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Hampshire	Stuart Dean	Charles Morris
Somerset	David Woodruff	Martyn Chandler
Wiltshire	Fenella Cohen	Richard Haydon
Bristol League	John Richards	R. J. Palmer

# Editorial

**W**elcome to this third issue of the latest format of Westward Ho! It breaks new ground in that there is no longer a pre-paid element to it - it must stand on its own feet from now on. So if you would like to guarantee deliveries of future copies, make sure you send me a completed subscription form. One can be found at the back of this magazine.

This issue may be breaking new ground by including photographs for the first time along with the written material. Hope this will add to the appeal.

Many thanks for the kind remarks received so far about the last two issues, and full marks to those who spotted the deliberate mistakes. These are put in to keep the readership on its collective toes, you understand.

Many thanks also to all contributors, especially:-

Fenella Cohen, Malcolm Burn, Neville Belinfante, Richard Rendell, Jeff Douglas, Gerry Jepps, Ron Powis and Dave Regis, to name but a few. Keep the copy coming in. The logic is that any publicity your event or activity receives in Westward Ho! will be to the your benefit as much as mine. Hopefully, the raised profile you enjoy will create more interest in your event which will, in turn, be repaid by more support next time round.

Bob Jones

Editor

## WECU Matters

**Change of Officers:** At their recent Council meeting, President Richard Rendell and Deputy Adrian Rookes switched positions. Richard retains his seat on the Executive by virtue of his post as Junior Organiser. Anyone doubting Richard's commitment to the junior cause should read his account of his day at the National Finals in Nuneaton.

Geoff Mann of Gloucestershire has taken on the job of Union Grader.

Martyn Chandler joins David Woodruff as BCF delegates.

**WECU Congress:** The 1996 Congress made a loss of approximately £400 and has had to be supported financially by the Union. The main reason for this was the late arrival of the brochure. However, the Executive is determined that next year's, our 50th, will be one to remember, and has appointed a sub-committee to support Ian Biddick in his efforts. The sub-committee will comprise the Congress Secretary (Ian), President (Adrian Rookes), a local organiser and, if necessary, one other co-opted person. Details for the 50th Congress will be finalised during August and the brochures will be available in the autumn.

**Major - Minor:** Frank Kingdon's proposal regarding future qualification for the national stages of the counties championship was accepted. "Counties finishing 1st & 2nd in the Harold Meek competition (1st Teams) shall be nominated for the Counties Championship, and the next two counties that are not considered 'Major' by the BCF at that time, shall be nominated for the Minor Championship". Only Hampshire are currently considered as 'Major' by the BCF.

Details of the full calendar of county dates can be found on another page.

As regards the national stages of the 1996 Counties Championship, congratulations are in order to a number of counties:

To Dorset for qualifying for the Open Championship for the first time in their history.

To Devon for winning the National Under 150 Championship and also being finalists in the Under 100s.

To Wiltshire for coming within a whisker of becoming National Minor Counties Champions.

**WECU Jamboree:** The Jamboree will be held on Sunday 22nd September and there is a change in the formula by which teams in the graded section are composed, as the following proposal was accepted at Council: "That the graded teams shall consist of 12 players whose current grades shall total no more than 1500 points, with no individual grade limit". As before, players under 100 count as 100 and ungraded players count as 125.



# Around The Counties

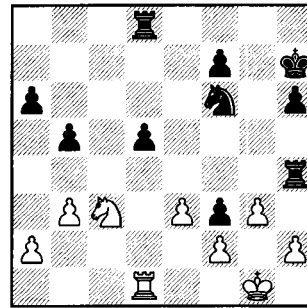
31. Rxf3 gxf3

## Wiltshire

Fenella Cohen reports:

The Wiltshire Championships finished as follows:

1st = Charles Cobb 4/5  
 Dave Quinn  
 3rd Tim Headlong 3



Minor Championship:

1st= Champa Phoutsady 4-/5  
 Gary Tanner  
 3rd Jonathan Willson 3

Controller Peter Richmond

Best game was awarded to Tim Headlong for the following fine win.

**White: D. Quinn.**  
**Black: T. Headlong**

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|----------|------|
| 1. d4    | d5   |
| 2. c4    | e6   |
| 3. Nc3   | c5   |
| 4. cxd5  | exd5 |
| 5. Nf3   | Nc6  |
| 6. g3    | Nf6  |
| 7. Bg2   | Be7  |
| 8. 0-0   | 0-0  |
| 9. Bg5   | cxd4 |
| 10. Nxd4 | h6   |
| 11. Be3  | Re8  |
| 12. Rc1  | Bf8  |
| 13. Nb3  | Be6  |
| 14. Nc5  | Bxc5 |
| 15. Bxc5 | Qd7  |
| 16. Qa4  | Bh3  |
| 17. Rfd1 | Bxg2 |
| 18. Kxg2 | Qe6  |
| 19. Rd2  | a6   |
| 20. Rcd1 | b5   |
| 21. Qh4  | Rad8 |
| 22. e3   | Ne5  |
| 23. b3   | Kh7  |
| 24. Bd4  | g5   |
| 25. Qh3  | g4   |
| 26. Qh4  | Qf5  |
| 27. Bxe5 | Rxe5 |
| 28. Rd4  | Qf3+ |
| 29. Kg1  | Rh5  |
| 30. Rf4  | Rxh4 |

Equal exchanges maybe, but the power exercised by the pawn on f3 is considerable. White is reduced to a state of impassivity.

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|----------|------------------|
| 32. gxh4 | Rc8              |
| 33. Rd3  | Ne4              |
| 34. Nd1  | Rc1              |
| 35. Kf1  | b4               |
| 36. Ke1  | Nc3              |
| 37. Rd4  | This rook yo-yos |

back and forth for the rest of the game.

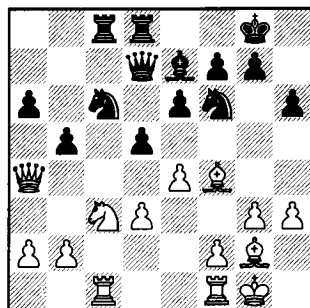
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| 37.         | .....a5 |
| 38. Rd3     | Ra1     |
| 39. Rd2     | Kg6     |
| 40. Rd3     | Kf5     |
| 41. h3      | Ke5     |
| 42. Rd4     | f5      |
| 43. Rd3     | h5      |
| 44. Rd4     | Nxd1    |
| 45. Rxd1    | Rxa2    |
| 46. Rd3     | Rb2     |
| 47. resigns |         |

Wiltshire's "Game of the Match" against Hampshire was this, their only win in the first team. Notes by the winner.

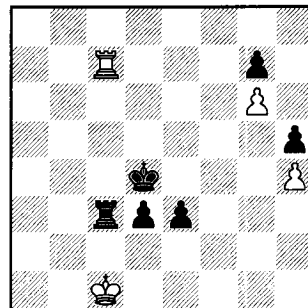
**White: D. W. Bell 167 (Hants)**  
**Black: F. M. F. Cohen 158**

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|----------|------|
| 1. Nf3   | d5   |
| 2. g3    | Bg4  |
| 3. Bg2   | Bxf3 |
| 4. Bxf3  | c6   |
| 5. c4    | Nf6  |
| 6. cxd5  | cxd5 |
| 7. Qb3   | Qd7  |
| 8. Nc3   | e6   |
| 9. 0-0   | Be7  |
| 10. d3   | Nc6  |
| 11. Bg2  | 0-0  |
| 12. Bf4  | Rac8 |
| 13. Rac1 | h6   |

14. Qa4      Rfd8  
 15. h3        a6  
 16. e4        b5



46. Rc7+      Kd4  
 47. Kc1        Rc3+  
 48. resigns



At first sight White's next move doesn't look sound, but post-match analysis hasn't found a satisfactory reply. If 17. Qc2 then Nd4. 17. Qd1 loses the e pawn.

17. Qxa6      Nb4  
 18. Qxb5      Qxb5  
 19. Nxb5      Nxd3  
 20. Rxc8      Rxc8  
 21. Bd6 21. e5 is probably better.  
 21.            .....Bxd6  
 22. Nxd6      Rc6  
 23. Rd1        Nxb2 If 23.....Nb5

the Nxe4

24. Rd2        Rxd6  
 25. Rxb2      Nxe4 If 25.e5 then

Rb6!

26. Bf1 d4  
 27. Rb8+      Kh7  
 28. Bd3        f5  
 29. Kf1        Nc5  
 30. Ke2        Nxd3 30....Kg6

might have been more accurate.

31. Kxd3      e5  
 32. f3        Ra6

33. Rb2 Re8 would have been a better try - white should try to be as active as possible.

33...Ra3+  
 34. Ke2        e4  
 35. fxe4      fxe4 These two

pawns are massively strong.

36. Rd2        Ra4  
 37. g4        Kg6  
 38. h4        h5  
 39. g5        Kf5  
 40. Kd1        e3  
 41. Rb2        d3  
 42. Rb3        Ke4  
 43. a3        Kd4  
 44. g6        Kc4  
 45. Rb7        Rxa3

Final position.



## Somerset

**N**eville Belinfante reports on the **Somerset Junior Championships**, held at Wellington School on 20-21st April.

### U18/U16/U14:

1st: Joseph Strange (Courtfield School Wellington) 5/6 U18 Champion  
 2nd: Peter Stephens (Gloucester) 4½/6  
 3rd= John Poxon (Chard) 4/6  
 Peter Manning (Courtfield School, Wellington)  
 Matthew Brierley (Highbridge)  
 (All three joint U16 & U14 champions)

As in previous years, younger children dominated the top places. Peter Stephens, for example is 15, while all the other winners are 13 or 14.

### U13/12:

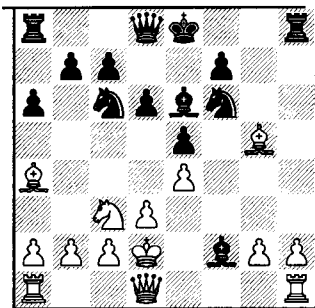
1st: Roger Knight (E. Coker & Preston School, Yeovil) 5-/6 (U13 Champion)  
 2nd: Richard Breeze (Wellesley Park School, Wellington) (U12 Champion)  
 3rd= Andrew Stephens (Gloucester)  
 David Stephens (Gloucester)

Andrew Manning (Wellesley Park School)  
Callum Bass (Chard)

Top game from the Open was the following between boys who both go to the same school and have been rivals for years.

**White: Peter Manning**  
**Black: Joe Strange**

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|----------|-------|
| 1. e4    | e5    |
| 2. Nf3   | Nc6   |
| 3. Bc4   | Nf6   |
| 4. d3    | Bc5   |
| 5. Nc3   | d6    |
| 6. Bg5   | h6    |
| 7. Bh4   | Be6   |
| 8. Bb5   | a6    |
| 9. Ba4   | g5    |
| 10. Nxc5 | hxc5  |
| 11. Bxc5 | Bxf2+ |
| 12. Kd2  |       |



Not KxB of course because of Ng4+ winning the unguarded bishop.

