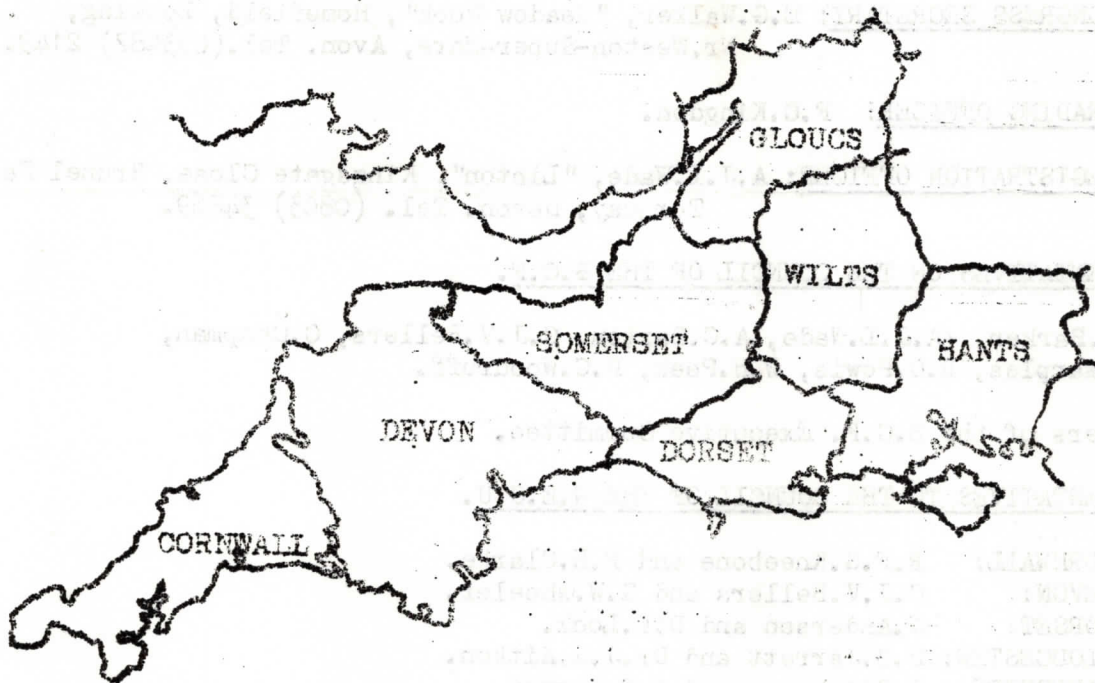


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EDITORIAL.

So we remain as the British Chess Federation! At the Council Meeting of the B.C.F. in early July, whilst the majority voted in favour of a change to English Chess Federation they only just failed to secure a two thirds majority. A majority of 1 in Parliament can alter the Laws of England but not in the B.C.F., so the minority carried the day. How sad!

Fortunately the other major constitutional changes did command an overwhelming majority and so now in the not so distant future we see a streamlined Management Board with Union majority operating the Chess affairs of English Chess under the guise of the British Chess Federation. More power is also to be devolved to the Unions and at long last finance is to be related to Grading if an acceptable formula can be found. In the West of England we think we have found one, but I foresee long and fierce argument before a satisfactory solution is arrived at. In the meantime the loyal registered players will continue to subsidise those who do not contribute financially in any way.

In this edition is published useful information about the Western Counties with names and addresses of officials. A Chess Calendar for the Union also appears on the back page. I have at popular request re-printed pairing systems for jamboree organisers. I was a little reluctant to do this as many times at our own Jamboree I have been asked how to do it and smugly I have put the thought into the minds of my inquisitors that it has been entirely due to my mathematical brilliance. Alas! another illusion shattered!

Finally my thanks to those who have contributed to this issue and another plea for NEWS from the Counties. My heartfelt thanks to the evergreen Andrew Thomas who has so generously agreed to the new "Westward Ho" correspondence competition.

RALPH NEWMAN.

OBITUARY.

With deep sorrow I learned of the recent death of P.T. BEIGHTON. Pat was a member of the Plymouth Chess Club, has played many times for his club and his county, but he will best be remembered for his brilliance in correspondence chess. Pat was a modest and unassuming gentleman with whom I built up a very good friendship through the medium of our annual battles for the Devon Correspondence Cup - which he won on very many occasions. He also played successfully in other correspondence competitions attaining a very high level of play.

All Devonian chess players mourn his loss but his memory lives on engraved many times on an elderly but dearly coveted trophy known as the "Individual Chess Correspondence Cup" for the champion correspondence player in Devon.

R.N.

GRADING AND ALL THAT - - - -

In a way grading has something in common with golf handicaps - it is supposed to reflect one's prowess and capability. It also (in both instances) provokes a lot of argument, bad feeling, frustration, one-upmanship and in some cases a feeling of well being and smugness. For better or for worse grading has come to stay and we are stuck with it. For that reason it is essential that in the future far stricter rules as to the admissability of games for grading will have to be drawn up and adopted on a National policy.

