O-O-O	R-N1	30. RxQRP	R-B5	51. P-N3	N-B7	72. R-N8ch	NxR
10. P-KR4	P-QN4	31. R-QR4	N-K6	52. R-R1	N-Q5ch	73. RxR	K-B1
11. P-R5	N-R4	32. R-K1	N-Q4	53. K-Q3	P-R4	74. P-N4	K-K1
12. N-N3	P-N5	33. R-B4	R-R5	54. P-QN4	K-N4	75. K-N6	N-K2ch
13. N-Q5	B-K3	34. P-R4	R-B5	55. PxP	N-N6	76. K-B6	N-Q'ch
14. PxB	BPxP	35. P-R5	R-B1	56. R-R3	NxPch	77. K-K5	N-K2
15. B-R6	BxN	36. R-R4	R-R1	57. K-Q4	N-Q2	78. K-K6	N-N3
16. BxB	KxB	37. K-B1	K-N1	58. R-N1ch	K-B3	79. K-B6	N-B5
17. Q-R6ch	K-R1	38. K-Q2	K-B2	59. R-R6ch	K-B2	80. R-R8ch	K-Q2
18. KPxB	Q-Q2	39. P-N3	P-K3	60. RxP	RxP	81. P-N5	N-Q5ch
19. N-K4	R-N1	40. K-Q3	K-K2	61. R-B1ch	K-Q1	82. K-B7	N-K7
20. N-N5	R-KN2	41. R(1)-QR1	P-B4	62. RxP	R-R5ch	83. P-N6	Resigns
21. N-K6	R(1)-N1	42. PxB	PxP	63. R-B4	R-R4		

Game No.25 Open: Round 3. I.B.N.SMITH v S.R.BONIFACE

1. P-K4	P-K3	10. NxN	NxN	19. B-K2	P-B4	28. R-K1	N-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	11. PxB	Q-R6ch	20. P-N5	Q-Q3	29. B-N3	B-B3
3. N-QB3	B-N5	12. K-Q2	N-K2 (d)	21. Q-B3	R-B2	30. RxR	BPxR
4. PxB	PxB	13. B-Q3	B-K3	22. P-KR4(f)	R-K2	31. Q-K3	Q-B1 (h)
5. Q-B3 (a)	Q-K2ch! (b)	14. R-QN1	P-QN3	23. P-R5	N-B1	32. P-B4??(i)	PxB
6. N-K2	N-QB3!	15. KR-K1	O-O	24. B-B2	B-Q2	33. BxB	Q-N5ch (j)
7. B-K3	N-B3!	16. Q-R5	N-N3	25. BxB	R-K5	34. P-B3 (k)	Q-N7ch??
8. P-KR3	N-K5 (c)	17. P-N4 (e)	P-QB4!	26. B-QN3?(g)	QR-K1		and Black resigned
9. O-O-O!	BxN	18. P-KB4	P-B5	27. RxR	RxR		

- (a) This move was introduced by Larsen against Portisch in the 1964 Interzonal tournament at Amsterdam. The move Q-B3 has three purposes: Black's . . B-KB4 is prevented, White's QN is protected and his Q-side castling is prepared.
- (b) Excellent. This should lead to the refutation of the whole system.
- (c) As played in the game Murakov - Antoschin (USSR 1964). However, it is not the best. Black should play 8. . BxNch; 9.PxB N-K5 and White can no longer castle Q-side on account of . . Q-R6ch. Black would now have a good position.
- (d) Not 12. . QxRP; 13.B-Q3 and White threatens to win Black's queen by R-R1 etc.
- (e) 17.P-KB4 P-KB4; 18.P-N4 seems more accurate.
- (f) 22.BxB is tempting but after . . R-QB1 Black has already made attack down the QB file.
- (g) 26.RxR! PxR; 27.QxP and if . . B-K3 then 28.Q-B3 or if . . B-B3 then 28.B-N3
- (h) Black now had very little time left before the time check for the remaining three moves.
- (i) I played this move without really thinking about it - perhaps over confidence. Immediately I realised that instead of winning it lost!
- (j) Black's flag was now just about to drop. If I play 34.Q-B3 then Black wins the queen by 34. . P-K6ch; 35.K-Q3 B-K5ch! Steve Boniface had, of course, seen all this but . . .
- (k) . . . this came as a complete surprise and Black, with no time left, had to play instantly. 34. . QxB would, of course, have won for Black. Oh well, they say it's better to be lucky than good.

Note. The game Murakov - Antoschin was the same as the above up to move 11 and continued

11. . .	O-O	14. P-N4	N-R4? [. . Q-B2!]	17. K-K2!	B-B2	20. R(Q1)-KN1	Q-K2
12. B-Q3	B-K3	15. PxB	Q-R6ch	18. Q-R4	NxB	21. RxPch	Resigns
13. Q-R5	P-B4	16. K-Q2	N-B5ch	19. PxB	QR-K1	[21. P-B6ch	QxB
						22. QxPmate]	