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|-----------|----------|
| 12.       | .....Bh4 |
| 13. Bxh4  | Rxh4     |
| 14. Qe1   | Rh8      |
| 15. Rf1   | Qe7      |
| 16. h3    | 0-0-0    |
| 17. Bxc6  | bxc6     |
| 18. Qf2   | Nd7      |
| 19. Qa7   | Nb6      |
| 20. Qxa6+ | Kd7      |

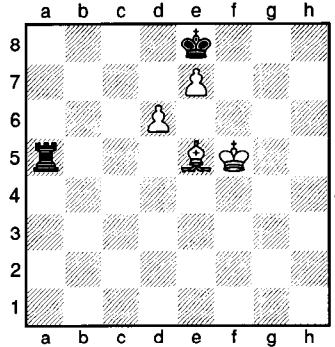
The king slides into safety and the white queen is in danger in becoming trapped in a net of its own making.

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| 21. Qa5  | Ra8                |
| 22. Qb4  | Rhb8               |
| 23. a4?? | White just doesn't |

see the danger. Qd4 was the only escape route for the queen. 23...Nc4+

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| 24. Qxc4    | Bxc4 |
| 25. resigns |      |

Best swindle was from the following position between Christopher Toy (Bridgewater & Wellington School) and James Massey (Wellesley Park School, Wellington) in the Under 13 Section. James had tried to claim a draw a few moves earlier when white's King & Bishop were on the 5th rank, thinking his rook on the 6th could prevent their advance.



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|----------------|------------|---------|
| Play continued | 1. ....Ra7 |         |
|                | 2. Ke6??   | rxg7+!! |
|                | 3. Kf6     | Rf7+    |
|                | 4. Ke6     | Re7+    |
|                | 5. Kd5     | Rd8     |
|                | 6. Ke6     | Rxd6    |
|                | 7. Bxd6    | draw    |

### Somerset Centenary Tournament

A special tournament to celebrate the centenary of the Somerset County Chess Association was held at the Victoria Sports & Social Club, Street. The entry was a disappointing 38, but there were some good games.

#### Open:

- 1st Jack Rudd (Yeovil) 6/6
- 2nd Tyson Mordue (Keynsham) 5/6
- 3rd= Chris Barratt (Wellington) 4/6
- Melanie Buckley (Keynsham)

#### Under 120:

- 1st Adam York (Nailsea) Aged 9! 5-/6
- 2nd David Barnstaple (Street) 5/6
- 3rd David Streer (Street) 4-/6



## Devon

DCCA Competition Results 1996

Div I: (Bremridge Cup)  
Winners - Exeter

Div II: (Mamhead Cup)  
Winners - Exeter B

Div III: (Schofield Cup)  
Winners - Exeter A

Division 4: (Moyle Cup)  
Winners - Teignmouth

Junior Division: (Bloodworth Shield)  
Winners: Torbay Juniors  
Torquay Boys Grammar School

Rapidplay Division: (Newman Cup)  
Winners: Exeter

Knockout Competition: (Rooke Memorial)  
Winners: Teignmouth.

Individual: Open

Intermediate: R. Liggitt

Minor:

Ladies: Dr. G. Tyrer

The Association adopted a new constitution at their recent A.G.M. after stirring preparatory work by a sub-committee comprising President Ivor Annetts, Competitions Secretary John Dunleavy and Archivist Geoff Jenkins. The result is a model document that will hopefully serve the Association into the millenium.. Copies available on request from the Editor

## 46th Annual Congress

Sunday 1st - Saturday 7th September

Oldway Mansion, Paignton

Early entry advised as 7 rd entries will be restricted to ensure optimum playing conditions.

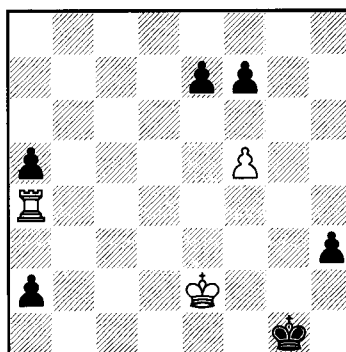
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- ◆ British Championship Qualifier
- ◆ Leigh Grand Prix quad points (prem)

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## Problem

The following endgame study was sent in by **Nicholas Worthing** of the Exmouth Chess Club. Nicholas is one of the few West Country players who can rightly claim to have drawn a game with the great Capablanca. Now 80 years young, he plays as mean a game as ever, as evidenced by his becoming Runner Up in the Exmouth Club Championship. First published in *The Problemist* in September 1987.



White to play and win

# West of England Congress

Torquay Boys' Grammar School - Easter 1996

## Open Section

		Gd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	
1	Beaumont, C.	206	11+	8+	22-	6+	7=	14-	26=	4	
2	Brennan D. R.	166	by=	14=	19-	3=	18=	11+	13=	3½	
3	Brierly, M. J.	146	9=	21-	5=	2=	26-	10=	23+	3	
4	Brusey, A. W.	177	25-	5=	20-	27+	16+	26-	11-	3	
5	Burton, R.	160	13-	4=	3=	23+	20=	9-	19+	3½	
6	Chaplin P.	158	26=	7-	17+	1-	9=	20+	15+	4½	Grade
7	Cole R.	198	15+	6+	25-	11+	1=	8+	21+	5½	2nd=
8	Dilliegh, S. P.	183	10+	1-	15+	16+	25-	7-	9=	3½	
9	George I. M.	184	3=	12=	14=	13=	6=	5+	8=	4	
10	Gosling B.	144	8-	23-	27=	by=	15-	3=	16+	2½	
11	Grossett, D.	174	1-	27+	18+	7-	14-	2-	4+	3	
12	Haydon, R.	197	16+	9=	24-	19+	22-	16=	WD	3	
13	Headlong, T.	195	5+	23-	16=	9=	by=	17=	2=	3½	
14	Hodge, D.	161	21=	2=	9=	20=	11+	4+	24-	4	
15	Horner, R. M.	162	7-	by=	8-	17=	10+	12=	6-	3	
16	Hutchings, R.	161	12-	26+	13=	8-	4-	27-	10-	1½	
17	Lane P	180	27+	24-	6-	15=	19+	13=	18-	3	
18	Lesniowski, P	160	20+	22-	11-	26=	2=	23+	17+	4	
19	Lingham R.H.	161	22-	20=	2+	12-	17-	by+	5-	2½	
20	Menadue, J	194	18-	19=	4+	14=	5=	6-	27=	3	
21	Philips, R	198	14=	3+	23+	22+	24=	25=	7-	4½	
22	Rudd, J	197	19+	18+	1+	21-	12+	24+	25-	5	
23	Taylor G. P.	166	24-	10+	21-	5-	by+	18-	3-	2	
24	Thompson, I.	203	23+	17+	12+	25+	21=	22-	14+	5½	1st=
25	Wall G.	207	4+	13+	7+	24-	8+	21=	22+	5½	2nd=
26	Palm, F	186	6-	16-	by+	18=	3+	4+	1=	4	
27	Cohen, F	158	17-	11-	10=	4-	by-	16+	20=	2½	

### Major:

1st	R. Shapland	Barnstaple.
2nd.	J. Seal	Warwick University
3rd=	P. Scott	Torquay Boys' Grammaer School
	E. Biddle	Stains

### Minor:

1st.	I Clarke	Torquay
2nd	A. Wright	Torquay
3rd=	D. Burt	Parkston
	T. Dutton	Totnes

### Grading Prizes Under 100

P. Monk	Trowbridge
R. Murr	Paignton
A. R. Willis	Exeter



## WECU Teams in the National Stages

### History Made For 3 WECU Teams!

1996 proved to be an historic year for no less than three WECU Counties, with **Dorset** qualifying for the National Stages of the Open for the first time in their history. True, they didn't progress beyond the Semis, but they had to leave something to aim for!

**Wiltshire**, only allowed through to the Final Stages by the good grace of Cornwall who declined to take up their place, made it all the way to the Finals of the Minor Counties, the best they have ever done, and were very unlucky not to win the title outright. More of that later.

Finally, **Devon**, taking a saturation approach to the situation, entered almost everything going, putting teams in the Under 150, Under 125 and Under 100. The Under 125 were very unlucky to lose to Warwickshire in the Quarter-Finals, who went on to win the final by a country mile; and their other two teams both made it to Wembley - sorry, Birmingham, filling a coach with players, wives and supporters. The fact of the Under 100s losing out to Suffolk was more than made up for by the Under 150s winning their match against Nottinghamshire, and becoming National Champions for the first time in their history.

That's it in a nutshell. Here are the details of all WECU activities.

#### Open Section - Quarter-Final

Played at Newbury - 4th May

**A**lthough they didn't win, Dorset were no doubt happy just to be there, this being their first ever qualification for the Open Quarter Final, the match itself being a small part of history.

#### Warwickshire

1. A. Webster	1 0
2 C.W.Baker	1 0
3 B. Stojakovic	½ ½
4. P. Johnstone	1 0
5 P. Briggs	1 0
6 P. Webster	1 0
7 K. Escott	0 1
8 P. Holt	1 0
9 A. D. Lloyd	½ ½
10 R. H. Wildig	½ ½

#### Dorset

M. J. Simons
M. J. Freeman
G. A. White
I. C. Clark
G. J. Willetts
A. J. Dommett
B. Hirsch
R. M. Pegg
M. Waddington
C. B. Jenks

11 A. Baruch	½ ½	S. Pollyn
12 A. J. Brown	1 0	S. C. Crisp
13 R. Jones	0 1	L. J. Crane
14 C. Searle	½ ½	T. E. Simms
15 M. Probert	½ ½	S. R. Iyengar
16 G. Davies	1 0	K. A. Sarahs

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**Hampshire** undoubtedly drew the short straw by being drawn against an extremely strong Kent team. Not that Hants were significantly outgraded, between 3 to 10 points on almost every board. In fact, where strength-in-depth usually pays off, on the lower boards, Hampshire won the bottom half, boards 9 - 16 by 4½ - 3½. Only John Jones lost on Board 16, and this presumably to ensure a win on board count in case of an 8 all draw! Higher up the order, Morris, the one Hants player to outgrade his opponent, made this slight advantage pay with their only win in the top half, but the concession of three losses helped Kent shave the match by the narrowest of margins. Hampshire thus continue to just miss out on the "rub of the green" in the National stages, having lost several matches in similar fashion.