The first thing that has to be decided is the meaning of a grade. Obviously most people will say that it should tell how good a chess player one is. That is not strictly true. Under the present system a player with a published grade of, say, 150 may well have a grade on correspondence games of 200 plus. The same player on speed chess may have a grade of only 50. From this it follows that the rate of play is critical and this is where the problems start.

Congresses are springing up like mushrooms all over the country, and this is excellent for chess. Long may they flourish. Unfortunately all kinds of time controls and "sudden death" finishes are also cropping up and it is here where the grading experts disagree as to the admissability of games for grading. More and more congresses are using a variable time control formula where the first 42 moves may be played at the rate of 24 moves in the hour and thereafter the rate speeded up to 40 or more. In some cases, regardless of the times on both clocks they are re-set and a "sudden death" finish of 15 minutes on each clock is set - grossly unfair to a player suffering from arthritis or from any physical handicap.

Obviously some solution must be found to this problem and so I will stick my neck out and list a few possible rules for games eligible for grading.

1. Games must be played at the rate of not more than 40 moves per hour in any one part provided that the overall rate does not exceed 30 moves per hour.
2. Sudden death finishes will not qualify for grading.
3. "Spot adjudication" decisions will only count for grading provided both players agree to the decision. If they do not, either player, on payment of the appropriate fee, may send his game for B.C.F. adjudication. (This is the method currently adopted in the English Counties Championship and has been tried and tested).

Now there are quite a few chess players who will agree with (2) above but say that these games should be segregated from a congress and the remainder of the congress games graded. This appears to be fair but it will throw an additional amount of work on the controller and those to whom I have spoken are very unenthusiastic.

Finally, there is one method of play that I have never heard anybody quarrel about. Play to a finish! Congress organisers may argue that this is not possible in a week end Congress of 5 games but the HEXAGON have proved that it is possible, and the HEXAGON congresses are getting more and more popular. I am assured by the organisers that ever since they have run their congresses all games have been finished, and the numbers attending are certainly comparable with other week end congresses. Elsewhere in this edition there is news of the Hexagon Congress and they publish their time table.

A NEW COMPETITION.

Westward Ho! proudly present the following new competition which has been made possible by the generous offer of Andrew Thomas (better known as ARB) to run the event.

It is financed by Westward Ho! who are donating a magnificent trophy out of their ill gotten gains. To save unnecessary correspondence from disgruntled Union Members who think the funds might be put to better use we add that the Council Meeting of the W.E.C.U. approved this by an unanimous vote.

RULES FOR THE WESTWARD HO! CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

1. Entries must be made to Mr. A.R.B.Thomas, 43 Old Road, Tiverton, Devon, and be received by him on or before 30th September, 1977.
2. Qualifications for Entry:-
 - (a) Membership of a club or county affiliated to W.E.C.U. at the time of entry.
 - (b) Either a 1976 grading of at least 160, or one of the first four players in his county correspondence team.
 - (c) B.C.F. registration.
3. The number of competitors will be limited to 12. If the entry exceeds 12, then the first 12 entries received will be the ones accepted.
4. The competitors will be divided into 2 sections, and will play simultaneously one game with each member of the section (i.e. not more than 5 games at once).

These games will be adjudicated (if unfinished) after 30 moves have been played, and the scores of the games must be received by the Controller, Mr. A.R.B.Thomas, not later than March 31st 1978.

Should any game not have reached 30 moves, that player will be adjudged the winner who has used least playing-time as defined by the B.C.F.

The winners of each section will then play a match of 2 games for the Championship. The games in this match will also be adjudicated (if unfinished) after 30 moves, and the positions must similarly be received by September 30th 1978.
5. In any adjudication the Controller's decision shall be final; there shall be no appeal.
6. Should there be a tie for first place in the section, the winner shall be the one who had the least number of Whites. Should this fail to break the tie, the Controller shall break the tie by a toss.
7. The Entry Fee, which must be received with the Entry, shall be £1.00.
8. In all games, first-class postage only must be used.

CHESSBITS.

Juniors get reduced rates at a lot of chess events - what about the Senior Citizens?

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Chess correspondence players receive no "grade". Why not? What are the BCF doing about it?

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO WESTWARD HO! ???

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Five Queens on the board at one time - in a recent junior competition. I think that is taking Women's Lib. to extremes!

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What are the Race Relations Board doing about Black Chessmen always having to move second?

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There is no truth in the rumour that chess international matches will be stages on the Lords Cricket Ground with M.G.M. claiming exclusive film-rights and signing all Grand Masters on for a five year contract.

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FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES.

Aug 8-20 COLLINGWOOD BCF CONGRESS, including the British Championships, Corn Exchange, Brighton.