Game No.26 Open: Round 5. D.A.BENNETT v I.B.N.SMITH

1. e4	c5	13. Qc4	ef	25. Qg7+	Ke8	37. Ra1	Bc8
2. Nc3	Nc6	14. Nd5	Bg7	26. Rfe1	Qe1+	38. Re1	Be6
3. f4	g6	15. Bg5	Qd6	27. Re1	Be6	39. Re3	b4
4. Bc4	Bg7	16. Bf4	Ne5	28. d4	Rac8	40. cb	Rd4
5. d3	d6	17. Be5	Be5	29. Re3	a6	41. Qa6	Bc4
6. Nf3	e6	18. Ne5	Qe5	30. Qh7	b5	42. Qf6	Rd1+
7. 0-0	Nge7	19. Qc5	Qb2	31. Qh4	Rc4	43. Kf2	Rf8+
8. Qe1	0-0	20. c3	Rd8	32. Qf6	Rc6	44. Kg3	f4+
9. f5	d5	21. Nf6+	Kg7	33. Qe5	Rcd6	45. Kg4	fe
10. Qh4	dc	22. Rab1	Qa2	34. Qc5	Kd7	46. Qd8+	Kg7
11. f6	Nf5	23. Qe5	Qe6	35. Qa7+	Ke8	47. Qd4+	Kg8
12. ef	Bf6	24. Ne8+	Kf8	36. Re1	Kf8	48. Qc4	Rf7
						49. Kg3	Resigns

Game No.27 All-play-all: Section A Round 3. B.H.TURNER v R.MAISHMAN

1. d4	d5	8. e4	de	15. Qe2	Rac8	22. Ng5	Re8
2. Nf3	Nf6	9. Ne4	Be7	16. h3	Bc5	23. Re1	Rg6
3. e3	c5	10. Ng3	cd	17. Ne4	Ne4	24. Qh5	h6
4. c3	e6	11. Nd4	Ne5	18. Qe4	f5	25. Nf7	Qg3
5. Bd3	Nbd7	12. Bc2	Bd7	19. Qe2	Rf6	26. Bd5	Qf2+
6. Nbd2	Bd6	13. Re1	Nc6	20. Rd1	Be8	27. Kh2	Qg3+
7. 0-0	0-0	14. Nf3	Qc7	21. Bb3	Bf7	28. Kh1	Qe1+
						29. Kh2	Qg1++

Game No.28 All-play-all: Section B Round 1. W.G.OLIVER v P.S.SHORT

1. P-K4	P-KN3	10. P-QN3	P-QN3	19. R-K2	NxB	28. K-B1	R-KN1
2. N-KB3	B-N2	11. B-KN5	P-R3	20. QxN	K-R1	29. P-KB3	B-R6ch
3. P-Q4	P-Q3	12. B-Q2	KN-Q2	21. K-N2	P-B5	30. RxB	Q-N8ch
4. B-QB4	N-KB3	13. Q-B1	K-R2	22. R-KR1	Q-Q2	31. K-K2	R-N7ch
5. N-B3	0-0	14. P-R4	P-B4	23. P-R5	Q-B2	32. K-Q3	RxQch
6. 0-0	QN-Q2	15. PxP	PxP	24. PxP	PxP	33. KxR	Q-N7ch
7. R-K1	P-K4	16. P-N3	N-B3	25. R-K4	N-K4	34. Resigns	
8. P-Q5	P-QR4	17. R-N1	N-N5	26. NxN	BxN		
9. P-QR4	N-B4	18. N-QN5	N-K5	27. N-Q4	Q-N2ch		

Game No.29 Minor: Round 2. P.SPURGEON v P.G.HOUSE

1. P-Q4	P-Q4	15. BxN	PxB	29. NxR	Q-B5	43. PxP	K-N5
2. P-QB4	N-KB3	16. Q-N3	N-B3	30. N-Q3	P-N6	44. N-Q3	K-R6
3. N-QB3	P-K3	17. R-B6	R-B1	31. Q-B3	QxQ	45. N-B2ch	KxP
4. B-N5	B-K2	18. RxR	QxR	32. PxQ	N-Q2	46. N-N4ch	KxP
5. N-B3	0-0	19. 0-0	Q-B3	33. K-K2	N-N3	47. NxP	K-K5
6. P-K3	P-KR3	20. R-Q1	R-QB1	34. P-K4	PxP	48. K-N2	K-B5
7. B-B4	P-QR3	21. N-K1	P-QR4	35. PxP	N-B5	49. P-B6	NxP
8. P-QR3	P-QN3	22. P-B3	P-QN4	36. K-Q1	P-N4	50. KxP	N-Q5ch
9. R-B1	B-N2	23. K-B2	Q-B5	37. P-N3	K-N2	51. K-B3	N-B4
10. PxP	BxP	24. Q-Q3	P-N5	38. K-B1	K-N3	52. NxN	KxN
11. B-Q3	B-Q3	25. Q-Q2	R-B2	39. N-N2	N-R4	53. K-Q3	K-B5
12. BxB	PxB	26. PxP	PxP	40. P-B4	P-B4	54. K-K2	K-N6
13. NxB	NxN	27. N-Q3	Q-N6	41. PxPch	KxP	55. K-K3	P-N5
14. B-K4	N-Q2	28. R-QB1	RxR	42. P-B5	PxP	56. Resigns	

Game No.30 Championship: Round 6. P.H.CLARKE v A.P.ASHBY

1. d4	c5	3. Nf3	g6	5. Bg2	0-0	7. Nbd2	cd
2. c3	Nf6	4. g3	Bg7	6. 0-0	Na6	8. cd	d5
						9. Nb3	Draw agreed

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