Played at Guildford - 18th May

#### Hampshire

#### Kent

1 J. R. Poulton 216	½ ½	P. J. Morris 219
2 G. H. Bennett 216	0 1	C. M. Cooley 221
3 A. R. Corkett 209	½ ½	A. Hanrek 209
4 I. Thompson 203	0 1	I. Wabon 206
5 C. F. Morris 203	1 0	D. W. Gormally 201
6 R. Abaysekera 201	½ ½	J. Vigus 204
7 A. F. Brameld 198	0 1	J. Naylor 201
8 D. R. Neil 197	½ ½	C. Chandler 205
9 M. J. Yeo 196	½ ½	P. Taylor 203
10 K. G. Coates 192	½ ½	A. L. Mack 198
11 R. C. Noyce 189	1 0	J. D. Wager 195
12 M. Anderton 189	1 0	J. Sugden 193
13 D. Tunks 184	½ ½	R. M. O'Kelly 194
14 C. Purdon 178	½ ½	C. I. Howell 188
15 P. G. House 176	½ ½	S. Wood 184
16 J. H. Jones 176	0 1	J. S. Williams 181

7½ - 8½

#### Minor Counties

Wiltshire arranged their Quarter Final match to be played at Cogenhoe Village Hall, Northants, unfortunately on a day that clashed

with the Frome Congress, so they were missing several players. A quick loss and several dodgy positions gave Team Captian Fenella Cohen cause for concern, until the wins started flowing and they ran out easy winners.

Played at Cogenhoe Village Hall.

<u>Lincolnshire</u>		<u>Wiltshire</u>	
1 N. Djipa 211	1 0	R. Haydon	197
2 J. D. Ball 195	½ ½	T. Headlong	195
3 N. P. Stead 184	0 1	P. Richmond	202
4 A. Coppin 184	0 1	S. Zeidler	203
5 N. Birtwistle 180	0 1	P. Varley	200
6 P. Levermore 162	½ ½	A. Cooper	189
7 R. Carpenter 160	½ ½	J. Richmond	187
8 K. Palmer 157	½ ½	D. Quinn	172
9 A. Bulbeck 157	½ ½	G. Windebank	173
10 F. Bowers 155	0 1	S. Elliot	
11 F. Nottingham 154	0 1	J. Bourne	180
12 G. Ladds 151	0 1	N. Wingfield	167
13 J. Blake 151	½ ½	F. Cohen	158
14 C. Grant 150	½ ½	D. O'Byrne	146
15 G. Collyer 140	½ ½	G. Tanner	121
16 C Palmer 95	0 1	J. Willson	97

**5 - 11**

Played at Swindon - 18th May

<u>Gloucestershire</u>		<u>Hertfordshire</u>	
1 P. J. Meade 173	0 1	N. Bradbury	195
2 I. White 171	½ ½	P. Byway	186
3 G. P. Taylor 166	1 0	S. Roe	200
4 S. White 163	0 1	J. Rudge	189
5 D. Smith 156	0 1	K. Clark	187
6 M. Kambites 162	0 1	B. Savage	184
7 R. O. Powis 150	0 1	H. Tebbs	182
8 P. F. Day 150	0 1	A. Gilfillan	198
9 J. J. Carr 148	0 1	C. Majer	176
10 A. Breakspear 131	0 1	A. Ethelontis	172
11 I. Blencowe 131	0 1	S. Law	172
12 C. Oliver 128	0 1	P. Bonafont	180e
13 S. Herbert 113	0 1	J. Denton	178
14 A. Richards 104	0 1	J. Cook	170
15 Def	0 1	D. Bower	167
16 Def	0 1	J. Fraser-Mitchell	

**1½ - 14½**

Gloucestershire's top 3 boards, outgraded by a total of 71 points, did tremendously well to hold their opponents to an even score, and what a scalp for G. Taylor, beating a 200

player! Having said that, however, Herts made no more mistakes, gave no mercy and took no prisoners, winning a very one-sided match by a wide margin.

### Under 175 Quarter Final

Kent v Hampshire

Played at Guildford 18th May

At the same time as Hampshire 1st team were narrowly missing out to Kent, the same two counties' 2nd teams were also locked in combat. Yet although both teams were much more evenly matched, Kent found this an easier proposition, winning 7 games to 3, with the rest drawn. However, in spite of losing both matches, Hampshire gain great credit if only from being able to field thirty players graded 150 and higher, in Guildford in mid-May.

Kent

Hampshire

1. L. R. Gurr 173	½ ½	J. R. Wilkinson	174
2. G. M. Brown 166	1 0	R. G. W. Marsh	173
3. D. J. R. Barnes 168	1 0	M. L. Newbury	171
4. R. J. Everson 166	1 0	D. W. Bell	167
5. T. H. Owens 163	½ ½	S. J. Smith	163
6. J. R. Cordner 162	0 1	M. G. Buckley	162
7. S. J. Jacob 162	½ ½	M. Body	161
8. M. Brougham 161	½ ½	J. Ramsdale	159
9. S. J. Peters 160	0 1	A. Fysh-Foskett	159
10. N. Mackett 158	0 1	P. D. Miller	157
11. M. Robertson 156	1 0	A. D. Smith	152
12. N. S. W. Alfred 152	1 0	P. Barber	150
13. M. R. Taylor 150	1 0	M. Herion	147
14. P. C. Rutland 153	½ ½	D. I. Hoskins	147
15. J. H. Lewin 153	½ ½	D. Thompson	145
16. R. E. Lane 150	1 - 0	S. D. LeFevre	132

**10 - 6**

### Under 150 Preliminary K.O.

Played at Stevenage, Herts, 27th April

Hertfordshire

Hampshire

1. S. Charles 147	0 1	P. J. Massey	149
2. J. Taffel 148	1 0	D. I. Hoskens	147
3. D. Young 148	1 0	M. C. Hagan	147
4. R. Gordon-Smith 147	0 1	D. Kinsler	146

5. J. Coles 146	½ ½ M. Clarke 145
6. S. Cook 146	0 1 J. A. Coburn 142
7. B. Judkins 145	1 0 A. Mayer 140
8. D. Webb 141	1 0 D. Rogers 138
9. K. Hardy 140	1 0 M.Ludbrook 137
10 P. Lawrence 142	½ ½ S.D.LeFevre 137
11 J. Marshall 142	½ ½ B. Knight 134
12 D. Price 141	½ ½ D.Culliford 129
13 A. Hall 141	½ ½ B. Grant 121
14 D. Hill 140	1 0 N.LeFevre 117
15 R. Hessing 139	1 0 M. Body 95
16 A. Fulton 132	1 0 L. Jennings u/g

10½ - 5½

### Under 150 Quarter Final

Played at Bristol 18th May

Devon                      Leicestershire

1. J. G. Gorodi 140	1 0	R. Jones u/g	
2. S. Webb 146	1 0	J. Pattinson	147
3. I Taggart 145	1 0	I Dodds	136
4. C. Brookwell 149	1 0	J. Calder	144
5. P. Halmkin 143	1 0	M. Connor	148
8. P. Carpenter 145	½ ½	I. Murray	138
9. R.C.Towers 143	½ ½	G. Booley	142
10 S. Pope 142	0 1	D. Fairley	135
11 D. Ruddall 141	0 1	G. Ward	142
12 P. Scott 140	1 0	G. Carlin	140
13 M. Abbot 139	0 1	M. Whall	135
14 R. H. Jones 138	1 0	C. Johnson	116
15 K.Bloodworth 135	0 1	J. Oliver	121
16 I.S.Annetts 131	1 0	def	

10 - 6

Devon were able to field an impressively strong team, with most of the side sandwiched within 10 points of the upper grading limit. Leicestershire were always facing an uphill task, not helped by defaulting bottom board. Five outright wins on the top boards created a cushion which helped to soften the blow of the odd blunder lower down the order.



Steve Webb of Devon considers his options.

Now a couple of games from this match to flesh out the bare statistics.

**White: S. Webb (Devon Bd2)**

**Black: J. Pattinson (Leics)**

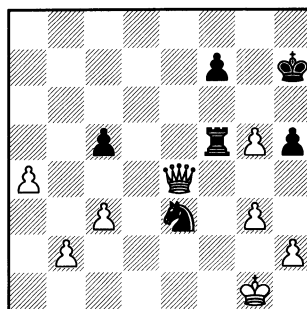
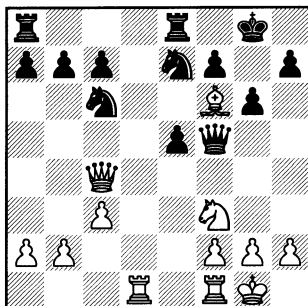
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| 1. d4    | d5   |
| 2. Nf3   | Nc6  |
| 3. e3    | Nf6  |
| 4. c3    | g6   |
| 5. Bb5   | Bd7  |
| 6. Nbd2  | Bg7  |
| 7. Bd3   | 0-0  |
| 8. 0-0   | Re8  |
| 9. e4    | dxe4 |
| 10. Nxe4 | e5   |
| 11. d5   | Nxd5 |
| 12. Qb3  |      |



White now begins to ask a series of questions of the black defence.

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| 12.      | ....Bc8 |
| 13. Bg5  | Nde7    |
| 14. Rad1 | Be6     |

- 15. Bc4            Bxc4
- 16. Qxc4           Qc8
- 17. Nf6+           Bxf6
- 18. Bxf6            Qf5



Final position. 1-0

A promising-looking attack, although in fact the black queen has landed on a vulnerable spot.

- 19. Qh4            h5
- 20. Rfe1           Nc8    Desperate

measures, cramping black's back row, while white is beautifully poised. The e-pawn is defended by 3 pieces; unfortunately, one of them is the queen, and the rook's power is illusory. In reality it's tied to the back rank to prevent Rd8+ and mate on h8 next move.

- 21. Nxe5           Nxe5
- 22. Rxe5           Qxe5    Black had

little choice.

- 23. Bxe5           Rxe5
- 24. Rd8+           Kh7

25. f4 A timely move that both defends e1 where mate was threatened and attacks the rook. 25...Rf5 It was essential to prevent Qf6, but it leaves the rook on a cramped square.

26. Qf2            Nb6 The only way black can break out of the straightjacket, but it allows the more mobile queen to snap up some morsels safely.

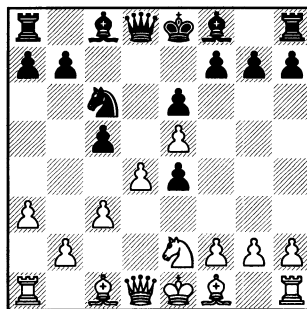
- 27. Rxa8           Nxa8
- 28. Qxa7           Nb6
- 29. Qxb7           Nd5
- 30. g3              c5
- 31. a4              g5
- 32. fxg5           Ne3?
- 33. Qe4            resigns

The second game well-illustrates how the burdens of responsibility can adversely affect a game. At the beginning of the session, the white player was preoccupied with taking a lot of flash photographs in the hall before players got engrossed in their games and consequently got into a difficult position on the board. As the game wore on, black, the Leicestershire captain, became preoccupied with the preparation of one of the most splendid teas ever put out at a county match, and not only failed to capitalise on a promising attack, but found himself losing quickly.