Aug 26-29 DORSET, at Weymouth.
E.J.Clark, 9 Melcombe Avenue, Weymouth.

Sep 4-10 PAIGNTON CONGRESS.
W.A.Frost, 3 Cott Meadow, Dartington, Totnes, Devon.

Oct 7-9 HEXAGON NORTH DEVON CONGRESS, Combes Hotel, Woolacombe,
Oct 14-16 Mrs.M.E.Clarke, Oakdale, Bush, Bude, Cornwall.

(Hexagon Time Table:Friday	19.15	Opening.
	19.30 - 23.00	Round 1.
Time Limit: Saturday	09.00 - 12.30	" 2.
42 moves in 1 hr.45 mins.	13.30 - 15.30	Adjourned games
(or pro rata) and	16.30 - 20.00	Round 3.
24 per hour	21.00 - 23.00	Adjourned games
thereafter. Sunday	09.00 - 14.00	Round 4.
	15.00 - 20.00	Round 5.
	21.30	Prizegiving.)

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(Would Congress Organisers please let the Union Secretary/Assistant Editor have details of their next congress as they become available, so that we may publish them, - also results!)

POLITICS AND CHESS.

The Executive Committee of the B.C.F. recently unanimously instructed their F.I.D.E. delegate to oppose a resolution by Russia tabled to ban South Africa from activity in F.I.D.E. events. At the F.I.D.E. meeting the Western members put forward a proposal that South Africa should voluntarily withdraw from F.I.D.E. competitions while a report was carried out. This was strongly opposed and an amendment that South Africa be excluded from all F.I.D.E. activities until 1980 was carried by 28 votes to 23. Whereupon the Western delegates, led by Harry Golombek, walked out of the meeting, there being no point in voting when the amendment became the proposal. South Africa are disgusted - so am I. Chess should break all barriers of Race, Religion, Creed or Belief, and - most important of all - should be free from political interference.

R.N.

THE COUNTY OF AVON.

Both Gloucestershire and Somerset sighed with relief when, at the Annual General Meeting of the Bristol and District Chess League, the following proposition, proposed by K.C.Cleak and seconded by D.C.Jarrett, was defeated by one vote:-

"That the League A.G.M. discuss the feasibility of setting up a County of Avon Chess Association and pledge its support to such a venture."

It is interesting to note that David Jarrett, the seconder of the proposal, was down with 'flu and had he been present the motion may well have been carried. However, for those in favour of a new County Chess Organisation all is not lost as it was agreed to hold a referendum in the not so distant future.

PAYMENT FOR WESTWARD HO!

Since I took over as Editor, owing to the normal muddle with which I keep my correspondence it may be possible that subscribers have been overlooked. However, since our most efficient Union Secretary, Joan Parker, has agreed (not without a little misgiving) to so assist me, the future will be a very smooth running one.

ALL subscriptions are due for payment with the next issue - the Grading Issue - and the year's subscription is £1.50.

This may be sent either to me or to Joan. (Abusive letter relating to the articles in Westward Ho! should be sent to me - complimentary (if any) should be sent to Joan.)

R.N.

ENGLISH COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.1976/77.

Quarter Finals.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE 11½, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 8½. Played at Birmingham, 7th May 1977.

A very satisfactory outcome for Gloucestershire who were without Dr. J.M.Aitken and P.J.Meade (both playing in a congress at Jersey) and several other strong North Glos. players.

1. M.E.Binks (190)	0 - 1	(w) M.H.Horton (204)
2. A.Ashby (186)	½ - ½	P.R.Kemp (195)
3. D.Osborne (187)	½ - ½	A.J.Rolfe (192)
4. J.R.Boyce (182)	1 - 0	R.J.Clunie (191)
5. R.O.Powis (181)	0 - 1	P.Sharp (180)
6. M.E.Poolake (166)	½ - ½	A.N.Walker (185)
7. M.E.Burn (177)	½ - ½	P.D.Hare (187)
8. J.M.Will (175)	1 - 0	R.G.Thimann
9. M.I.Davis (171)	½ - ½a	P.A.Richmond (181)
10. M.C.Goodland (177)	1 - 0	P.Abbott (180)
11. K.W.Derrick (155)	1 - 0	A.J.Gillam (170)
12. R.Johnson (154)	1 - 0	C.R.Broadley (180)
13. S.W.Dilke (164)	½ - ½a	M.Spencer (170)
14. P.J.Tolhurst (166)	½ - ½	N.D.Walford (147)
15. J.P.Fetterlein (166)	0 - 1	J.G.Cooper (176)
16. R.J.Dixon (161)	0 - 1a	R.S.Wardlaw (154)
17. G.Anthony (145)	1 - 0a	T.Guy (184)
18. M.Powis (148)	1 - 0a	A.Bell (155)
19. S.Maggs (141)	½ - ½a	C.T.Kent (169)
20. L.A.Dorrington (132)	½ - ½a	I.McKinlay (141)

YORKSHIRE 12½, DEVONSHIRE 3½. Played at Cheltenham. 7th May 1977.

