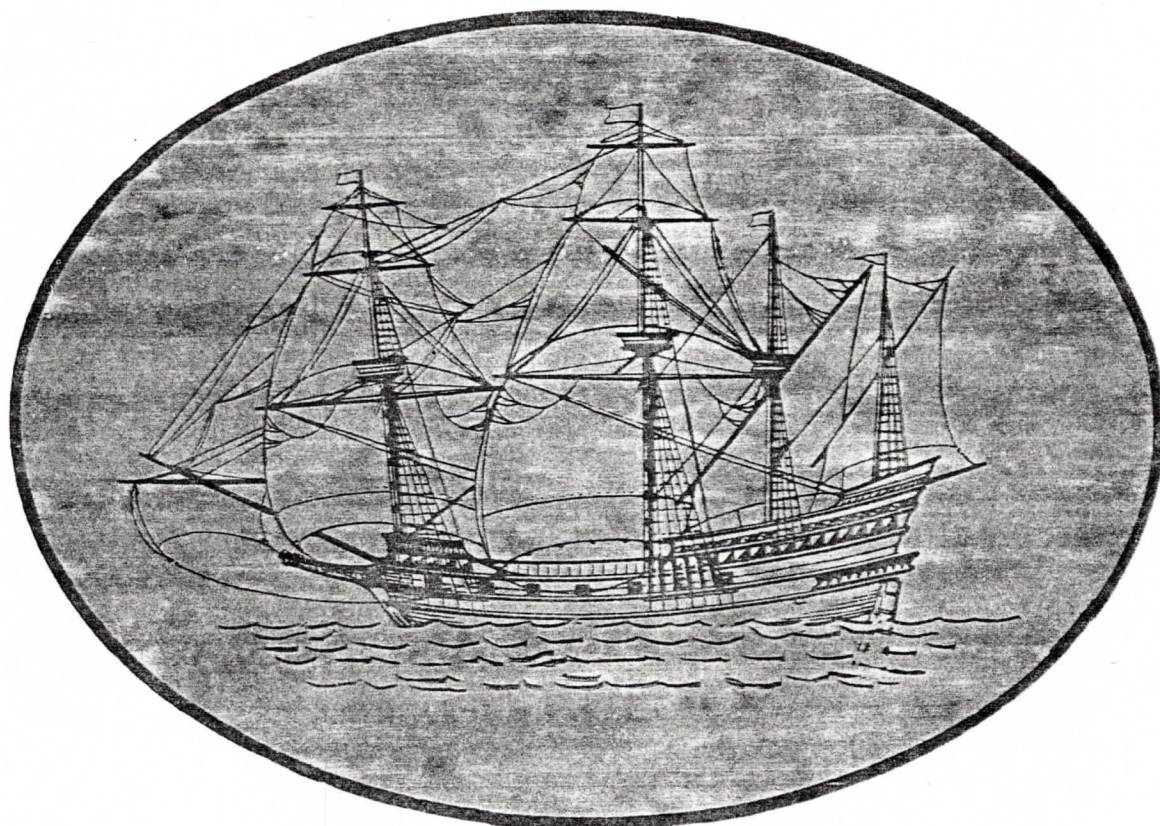


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Although history now, it is only right that Westward Ho! should offer congratulations to the English team, on their best-ever result in the Chess Olympiad in Thessaloniki. They won their last three matches, scoring 10 points out of a possible 12, to finish in the silver medal position behind the USSR. All the players did well, scoring at least 50%, but John Nunn's performance was particularly remarkable. He won the gold medal for the best board 2, and another for the best overall score on any board, with 10/11. On his day off he decided to pick up the gold medal in the problem - solving competition as well! Jonathan Mestel didn't do too badly either, he scored 7/9 to win the gold for the best fifth board. The increase in sponsorship in British chess, it must be said, has greatly contributed to our present standing on the world scene. In this case, it was Duncan Lawrie Ltd., who generously gave financial support to our team. Fuller details of the Olympiad can be found elsewhere in this issue.

## BCF INTERZONAL APPEAL FUND

Whilst on the subject of financial support, the BCF have invited contributions to the BCF Interzonal appeal fund. They mailed all clubs on their books, suggesting £10 donations, but I understand the response has not been very encouraging. Clearly, if our players are ever to qualify for the World Championship Candidates Matches, they need to compete without wondering where their next meal is coming from! If you would like to contribute please send your donation to Paul Buswell, General Secretary, BCF., 9a Grand Parade, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN38 0DD.

## FIDE RATING LIST

Meanwhile, back to this issue. It seems that the arrival of Michael Adams in the FIDE rating list has been delayed. The publication of the January list shows that the Chequers Tournament was not rated. The BCF are investigating this and the exclusion of the Nat West Young Masters. (See page 9).

## NUMBERS GAME

IN response to a number of readers, and having now become (slightly) more organised, I have been able to re-introduce the old volume/page numbering system.

## COUNTIES' COMPETITIONS - FINAL STAGES

Finally, the draw for the National stages of the Counties' competitions is as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP		SECOND TEAMS		MINOR
WECU1 v NCCU2	(A)	WECU1 v SCCU2	(A)	EACU v NCCU1
NCCU1 v SCCU2	(B)	SCCU1 v MCCU2	(B)	WECU1 v NCCU2
SCCU1 v MCCU2	(C)	MCCU1 v NCCU2	(C)	MCCU1 v WECU2 or SCCU2
MCCU1 v WECU2	(D)	NCCU1 v WECU2	(D)	SCCU1 v MCCU2

Playing dates: Minor preliminary round 13 April (provisional)

1/4 Finals	27 April	Semi-finals:
1/2 Finals	1 June	(A) v (C)
Finals	6 July	(B) v (D)

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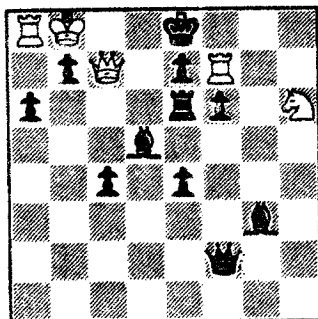
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Westward Ho! Prize Problem



Westward Ho! is offering a cash prize of £5 for the first correct solution 'out of the hat', to this two-mover, composed by David Shire exclusively for Westward Ho!

White to play and mate in two moves. Entries to the Editor by 31st March.

White to play and mate in 2 moves. (D Shire 1984)

OBITUARY

H L Parsons

Chess, particularly in Hampshire, suffered a grievous loss with the sudden death on 17th November, at the age of 81, of H L (Les) Parsons.

His services to chess spanned a remarkable 64 years.

He played a conspicuous part in laying the foundations for the present strength of Hampshire junior chess. This started back in 1920 as co-founder of a chess club at Taunton's School, still in existence as Richard Taunton College. In 1934 he was co-founder of the Southampton Schools League, believed to be one of the earliest Schools Leagues in the Country, and was its Hon. Sec. until 1960. Throughout his life, both before and after his retirement as a schoolmaster in 1964, he taught and organised chess in various schools with which he had been associated.

In senior chess he was co-founder in 1922 of the Southampton Chess League, and between 1928 and 1960 its Hon. Sec. and also chess correspondent of the Southern Evening Echo. From 1967 until his death he was the League's President.

Had Les lived a few more months he would have completed 50 years as a member of Southampton Chess Club. Apart from a four year break in the 1960's he was the Club's Hon. Sec. from 1945 until his death. This year he was also elected its President, having previously been made its only Hon. Life Member. At the age of 80 he made an invaluable contribution to the successful organisation of the Club's Centenary Congress at Southampton Guildhall, having previously undertaken the onerous responsibility of researching, writing, and arranging publication of the Centenary Booklet.

At County level, he was Hampshire's match captain from 1962-1974, and from 1950 to 1972 their delegate to the SCCU, being on their executive committee for part of that time. From 1956 until his death Les did all the grading compilations for the Southampton district. For all these outstanding services he was made Hon. Life President of Hampshire Chess Association.

Apart from his manifold contributions to chess, Les was also a talented musician teaching the piano, playing the organ, and possessing a fine bass voice. He also still enjoyed a game of bowls.

