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New Series no 9. That means I am now into double figures. Yet it seems to take me just as long if not longer to get each edition out to you. Over 3 months since the last one. My apologies. I seem to be as active as ever.

What has happened over this period? 3 county matches resulting in Wiltshire reaching the final stages of the Minor Counties Championship for the first time ever. Due to play Merseyside at Aston University in Birmingham on Sunday 13 May. Junior Jamboree in February, Wiltshire U18's qualified for Minor Counties final. Went to Birmingham last weekend for this and to BCF meeting. Wilts came 5th out of 6 on 5/12. Four teams scored 5, one 6 and Sussex 8. My team (Devizes) still unbeaten in both 4 and 5-a-side leagues. Played the most ever games in a season. Watched Hants v Glos match where 2 Glos players lost on time and draws agreed. Match ended 8-8.

Incidentally, I went to BCF meeting for reassurance that BCF were getting their act together. BCF proposed that Levy fee went up 73%, from £130 per Levy point to £225. Over 3 hours spent dealing with Budget (expenditure) whilst approx ½ hour spent on Levy fee (income). Left before result of ballot re Levy fee. Complete shambles. Was not reassured at all. At present BCF Championship loses £5000 p.a. With under 1000 competitors WE are paying over £5 for each competitor to take part!

My apologies for so much of this edition being County Match Results. However, the main part of the WECU diary is County Matches. At least all the results have now been printed. I am still trying to find a shorter quicker way of reporting them.

Finally, I never got to Bath, but am working in Chippenham and am likely to either stay there or be moved to Swindon. It looks that I will be staying at 7 Wellesley Close for some time to come.

I trust you will enjoy this edition.

Richard Rendell
Editor

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GEMS OF THE CHESS BOARD

In 1956, 12 year old Bobby Fischer met Donald Byrne at New York. Donald Byrne won the U.S. Open Championship in 1953 and was favourite to win. This game has been called "The Game of the Century":

D.Byrne v R.Fischer

1.Ng1-f3 Ng8-f6; 2.c2-c4 g7-g6; 3.Nb1-c3 Bf8-g7; 4.d2-d4 O-O;
5.Bc1-f4 d7-d5; 6.Qd1-b3 d5xc4; 7.Qb3xc4 c7-c6; 8.e2-e4 Nb8-d7;
9.Ra1-d1 Nd7-b6; 10.Qc4-c5 Bc8-g4; 11.Bf4-g5 Nb6-a4!; 12.Qc5-a3.
Na4xc3; 13.b2xc3 Nf6xe4; 14.Bg5xe7 Bd8-b6; 15.Bf1-c4 Ne4xc3;
16.Be7-c5 Rf8-e8+; 17.Ke1-f1...

Black has certainly mixed it and now finds both his queen and knight en prise. He has however a brilliant response, sacrificing his queen:

17...Bg4-e6!; 18.Bc5xb6 Be6xc4+;

This is a positional sacrifice, which is quite correct, for it is now White who comes under pressure.

19.Kf1-g1 Nc3-e2+; 20.Kg1-f1 Ne2xd4+; 21.Kf1-g1 Nd4-e2+; 22.Kg1-f1...

Black has his opponent on a string and he has no intention of taking the drawn by repetition.

22...Ne2-c3+; 23.Kf1-g1 a7xb6;

Black now has 2 bishops and 2 pawns for the queen and his last piece is liberated. White meanwhile is effectively a further rook short as it is trapped in the corner. His queen now is subject to the run around.

24.Qa3-b4 Ra8-a4; 25.Qb4xb6 Nc3xd1;

Bang goes his rook. Black effectively has 2 rooks and two bishops for his queen.

26.h2-h3 Ra4xa2; 27.Kg1-h2 Nd1xf2; 28.Rh1-e1...

White at last liberates the trapped rook but Black has no intention of letting it into the game.

28...Re8xe1; 29.Qb6-d8+ Bg7-f8; 30.Nf3xe1 Bc4-d5; 31.Ne1-f3 Nf2-e4;
32.Qd8-b8 h7-h5; 33.h3-h4 b7-b5; 34.Nf3-e5 Kg8-g7;

Black has at last got his King safe and now his 4 pieces are all active. White meanwhile is rather short of possible moves.

35.Kh2-g1 Bf8-c5+;

The start of a forced mate. Of course, White can play 36.Kg1-h2... here but this quickly loses to 36...Bc5-d6.
Can you find the forced line?

36.Kg1-f1 Ne4-g3+; 37.Kf1-e1 Bc5-b4+; 38.Ke1-d1 Bd5-b3+; 39.Kd1-c1...

The White King is forced along the tightrope to its mating square.

39...Ng3-e2+; 40.Kc1-b1...

The King has reached as far as it can go and it is forced back to the mating square.

40...Ne2-c3+; 41.Kb1-c1 Ra2-c2 mate.

A neat finale.

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HANHAM CHESS CONGRESS - NOVEMBER 1989

This year's Congress attracted a much larger than normal entry, with two rooms being used. Indeed, there were 51 entries to the Open. The top players included: Chris Baker, Chris Beaumont, G.Burgess, C Burton, A Ledger and Gerald Moore.

Round 1

Round 1 was one of few surprises with only Burgess of the top six players not winning, he drawing against Menadue. Mordue also failed to win, drawing against Easton, as did Richmond against Hills.

Jane Garwell recorded the quickest win:

Jane GARWELL v J.S.EVANS

1.e2-e4 d7-d6; 2.e4xd5 Ng8-f6; 3.Nb1-c3 Nf6xd5; 4.d2-d4 e7-e6;
5.Ng1-f3 Bf8-e7; 6.Bf1-d3 Nb8-c6; 7. 0-0 0-0; 8.Nc3-e4 h7-h6;
9.c2-c3...

White has consolidated her position and has control of the centre. Black must counter in the centre, especially on the long white diagonal. Hence:

9...b7-b6;

This move however is his undoing.

10.Nf3-e5 Bc8-b7; 11.Qd1-g4!...

Such a natural aggressive move, threatening 12.Bclxh6.

11.Nd5-f6; 12.Ne4xf6 Be7xf6;

Now she can play 13.Bclxh6... but she has an infinitely better move.

13.Qg4-e4!...

Not only threatening the mate on h7 but the knight on c6.

13...g7-g6; 14.Ne5xc6:Qd8-d7; 15.Nc6-e7+!... Resigns

This combination leaves him a piece down with no compensation.

C.WEEKS v P.CHAPMAN

1.d2-d4 Ng8-f6; 2.c2-c4 e7-e6; 3.Nb1-c3 Bf8-b4; 4.Bcl-g5 h7-h6;
5.Ng5-h4 b7-b6; 6.f2-f3...

An interesting move but tactically sound. This move keeps the knight out of e4 after 6...g7-g5; allows the bishop a way of retreating, counters the bishop on the long diagonal and bolsters the centre. It also enables him to start a kingside advance should he decide to castle on opposite wings.

6...Bc8-b7; 7.e2-e4 Bb4-e7;

Black's position has become very passive.

8.Bh4-f2 0-0; 9.Bf1-d3 d7-d6; 10.Ng1-e2 c7-c5; 11.d4-d5 e6xd5;

This is a surprise to me. I would have thought 11...e6-e5; was correct here, with the intention of rerouting the bishop via c8 and preparing f7-f5.

12.e4xd5 Nb8-d7; 13.Qd1-d2 Nd7-e5;

The point of his 11th move, but he has a weak backward pawn on d6 and the bishop is still hemmed in. White now cannot retain his white-squared bishop but this is replaced by the queen.

14.f3-f4 Ne5xd3+; 15.Qd2xd3 Nf6-d7; 16.0-0-0 a7-a6; 17.g2-g4 b6-b5; 18.h2-h4 b6xc5; 19.Qd3-f3!...

White's advance is swift whilst Black's is cumbersome and much too slow. White can therefore afford to give up a pawn here.

19...g7-g6; 20.g4-g5 h6-h5; 21.Ne2-g3 Ra8-b8; 22.Ng3xh5!...

A neat sacrifice which will allow the queen in on h6 and then h4-h5 etc. Thus Black cannot afford to take the knight and must continue with his own attack, but he is so many moves behind.

22...Nd7-b6; 23.Nh5-g3 Kg8-g7; 24.f4-f5...

The pawn push continues and must be halted.

24...f7-f6; 25.h4-h5!...

The pawns continue to roll on and wont take no for an answer.

25...f6xg5; 26.h5xg6 Be7-f6; 27.Ng3-h5+ Kg7-g8; 28.Qf3-h3 Bf6xc3;

Desperation stakes now. This bad error finishes him off now.

29.Qh3xc3 Qd8-e7; 30.f5-f6! Qe7-e5; 31.f6-f7+! Kg8-h8;
32.g6-g7+! Resigns.

The pawns have the final say.

Round 2

In all there were 17 first round winners but this figure was reduced to only 5 on 100% by the end of this round. These 5 were: Beaumont, Moore, A.Ledger, Nendick and D.Ledger.

Top seed Chris Baker met Tim Headlong:

T.HEADLONG v C.BAKER

1.Ng1-f3 Ng8-f6; 2.c2-c4 c7-c5; 3.Nb1-c3 g7-g6; 4.d2-d4 Bf8-g7;
5.g2-g3 0-0; 6.Bf1-g2 d7-d6; 7. 0-0 Nb8-c6; 8.d4-d5 Nc6-a5;

A strange square for the knight which leaves it on a limb for most of the game. White now spends some time regrouping his forces on the queenside.

9.Nf3-d2 a7-a6; 10.Ra1-b1 Bc8-d7; 11.b2-b3 b7-b5; 12.Qd1-c2 Ra8-b8; 13.Bc1-b2 e7-e5; 14.Bb2-a1 Qd8-c7; 15.Nc3-d1 b5xc4;
16.b3xc4 Rb8xb1; 17.Nd2xb1 Rf8-b8; 18.Nb1-d2 Bd7-g4; 19.Rf1-e1 Qc7-d7; 20.Ba1-c3 Na5-b7;

The knight retreats, but where is it going to? Where it stands its in the way, yet d8 is surely a worse square.

21.f2-f3 Bg4-h3; 22.Bg2xh3 Qd7xh3; 23.Nd1-f2 Qh3-d7; 24.Re1-b1 Bg7-h6; 25.Nd2-f1 Rb8-a8;

White has simply outplayed his opponent and Black is going nowhere fast. He must play nondescript moves like this to get out of the mess he is in.

26.f3-f4 Ra8-e8; 27.Qc2-b2 Nb7-d8; 28.f4xe3 d6xe5; 29.Bc3xe5...

White has now picked up a central pawn but Black manages to get counterplay.

29...Nf6-g4; 30.Nf2xg4 Qd7xg4; 31.Be5-f6! Re8xe2; 32.Qb2xe2!!...

A neat sacrifice which guarantees White at least a draw against a much stronger player.

32...Qg4xe2; 33.Rb1-b8! Bh6-e3+; 34.Nf1xe3 Qe2xe3+; 35.Kg1-g2 Qe3-e4; 36.Kg2-g1 Qe4-e3+; 37.Kg1-g2 Qe3-e2+; 38.Kg2-g1...

Draw agreed. Black despite having a queen for rook and bishop must take the draw by repetition as mate is threatened and he must give up his queen for the rook to stop the mate.

P.RICHMOND v S.DILLEIGH

1.e2-e4 c7-c6; 2.Ng1-e2 d7-d5; 3.e4-e5 c6-c5; 4.b2-b4!?....

An obviously prepared response to the Caro-Kann but Black is taken out of the book on move 2. If you think this is a strange position, worse is to follow.

4...c5xb4; 5.a2-a3 Nb8-c6; 6.d2-d4 e7-e6; 7.a3xb4 Bf8xb4+; 8.c2-c3 Bb4-f8; 9.Ne2-g3 f7-f6; 10.Bf1-d3 Qd8-c7;

Any idea why Black didn't take the pawn? Perhaps he felt he was opening up the position too much and not getting his pieces developed. But he is hardly doing this with this move. White's next move is obvious and keeps up the aggressive tempo.

11.f2-f4 f6-f5;

This response was probably forced, Black must try and keep the position closed.

12. 0-0 Bc8-d7; 13.Rf1-f2 Ng8-e7; 14.Nb1-a3 Ne7-c8; 15.Ng3-h5!...

A good move. White shows he is still interested in the Kingside and Black gets a timely reminder.

15...a7-a6; 16.g2-g4 Nc6-e7; 17.Bc1-d2 Nc8-b6;

Black is preparing to try and escape by castling queenside and this move stops the pushing of the c-pawn.

18.Rf2-g2 0-0-0; 19.c3-c4!...

Black's 17th move was to stop this, yet White plays it anyway. Of course 19...d5xc4; 20.Na3xc4 Nb6xc4; 21.Bd3xc4 Qc7xc4?; 22.Ra1-cl... loses quickly.