Report by the Devon Match Captain, R.M.Bruce.

The official date of May 7th for the B.C.C. quarter-final first ever meeting of Devon and Yorkshire was unfortunate for too many of the Devon first team players. Two were concerned with examinations; two others had urgent private engagements, whilst a fifth - and I have grave fears for his sanity - suffered from a delusion that early May was a suitable time to take a holiday in the wilds of the Scottish highlands. Fear of the law of libel prevented me from mentioning his name. Fortunately members of the second team filled the gaps eagerly, if not so capably.

The match was played at the premises of Messrs. Dowty's Equipment Ltd. A spacious room, carpeted, heated and well lit was provided free of charge whilst, adjoining, was a most efficient canteen, especially open from 3.30 pm until 5 pm. and operated by a very pleasant young lady. Luxury indeed!

Yorkshire paid us the compliment of bringing a very strong team including two ex-British Champions (neither of whom won!) and a car load from as far away as Hull (necessitating a round trip of over 360 miles!) Their lowest graded player was 183 and their average 194. Devon could not match this and was outgraded by more than 350 points.

The Devon players fought hard and at the end of four hours six games were unfinished. Three of these were resigned, although all were capable of prolonged resistance if continued, and the other three, being unclear, were sent for adjudication in fairness to the players concerned.

In making arrangements for this match I was greatly assisted by Messrs. J.C.B.Date, D.Hazell and R.Selfe all of Gloucestershire and all of whom incurred expenses in communicating with me. Such on the spot help was most heart warming.

(Any slander proceedings that may arise over lines 5, 6, and 7 involving the editor will undoubtedly be reported in subsequent issues and hopefully will increase our circulation. -Ed.)

Details:

1. B.Eley (w) (207)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ a	P.Waters (211)
2. M.J.Haygarth (214)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	A.R.B.Thomas (199)
3. P.G.Large (193)	1 - 0	G.W.Wheeler (192)
4. C.C.Shepherd	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	J.Wheeler (191)
5. D.I.Lister (200)	1 - 0	P.Walden (173)
6. B.A.Jones (199)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	R.M.Bruce (170)
7. R.D.Westra (200)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	C.J.Bellers (166)
8. J.E.Vickery (194)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	T.F.Thynne (167)
9. D.Firth (185)	1 - 0	K.Schofield (160)
10. E.A.Little (186)	1 - 0	R.Heasman (162)
11. G.Kenworthy (186)	1 - 0a	G.P.Lawrence
12. J.W.Atkinson (189)	1 - 0	R.Liggitt (155)
13. G.M.Peake (189)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	P.Halmkin (159)
14. T.Fernley (189)	1 - 0a	R.Lingham (150)
15. H.Russell (188)	1 - 0	Mrs.R.M.Bruce (143)
16. S.P.Goodman (183)	1 - 0	K.J.Bloodworth (163)

THE SEMI-FINALS.

GLoucestershire 9, Lancashire 11. Played at Birmingham.

A strong Gloucestershire team gave Lancashire a good run for their money in the semi-finals of the English Counties Championship. It was not until the last ten minutes of play that it became clear that Lancashire would win.

As Gloucestershire were outgraded by an average of 11 points per board, this was a very creditable performance and following on the fine victory over Nottinghamshire, suggests that several of the county team, notably the Bristol University contingent, are considerably undergraded. Though strong, the Gloucestershire team lacked the services of five players graded 180 or more. With their help the match might well have been won.

Details:

1. P.Timson	- a	J.Horner
2. M.K.Jones	0 - 1	P.R.Markland
3. A.Ashby	1 - 0	J.J.Carleton
4. Dr.J.M.Aitken	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	M.Corden
5. M.E.Binks	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	B.Cafferty
6. P.J.Meade	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	A.T.Ludgate
7. D.Osborne	0 - 1	D.Lees
8. J.R.Boyce	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	M.J.Conroy
9. R.O.Powis	0 - 1	J.M.Ripley
10. M.E.Poolake	1 - 0	R.A.Doney
11. M.A.Cook	0 - 1	D.James
12. R.Johnson	0 - 1	K.Harris
13. J.O'Loghlen	1 - 0	N.Short
14. D.Hulme	0 - 1	N.Ivell
15. J.M.Will	1 - 0	J.E.Horner
16. N.Hosken	- a	G.Ellison
17. M.E.Burn	1 - 0	M.Pein
18. M.C.Goodland	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	M.J.O'Hara
19. S.W.Dilke	0 - 1	M.Price
20. G.Anthony	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	T.J.Beach

In the same semi-final Yorkshire beat Hertfordshire 11 - 9.

In the FINAL Lancashire beat Yorkshire to become the 1976/77 E.C.C. champions.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 1976/77.

SEMI-FINALS.