A Christian in the truest sense of the word, Les was a pillar of his local church, including being a lay preacher and Sunday school teacher.

Greatly as his services to chess will be missed, a deeper sense of loss will be felt by his family and numerous friends. Not often is it one has known a person for 40 years and never heard an ill word spoken of him.

Such a man was Leslie Parsons.

Peter Marshall

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My apologies to Devon for the incomplete list of officers in the last edition.

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## DEREK WISE - WEST OF ENGLAND CHAMPION

By David LeMoir

Between 1966 and 1977, Derek Wise missed playing in the WECU Championship on only two occasions, being absent in 1969 and 1975. In 1966, as the youngest player in the tournament he finished low down, losing three of his six games. The next time he lost a game in the championship was the last WECU congress he played, in 1977 when Dr. Aitken beat him. In the mean time he tied first on three occasions (1971, 73,76) and won on his own in 1974.

His style of play in these tournaments was generally most attractive. He liked to attack, so in contrast to other successful players in the championship like Clarke and Lane, he tended not to grind out wins but to win them going forward. As a result he played some of the most attractive games played in our championship, notably those which I give below.

### D M Wise - P J Meade Penzance

Wise employs a good gambit line against the French Defence and gradually penetrates with his pieces allowing Meade no counterplay at all.

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 c5 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 Bd3 (When Wise won the 1970 British Under 21 Championship, he beat Tony Miles as Black when the latter played the popular Milner-Barry gambit - 5 c3 Qb6 6 Bd3 cxd4 7 cxd4 Bd7 8 0-0 Nxd4 9 Nxd4 Qxd4 10 Nc3 a6! etc.) 5 ... cxd4 6 0-0 Qc7 7 Re1 Nge7 8 Bf4 Ng6 9 Bg3 Be7 10 a3 Qd8 (The idea of the gambit - stemming from Nimzowitsch - is to over-protect the e-pawn and use it to cramp Black's game. For instance, if 10 ... 0-0 11 h4 begins to drive his pieces back. Short of room, Meade sensibly decides to exchange some pieces, but Wise exploits the loss of time involved.) 11 Nbd2 Nh4 12 Nxf4 Bxf4 13 Qg4! Bxg3 14 Qxg7 Bxh2+ 15 Kxh2 Rf8 16 Nf3! (Taking the h-pawn lets the Black queen into the game. Now, and later, Wise prefers to improve his position rather than allow any counterplay. He threatens Ng5-h7-f6+.) 16 ... h6 17 b4 Bd7 18 b5 Na5 19 Qg4 (Intending to capture the d-pawn with his queen rather than the knight) 19 ... Qe7 20 Qxd4 b6 21 a4 Rc8 (Deciding against castling which looks dangerous because of c4. However, despite Black's c-file pressure Wise can now get to grips with Meade's king) 22 Qf4 Rh8 23 Kg1 Rc3 24 Qd4 Qc5 25 Qf4 Qe7 26 Qd2 Qc5 27 Nh2! (Finding another path to f6 via g4 in order to open up his original path via g5 and h7) 27 ... h5 28 Nf3! Qc7 29 Ng5 Rc5 30 Nh7 Bc8 31 Qh6! Qd8 32 Nf6+ Ke7 33 Qg5 Kf8 34 Re3 h4 35 Rf3 Qe7 36 Rf4 Nc4 37 Rg4 (At last making the trip to the g-file and threatening mate by Qg7 or Qg8) 37 ... Qd8 38 Rf4 Rc7 39 Nh7+ Ke8 40 Qg7 Rxh7 41 Qxh7 Re7 42 Bxc4 and Black resigned.

### M E Binks - D M Wise Torquay 1974

In 1973 Wise had tied first with me. This year he went one better and won the tournament on his own.

In a complicated King's Indian, Binks tries to make some progress in the centre but is rocked by an exchange sacrifice which releases a pair of passed pawns supported by two lethal bishops.

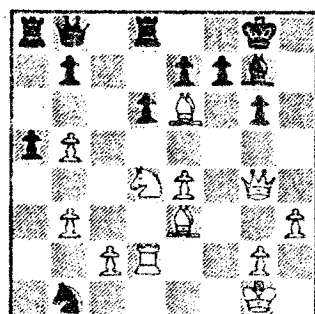
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 e3 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Nc3 0-0 6 Be2 b6 7 0-0 Bb7 8 d5 d6 9 e4 e5 10 Be3 h6 11 h3 Ne8 12 Qd2 Kh7 13 Nh2 f5 14 f4 Bc8 15 fxe5 dxe5 16 exf5 gxf5 17 g4! f4 18 Bf2 Nd6 19 Bd3+ Kg8 20 Rae1 Nd7 21 Nf3 Bf6 22 Qe2 Rb8 23 Nb5 (After this he has to watch his isolated d-pawn carefully, but he manages to cut out the possibility of a later ...b5) 23 ... Nxb5 24 Qe4 Rf7 25 cxb5 Rg7 26 Kh2 Bb7 27 Bc4 Kh8 28 Qf5 Qg8 29 Rd1 Qh7 30 Nh4 (Getting too confident. 30 Qxh7+ followed by Nd2 holds the Black centre pawns. Now they run riot) 30 ... e4! 31 Qxh7+ Kxh7 32 Nf5 Ne5! (Achieving a simple advantage. If the bishop moves away ...e3 threatens the other bishop and a rook by the fork ...e2) 33 Nxf7 Kxf7 34 Bb3 (The main point of the sacrifice is clear after 34 Rcl Nxc4 35 Rxc4 Bxd5 and the pawns will roll forward decisively) 34 ... e3 35 Bxe3

35 ... fxe3 36 Rde1 Re8 37 Kg3 Nd3 38 Re2 Nxb2 39 d6 (Or 39 Rxf6 Kxf6 40 Rxb2 e2 winning) 39 ... c4 40 d7 Rd8 41 Bc2 Be5+ 42 Kh4 Bf6+ 43 Kh5 Bd5 44 Bg6 c3 45 Rxe3 c2 46 Rfe1 Rxd7 47 h4 Nd1 and White resigned.

D M Wise - L P Burnett 1976

This was played in the last round with Wise, Burnett and Taulbut tied in the lead. Taulbut beat Staples well and we were astonished to see pieces flying all over the place in a game including the normally solid Burnett. Wise's sacrifices made this the best game I have ever witnessed in the Championship in seventeen years of play. When it was first played, Philip Walker gave the game in the Congress souvenir without notes. I don't think quickly prepared notes could do it justice so I shall also keep mine to a minimum.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 g6 5 Nc3 Bg7 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Bc4 Qa5 8 0-0 0-0 9 Nb3 Qc7 10 f4 d6 11 Be2 a5 12 a4 Nb4 13 Bf3 Be6 14 Rf2 Qc8 15 h3 Nd7 16 Nd4 Bc4 17 Rd2 Rd8 18 Rb1 (The mysterious rook move which defends the b-pawn in case White wants to play his knights to b5 and allows a later b3 without exposing the rook on the long diagonal. More important perhaps, it waits for Black to do something) 18 ... Nc5 (Releasing his hold on e5...)



Position after 27 Be6!!

19 Bg4 Qc7 20 f5! Nd7 21 fxe6 hxg6 22 Ncb5 Qb8 23 b3! (The exchange of the W-squared bishop weakens Black on both sides of the board) 23 ... Bxb5 24 axb5 Na2 (His trump card, threatening Nc3. Wise, having seen his chance, completely ignores the threat) 25 Bxd7! Nc3 (Or 25...Rxd7 26 Qg4 avoiding the fork) 26 Qg4 Nxb1 27 Be6!! (A devastating blow, simply threatening Qxg6!) 27 ... fxe6 28 Qxg6 Rf8 29 Nxe6 Rf7 30 Rf2 (Breaking down the defence of g7) 30 ... Qf8 31 Ng5! b6 32 Qh7 mate.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article from David gives me the idea of writing a history of the West of England Championship. I would be grateful to receive from readers any information they may have on previous championships, or simply their recollections of past events.

