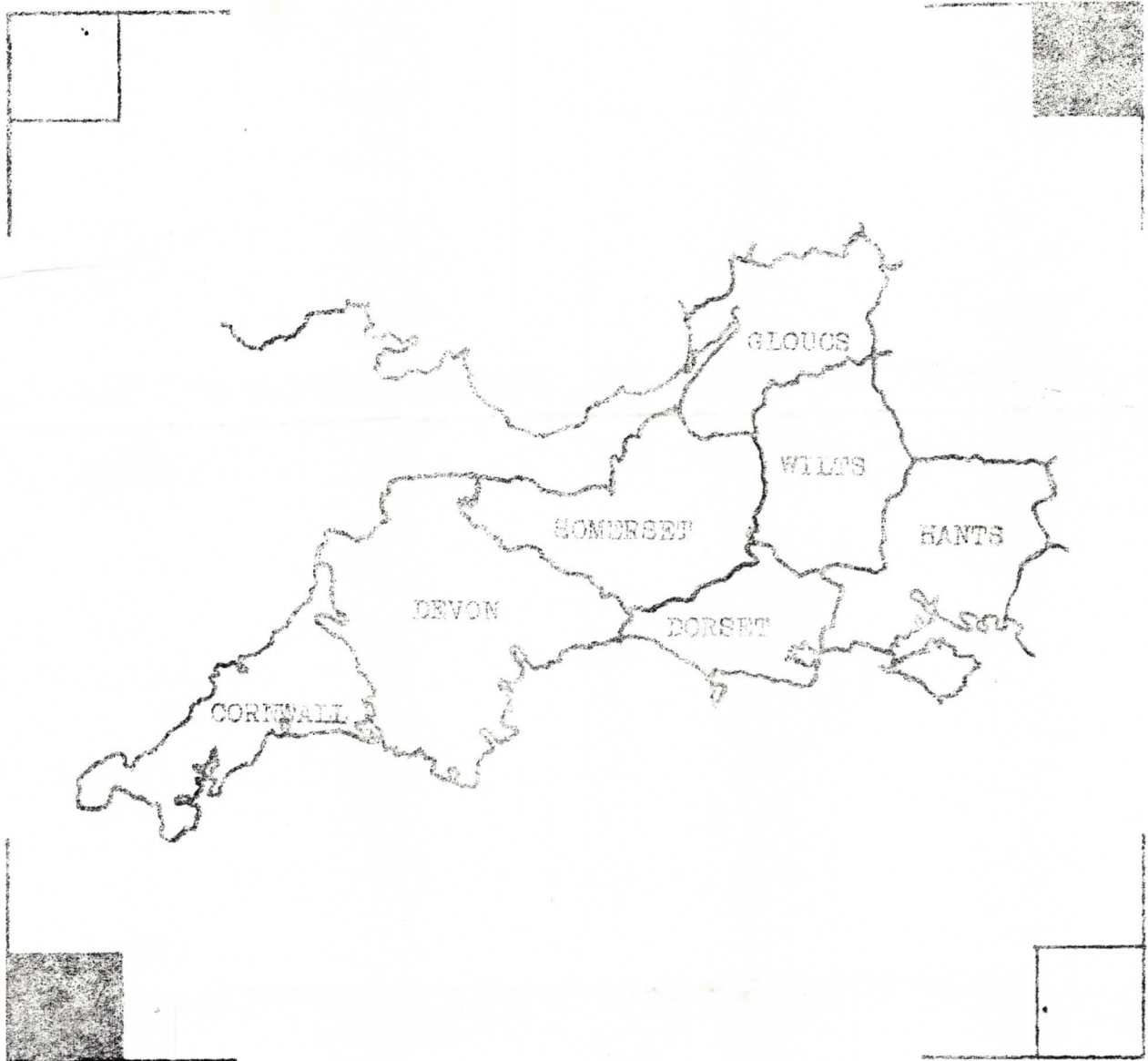


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WEST OF ENGLAND

CHESS UNION



WESTWARD HO!

EDITORIAL

A very Happy New Year to all regular readers of Westward Ho!

I think that this year, during the revolutionary re-organisation of the B.C.F., a lot of thought will have to be given to providing adequate finance to enable the federation to provide a first class service to all chess players and to put British Chess on the map in a worthwhile way. We have many very strong players and an almost untapped supply of youngsters. If more money was available our position in World chess could be of the highest. At the moment chess is heavily subsidised by a few devoted voluntary workers who provide a National Grading Service, run tournaments, congresses, championships; stage junior training events and in all these and many other club activities spend hundreds of pounds in telephone calls, postages and travelling - most of which they provide for out of their own pockets. I feel it is time for the burden to be more evenly spread. The B.C.F. have at present only two full time paid employees - everyone else is giving their services voluntarily. For a major cultural activity this is absurd. And what does it cost the players? - less than £1 per annum. Less than the cheapest round of drinks. Less than an afternoon watching football, or a day watching cricket.

The remedy is in your hands. Do you want to muddle on in the old way or do you want to pay for a first class service?

I am indebted to articles in this edition from Peter Clarke a chess professional, and Peter Ezra, the B.C.F. honorary treasurer who year after year has to balance his budget on the meagre income he expects to be raised by levy, registration, voluntary donations or sheer blackmail!

AMENDMENTS TO THE 1977 W.E.C.U. GRADING LIST

The following 30 players whose grades were withheld from the Grading list should have the grades given below inserted. To those incorrectly omitted we apologise for the omission, the others have either registered or we have ascertained from the current B.C.F. Year Book those who are direct members of the B.C.F. The latter group can only be checked after the publication of our Grading List, and to avoid their omission in the future we recommend that they should be included in the normal club registrations, as they do not have to pay the B.C.F. proportion of the Registration fee.

140"	Allen, R.H.	Corsham
169	Banham, B	Eastleigh
138"	Bird, J.	G.K.N. Bristol
108	Brown, A.C.	Bristol and Clifton
133"	Bruges, Maj. W.E.	Salisbury
166"	Cooke, A.D.	Salisbury
107"	Dean, S.K.	Sidmouth
136	Franks, J.	Corsham
161"	Fuller, G.	Congresbury
137"J	Fuller, J.	Congresbury
157"	Hale, D.J.	Lyneham
127	Hartford, Mrs. E.A.	Salisbury
81	Haynes, R.J.	Weston-super-Mare
130"J	Hills, K.B.	Honiton
135"	Hopkins, Dr. P.H.P.	Salisbury

82	Hucklesby, R.	Plessey Wessex
99	Machon, L.G.	Kinson, Bournemouth
136 J	Morris, B.T.	St. Peter's School, Bournemouth
171"	Muir, W.D.	Portsmouth Community Centre
176"	Newbury, M.L.	Salisbury Green
137"	Olive, J.H.	Bristol Cabot
128"J	Pike, S.C.	Burnham
125"S	Pratt, J.D.	Basingstoke
166"	Read, S.J.E.	Newport I.O.W.
121"J.	Smith, Christopher	Prior School, Portsmouth
111"J	Smith, Michael D.	St. John's College, Portsmouth
140"	Stevenson, F.C.	Corsham
127"	Szentmimaly, C.	Salisbury
154"	White, W.L.	Salisbury
149	Wood, D.C.	Bridgwater

Corrections should be made to the Grading list in the grades of the following eight players. Five of these corrections are due to late results, one is the result of a re-calculation in the light of information received, and the last two, namely Messrs. Thomas and Wilkinson are due to errors, my apologies to these two.

original			corrected
unpublished	Cross, R.	Bitterne M.S. Southampton	115J
146"S	Green, D.J.	Richmond/Bristol University	144"S
148"S	Makar, W.	Swindon Polish/Newbury	145"S
196"S	Moore, G.	Bath/Aylesbury	199"S
95"J	Rosseinsky, M.	Exeter	125"J
194"S	Staples, M.J.	Bracknell/Bridgwater	196"S
189"	Thomas, A.R.B.	Tiverton	192"
158"	Wilkinson, J.R.	Issonians, Southampton	175"

Finally I would like to point out that in some cases where players also appear in another Union's grading list, it does happen that their grade may differ by one point, this is due to a rounding error when games from the previous season have to be included in the calculation of the grade.

