

### 5th Royal Navy Chess Championships

During the four days preceding Good Friday, HMS DRYAD found itself the centre of much attention whilst acting as hosts to the 23 entrants from 16 ships/establishments competing in the 1977 RN Chess Championships. The favourite, Mr Arthur BRAMELD, a Naval Staff Author at HMS DRYAD, was winner with  $6\frac{1}{2}$  points out of 7, with last year's winner, Lieutenant Commander Rod ADDISON (RNEC Manadon), runner-up with  $5\frac{1}{2}/7$ , both undefeated and drawing their encounter in round 5. Equal third came Leading Writer Martin STREET (HMS CENTURION), Lieutenant Laurie BROKENSHIRE (HMS FISGARD) and Lieutenant Ian SCHREIBER (HMS NEPTUNE) on  $4\frac{1}{2}/7$ .

This is the second time that Mr Brameld has won the title, the only civilian ever to do so, but it won't happen again! Future civilian winners will hold the title "Victor Ludorum", with the highest placed uniformed player being Navy Champion.

The Captain of HMS DRYAD, Captain J F CADELL Royal Navy, who kindly allowed the RN Chess Association to use his establishment, presented the trophies, including a special book prize to A/OEA2 Bernard HALLS (HMS NEWCASTLE) who came seventh with  $4\frac{1}{2}/7$ , as the most improved player from last year.

			Pt	SOS
1.	Mr	Arthur BRAMELD *	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	30
2.	Lt Cdr	Roderick ADDISON	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
=3.	Lt	Laurie BROKENSHIRE	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	31
=3.	Lt	Ian SCHREIBER *	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	31
=3.	L/Wtr	Martin STREET *	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	31
6.	Marine	Dave RICHES	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	28
=7.	A/OEA2	Bernard HALLS	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	22
=7.	Mr	Bob LUFFMAN	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	22
9.	Lt Cdr	Barry JOLLY	4	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
10.	CPO	Ian LEWIS	4	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
11.	PO	Ron KANE *	4	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
12.	CPO	Bill FRANCIS *	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	28
=13.	CPO	Graham ATKINS	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	23
=13.	Lt	Tristram CARY	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	23
15.	Mr	Roy ELLIS	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	18
16.	Lt Cdr	Mike DAY	3	19
17.	NA1	Alan MERRIE	3	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
18.	FCPO	Fred NYE *	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
=19.	AB	Richard BROAD	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
=19.	PO	Victor STAVELY	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
21.	LRO(G)	Geoff PALMER	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	23
22.	Marine	Kevin PORTER	2	24
23.	S/Lt	Danny DOUGHERTY *	1	23

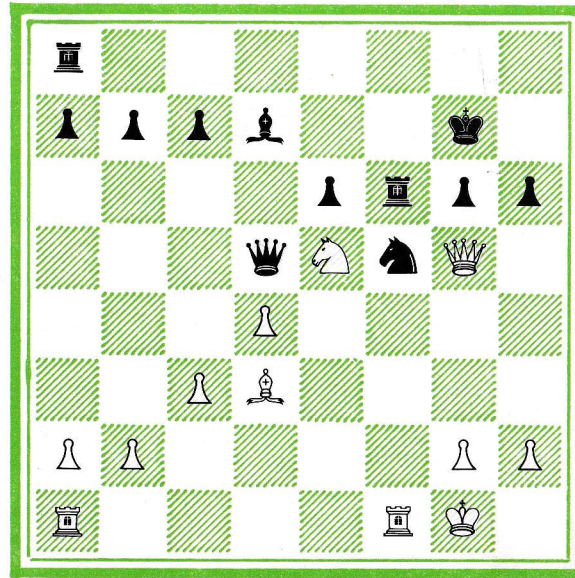
\* = current or ex-Fareham Ch.Cl. members.



Arthur Brameld v Ron Kane (Round 2)

(Notes by the winner)

- 1. P-K4            P-KN3
- 2. P-Q4            B-N2
- 3. N-QB3          P-Q3
- 4. P-B4            P-K3 .....A self-cramping move. Better are either P-QB3 or N-KB3.
- 5. N-B3            N-Q2
- 6. B-K3            KN-B3
- 7. P-K5            PxP
- 8. BPxP            N-Q4
- 9. B-KN5          N-K2 .....Possibly better is 9...P-KB3; 10.PxP,N/2xP; although White still has a substantial advantage.
- 10. N-K4           O-O
- 11. Q-Q2           P-KB4
- 12. PxP (ep)       NxP
- 13. B-Q3           N-B4
- 14. P-B3           Q-Q4
- 15. NxN (ch)       BxN
- 16. BxB            RxB
- 17. Q-N5           K-N2
- 18. O-O            B-Q2
- 19. N-K5           P-KR3 ? .....This move weakens Black's king position beyond repair. A better survival attempt would have been 19...QR-KB1.  
(see diagram)
- 20. Q-N4 !! .....Tempting Black's next move, this move is made feasible by Black's 19th move. If instead 20.Q-Q2, Black might yet obtain counter-chances along the KB file.  
N-K6 ?! .....Falling into White's trap but what else ? If now 20...QR-KB1; 20.QR-K1 ensures continued White dominance.
- 21. RxR !          NxQ .....Black cannot decline the offer of the queen - if 21...KxR; 22. QxNP (ch),K-K2; 23.Q-B7 (ch),K-Q1 (if 23...K-Q3; 24.QxB is MATE); 24.Q-B6 (ch),K-B1; 25.Q-B8 (ch),B-K1; 26.QxB (ch),Q-Q1; 27.QxP (ch),K-N1; 28.B-R6,N-Q4; 29.Q-QB6,Q-QB1; 30.N-Q7 (ch),QxN; 31.QxNP MATE.
- 22. RxP (ch)       K-B1 .....(i) 22...K-R2; 23.RxN (ch),K-R1; 24.N-B7 MATE.  
(ii) 22...K-R1; 23.N-B7 (ch),K-R2; 24.RxN (ch),Q-KB4; 25.BxQ (ch), and wins.
- 23. R-B1 (ch)      K-K2 .....Forced. If 23...K-K1; 24.R-N8 (ch),K-K2; 25.R-B7 (ch),K-Q3; 26.RxB MATE.
- 24. R-B7 (ch)      K-Q1
- 25. RxB (ch)       QxR
- 26. NxQ            Black resigns.            The only 'flaw' in the queen sacrifice seems to be that it did not lead to a forced mate !!