White: R. H. Jones. (138)  
Black: C. Johnson (116) Leics

French Defence - Tarrasch Variation

- 1. e4              e6
  - 2. d4              d5
  - 3. Nd2            Nf6
  - 4. e5              Ne4    A most
- unusual continuation - much more common is Nd7 However, the resulting isolated pawn is not easy to get at, and is in an inconvenient position for white.
- 5. Nxe4           dxe4
  - 6. c3              c5
  - 7. Ne2            Nc6
  - 8. a3

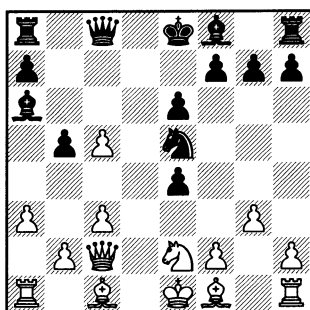


White was very keen to keep out the black square bishop from checking on b4 or the knight invading.

8. ....b6  
 9. g3 Ba6  
 10. Qa4 Having opened up the long white diagonal white should have consolidated, but got tempted into a rash attack which almost brings disaster.

10. ....Qc8  
 11. dxc5 White had hoped to capture on e4, relieving the pressure exercised by the pawn, but black calls his bluff.

11. ....b5  
 12. Qc2 [12.Qxe4 Bb7  
 13.Qf4] 12. ....Nxe5



This now looks decidedly difficult for white. With the pawn support, the knight can invade on two squares, the black square bishop can join the fray any time it likes, and the long diagonal is vulnerable.

13. Nd4 Perhaps the only move to retain any kind of counter-play. At least both invasion squares are now covered.

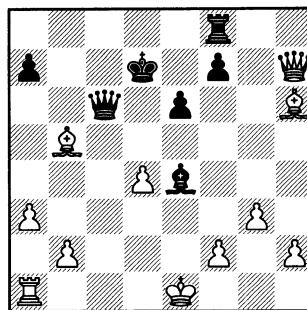
13. ....Bxc5  
 14. Qxe4 The time has come to take risks to keep in the game. Passivity may prove fatal. Although the diagonal is at the mercy of the white-square bishop coming to b7, white calculates that he gets sufficient material back for the rook which will be lost.

14. ....Bxd4  
 15. cxd4 Bb7  
 16. Qxe5 Bxh1  
 17. Qxg7 Qc6 White had not anticipated getting the rook back so quickly. [17...Rf8 18.Bh6 Kd7; 17...Rf8 18.Bxb5+ Bc6 19.Bh6 Kd7 20.Rc1]

18. Qxh8+ Kd7  
 19. Qxh7 Rf8  
 20. Bh6 All white's pieces can now spring into action with immediate threats, whereas black's are punching thin air.

20. ....Be4

## 21. Bxb5



Basic rule: "When ahead make equal exchanges to increase the differential".

21. ....Qxb5  
 22. Qxe4 Rc8  
 23. Rc1 Same basic rule applies.  
 23. ....Rxc1+  
 24. Bxc1 f5  
 25. Qe5 Qc4  
 26. Bf4 Qa2  
 27. Qb5+ Ke7  
 28. Bg5+ Kd6  
 29. Qc5+ resigns

## Under 125 Quarter Final

Played at Bristol 18th May

### Devon                      Warwickshire

1.I.E.Ashford 123	1 0	K. Warren	121
2. L. Guard 123	1 0	S. Chadaway	122
3. J. Rosseinsky 122	1 0	D. Stockhall	123
4. Mrs. R.Bruce 120	½ ½	A. McTavish	119
5. P.J.Roberts 118	1 0	K. Gilbert	116
6. I. Threlkeld 117	1 0	R. Bullock	u/g
7. P. Le Gallez 115	0 1	D. Grant	118
8. W. Burls 115	0 1	K. Ozeren	98
9. R. Shepherd 112	½ ½	M. Tallis	113
10 L. Porter 110	0 1	J. Fox	114
11 A.Crickmore 109	½ ½	D. Rowe	112
12 T.J.Hay 108	0 1	C. Charmon	110
13 W. Moffat 103	½ ½	R. Bevan	107
14 E. Soper 100	½ ½	H. Quail	107
15 R.Goldsworthy 98	0 1	P. Hufton	102
16 B. Newman u/g	0 1	P. Woodward	102

7½ - 8½

### Under 100 Quarter Final

Devon      8½ - 7½      Notts

In the Minor Counties, Wiltshire played Suffolk, again arranged for Cogenhoe Village Hall, their lucky venue from the previous round. Suffolk turned out to be seriously under-strength, a fact that not be unrelated to the fact that England were playing Switzerland that afternoon. The result was an emphatic 12-4 victory, putting Wiltshire in their first national final.

<u>Wiltshire</u>		<u>Suffolk</u>	
1. A. Law	216 ½ ½	N. Pert	
2. C. Cobb	209 1 0	S. Gregory	186
3. T. Headlong	195 1 0	E. Player	185
4. P. Richmond	202 ½ ½	C. Franklin	
5. R. Haydon	197 1 0	A. Charity	177
6. S. Zeidler	202 1 0	I. Wallis	175
7. P. Varley	200 1 0	S. Ruthen	174
8. J. Richmond	187 1 0	J. Feavour	169
9. S. Elliott	½ ½	D. Spence	167
10. D. Quinn	172 1 0	D. Whitehead	172
11. G. Windebank	173 0 1	T. Lunn	157
12. J. Bourne	½ ½	R Sanders	159
13. R. Churm	170 1 0	T. Rubin	160
14. F. Cohen	158 ½ ½	M. Fletcher	153
15. D. O'Byrne	146 1 0	D. Kraushaar	139
16. G. Tanner	½ ½	P. Revell	134
		<b>12 - 4</b>	

Both Devon teams reached the finals with easy victories over Cambridgshire (U-150) and Leicestershire (U-100) respectively.

### Minor Counties Final

Birmingham 30.06.96.

Wiltshire were able to field their strongest side against Sussex, who themselves had out their best players, and the gradings all the way down were pretty level. This was reflected in the scores as the games finished and near the end, the match was poised at 6 - 6. The score edged to 7 - 8 in Sussex's favour, with the last game looking good for Wilts. With a loss on bottom board, a win would give Wilts the championship on board count. However, calamity struck! The Sussex player snatched a perpetual check giving his team the match. by the narrowest of margins. So near yet so far! Next year, Fenella Cohen is asking the B.C.F. to hold the Finals at Cogenhoe Village Hall as well!

1. A. Law	216 ½ - ½	D. H. Cummings	211
2. C. Cobb	209 0 - 1	B. J. Denman	218
3. T. Headlong	195 ½ - ½	F. Kwiatowski	197
4. P. Richmond	202 ½ - ½	G. H. James	200
5. R. Haydon	197 ½ - ½	B. Cafferty	192
6. S. Zeidler	203 ½ - ½	K. I. Norman	192
7. P. Varley	200 1 - 0	M. R. Stott	187
8. J. Richmond	187 0 - 1	M. P. Nicholas	185
9. E. Lea	175 0 - 1	S. J. Newman	185
10. S. Elliott -	1 - 0	J. A. Dodgson	183
11. D. Quinn	172 1 - 0	D. G. Farr	183
12. R. Churm	170 0 - 1	R. J. Almond	175
13. J. Bourne	180 1 - 0	A. G. Cooper -	
14. G. Windebank	173 1 - 0	I. G. Kelly	172
15. N. Wingfield	167 0 - 1	A. Pickerskill	170
16. F. Cohen	158 0 - 1	J. Graham	166

7½ 8½



Wilts Board 3, Tim Headlong, gives his reply to Kwiatowski's 1.e4 serious consideration

### Under 150 National Championship

Birmingham 29-06.96.

This match was much tighter than the final score suggests, and with three games to go, Leigh, Abbott and Carpenter's, all with unclear positions, it seemed the match could go either way. Non-playing Captain Tim Hay, refused to accept draws, making his men play on for result. This policy paid off because all three swung Devon's way in very close endgames, and Devon took the trophy in style.

<u>Devon</u>		<u>Notts</u>	
1. D. Hill	142 0 - 1	A. Blake	148
2. J. G. Gorodi	140 ½ - ½	N. Graham	148
3. S. Webb	146 1 - 0	A. Dyce	148
4. I. Taggart	145 ½ - ½	J. Tassi	147
5. C. Brookwell	149 ½ - ½	B. Hayward	145

6. P. E. Halmkin	143 ½ - ½	W. Selby	143
7. M. Leigh	149 1 - 0	A. Wright	143
8. M. Hamon	148 0 - 1	J. Cast	143
9. P. Carpenter	145 1 - 0	N. Bowler	142
10. P. Scott	140 1 - 0	Z. Yahya	141
11. R. C. Towers	143 ½ - ½	M. Shaw	140
12. S. Pope	142 0 - 1	R. Taylor	139
13. D. Rudall	141 1 - 0	I. Nicholson	137
14. M. Abbott	139 1 - 0	G. Beales	136
15. I. S. Annetts	131 1 - 0	M. Taylor	131
16. K. Bloodworth	135 0 - 1	P. Kirby	127

9½ 6½

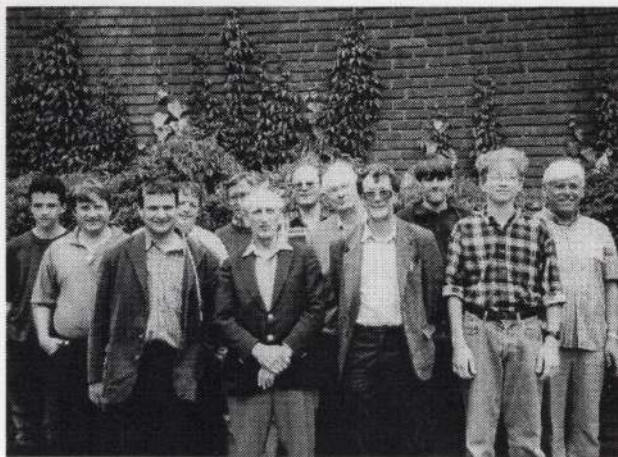


Devon Captain Tim Hay receives the Under-150 Trophy from BCF President, Alan Martin. Is Tim pleased, or what?

In spite of their superior gradings the Devon Under-100 charge for the line came to a faltering end when they lost 8 - 4 over 12 boards. The winning Captain, Bob Jones, one of three in the Suffolk chess hierarchy, seemed to generate a very positive team spirit, judging by the cheers they evoked at the prizegiving. This fighting spirit was epitomised by diminutive 10 yr old Christobell Harrington in her fine win over the Devon team captain Ian Mason.