F. C. KINGDON
W. E. C. U. Grading Officer.

W. E. C. U. 33rd EASTER CONGRESS.

The 1978 W. E. C. U. Congress and Championships will be held at the Great Western Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall, from Thursday, 23rd March to Monday, 27th March, 1978.

The following Tournaments will be held:

The West of England Championship. Trophy:- The West of England Cup. This will be a 7 round Swiss contest comprising not more than 20 players; if more enter, those to play will be selected by the W. E. C. U. selection committee.

The West of England Challengers Tournament. Trophy:- The 'Evening Post' Cup. A 6 round Swiss tournament of up to 20 players. First and second will be invited to play in the 1979 Championship.

The West of England Reserves Tournament. Trophy:- The 'Beatrice Pearce' Cup. A 6 round Swiss tournament for not more than 16 players. First and second will be invited to play in the 1979 Challengers tournament.

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ENGLISH COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 1977/78

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Cornwall	x	0		0			0
2. Devonshire	1	x				0	1
3. Dorset			x	0			
4. Gloucester	1		1	x			
5. Hampshire					x	1	
6. Somerset		1		-	0	x	0
7. Wiltshire	1	0				1	x

ROUND ONE 22.10.77

DEVONSHIRE 10½ CORNWALL 5½

HAMPSHIRE 8+A DORSET 7+A

WILTSHIRE 8½ SOMERSET 7½

Devonshire 10½

1. A.R.B.Thomas (189)	0 - 1
2. G.W.Wheeler (190)	1 - 0
3. D.F.L.Richardson (184)	1 - 0
4. P.Walden (183)	1 - 0
5. T.F.Thynne (181)	1 - 0
6. C.J.V.Bellers (171)	0 - 1
7. P.Pritchard (167)	0 - 1
8. R.M.Bruce (162)	½ - ½
9. K.Schofield (160)	½ - ½
10. R.H.T.Newman (163)	0 - 1
11. M.Roberts (161)	½ - ½
12. A.F.Footner (157)	1 - 0
13. R.Liggitt (153)	1 - 0
14. P. Halmkin (153)	1 - 0
15. S.R.Boniface (160)	1 - 0
16. S.Arnold (152)	1 - 0

Cornwall 5½

P.H.Clarke (213)
R.F.Kneebone (178)
J.Anstead
R.J.Grime (168)
P.H.Breach (165)
M.H.Prettyjohn (152)
A.W.Busby
B.H.Turner (145)
Mrs. M.E.E.Clarke (162)
K.M.Gay (158)
P.J.Williams (150)
A.D.Meakes (131)
L.G.Shroll
M.Shoesmith
N.Patterson (123)
J.Stewart

Hampshire

1. M.W.J.Thompson (187)	1 - 0
2. D.W.Bell (187)	½ - ½
3. K.D.F.Gregory (186)	½ - ½
4. A.R.Cullinane (184)	1 - 0
5. D.E.Bower (179)	1 - 0
6. N.Keane	0 - 1
7. J.Corfield (177)	½ - ½
8. M.Newbury	1 - 0
9. D.Beer (166)	0 - 1
10. H.A.Killick (166)	
11. I.T.Sherman (161)	1 - 0
12. S.M.Chivers (160)	0 - 1
13. L.C.Walters (160)	0 - 1
14. D.Fletcher (160)	½ - ½
15. S.Dean (159)	½ - ½
16. K.Davies (159)	½ - ½

Dorset

C.R.Orchard (195)
G.H.Bonnett (201)
M.Charter (180)
R.Valentine (179)
S.J.Shutler (177)
Dr.I.Rcebuck (178)
P.W.Curtis (177)
H.D.Needham (174)
F.C.Kingdon (171)
M.J.Roth (169)
J.Anderson (163)
R.M.Ellison (167)
D.E.Papworth (166)
M.Cowling (162)
D.W.Lock (164)
D.P.Lock (164)

Wiltshire 8½

1. P. Timson
2. M.A. Spindler (181)
3. K.J. Shipton (180)
4. Capt. S. Jones
5. P.R. Watson (175)
6. A. Millington
7. W. Lowe (179)
8. R.F. Bradley (158)
9. R. Haydon (163J)
10. N. Freebury (170J)
11. B. Walker (160)
12. D.J. Hale
13. N.R. Smith (166)
14. P. Edgington (159)
15. D.E. Ward (158)
16. T. Dodson (154)

Somerset 7½

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| O | - | 1 | G. Moore (196) |
| O | - | 1 | J. Whitcutt (182) |
| 1 | - | 1 | R. J. Pool (180) |
| 1 | - | 0 | T. M. Mahoney (173) |
| 1 | - | 1 | J. A. Tuck (173) |
| 1 | - | 1 | D. Stringer (170) |
| 1 | - | 1 | R. J. Gregory (169) |
| 1 | - | 0 | M. R. Sollars (169) |
| 1 | - | 1 | C. F. Chapman (164) |
| 1 | - | 0 | R. W. Gregory (163) |
| O | - | 1 | J. A. Borkowski (161) |
| 1 | - | 0 | N. A. Dent (161) |
| 1 | - | 1 | B. T. Grouter (159) |
| 1 | - | 0 | Default |
| 1 | - | 1 | D. T. Byron (155) |
| O | - | 1 | C. Winch (154) |

ROUND TWO 19.11.77

CORNWALL 6½ WILTSHIRE 9½

DORSET 2½ GLOUCESTER 13½

DEVONSHIRE 5 SOMERSET 11

Cornwall 6½

1. P.H. Clarke (213)
2. R.F. Kneebone (178)
3. D.A. McFarlane (161)
4. J. Anstead
5. R.J. Grime (168)
6. M.H. Prettejohn (152)
7. P.H. Breach (165)
8. B.H. Turner (145)
9. K.H. Gay (158)
10. P.J. Williams (150)
11. A.D. Meakes (131)
12. J. Van der Velde
13. bC. Tylor (145)
14. L.G. Shroll
15. M. Shoemsmith
16. W. Patterson (123)

Wiltshire 9½

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|----------------------|
| 1 | - | 0 | P. Timson |
| 1 | - | 1 | K. J. Shipton (180) |
| 1 | - | 1 | M. A. Spindler (181) |
| 1 | - | 1 | A. Millington |
| 1 | - | 1 | W. Lowe (179) |
| O | - | 1 | P. R. Watson (175) |
| 1 | - | 0 | R. F. Bradley (158) |
| 1 | - | 1 | P. Cooley (165) |
| O | - | 1 | R. Haydon (163) |
| 1 | - | 0 | C. Fox |
| O | - | 1 | B. Walker (160) |
| O | - | 1 | W. L. White |
| 1 | - | 1 | D. Ward (158) |
| O | - | 1 | R. J. Webb (149) |
| 1 | - | 1 | E. C. Baker (134) |
| O | - | 1 | M. Morton (153) |

Dorset 2½

1. S. J. Street (182)
2. R. H. K. Mann (181)
3. M. R. Charter (180)
4. R. Valentine (179)
5. Dr. I. Roebuck (178)
6. Dr. P. Merrett (179)
7. S. J. Shutler (177)
8. P. W. Curtis (177)
9. F. C. Kingdon (171)
10. H. D. Needham (174)
11. M. J. Roth (169)
12. J. Anderson (163)
13. D. E. Papworth (166)
14. M. Cowling (162)
15. D. W. Lock (164)
16. D. P. Lock (164)