Rod Addison v Martin Street (Round 4)

- 1. P-Q4<sup>4</sup> N-KB3
- 2. P-QB4 P-K3
- 3. N-KB3 P-QN3
- 4. P-K3 B-N2
- 5. B-Q3 P-B4 .....An alternative here is 5...N-K5 followed swiftly by P-KB4 - simply a matter of taste/style.
- 6. 0-0 Pxp .....I feel that Black should not release the tension at this early stage. Better would have been either P-Q3 or P-Q4 followed by B-K2 and 0-0.
- 7. Pxp B-K2
- 8. B-K3 0-0
- 9. QN-Q2 P-Q4
- 10. P-QN3 N-R3
- 11. P-QR3 N-B2 ? ...An interesting tactical possibility here is 11...Pxp; 12.Pxp (12.B or Nxp cause Black no problems), N-B4 !?; Three continuations are worthy of note:
  - (a) 13.PxN, QxB; 14.Pxp (or 14.P-B6, BxBP; 15.N-K5, Q-Q3; 16.B-B4, KR-Q1; 17.N-N6, Q-Q2 ♯), Pxp; 15.BxB, BxN; 16.NxB, QxBP; 17.P-QR4, N-Q4; 18.P-R5, KR-N1; 19.N-K5, Q-N4; 20.R-N1, B-N5; 21.Q-B3, P-B3 ♯
  - (b) 13.B-K2, QN-K5; 14.NxN, NxN; 15.Q-Q3, R-B1; 16.QR-B1, Q-Q3; with at least equality for Black.
  - (c) 13.B-B2 (13.B-N1 seems to prohibit swift development of White's QR), QN-K5; 14.NxN, BxN; with play for both sides.
 All these variations have the advantage of preventing the situation that came about in the game.
- 12. P-B5 B-R3
- 13. BxB NxB
- 14. P-QN4 .....This pawn structure reminds me of some analogous positions that occur in the exchange variation of Alekhines Defence with the disadvantage, from Black's point of view, that his pieces are much more disjointed than in the above-mentioned variation.
- 15. Q-K2 Q-B2
- 16. N-K5 N-N1
- 17. P-B4 KN-Q2
- 18. NxN P-KB3
- 18. NxN ? ....In view of the necessary re-manoeuving of this knight, the better move might have been 18...QxN; if then 19.P-N5, Pxp; 20.Pxp, P-Q5; 21.P-B6, Q-Q4; 22.B-B2, P-Q6; and 23...QxQNP.
- 19. Q-N4 P-B4
- 20. Q-K2 B-B3
- 21. QR-B1 N-N1
- 22. N-B3 N-B3
- 23. P-N5 N-R4
- 24. P-B6 KR-K1
- 25. N-K5 BxN
- 26. BPxB N-B5 .....A third of Black's moves have been made with this piece !
- 27. P-QR4 QR-B1
- 28. R-KB3 ?! .....28.B-N5 ! would appear to leave Black with precious few moves and a scarcity of available plans.
- 29. R-KR3 Q-K2
- 30. R-N3 R-B2
- 31. Q-R5 Q-R6
- 32. RxP (ch) P-N3
- 32. RxP (ch) .....White, with his tactics over the last half dozen moves, is virtually committed to this tactical scyrmish.
- 33. Qxp (ch) Pxr
- 33. Qxp (ch) R-N2 .....Watching the game, I thought Black could safely play 33...K-B1 here. How wrong one can be 34.B-R6 (ch), K-K2; 35.Q-B6 MATE !



34. QxR (ch) K-R2

35. Q-R5 (ch) K-N1

36. B-R6 ? ..... White makes the mistake of trying to win a drawn game and should now lose by force.

N-K6 !

37. BxR QxR (ch)

38. K-B2 Q-Q7 (ch)

39. Q-K2 N-N5 (ch)

40. K-B1 NxP (ch)

41. K-B2 N-N5 (ch)

42. K-B1 N-K6 (ch)

43. K-B2 N-N5 (ch)

44. K-B1

( $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ ) ?? ..... 44... Q-B8 (ch); 45. Q-K1, Q-KB5 (ch); and now :

(a) 46. K-N1, QxP (ch); 47. K-R1, KxB; 48. Q-QB1, N-B7 (ch);  
49. K-R2, Q-R5 (ch); 50. K-N1, N-N5; etc.

(b) 46. K-K2, Q-K6 (ch); 47. K-Q1 (47. K-B1, N-R7 MATE),  
N-B7 (ch); and wins.

Footnote : The 8 pint side-bet Mike Day and I had on the result of this individual game (I paid if Rod won, Mike paid if Martin won) turned a bit sour as no contingency plans were made in the event of a draw - a thirsty result for both of us !!

*Bramble*