19...g7-g6; 20.Nh5-f6 Bd7-c6?;

Alas a mistake which White quickly punishes. However, Black has got in a complete tangle whilst White has acres of space to mount a winning attack. This however is not required:

21.Bd2-a5! Resigns.

The queen is trapped.

M.WALKER v I.WHITE

1.g2-g3 d7-d5; 2.Bf1-g2 Ng8-f6; 3.d2-d3 g7-g6; 4.Ng1-f3 Bf8-g7; 5. 0-0 0-0; 6.c2-c4 d5xc4; 7.d3xc4 Qd8xd1; 8.Rf1xd1 Nb8-c6; 9.Nb1-c3 Bc8-e6; 10.Bc1-f4 Be6xc4; 11.Bf4xc7 Ra8-c8; 12.Bc7-f4 Nf6-h5; 13.Bf4-g5 h7-h6; 14.Bg5-e3 b7-b5!?

This move forces the explosion of the game. Suddenly pieces start flying all over the board and there are a multitude of exchanges.

15.Nf3-d2 Bc4-e6; 16.Bg2xc6 Rc8xc6; 17.Nc3xb5 Bg7xb2; 18.Ra1-b1 Bb2-g7; 19.Nd2-b3 Rc6-c2; 20.Nb3-d4 Rc2xa2; 21.Nd4xe6 f7xe6; 22.Nb5xa7 Ra2xe2;

Black has gained a pawn - all be it a doubled one which can be attacked fairly easily.

23.Na7-c6 Nh5-f6; 24.Nc6-d4...

Instead of collecting his pawn back immediately, White goes for the other one, which gives his pieces more scope.

24...Re2-a2; 25.Nd4xe6 Rf8-f7; 26.Rd1-d8+ Kg8-h7; 27.Rb1-b8 g6-g5; 28.Be3-d4 Kh7-g6; 29.Rb8-b6 Kg6-h7; 30.h2-h3 Nf6-h5; 31.Bd4xg7 Nh5xg7; 32.Ne6-f8+ Kh7-g8; 33.Nf8-e6+ Kg8-h7; 34.Ne6-f8+ Kh7-g8;

Just when it looks that White is content with the draw, he sees the light and finds the win.

35.Nf8-d7+! Kg8-h7; 36.Nd7-e5+ Rf8xf2; 37.Rb6xb6+!! Kh7xb6; 38.Rd8-h8 mate.

A.PHILLIPS v A.T.MORDUE

1.d2-d4 Ng8-f6; 2.c2-c4 g7-g6; 3.Ng1-f3 Bf8-g7; 4.Nb1-c3 d7-d6; 5.e2-e4 0-0; 6.h2-h3 e7-e5; 7.d4-d5 Nb8-d7; 8.Bc1-g5 h7-h6; 9.Bg5-e3 Nf6-h5; 10.Nf3-d2 Qd8-e7; 11.g2-g3 a7-a5; 12.Bf1-e2 Nd7-f6; 13.Nd2-b3 a5-a4; 14.Nb3-cl Bc8-d7; 15.Ncl-d3...

The right square for the knight, however, White due to his indecision and not castling kingside has had to move this knight four times rather than twice to get to this square. He has got away with this because Black has simply sat on his position and not got on with anything positive.

15...Kg8-h7; 16.Qd1-d2 Rf8-c8; 17.a2-a3 c7-c6; 18.Be2-f3 c6xd5; 19c4xd5 Rc8-c4;

At last Black makes a positive move but from here he makes no more movement forward. It is evident that White doesn't expect to win and is simply playing moves. However, the longer the game goes on the more confident he becomes.

20.Bf3-g2 Nf6-g8; 21.Qd2-e2 Ra8-c8; 22. 0-0...

At last White commits himself. Black's previous move, by the way, was forced as White threatened 22.Nd3xe5... picking up the exchange.

22...f7-f5;

Black wastes no more time getting his attack going.

23.e4xf5 Bd7xf5; 24.Nd3-b4 Bf5-d7; 25.Nb4-c6!...

This move wins the exchange as it leaves the rook on c4 cut off.

25...b7xc6; 26.Qe2xc4 c6xd5; 27.Qc4xd5 Bd7-c6;

Black obtains some counterplay but this exchange leaves his central pawns very weak and ready for attack.

28.Qd5-d2 Bc6xg2; 29.Kg1xg2 Ng8-f6; 30.Ral-d1 Qe7-b7+; 31.Kg2-h2 Bg7-f8;

Black's counterplay has come to nothing and he is back on the defensive again. After Mordue's draw in Round 1, he cannot afford anything less than a win if he hopes for a prize. Thus he must continue the game. However, as I have mentioned before, the longer the game goes on, the more adventurous he becomes.

32.g3-g4 Nh5-g7; 33.Be3xb6 Bg7-e6; 34.Bh6-e3...

Not 34.Bh6xf8 Rc8xf8; 35.Qd2xd6 Ne6-f4(threat Qb7-g2++); 36.f2-f3 Qb7xb2+; 37.Qd6-d2 Qb2xa3; which gives Black chances.

Instead White keeps the game closed and grinds his opponent out.

34...Rc8-c4;

Black doesn't learn! He soon loses this rook as well.

35.Nc3-d5 Nf6-e4; 36.Qd2-d3 Rc4-d4; 37.Be3xd4 Qb7xd5; 38.Bd4-e3 Qd5-b7; 39.Qd3-d5 Ne6-d8; 40.Qd5xb7+ Nd8xb7; 41.Rd1-c1 Nb7-c5; 42.f2-f3 Ne4-f6; 43.Be3xc5 d6xc5; 44.Rc1-c4 Resigns.

Round 3

At the end of round 3 only Beaumont (who beat Nendick) and Moore (who beat A.Ledger) were left on 100% and they were therefore due to meet each other in the next round. Below them Baker beat D.Ledger to move to $2\frac{1}{2}$ points. D.Ledger after obtaining 2 from 2 was to lose his last 3 games. Joining Baker on $2\frac{1}{2}$ were:Headlong, Menadue and Bibby.

T.HEADLONG v C.BURTON

Headlong after his fine draw against Baker in the last round, promptly beat another stronger player, Burton in fine style.

1.Ng1-f3 c7-c5; 2.c2-c4 Ng8-f6; 3.Nb1-c3 g7-g6; 4.g2-g3 Bf8-g7; 5.Bf1-g2 0-0; 6. d2-d4 Nb8-a6; 7. 0-0 d7-d6; 8.b2-b3 Bc8-d7; 9.Bc1-b2 Bd7-c6!?!;

An interesting move which really invites White's next move, which leaves Black two tempi short. Presumably, Black wishes to commit White in the centre.

10.d4-d5 Bc6-d7; 11.Qd1-d2 Na6-c7; 12.e2-e4 a7-a6; 13.h2-h3 b7-b5; 14.e4-e5!....

White has proceeded with his advance in the centre. His previous move has stopped the knight advancing and must now retreat. Black cannot afford for White's knight to advance to e5 and therefore cannot swap the pawns off. His queenside advance is still a couple of moves behind and his play with his bishop could be costly.

14...Nf6-e8; 15.Nc3-e4 Bd7-f5; 16.Rf1-e1 Ra8-b8; 17.e5xd6 e7xd6; 18.Bb2xg7 Ne8xg7; 19.Qd2-h6...

The removal of black's bishop allows the queen in and White must not be allowed to put a knight on g5 otherwise mate is inevitable. Black decides to give up a pawn but White finds a quick finish:

19...g6-g5; 20.Ne4-f6+ Kg8-h8; 21.Nf6xh7! Resigns.

21...Bf5xh7; 22.Nf3xg5... and mate follows.

A.LEDGER v G.MOORE

1.Ng1-f3 Ng8-f6; 2.g2-g3 g7-g6; 3.Bf1-g2 Bf8-g7; 4. 0-0 0-0; 5.d2-d4 d7-d5; 6.c2-c4 d5xc4; 7.Nb1-a3 c4-c3!; 8.b2xc3 c7-c5!;

Black decides to contest the centre immediately and take advantage of the poor development of the knight on a3.

9.Nf3-e5 Nf6-d7; 10.Na3-c4 Nd7xe5; 11.Nc4xe5 Nb8-d7; 12.f2-f4...

This move rather opens White up but keeps control of the centre. The bishop on the long diagonal is becoming rather powerful and must be countered.

12...Ra8-b8; 13.Ra1-b1 Qd8-c7; 14.Qd1-b3 Nd7xe5; 15.f4xe5 b7-b5;

Black decides to counter in an aggressive way, but if he is not careful White's bishop pair will become overpowering. His, meanwhile, are not working as a team.

16.Bc1-f4 e7-e6; 17.Bf4-g5 Bc8-b7; 18.Bg2xb7 Rb8xb7;

White has made a grave error here which he pays for. As I have said his bishop pair gave him the advantage. Firstly his black squared bishop would have been better placed on e3 than g5 and this exchange is stupid. Surely e2-e4 was better?

19.Rf1-f3 b5-b4!; 20.e2-e3 Qc7-c6; 21.Rf3-f2 Qc6-e4;

Suddenly in the space of 4 moves Black takes the initiative.

22.Qb3-c2 Qe4-d5; 23.c3-c4 Qd5-c6; 24.Rf2-d2 h7-h6; 25.d4-d5...

Black has lead White on and the pawns have advanced too far. Black finds a very simple move which leaves White in trouble.

25...Qc6-e8!; 26.Bg5-f6 Bg7xf6; 27.e5xf6 e6xd5; 28.Rb1-b3...

28.Rd2xd5? Qe8xe3+; 29.Qc2-f2 Qe3xf2+; etc leaves White in a hopeless position or likewise if he chooses to keep the queens on. This way still loses a pawn.

28...d5xc4; 29.Qc2xc4 Qe8-c6; 30.Qc4-f4 Rb7-b6; 31.Rd2-f2 Rf8-d8; 32.Rb3-b1 Kg8-h7; 33.e3-e4 c5-c4;

Black has done his regrouping and now can advance his passed c-pawn. White meanwhile does likewise with his e-pawn.

34.e4-e5 Qc6-c5; 35.Rb1-e1 Rb6-e6; 36.Kg1-g2 c4-c3;

The pawn continues its advance.

37.Re1-e4 c3-c2!; 38.Rf2-f1 Rd8-d1; 39.Qf4xh6+ Kh7xh6;

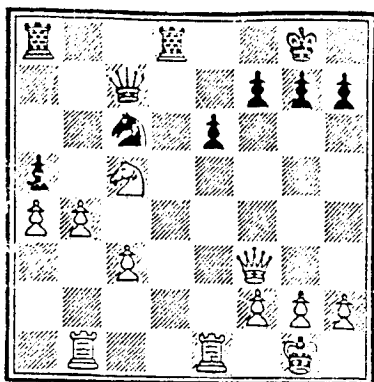
This last ditch attempt must have come as a shock to Black who had very little time left. The queen must be taken and now the King is forced forward.

40.Re4-h4+ Kh6-g5; 41.Rf1-f4 Re6xe5; 42.Rh4-h8!...

Mate is now threatened (43.h2-h4) but Black is having none of this.

42.Re5-e2+ Resigns. Black gets in first and mate is unavoidable. E.g. 43.Kg2-h3 Re2xh2+!; 44.Kh3xh2 Qc5-g1+; 45.Kh2-h3 Qg1-h1++.

In the below position, S.Bibby led A.Ashby by a pawn which he won early in the game. However, could he turn his advantage into the full point? White had just played 27.Ra1-b1... and it continued:



27...a5xb4; 28.c3xb4 Nc6xb4!;
29.Nc5xe6! f7xe6; 30.Rb1xb4 Rd8-f8;
31.Qf3-e4 Ra8-a6;

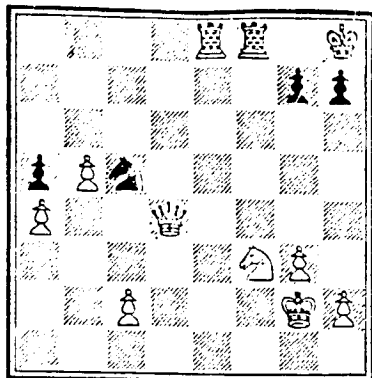
This exchange leaves Black a weak isolated pawn in the centre but a queen & rooks ending. Obviously if Black can capture the a-pawn in exchange for his e-pawn the game is more than likely to be a draw.

32.Re1-b1 Ra6-c6; 33.g2-g3 Kg8-h8;
34.Rb4-b7 Qc7-d6; 35.Qe4-g4 Qd6-e5;
36.Qg4-b4 Qe5-f5; 37.Qb4-b2 e6-e5;
38.Rb7-b8 Rf8xb8; 39.Qb2xb8+ Rc6-c8;
40.Qb8-b6 h7-h6; 41.a4-a5 Rc8-c2;
42.Rb1-a1 Qf5-f3; 43.a5-a6 Qf3-c3;
44.Qb6-b8+ Kh8-h7; 45.Qb8-b1!...