Gloucester 13½

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|------------------------|
| 1 | - | 1 | A. P. Ashby (200) |
| O | - | 1 | Dr. J. M. Aitken (196) |
| O | - | 1 | D. C. Osborne (189) |
| 1 | - | 1 | M. E. Binks (185) |
| O | - | 1 | R. O. Powis (184) |
| O | - | 1 | M. E. Burn (181) |
| O | - | 1 | M. A. Cook (181) |
| O | - | 1 | J. R. Boyce (179) |
| O | - | 1 | J. O' Loughlen (178) |
| 1 | - | 1 | M. E. Poolake (177) |
| O | - | 1 | M. C. Goodland (170) |
| O | - | 1 | R. J. Johnson (170) |
| O | - | 1 | K. W. Derrick (176) |
| 1 | - | 0 | D. C. Jarrett (168) |
| O | - | 1 | S. W. Dilke (168) |
| O | - | 1 | G. Anthony (164) |

Somerset 11

1. R. Northage (195)
2. J. Whitcutt (182)
3. R. J. Pool (180)
4. J. A. Tuck (173)
5. T. M. O'Mahoney (173)
6. D. Hick (172)
7. D. Stringer (170)
8. M. R. Sellars (169)
9. C. F. Chapman (164)
10. R. W. Gregory (163)
11. P. J. Fielding (162)
12. J. A. Borkowski (161)
13. B. T. Crouter (159)
14. H. G. Thomas (156)
15. D. T. Byron (155)
16. C. E. Winch (154)

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Devonshire 5

- A. R. B. Thomas (189)
- G. W. Whoeler (190)
- J. Wheeler (186)
- D. F. L. Richardson (184)
- P. Walden (183)
- T. F. Thynne (181)
- R. M. Bruce (162)
- C. J. V. Bellers (171)
- P. Pritchard (167)
- K. Schofield (160)
- B. W. Clapp (164)
- M. Roberts (161)
- T. Baldwin
- R. H. T. Newman (163)
- A. F. Footner (157)
- S. Arnold (152)

ROUND THREE 10.12.77

DEVONSHIRE $9\frac{1}{2}$ + A WILTSHIRE $5\frac{1}{2}$ + A
 GLOUCESTER 12 CORNWALL 4
 SOMERSET $5\frac{1}{2}$ + A HAMPSHIRE $9\frac{1}{2}$ + A

Wiltshire $5\frac{1}{2}$

1. P. Timson (203)
2. K. Shipton (180)
3. A. Millington
4. M. A. Spindler (181)
5. S. Jones
6. P. R. Watson (175)
7. W. Lowe (179)
8. R. F. Bradley (159)
9. N. Fleebury (170J)
10. P. Cooley (165)
11. R. Haydon (163J)
12. B. Walker (160)
13. D. E. Ward (158)
14. P. Edgington (159)
15. W. L. White
16. R. Webb (149)

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 0 - 1
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

Devonshire $9\frac{1}{2}$

- A. R. B. Thomas (189)
- R. M. Bruce (162)
- C. J. V. Bellers (171)
- K. Schofield (160)
- B. W. Clapp (167)
- M. Roberts (161)
- A. F. Footner (157)
- S. Arnold (152)
- R. Liggitt (153)
- P. Halmkin (153)
- S. K. Boniface (160)
- K. Vernez (156)
- R. M. Bruce (162)
- A. Dunlop (155)
- R. Lingham (147)
- K. J. Bloodworth (148)

Gloucester 12

1. A. Ashby (200)
2. Dr. J. Aitken (196)
3. D. Osborne (189)
4. J. M. Will (187)
5. P. J. Meade (183)
6. R. D. Powis (184)
7. M. Cook (181)
8. J. R. Boyce (179)
9. J. O'loughlen (178)
10. M. E. Poolake (177)
11. M. C. Goodland (170)
12. R. Johnson (170)
13. G. Anthony (164)
14. P. F. Day
15. D. Hill (168)
16. D. Spencer (150)

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Cornwall 4

- P. H. Clarke (213)
- R. F. Kneebone (178)
- D. A. McFarlane (161)
- R. J. Grime (168)
- M. H. Prettejohn (152)
- P. H. Breach (165)
- B. H. Turner (145)
- M. E. E. Clarke (162)
- K. H. Gay (158)
- P. J. Williams (150)
- A. D. Meakes (131)
- C. Tylor (145)
- M. Shoosmith
- N. Cummings
- J. Nicholas (133)
- N. Patterson (123)

Somerset 5½

1. G. Moore (186)
2. R.H. Northage (195)
3. J.K. Whitcutt (182)
4. R.J. Pool (180)
5. J.A. Tuck (173)
6. T.M. O'Mahoney (173)
7. D.A. Hick (172)
8. D. Stringer (170)
9. M.R. Sellars (169)
10. C.F. Chapman (164)
11. R.W. Gregory (163)
12. P.J. Fielding (162)
13. J.A. Borkowski (161)
14. B.T. Crouter (159)
15. D. Neagle (155)
16. D.T. Byron (155)

Hampshire 9½

- | | |
|-------|---------------------|
| 0 - 1 | P. Littlewood (215) |
| | M. Thompson (187) |
| 0 - 1 | D. Bell (187) |
| 0 - 1 | A. Cullinane (180) |
| 1 - 0 | D. Bower (178) |
| 0 - 1 | J. Corfield (177) |
| 0 - 1 | M. Newberry |
| ½ - ½ | B.P. Andrews (167) |
| 1 - 0 | W. McDougall (172) |
| 0 - 1 | N. Keene |
| 0 - 1 | D. Beer (166) |
| 1 - 0 | I. Sherman (161) |
| 0 - 1 | S. Dean (159) |
| 0 - 1 | L. Walters (160) |
| 1 - 0 | S. Chivers (160) |
| 1 - 0 | K. Davies (159) |

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP 1977/78

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Devonshire	x				1	1
2. Dorset		x	½	1		
3. Gloucester		½	x			
4. Hampshire		0		x		
5. Somerset	0				x	1
6. Wiltshire	0				0	x

ROUND ONE 22.10.77

HAMPSHIRE 6½ DORSET 9½
 WILTSHIRE 5½ +A SOMERSET 9½ + A

Hampshire 6½

1. P.L. Marshall (157)
2. R.C. Noyce (155)
3. S. Cool (155)
4. J.F.T. Charvill (153)
5. D.C. Spurgeon (151)
6. R.E. Hartley (151)
7. M.C. Jackson (150)
8. D. Drew (150)
9. B. White
10. N.G. Le Fevre (147)
11. K.J. Hancock (147)
12. T.M. Joslin (146)
13. S.D. Bell (146)
14. C.W.J. Trotter (143)
15. A. Sharma (142)
16. J.J. Evans (140)

Dorset 9½

- | | |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| ½ - ½ | R. Burton (163) |
| ½ - ½ | A. Pike (161) |
| 0 - 1 | E. Wilson (160) |
| 1 - 0 | C.D. Papworth (156) |
| 1 - 0 | P.J. Holt (155) |
| 1 - 0 | A. Bright (153) |
| 0 - 1 | P.C. Dearlove (153) |
| 0 - 1 | I.G. Cragg (149) |
| 1 - 0 | P. Colmer (150) |
| 0 - 1 | Dr. J.F. Tilney-Bassett (145) |
| 0 - 1 | A. Browning (147) |
| ½ - ½ | P. Cheu (147) |
| 0 - 1 | R.H. Sutton (146) |
| 1 - 0 | R. Kinnersly (146) |
| 0 - 1 | D. Cannings (146) |
| 0 - 1 | H.R. Holmes (145) |

Wiltshire 5½ + A

1. G. Clapman (152)
2. M. T. Higgs (143J)
3. C. Sowden (156)
4. M. Morton (153)
5. M. C. Lovell (139)
6. A. Dawkins (127)
7. H. Beckitt (140)
8. M. Indge
9. R. Wardell (138)
10. N. Steele (128)
11. G. Broughton (144)
12. H. Light (135)
13. J. Reynolds (144)
14. B. Baddelay (107)
15. Bromlow (-J)
16. R. A. Allen