DEVON 8, MIDDLESEX 8. (Middlesex win on board count)

Report by the Devon Match Captain, R.M.Bruce.

Devon II met Middlesex II on 14th May at Bristol in the semi-final of the Minor Counties. We started brightly with a good win by 15 year old Simon Arnold. This was followed by Mike Roberts winning after a successful sacrifice. (Roberts came into the team three years ago. He has played 14 games, including 3 Minor semi-finals, winning 8 and drawing 6) Then I watched the match gradually slip away and ten minutes from the close it appeared quite lost. Followed ten minutes of most lurid fiction (except that it was real!) Our No. 15, completely lost, was left a mate in one! No. 14, two pawns down, made excellent use of two bishops and his opponent blundered in time trouble. As if that were not enough No. 13, with a level position, won on the clock! Three points instead of the $\frac{1}{2}$ I had expected altered the match entirely and we finished 7 - 7 with a pawn advantage in each of the two unfinished games. However these were both adjudicated draws, making the final score 8 - 8 and Middlesex winning on board count.

Details:

1. G.Pearce (195)	1 - 0	R.Liggitt (155)
2. K.R.Clark (180)	1 - 0	R.Lingham (150)
3. J.V.Skilleter (180)	0 - 1	M.Roberts (149)
4. S.J.B.Knott (167)	1 - 0	S.R.Boniface (171)
5. R.L.Turnham (177)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	A.F.Footner (154)
6. M.H.Hawley (174)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs. R.M.Bruce (143)
7. H.B.Angel (171)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ a	A.Dunlop (138)
8. G.Wolfarth	1 - 0	K.J.Bloodworth (163)
9. P.Larwood (163)	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	J.Hutchings (152)
10. L.Rosselson	1 - 0	R.Hitchcock (145)
11. N.A.Perkins (180)	0 - 1	S.Arnold (136)
12. V.P.Aeron	1 - 0	J.Parker (144)
13. R.J.B.Craven (165)	0 - 1	C.Gilby (153)
14. S.Bond (161)	0 - 1	D.Miles (147)
15. R.Glew (158)	0 - 1	E.G.Sparke (149)
16. J.V.A.Franks (164)	0 - 1	D.Smith (129)

In the FINAL Yorkshire II beat Middlesex II to become the 1976/77 Minor Counties Champions. (score $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$)

Minor Counties Championship 1977/78 - DRAW.

N.C.C.U. - W.E.C.U.
M.C.C.U. - S.C.C.U.

ROUND THE COUNTIES.

In this issue we mainly give information on the present Officials in the counties as so many requests have been made for this essential information.

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HON. AUDITOR: A.W.Busby.

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FROM HAMPSHIRE: The following sparkling game is between junior
Ian Welch and Sharon Prince in the final round of the Portsmouth
and District Individual Championship Tournament:

1. P-K4 P-K3, 2.P-Q4 P-Q4, 3.N-Q2 PxP, 4.NXP N-Q2, 5.N-KB3
KN-B3, 6.B-KN5 B-K2, 7.NXN+ NXN, 8.B-Q3 P-KR3, 9.B-K3 P-QN3,
10.Q-K2 B-Q3, 11.O-O-O O-O, 12.N-K5 B-N2, 13.P-KB3 N-Q4,
14.B-Q2 N-B3, 15.P-KN4 N-R2, 16.P-KR4 P-KB3, 17.N-N6 R-K1,
18.KR-N1 P-QB4, 19.P-KB4 N-KB1, 20.P-N5 RPXP, 21. NXN KXN, 22.
RPXP PXQP, 23.B-N6 Q-B2, 24.Q-R5 KR-QB1, 25.Q-R8+ K-K2, 26.QxP+ K
K-Q1, 27.QxP+ B-K2, 28.QxQ+ resigns, which is perhaps frustrating
for Black who has been sitting with mate on the move for the
past four moves.

WEST OF ENGLAND CONGRESS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS. Cheltenham 7/11 Apr.

Championship: 1st A.S.Hollis 5½/6; 2nd N.Davey 5/6;
=3rd L.P.Burnett, P.H.Clarke, 4½.(20 players)

Challengers: 1st S.Finn 5½/6, 2nd R.Campbell, N.Hosken,
S.Street, 4½.

Reserves: 1st M.Powis 5½/6, 2nd D.G.Woodruff 5/6.

Open: 1st H.E.G.Courtney, I.B.N.Smith, 5/6.

Junior: 1st R.Stuart 5½/6, 2nd.M.A.Hick 4½, 3rd D.Smith 4/6.

Minor: 1st M.Prettejohn 5/6, 2nd K.House 4/6.

All-Play-All Sections:

"A" =1st E.Copeman, J.Lord, 4/5.

"B" 1st G.Pritchard, 5/5. "C" 1st P.Golder 5/5.