Just when it looked as though Black was going to punish his opponent for pushing the pawn too early, White finds a move which quoshes his opponent's attack. Black hasn't given up yet.

45...e5-e4; 46.a6-a7 e4-e3; 47.Qb1xc2+! Qc3xc2; 48.a7-a8=Q Resigns.
 48...Qc2xf2+; 49.Kg1-h1 e3-e2; 50.Qa8-e4+ Kh7-g8; 51.Ra1-a8+ Kg8-f7; 52.Qe4-e8+ Kf7-f6; 53.Qe8-f8+... wins the queen.

In the next game J.Naylor (Black) has the advantage of 2 rooks for a queen and a pawn against P.Varley, and has just played 39...Ne4-c5;



The game continued:

40.Nf3-g5 h7-h6; 41.Ng5-h3 Re8-e2+; 42.Kg2-g1 Re2-e1+; 43.Kg1-g2 Re1-e2+; 44.Kg2-g1 Re2xc2; 45.Nh3-f4...

This elaborate manoeuvre of the knight must be for a reason. Oh yes, its aiming for g6! However, Black thinks he has the answer, but has he?

45...Rf8-e8; 46.Qd4-d1 Rc2-a2?;

Alas, this move robs Black of his deserved full point.

47.Nf4-g6+ Kh8-h7; 48.Ng6-f8+!! Kh7-h8; 49.Nf8-g6+ Kh8-h7:
 Draw agreed.

If Black takes the rook, Qd1-b1+ collects the rook on a2 whilst Kg8 allows Qd5+ with the same outcome.

A.T.MORDUE v G.JEPPS

Mordue after his disasterous start, with $\frac{1}{2}$ from 2, took the opportunity to show his true mettle in this round.

1.e2-e4 d7-d6; 2.d2-d4 Ng8-f6; 3.Nb1-c3 g7-g6; 4.f2-f4 Bf8-g7; 5.Ng1-f3 0-0; 6.Bf1-d3 Nb8-c6; 7. 0-0 e7-e5; 8.d4xe5 d6xe5; 9.f4-f5...

A straight forward advance of the f-pawn against Black's fortress. White makes his intentions clear - he is going to storm the fortress.

9...Nc6-d4; 10.Bc1-g5 Nd4xf3+; 11.Qd1xf3 Qd8-d4+; 12.Kg1-h1 c7-c6; 13.Bg5-e3 Qd4-b4; 14.a2-a3 Qb4-e7; 15.g2-g4! h7-h6; 16.g4-g5 h6xg5; 17.Be3xg5 b7-b5; 18.Rf1-g1 Bc8-b7; 19.Ra1-f1 Ra8-d8; 20.Qf3-f2 c6-c5; 21.Bg5xf6 Qe7xf6; 22.Qf2xc5 g6xf5; 23.Qc5xa7 Qf6-e7; 24.Rf1xf5!...

Alas Black's position has fallen apart. But hasn't he lost his queen?

24...Bb7xe4+; 25.Nc3xe4 Qe7xa7; 26.Ne4-f6+ Resigns.

26...Kg8-h8; 27.Rf5-h5+... with mate next move.

Round 4

The two players on 100%, Messrs Beaumont and Moore, met in the game which was to decide the outcome of the competition as there are only 5 rounds in this tournament.

This game was rather lengthy but well worth printing the whole of it as there was much to interest.

C.BEAUMONT v G.MOORE

1.Ng1-f3 Ng8-f6; 2.c2-c4 g7-g6; 3.Nb1-c3 Bf8-g7; 4.e2-e4 d7-d6;
5.d2-d4 O-O; 6.Bf1-e2 e7-e5; 7. O-O Nb8-c6; 8.d4-d5 Nc6-e7;
9.Nf3-d2...

White by his 8th move has committed himself in the centre. Black therefore prepares ...f7-f5. It is normal for White here to drop the knight back to e1 with intention of moving on to d3 and play Bc1-e3 with a view of playing c4-c5 etc. It is therefore surprising that White should drop the knight back to d2 stopping this plan.

9...a7-a5; 10.a2-a3 Nf6-d7; 11.Ra1-a2...

A strange looking move but there is a reason for this as will be shown in a few moves time. Black meanwhile advances on the kingside.

11...f7-f5; 12.b2-b4 Kg8-h8; 13.f2-f3 Ne7-g8; 14.Nd2-b3 a5xb4;
15.a3xb4 Ra8xa2; 16.Nc3xa2 Nd7-f6; 17.Na2-c3 Nf6-h5; 18.g2-g3
Nh5-f6; 19.Kg1-g2 Ng8-h6; 20.Nb3-d2 Nh6-f7; 21.c4-c5 f5-f4;

The advances on either side continues and its a matter of who gets his attack going the quickest.

22.g3-g4 h7-h5; 23.h2-h3 Nf6-h7;

The knights have transposed themselves from f6 & h6 to f7 & h7. G5 is now very weak for White but he continues with his advance on the queenside and uses the space he has created for himself.

24.Nd2-c4 Bg7-f6; 25.Bc1-d2 Kh8-g7; 26.Bd2-e1 Rf8-h8; 27.Be1-f2
Nh7-g5; 28.Rf1-h1 Bf6-e7; 29.Qd1-a1 Ng5xh3!?!;

Out of the blue Black makes a piece sacrifice but what counterplay does he get for it. White's advantage is wiped out.

30.Rh1xh3 Nf7-g5; 31.Rh3-h1 h3xg4; 32.f3xg4 f4-f3+; 33.Be2xf3
Ng5xf3; 34.Kg2xf3 Qd8-f8+; 35.Kf3-g2 Bc8xg4; 36.Nc4-d2 Be7-g5!;

This excellent move cuts White's defences in half.

37.Nc3-b1 Rh8xh1; 38.Kg2xh1 Qf8-h8+??;

A great pity as Black missed the obvious 38...Qf8xf2; not only leaving him a pawn up but an overpowering position. The threat is Bg4-f3++ thus the knight cannot move from d2 and it is attacked twice thus White must play Qa1-c3 (Qa1-b1 loses to Bg4-f3+) whereupon Bg5-f4 leaves him helpless. This would have been the perfect culmination to the sacrifice.

39.Kh1-g1 Bg5-f4; 40.Qa1-c3 Qh8-h2+; 41.Kg1-f1 Qh2-h1+; 42.Bf2-g1
Bg4-h3+; 43.Kf1-e2 Qh1-g2+; 44.Ke2-d3 Qg2xg1; 45.c5xd6 c7xd6;

Black has still managed to collect his piece but unfortunately he has allowed White back in the game.

46.Qc3-c7+ Kg7-h6; 47.Qc7xd6 Qg1-d4+; 48.Kd3-c2 Bh3-g2; 49.Qd6-f8+
Kh6-h5; 50.Qf8-h8+ Bf4-h6; 51.Kc3-b3 Bg2xe4; 52.Nd2xe4 Qd4xd5+;
53.Kb3-a3 Qd5xe4; 54.Nb1-c3 Qe4-e3; 55.Ka3-b2 g6-g5; 56.Qh8-e8+
Kh5-h4; 57.Qe8-e7 b7-b6;

At this stage a draw was agreed. A bit surprising you may feel but it is going to be difficult for Black to force his win and I would guess he was running very short of time by this stage.

This result left them both on 4½ points enabling others to catch them up. However, nobody took advantage. Menadue held Baker to a draw in 67 moves whilst Bibby and Headlong agreed an early draw.

This left them $\frac{1}{2}$ a point behind the two leaders on 3 points and they were joined by J.Naylor who beat Chris Weeks, Dave Collier who beat J Gorgol, Jim Boyce who beat Peter Varley and Richard Haydon who beat D.Ledger:

D.LEDGER v R.HAYDON

1.e2-e4 g7-g6; 2.d2-d4 Bf8-g7; 3.c2-c4 d7-d6; 4.Nb1-c3 Nb8-d7; 5.Ng1-f3 e7-e5; 6.Bf1-e2 Ng8-f6; 7. 0-0 0-0; 8.Bc1-e3 Nf6-g4; 9.Be3-g5 f7-f6; 10.Bg5-h4 c7-c6; 11.Ra1-c1 Qd8-c7; 12.Rc1-c2 Ng4-h6; 13.Rf1-e1 Nh6-f7; 14.h2-h3 Rf8-e8; 15.b2-b4 f6-f5; 16.e4xf5 g6xf5; 17.d4xe5 d6xe5; 18.c4-c5 Nd7-f8; 19.Nf3-g5...

Black has obtained an advantage together with space for his pieces. However, his King is rather open if White could get his pieces directed that way.

19...Nf7xg5; 20.Bh4xg5 Nf8-e6; 21.Be2-c4 Kg8-h8; 22.Bg5-h4 e5-e4;

This move opens both long diagonals for his pieces. The knight on e6 is handily placed also. White decides he must break up Black's strong central pawns.

23.Nc3xe4 f5xe4; 24.Re1xe4 Bc8-d7; 25.Rc2-d2 Ne6-f8; 26.Re4-e7 Qc7-f4!;

This move leaves White with problems as both his bishops are attacked. He must give up more material.

27.Re7xg7 Kh8xg7; 28.Rd2-d4 Re8-e4!; 29.Rd4xe4 Qf4xe4; 30.Qd1-h5 Nf8-g6; 31.Bh4-g5 Qe4xc4; 32.Bg5-h6+... White Resigns.

Round 5

Beaumont comfortably beat Menadue to finish on $4\frac{1}{2}$ points, so could Moore beat his old friend Dave Collier to join him in first place?

G.MOORE v D.COLLIER

1.e2-e4 c7-c5; 2.Ng1-f3 d7-d6; 3.Bf1-b5+ Bc8-d7; 4.Bb5xd7+ Qd8xd7; 5. 0-0 Nb8-c6; 6.c2-c3 d6-d5; 7.e4xd5 Qd7xd5; 8.d2-d4 0-0-0; 9.Bc1-f4!...

Black has countered c3 and d4 by d5 which has left his Queen in the centre and resulted in him moving the same pieces too often. This has more or less forced him into castling long and this move takes full control of the black squares round Black's King.

9...e7-e6; 10.Nb1-a3 Ng8-f6; 11.Qd1-a4 Qd5-f5; 12.Bf4-g3 Nf6-d5; 13.Na3-c4 Nd5-c7;

Black retreats his knight to cover up his weak squares round his King. White chooses to give up his strong bishop to stop this.

14.Bg3xc7 Kc8xc7; 15.Nc4-a5 Rd8-d6; 16.Na5xc6 Rd8xd6; 17.Nf3-e5...

This combination of exchanges enables White's knight to get on to e5 unopposed and exposes Black's weaknesses. Furthermore it gives White the chance to take advantage of Black's back rank weakness as well.

17...Rc6-d6; 18.Qa4-e8 Rd6-d5; 19.Ne5xf7 Qf5-g6; 20.Rf1-e1 Rd5-f5; 21.Qe8-d8+ Kc7-c6; 22.Nf7-e5+... Black resigns.

The Queen is lost - if Black isn't mated before.

Thus Moore and Beaumont finished equal first on $4\frac{1}{2}$ points from 5, Baker and Bibby came equal third on 4 points, Bibby beating Boyce,

whilst Baker eventually overcame Haydon after 82 moves despite being behind for most of the game and Haydon turning down numerous draws. Messrs Headlong, Naylor, Lynch, A.Ledger, Housman and Ashby all finished equal fifth on 3½ points.

P.VARLEY v D.LEDGER

1.e2-e4 Ng8-f6; 2.e4-e5 Nf6-d5; 3.d2-d4 d7-d6; 4.c2-c4 Nd5-b6;
5.f2-f4 g7-g6; 6.Nb1-c3 Bf8-g7; 7.Ng1-f3 O-O ; 8.Bf1-e2 d6xe5;
9.f4xe5 c7-c5; 10.d4-d5 Bc8-g4; 11.Nf3-g5 Bg4-f5; 12.Bc1-f4
Nb8-d7; 13.g2-g4!?!...

This move keeps Black on the run and keeps White's attack going but it rather opens him up. It is evident that this is a last round game and White is out to enjoy himself.

13...h7-h6; 14.Ng5-h3 g6-g5; 15.g4xf5 g5xf4; 16.e5-e6 f7xe6;
17.Nh3xf4!...

Recapture of the pawn can wait, White is threatening to fork the Q & R.

17...Bg7xc3+; 18.b2xc3 Rf8xf5; 19.Nf4xe6 Qd8-b8; 20.Rh1-g1+
Kg8-h8; 21.Qd1-d2 Rf5-f6; 22. O-O-O...

White gets his King safe at last.

22...Qb8-e5; 23.Be2-d3 Ra8-g8; 24.Rg1xg8+ Kh8xg8; 25.Qd2-g2+
Kg8-f7; 26.Qg2-g7+ Kf7-e8; 27.Bd3-g6+ Rf6xg6; 28.Qg7xg6++.