### Under 100 Championship

<u>Devon</u>		<u>Suffolk</u>	
1. R. Murr	99 0 - 1	G. Mason	93
2. C. B. Peach	98 0 - 1	A. Molloy	94
3. R. Greenhalgh	98 ½ - ½	G. Chapman	91
4. A. Tatam	97 1 - 0	V. Goetz	90
5. M. England	94 1 - 0	E. Mallett	89
6. W. Tindal	93 0 - 1	G. Stebbings	u/g
7. R. Lock	91 0 - 1	S. Banham	u/g
8. R. Sharp	87 ½ - ½	B. Collins	86
9. I. Greenhalgh	86 0 - 1	W. Maynor	82
10. I. Dudley	55 1 - 0	M. Gray	u/g
11. I. Mason	84 0 - 1	C. Harrington	78
12. C. Marchant	75 0 - 1	R. Jones	76



The Devon Under-100 Team at the National Finals.

All in all, a great day for WECU teams with 44 players participating in the finals.



And now for some of the games from the Finals. First, Wiltshire's five wins.

**White: M. Stott (187) Sussex (Bd 7)**  
**Black: P. Varley (200) Wilts**

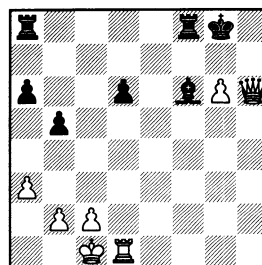
#### Scotch Game

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| 1. e4 e5    | 2. Nf3 Nc6  |
| 3. d4 exd4  | 4. Nxd4 Qh4 |
| 5. Nb5 Bb4+ | 6. Bd2      |
- White gambits his e-pawn which black grabs. Will it prove decisive either way? Read on.
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| 6. ...Qxe4+   |               |
| 7. Be2 Kd8    | 8. 0-0 Bxd2   |
| 9. Qxd2 Nf6   | 10. N1c3 Qe5  |
| 11. Bf3 h6    | 12. Rad1 Qg5  |
| 13. Qxg5 hxg5 | 14. Nd5 Nxd5  |
| 15. Rxd5 f6   | 16. Nd4 Nxd4  |
| 17. Rxd4 a5   | 18. Rfd1 Ra6  |
| 19. Rd5 Re8   | 20. h3 d6     |
| 21. c4 Be6    | 22. R5d4 Kd7  |
| 23. c5 Kc8    | 24. cxd6 Rxd6 |
| 25. Rxd6 cxd6 | 26. Rxd6 Bxa2 |



This conclusion to the series of exchanges enables black to hang on to his one pawn advantage, which he can now nurture to a satisfactory conclusion.

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| 27. Rb6 Re7    | 28. Rb5 a4    |
| 29. Rb4 Bb3    | 30. Kh2 Kb8   |
| 31. g4 Ka7     | 32. Kg3 Ka6   |
| 33. h4 gxh4+   | 34. Kxh4 b5   |
| 35. g5 fxg5+   | 36. Kxg5 Bc4  |
| 37. Kg6 Ka5    | 38. Rxc4 bxc4 |
| 39. Bd5 Kb4    | 40. f4 c3     |
| 41. bxc3+ Kxc3 | 42. f5 Kd4    |
| 43. Ba2 Ke5    | 44. Bc4 a3    |
| 45. Bb3 Ra7    | 46. Ba2 Ra5   |
| 47. Resigns    |               |



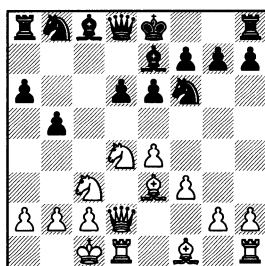
Final position

White: P. G. Farr (183) Sussex (Bd. 11)  
Black: D. Quinn (172) Wilts

White: S. Elliott Wilts (Bd. 10)  
Black: J. A. Dodgson (183) Sussex

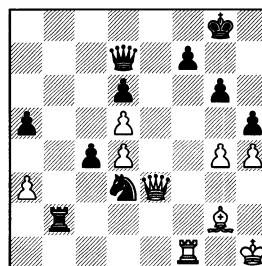
### Sicilian Defence

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| 1. e4 c5   | 2. Nf3 e6   |
| 3. d4 cxd4 | 4. Nxd4 Nf6 |
| 5. Nc3 d6  | 6. Be3 Be7  |
| 7. f3 a6   | 8. Qd2 b5   |
| 9. 0-0-0   |             |



### English Opening

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. c4 Nf6     | 2. Nc3 g6     |
| 3. g3 Bg7     | 4. Bg2 0-0    |
| 5. e4 d6      | 6. Nge2 c5    |
| 7. 0-0 Nc6    | 8. d3 Bd7     |
| 9. Rb1 Ne8    | 10. a3 a5     |
| 11. Be3 Nc7   | 12. Qd2 Rb8   |
| 13. f4 b5     | 14. cxb5 Nxb5 |
| 15. Nxb5 Rxb5 | 16. f5 Qb8    |
| 17. Nc3 Rb3   | 18. f6 exf6   |
| 19. Bh6 Be6   | 20. Bxg7 Kxg7 |
| 21. Rf2 Ne5   | 22. Rbf1 Ng4  |
| 23. Re2 Rc8   | 24. h3 Ne5    |
| 25. Qf4 Rxb2  | 26. Qxf6+ Kg8 |
| 27. Nd5 Bxd5  | 28. Rxb2 Qxb2 |
| 29. exd5 Qb6  | 30. Kh1 Qd8   |
| 31. Qf4 Rb8   | 32. h4 h5     |
| 33. Be4 Rb2   | 34. Bg2 Qd7   |
| 35. d4 Nd3    | 36. Qe3 c4    |
| 37. g4        |               |



The Yugoslav System in which white castles long and hurls everything available quickly down onto black's kingside. These games are seldom long ones. We are not disappointed.

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|---|-----------------|
| 9...Bb7   | 10. g4 0-0      |
| 11. h4 Nc6  | 12. Nxc6 Bxc6   |
| 13. g5 Nd7  | 14. a3 Qc7      |
| 15. h5 Qb7  | 16. Nd5 exd5    |
| 17. exd5 Ne5  | 18. dxc6 Qxc6   |
| 19. Bd3 Nxd3+   | 20. Qxd3 Qxf3   |
| 21. g6 fxg6   | 22. hxg6 h6     |
| 23. Qb3+ Kh8  | 24. Rxh6+! gxh6 |
| 25. Bd4+ Qf6 [25...Bf6 26. Qxf3 Bxd4  |                 |
| 27. Qh5 Be3+ 28. Kb1 Rad8] 26. Qe3  |                 |
| The queen is lost anyway - black is merely manoeuvring for a quicker kill. 26...Kg8 |                 |
| 27. Bxf6 Bxf6 28. Qxh6 Resigns  |                 |

Calculating that Qxg4 will allow the white queen to check on e8 with a forced mate to follow. However, black gets his checks in first.

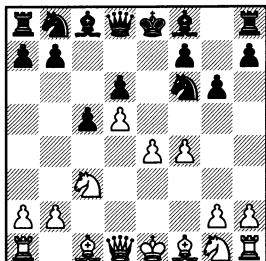
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| 37. ..Rxb2!   | 38. Kxg2 Qxg4+ |
| 39. Qg3 Qxg3+ | 40. Kxg3 c3    |
| 41. Resigns   |                |

What a finish, right on the time control.



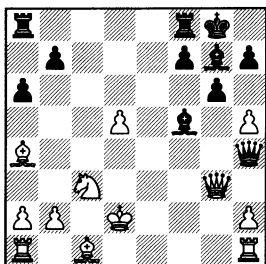
White: A. Cooper Sussex Bd. 13  
 Black: J. D. Bourne (180) Wilts

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| 1. d4 Nf6  | 2. c4 e6   |
| 3. Nc3 c5  | 4. d5 exd5 |
| 5. cxd5 d6 | 6. e4 g6   |
| 7. f4      |            |



White goes for an all-out central push which wins a piece in the short term but eventually rebounds on his head.

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| 7. ..Bg7       | 8. Bb5+ Nbd7      |
| 9. e5 dxe5     | 10. fxe5 Nh5      |
| 11. Nf3 0-0    | 12. g4 Nxe5       |
| 13. gxh5 Nxf3+ | 14. Qxf3 Qh4+     |
| 15. Kd2        | White has won his |
- piece, but this is the price he has to pay; exposed King blocking in bishop and rook.
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| 15. ..c4    | 16. Ne2 a6   |
| 17. Ba4 c3+ | 18. Nxc3 Bf5 |
| 19. Qg3     |              |



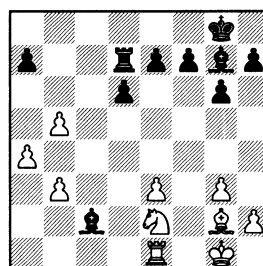
19...Bxc3+! Black could have played this last move, but with the bishop now on f5 and the two rooks opened up, the effect now is conclusive.

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| 20. Kxc3 Qxa4 |              |
| 21. b3 Rac8+  | 22. Kb2 Rc2+ |
| 23. Kb1 Rxa2+ | 24. Resigns  |

White: G. Windebank (173) Wilts  
 Black: I. G. Kelly (172) Sussex Bd 14

### English Opening

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| 1. c4 Nf6     | 2. Nc3 c5     |
| 3. Nf3 Nc6    | 4. g3 g6      |
| 5. Bg2 Bg7    | 6. 0-0 0-0    |
| 7. d4 cxd4    | 8. Nxd4 Nxd4  |
| 9. Qxd4 d6    | 10. Qd3 Ng4   |
| 11. Nd5 Be6   | 12. Qb3 Qd7   |
| 13. Qb5 Rfd8  | 14. Qxd7 Rxd7 |
| 15. Rb1 Rc8   | 16. b3 b5     |
| 17. cxb5 Rc2  | 18. a4 Rxe2   |
| 19. Nf4 Bf5   | 20. Nxe2 Bxb1 |
| 21. Be3 Bd3   | 22. Re1 Nxe3  |
| 23. fxe3 Bc2? |               |

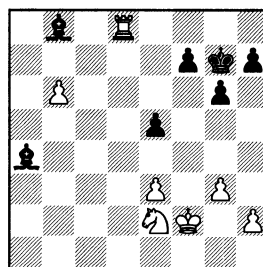


Black's concern at white's 3-1 pawn majority shouldn't obscure the fact of his rook's poor positioning.

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| 24. Rc1 Bxb3  |             |
| 25. Rc8+ Bf8  | 26. Bc6 Be6 |
| 27. Bxd7 Bxd7 | 28. Ra8 Bg4 |
| 29. Kf2 e5    | 30. Rxa7    |

White's two passed pawns ought to be able to walk home from here, but the time control is close and there's always the chance of the unexpected.