By taking the Union Championship Adrian Hollis, Correspondence
G.M., has the right to represent the Union in this year's
British Championships. He is, however, unable to take part
this year and the B.C.F. have granted his request to carry over
his qualification to 1978.

The Cup presented by Mr. Charles Dickens for the best congress
performance went to P. Golder of Burnham-on-Sea.

HUTTON PAIRING SYSTEM.

3 Teams.

Bd. 1	B-C;	
" 2	A-B;	C2-A1
" 3	B-A;	
" 4	C-B;	A4-C3

4 Teams.

Bd. 1	A-B;	C-D;
" 2	B-C;	D-A;
" 3	A-C;	B-D;
" 4	D-B;	C-A;
" 5	C-B;	A-D;
" 6	B-A;	D-C;

5 Teams.

Bd. 1	B-E;	D-C;	E2-A1;
" 2	A-D;	C-B;	
" 3	A-C;	E-D;	D4-D3;
" 4	B-A;	C-E;	
" 5	B-C;	D-A;	A6-E5;
" 6	C-D;	E-B;	
" 7	A-B;	E-C;	B8-D7;
" 8	C-A;	D-E;	

6 Teams.

Bd. 1	A-E;	B-D;	F-C;
" 2	C-B;	D-A;	E-F;
" 3	A-C;	E-D;	F-B;
" 4	B-A;	C-E;	D-F;
" 5	A-F;	B-E;	C-D;
" 6	D-C;	E-B;	F-A;
" 7	C-F;	D-B;	E-A;
" 8	A-D;	B-C;	F-E;
" 9	B-F;	C-A;	D-E;
" 10	A-B;	E-C;	F-D;

7 Teams.

Bd. 1	B-G;	D-E;	F-C;	G2-A1;
" 2	A-F;	C-D;	E-B;	
" 3	C-A;	D-G;	E-F;	F4-B3;
" 4	A-D;	B-C;	G-E;	
" 5	A-E;	D-B;	G-F;	E6-C5;
" 6	B-A;	C-G;	F-D;	
" 7	B-E;	D-C;	F-A;	A8-G7;
" 8	C-F;	E-D;	G-B;	
" 9	C-B;	D-A;	E-G;	B10-F9
" 10	A-C;	F-E;	G-D;	
" 11	A-B;	D-F;	G-C;	C12-E11;
" 12	B-D;	E-A;	F-G;	

8 Teams.

Bd. 1	A-H;	B-G;	C-F;	D-E;
" 2	E-C;	F-B;	G-A;	H-D;
" 3	A-F;	B-E;	C-D;	G H;
" 4	D-B;	E-A;	F-G;	H-C;
" 5	A-D;	B-C;	F-H;	G-E;
" 6	C-A;	D-G;	E-F;	H-B;
" 7	A-B;	E-H;	F-D;	G-C;
" 8	B-A;	C-G;	D-F;	H-E;
" 9	E-D;	F-C;	G-B;	H-A;
" 10	A-G;	B-F;	C-E;	D-H;
" 11	D-C;	E-B;	F-A;	H-G;
" 12	A-E;	B-D;	C-H;	G-F;
" 13	C-B;	D-A;	E-G;	H-F;
" 14	A-C;	B-H;	F-E;	G-D;

9 Teams.

1.	B-I;	D-G;	F-E;	H-C;	I2-A1;
2.	A-H;	C-F;	E-D;	G-B;	
3.	C-A;	E-H;	F-G;	I-D;	H4-B3;
4.	A-F;	B-E;	D-C;	G-I;	
5.	A-E;	B-D;	H-G;	I-F;	G6-C5;
6.	C-B;	D-A;	E-I;	F-H;	
7.	B-F;	C-E;	G-L;	H-I;	F8-D7;
8.	A-B;	D-H;	E-G;	I-C;	
9.	B-G;	D-E;	F-C;	H-A;	A10-I9;
10.	C-H;	E-F;	G-D;	I-B;	
11.	C-D;	E-B;	F-A;	I-G;	B12-H11;
12.	A-C;	D-I;	G-F;	H-E;	
13.	A-D;	B-C;	H-F;	I-E;	C14-G13;
14.	D-B;	E-A;	F-I;	G-H;	
15.	B-A;	C-I;	G-E;	H-D;	D16-F15;
16.	A-G;	E-C;	F-B;	I-H;	