R.BAKER v A.EASTON

1.e2-e4 e7-e6; 2.b2-b3 c7-c5; 3.Bc1-b2 Nb8-c6; 4.f2-f4 Ng8-f6;
5.e4-e5 Nf6-d5; 6.g2-g3 Bf8-e7; 7.Ng1-f3 O-O ; 8.c2-c3...

A most strange choice of move, blocking in his bishop. Perhaps White would really be better here arranging to put his King in safety, ie castling q-side.

8...f7-f6; 9.d2-d4 c5xd4; 10.c3xd4 f6xe5; 11.d4xe5 Qd8-a5+;
12.Nb1-d2 Nd5-e3!;

Ugh! White has really been caught with his King in the centre and this move ties him up in knots.

13.Qd1-b1 Ne3xf1; 14.Kelxf1 b7-b6; 15.Nd2-c4 Qa5-d5; 16.Kf1-g2
Bc8-b7; 17.Rh1-d1 Nc6-d4!;

Threatening Qd5xf3+. The end is near.

18.Qb1-d3 Qd5xf3+; 19.Qd3xf3 Bb7xf3+; White resigns.

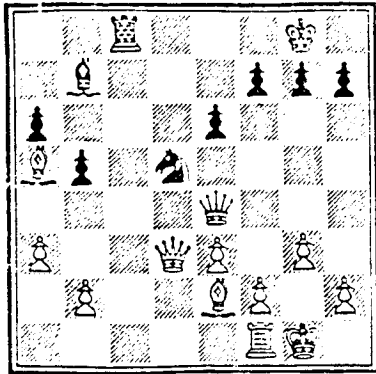
White drops a rook.

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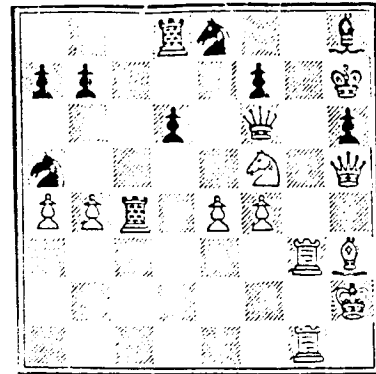
In view of the poor response to previous Competitions, there is no competition in this edition.

I have tried to make the problems all fairly easy. Again there is no theme to this edition's, however, they are all from real games.

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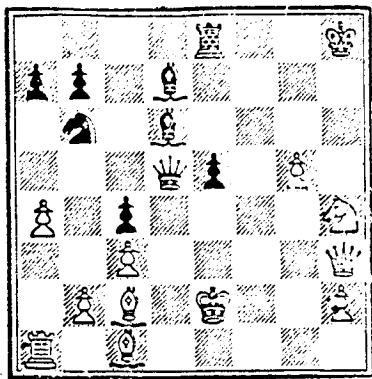
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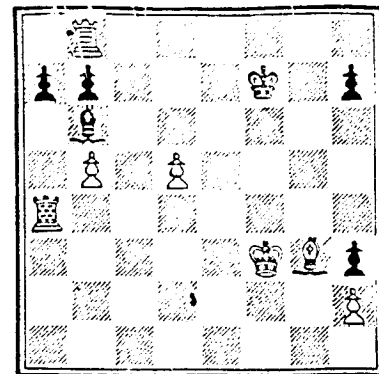
Black to play, played 1...Nd5-f4; and proceeded to win. He missed a 3 move mate. Can you find it?

From a recent County Match. White played the clever 1.Rg3-g6... and won in the end. How could he have won quickly?

(c)



(d)



White to play and win. From a recent league match. The first half is fairly obvious yet seems to break down. But does it? There are two distinct parts to this puzzle.

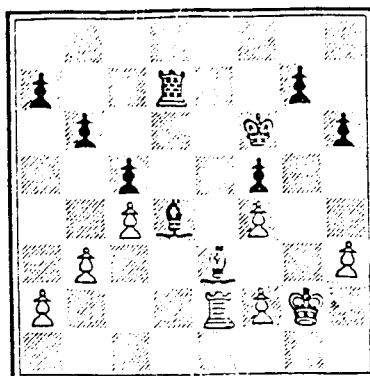
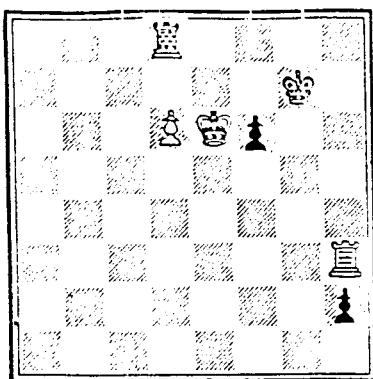
Soon after 1...h7-h5; the game was drawn. With the loss of this half-point, Black robbed himself of the honour of sole first-place in the tournament, for he and another tied for first place. How could he have won the game - and the top spot?

Solutions to above puzzles and last edition's competition - see Page 19.

WINNING CHANCES - PART TWO

In the December 1989 edition I mentioned the below position (1) from a recent County Match. As I also mentioned this position went to an Arbiter to decide if Black had winning chances. Position (2) is also one from a County Match which also went to Arbitration.

I summarise the claims below:



Position 1 Black to play
White's remaining time: 33 minutes
Black's remaining time: Less than 30 seconds.

In this position Black stopped the clocks and claimed a draw on the grounds that White was only trying to win on time. In addition there was a complaint that White had not observed Rule 2 which requires him to record Black's move before replying to it. White claimed that he had sufficient material to have winning chances and that his play had been to that end. White also complained of interference by Black's Match Captain, who on three occasions tried to persuade Black to claim a draw. It is worth noting that the score of the game supplied by White was inaccurate and the course of the game could not be followed.

Position 2 In this position to understand White's claim it is necessary to give the position after White's 40th move, and the subsequent score of the game: Black to play.

40...Rd7-d6; 41.Kg2-f3 Rd6-d7; 42.Re2-c2 Rd7-d6; 43.Rc2-e2 Rd6-d8;
44.Re2-c2 Kf6-e7; 45.Rc2-e2 Ke7-d6; 46.Re2-d2 Kd6-c6; 47.a2-a4
Rd8-d6; 48.Rd2-c2 Bd4-f6; 49.Rc2-d2 Bf6-d4; 50.Rd2-c2 a7-a6;
51.Kf3-e2 Rd6-d7; 52.Ke2-f3 Rd7-d8; 53.Rc2-e2 Bd4-f6; 54.Re2-d2
Bf6-d4;

White's remaining time: 2 minutes
Black's remaining time: 5 minutes

In this position White stopped the clocks and claimed a draw on the grounds that Black had made no real progress for the last 14 moves and was purely trying to win on time. Black claimed that he must have winning chances.

Both these games were sent to Dr Ian Roebuck who is a BCF Arbiter who is not involved with the County Championship. It was therefore felt that he was the perfect Arbiter.

His report is fairly lengthy and complicated but well worth printing in full.

"You have appointed me as Arbiter on two positions, and invited me to comment on procedures so that further guidance may be given to players and match captains on the new situations which may arise. In my work as a magistrate, the best advice on comment is 'always give verdicts, but give reasons only when forced to, as your verdicts will almost certainly be right but your reasons wrong.' Despite this, on this occasion I think comment is called for and I am happy to make some and be shot at.

What I have attempted to do is to lay down some principles which seem reasonable to me. I would be very happy to have them passed on to the BCF for discussion and amendment as I emphasise they are my personal views but may stimulate a necessary debate. But I must insist that the decision on the two positions is final.

In each case I allow the claim for a draw as I am satisfied that the stated conditions are fulfilled. In one case the person claiming it has still a superior position even though time pressure has diminished a previously overwhelming advantage, and in the other the position is effectively level and without serious winning prospects for either player in the absence of a whole series of blunders. My purpose is not to "adjudicate" in the old sense but I note that in the second case 55.b3-b4... gives White what advantage there is. In the first case even the inferior line offered secures a safe draw but 1...Re8+; 2.Kf5 Re5+; and 3...Rd5 leads to R & P vs R and any other move by White loses instantly to 2...Rh8.

But the demonstration by an Arbiter of a forced line of play is not here the "be all and end all". My starting point lies with item 6 of the Rules of Play for County Matches supplied, and I base my interpretation on this and an analysis of the differences between these games and both "quick chess" and traditional time limit at fixed moves games.

In these latter, the role of "time trouble" is clear. A player with an otherwise resignable position may justifiably play on until his opponent has cleared the time trouble; a player in a much superior position but short of time may offer a draw - preferring a sure $\frac{1}{2}$ point to the gamble of losing on time. BUT THIS TIME TROUBLE IS FINITE - once the time control is past then resignation will occur in the first case, and in the second the draw will almost certainly be accepted unless there are tactical traps to untangle.

Under the current rules, however, there is no fixed end point to time trouble, and thus the only constraint on the player in the inferior position is the ethical one in Article 6. There is otherwise almost an invitation to players to play on until mated in the hope that, no matter how bad the position, his opponent will fail to complete his win before his flag falls. I believe it is incumbent on match captains to make it clear that such conduct IS unethical, and in extreme cases to forfeit games where such tactics are employed by members of their team.

It is extremely difficult to lay down an absolute criterion for this, but I would suggest that one possible test might be "is there any way I would not resign this position if my opponent had ten moves to make to the time control in the time he has left" ?

This then leads on to one of the critical categories for which I believe Article 5 (b) is designed - a position clearly won with "average" good play but the flag hovering and perhaps a drawing trap to avoid. The speed chess rules allow the draw if the flag falls and the weaker side has not mating material left: I interpret the existence of 5 (b) as intending to strengthen this.

So my criterion would be that if it is obvious that the weaker side has only a draw to hope for on reasonable play, even though he has mating material left, then the stronger side may continue trying to force the win until he is almost out of time, in the knowledge that he can claim the draw under this article at any stage. By analogy with the previous case, the test might be "would all reasonable players accept the draw if the opponent had ten moves to make to time control in his remaining time" ?

To a large degree, this is behind my decision on position 1, but there is a further, stronger reason. Except as modified by Article 2 here, the Laws of Chess impose an ABSOLUTE requirement to record the game move by move. Thus white is, in principle, liable to forfeit the game by his failure to comply; this is an extreme sanction which I am not prepared to apply unless able to establish the circumstances much more clearly. BUT that failure is prima facie evidence that White was attempting unfairly to increase the time pressure on Black, and is sufficient grounds to set aside the claim that he was trying to win other than by time.

It is my opinion that players should be reminded of their duty to record the game, and they and their match captains be informed that the absence of such a record, when required, will automatically rule out any contesting of a claim under Article 5 (b).

(As I am dealing with that position, I will turn to the question of match captains' rights during games. The current FIDE ruling states, in part, "The captain is, by weight of practice, entitled to advise the players of his team to make or to accept the offer of a draw or to resign a game, on condition that he does not make any comments regarding the position on the chessboard." This is the nearest to the present discussion though not precisely the same. As we are dealing to some extent with new situations which are unfamiliar to many of our players, it could be argued that it is necessary for the match captain to take the initiative to ensure his players are familiar with the rules. The difficulty lies in the interpretation of the right to claim a draw to a player without "commenting on the position."

My advice would be that match captains should remind their players of their rights before the game, and also be entitled to say to any player with between two and five minutes left on the clock: "when you have under two minutes on the clock you are entitled to claim the draw if your opponent's position and/or play show he has no reasonable winning chances other than on time; please remember this either if you are in a clearly superior position but do not think you can force the win in the time you have left, or if you are in a clearly drawn position where the initiative is with your opponent." Other than that, the initiative should be with the player to approach the captain for clarification. When that happens "the captain should not view the board in such a way that his answer could be interpreted as an opinion on the position.)

This leads us on to the final type of position which I see as giving trouble - of which Position 2 would have been fairly typical if black's last two moves had not given white the tactical chance I suggested. This is the "dead draw that isn't" - where material is level but one side has a strategic initiative. Thus that player can continue to probe knowing that he runs no risks; his opponent must counter until the first player concedes he is making no progress. Commonly the defender's move order is important while the prober's is less so.

In these cases the finite time weighs unduly on the defender, and provided that he has successfully held off some significant manoeuvring without incurring clear disadvantage the claim should be regarded as probably valid. There is an implicit onus on the person with the initiative to show he has a plan to capitalise on it which requires precise and prolonged counter. Thus it is relevant evidence if the person claiming the draw had (say) ten or more moves previously offered a draw and is not now in any worse position.

But I must emphasise that this provision is not a licence for a player in a passive position, having had a draw refused, to sit on his hands until he is short of time and then claim the draw. It is necessary for him to demonstrate the knowhow to hold the position for a significant time.

I'd better stop there. Now you see the other reason for "not giving reasons" - the justification is always long and never complete.