Somerset 9½ + A

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---------------------|
| 1 | - | 0 | D. Woodruff (151) |
| ½ | - | ½ | C. J. Brookes (122) |
| 0 | - | 1 | Dr. Gough (150) |
| 0 | - | 1 | D. C. Wood (149) |
| ½ | - | ½ | J. E. Fewkes (147) |
| 0 | - | 1 | J. N. Jepps (140) |
| 0 | - | 1 | D. Farndon (140) |
| ½ | - | ½ | L. Cutting (138) |
| 1 | - | 0 | S. Pike (138) |
| 0 | - | 1 | R. Maishman (137) |
| A | - | A | D. J. Holmes (135) |
| 0 | - | 1 | R. Carr (134) |
| 0 | - | 1 | P. Johnson (134) |
| 0 | - | 1 | I. Leadbetter (127) |
| 1 | - | 0 | N. Belt (125) |
| 1 | - | 0 | S. Page (117) |

ROUND TWO 19.11.77

DORSET 8 - GLOUCESTER 8
 DEVONSHIRE 11 - SOMERSET 5

Dorset 6½ + (A) 1½ = 8

1. R. Burton (163)
2. D. Bevis (162)
3. A. Pike (161)
4. Dr. S. Kona
5. J. E. Crewe (155)
6. E. W. Chandler (153)
7. P. C. Dearlove (153)
8. A. Bright (153)
9. I. C. Cragg (149)
10. Dr. J. Tilney-Bassett (145)
11. P. Colmer (150)
12. A. Browning (147)
13. R. H. Sutton (146)
14. P. Cheu (147)
15. D. Cannings (146)
16. R. Kinnersley (146)

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|-------|---|----|-------------------------|
| (A) 1 | - | 0 | C. Foster |
| 0 | - | 1 | P. F. Day |
| ½ | - | ½ | D. M. Hill (168) |
| 1 | - | 0 | A. H. Williams |
| 0 | - | 1 | Dr. P. Dodwell |
| 0 | - | 1 | R. Stuart (159) |
| 0 | - | 1 | S. P. Rice (159) |
| ½ | - | ½ | M. S. Davies (158) |
| 1 | - | 0 | W. Forrest |
| A½ | - | A½ | M. W. Powis (153) |
| 0 | - | 1 | B. Wedmore |
| 0 | - | 1 | D. H. T. Spencer (150) |
| ½ | - | ½ | J. A. R. Cousins (149) |
| 1 | - | 0 | H. K. Millbank (139) |
| 1 | - | 0 | E. I. S. Biddick (134) |
| 1 | - | 0 | J. R. B. Steadman (130) |

Devonshire 11

1. R. Liggitt (153)
2. G. Lawrence
3. P. Halmkin (153)
4. R. Puchades
5. Mrs. R. M. Bruce (151)
6. A. Dunlop (155)
7. R. Lingham (147)
8. S. M. Owen (158)
9. A. M. Tyrell (148)
10. J. Hutchings (147)
11. D. Miles (151)
12. D. Smith (140)
13. J. Parker (151)
14. N. R. Pearce (151)
15. E. G. Sparke (143)
16. C. Rigby (128)

Somerset 5

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| ½ | - | ½ | D. P. Wilkinson (152) |
| 0 | - | 1 | D. Woodruff (151) |
| 0 | - | 1 | D. C. Wood (149) |
| 1 | - | 0 | J. E. Fewkes (147) |
| 1 | - | 0 | R. G. Gray (147) |
| ½ | - | ½ | R. Hirons (143) |
| 1 | - | 0 | G. N. Jepps (140) |
| 1 | - | 0 | D. Farndon (140) |
| 1 | - | 0 | C. Brooks |
| 1 | - | 0 | L. Cutting (138) |
| 1 | - | 0 | R. Maishman ? (137) |
| 0 | - | 1 | K. Hillier |
| 0 | - | 1 | D. Holmes (135) |
| 1 | - | 0 | I. Leadbetter (127) |
| 1 | - | 0 | R. Carr |
| 1 | - | 0 | C. S. Stanford (124) |

ROUND THREE 10.12.77

SOMERSET 7½ + A HAMPSHIRE 7½ + A
 WILTSHIRE 5½ DEVONSHIRE 9½

Somerset 7½ + A

1. D.J.White (134)
2. D.Woodruff (151)
3. D.Gough (150)
4. D.C.Wood (149)
5. J.E.Fewkes (147)
6. C.Hill
7. K.G.Gray (147)
8. R.Hirons (143)
9. C.Brooks
10. R.L.Bowden (141)
11. G.N.Jepps (140)
12. D. Farndom (140)
13. K.Hillier
14. R.Maishman (137)
15. D.J.Holmes (135)
16. J.Dagnall (141)

0	-	1	M.Meaton (160)
1	-	1	R.Noyce (155)
0	-	1	S. Cool (155)
1	-	0	M.Buckmaster (150)
0	-	1	S.Perry (154)
0	-	1	R.Hartley (151)
0	-	1	M.Jackson (150)
1	-	0	T.Joslin (146)
1	-	0	K.Hancock (147)
0	-	1	D.Drew (150)
1	-	0	S.Bell (146)
1	-	1	C.Trotter (143)
1	-	0	C. O'Bee (145)
1	-	0	C. Rice (143)
A	-	A	J.Evans (140)
1	-	1	E. Engert (130)

Devonshire 9½

Wiltshire 5½

1. M.M.Spindler (158)
2. M.Morton (153)
3. M.Higgs (143)
4. E.C.Baker (134)
5. H.Light (139)
6. M.Saunders (131)
7. A.Dawkins (127)
8. S.Zeidler (121)
9. E.Bromilow (147)
10. Dr. P.Hopkins
11. Y.Szentmihally
12. R.Allen
13. P.Runnales
14. M.Indge
15. B.Baddeley (107)
16. A.Manning

0	-	1	S.H.Crockett
0	-	1	A.M.Tyrrell (148)
A	-	A	J. Hutchings (147)
0	-	1	D.Smith (140)
0	-	1	J.Parker (151)
1	-	0	G.Gilbey
1	-	0	E.C.Sparke (143)
0	-	1	C.Rigby (128)
0	-	1	M.Rocseinsky
1	-	1	R.H.Jones
0	-	1	S.Landon
1	-	0	C.Charles
0	-	1	T.Parker
1	-	0	F.Chambers
1	-	0	S. Wilks
0	-	1	L. Guard

National Club Championship.

Round 1 Results.

Bristol & Clifton 3, Bristol University 3; Newport & Gwent 3,
 Cheltenham 3; Southampton 2½, Parkstone 3½; Fareham 2,
 Portsmouth 4; Southampton University 2½, Cosham 3½;
 Plymouth 4, Camborne/Redruth 2; Teignmouth 2½, Truro 3½.

W.E.C.U. SENIOR JAMBOREE (Exeter) 1.10.77

1st Devonshire	(8½)
2nd Somerset	(8)
3rd Dorset	(7½)
Equal 4th Gloucester & Hampshire	(5½)
6th Cornwall	(4½)
7th Wiltshire	(2½)