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WECU - ENGLISH COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

RESULTS

Gloucs - Dorset played at Devizes 20.10.84

1 A P Ashby ½ v S J Shutler; 2 T Mordue ½ v M J Freeman; 3 C J A Jones 1 v M B A Isaacs; 4 P J Meade ½ v C W Johns; 5 M E Burn ½ v I C Clarke; 6 A Easton ½ v R Burton; 7 S Elliott ½ v J Anderson; 8 N Hosken 1 v R E Valentine; 9 S J Popham ½ v M J Roth; 10 G Burgess ½ v H D Needham; 11 M S Davies 1 v D K Bevis; 12 K W Derrick 1 v T E Simms; 13 J Bennett 1 v J F Catchpole; 14 P Dodwell 1 v P C Colmer; 15 J R Boyce 1 v C Romero; 16 I Bourne 1 v Dr J F Tilney-Bassett.

Gloucestershire 12 Dorsetshire 4

Somerset - Devon played at Taunton 20.10.84

1 J K Whitcutt 0 v G W Wheeler; 2 T Headlong ½ v J F Wheeler; 3 D Mackle 1 v N Crickmore; 4 P O'neil 0 v B W R Hewson; 5 F Martinez ½ v C Hawthorne; 6 P House 1 v A Boyne; 7 J E Fewkes ½ v A R B Thomas; 8 R H Northage 0 v S Dilleigh; 9 M Poolake 0 v M Gadd; 10 C Anderton 1 v R Evans; 11 R Hardy ½ v T F Thynne; 12 J A Borkowski 1 v R Lingham; 13 G N Jepps ½ v T Buckley; 14 C R Chambers ½ v A Brusey; 15 M Steadman 0 v B J Penhaligan; 16 D Stone 0 v S Wilks.

Somerset 7 Devon 9

Devon - Hampshire played at Ilminster 10.11.84

1 G W Wheeler 0 v G H Bennett; 2 P K Singh  $\frac{1}{2}$  v A F Brameld; 3 J F Wheeler 0 v S Roe; 4 I Maxwell  $\frac{1}{2}$  v P G Stevenson; 5 B W Hewson  $\frac{1}{2}$  v K D Gregory; 6 C Hawthorne 0 v P J Rossiter; 7 M Gadd 0 v A Faller; 8 A R B Thomas 0 v M Jackson; 9 R Evans  $\frac{1}{2}$  v M J Buckmaster; 10 T F Thynne 1 v D W Bell; 11 T Buckley  $\frac{1}{2}$  v R J Lock; 12 R Lingham 0 v I A Stenhouse; 13 A Brusey 0 v A G Daley; 14 B J Penhaligon 0 v S Dean; 15 S Wilks 1 v P Miller; 16 J Hutchings 0 v L C Allen.

Devon  $4\frac{1}{2}$  Hampshire  $11\frac{1}{2}$

Gloucestershire v Somerset played at Bristol 10.11.84.

1 A P Ashby  $\frac{1}{2}$  v M C Truran; 2 C Beaumont 1 v J K Whitcutt; 3 M E Brigden 1 v T Headlong; 4 D O Collier 1 v D Mackle; 5 C J A Jones  $\frac{1}{2}$  v P House; 6 P J Meade 1 v P O'neil; 7 M E Burn 1 v F Martinez; 8 A Easton 1 v G Sage; 9 J Bennett  $\frac{1}{2}$  v J E Fewkes; 10 N Hosken  $\frac{1}{2}$  v M E Poolake; 11 K W Derrick  $\frac{1}{2}$  v C E Winch; 12 P Dodwell 1 v R Hardy; 13 J R Boyce  $\frac{1}{2}$  v J A Borkowski; 14 M Levene 0 v G N Jepps; 15 I Bourne  $\frac{1}{2}$  v G I Miller; 16 P F Day  $\frac{1}{2}$  v R J Gregory.

Gloucs 11 Somerset 5

Dorset - Somerset played at Yeovil 1.12.84

1 M Isaacs 0 v M Truran; 2 S J Shutler  $\frac{1}{2}$  v T Headlong; 3 R Kinnersley 1 v D Mackle; 4 R Burton  $\frac{1}{2}$  v P House; 5 J Anderson 0 v P O'neil; 6 R Valentine 0 v F Martinez; 7 M J Roth 1 v G Sage; 8 F C Kingdon 1 v J E Fewkes; 9 R M Pegg 0 v R H Northage; 10 J Walmsley 1 v L Cutting; 11 C Romero 0 v C E Winch; 12 H Needham 1 v R Hardy; 13 T E Simms 0 v J A Borkowski; 14 Dr. P Merrett 0 v G N Jepps; 15 Dr J F Tilney-Bassett 0 v N R Ludgate; 16 B Walker 0 v B G E Gosling.

Dorset 6 Somerset 10

Cornwall - Hampshire played at Exeter 8.12.84

H Coleman 0 v P J Rossiter; R J Grime  $\frac{1}{2}$  v M L Newbury; 3 D Saqui 0 v D W Bell; 4 J Nicholas 1 v I A Stenhouse; 5 E A Horn 0 v T I Cowling; 6 A Barkhuysen 0 v S Dean; 7 A D Meakes 1 v P Miller; 8 B Parkin 0 v A D Williams; 9 J R Harrison 0 v I Okesieme; 10 J Crowle  $\frac{1}{2}$  v M Hurst; 11 D Burleigh 1 v P Johnson; 12 P Gill  $\frac{1}{2}$  v W H Silber; 13 M S Piper 0 v W Purkiss; 14 G Kidd  $\frac{1}{2}$  v A D Crossin; 15 M Barron  $\frac{1}{2}$  v R D Ferrin; 16 J Simmons  $\frac{1}{2}$  v B N Otway.

Cornwall 6 Hampshire 10

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#### SECOND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Wiltshire - Cornwall played at Exeter 13.10.84

1 R Haydon 1 v A D Meakes; 2 R Rendell 0 v A Barkhuysen; 3 D O'Byrne 0 v J Crowle; 4 I Banks 0 v D Bly; 5 D Ward 1 v J R Harrison; 6 A Champion 1 v D Burleigh; 7 G Bromilow  $\frac{1}{2}$  v P Gill; 8 A Halstead 0 v S J Fanning; 9 R Wardell 1 v M Barron; 10 H Bahia  $\frac{1}{2}$  v M Piper; 11 P Fulton  $\frac{1}{2}$  v B Shiel; 12 D Pott  $\frac{1}{2}$  v C Sellwood; 13 Mrs E Hartford 0 v Miss C Williams; 14 G Garbutt 1 v R Grey; 15 D Perrott 1 v B H Garrett; 16 Default 0 v D H Garrett.

Wiltshire 8 Cornwall 8

Gloucestershire - Dorset played at Devizes 20.10.84.

1 R O Powis  $\frac{1}{2}$  v R M Pegg; 2 I R Pickup 1 v P Brackner; 3 E Newman 0 v D D Roberts; 4 P Cusick 1 v V Lipovac; 5 I White 1 v R C Evans; 6 T Cambray  $\frac{1}{2}$  v B Walker; 7 S Maggs 1 v P C Dearlove; 8 S Clark 1 v P Foster; 9 A Bentley 1 v D Cannings; 10 J Carr  $\frac{1}{2}$  v A D Primett; 11 J Knight 0 v J Bassett; 12 R Selfe  $\frac{1}{2}$  v M Waddington; 13 C Powney 0 v P Cooke; 14 M J Wood  $\frac{1}{2}$  v L McKinlay; 15 H D Beattie 0 v C Forton; 16 C H Breach 0 v E M F Hamilton-Taylor.