WECU COUNTY MATCH RULES

1. Each player starts with 2 hours on his clock and the game must be completed within that time. Each player must operate the clock with the same hand with which he handles his pieces.
2. Each player must record the game move by move, that is he must record the opponent's last move before replying to it on the board, until he has less than 5 minutes left on his clock.
3. To claim a win on time, a player must stop both clocks. The player's flag must be up and his opponent's flag must be down after the clocks have been stopped. If both flags are down the game is declared a draw.
4. Spectators (including match captains) must in no way intervene to inform of a flag fall or illegal move whilst the clocks are running. Such an intervention is a breach of Article 15.1(a) of the Laws of Chess as the game is still in progress until a claim is made by one of the players.
5. A game is drawn:-
 - (a) if both Kings are in check and it is impossible to establish the last move and the correct position cannot be set up.
 - (b) a player with less than two minutes left on his clock, may claim a draw on the grounds that his opponent has no practical winning chances. The claimant must stop both clocks before his flags and the game is ended.Such a claim cannot be withdrawn and if not to be valid, the claimant loses. If the players cannot agree, it is referred to the match captains, and should they also not agree, the decision of the arbiter is final.
6. In games of this type it is essential that players conduct themselves in an ethical manner in the spirit of fair play (FIDE & BCF).

I think you will find this answers the problems very well. However, should you have a view concerning them, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I understand that one of the Match Captains is not happy with the County Match Rules and wishes to change the time control, probably to some many moves in a certain time (e.g. 36 in 1½ hours) and a fast finish (e.g. an extra ½ hour). Indeed he has circulated his county players and other match captains for their views. Indeed there will be such a questionnaire at the WECU Congress for County Players to air their views.

One of his reasons is that there should not be problems such as above. However, I believe that the above two incidents should not have gone to Arbitration and the Match Captains should have taken a firmer control. It is interesting to note the side that lost its claim was the same County.

I look forward to receiving your thoughts.

ANSWERS TO PROBLEMS AND LAST EDITION'S COMPETITION

For problems - see Page 14.

(a) The answer involves a queen sacrifice. From a game: Glass - Russell played in Belfast in 1956.

1...Qe4-g2+; 2.Kg1xg2 Nd5-f4++; 3.Kg2-g1 Nf4-h3 mate;

(b) As mentioned this is a position from a recent County Match: Hampshire v Gloucestershire, P.J.Massey - J.Humphrey.

Paul Massey missed the simple 1.Nf5xh6!... which wins against all replies.

1...Qf6xh6; 2.Bh3-f5 mate. 1...Ne8-g7; 2.Rg3xg7+ Bh8xg7;
3.Nh6-g4+ Qf6-h6; 4.Ng4xh6 Rc4-c2+; 5.Kh2-h1 Bg7xh6; 6.Bh3-f5+ Kh7-h8; 7.Qh5xh6 mate.

(c) From one of my own games (I am white!) Alas I didn't see the whole combination from the start but half way through saw the sacrifice:

1.Nh4-g6++ Kh8-g8; 2.Qh3-h8+ Kg8-f7; 3.Qh8-h7 Kf7-e6;

It would appear that White's attack has come to an end here. But not a bit of it. Incidentally, 1...Kh8-g7; 2.Qh3-h6+ Kg7-f7; 3.Qh6-h7+ Kf7-e6; is the same position.

4.Bc2-f5+!! Ke6xf5 (forced); 5.Ng6-e7++ Kf5-e6; 6.Ne7xd5 Ke6xd5;

leaves White a queen for 2 pieces up and he now has several moves to continue with. Unfortunately for my opponent, he played 5...Kf5-g4; he promptly lost all his pieces!

(d) The winning line is:

1...Ra4-a3+; 2.Kf3-g4 Ra3xg3+;

If 3.h2xg3 h3-h2 and if 3.Kg4xg3 Bb6-c7+; both wins.

SOLUTION TO LAST EDITION'S COMPETITION

1.Bd3-b1 Kc1-d1 (forced); 2.Qh6-d6 Kd1-c1 (forced); 3.Qd6-f4 Kc1-d1 (forced); 4.Qf4-d4 Kd1-c1 (forced); 5.Qf4-e3 Kc1-d1 (forced); 6.Qe3-d3 Kd1-c1 (forced); 7.Qd3-c2 mate.

Now that wasn't too difficult was it? Yet only two correct entries received.

Winner: Malcolm BURN of 33 Stirling Way, Tuffley, Gloucester.

who also spotted an easier solution to (d): 1.Qa3-g3 e2-e1 = Q,B or R 2.Qg3-g2 mate. If e2-e1=N 2.Qg3-e3... wins.

CONGRESS ROUND - UP

The fifteenth East Devon Congress took place in Exeter on the first weekend of March 1990 with 171 competitors, a slight increase on last year, due mainly to increased incentives for teams, families and veterans. The awful weather immediately preceding must have warned off some entrants, but fortunately the event itself was blessed with unbroken clear skies.

The Congress itself missed many times previous winner and new GM Michael Adams. But in his absence an excellent Open entry of several 200+ players promised a good tough tournament, and so it proved. Top-graded Chris Beaumont won his first two games comfortably but then came unstuck against Simon Finn. Most top competitors then proceeded to beat each other, with only Gary Kenworthy (2nd) and unspectacular but worthy winner Andrew Lewis (1st on 5/5) unscathed.

By contrast, the Major Section was real topsy-turvy. The lead changed hands constantly, and at the end no fewer than 8 players tied 1st on 4/5. Only after much careful calculation did Brian Boomsma of Paignton emerge a worthy winner of the Schofield Salver.

In the Minor Tournament M Jones and R Towers scored 4/4 but were unable to beat each other, which allowed F Bowles to catch them. M Jones took the Nat-West Cup on tie-break. This section was made extra special by the appearance of two teams of four from Wellington School, Somerset. Alas, they fell behind in the club stakes behind a dominant Exeter side. The over-60 veterans' prize was shared between P.Brown of Glacier and A. Coates of Exmouth.

The Cornwall Championships were played in January 1990. With the reigning champion, Michael Adams, playing in the Premier at Hastings, the Emigrant Cup tournament became an extremely closely contested affair.

After wins all round for the leading players in round 1, there came the shocks with the top graded player, Mathew Piper losing to the Cornish President, Eldred Horn and David Saqui holding Hugh Coleman and then beating Horn. Meanwhile, the Congress secretary, Ian George with wins over Sellwood, Williams and Menadue had established a $\frac{1}{2}$ point lead. A draw in round 4 enabled R Grime to join the leader but Ian re-established his lead by beating Grime in the next. Appropriately the top four graded players were paired in the final round. However, Piper could make little headway and agreed a draw with George so when Coleman and Menadue also agreed a draw, Ian George became outright Champion on 5 with Coleman 2nd on $4\frac{1}{2}$ and Menadue, Grime, M.Piper and G.Smith on 4.

County Championship Match played at Ulmster on 25 November 1989

Between Devon (Home team) and Dorset

Board		HOME TEAM Name of player	Score	Result		AWAY TEAM Name of player	Grade
1	G W	LANE	217	1 - 0	S C E		182
2	B	BEAKE	209	1 - 1	I C	CLARK	180
3	J F	WHEELER	182	1 - 0	A J	PLEASANTS	174
4	P	HARRIS	176	1 - 0	R	BURTON	171
5	B W K	HEWSON	179	1 - 0	M J	ROTH	172
6	K B	HILLS	177	1/2 - 1/2	J M	DAVIES	159
7	F H	LINGHAM	176	1/2 - 1/2	R	VALENTINE	169
8	P A	ASTON	176	0 - 1	F C	KINGDON	165
9	A W	BRUSEY	168	1 - 0	T E	SIMMS	162
10	J	RIDGOLF	165	1 - 0	H D	NEEDHAM	159
11	B J	PENALIGON	158	1 - 0	B J	BROADHOUSE	150
12	P J	EPOOKS	152	0 - 1	D E	PAPWORTH	153
13	B H	BOOMSMA	153	1/2 - 1/2	J A	OLDFIELD	153
14	R H	JONES	147	1 - 0	M J	SALES	144
15	R	HUTCHINGS	146	1/2 - 1/2	D K	BEVTS	143
16	J	WALKER	143	1 - 0	A	MILLERS	143
FIRST TEAM RESULT			11 1/2	-	4 1/2		
1	R	SHAPLAND	146	1 - 0	S	MORRIS	140
2	J	GORDI	147	1/2 - 1/2	M W	ADAMS	140
3	J	PARKER	143	1/2 - 1/2	S A	CRANE	140
4	R M	BRUCE	142	1/2 - 1/2	M J	DTL ISTONE	139
5	K J	BLOODWORTH	140	1/2 - 1/2	P C	DEARLOVE	138
6	M	AMOGIE	142	1 - 0	S C	CRISP	132
7	J E	ALLEN	125	0 - 1	B	WALKER	137
8	J I	SMITH	136	1 - 0	P	BRACKNER	136
9	K V	CROSS	145	1/2 - 1/2	D J	CANNINGS	136
10	L J	GUARD	133	1/2 - 1/2	P	FOSTER	134
11	R	BRUCE Mrs.	128	1 - 0	P	EDGINGTON	133
12	E G	SPARKE	130	1 - 0	A D	PRIMETT	131
13	J F	LASEY	131	0 - 1	A C	BULLOCK	128
14	A H	WHITE	-	1/2 - 1/2	K C	SPOONER	122
15	E A	SPIDENHAY	125	0 - 1	S	CULLITON	-
16	T J	HAY	118	0 - 1	G	HUNWICKS	-
SECOND TEAM RESULT			8 1/2	-	7 1/2		

County Championship Match played at Exeter on 25 November 1989

Between Cornwall (Home team) and Somerset

Board		HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result		AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	S J	PIPER	176	1 - 0	P D	HELBIG	186
2	J H	GEORGE	177	1/2 - 1/2	C J	WEEKS	184
3	R J	GRINE	161	0 - 1	D C	PUGH	175
4	D	BURLEIGH	148	1/2 - 1/2	D	LITTLEJOHNS	174
5	N J	KIRKMAN	137	1/2 - 1/2	J E	FEWKES	179
6	J	WATSON	-	0 - 1	C E	WINCH	166
7	A D	NEAKES	137	0 - 1	R	WINSON	132J
8	B H	GARRETT	134	0 - 1	G N	JEPPI	161
9		DEFAULT		0 - 1	J K	BROWN	160
10	S	LEAVER	125	1/2 - 1/2	A	HIBBITT	159
11		DEFAULT		0 - 1	M D	SMITH	156
12	L	JUPP	119J	0 - 1	S R	BONIFACE	152
13		DEFAULT		0 - 1	B G E	GOSLING	152
14	C J	BRAY	113J	1 - 0	B K	TOWERS	146
15	C	SPARGO	116	0 - 1	D C	WOOD	143
16	I K	PILLING	115	1/2 - 1/2	R	PENN	144J
FIRST TEAM RESULT			4 1/2	-	11 1/2		
1	K	WILKINSON	113	0 - 1	C T J	MCKINLEY	142
2	S	BAKLETT	111	1/2 - 1/2	R J	HIRONS	140
3	R	COLE	108J	1/2 - 1/2	E W	COLE	135
4	C	FEARN	101J	1/2 - 1/2	N N	SENIOR	134
5	M	GARRETT	96J	0 - 1	A	PENN	122J
6	A	GREET	104J	0 - 1	R	GARRETT	124J
7	J	THOMPSON	91J	0 - 1	T	BURT	131
8	A	MANNION	- J	1/2 - 1/2	R	MAISHMAN	127
9	A	JUPP	75J	0 - 1	R	BAGSHAW	116
10		DEFAULT		0 - 1	D	MASON	109
11	S	GARRETT	57J	1/2 - 1/2	M J	CARTER	107
12	B	GREET	-	0 - 1	D J	HELBIG (Mrs)	103
13	S	FEARN	-	1/2 - 1/2	M E	COOPER	103
14		DEFAULT		0 - 1	A	TOMLINSON	-
15		DEFAULT		0 - 1	J R C	ENDALL	88
16		DEFAULT				DEFAULT	
SECOND TEAM RESULT			3	-	12		

County Championship: Match played at ...Devizes..... on 25 November 1989

Between ...Wiltshire..... (home team) and ...Gloucestershire.....