R.F.Kneebone (Corn.)	½	-	½	S.J.Street (Dorset)
W.Lowe (Wilts)	0	-	1	G.Moore (Som.)
A.R.B.Thomas (Devon)	1	WO	0	Def. Brameld (Hants)
G.H.Bennett (Dorset)	½	-	½	A.Ashby (Glos.)
R.O.Powis (Glos.)	0	-	1	G.W.Wheeler (Devon)
D.Bell (Hants)	1	-	0	P.Watson (Wilts)
J.Whitcutt (Som.)	1	-	0	J.Anstead (Corn.)
A.Cullinane (Hants)	1	-	0	M.E.Burn (Glos)
R.Bradley (Wilts)	0	-	1	R.H.K.Mann (Dorset)
R.J.Pool (Som.)	½	-	½	J.F.Wheeler (Devon)
D.Richardson (Devon)	1	-	0	R.J.Grime (Corn.)
V.R.Boyce (Glos.)	½	-	½	N.Freebury (Wilts)
M.H.Prettejohn (Corn.)	1	-	0	A.Griffiths (Hants)
M.R.Charter (Dorset)	1	-	0	J.Tuck (Som.)
M.E.Poolake (Glos)	0	-	1	T.O'Mahoney (Som.)
C.Fox (Wilts.)	1	-	0	Mrs.M.Clarke (Corn.)
Dr.I.Roebuck (Dorset)	0	-	1	P.Waldon (Devon)
D.Hick (Som.)	1	-	0	D.Bower (Hants)
B.H.Turner (Corn.)	½	-	½	A.Humann (Glos.)
M.Newbury (Hants)	0	-	1	S.J.Shutler (Dorset)
T.F.Thynne (Devon)	0	-	1	D.Ward (Wilts)
K.H.Gay (Corn.)	1	-	0	M.R.Sellars (Som.)
M.Morton (Wilts)	0	-	1	T.Cowling (Hants)
S.Williams (Devon)	1	-	0	R.Johnson (Glos.)
D.Hill (Glos)	1	-	0	P.Curtis (Dorset)
P.Andrews (Hants)	1	-	0	C.J.V.Bellers (Devon)
T.Headlong (Som)	1	-	0	E.C.Baker (Wilts)
H.D.Needham (Dorset)	1	-	0	P.J.Williams (Corn.)
I.Sherman (Hants)	½	-	½	A.D.Meakes (Corn.)
W.E.Bruges (Wilts)	0	-	1	P.F.Day (Glos.)
C.Chapman (Som.)	1	-	0	F.C.Kingdon (Dorset)
W.R.Provis (Corn.)	0	-	1	R.Heasman (Devon)
K.W.Derrick (Glos.)	1	-	0	S.Chivers (Hants)
R.M.Bruce (Devon)	½	-	½	J.Borkowski (Som.)
J.Anderson (Dorset)	1	-	0	Mrs.F.Hartford (Wilts))
G.Anthony (Glos.)	1	-	0	C.Tylor (Corn.)
W.Steele (Wilts)	0	-	1	K.S.Schofield (Devon)
R.Burton (Dorset)	1	-	0	M.Meaton (Hants)
I.Stenhouse (Hants)	1	-	0	D.Byron (Som.)
J.Van der Velde (Corn.)	1	-	0	A.Dawkins (Wilts)
C.E.Winch (Som.)	1	-	0	M.Powis (Glos.)
B.W.Clapp (Devon)	½	-	½	F.Dearlove (Dorset)

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W.E.C.U. GRADED JAMBOREE (Exeter) 1.10.77

1st Torbay	(8)
2nd Exeter	(7½)
3rd Plymouth	(7)
Equal 4th Dorset & North Devon	(6)
6th Gloucester	(5)
7th Somerset	(2½)

H. Millbank (Glos)	0	-	1	D. Farndon (Som.)
S. Landon (Exeter)	0	-	1	D. Crowle (N. Devon)
C. Charles (Plymouth)	0	-	1	I. Crass (Dorset)
L. Cutting (Som.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. R. Smith (Tor.)
A. Kerry (Tor.)	0	-	1	C. Rigby (Plymouth)
C. Richards (Dorset)	0	-	1	D. Christian (Exeter)
G. Kidd (N. Devon)	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs. M. Powis (Glos)
W. D. Brown (Dorset)	0	-	1	B. H. Boomsma (Tor.)
P. Rogers (Exeter)	1	-	0	C. Stanford (Som.)
R. J. Smith (N. Devon)	0	-	1	S. Dilleigh (Plymouth)
S. Cooke (Plymouth)	1	-	0	E. Fierek (Glos.)
D. G. Ayress (Tor.)	0	-	1	A. Muzzaffar (Exeter)
V. Steadman (Som.)	0	-	1	F. Wild (Dorset)
S. Hills (Som.)	1	-	0	F. V. Pye (N. Devon)
W. A. Frost (Tor.)	1	-	0	E. Newell (N. Devon)
I. Ashford (Exeter)	1	-	0	C. M. Oliver (Glos.)
C. Mackinley (Som.)	0	-	1	C. M. E. Butler (Plymouth)
E. H. Jones (N. Devon)	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. P. Deeth (Dorset)
C. Weeks (Glos.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	V. J. Nunney (Tor.)
T. Simms (Dorset)	1	-	0	P. Golder (Som.)
R. Vickery (Plymouth)	1	-	0	C. Perry (Exeter)
C. Breach (Glos.)	0	-	1	M. Davis (N. Devon)
D. Tongue (Exeter)	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. Crisp (Dorset)
J. Ridolfo (Plymouth)	0	-	1	S. Wilks (Tor.)
M. J. Boag (Tor.)	1	-	0	M. Bleach (Som.)
R. Owen (Dorset)	0	-	1	Dr. J. L. Henry (Plymouth)
J. Sherman (N. Devon)	1	-	0	K. Donnelly (Exeter)
M. J. Goodwin (Dorset)	0	-	1	J. Spencer (Glos.)
P. Costello (Exeter)	1	-	0	E. Cooper (Tor.)
J. Rice (N. Devon)	1	-	0	M. Slucutt (Som.)
R. Bullock (Glos.)	1	-	0	C. Player (Plymouth)
M. Turner (Tor.)	1	-	0	G. S. Byrne (Dorset)
M. Hughes (Plymouth)	0	-	1	R. L. Chew (N. Devon)
A. Ruston (Som.)	0	-	1	B. Landon (Exeter)
D. G. Terry (Tor.)	1	-	0	S. Manber (Glos.)
R. Willis (Exeter)	1	-	0	A. R. Cruice (Plymouth)
J. Boll (Som.)	0	-	1	D. Kelly (Dorset)
R. A. G. Marples (Dorset)	1	-	0	F. Roberts (N. Devon)
D. Seagar (Plymouth)	1	-	0	Prof. Stoy (Exeter)
N. Parker (N. Devon)	0	-	1	P. Rooke (Tor.)
Y. Foweraker (Plymouth)	1	-	0	M. Girling (Som.)
M. Carter (Som.)	0	-	1	W. G. Oliver (Glos.)

Finance and Grading

This year the B.C.F. will be considering proposals from the Development Committee for relating finance to grading. In the West we have already done this by publishing only the grades of registered players. It has brought in a marked increase in registrations and effectively proved that players are concerned about grades. It has also brought in criticism about the decision by the Union to give Juniors a 'free ride' for the first season, and thereafter to charge them. Junior Officers are alarmed at the thought of making a charge at any time for Juniors and feel that every effort should be made to encourage Juniors by giving them this service free. If this is to be done then the financial burden must fall on the adults (including the old age pensioners). The real point, however, is whether the token payment of, say 50p, per annum is a harsh imposition for the hours of time and work done by grading officers for the ever growing Junior chess population. Will this iniquitous demand stop our youngsters playing? I doubt it. This Christmas, approximately £20,000,000 was spent by dotting parents, relatives and friends on skate boards. Every Saturday, thousands of youngsters pour through the turnstiles at football matches, and pay.

Let me, at this point, say that I am NOT a scrooge. During my life I have run youth clubs, and sponsored many junior events - even paying the entrance fees for juniors to congresses - but I do not believe that it is morally good for the rising generation to be presented with everything on a plate. What I do feel, however, is that a special case should be made for O.A.P.s. They have no parents, uncles and aunts to provide them with pocket money. The State gives them a pension that barely permits them to exist. Many are lonely and chess is their only relaxation. 50 pence to them is money. Let us exempt them from registration fees and to those who will retort that as their chess (unlike the juniors) is probably on the decline and therefore, to subsidise a decreasingly efficient playing pool is uneconomic, I shall reply with true scroogian venom - "Bah! Humbug!"

And a Happy New Year to All

Ralph Newman.

Finance - Another Point of View

Travelling around the country, as I do from time to time on chess matters, I have become increasingly aware of a feeling, that is growing, that we spend too much time on petty administration. Perhaps the B.C.F. with a full time staffed office is indirectly responsible for this, as delays in consultation electera now lay elsewhere and are normally within the control of the player himself. The player, naturally, welcomes the very few volunteers who are prepared to give up their leisure time to keep his County or Union's administration system working, but; I find, hankers for something better.