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| 30. ..d5      |                 |
| 31. Rc7 Bd6   | 32. Rc6 Bb8     |
| 33. b6 Bd7    | 34. Rc5 Kg7     |
| 35. Rxd5 Bxa4 | 36. Rd8 Resigns |



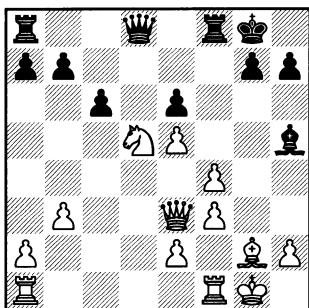
The black bishop is hopelessly trapped. 1-0

And now some of Devon's wins.

White: M. Abbott (139) Devon Bd. 14

Black: G. E. Beales (136) Notts

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| 1. d4 f5      | 2. c4 Nf6     |
| 3. Nc3 e6     | 4. Nf3 Be7    |
| 5. g3 0-0     | 6. Bg2 d5     |
| 7. 0-0 c6     | 8. b3 Bd7     |
| 9. Ne5 Be8    | 10. f3 Bh5    |
| 11. Qd3 Nbd7  | 12. cxd5 Nxe5 |
| 13. dxe5 Be5+ | 14. Be3 Bxe3+ |
| 15. Qxe3 f4   | 16. gxf4 Nxd5 |
| 17. Nxd5      |               |



As this complex series of exchanges ends white emerges a pawn up.

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| 17...cxd5    | 18. Bh3 Qe7 |
| 19. Rac1 Be8 | 20. Qc5 Qf7 |
| 21. Qd6 Qg6+ | 22. Kh1 Bf7 |

23. f5 Mark seeks to eliminate one of his doubled pawns while weakening black's two centre pawns. 23...exf5 24. Qxg6 Bxg6

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| 25. Rc7 Rf7  | 26. Rfc1 Re8 |
| 27. f4 Rb8   | 28. Bg2 Rxc7 |
| 29. Rxc7 Bf7 | 30. Rd7 Rc8  |

31. Bxd5 White's strategy pays off with a second pawn, which, with best play, should be enough to win. But best play is not always guaranteed in these circumstances.

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| 31...Rc1+ | 32. Kg2 Bxd5+ |
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33. Rxd5 Every exchange helps white's cause. 33...Rc2 34. Kf3 Rxa2

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| 35. Rd8+ Kf7 | 36. Rd7+ Kf8 |
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The crucial difference is that the black king is trapped while white's, thanks to the b-pawn, has the freedom of the board.

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| 37. Rxb7 Ra3 | 38. Ke3 a5    |
| 39. Kd4 Ra2  | 40. Kd5 Rc2   |
| 41. Ke6 Rc6+ | 42. Kxf5 g6+  |
| 43. Ke4 h5   | 44. Ra7 Rc5   |
| 45. Rb7 a4   | 46. bxa4 Rc4+ |
| 47. Kf3 Rxa4 | 48. Rb6 Kf7   |
| 49. f5 g5    | 50. Rb7+ Kf8  |
| 51. e3 Rh4   | 52. Rb2 Rh3+  |

53. Ke4 h4 54. Rg2 g4

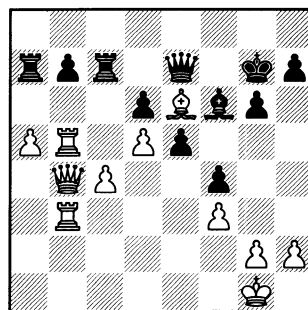
55. Rxc4 Rxc2 56. Kf4 Rf2+ It's hopeless, of course, but to resign would simply give Devon the match, so Black presses on.

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| 57. Kg5 h3   | 58. Rh4 h2   |
| 59. Kf6 Kg8  | 60. e6 Ra2   |
| 61. e4 Rd2   | 62. e5 h1Q   |
| 63. Rxc4 Rg2 | 64. Rd1 Rb2  |
| 65. Rd8+ Kh7 | 66. Rd7+ Kh8 |
| 67. e7 Rb8   | 68. Rd8+ 1-0 |

White: R. Nicholson (137) Notts Bd 13

Black: D. Rudall (141) Devon

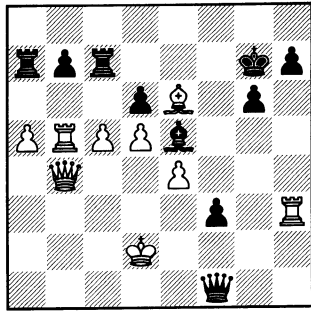
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| 1. e4 c5      | 2. Nf3 d6    |
| 3. d4 cxd4    | 4. Nxd4 Nf6  |
| 5. Nc3 a6     | 6. Be2 e5    |
| 7. Nb3 Be7    | 8. a4 Be6    |
| 9. Be3 Qc7    | 10. 0-0 Nbd7 |
| 11. Nd5 Bxd5  | 12. exd5 Nb6 |
| 13. Bxb6 Qxb6 | 14. c4 Rc8   |
| 15. Rb1 Ne4   | 16. Nd2 Nxd2 |
| 17. Qxd2 f5   | 18. b4 f4    |
| 19. a5 Qd8    | 20. Rb3 Bg5  |
| 21. Qc2 g6    | 22. Rfb1 0-0 |
| 23. Bg4 Rc7   | 24. Be6+ Kg7 |
| 25. b5 axb5   | 26. Rxb5 Qe7 |
| 27. Qb3 Ra8   | 28. Qb4 Ra7  |
| 29. Rb3 Bf6   | 30. f3       |



With all white's big guns focussed on the b-file, black makes a move on the opposite wing. Instead of the text, white could have kept up the pressure with Rb6, attacking the backward d-pawn. 30. ....e4

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| 31. fxe4 Bd4+ | 32. Kf1 Qh4  |
| 33. Rf3 Qxh2  | 34. Rh3 Qg1+ |
| 35. Ke2 Qxg2+ | 36. Kd3 Be5  |
| 37. Qe1 Qa2   | 38. Qb4 Qf2  |
| 39. c5 Qf1+   | 40. Kd2 f3   |

With the time control reached, white surveys the wreckage and resigns.

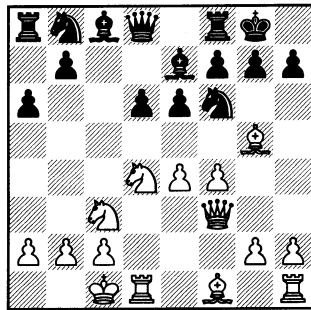


Final position

White: Patrick Scott (140) Devon Bd. 10  
 Black: Z. Yahya (141) Notts

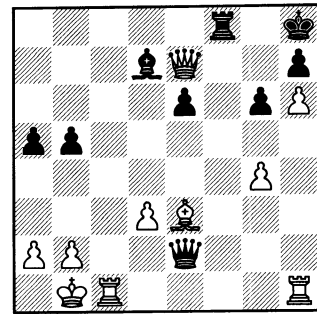
Sicilian Defence

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| 1. e4 c5   | 2. Nf3 d6   |
| 3. d4 cxd4 | 4. Nxd4 Nf6 |
| 5. Nc3 a6  | 6. Bg5 e6   |
| 7. f4 Be7  | 8. Qf3 0-0  |
| 9. 0-0-0   |             |



From this point it's usually a race to get in the first blow. 9...Qc7

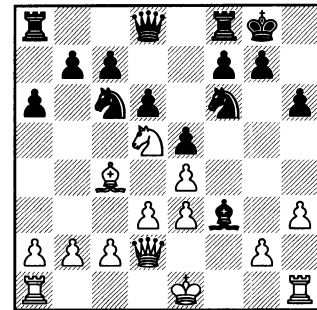
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| 10. Bd3 Nbd7 | 11. g4 Nc5   |
| 12. Kb1 Nxd3 | 13. cxd3 Bd7 |
| 14. h4 b5    | 15. Rc1 Qa7  |
| 16. Nce2 Kh8 | 17. h5 a5    |
| 18. h6 g6    | 19. e5 dxe5  |
| 20. fxe5 Ne4 | 21. Be3      |
- The bishops exerts a powerful influence from e3
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| 21...Ng5      | 22. Qg3 Qb7   |
| 23. Qh4 f6    | Insufficient. |
| 24. exf6 Nf3  | 25. Nxf3 Qxf3 |
| 26. fxe7 Qxe2 | 27. exf8Q+    |
| Rxf8          | 28. Qe7       |



Already a rook down, black stands to lose even more material. 1-0

White: I. Dudley (55) Devon Bd. 10  
 Black: M. Gray (u/g) Suffolk

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| 1. e4 e5     | 2. Nf3 Nc6   |
| 3. Bc4 Bc5   | 4. d3 h6     |
| 5. Nc3 Nf6   | 6. Bb5 a6    |
| 7. Bc4 d6    | 8. Nd5 Bg4   |
| 9. h3 Bh5    | 10. Be3 Bxe3 |
| 11. fxe3 0-0 | 12. Qd2 Bxf3 |



With white having the option to castle long it seems dangerous for black to open lines to his king.

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| 13. gxf3 Nh5 | 14. 0-0-0 b5 |
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- Naturally, it's a race to attack on each wing, but black has already made this easy for his opponent.
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| 15. Bb3 a5  | 16. a3 Qd7   |
| 17. a4 b4   | 18. Rdg1 Nd8 |
| 19. Qe2 Rb8 | 20. f4       |
- The knight cannot be saved.
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| 20. ...c6      | 21. Qxh5 cxd5   |
| 22. Qxh6 Ne6   | 23. f5 Rbe8     |
| 24. fxe6 fxe6  | 25. exd5 Re7    |
| 26. dxe6 Qb7   | 27. e4 Qa7      |
| 28. Rg4 Qf2    | 29. Rhg1 Rb7    |
| 30. Rxg7+ Rxg7 | 31. e7+ Resigns |



# Junior Chess

WECU Junior Chess Organiser, Richard Rendell, records his first year in that particular office. The account of his day at the National Finals reads like The Perils of Pauline.....

## 1996 WECU Junior Jamboree

This year's Junior Jamboree took place on Saturday 10th February at the Chiltern Trinity School, Bridgwater. In spite of their being double booked, resulting in us having to use several classrooms rather than the Main Hall, a very enjoyable day was had by all.

Whilst there were no less than 156 juniors taking part, the most for many years, these players came from only four of the seven West of England counties, with Cornwall, Dorset and Hampshire being unable to enter.

### Open:

Somerset 9.	5/12
Devon	6
Glos	5.5
Wilts	3

Despite a player failing to turn up, Somerset comfortably won the Open with 9 wins, a draw and 2 defeats, thus qualifying for the National Open Finals. As second-placed Devon qualified for the Open in 1995, they were ineligible for the National Minor place, which went to third-placed Gloucestershire.

### Girls Open:

This was a much closer affair, with Devon and Somerset both finishing on 4/6 with Gloucestershire on 3 and Wiltshire on 1. Somerset won the trophy on Board Count and qualified for the National Finals, although Devon were also invited to play.