Wiltshire had 1511 or 011 boards in first team and on EVEN boards in second team

Board		HOME TEAM Name of player	Runs	Result		AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	A F	LAW	219	1 - 1/2	R	CANNELL	189
2	R	HAYDON	197	1/2 - 1/2	S	DILLEIGH	189
3	P	VARLEY	197	1 - 0	E T	NEWMAN	186J
4	T	HEADLONG	188	1 - 0	M E	BURN	185
5	K C	LYNN	202	1/2 - 1/2	P	DODWELL	183
6	J	BOURNE	183	1/2 - 1/2	A	EASTON	183
7	E G	LEA	181	0 - 1	J R	BOYCE	182
8	A D	PONTING	161J	1/2 - 1/2	I R	WHITE	176
9	F M F	COHEN	155	0 - 1	G	BOLT	174
10	M J	STRANGE	155	0 - 1	P J	MEADE	171
11	R J	PECK	154	0 - 1	G	NEVILLE	170
12	D E	WARD	151	1 - 0	J	HUMPHREYS	170
13	A	CHAPMAN	-	0 - 1	C	WATSON	-
14	D	HUGHES	144J	1/2 - 1/2	R O	POWIS	166
15	C	HEIDRICH	138J	0 - 1	D	TWINE	163
16	R W	RENDELL	161	0 - 1	I R	PICKUP	159

FIRST TEAM RESULT			6 - 10				
1	F	GILL	145	1/2 - 1/2	J	KNIGHT	148
2	A W	CHAMPION	145	0 - 1	P	LESNIEWSKI	137J
3	G	CHAPMAN	140	1/2 - 1/2	J J	CARR	144
4	M	BYTHERAY	147	1 - 0	R	RADFORD	142
5	N	STUART	141	0 - 1	M	PASSMORE	141
6	J	COBB	135J	1 - 0	C R	POWNEY	140
7	N G	ASHBY	133J	1 - 0	E J	PRIDEAUX	139
8	A D	HURST	135	1 - 0		DEFAULT	
9	J	SYMONS	125J	1 - 0	N	RICHARDS	137J
10	J E	MILWARD	124	0 - 1	M	WOOD	136
11	T	WOODWARD	126	1/2 - 1/2	B	THOMPSON	112
12	R	CARVER	124	1 - 0	S C	ROBERTS	99
13	C	COBB	123J	1 - 0	N	PEARCE	98
14	M	SMITH	108J	1 - 0	K	CHIDGEY	79
15	D H	POTT	121	0 - 1	B	RADFORD	71
16	E A	BARTFORD (Mrs)	111	0 - 1	C	WARLOCK	62
SECOND TEAM RESULT			9 1/2 - 0 1/2				

County Championship: Match played at ...Exeter..... on 9 December 1989

Between ...Hampshire..... (home team) and ...Cornwall.....

Hampshire had 1511 or 011 boards in first team and on EVEN boards in second team

Board		HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result		AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	M J	YEO	193	0 - 1	J F	MENADUE	181
2	G H	BENNETT	201	1 - 0	I M	GEORGE	177
3	J R	POULTON	186J	1 - 0	R J	GRIME	161
4	M L	NEWBURY	163	1 - 0	D	BURLEIGH	148
5	P I	THOMPSON	172	1 - 0	J	WATSON	-
6	S	DEAN	163	1/2 - 1/2	A D	MEAKES	137
7	M G	BUCKLEY	163	1 - 0	B H	GARRETT	134
8	K	BYARD	163	1 - 0		DEFAULT	
9	P D	MILLER	158	1 - 0	L	BOWMAN	125J
10	M	BOWHAY	158	1/2 - 1/2	A	PILLING	-
11	J	JAMES	151J	0 - 1	C	SELLWOOD	131
12	M C	HAGAN	159	1/2 - 1/2	C J	BRAY	113J
13	P C	SYMINGTON	149	1/2 - 1/2	C	SPARGO	116
14	M R	BAKER	140	1 - 0	I M	PILLING	115
15	J D	PRATT	141	1 - 0	S	BARTLETT	111
16	L C	WALTERS	141	0 - 1	R	COLE	108J

FIRST TEAM RESULT			11 - 5				
1	P J	HEBBLETHWAITE	141	1 - 0	T	GARRETT (Miss)	103J
2	S D	LE FEVRE	138	1 - 0	C	FEARN	101J
3	A C	SUMMERS	137	1/2 - 1/2	M	GARRETT	96J
4	E	HOLLAND (Miss)	131J	1 - 0	R	CLARK	101J
5	J	PENN	132	1/2 - 1/2	J	THOMPSON	91J
6	P	BARBER	130	1 - 0	N	PATTERSON	105
7	D	CULLIFORD	129	1/2 - 1/2	A	MANNION	- J
8	R M	PRINCE	116	1 - 0	P	HAYES	- J
9	Q	WINCH	105	1/2 - 1/2	S	GARRETT	50J
10				1 - 0		DEFAULT	
11				1 - 0		DEFAULT	
12				1 - 0		DEFAULT	
13				1 - 0		DEFAULT	
14				1 - 0		DEFAULT	
15				1 - 0		DEFAULT	
16				1 - 0		DEFAULT	
SECOND TEAM RESULT			14 - 2				

County Championship; Match played at ...Devizes..... on 25 November 1989

County Championship; Match played at ...Exeter..... on 9 December 1989

Between ...Wiltshire..... (home team) and ...Gloucestershire.....

Between ...Hampshire..... (home team) and ...Cornwall.....

Wiltshire had 15 or 16 boards in first team and on EVEN boards in second team

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of player	Grade
1	A F LAW	219	1 - 1 R	CANNELL	189
2	R HAYDON	197	1/2 - 1/2 S	DILLEIGH	189
3	P VARLEY	197	1 - 0 E T	NEWMAN	186J
4	T HEADLONG	188	1 - 0 M E	BURN	185
5	K C LYNN	202	1/2 - 1/2 P	DODWELL	183
6	J BOURNE	183	1/2 - 1/2 A	EASTON	183
7	E G LEA	181	0 - 1 J R	BOYCE	182
8	A D PONTING	161J	1/2 - 1/2 I R	WHITE	176
9	F M F COHEN	155	0 - 1 G	BOLT	174
10	M J STRANGE	155	0 - 1 P J	MEADE	171
11	R J PECK	154	0 - 1 G	NEVILLE	170
12	D E WARD	151	1 - 0 J	HUMPHREYS	170
13	A CHAPMAN	-	0 - 1 C	WATSON	-
14	D HUGHES	144J	1/2 - 1/2 R O	POWIS	166
15	C HEIDRICH	138J	0 - 1 D	TWINE	163
16	R W RENDELL	161	0 - 1 I R	PICKUP	159

Hampshire had 15 or 16 boards in first team and on EVEN boards in second team

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of player	Grade
1	M J YEO	193	0 - 1 J F	MENADUE	181
2	G H BENNETT	201	1 - 0 I M	GEORGE	177
3	J R POULTON	186J	1 - 0 R J	GRIME	161
4	M L NEWBURY	163	1 - 0 D	BURLEIGH	148
5	P I THOMPSON	172	1 - 0 J	WATSON	-
6	S DEAN	163	1/2 - 1/2 A D	MEAKES	137
7	M G BUCKLEY	163	1 - 0 B H	GARRETT	134
8	K BYARD	163	1 - 0	DEFAULT	
9	P D MILLER	158	1 - 0 L	BOWMAN	125J
10	M BOWHAY	158	1/2 - 1/2 A	PILLING	-
11	J JAMES	151J	0 - 1 C	SELLWOOD	131
12	M C HAGAN	159	1/2 - 1/2 C J	BRAY	113J
13	P C SYMINGTON	149	1/2 - 1/2 C	SPARGO	116
14	M R BAKER	140	1 - 0 I M	PILLING	115
15	J D PRATT	141	1 - 0 S	BARTLETT	111
16	L C WALTERS	141	0 - 1 R	COLE	108J

FIRST TEAM RESULT 6 - 10

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of player	Grade
1	P GILL	145	1/2 - 1/2 J	KNIGHT	148
2	A W CHAMPION	145	0 - 1 P	LESNIEWSKI	137J
3	G CHAPMAN	140	1/2 - 1/2 J J	CARR	144
4	M BYTHERWAY	147	1 - 0 R	RADFORD	142
5	N STUART	141	0 - 1 M	PASSMORE	141
6	J COBB	135J	1 - 0 C R	POWNEY	140
7	N G ASHBY	133J	1 - 0 E J	PRIDEAUX	139
8	A D HURST	135	1 - 0	DEFAULT	
9	J SYMONS	125J	1 - 0 N	RICHARDS	137J
10	J E MILWARD	124	0 - 1 M	WOOD	136
11	I WOODWARD	126	1/2 - 1/2 B	THOMPSON	112
12	R CARVER	124	1 - 0 S C	ROBERTS	99
13	C COBB	123J	1 - 0 M	PEARCE	98
14	M SMITH	108J	1 - 0 K	CHIDGEY	79
15	D H POTT	121	0 - 1 B	RADFORD	71
16	E A BARTFORD (Mrs)	111	0 - 1 C	WALLOCK	62

SECOND TEAM RESULT 9 1/2 - 0 1/2

FIRST TEAM RESULT 11 - 5

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of player	Grade
1	P J HEBBLETHWAITE	141	1 - 0 T	GARRETT (Miss)	103J
2	S D LE FEVRE	138	1 - 0 C	FEARN	101J
3	A C SUMMERS	137	1/2 - 1/2 M	GARRETT	96J
4	E HOLLAND (Miss)	131J	1 - 0 R	CLARK	101J
5	J PENN	132	1/2 - 1/2 J	THOMPSON	91J
6	P BARBER	130	1 - 0 N	PATTERSON	105
7	D CULLIFORD	129	1/2 - 1/2 A	MANNION	- J
8	R M PRINCE	116	1 - 0 P	HAYES	- J
9	Q WINCH	105	1/2 - 1/2 S	GARRETT	50J
10			1 - 0	DEFAULT	
11			1 - 0	DEFAULT	
12			1 - 0	DEFAULT	
13			1 - 0	DEFAULT	
14			1 - 0	DEFAULT	
15			1 - 0	DEFAULT	
16			1 - 0	DEFAULT	

SECOND TEAM RESULT 14 - 2

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at Devizes on 9 December 1989

Between Devon and Gloucestershire

(1) Devon on all boards in first team and on EVERY board in second team

Board	HOME TEAM Name of Player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	S J SHUTLER	195	0 - 1	N HOSKER	190
2	M L FLEMAN	192	0 - 1	R J CANNELL	189
3	J C GIBB	185	½ - ½	S P DILLIGH	189
4	E R BURRO	171	½ - ½	E T NEWMAN	186J
5	M J FOTH	172	0 - 1	P DODWELL	183
6	J M DAVIES	159	½ - ½	A EASTON	183
7	E VALENTINE	169	0 - 1	C WATSON	-
8	I E SIMS	162	0 - 1	J R BOYCE	182
9	H D NEEDHAM	159	0 - 1	C J A JONES	178
10	F CATCHPOLE	158	½ - ½	I R WHITE	176
11	P E FAWCOTT	153	0 - 1	G BOLT	170
12	C F WESTRAP	138J	0 - 1	P J MEADE	171
13	M J SALES	144	0 - 1	G D NEVILLE	170
14	D K BEVIS	143	0 - 1	J HUMPHREYS	170
15	A MILLERS	143	0 - 1	P F DAY	167
16	M W ADAMS	140	0 - 1	R O POWIS	166
FIRST TEAM RESULT			2 - 14		
1	S A CRANE	140	½ - ½	D DUGDALE	160
2	B WALKER	137	0 - 1	I R PICKUP	148
3	S C CRISP	132	½ - ½	P MARKHAM	133
4	S F JYNGAR	136	½ - ½	J KNIGHT	148
5	D J CANNINGS	136	0 - 1	P LESNIEWSKI	137J
6	P FOSTER	134	½ - ½	G ANDRIESEN	135J
7	P EDINGTON	133	½ - ½	J J CARR	144
8	A D FINEITT	131	½ - ½	R RADFORD	142
9	A C BULLOCK	128	0 - 1	M J PASSMORE	141
10	D G E FAPKINS	122	0 - 1	C R POWNEY	140
11	S E CULLETON	-	0 - 1	M J WOOD	136
12	H L STAY	117	0 - 1	T N MARKE	119
13	G A HUNNICKS	112	½ - ½	B D THOMPSON	112
14	W E PAGE	100	1 - 0	S C ROBERTS	99
15	N A SOUTHERS	94	1 - 0	D CONWAY	93
16	P A WAPLES	75	0 - 1	K CHIDCEY	79
SECOND TEAM RESULT			5½ - 10½		

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at Thimblet on 9 December 1989