10 Teams.

1.	A-J;	B-I;	C-H;	D-G;	E-F;
2.	F-D;	G-C;	H-B;	I-A;	J-E;
3.	A-H;	B-G;	C-F;	D-E;	I-J;
4.	E-C;	F-B;	G-A;	H-I;	J-D;
5.	A-F;	B-E;	C-D;	H-J;	I-G;
6.	D-B;	E-A;	F-I;	G-H;	J-C;
7.	A-D;	B-C;	G-J;	H-F;	I-E;
8.	C-A;	D-I;	E-H;	F-G;	J-B;
9.	A-B;	FOJ;	G-E;	H-D;	I-C;
10.	B-A;	COI;	D-H;	E-G;	J-F;
11.	F-E;	G-D;	H-C;	I-B;	J-A;
12.	A-I;	B-H;	C-G;	D-F;	E-J;
13.	E-D;	F-C;	G-B;	H-A;	J-I;
14.	A-G;	B-F;	C-E;	D-J;	I-H;
15.	D-C;	E-B;	F-A;	G-I;	J-H;
16.	A-E;	B-D;	C-J;	H-G;	I-F;
17.	C-B;	D-A;	E-I;	F-H;	J-G;
18.	A-C;	B-J;	G-F;	H-E;	I-D;

11 Teams.

1.	B-K;	D-I;	F-G;	H-E;	J-C;	
2.	A-J;	C-H;	E-F;	G-D;	I-B;	K2-A1;
3.	A-C;	E-J;	F-I;	G-H;	K-D;	J4-B3;
4.	B-G;	C-F;	D-E;	H-A;	I-K;	
5.	D-B;	E-A;	F-K;	G-J;	H-I;	I6-C5;
6.	A-F;	B-E;	C-D;	J-H;	K-G;	
7.	A-G;	C-E;	F-B;	I-J;	K-H;	H8-D7;
8.	B-C;	D-A;	E-K;	G-I;	J-F;	
9.	B-H;	C-G;	F-D;	I-A;	J-K;	G10-E9;
10.	A-B;	D-J;	E-I;	H-F;	K-C;	
11.	B-I;	D-G;	F-E;	H-C;	J-A;	A12-K11;
12.	C-J;	E-H;	G-F;	I-D;	K-B;	
13.	A-H;	E-D;	F-C;	G-B;	K-I;	B14-J13;
14.	C-A;	D-K;	H-G;	I-F;	J-E;	
15.	D-C;	E-B;	F-A;	G-K;	H-J;	C16-I15;
16.	A-E;	B-D;	I-H;	J-G;	K-F;	
17.	A-D;	C-B;	F-J;	I-G;	K-E;	D18-H17;
18.	B-F;	E-C;	G-A;	H-K;	J-I;	
19.	B-A;	C-K;	F-H;	I-E;	J-D;	E20-G19;
20.	A-I;	D-F;	G-C;	H-B;	K-J;	

12 Teams.

1.	A-K;	B-J;	C-I;	D-H;	E-G;	L-F;
2.	F-E;	G-D;	H-C;	I-B;	J-A;	K-I;
3.	A-I;	B-H;	C-G;	D-F;	K-J;	L-E;
4.	E-D;	F-C;	G-B;	H-A;	I-K;	J-L;
5.	A-G;	B-F;	C-E;	J-I;	K-H;	L-D;
6.	D-C;	E-B;	F-A;	G-K;	H-J;	I-L;
7.	A-E;	B-D;	I-H;	J-G;	K-F;	L-C;
8.	C-B;	D-A;	E-K;	F-J;	G-I;	H-L;
9.	A-C;	H-G;	I-F;	J-E;	K-D;	L-B;
10.	B-A;	C-K;	D-J;	E-I;	F-H;	G-L;
11.	G-F;	H-E;	I-D;	J-C;	K-B;	L-A;
12.	A-L;	B-K;	C-J;	D-I;	E-H;	F-G;
13.	F-L;	G-E;	H-D;	I-C;	J-B;	K-A;
14.	A-J;	B-I;	C-H;	D-G;	E-F;	L-K;
15.	E-L;	F-D;	G-C;	H-B;	I-A;	J-K;
16.	A-H;	B-G;	C-F;	D-E;	K-I;	L-J;
17.	D-L;	E-C;	F-B;	G-A;	H-K;	I-J;
18.	A-F;	B-E;	C-D;	J-H;	K-G;	L-I;
19.	C-L;	D-B;	E-A;	F-K;	G-J;	H-I;
20.	A-D;	B-C;	I-G;	J-F;	K-E;	L-H;