Gloucs  $8\frac{1}{2}$  Dorset  $7\frac{1}{2}$

Somerset - Devon played at Taunton 20.10.84

1 N R Ludgate  $\frac{1}{2}$  v M Roberts; 2 R W Gregory 0 v B Clapp; 3 A Hibbitt 1 v R M Bruce; 4 D Woodruff 0 v R Luffman; 5 D Littlejohns 1 v E Sparke; 6 P Wojcik 0 v J Anson; 7 D C Wood 1 v Mrs Bruce; 8 B Francis 1 v J Parker; 9 J K Brown 0 v P Walters; 10 D Foley  $\frac{1}{2}$  v J Hayward; 11 G Dring  $\frac{1}{2}$  v R V Cross; 12 A Hunt  $\frac{1}{2}$  v P Hawthorne; 13 J Bull 1 v J Allen; 14 R Maishman 1 v M Sapiecha; 15 S Chambers 0 v R H Jones; 16 Miss J Chambers 0 v J Ridolfo.

Somerset 8 Devon 8

Devon - Hampshire played at Ilminster 10.11.84

M Roberts 0 v W H Silber; 2 B Clapp 0 v W Purkiss; 3 T Kendall 1 v A D Crossin; 4 K Bloodworth 1 v R D Perrin; 5 R M Bruce  $\frac{1}{2}$  v P Hebblethwaite; 6 P Walters 1 v P L Marshall; 7 A Binns 0 v L Walters; 8 E Sparke 0 v A D Smith; 9 Jane Anson 1 v M Vaudrevil; 10 Mrs Bruce 1 v W Palmer; 11 J Parker 0 v C Dyer; 12 J Hayward 0 v A Mills; 13 V Cross 1 v P George; 14 J Allen 0 v R Clark; 15 R H Jones  $\frac{1}{2}$  v B Cochban; 16 A Cargill  $\frac{1}{2}$  v S D Le Fevre.

Devon  $7\frac{1}{2}$  Hampshire  $8\frac{1}{2}$

Gloucestershire - Somerset played at Bristol 10.11.84

1 R Powis  $\frac{1}{2}$  v D Stone; 2 R Smith  $\frac{1}{2}$  v N Ludgate; 3 R Dixon 1 v B Gosling; 4 P Cusick 1 v M Steadman; 5 P Denison  $\frac{1}{2}$  v R W Gregory; 6 I R White  $\frac{1}{2}$  v D Littlejohns; 7 D Graham  $\frac{1}{2}$  v D Woodruff; 8 T Cambray 0 v R Tabor; 9 S Maggs  $\frac{1}{2}$  v H G Thomas; 10 C Breach 1 v default; 11 A Bentley  $\frac{1}{2}$  v D Wood; 12 J Carr 0 v A Hill; 13 J Knight 0 v R H Farmer; 14 A Warne  $\frac{1}{2}$  v J K Brown; 15 R Lowery 1 v D Foley; 16 M Saunders  $\frac{1}{2}$  v R J Bagshaw.

Gloucs  $8\frac{1}{2}$  Somerset  $7\frac{1}{2}$

Wiltshire - Dorset played at Quidhampton 10.11.84

1 R Haydon 1 v R M Pegg; 2 R Rendell 1 v D K Bevis; 3 I Banks  $\frac{1}{2}$  v J F Catchpole; 4 D Ward  $\frac{1}{2}$  v C Romero; 5 A Champion  $\frac{1}{2}$  v H D Needham; 6 G Chapman  $\frac{1}{2}$  v T E Simms; 7 E Bromilow 1 v D D Roberts; 8 A Halstead  $\frac{1}{2}$  v Dr J F Tilney-Bassett; 9 M Strange  $\frac{1}{2}$  v P Foster; 10 H Bahia 1 v P Brackner; 11 P Fulton 0 v A D Primett; 12 D Pott 0 v V Lipovac; 13 E Hartford 1 v P Cook; 14 G Garbutt  $\frac{1}{2}$  v P C Dearlove; 15 D Perrott 1 v C Forton; 16 default 0 v W J Kelley.

Wiltshire  $9\frac{1}{2}$  Dorset  $6\frac{1}{2}$

Wiltshire - Devon played at Ilminster 1.12.84

R Haydon 1 v C Heath; 2 R Rendell  $\frac{1}{2}$  v T Buckley; 3 I Banks  $\frac{1}{2}$  v A Brusey; 4 D Ward  $\frac{1}{2}$  v B J Penhaligon; 5 A Champion 1 v S Wilks; 6 G Chapman 1 v default; 7 E Bromilow 0 v J Hutchings; 8 A Halstead 0 v B Clapp; 9 R Carver  $\frac{1}{2}$  v K Bloodworth; 10 M Strange 0 v R M Bruce; 11 R Wardell 1 v R Luffman; 12 H Bahia 0 v J Anson; 13 D Pott 0 v Mrs Bruce; 14 G Garbutt  $\frac{1}{2}$  v R V Cross; 15 R Sparks 0 v E G Sparke; 16 M Walters 0 v P Hawthorne.

Wiltshire  $6\frac{1}{2}$  Devon  $9\frac{1}{2}$

Dorset - Somerset played at Yeovil 1.12.84

1 R C Evans 0 v M Steadman; 2 J Bassett  $\frac{1}{2}$  v R W Gregory; 3 P Foster  $\frac{1}{2}$  v D Littlejohns; 4 P Brackner 0 v R J Tabor; 5 A Primett 0 v D Woodruff; 6 C Cooper 0 v D C Wood; 7 S M E Hamilton-Taylor 0 v A Hill; 8 S Greeley 1 v R H Farmer; 9 M Waddington 1 v J K Brown; 10 P Demant 0 v B J Francis; 11 D Cannings 1 v G Dring; 12 P Cooke 1 v D Foley; 13 L McKinlay 0 v R J Bagshaw; 14 C Forton  $\frac{1}{2}$  v D Gough; 15 A C Bulloch  $\frac{1}{2}$  v J Bull; 16 W J Kelley  $\frac{1}{2}$  v R Maishman.

Dorset  $6\frac{1}{2}$  Somerset  $9\frac{1}{2}$



Cornwall - Hampshire played at Exeter 8.12.84

1 C Sellwood 0 v P Marshall; 2 B Shiel 0 v A Blades; 3 E Wakefield 0 v L C Walters  
4 R Grey 0 v A D Smith; 5 P Land 0 v J Eva; 6 B Garrett 0 v C Dyer; 7 P Bowden 0 v  
D Gardner; 8 S Woodley ½ v A Carpenter; 9 R Ough 0 v W Palmer; 10 G Hurst 0 v A P  
Brown; 11 P Northcott ½ v R Clark; 12 D Garrett 0 v A Mills; 13 D Carlhausen ½ v  
P Graham; 14 L Bowman 0 v M j Vaudrevil; 15 R Wilkinson 0 v S D Le Fevre;  
16 E Barkhuysen 1 v default.

Cornwall 2½ Hampshire 13½

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WECU SENIOR JAMBOREE 1984

This event was held at the County Ground, Taunton on 29th September, and its success owes much to the organising ability of Jim Fewkes , who with the help of Michael Carter stepped in at short notice to arrange and oversee the event. Ron Powis also kept an experienced eye on the Jamboree, and thanks must also go to Ron Bruce, Peter Clarke, and Somerset CCA for the loan of equipment.

Devon were the winners of the Bristol Cup pipping Hampshire by a ½ point.