Between Wiltshire (home team) and Devon

Devon had WHITE on 5th boards in first team and on EVERY boards in second team

Board	HOME TEAM Name of Player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	J GARWELL (Miss)	191	0 - 1	B BEAKE	209
2	R HAYDON	197	½ - ½	J F WHEELER	182
3	P VARLEY	197	½ - ½	P HARFIS	176
4	T HEADLONG	188	½ - ½	G W WHEELER	180
5	R C LYNN	202	½ - ½	B W HEWSON	179
6	E G LEA	181	0 - 1	K B HILLS	177
7	A D PONTING	161J	0 - 1	R H LINGHAM	176
8	F M I COHEN	154	0 - 1	P A ASTON	176
9	R J PECK	154	0 - 1	A W BRUCEY	168
10	D E WARD	151	1 - 0	J RIDOLFO	165
11	D HUGHES	144J	½ - ½	B J PENALIGON	158
12	R W BENDALL	161	1 - 0	P J BROOKS	152
13	C HEDRICH	138J	½ - ½	B H BOONEMA	153
14	A W CHAMPION	145	½ - ½	R H JONES	147
15	J COBB	135J	0 - 1	R HUTCHINGS	146
16	T WOODWARD	126	0 - 1	J WALKER	143
FIRST TEAM RESULT			5½ - 10½		
1	N STUART	141	1 - 0	R SHAPLAND	146
2	R CARVER	124	0 - 1	J PARKER	143
3	J E MILWARD	124	½ - ½	R V CROSS	145
4	J SYMONS	125J	0 - 1	K J BLOODWORTH	140
5	R F WARDELL	115	½ - ½	M AMOCIE	142
6	M WALTERS	119	0 - 1	C HOWARD	142
7	C COBB	123J	1 - 0	J T SMITH	136
8	A BOSWORTH	119J	0 - 1	J E ALLEN	125
9	A DUNCAN	114J	0 - 1	L J GUARD	133
10	E A HARTFORD (Mrs)	111	0 - 1	E G SPARKE	130
11	S CONNOR	111	0 - 1	A H WHITE	-
12	B COX	98J	0 - 1	J H VASEY	131
13	A BREEN	90J	0 - 1	T J HAY	118
14	J PETTY	75J	0 - 1	T BAXTER	104J
15	J MILWARD	65J	0 - 1	R CARPENTER	84J
16			1 - 0	DEFAULT	
SECOND TEAM RESULT			4 - 12		

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at ... Ilminster ... on ... 13 January 1990

Between ... Gloucestershire ... (home team) and ... Devon

Gloucestershire had WHITE on ODD boards in first team and on EVEN boards in second team

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	N. BOSFEN	190	1/2 - 1/2	B. D. BEAKE	209
2	P. CANNELL	189	1/2 - 1/2	J. F. WHEELER	182
3	S. F. DILLEIGH	189	0 - 1	P. HARRIS	176
4	F. T. NEWMAN	186J	1/2 - 1/2	B. W. R. HEWSON	179
5	A. GILMOUR	184	0 - 1	K. B. HILLS	177
6	P. DODWELL	183	1 - 0	R. H. LINGHAM	176
7	J. R. ROYCE	182	1 - 0	G. W. WHEELER	180
8	C. J. A. JONES	178	1/2 - 1/2	P. A. ASTON	176
9	I. R. WHITE	176	0 - 1	T. F. THYKNE	169
10	G. BOLT	174	1/2 - 1/2	A. PICKERING	174
11	P. J. MEADE	171	1/2 - 1/2	K. WATTS	168
12	J. HUMPHREYS	170	1 - 0	A. W. BRUSEY	168
13	I. P. PICKUP	159	1 - 0	B. J. PENALIGON	158
14	F. F. DAY	167	0 - 1	J. RIDOLFO	165
15	F. G. BOBIS	166	1/2 - 1/2	B. H. BOOMISMA	153
16	D. TWINE	163	1/2 - 1/2	P. J. BROOKS	152

FIRST TEAM RESULT

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1	M. EVANS	163	1 - 0	R. H. JONES	147
2	J. ENIGH	148	1 - 0	J. WALKER	143
3	J. J. CARR	144	1/2 - 1/2	R. V. CROSS	145
4	G. BRIDLE	144	0 - 1	J. CORODI	147
5	F. RADFORD	142	1/2 - 1/2	J. PARKER	143
6	M. J. PASSMORE	141	1/2 - 1/2	K. J. BLOODWORTH	140
7	C. P. POONEY	140	1/2 - 1/2	M. AMOOLE	142
8	M. J. WOOD	136	0 - 1	C. HOWARD	142
9	I. BACON	131J	1 - 0	J. E. ALLEN	125
10	S. WHITE	91J	0 - 1	J. T. SMITH	136
11	B. D. THOMPSON	112	1 - 0	L. J. GUARD	133
12	S. C. ROBERTS	99	1 - 0	E. G. SPARKE	130
13	A. CHIDSEY	79	1/2 - 1/2	M. POPAVACH	126
14	F. RAYBARD	71	0 - 1	E. A. CRICKMORE	125
15	A. ...	62	0 - 1	T. J. HAY	118

SECOND TEAM RESULT

7 1/2 - 7 1/2

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at ... Wincanton ... on ... 13 January 1990

Between ... Somerset ... (home team) and ... Hampshire

Somerset had WHITE on ODD boards in first team and on EVEN boards in second team

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	C. J. WEEKS	184	1/2 - 1/2	A. P. LEWIS	211
2	D. LITTLEJOHNS	174	0 - 1	G. H. BENNETT	201
3	A. L. HILL	172	0 - 1	E. HOLLAND	190J
4	J. E. FEWKES	179	1/2 - 1/2	J. R. POULTON	186J
5	H. EASTWOOD	159J	0 - 1	M. I. WALKER	180J
6	C. E. WINCH	166	0 - 1	A. F. BRAMELD	188
7	G. N. JEPPI	161	1/2 - 1/2	W. PURKISS	186
8	J. K. BROWN	160	1/2 - 1/2	K. G. HYDE	181
9	A. HIBBITT	159	0 - 1	P. I. THOMPSON	172
10	M. D. SMITH	156	1/2 - 1/2	J. MONK	167J
11	P. M. CHAPMAN	153	1/2 - 1/2	S. W. KNOX	169
12	S. R. BONIFACE	152	0 - 1	M. L. NEWBURY	163
13	D. G. WOODRUFF	151	0 - 1	P. J. MASSEY	165
14	H. G. THOMAS	148	1/2 - 1/2	M. G. BUCKLEY	163
15	R. H. FARMER	148	0 - 1	S. DEAN	163
16	B. K. TOWERS	146	0 - 1	C. A. BLAKE	154J

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3 1/2 - 12 1/2

1	D. C. WOOD	143	1/2 - 1/2	T. I. COWLING	164
2	R. PENN	144J	0 - 1	M. C. HAGAN	159
3	R. J. HIRONS	140	1/2 - 1/2	M. BOWHAY	158
4	H. S. DEAN	138	1/2 - 1/2	J. JAMES	151J
5	Jane EASTWOOD	135	1/2 - 1/2	B. J. KNIGHT	157
6	E. W. COLE	135	1/2 - 1/2	P. C. SYMINGTON	149
7	N. N. SENIOR	134	1/2 - 1/2	P. L. MARSHALL	144
8	T. A. WALLIS	131	1 - 0	A. D. SMITH	142
9	A. PENN	122J	1/2 - 1/2	L. C. WALTERS	141
10	R. GARRETT	124J	0 - 1	M. R. BAKER	140
11	T. BURT	131	0 - 1	S. CLARKE	-
12	R. M. MAISHMAN	127	1 - 0	S. D. LE FEVRE	138
13	J. RUDD	118J	1 - 0	A. C. SUMMERS	137
14	D. FREEHAN	124	1/2 - 1/2	D. F. THOMPSON	136
15	R. J. BAGSHAW	116	0 - 1	P. BARBER	130
16	A. RUSTON	103	0 - 1	D. CULLIFORD	129

SECOND TEAM RESULT

7 - 9

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at Wilton School on 13 January 1990

Between Wiltshire (home team) and Devon

Board		HOME TEAM Name of player	Rating	Result		AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Rating
1	A P	LAK	219	1 - 1/2	M J	FREEMAN	192
2	F	GALLEY	197	0 - 1	M L	COWLING	185
3	A C	COFFE	196	1 - 0	M J	SIMONS	188
4	F	RAYDA	197	1 - 0	A J	DOMMETI	187
5	J	GARRELL Chess	191	0 - 1	J C	CLARK	180
6	T	HEADINGS	188	1 - 0	D J	ALDRIDGE	178
7	F F	LYDA	202	1 - 0	R M	PEGG	173
8	L S	LEA	181	1/2 - 1/2	R	BURTON	171
9	P H M	PEAPCE	168	0 - 1	J M	DAVIES	159
10	M J	STRANGE	155	1/2 - 1/2	F	VALENTINE	169
11	F M F	COHEN	154	1 - 0	M J	ROTH	172
12	D	HUGHES	144J	1/2 - 1/2	F C	KINGDON	165
13	C	HELDICH	138J	1/2 - 1/2	T E	SIMMS	162
14	P F	WARD	151	1 - 0	J M	O'NEIL	-
15	A	CHAPMAN	-	1 - 0	J F	CATCHPOLE	158
16	F W	RENDELL	161	1/2 - 1/2	D E	PAPWORTH	153

FIRST TEAM RESULT 10 - 6

1	F	GILL	145	0 - 1	F J	BROADHOUSE	150
2	M	BYTHWAY	147	1/2 - 1/2	C F	WESTRAP	138
3	A W	CHAYTON	145	1 - 0	M L	SALLIS	144
4	N G	ASHBY	133J	0 - 1	D K	BEVTS	143
5	A D	HICEST	135	0 - 1	A	MILLERS	143
6	N	STCAST	141	1/2 - 1/2	S A	CRANE	140
7	J	COFF	135J	1/2 - 1/2	P C	DEARLOVT	138
8	T	WOODWARD	126	0 - 1	N W	ADAMS	140
9	A	BOSWORTH	119J	1 - 0	M J	DILLISTONE	139
10	F	CARVER	124	1/2 - 1/2	R C	EVANS	140
11	C	COBE	123J	1 - 0	B	WALKER	137
12	J	SYMONS	125J	1/2 - 1/2	S C	CRISP	132
13	T F	SHERARD	124	1 - 0	D J	CANNINGS	136
14	D H	ROTT	121	0 - 1	P	BRACKNER	136
15	N	WALTERS	119	0 - 1	P	FOSTER	134
16	N	SMITH	106J	0 - 1	F	EDGLINGTON	133

SECOND TEAM RESULT 6 1/2 - 9 1/2

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at DEVIZES on 10 FEBRUARY 1990

Between GLOUCESTERSHIRE (home team) and HAMPSHIRE

Board		HOME TEAM Name of player	Rating	Result		AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Rating
1	A	ASHBY	194	0 - 1	G H	BENNETT	201
2	R	CANNELL	189	1/2 - 1/2	R C	NOYCE	192
3	M P	DILLEIGH	189	0 - 1	J R	FOULTON	186J
4	E	NEWMAN	186J	0 - 1	W	PURKISS	186
5	M E	BURN	185	1/2 - 1/2	D R	NETL	180J
6	A J	GILMOUR	184	1/2 - 1/2	K G	HYDE	181
7	J R	BOYCE	182	1/2 - 1/2	P I	THOMPSON	172
8	C J A	JONES	178	1 - 0	J R	HOPKINS	169
9	J R	WHITE	176	0 - 1	I A	STENHOUSE	168
10	P J	MEADE	171	1 - 0	M L	NEWBURY	163
11	J	HUMPHREYS	170	0 - 1	P J	MASSEY	165
12	G	TAYLOR	169	1 - 0	M G	BUCKLEY	163
13	P F	DAY	167	1 - 0	S	DEAN	163
14	F O	POWIS	166	1/2 - 1/2	P D	MILLER	158
15	D	TWINE	163	1/2 - 1/2	C A	BLAKE	154J
16	P	DENISON	160	1 - 0	M C	HAGAN	159

FIRST TEAM RESULT 8 - 8

1	M	EVANS	160	1 - 0	T I	COWLING	164
2	S	DILKE	159	0 - 1	M	BOWHAY	158
3	I R	PICKUP	159	1 - 0	B J	KNIGHT	157
4	P	LESNIEWSKI	137J	0 - 1	P C	SYMINGTON	149
5	J J	CARR	144	1/2 - 1/2	J F	BARRETT	-
6	G	BREEZE	144	1 - 0	K	GANESH	149
7	M	PASSMORE	141	1/2 - 1/2	P I	MARSHALL	144
8	C R	POWNEY	140	1 - 0	A D	SMITH	142
9	E I S	BIDDICK	139	1/2 - 1/2	L C	WALTERS	141
10	M	RICHARDS	137J	1 - 0	P J	HEBBLETHWAITE	141
11	A	WOOD	136	1 - 0	J D	PRATT	141
12	D	KILLEY	128	0 - 1	M R	BAKER	140
13	D	HIGGINS	128	1/2 - 1/2	S D	LE FFVRE	138
14	S	WHITE	91J	1 - 0	A C	SUMMERS	137
15	B	THOMPSON	112	0 - 1	D F	THOMPSON	136
16	S C	ROBERTS	99	1 - 0	R M	PRINCE	116

SECOND TEAM RESULT 10 - 6

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at EXETER on 10 FEBRUARY 1990