### Other Sections:

After a request from Devon last year, we decided to run an Under-18 B section this year, to be contested by 8 players over 2 rounds. This indeed proved popular with 3 counties, Devon, Gloucestershire and Somerset entering. Again, this was a closely-fought competition, with Gloucestershire and Somerset both finishing with 10 points.

Somerset won the still-to-be-purchased trophy on Board Count.

### Under 14 "A":

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Total
1. Devon	6	4½	10½
2. Somerset	4	4	8
3. Wilts	4½	3	7½
4. Glos	1½	4½	6

This section again proved popular, with all four counties entering. After Rd. 1 Devon were clear leaders with 6/8. The 2nd round was much closer, although two late wins by Devon resulting in them winning by 2½ points, thus depriving Somerset of a clean sweep of all the trophies

### Under-14 "B":

This was contested by Devon and Wiltshire only, Devon winning very comfortably, showing their strength in depth.

### Girls "B" Section:

Somerset 5 Devon 1

It seems to me a great pity the girls team games are played at a rate of 40 moves in 100 minutes + 20 minutes, as their games were over fairly quickly and under the rules I am not allowed to make them over 2 rounds. This is because the BCF, in their infinite wisdom, have decided that there should be two girls competitions an A and Bteam. Alas, despite the slow rate, their standard of play was the lowest of all the competitions. In my opinion, this slow rate inhibits rather than encourages the girls.

And so on to the **National Finals** of the under 18 Team Championships. As my county Gloucestershire qualified for both the Open and Girls Minor Counties Team Championships for the first time in many years, I took a team of 12 boys and a team of 6 girls to this event which took place on 30th March 1996 at Hartshill School, Nuneaton. This is what happened .....

10.30 Left Swindon.

10.45: Picked up CM at South Cerney, near Cirencester.

11.15: Picked up MW, KD, and PH at St. Edward's School Cheltenham. Somehow managed to fit them all in my car.

11.30 Left Cheltenham

12.45 Arrived Hartshill School, Nuneaton.

Hartshill was an ideal venue, easy to find, ample parking and facilities; good canteen well-stocked with cheap food and near to the playing area. There were playing fields nearby for those who finished early.

Obtained details from the organisers. My top two, Peter Martin (144) and Tim Poole (140) had drawn the two highest graded players in the Minor, Robin Clark of Sussex and David Walton (166) of Leicestershire. However, all others actually outgraded their opponents. Perhaps we had a realistic chance of winning. Games due to start at 1.00

12.50 Confusion reigned - not unusual for a junior tournament. A train from London with teams from Kent, Middlesex and Surrey on board, due at Nuneaton Station at 12.39 pm had not yet arrived. Organiser John Robinson knew the train was late, but not *how* late. Also, he hadn't heard from Wiltshire whether their girls team was coming or not. Should he start the Girls Minor Section, or redraw?

1.00 came and went. No-one really sure what was going on. JR busying himself, not wishing to talk to people.

1.05 Managed to speak to JR. Advised that clocks would start at 1.30 He was concerned that the Wiltshire Girls had not yet turned up. However "... they have always shown ...". Likely that the Girls Minor would have to be redrawn. I knew that as this left only two teams this redraw would not be difficult. I suggested he made an announcement and got players to sit at their respective boards.

1.15 Announcement made by JR's controller: Play to start at 1.30, rate of play being reduced from 40 in 100 + 20 to 35 in 85 + 20. It didn't seem to worry most of my team: most, especially the girls, would be finished well before the scheduled end. However, I felt it might unsettle the stronger players.

1.30 Clocks started. Still no Kent, Middlesex or Surrey. Girls Minor started but we were told it was likely to be redrawn as Wiltshire still hadn't arrived.

1.45 Girls Minor redrawn, but 2 of the Leicestershire girls had disappeared! I was afraid as 3 of my girls were under 11 and this chopping and changing might overawe them

2.00 The 2 Leicestershire girls found and all games under way. Kent, Middlesex and Surrey teams arrived. Surrey have a very strong side and must be favourites to win. Somerset are going to struggle. Poor old Jack Rudd has drawn white Richard Bates.

2.30 First girl's game finished. A win for Glos - little Katrina Dann (10 yrs) who played the King v King & Queen ending brilliantly. We are up on two others, down on one and the rest even.

3.00 Several of the games have finished. In the Open we have 2.5/3; in the Girls 2.5/4 Of the outstanding two games, one looks a solid draw, the other is worse but the position very wild. Another half point and we at least share the trophy, a point and we win outright. Should I tell the players involved? Discussion with the others and agree not to put extra pressure on them.

3.30 Penultimate girls game finishes in the predicted draw. The wild game is even wilder. Suddenly we notice the Leics girls has a mate in 2. She misses it. Then we see our girl has a forced mate in 2! She in turn misses that. Not only that, she's permitted another mate. Again this is missed. But eventually Black finds a mate, resulting in a tie with Glos and Leics sharing the trophy. Joint National Champions - not bad considering we only entered a team in the WECU Jamboree to make up the numbers...

4.00 Results have started to flood in. We are doing very well in the Open with 5/8, much better than I expected, and will probably finish 2nd or 3rd. Bd 1 is a pawn up; Bd 4 even but has 2 bishops for 2 knights; Bd 5 winning but little time left; Bd 11 winning but in danger of succumbing to a swindle.

4.15 Bds 1 and 5 have won. Alas, Bd 11 has indeed been swindled having been a piece up. Bd 4 now has Q + 2 bishops v Q + 2 knights ending. Level on pawns but our player has a connected passed pawn, albeit doubled. I would settle for a draw, but he has good winning chances.

4.20 Bd 4's opponent sacrifices one of his knights on the passed pawn and then recollects his piece with a check. Our player's position completely falls apart. Oh well, 7/12 is very good.

4.30 Advised by one of my players that he has had his football stolen by a local youth and can I try and get it back? Some chance! Go out in the car to try and look for this youth. Manage to catch sight of him and chase him into a nearby playing field. Caught him up. No he hasn't got it and No he hasn't seen it. I tell him I am going to call the police. Go and phone the police who agree to meet me at the school. On my return to school, surprise, surprise! The stolen football has miraculously returned!!

5.15 Return to chess just in time to see my last played getting mated. All we need now is to collect the Girls Trophy and go home. Unfortunately, Leics were going to give the Devon teams a lift to the railway station, but their coach has gone. JR and team in panic mode as they must get Devon players to station for 5.30 or they won't get home tonight. I suggest those with cars ferry players to station. This results in all cars, except mine (still waiting for the police to arrive) being used to ferry players. Thankfully, they all get to the station on time.

5.45 A quick prize giving is arranged. Alas I miss it as the police arrive and I am talking to them when it takes place.

6.05 Leave Nuneaton. Unfortunately, turn south on the M6 instead of north!. Fortunately next junction is only a few miles away. Car full of happy players KD and CM both won, PH drew and only MW lost., and he was the last to finish. He had enjoyed the game if not the result.

7.15 Arrive in Cheltenham to drop two off. Drive on to Guiting Power in deepest Cotswold Country to drop off PH. Haven't a clue where we went but eventually managed to find his house. Then on to South Cerney

9.00 Returned home, very tired but happy. We had had a most enjoyable day and somehow, despite having such a weak team, the girls had won a National Championship. Must show how poor girls chess is. The boys had also done much better than expected, finishing 3rd out of 6 teams.

### Under 18 Open Championships

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	Surrey	1	1	½	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	9½
2	Suffolk	1	½	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	½	8
3	Kent	1	0	½	0	0	1	1	0	1	½	½	1	6½
4	Somerset	0	½	½	1	1	0	1	½	0	0	0	½	5
5	Warwickshire	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	½	½	1	4
6	Lancashire	0	1	½	0	0	0	1	½	0	0	0	0	3

### Under 18 Minor Championship

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1=	Buckinghamshire	1	½	0	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	½	1	8½
1=	Sussex	0	1	1	½	½	1	0	½	1	1	1	1	8½
3	Gloucestershire	1	½	1	0	1	1	½	½	½	0	0	1	7
4	Northumberland	1	½	1	1	½	0	½	1	0	0	1	0	6½
5	Leicestershire	0	½	0	1	½	0	½	½	½	1	0	0	4
6	Bedfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	0	1

## Girls Open Championship

		Bd 1	Bd 2	Bd 3	Bd 4	Bd 5	Bd 6	Total
1	Surrey	½	1	1	1	1	0	4½
2	Somerset	1	1	0	0	1	1	4
3	Devon	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
4=	Nottinghamshire	½	0	0	1	0	1	2½
4=	Suffolk	0	½	1	0	0	2	2½
6	Northumberland	0	½	1	0	0	0	1½

## Girls' Minor Championship

		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
1=	Gloucestershire	½	1	0	½	1	0	3
1=	Leicestershire	½	0	1	½	0	1	3

## Major Girls' 2nd Team Championship

		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
1	Surrey	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
2	Somerset	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

## Minor Girls' 2nd Team Championship

		1	2	3	4	5	6	tot
1st	Middlesex	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
2nd	Devon	1	1	0	0	0	0	2



## Inter-County Calendar 1996 - 97

22.10.96. WECU Jamboree			
05.10.96. Cornwall v Devon;	Glos v Dorset;	Hants v Wilts	Bye: Som
26.10.96. Cornwall v Hants;	Glos v Somerset;	Wilts v Dorset	Bye: Devon
09.11.96. Devon v Glos;	Dorset v Cornwall;	Hants v Somerset	Bye: Wilts
07.12.96. Devon v Wilts;	Hants v Glos;	Somerset v Corn	Bye: Dorset
04.01.97. Devon v Hants;	Glos v Wilts;	Somerset v Dorset	Bye: Corn
25.01.97. Cornwall v Glos;	Dorset v Devon;	Wilts v Somerset	Bye: Hants
08.03.97. Dorset v Hants;	Soms v Devon;	Wilts v Cornwall	Bye: Glos
19.04.97. Spring Executive at Ilminster			

# Frome Congress

May 17th - 19th

## 11 yr old Keynsham Boy To Qualify for British Championship!?

Gerry Jepps reports:-

**A**lthough the Open was won by Chris Baker and Alan Martin, the performance of the tournament was undoubtedly that of 11 yr old Simon Buckley of Keynsham. Graded 133, he beat Michael Franklin (202) on his way to scoring 3½/5 points. His only loss was to IM Andrew Martin in the last round. Baker and Phillips were awarded the two British Championship qualifying places, but assuming Baker qualifies anyway by virtue of his July ELO rating, as seems likely, his place will go to Buckley on tie break. What an experience that will be for the youngster!

However, the Congress generally began under something of a cloud, with the recent sad death of its mentor, Mrs. Jean Mackereth, who, through her company Selwood Frames had sponsored the Congress since its inception. Without her enthusiastic and personal support the event would never have got off the ground.