Is there an answer? Yes, but it's all a question of "cash income", or put another way, "sales output!"

Many years ago, at the time the old 'per capita' scheme was being discussed, the then B.C.F. General Secretary, George Simmons was very outspoken in his view that the B.C.F. should charge a realistic subscription. (He suggested £2, and that was in the early 1950s). Stop worrying over 'Penny Amounts' and ensure that only those who paid benefitted.

Firstly, I would like to see the B.C.F. do without the aid it receives from the Government. This would cost roughly an extra \$1 per head, based on present numbers. There hasn't been any interference as we have faithfully followed the originally agreed guidelines, but of late there has been a development smacks of 1984. Also, there is always the unspoken threat of 'follow our policy or else! I just happen to believe that the B.C.F. should be the master of its own fate.

Secondly, I would like to strengthen and increase the full time staff of the B.C.F. Office. The 'number one' to be a Director of Chess supported by a couple of clerks, who would deal with the routine administration, and the usual typist/junior. As part of this enlarged office function, I would see the B.C.F. doing all the routine administration paper and book work of the Counties and for the Counties.

The County Executives would not cease to exist, but would be able to undertake their prime functions of policy decisions and (team) selection, leaving the B.C.F. Office to do all the necessary administration and back up work.

Apart from the obvious economics of scale, local administration would be strengthened, and ultimately a better chess environment would develop.

At the risk of offending my readers, a Church of Rome organisational approach rather than a C. of E. one. (In case you are interested, I am an agnostic myself).

Thirdly there is a need for a full time Junior Chess Director to tour the country, co-ordinate the efforts of local trainers and organisers using the back-up secretarial facilities of the B.C.F. Office to ease the local work load.

All in all, my view is that over the length and breadth of the country many people are giving up large amounts of spare time to help chess. Unfortunately, some of this effort is wasted, due to duplication. Also the work may be done at a time when the worker is perhaps not at his best, and is being fitted into odd moments.

With the cash income, the B.C.F. could certainly overcome most of these problems for the benefit of us all.

There are, of course, more immediate problems caused by the shortage of sufficient income. One, the payment of international players for representing the country. Secondly, computerisation on a national basis of the grading system. Both demand cash and both will become live issues in the next couple of years.

I hope that my few words have contributed to your debate.

P. Jezra
Hon. Secretary. B.C.F.

CARL SCHLECHTER

The English-speaking world has no biography of Schlechter; I had hoped to spend a month or two in Vienna researching to produce such a biography, but the friends with whom I should have stayed have now moved on, so I cannot stay there. We should possess such a biography, so I hope this short article may inspire someone to undertake the job.

D.J. Morgan, of the British Chess Magazine, was most encouraging, and it is to him I owe the information that there are two biographies of Schlechter already printed, namely:-

B. Kagan. Carl Schlechter. Sein Leben und Schaffen
(Berlin, 1920)
R. Spielmann. Karl Schlechter. (Stockholm, 1924)

Why did Schlechter not compete in the great St. Petersburg Tournament of 1914? He was still one of the world's greatest players. The answer seems to be that relations between Austria and Russia were already strained and, whether or not he received an invitation, he took part instead in the Gambit Tournament at Baden (Vienna) which took place at the same time; he finished third (unbeaten) to Spielmann and Tartakower.

What caused Schlechter's death? The popular belief is starvation, but tuberculosis (Lungenentzündung) seems to be the main cause, doubtless aggravated by under-nourishment.

He died on 27th December, 1918, but nevertheless took part in three tournaments in that year (two in Berlin, one in Kaschau), as well as playing a match with Rubinstein in Berlin (+1,=3,-2).

His full tournament record from 1894 to 1918 shows +278, =380, 6102, but from Breslau 1912 to his death it was +45, =83 -9, figures which suggest no decline in strength.

After his drawn match with Lasker for the World Title, he played another drawn match with Tarrasch a year later (+3 =10,-3), and it is from this match that I select a game which was highly praised by Lasker himself. It was the 5th game:-

<u>Schlechter</u>			<u>Tarrasch</u>		
<u>Schlechter</u>	<u>Tarrasch</u>		<u>Schlechter</u>	<u>Tarrasch</u>	
1	P-K4	P-K4	25	B-KB2	QR-QB1
2	N-KB3	N-QB3	26	QR-Q1	KR-Q1
3	B-N5	P-QR3	27	BxB	PxB
4	B-R4	N-B3	28	N-N4	K-N2
5	N-B3	B-N5	29	B-K3	N-B3
6	O-O	O-O	30	NxN	KxN
7	P-Q3	P-Q3	31	P-N3	N-N3
8	B-N5	BxN	32	P-KB4	KPxP
9	PxB	Q-K2	33	PxP	PxP
10	R-K1	N-Q1	34	BxP	NxB
11	N-Q2	N-K3	35	QxN ch	K-N2
12	B-R4	N-B5	36	R-N1 ch	K-R2
13	N-B1	P-R3	37	Q-B6	R-B1
14	N-K3	P-KN4	38	Q-N6 ch	K-R1
15	QB-N3	K-R2	39	QxP	QR-K1
16	P-B4	P-B3	40	QxRP ch	Q-R2
17	P-QB3	P-N4	41	QxQP	QxKP ch
18	PxP	RPxP	42	R-N2	Q-K3
19	B-N3	B-K3	43	Q-N3	Q-R3
20	Q-Q2	Q-R2	44	QR-KN1	R-K3
21	QR-N1	K-R1	45	Q-N4	QR-B3
22	P-B3	R-KN1	46	R-N3	Q-R2
23	K-R1	Q-B2	47	P-Q5	P-B4
24	P-Q4	KN-R4	48	R-R3	R-KR3
			49	Q-K2	Resigns

Sadly, this strategical masterpiece has a tactical flaw, as Schlechter overlooked a beautiful winning conception on his 37th move, the discovery of which I leave to the readers.

Ruben Fine, writing of his own chess career, said that he never heard anything, either good or bad, of Schlechter. Judging by the successive Memorial Tournaments in Vienna, he was clearly a well-loved man. Perhaps this is his best epitaph.

A. R. B. Thomas

CUTTY SARK.

Winner of the 1977 Cutty Sark Grand Prix Trophy and £1,250 prize money was G.S. Botterill, the 1977 British Champion. J. Horner (bolton) was winner of the Cutty Sark Petit Prix Trophy and £250 prize money.

The 1978 Cutty Sark Grand Prix - the national league for British chess congresses - will have a first prize of £2,000 which is a European record for an open-to-all event.

ON BEHALF OF WEST COUNTRY CHESS PLAYERS THE EDITORS OF WESTWARD

HO! SEND HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO

INTERNATIONAL MASTER SHAUN TALBUT

Winning the European Junior Championship at Groningen, Holland, in December, voted there unanimously by the BCF junior selectors as England's representative, - Shaun Talbut becomes an International Master automatically.

Formerly of St. John's School, Marlborough, and now reading natural science at Downing College, Cambridge, Shaun was runner-up in the 1977 Collingwood British Championships, and plays top board for Wiltshire. In September, following his success in the 1977 Slater Foundation tournament which qualified him for the FIDE world ranking list, Talbut gained the chance to compete at the Berne international - a tournament restricted to entrants of proven master or near master strength. Here he finished first with $6\frac{1}{2}/9$, ahead of Mestel and Speelman (England), Eperjesi (Hungary), Iskov (Denmark) and Coudari (Canada) all 6, although he was the youngest competitor.

Here is a game from this tournament, round 3. Notes by Shaun Talbut.