Between ... CORNWALL (home team) and ... DORSET

CORNWALL had WHITE on odd boards in first team and on EVEN boards in second team

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	J F S MENADUE	181	1 - 0	M J SIMONS	188
2	S J PIPER	176	1 - 0	R BURTON	171
3	I M GEORGE	177	1 - 0	R VALENTINE	169
4	R J GRINE	161	½ - ½	T E SIMMS	162
5	D BURLEIGH	146	0 - 1	M J ROTH	172
6	H CABLE	152	1 - 0	H D NEEDHAM	159
7	N J KIRKMAN	137	0 - 1	J F CATCHPOLE	158
8	J WATSON	-	0 - 1	D E PAPWORTH	153
9	A H MEAKES	137	½ - ½	B J BROADHOUSE	150
10	B H GARRETT	134	0 - 1	C F WESTRAP	138J
11	C SELLWOOD	131	0 - 1	M J SALES	144
12	L JUPP	119J	0 - 1	A MILLERS	143
13	J WOLF	117J	½ - ½	S A CRANE	140
14	C SPARGO	116	0 - 1	M W ADAMS	140
15	J F PILLING	115	0 - 1	S C CRISP	132
16	R COLE	105J	1 - 0	M J DILLISTONE	139

FIRST TEAM RESULT 6½ - 9½

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	S BARTLETT	111	½ - ½	P BRACKNER	136
2	K WILKINSON	112	½ - ½	P FOSTER	134
3	Tina GARRETT	108J	0 - 1	A D PRIMETT	131
4	M GARRETT	96J	0 - 1	C J FOX	125
5	A GREFF	104J	0 - 1	K C SPOONER	122
6	N C WOPLEY	91J	0 - 1	D G B RAPKINS	122
7	J THOMPSON	91J	0 - 1	S E CULLETON	-
8	A MANNION	96J	1 - 0	J C CHERRYSON	121
9	A JUPP	75J	0 - 1	H E J STAY	117
10	B GREFF	-	0 - 1	G A HUNWICKS	112
11	S GARRETT	57J	0 - 1	W G PAGE	100
12	Miss J THOMAS	- J	1 - 0	M A SQUIRES	94
13	DEFAULT		0 - 1	C H DAVIS	106
14	DEFAULT		0 - 1	R A C MARPLES	75

SECOND TEAM RESULT 3 - 11

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at TAUNTON on 10 FEBRUARY 1990

Between ... DEVON (home team) and ... SOMERSET

DEVON had WHITE on odd boards in first team and on EVEN boards in second team

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	J F WHEELER	182	0 - 1	S H M HILL	224S
2	P HARRIS	176	0 - 1	C J WEEKS	184
3	B W R HEWSON	179	½ - ½	D C PUGH	175
4	DEFAULT		0 - 1	D LITTLEJOHNS	174
5	R H LINGHAM	176	1 - 0	P JONES	178
6	K WATTS	168	0 - 1	A L HILL	172
7	A W BRUSEY	168	1 - 0	J E FEWKES	179
8	J RIDOLFO	165	½ - ½	N EASTWOOD	159J
9	R C LUFFMAN	163	½ - ½	C E WINCH	166
10	R V CROSS	145	A - A	G N JEPPE	161
11	P J BROOKS	153	½ - ½	J K BROWN	160
12	R H JONES	147	½ - ½	A HIBBITT	159
13	R HUTCHINGS	147	1 - 0	M D SMITH	156
14	J WALKER	143	1 - 0	P M CHAPMAN	153
15	J GORODI	147	1 - 0	S R BONIFACE	152
16	J PARKER	143	0 - 1	D G WOODRUFF	151

FIRST TEAM RESULT 7½ - 7½ plus 1 game for arbitration

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of Player	Grade
1	K J BLOODWORTH	140	1 - 0	H G THOMAS	148
2	R M BRUCE	142	1 - 0	DEFAULT	
3	M AMOUIE	142	1 - 0	D C WOOD	143
4	C HOWARD	142	0 - 1	R PENN	144J
5	J T SMITH	136	½ - ½	C T J MCKINLEY	142
6	J E ALLEN	125	½ - ½	R J HIRONS	140
7	R (Mrs) BRUCE	128	0 - 1	M S DEAN	138
8	L J GUARD	133	½ - ½	E W COLE	135
9	E G SPARKE	130	½ - ½	N N SENIOR	134
10	D HILL	132	1 - 0	T A WALLIS	131
11	A WHITE	-	1 - 0	A PENN	122J
12	J H VASEY	131	0 - 1	R GARRETT	124J
13	E A CRICKMORE	125	0 - 1	R MAISHMAN	127
14	P HEATH	120	½ - ½	J RUDD	118J
15	C MASTERS	116J	0 - 1	D FREEMAN	124
16	R CARPENTER	84J	½ - ½	P DOBBER	119

SECOND TEAM RESULT 8 - 8

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at ... WILTSHIRE ... on ... 10 MARCH 1990

Between ... CORNWALL ... (home team) and ... WILTSHIRE ...

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of player	Grade
1	J F S	181	1/2 - 1/2	R HAYDON	197
2	S J	176	1/2 - 1/2	A C COOPER	196
3	J M	177	1/2 - 1/2	T HEADLONG	188
4	F J	161	0 - 1	J.mc GARWILL	191
5	D	148	1 - 0	F G LLA	181
6	S	156J	0 - 1	F M F COHEN	154
7	N J	137	1 - 0	J BASSINDER	157
8	A D	137	0 - 1	C HEIDRICH	138J
9	B H	134	0 - 1	R J PECK	154
10	C	131	1 - 0	D HUGHES	144J
11	L	119J	1 - 0	A CHAPMAN	-
12	J	117J	1/2 - 1/2	R W RENDELL	161
13	C	116	0 - 1	J COBB	135J
14	R	108J	1 - 0	N G ASHBY	133J
15	I K	115	1/2 - 1/2	A W CHAMPION	145
16	S	111	1/2 - 1/2	A D HURST	135

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of player	Grade
1	D	103J	0 - 1	T WOODWARD	126
2	C	101J	1/2 - 1/2	R CARVER	124
3	R	101J	1 - 0	J E MILWARD	124
4	M	96J	0 - 1	A BOSWORTH	119J
5	A	96J	1/2 - 1/2	C COBB	123J
6	N	105	0 - 1	D H POTT	121
7	J	91J	1 - 0	N WALTERS	119
8	A	75J	0 - 1	R F WARDELL	115
9	P	- J	0 - 1	S CONNOR	111
10	N	-	1/2 - 1/2	E A HARTFORD (Mrs)	111
11	Miss J	- J	1/2 - 1/2	H S BAHA	105
12	M	- J	0 - 1	G S ASHBY	98
13	DEFAULT		0 - 1		
14	DEFAULT		0 - 1		
15	DEFAULT		0 - 1		
16	DEFAULT		0 - 1		

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at ... WILTSHIRE ... on ... 10 MARCH 1990

Between ... HAMPSHIRE ... (home team) and ... DEVON ...

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of player	Grade
1	A P	211	1 - 0	J F WHEELER	182
2	G H	201	1 - 0	P HARRIS	176
3	R C	192	1/2 - 1/2	G W WHEELER	180
4	L	J190	1/2 - 1/2	B W R HEWSON	179
5	J R	J186	1/2 - 1/2	K B HILLS	177
6	A F	188	1 - 0	R H LINGHAM	176
7	W	186	1 - 0	T F THYNNE	169
8	P I	172	0 - 1	A W BRUSEY	168
9	J	J167	1 - 0	J RIDOLFO	165
10	P J	165	0 - 1	R C LUFFMAN	163
11	M L	163	1 - 0	B J PENALIGON	158
12	P D	158	1/2 - 1/2	P J BROOKS	152
13	C A	J154	1 - 0	R H JONES	147
14	M G	163	0 - 1	R HUTCHINGS	146
15	M	158	1/2 - 1/2	J WALKER	143
16	S	163	1 - 0	J GORODI	147

Board	HOME TEAM Name of player	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM Name of player	Grade
1	T I	164	1 - 0	R SHAPLAND	146
2	M C	159	1 - 0	K J BLOODWORTH	140
3	B J	157	1/2 - 1/2	R V CROSS	145
4	P M	-	1/2 - 1/2	J PARKER	143
5	H R	140	1/2 - 1/2	R M BRUCE	142
6	P L	144	1 - 0	C HOWARD	142
7	L C	141	1 - 0	J T SMITH	136
8	P J	141	1 - 0	J E ALLEN	125
9	J D	141	1/2 - 1/2	R (Mrs) BRUCE	128
10	S	-	1 - 0	L J GUARD	133
11	A D	142	1/2 - 1/2	E G SPARKE	130
12	S D	138	0 - 1	D HILL	132
13	B F	136	1/2 - 1/2	A WHITE	-
14	P	130	1 - 0	J H VASEY	131
15	D	129	1 - 0	M POPAVACH	126
16	T	116	0 - 1	R J MILNER	107

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WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION

County Championship Match played at Sea Mills, Bristol on 10 March 1990

between Somerset (home team) and Gloucestershire (away team)

Grade	HOME TEAM	Grade	Result	AWAY TEAM	Grade
	Name of Player			Name of Player	
1	S HILL	206	1 - 0	A P ASHBY	194
2	C J WEEKS	184	1 - 0	R CANNELL	189
3	D C PUGH	175	0 - 1	S P DILLEIGH	189
4	D LITTLEJOHNS	174	0 - 1	M E BURN	185
5	F JONES	178	0 - 1	A GILMOUR	184
6	A HILL	172	0 - 1	J R BOYCE	182
7	M BROWN	161J	0 - 1	C J A JONES	178
8	J E FENKES	179	½ - ½	I R WHITE	176
9	M EASTWOOD	159J	½ - ½	G BOLT	174
10	C E WINCH	166	½ - ½	P J MEADE	171
11	G JEPPI	161	1 - 0	A HURMAN	171
12	J BROWN	160	0 - 1	G NEVILLE	170
13	A HIBBITT	159	1 - 0	J HUMPHREYS	170
14	J A BOBROWSKI	157	½ - ½	G TAYLOR	169
15	P CHAPMAN	153	½ - ½	P F DAY	167
16	S R BONIFACE	152	0 - 1	R O POWIS	166
FIRST TEAM RESULT			6½ - 9½		
17	B G E GOSLING	152	0 - 1	D TWINE	163
18	D G WOODRUFF	151	1 - 0	D DUGDALE	160
19	H G THOMAS	148	1 - 0	P DENISON	160
20	DEFAULT		0 - 1	M EVANS	160
21	R PENN	144J	1 - 0	P LESNIEWSKI	137J
22	C T J MCKINLEY	142	½ - ½	J J CARR	144
23	J HENDY	141	0 - 1	G BREFZE	144
24	P J HIRONS	140	0 - 1	P RADFORD	142
25	E V COLE	135	0 - 1	M PASSMORE	141
26	T WALLIS	131	1 - 0	C R POWNEY	140
27	A PENN	122J	0 - 1	K MARKEY	137
28	R GARRETT	124J	½ - ½	N WOOD	136
29	E MAISHMAN	127	½ - ½	J BAKER	132
30	J RUDD	116J	1 - 0	D HIGGINS	128
31	P DUBBLE	119	1 - 0	S C ROBELETS	99
32	M E COOPER	103	0 - 1	K CHIDGEY	79
SECOND TEAM RESULT			7½ - 8½		

Full County Match Results for Season 1989/90

HAROLD MEEK COMPETITION

	CORN.	DEVON	DORSET	GLOS.	HANTS	SOMS.	WILTS.	Points
CORNWALL	xx	5	6½	4½	5	4½	8	1
DEVON	11	xx	11½	8	5½	8	10½	8
DORSET	9½	4½	xx	2	6½	6	6	2
GLOS.	11½	8	14	xx	8	9½	10	10
HAMPSHIRE	11	10½	9½	8	xx	12½	7	9
SOMERSET	11½	8	10	6½	3½	xx	6½	5
WILTSHIRE	8	5½	10	6	9	9½	xx	7

WAYLING CUP COMPETITION

	CORN.	DEVON	DORSET	GLOS.	HANTS	SOMS.	WILTS.	Points
CORNWALL	xx	3½	3	0	2	3	4	0
DEVON	12½	xx	8½	7½	5	8	12	8
DORSET	11	7½	xx	5½	6½	9½	9½	6
GLOS.	15	7½	10½	xx	10	8½	6½	9
HAMPSHIRE	14	11	9½	6	xx	9	12	10
SOMERSET	12	8	6½	7½	7	xx	9	5
WILTSHIRE	12	4	6½	9½	4	7	xx	4

FINAL PLACINGS:

- Harold Meek**
1. Gloucestershire
 2. Hampshire
 3. Devon
 4. Wiltshire
 5. Somerset
 6. Dorset
 7. Cornwall

- Wayling Cup**
1. Hampshire
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 7. Cornwall

The following are the pairings for the Quarter Finals of the Counties Championship. These matches shall be played on the 12th or 13th May.

1st Team	2nd Team	Minor Counties
GLOS v MCCU 2	HANTS v MCCU 2	NCCU 1 v WILTS
NCCU 1 v HANTS	NCCU 1 v GLOS	SCCU 1 v MCCU2/DORSET

The preliminary round match in the Minor Counties is to be played on the 21st April. The Match Captains of all WECU teams have confirmed their willingness to play in these later stages, good luck to all these teams.