Full result :  
1 Devon 8½  
2 Hants 8  
3 Somerset 6½  
4 Gloucs 6  
5= Cornwall 3½  
Dorset 3½

Individual scores: 1 J Whitcutt (S) ½ v M Adams (C); 2 G Wheeler (D) 1 v P K Wells (H); 3 S Shutler (Do) ½ v D Collier (G); 4 T Mordue (G) ½ v J Wheeler (D); 5 D Bell (H) 1 v H Thomas (S); 6 R Grime (C) ½ v B Hirsch (Do); 7 P House (S) 1 v P Meade (G); 8 J Menadue (C) 0 v P Rossiter (H); 9 N Ramsay (Do) 0 v N Crickmore (D); 10 B Hewson (D) 1 v P Hallett (S); 11 N Hosken (G) 0 v J Mantle (C); 12 P Stevenson (H) 1 v R Kinnersley (Do); 13 A Exton (S) 0 v J Anderson (Do); 14 C Hawthorne (D) 1 v J Nicholas (C); 15 G Anthony (G) 1 v K D Gregory (H); 16 M Jackson (H) 1 v S Elliott (G); 17 B Parkin (C) 0 v A R B Thomas (D); 18 R Burton (Do) ½ v R H Northage (S); 19 P Dodwell (G) 1 v C W Johns (Do); 20 M Buckmaster (H) 1 v T Buckley (D); 21 A D Meakes (C) ½ v J Borkowski (S); 22 G Miller (S) 1 v D W Bell (H); 23 C Archer-Lock (D) 1 v J R Boyce (G); 24 C Romero (Do) ½ v A Barkhuysen (C); 25 T Thynne (D) 1 v J Tilney-Bassett (Do); 26 J Bennett (G) 0 v C R Chambers (S); 27 R J Lock (H) 1 v D Burleigh (C); 28 N Ludgate (S) 0 v R Lingham (D); 29 D Bly (C) 0 v K W Derrick (G); 30 R M Pegg (Do) 0 v I A Stenhouse (H); 31 B G E Gosling (S) 1 v J R Harrison (C); 32 K J Bloodworth (D) 0 v P Miller (H); 33 B Walker (DO) 0 v G Burgess (G); 34 M Hannon (G) 1 v R M Bruce (D); 35 S D Le Fevre (H) 0 v D Littlejohns (S); 36 S Fanning (C) ½ v L F Cooper (Do).

GRADED JAMBOREE

Full result :  
1= Plymouth 7½ Plymouth won on tie-break.  
Bristol League 7½  
3= Somerset 7  
Dorset 7  
5 Torbay 5½  
6 Exeter League 4  
7 Cornwall 3½

Individual scores: 37 B T King (S) ½ v R Jones (E); 38 J Simmons (C) 0 v T Kendall (P); 39 S Maggs (B) 1 v P Brackner (Do); 40 G Body (E) ½ v J Hutchings (T);

- 41 M Sapiecha (T) ½ v G Dring (B); 42 R Evans (Do) 1 v B Shiel (C);  
 43 P Walters (P) 1 v D R Foley (S); 44 P Foster (Do) 0 v P Hawthorne (T);  
 45 Miss S Clarke (C) 1 v D Tongue (E); 46 L Guard (P) 0 v H J Draisey (B);  
 47 J Whitaker (B) 0 v Miss L Fursman (S); 48 J Allen (T) 0 v M Piper (C);  
 49 D L Hawkes (S) 0 v P Demant (Do); 50 G Quack (E) 0 v A Osborne (P);  
 51 R V Cross (T) 0 v P Lane (P); 52 Miss C Williams (C) 0 v D Gibbs (S);  
 53 R Graham (E) 0 v K Thompson (B); 54 D Harper (P) 0 v A D Primett (Do);  
 55 D Gough (S) 1 v C Collins (T); 56 V Sherring (Do) 1 v C Lund (E);  
 57 N Palmer (B) 1 v C Sellwood (C); 58 J Bull (S) ½ v A Crickmore (P);  
 59 P Bowden (C) 0 v J Dyke (Do); 60 A Best (B) 0 v J Vasey (T);  
 61 R Wilkinson (T) ½ v R Shephard (E); 62 P Cook (Do) 1 v L Eyford (B);  
 63 M Tavener (P) 1 v N Patterson (C); 64 R Willis (E) 0 v R Maishman (S);  
 65 C Forton (Do) 0 v P Langstone (S); 66 B Garrett (C) 1 v C Deakin (T);  
 67 M Greaves (P) def v A Pickering (E); 68 R Hiron (S) 0 v J Griffiee (B);  
 69 P Short (T) 0 v A Bulloch (Do); 70 G Wilkinson (B) 0 v T Starkie (P);  
 71 N Booth (E) ½ v A McGough (C); 72 T May (T) 1 v S Chambers (S);  
 73 S Woodley (C) 0 v T Marke (B); 74 P Stoy (E) 1 v D A T Wallace (Do);  
 75 R A G Marples (Do) 0 v P Sommer (P); 76 K French (S) 1 v D Garrett (C);  
 77 J Fathers (P) 0 v D Stone (T); 78 G Spiers (B) 1 v P Roberts (E).

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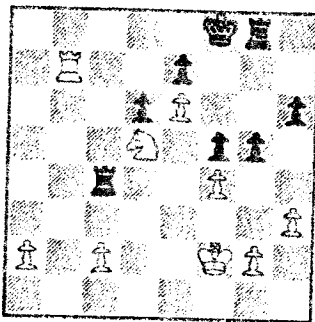
MICHAEL ADAMS - WORLD RECORD?

According to Stewart Reuben's calculations, as reported in a Lloyds Bank press release, Michael Adams should appear in this month's FIDE rating list with a 2405 rating. This impressive rating is without precedent for a twelve year old, and indeed, it is very rare for a 12-year-old to even qualify for any FIDE rating. In comparison, Nigel Short, now British Champion and world's youngest GM, achieved a rating of 2225 at the same age.

Michael earned his rating at Lloyds Bank 1984 (5½/9), and at the Chequers rating tournament in London 1984 (6½/9) which Lloyds Bank also supported. Michael missed an IM norm by only half a point at the Lloyds Bank, but gained his first win against an international master:

White: Adams Black: Saeed Lloyds Bank 1984

- 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6 6 Be3 Ng4 7 Bg5 Qb6 8 Bb5  
 Bd7 9 0-0 Qd4 10 Bc6 Qd1 11 Bd7 Kd7 12 Rad1 g6 13 h3 Ne5 14 Nd5 Nc6  
 15 b4 h6 16 Bh4 f5 17 f4 Rg8 18 b5 Na5 19 e5 Nc4  
 20 Rd4 Rc8 21 e6+ Ke8 22 b6 ab 23 Rb1 g5  
 24 Rb4 b5 25 Rb5 Bg7 26 Rc4 Rc4 27 Rb7 Bd4  
 28 Bf2 Bf2 29 Kf2 Kf8 30 Re7 Rg7 31 Rd7! Rc2  
 32 Kf3 Rg6 33 Rd8 Kg7 34 e7 g4 35 hg fg 36 Kg3 1-0



There was an interesting follow-up to this game in the Chequers tournament in October:

White: M Adams Black: A Muir

- Position after  
 29 ... Kf8  
 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 d6  
 6 Be3 Ng4 7 Bg5 Qb6 8 Bb5 Bd7 9 0-0 Qd4 10 Bc6 Qd1  
 11 Bd7 Kd7 12 Rad1 h6 13 Bc1 g5 14 h3 Ne5 15 Nd5 Rc8 16 f4 gf 17 Bf4 Ng6  
 18 c3 Ke6 19 Be3 b6 20 Rd4 Ne5 21 Ra4 Nc6 22 b4 Bg7 23 Ra6 b5 24 a4 Ke5  
 25 Rxc6 Rxc6 26 Bd4+ Ke4 27 Bg7 Rhe8 28 ab R6c8 29 Ne7 Rb8 30 Nc6 Rbc8  
 31 Na7 Ra8 32 Nc6 1-0

Michael went on to finish 5th in the strong Plymouth Lloyds Bank Junior Chess International organised by Ken Butt. Full result recorded in Congress section.

LEIGH GRAND PRIX

Grandmaster Tony Miles has again won the £2000 Leigh Grand Prix for the best overall results in 1984 British chess congresses. His 195.8 points out of a possible 200 is the second highest score in the eleven years the competition has been running, beaten only by his own 199.2 two years ago. Meanwhile, Leigh Interests, International waste processors based at Walsall, have announced substantially increased prizes for 1985. First prize is to increase to £3000, and higher awards include those for the second (£750), third (£400) and fourth (£200) prizewinners.

Miles wrapped up the Grand Prix during a brilliant autumn blitz when he won five British tournaments plus the super-grandmaster tournament at Tilburg, which he won with a round to spare. Former winner M Hebden was second.

Peter Wells was the highest-placed WECU player, finishing in 17th with 161.4 points.