13 Teams.

1.	B-M;	D-K;	F-I;	H-G;	J-E;	L-C;	M2-A1;
2.	A-L;	C-J;	E-H;	G-F;	I-D;	K-B;	
3.	C-A;	D-M;	E-L;	I-H;	J-G;	K-F;	L4-B3;
4.	A-J;	B-I;	F-E;	G-D;	H-C;	M-K;	
5.	B-D;	E-A;	F-M;	H-K;	I-J;	L-G;	K6-C5;
6.	A-H;	C-F;	D-E;	G-B;	J-L;	M-I;	
7.	A-G;	B-F;	C-E;	K-J;	L-I;	M-H;	J8-D7;
8.	D-C;	E-B;	F-A;	G-M;	H-L;	I-K;	
9.	A-I;	C-G;	F-D;	H-B;	K-L;	M-J;	I10-F9;
10.	B-C;	D-A;	E-M;	G-K;	J-H;	L-F;	
11.	A-K;	D-H;	E-G;	I-C;	J-B;	M-L;	H12-F11;
12.	B-A;	C-M;	F-J;	G-I;	K-E;	L-D;	
13.	B-K;	D-I;	F-G;	H-E;	J-C;	L-A;	A14-M13;
14.	C-L;	E-J;	G-H;	I-F;	K-D;	M-B;	
15.	C-H;	D-G;	E-F;	I-B;	J-A;	K-M;	B16-L15;
16.	A-C;	F-K;	G-J;	H-I;	L-E;	M-D;	
17.	B-G;	E-D;	F-C;	H-A;	I-M;	L-J;	C18-K17;
18.	A-E;	D-B;	G-L;	J-I;	K-H;	M-F;	
19.	A-F;	B-E;	C-D;	K-I;	L-H;	M-G;	D20-J19;
20.	E-C;	F-B;	G-A;	H-M;	I-L;	J-K;	

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION.

THE DRAW - ENGLISH COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.

The following alteration to the rule was proposed and carried at the Council meeting in July:-

Winner in Union "A" plays Second in Union "B",
" " " "B" " " " "C"
" " " "C" " " " "D"
" " " "D" " " " "A"

in the quarter finals, and

Winner in match 1 plays winner in match 3,
" " 2 " " " 4 in the semi-finals.

The identity of Unions A, B, C, D, to be established by a draw made by the Controller and duly witnessed on 1st April.

ADMISSION OF TERRITORIAL AFFILIATES.

Principles to guide the applications for membership of would-be Territorial Affiliates:

1. A new Territorial Affiliate may be admitted to the Federation provided that the following conditions are met:-
 - i. there is evidence that the new T.A. has the support of a majority of both the clubs and of BCF registered players in the area which it intends to cover.
 - ii. the existing T.A. covering that area have been informed and given six months notice in writing of the possibility of admitting the new T.A. such admission to commence from the 1st October next following the resolution of admission.
 - iii. the admission is approved by the Union or Unions covering that area.
2. No T.A. should be transferred from one Union to another except with the consent of the T.A. and both Unions concerned.
3. In the absence of agreement between the parties concerned in respect of either 1 or 2 above then the matter shall be referred to the BCF Executive Committee for consideration and for the making of recommendations to the Council; the Council's decision shall be binding on all parties.

W.E.C.U. NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEES.

The following were elected:

International - Dr. J.M.Aitken.
Junior - D. Jarrett.
Congress - Mrs. M.E. Clarke.
Development - R.Newman and A.J.L.Wade.

WEST OF ENGLAND ZONE FINAL 1977 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Final Score: =1st P.H.Clarke, S.Taulbut (2½), qualify.
A.R.B.Thomas 2, R.J.Pool 2, J.Walker 1.

Closing date for entries for next B.C.Q.C. 1st September.

1977/78.

CALENDAR OF SATURDAYS.

W.E.C.U.

		<u>BCF Committees.</u>
1977.		
Sept.	17 W.E.C.U.Executive. Exeter.	
"	24	
Oct.	1 Senior & Graded Jamboree, Exeter.	International/Junior.
"	8 Woolacombe Congress.	
"	15 " "	Home & Congress.
"	22 Dev/Cor.Hants/Dor.Som/Wilts.	
"	29	
Nov.	5	Development &
"	12	Finance.
"	26 Torbay Congress, Totnes.	Executive.
Dec.	3	
"	10 Dev/Wilts.Glouc/Cor.Som/Hants.	
"	17	
"	24	
"	31	
1978.		
Jan.	7	
"	14	International & junior
"	21 Cor/Hants.Som/Dor.Glouc/Wilts.	
"	28	
Feb.	4	Home & Congress.
"	11 Hants/Dev.Dor/Wilts.Som/Glouc.	
"	18	Finance & Development
"	25 Cor/Dor.Glouc/Dev.Wilts/Hants.	
Mar.	4 Junior Jamboree & Executive. Ilminster.	
"	11	Executive.
"	18 Cor/Som.Dor/Dev.Glouc/Hants.	
"	25 W.E.C.U. Easter Congress (23-27)	
April	1	
"	8	
"	15	
"	22 North Devon League Spring Congress.	
"	29	
May	6 E.C.C. quarter finals.	
"	13 M.C.C. semi-finals.	
"	20	
"	27	
June	4 W.E.C.U. Council. Taunton.	
"	8	BCF Council Meeting.

Rock Lodge,
LYNTON,
Devon.

As many of you know, Mr. Derek Bond, who was secretary of the Western Union and Editor of Westward Ho (among many other spare time duties) died shortly before Christmas. Whilst in hospital during his last short illness he prepared this edition of Westward Ho. As a mark of respect I am, therefore, publishing exactly as per his original copy.

Ralph Newman

Ralph Newman,
Match Captain, Western Union.