S. Talbut (England) - H. Wirtsonsohn (IM Switzerland).

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-B3 5 N-QB3 P-K4 6 N4-N5 P-Q3 7 N-Q5 (an increasingly popular answer to the 'Sicilian e8' set-up) NxN 8 PxN N-K2 9 P-QB4 (also possible is P-KR4 as in Speelman-Ammann, same tournament) N-N3 10 B-K3 P-QR3 11 N-B3 B-K2 12 P-B3 (this should be delayed, as Black can now exchange the dark-squared bishops) 0-0 13 B-Q3 B-R5 ch 14 P-N3 B-N4 15 Q-Q2 (forced, for if B-KB2 P-B4 with initiative) BxB 16 QxB B-R6? (better B-Q2) 17 0-0-0 B-Q2 18 K-N1 P-B4 19 P-B5 (now White has at least equality) PxP 20 QxBP R-B1 21 Q-K3 Q-R4? (mistaken judgement. Black's Q-side attack never gets under way, while White breaks through in the centre and K-side) 22 B-B2 P-N4 23 B-N3 K-R1 24 P-Q6 R-QB3 25 P-KR4 P-B5 26 Q-K1 PxP 27 P-R5 P-N7 28 R-R2 N-B5 29 P-R6 B-B4 ch (P-N8 (Q) was Black's last chance) 30 K-R1 N-N3 31 RxP R-B4 32 Q-K3! (exploiting Black's scattered forces and exposed king for a quick win) Q-N5 33 P-Q7 R-Q1 34 Q-N5 Q-R4 35 PxP ch KxP 36 Q-K7 ch Resigns

WE SEND WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO P.H. CLARKE ON WINNING IN FINE STYLE THE 1976/77 BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final table is reproduced below, followed by two selected games from the tournament.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
1. P.H. Clarke, IM	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	8
2. J.K. Footner, BM	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	7
3. P.R. Markland, BM	0	0	x	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	0	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
4. D. Ebbett, BM	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	x	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
5. J.A. Sutton	0	0	0	1	x	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$
6. P.C. Gibbs	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	x	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	5
7. G.H. Davies, BM	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
8. D.W. Lodge	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4
9. P.C. Robertson	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	x	1	0	4
10. D.W. Anderton	0	0	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	x	0	3
11. G.B. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	x	3

An abortive attack

P.H. Clarke - D.W. Anderton. Q.P., Niemzowitsch Defence.

1. P-Q4 N-KB3, 2. P-QB4 P-K3, 3. N-QB3 B-N5, 4. Q-B2 P-B4,
5. PXP N-R3, 6. P-QR3 BxN ch., 7. QxB NxP, 8. P-B3, P-QR4,
9. P-K4 O-O, 10. B-B4 Q-K2, 11. P-K5 N-R4 (?), 12. B-K3 P-B4,
13. R-Q1 (!) P-B5, 14. B-B2 R-B4 (?), 15. P-KN4 PXP ep, 16. PXP
Q-N4, 17. N-K2 N-R5, 18. Q-N3 NxQNP, 19. P-B4 NxKBP, 20. PxN
RxBp, 21. QxN RxP, 22. N-N3 R-KN5, 23. QxP ch. N-B2, 24. B-R5
R-KB1, 25. P-K4 N-B5, 26. PxN P-K4, 27. BxN RxB, 28. R-Q7 ch.
Black resigns.

The Thunderbolt.

P.H. Clarke - J.A. Sutton. Q.G.D., Tarrasch Defence

1. P-Q4 N-KB3, 2. P-QB4 P-K3, 3. N-QB3 P-B4, 4. N-B3 PXP,
5. NxP P-Q4, 6. P-K3 N-B3, 7. PXP PXP, 8. B-K2 B-Q3, 9. O-O O-O,
10. N-B3 R-K1, 11. P-QN3 P-QR3, 12. B-N2 B-B2, 13. Q-B2 Q-Q3,
14. QR-Q1 N-K4, 15. P-N3 B-R6, 16. KR-K1 Q-B4, 17. Q-N1 P-QN4 (?),
18. NxQP (!!) NxQN, 19. N-N5 B-K3, 20. QxP ch. K-B1 21. NxB ch.
PxN, 22. Q-R8 ch. K-K2, 23. QxP ch. N-B2, 24. B-R5 R-KB1, 25. P-K4
N-B5, 26. PxN P-K4, 27. BxN RxB, 28. R-Q7 ch. Black resigns.

P.H. Clarke scored $4\frac{1}{2}/6$ as a member of the Great Britain Correspondence Team who have qualified for the finals of the first European Team Championship, finishing third in their group with $40\frac{1}{2}/72$ behind Poland (43) and West Germany.

JUNIOR CHESS

It has been mentioned to me that there has been some criticism of our action in not publishing the grades of certain unregistered juniors. Whilst I understand that this view is not widespread I would like to ensure that it is taken into consideration and discussed openly, and I would welcome the views of anyone who feels unhappy about this action, or any other matter decided by your Executive Committee.

Finally may I take this opportunity of extending my best wishes for the coming Year to all our members.

Frank Kingdon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A few years ago I made the suggestion to the B.C.F. that there should be a secondary competition within the National Club framework to help and foster the smaller clubs. As the result of this (or by coincidence at about the same time) the plate event was initiated. This innovation I would not argue with and is a good way to give a second chance to a club unluckily knocked out of the main event in the first round. I would feel it a near certainty however, that even this secondary event will invariably be won by one of the big time clubs up and down the country and it does nothing for the country district club or the small time club which in many ways represents the grass roots of the game; most of these do not enter the National Club Competition.

In the cricket world a village team from Cornwall - Troon - won the mini K/O competition (played at Lords). How nice if a village team from say Devon or Northumbria were to win the mini K/O competition in the Chess world (played at I wonder where?)

Now how could such a thing happen? I suggest by having a competition with either a maximum grade per player or preferably a maximum grade per team. If you consider 120 to 130 as representative of the players who are beginning to get somewhere, this would suggest a team of six maximum of 700 to 800 grading points - but perhaps less. I do feel that something along these lines would be a valuable stimulus to the lesser lights and indirectly to the rest of the wood-pushing fraternity. There would need to be rules and regulations of course and many ideas, some fanciful?, some to mind. Perhaps teams of five in preference to six for easier travel e.g. one car load. Board count and/or elimination could apply and in the event of all five drawn some decision would be needed to avoid a replay. Victory could be given to the team having three blacks out of the five or to teams with the lower grading count; if you took a leaf out of the Sunday Times successful and massive schools competition one could graduate the score required to achieve a win according to the team disparity in total grading points.

There are many variations on this theme and I think the idea worth pursuing and do in fact suggest this to the B.C.F.

How we would all, deep in our hearts, love to read that five young or old people from the remote area of Rookville on the Wold had beaten the field and, in Chess circles, "won the Cup".

Ken Schofield.

ROUND THE COUNTIES

CORNWALL.

Cornwall Chess Championships 6/8 January, 1978

There was drama in the last round of the Cornwall Chess Championship held at Truro Cathedral School. A draw would have enabled Jerry Anstead to join in a four-way play-off for the championship, but, in an attempt to win the tournament outright, he refused the draw offered by chessmaster Peter Clarke, and then went on to lose an eventful game. This enabled Clarke, to retain his title, conceding only one draw, to Robin Kneebone, who finished in second place for the fourth consecutive occasion. Also second was D. Saqui, an American now living in St. Ives.

The championship was easily the largest and perhaps the strongest ever held, and featured good performances by juniors Michael Prettejohn, John Menadue, Nick Cummings and Mark Wells; as well as personal best performances by Anton Barkhuysen, Phil Hutchings and Digby Merry.

Full scores:

4½/5 P. Clarke (Bude)

4 R. Kneebone (Camborne); D. Saqui (St. Ives)

3½ J. Anstead (Truro), A. Barkhuysen (Camborne), R. Grimes (Godolphin), M. Prettejohn (Truro School), M. Watkins (Oxford Un. and St. Ives)

3 K. Gunnell, D. Merry (Truro); P. Hutchings (St. Austell); J. Menadue (Truro School)

2½ P. Breach, C. Cable (Falmouth); N. Cummings, P. Innes, J. Read (Camborne); K. Gay, A. Meakes (St. Austell); R. Saines (St. Ives); M. Wells (Poltair School); E. Prideaux (Godolphin)

Two players, T. Byers and J. Hurst, will have to play off for the Senior Trophy, the Falmouth Cup after a close fought competition in which each of the joint winners dropped only half a point.