Here is one of Miles many wins on the Leigh circuit in 1984.

White: P Kane Black: A J Miles Greater Manchester Open

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 ed cd 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 c3 g6 6 Nf3 Nf6 7 0-0 Bf5 8 Bf5 gf  
9 Re1 e6 10 Bg5 Be7 11 Nbd2 Ne4 12 Be7 Qe7 13 Ne5 Ne5 14 de 0-0-0 15 Nf3  
Rhg8 16 Qd4 Kb8 17 Rad1 Rg4 18 h3 Rg6 19 c4 Rdg8 20 g3 Rg3+! 21 fg Rg3+  
22 Kh2 Rf3 23 Re3 Rf2+ 24 Kh1 Qg5 25 Rg1 Qf4 and White resigned.

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SOMERSET JUNIOR CHESS 1984/5

By Brian Francis

BCF Training Weekend - Millfield Junior School, Glastonbury, 17/18 Nov. 1984

My first task as organiser for this, was to select the date, which turned out to be the busiest of the year - The Glastonbury Carnival - which attracts crowds of some 50,000 people. The added problems of scarce accommodation, and roads closed to all traffic by the police, did not in the end spoil our weekend. It was an enjoyable and successful training weekend, a view shared by Laurie Walker, the WECU Junior Secretary who attended the weekend. Three coaches were present, N/C Shaun Taulbut and R/C's Brian Gosling and myself. My thanks to Keith Walker for his help with the younger group on the Sunday.

Programme: Sat PM session 1) Endgames (Lucena position, Rook endgame)  
2) Positional Themes  
3) Openings (Caro-Kann, French)  
4) Set positions to be discussed on Sunday.

Sun AM session 1) Solution of set positions  
2) More endgames (bad bishop)  
3) Openings (Nimzo-Indian, Queen's Gambit).

Sun PM Groups A & B simul with Shaun Taulbut.

36 juniors from Devon, Hampshire, Bristol, Gloucester, and Somerset attended the weekend. The expertise of Shaun, the enthusiasm of the children, and the excellent venue all contributed to a tremendous weekend. The programme for groups B and C were modified somewhat with the emphasis on basic principles, the laws of chess etc. The exciting spectacle of the carnival on Saturday night was thoroughly enjoyed by those children who braved the weather. My thanks to Shaun, Laurie, Brian Gosling and the children for attending this weekend.

Somerset Primary Schools Competition (First year)

Twelve Primary schools took part in the competition which was arranged at very short notice (10 days) and held at the Victoria Club, Street, on Monday 12th November. I was very pleased with the competition and hope that

it becomes an annual event. There was a very close result:

- 1 Millfield B 9/9
- 2 Berrow A 8
- 3 Millfield A 8

Somerset v West Wilts Under 11 friendly match

On Saturday 1st December, the Somerset under-11 team played West Wilts at St. Joseph's Primary School, Bridgewater. There were 23 players per team each playing three games. Round 1 went to our visitors by 2pts and round two saw Somerset level the scores. The exciting third round gave Somerset victory by four points.

This close result was good preparation for the real thing in 1985 - the English Primary Schools Chess Association tournaments. I was very pleased with the top four boards for Somerset who won 10½ out of 12. These were Christopher Price, Jane Eastwood, and Crispin and Matthew Francis, all of the Street Junior Chess Club.

Forthcoming Somerset Junior Events for 1985

- Sat 19th January Training day for u/11 squad at Street.  
Sat 16th February WECU Junior Jamboree u/14 & u/18 at Taunton  
Sat 9th March S.Wales v W.of England inter-association tournament  
u/11 at Newton Abbott.  
Sat 30th March EPSCA u/11 tournament, Wey Valley  
Sat 6th April Somerset u/14, u/12, u/11, u/10 and u/9.  
Sun 7th April Championships, Sat 2-6.30pm, Sun 10am - 6pm.  
(Easter w/e)

Will any junior interested in any of the above tournaments and who require an entry form for the Somerset Championships please contact me. Entry fee 75p for all tournaments.

The number of junior tournaments available to Somerset juniors in the lower age group (i.e. u/14) is two, namely at Street in April and Ilminster in September. I would like to see this number and the number of one-day training events for which I would be available, increased. To achieve this I need the help of two or three regional organisers whose prime function would be to arrange the venues. Please contact me if you are interested in improving the standard of our juniors.

Somerset Junior Secretary/BCF Regional Coach,  
BRIAN FRANCIS, 15 Chancellor Road, Walton, Nr.Street, Somerset. BA16 9RX  
Telephone Street 42068

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WECU CONGRESS RESULTS

The Second Yeovil Congress, held at the Preston Centre in late October, was a fine success for its organiser, Mike Wheeler. Helped by sponsorship from Western Trust & Savings Ltd., the strength of the Open tournament was much higher than in 1983. Ron Powis (Controller) and his assistants, Mike Carter and Paul Foster, had few problems to contend with, while Mary Wheeler and Madeleine Gibbs provided the catering services.

The games played in the Open were not of a particularly high standard, and this is probably due to the initial time-control, which was 42 moves in 1½ hours. I think that most players agree with killer finishes in weekend tournaments nowadays, but I believe that the initial rate at Yeovil could be reduced a little.

C Burton played perhaps the most exciting game in the Open, against the pre-tournament favourite - E O M C Teichmann:

White: E Teichmann      Black: C Burton

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 ed 5 cd ♘ 6 e4 g6 7 Nf3 Bg7 8 Be2 0-0  
9 0-0 Re8 10 Nd2 Na6 11 f3 Nc7 12 a4 b6 13 Nc4 Ba6 14 Bg5 Bc4 15 Bc4 a6  
16 Rb1 Qd7 17 b4 b5 18 ab ab 19 Bd3 c4 20 Bc2 Ra3 21 Ne2 Na8 (How much of  
this is theory, I don't know, but up to here Teichmann has used only three  
minutes on his clock. He now spent 10 minutes considering his plan, while  
Burton has a speculative sacrifice in mind) 22 Bc1 Ra6 23 Be3 Nb6 24 Qd2  
Nbd5! 25 ed Qe7 26 Kf2 Nd5 27 Bg5 (This allows Black to infiltrate via  
the dark squares, but after 27 Bd4 Qh4+ locks dangerous e.g. 28 Kg1 Re2 etc.)  
27 ... Qa7+ 28 Kg3 h6! 29 Be4 hg 30 Qd5 Be5+ 31 Kh3 Kg7 32 g3 Ra2  
33 Rbe1 Qe3 34 Qd1 Rd2 35 Qxd2 Qxd2 36 Kg2 f5? (Black's flag is hanging,  
otherwise he would have settled for 36 ... Qxb4 with a relatively easy win)  
37 Bc6 Rc8 38 Bb5 c3 39 Ba6 Rc7 40 b5 c2 41 b6 c1=Q 42 Rc1 Rc1 43 Rc1  
g4 44 Rc7+ Kf6 45 b7 gf+ 46 Kf3 Qb4 47 Bc4 g5 48 Kg2 d5 49 Rc6+ Bd6  
50 Bd5 Ke5 51 Nc3 Qb7 52 Kf3 Qb2 53 h3 Qh2 54 Rc4 Kf6 55 g4 Qh3+ 56 Ke2  
fg 57 Nd1 Qh2+ and Black later had to agree a draw presumably because he  
was running out of time.

Full result:

OPEN: 1st= C Beaumont(Bristol), P Byway(Hoddesdon), K Derrick, T Mordue(Bristol)  
P Singh (India); 4/5.

6th C Burton(Herford) 3½

7-16= A Ashby(Bristol), A Boyne(Teignmouth), C Butt(Plymouth), M Cowling  
(Poole), D Farndon (London), D Osborne (Bristol), S Shutler (Poole),  
E Teichmann (Oxford), G Wheeler (Plymouth), J Whitcutt (Taunton) 3.

MAJOR: 1st= J Brookes (Newbury), E Copeman (Worcester), K Payne (Bridgwater),  
S White (Totnes) 4/5.

MINOR: 1st= M Connor (Bath), P Cock (Wimborne), A Gredziak (Bath) 4½/5  
4th= A Hunt (Chard), P Keighron (Bristol), P Massey (Bristol), C Wood  
(Bristol) 4.

JUNIOR: 1st A Starkie (Plymouth) 5; 2nd M Fearon (Plymouth) 3½.

#### TORQUAY RESULTS

OPEN: 1st= M Adams (Truro), D Agnos (Richmond), C Beaumont, D Collier (Bristol),  
J Menadue (Truro) 4/5

Michael Adams opted for the special Victoria Hotel prize.

MAJOR: 1st M Williams 4½;

2nd= K Francis (W.Brom), R Luffman (Plymouth), D Pratt (Basingstoke),  
M Tasker 4.

INTERMEDIATE: 1st J Foxhall; 2nd= E Engert (Chandlers Ford), A Hargreaves,  
Dr Hitchcock (Exeter).

MINOR: 1st= A Starkie (Plymouth), L O Woodbridge (Dartmouth);

3rd= G Hunwicks (Weymouth), L G Reed, W Oliver (Cheltenham), J E Smith  
(Totnes)

Grading prizes: T F Thynne, S B White, R Lewis, G C Walker.

Team prizes: Totnes, Bristol & Clifton.

Quickplay: 1st= M Adams, D Agnos.

### 31st Unigate Plymouth Christmas Chess Congress

OPEN: 1st= D Mackle (Bath), D Osborne (Bristol), G Wheeler (Plymouth) 5/6  
4th A Boyne (Teignmouth) 4½;  
5th= M Adams (Truro), N Crickmore (Plymouth), G Lane (Paignton) 4.

Grading prizes: N Davies, G Dempsey, S Greely, J Hutchings, S Arnold,  
A Luffman, J Llewellyn, M Caderon.

MINOR: 1st J Harrison (Truro); 5½.

2nd= P Lane (Plymouth), S Langsford (Yelverton), D Rogers (Taunton) 5;

Grading prizes: J Crocker, R Ough, J Girard, G Nobbs, A Starkie,

Junior prizes: L Arnold, R Bailey, P Cook, R Lewis, S Pugh, I Revell,  
L Souday.

With one round to play in the Open, Andrew Boyne led with 4½, followed by Gary Lane, Dominic Mackle, David Osborne, and George Wheeler on 4 points. Osborne defeated Llewellyn, Mackle defeated Lane, while Wheeler put paid to Boyne's hopes with this win:

White: G Wheeler Black: A Boyne

1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 e4 d6 4 d4 Bg7 5 f3 0-0 6 Be3 c6 7 Qd2 a6 8 Bd3 b5  
9 Nge2 Nbd7 10 Bh6 Qb6 11 b3 Re8 12 h4 bc 13 Bxc4 c5 14 Bxg7 Kxg7 15 h5  
e6 16 hg fg 17 0-0-0 Ng8 18 Qf4 cd 19 Nxd4 Ne5 20 Be2 Ra7 21 Kb2 Rc7  
22 Qe3 Qa5 23 f4 Nf7 24 g4 e5 25 fe de 26 Nd5 ed 27 Qxd4+ Kf8 28 Rxh7  
Re5 29 Rxf7+ Rxf7 30 Qxc5 Rf2 31 Qd6+ Kg7 32 Nc3 Bxg4 33 Qd4+ Rf6  
34 Bxg4 Qg5 35 Be2 1 - 0

### Plymouth Lloyds Bank International Junior Tournament

Final scores: N McDonald (Eng) and D Agnos (Eng) 7; N Foguene (Belgium) 6½;  
M Hennigan (Eng) 6; M Adams (Eng) 5½; R Burnett (USA) 5; M Ballmann (Switzer-  
land), J Brenninkmeijer (Holland), I Mackay (Sco), S Maus (W Ger) 4½; A David  
(Lux), J Hutchings (Eng), M Robertson (Australia) 4; A Boyne (Eng) 3½; C Butt  
(Eng), F Brown (Wales) 3; T Brown (Ire) 2½; T Kendall (Eng) 2.

To decide the destination of the Lloyds Bank Trophy, Demetrious Agnos and Neil McDonald played a quick-play game which McDonald won to become the second successive English winner. The tournament was a nine-round Swiss.

### 5th Plymouth One Day Tournament

OPEN: E Teichmann 5½; G Wheeler 5; P Singh 4½; C Butt, N Crickmore, M Gadd 4.

MINOR: G Browne 5½; P Walters 5; J E Reed 4½.

UNDER 14: M Piper 7½/8; L Bowman, M Fearon 6½.

### STROUD QUICKPLAY 1984

OPEN: M Hebden 6/6; T Mordue 5; M Surtees, C Rigby 4½; M K Li, C Butt, F Mar-  
tinez 4.

PREMIER: K Thomas 5½; R Dixon, I J Todd, G Blumsdon, T Kendall 5;  
Grading prize: P McIntosh 4½.

MAJOR: C P R Lane 5½; L Daniels 5½; M Connor, B Hipwell, A Sherman 5

MINOR: P Cross 6; N Jacobovics 5½; D J Brown, A Sohail, H G Read 5.

The Open was very strong with sixteen players graded above 190 and seven above 200. The total entry of 250 players made this the biggest Quickplay event in the UK in 1984.

GAMES SECTION

To encourage more readers to send games to Westward Ho! we are offering prizes of £5 for the best game played by (1) players graded over 170 and (2) players graded under 170. Please send your games, with notes if you like, to the editor. Closing date for entries to the next issue is 31st March.

Alan Ashby has agreed to judge the entries for each issue of Westward Ho!, and launches this new feature with the following game.

White: A Ashby (Sea Mills) - Black: D Osborne (Grendel) Bristol League Team K.O.  
20.11.84.

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 a6 5 c4 Nf6 6 Nc3 Qc7

The older move 6 ...Bb4 is usually regarded as too risky nowadays, since White has many powerful attacking lines, e.g. 7 Bd3 Nc6 8 Bc2 Qc7 9 0-0 Nxd4 10 Qxd4 Ng4 11 e5 Nxe5 12 Bf4 which gave Mestel a crushing win against Portisch a few years ago. By 6 ...Qc7 Black intends to set up a 'hedgehog' formation, with moves like ...b6, ...d6, ...Bb7, ...Be7. Both Batsford Chess Openings and Taimanov's recent 'Sicilian: Paulsen' book now recommend the old 7 a3 as best.

7 Bd3 b6 (Taimanov gives 7 ...Nc6) 8 0-0 d6 9 Kh1 g6!? 10 f4 Bg7 11 Be3 ...

At the time I could see no advantage in the forcing line 11 e5 de 12 fe Qxe5 13 Qf3 Ra7 14 Nc6 Nxc6 15 Qxc6+ Bd7 16 Qxb6 Qc7!, but in fact after 17 Qxc7 Rxc7 18 Bg5 White has a fairly big edge. Also worth looking at is 11 f5, but I was happy to go for a typical hedgehog position.

11 ... 0-0 12 Rc1 Nbd7 13 b4 Bb7 14 Nb3 ...

This is a useful retreat since it (a) takes the sting out of ...e5 and (b) prepares a4,a5,ab and then Na5 aiming to exchange Black's white-squared bishop.

14 ... Rac8 15 a4 Qb8 16 Qe2 Qa8 17 Bg1!? ...

Better was 17 Bd2! keeping an eye on f4 and a5. Black now goes in for typical Osborne obscurities!

17 ... Nh5 18 a5 Bxc3!? 19 Rxc3 e5 20 ab!? ...

Safer for Black was 18 ...b5 19 c5 d5, and safer for White was 20 fe.

20 ... Nxf4 21 Rxf4 ef 22 Na5 Ne5 23 Bb1 Rfe8 24 Qe1 ...

With two good bishops and weaknesses around the black king I felt that I had more than enough for the exchange sacrificed. My opponent also seemed happy, however, and I suspect that we both erred on the side of optimism.