Results:

4½/5 T. Byers (St. Austell); J. Hurst (Truro School)
4 M. Taylor (St. Austell)
3½ M. Astrinsky (St. Ives); G. Faulkner, C. Stace (Falmouth);
P. Greenwood (Newquay); J. Hampton (Camborne); R. Hocking
(Penzance); R. Lee (Truro School).

In the Cornwall League Competition Camborne A team are leading the field with 12 points. Truro A have 10 points and St. Aus. Knights have 9 points, all from 6 games.

In the semi-final of the A.W. Busby Knockout Cup, St. Austell play Godolphin and Camborne play Truro School.

DEVON.

Lloyds Bank "Silver Jubilee" International Tournament.

Devon Junior Chess Congress celebrated its 25th anniversary this year, and in addition to all the usual Devon junior championships, hosted the Lloyds Bank "Silver Jubilee" International Junior Tournament at Plymouth College from 27th December to 1st January. This event is rated by the British Chess Federation as the most important individual junior tournament to be held in Great Britain for many years. The sponsors, as well as those taking part in the tournament, were well pleased to repeat it next year, and put Plymouth on the way to becoming a "Hastings" of the junior chess scene.

The beautiful Lloyds Bank Trophy and the £60 first prize was won by Eric Lobron from West Germany. Equal second to fourth and sharing £100 were Coen Stehouwer (Netherlands), Nicholas Benjamin and Michael Pagden (England). The remaining 14 players received £1 per point scored.

Devon Junior Championships

The U 21 champion is Donald Smith (Torquay) who also won the Best Game Prize.

The U 18 champion is Andrew Hutchison (Totnes)

The U 15 champion is M. Rosseinsky (Exeter), who also won the Best Game Prize.

Inter-Area Jamboree

Yet another new competition will be introduced on 28th January when the four regions of Devon - Exeter, Torbay, Plymouth and North Devon - meet for an Inter-area Graded Jamboree at Okehampton.

Correspondence Chess.

Devon Correspondence Chess is now in the hands of the Devon President, Mr. K.S. Schofield, 4 Boucher Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, EX9 6HG, following the resignation of Mr. M. Boag as Correspondence Chess Secretary.

HAMPSHIRE

26 teams are competing in 4 divisions in the Portsmouth and District Chess League. Michael Cole of Fareham is the new League Secretary and A.J.Peters the President. 32 players have entered this year's Individual Championship Tournament and after 3 rounds only four have maximum points - P.Littlewood, A.J.Peters, A.D.Crossin and S.Dean.
The Hampshire League has 2 divisions with 6 teams in each.

The Hampshire Junior (U 18) Individual Championship this year attracted an entry of 18 players. The Title (and the Bullows Trophy) was retained by last year's winner, M.P.Pagden of Church Crookham with $4\frac{1}{2}/5$. Runner up was C.Rice of Andover $4/5$.

Portsmouth Schools won both matches in the annual Inter-League fixture with Southampton Schools.

The first of what is hoped will become a series of annual fixtures between the Royal Navy and Hampshire resulted in a heavy defeat for the Navy at H.M.S.Daedalus by 3 games to 12.

A telephone match between the Isle of Wight and the Shetlands Islands ended in a convincing 5 - 2 victory for the Isle of Wight. The match took nearly $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours, about 40% of the time being lost in transmission, particularly in the early stages.

WILTSHIRE.

When it was found that the B.C.F. and W.E.C.U. Junior Training Event originally planned for Bristol, could not be held there, Wiltshire's offer to hold the event at Swindon was accepted, and it has been arranged for the weekend of 27/29 January.

Six juniors from each West of England County were invited plus six from Berks and six from Oxon. As Cornwall are not able to take advantage of the invitation, Wiltshire will have a further six places for their own juniors. Bernard Cafferty will control a four round swiss, and clock simulms are also planned. I.M.John Nunn and I.M.Shaun Talbut will attend and give individual analysis of games. The event is having partial sponsorship from Radio Rentals and will be televised.

B.C.Q.C. QUALIFYING COMPETITION 1977/78

Zone J. County Stage. Results.

Section 1. (Dorset, Somerset).

G.Moore $3\frac{1}{2}/4$, R.J.Pool $3/4$, P.E.Goodings $2\frac{1}{2}/4$

Section 2. (Devon, Cornwall)

A.R.B.Thomas $3/4$, M.H.Prettejohn $2\frac{1}{2}/4$, J.Parker and J.Walker $2/4$,
C.L.Lincoln $\frac{1}{2}/4$.

G.Moore, R.J.Pool, M.H.Prettejohn and A.R.B.Thomas qualify for the zone stage and are joined by P.H.Clarke.

The West of England Junior Championship. Trophy:- The 'Wilson Osborne' Cup. A 6 round Swiss tournament for up to 16 players who must be under 18 on 1st. September, 1977 in order to qualify for entry.

The West of England Girls' Championship. Trophy:- The 'Western Morning News' Cup. A Swiss or American tournament depending upon the entry. Players must be under 18 on 1st. September, 1977 in order to qualify for entry.

The West of England Minor Championship. Trophy:- The 'Mrs. Wilson Osborne' Cup. A Swiss or American tournament depending upon the entry. Players must be under 15 on 1st. September, 1977 in order to qualify for entry.

The West of England Ladies' Championship. Trophy:- The 'Elizabeth Walker' Cup. A Swiss or American tournament depending upon the entry.

The West of England Open Championship. Trophy:- The 'Bath and Wilts Chronicle' Cup. A 6 round Swiss tournament of not more than 12 players; mainly for strong players who do not qualify for the Championship.

All Play All Tournaments.
In graded sections of 6 players who are not so strong; one round per day.

Closing Dates for Entries:-
Championship. To be received by Saturday, March 4th.
Others. To be received by Wednesday, March, 15th.

Enquiries to the Congress Secretary:-
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The 3rd EAST DEVON CONGRESS will be held 7/9 April, 1978 at Exeter University, Exeter. Details from K. S. Schofield, 4 Boucher Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

The 5th SPRING CONGRESS of the NORTH DEVON CHESS LEAGUE will be held at the Barnstaple Motel, Braunton Road, Barnstaple, on the weekend 21 - 23 April, 1978. Details from Mrs. J. Parker, The School House, Barbrook, Lynton, Devon.

CHESSCADS - NO.2 - THE CORRESPONDENCE
CAD

The award of the title "CORRESPONDENCE CAD" goes to the player who enters a tournament and after approximately 12 moves loses a piece and then steadfastly refuses reply, resign or answer any letters.

CHESSBITS.

In view of the recent controversy over the World Championship qualifying match, should monitoring T.V. cameras be installed in lavatories at County Matches to ensure analysis is not going on?

In a recent T.V. Programme that was shown all over the world, the demonstration board had the black square on the right hand side. Was this an attempt by the B.B.C. to bring a new dimension into the game or was it sheer unadulterated ignorance? How the Russians must have laughed.

The Sports Council are frowning on participation by South Africa in Chess. No doubt in the not too distant future County Match Captains will have to give a certificate of origin of all players participating in County Matches and face a minimum penalty of two years imprisonment should they dare play someone who by accident of birth is unpopular with the Sports Council. Roll on 1984.

WELL DONE WESTON-SUPER-MARE!

Weston-Super-Mare Chess Club will celebrate it's 75th Anniversary on February 2nd. The Club was founded by Messrs. Charles Hunt, E.C.Bregeon, J.Bennett, Captain R.B.Beard, W.Jane, and H.F.Price on February 2nd 1903.

To mark the occasion the Club is holding a 12 a side team jamboree with local clubs against whom Weston played in their first years.

It is interesting to note from Club records that the first balance sheet for 1903/4 shows 4 sets of chessmen costing £2.15.0 and room hire for one evening and one afternoon per week costing £5.5.0 per annum.

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