24 ... f5 25 Qh4 fe

Much better, I thought, is 25 ...Bxe4 26 Bxe4 Qxe4 27 Rh3 h5 28 Qf6 Kh7! (not 28 ...f3 29 gf Nxf3 30 Qxg6+ Kf8 31 Qf6+ Kg8 32 Rg3+ Ng5+ 33 Rg2!) 29 b7 Rb8 30 c5 Rf8 (30 ...f3 31 gf Nxf3 32 Rxh5+! draws) 31 Qe7+ Rf7, but even then the position is unclear after 32 Qxd6 f3 33 Rg3 since 33...Qb1 (threat ...f2), 33 ...h4 Or 33 ...Ng4 are all met by 34 gf, while 33 ...fg+ 34 Rxc2 f4 (34 ...h4 35 h3!) 35 Qxb8 f3 36 Rf2 seems okay for White. There may be the odd improvement or twelve, but I would like to think that the sub-note 30 ...f3, leading to a draw, is the best line.

26 Rh3 h5 27 Qxf4 Rf8 (27 ...e3 28 Rg3 is dangerous for Black) 28 Qh6 Rf1 29 Ba2 R8f8?

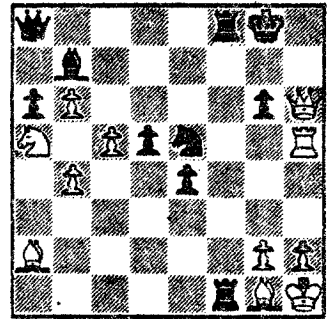
Here 29 ...Ra1 30 Bb3 Rf8 would gain a tempo for Black on later lines, but it is not clear that it saves Black. Perhaps best is 29 ..Ng4 30 Qxg6+ drawing again.

30 c5+ d5 (Not 30...Bd5?? 31 b7!) 31 Rxh5! (Diagram)

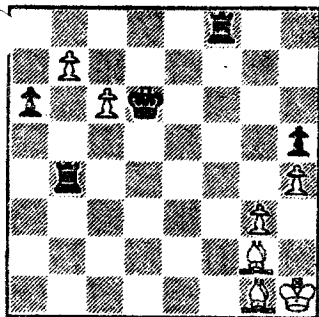
This second exchange sacrifice destroys both Black's king position and pawn centre.

31 ... gh 32 Qg5+ Kf7 33 Qxe5 Kg6 34 Nxb7 Qxb7  
35 Bxd5 Qg7 36 Bxe4+

The sealed move! Fortunately we have adjournments in the 1st division of the Bristol League - otherwise some adjudicator would have had a restless Christmas. In fact the two rooks are no match for the two bishops and three pawns, provided White is careful.



Position after 31 R(h3)xh5!



Position after 42 ... Kd6

36 ... Kh6 37 Qxg7+ Kxg7 38 g3!

Safest. 38 c6 Rc1 39 b7 h4! creates a few headaches.

38 ... Kf6

If 38 ...Re1 39 Bg2 Rb1 40 b7! Rxb4 41 h4! Rf7 42 c6 and 43 Ba7 wins.

39 h4 Ke5 40 Bg2 Rb1 41 b7 Rxb4 42 c6 Kd6 (Diagram)  
43 Bc5+! 1-0

After 43 ...Kxc5 44 c7 Rxb7 45 Bxb7 a5 46 c8=Q Rxc8 47 Bxc8 Kd6 48 Bf5 wins easily. (Unless White swaps his g-pawn for the black h-pawn, which is then drawn).

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### MAGAZINE AND BOOK REVIEWS

If you are looking for a book for a beginner then two recent publications may be the answer.

"First Moves - How to start a chess game" by David Pritchard, is an unpretentious book that is aimed at the absolute beginner. The author explains to the reader, using a number of examples, the basic ideas behind opening play, and as the publisher states, it is not meant to be a reference book, but a book to be read through. A word of warning, "First Moves" assumes a knowledge of the rules of chess, including the moves of the pieces. This is probably because they have been dealt with in one of Pritchard's previous books - "The Right Way To Play Chess" and "Begin Chess", which have sold more than half a million copies in the English Language. Nevertheless, I think the book would have had a wider market had it included the rules of the game. All the same, nicely written and a snip at 95p in paperback. Published by Elliot Right Way Books, Kingswood Buildings, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 6TD.

"An Introduction to Chess" by Shaun Taulbut, is altogether a more comprehensive book for the beginner, and indeed, the more experienced player. Starting by explaining the moves of the pieces, and how to checkmate, Taulbut guides the beginner onto basic openings and tactics. Later he has a chapter on positional



play, an aspect of the game that the developing player finds so difficult to grasp. The author lucidly explains the importance of control of the central squares, and uses Botvinnik-Capablanca 1938 to demonstrate his theme. The book also has chapters on combinations and attacks, and on basic endgame techniques. Attractively bound in paperback, and using figurine algebraic notation, I can warmly recommend this book to the newcomer to chess. Published by Crowood Press, Crowood House, Ramsbury, Marlborough, Wiltshire. SN8 2HE price 3.95 paperback. KWD

To be reviewed in the next issue - "Chess Tactics" by Paul Littlewood and also published by The Crowood Press price £3.95 paperback.

If the October 1984 edition is anything to go by, "New In Chess", is probably the best new magazine I have seen since the ambitious but ill-fated "International Chess" folded after only two issues in 1979.

A Dutch magazine, it is published in two editions, an international English edition and an identical Dutch edition, which contains the famous Dutch monthly - "Schaakbulletin".

The October edition contains an appraisal of Karpov and Kasparov by Sosonko; two of the World Championship games with full annotation by Ligterink and Timman; reports on several tournaments - US Open & Closed, Dutch Open & Closed, Biel 1984, and the British Championship; analysis of five games by Timman and van der Wiel; trends in openings (the Tarrasch in this case); and perhaps the best article, the memorial to Petrosian by Hans Ree and Jan Timman. Timman gives extensive new analysis to the decisive 18th game of the Botvinnik-Petrosian 1963 World Championship Match. Timman pulls no punches in his annotations of this much analysed game, with most previous commentators coming under attack, the exception being our own Peter Clarke, who analysed this game in his own book - "Petrosian's Best Games Of Chess, 1946-1963", published in 1964. Interestingly enough, Ree in his article on Petrosian, indicates that Clarke's book is one of his favourites, and uses it extensively to demonstrate what he had learned from both Clarke and Petrosian.

I found a number of errors in the magazine, which is probably due to mistakes in translation as much as printers errors. Fortunately they were not critical, and took nothing away from the pleasure I gained in reading through the magazine. The monthly periodical is part of a series of "New In Chess" publications, which also includes a "(Half)Yearbook", and a "Keybook" - an encyclopaedic analysis of current opening theory.

Using figurine algebraic notation, the magazine is produced in black and white with a full colour cover. A year's subscription (12 issues) will cost you £18.25, or you can take out an introductory subscription (4 issues) for £6.50 both post free. Orders to, or further information from Chess Combination UK, 22 Ripplside Commercial Estate, Ripple Road, Barking, Essex IG1105a. KWD

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#### ENGLAND IN THESSALONIKI

Round by round: v Thailand  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , v Spain  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ , v Italy 4-0, v Iceland  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ , v USSR  $1\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ , v USA  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ , v Czechoslovakia  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ , v Hungary  $1\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ , v The Netherlands 2-2, v Rumania  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ , v Yugoslavia 2-2, v Sweden  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , v Colombia  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , v The Phillipines 3-1.

Individually:	1 Tony Miles (29, Birmingham)	+3 =6 -3	6/12
	2 Dr John Nunn (29, London SW)	+9 =2 -0	10/11
	3 Jon Speelman (28, London NW)	+2 =7 -0	$5\frac{1}{2}/9$
	4 Murray Chandler (London SE)	+4 =3 -2	$5\frac{1}{2}/9$
	5 Jon Mestel (27, Cambridge)	+6 =2 -1	7/9
	6 Nigel Short (19, Lancs)	+1 =4 -1	3/6

1st USSR 41; 2nd England 37; 3rd USA 35; 4th Hungary  $34\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5th Romania 33.