The Congress had a new venue this year, the Mendip Leisure Centre. This provided more playing space for the 205 entrants, much better analysis facilities as well the opportunity to throw oneself (or one's opponent) in the adjacent swimming pool after the game. Catering facilities were adequate, but will be improved in time for next year.

### Details:

#### Open:

1st= C. Baker (Keynsham) 4½  
A. Martin (Guildford)  
3rd R. Phillips (Grendel) 4  
U-175 Grading prize:  
S. Buckley (Keynsham)

#### Major: (<170)

1st M. Waddington (Wimbourne) 4½  
2nd= S. Gay (Cheshire) 4  
K. Moran (White Swan)  
Grading prizes (<140)  
M. Brierly (Burnham)  
M. Buckley (Keynsham)  
P. Butterworth (Grendel)

M. Furnevall (Grendel)  
T. Jeffries (Grendel)  
J. Newcombe (Grendel)  
C. Purry (Guildford)

#### Intermediate: (<135)

1st= C. Kidd (Hounslow) 4 pts  
R. Allen (Bristol/Clifton)  
I. Ponter (Gloucester)  
J. Grant (Bath)  
Grading prizes (<120)  
G. Ainsley (Calderdale)  
P. Brown (Chard/Iminster)  
G. Bowring (Norton-Radstock)

#### Minor (<115)

1st L. Wright (Harambee) 5 pts  
2nd= M. Carver (Basingstoke) 4  
G. Silk (Westinghouse)  
R. Kahar (Musketeers)  
L. York (Reading)  
Grading prize (<100)  
M. Jennings (South Bristol)

#### Contenders (<90)

1st B. Childs (Bodmin) 4 pts  
2nd= T. Chapman (Yeovil)  
A. Dewbery (Tiverton)  
W. Jukes (Gillingham)  
I Sarginson (Wellington)  
Grading prize (<75)  
P. Carrick (Bath)

#### Somerset Prizes:

C. Baker (Somerset Championship)  
J. E. Fewkes (Yeovil) in the Major  
J. Grant (Bath) in the Intermediate  
L. York (Reading) in the Minor  
W. Jukes (Gillingham) in the Contenders

#### Cuprinol Junior Trophy:

J. Grant

#### Team Competition:

Keynsham

Here is young Simon Buckley's fine win against M. J. Franklin in Round 4 of the Open.

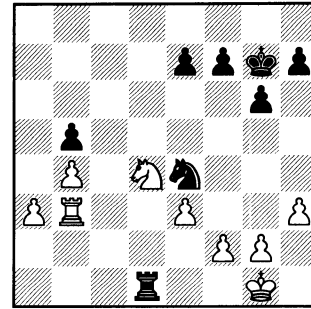
**White: M. J. Franklin (202)**

**Black: S. Buckley (133)**

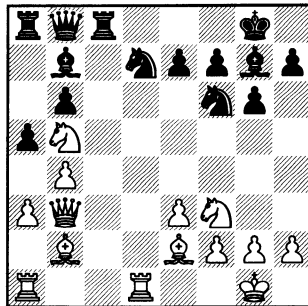
1. d4 Nf6  
2. Nf3 c5  
3. e3 g6



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| 4. Be2   | Bg7  |
| 5. Nbd2  | 0-0  |
| 6. dxc5  | Qa5  |
| 7. a3    | Qxc5 |
| 8. b4    | Qc7  |
| 9. Bb2   | d6   |
| 10. 0-0  | a5   |
| 11. c4   | Nbd7 |
| 12. Qb3  | b6   |
| 13. Nd4  | Bb7  |
| 14. Nb5  | Qb8  |
| 15. Nf3  | d5   |
| 16. Rfd1 | dx4  |
| 17. Qxc4 | Rc8  |
| 18. Qb3  |      |



This presents black with the opportunity to make merry with a series of checks and forced replies.



The white queen becomes a little hemmed in this corner. 18. ....a4

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|----------|---------------------|
| 19. Qa2  | Rc2                 |
| 20. Nbd4 | Bd5                 |
| 21. Qb1  | Rc8                 |
| 22. Rc1  | Rxc1+               |
| 23. Qxc1 | Qb7                 |
| 24. Qf1  | White at last frees |

his lines. 24. ....Ng4

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|------------|------|
| 25. Rc1    | Nge5 |
| 26. Nd2    | Nc6  |
| 27. Nxc6   | Bxc6 |
| 28. Bxg7   | Kxg7 |
| 29. Bb5    | Bxb5 |
| 30. Qxb5   | Nf6  |
| 31. Qc4    | Rd8  |
| 32. Qc2    | Qd5  |
| 33. Nf3 b5 |      |

34. h3 Qd3 Black would love to get his rook established on the 6th rank.

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| 35. Qb2  | Qb3  |
| 36. Qxb3 | axb3   |
| 37. Rb1  | Rd3  |
| 38. Nd4  | Wins the pawn but loses the initiative. 38...Ne4 |
| 39. Rxb3 | Rd1+   |

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| 40. Kh2     | Nd2  |
| 41. Rc3     | Nf1+   |
| 42. Kg1     | Nxe3+ Exposing the white knight to attack.                     |
| 43. Kh2     | Nf1+   |
| 44. Kg1     | Ng3+   |
| 45. Kh2     | Ne4 Knight and rook attacked, but Rc4 would be answered by Nd6 |
| 46. Nxb5    | Nxc3   |
| 47. Nxc3    | Rd3  |
| 48. Nb5     | Kf6  |
| 49. a4      | Rb3  |
| 50. Nc7     | Hoping for Rxb4?   |
| 50. ....e6  |  |
| 51. b5      | Ra3  |
| 52. Resigns |  |



Easter 1997

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# 29th Cotswold Congress

Archway School, Stroud  
25th - 27th May 1996

## Open:

1st	C. Crouch	(Harrow) 5½
2nd	R. Churm	(Swindon) 4½
3rd=	D. Curnow	(Gloucester) 4
	J. Cobb	(Swindon)
	A. Leech	(Maidenhead)
	F. Palm	(Hannover)
Grading Prize:		
	M White	(Cheltenham) 4

## Premier: 155 & below

1st=	S. Bartlett	(St. Mabyn) 5
	J. Waterfield	(Hereford)
3rd	M. Brierley	(Burnham) 4½
Grading Prize:		
	N. Frost	(Tiverton) 4
	J. Williams	(Bath)

## Major: 125 & below

1st	S. Grant	(Swindon) 5
2nd	C. J. Gardiner	(Reading) 4½
3rd=	L. Collins	(Cowley) 4
	J. Harris	(Stroud)
	R. Walker	(Belper)
no grading prize		

## Minor: 100 & below.

1st=	G. Brown	(Gloucester) 5
	A. Bruck	(Cheltenham)
	H. Coyle	(Birmingham)
Grading Prize:		
	J. Fursman	(Bristol) 3½

103 competitors took part

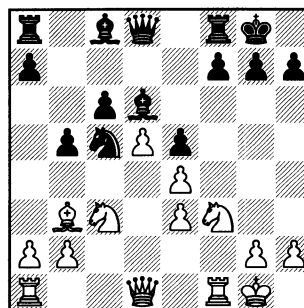
Top seed in the Open was Colin Crouch, and the following game was typical of the form that brought him first place.

White: C. Crouch (Harrow)

Black: R. Richmond (Braunstone)

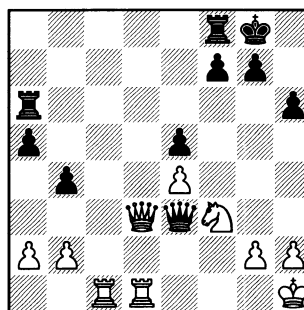
1. d4	Nf6
2. Nf3	d5
3. c4	e6
4. Nc3	c6
5. e3	Bd6
6. Bd3	Nbd7
7. 0-0	0-0
8. e4	dxc4

9. Bxc4	e5
10. Be3	b5
11. Bb3	Ng4
12. d5!	Nxe3
13. fxе3	Nc5



Black's decision to offer his c pawn proves a rash one, as the resulting white pawn on c6 is a handful. White's pieces become well-placed in its defence, while black's pieces are misplaced in their attack on it.

14. dxc6!	Nxb3
15. Qxb3	b4
16. Nd5	a5
17. Rac1	Be6
18. Rfd1	Ra6
19. Qd3	Qa8
20. Nb6	Qa7
21. Nd7	Bxd7
22. cxd7	Be7
	The black queen is overloaded.
23. d8Q	Bxd8
24. Qxd8	Qxe3+
	Too little, too late.
25. Kh1	h6
26. Qd3	resigns



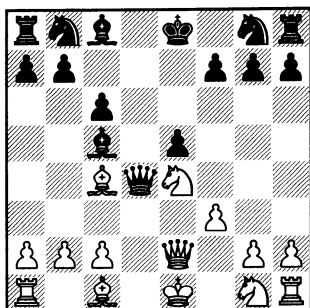
Final position.

The following miniature was played on top board in the Premier in the final round, the win bringing Waterfield a share of 1st place. It

well-illustrates, once again, the dangers of bringing the queen out into the thick of the battle in the first few moves.

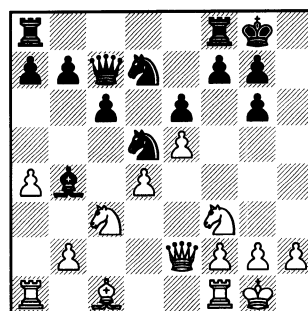
**White: J. Waterfield (Hereford)**  
**Black: R. Barlow (Midsomer Norton)**

- Caro-Kann
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|---------|------|
| 1. e4   | c6   |
| 2. d4   | d5   |
| 3. Nc3  | dxe4 |
| 4. f3   | e5   |
| 5. Bc4  | Qxd4 |
| 6. Qe2  | Bc5  |
| 7. Nxe4 |      |



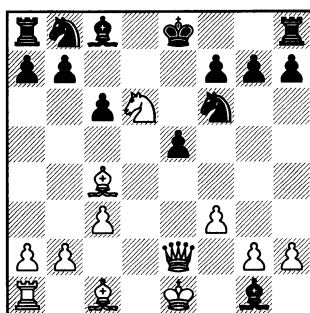
**White: J. Cobb**  
**Black: S. White**

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|----------|------|
| 1. d4    | d5   |
| 2. c4    | c6   |
| 3. Nf3   | Nf6  |
| 4. Nc3   | dxc4 |
| 5. a4    | Bf5  |
| 6. e3    | e6   |
| 7. Bxc4  | Bb4  |
| 8. 0-0   | Nbd7 |
| 9. Qe2   | 0-0  |
| 10. e4   | Bg6  |
| 11. Bd3  | Qc7  |
| 12. e5   | Nd5  |
| 13. Bxg6 | hxg6 |



Vacating c3 for the c pawn to ask searching questions as to why the black queen is so keen to occupy the centre so very early.

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|----------|----------------|
| 7.       | ....Nf6?       |
| 8. c3    | Qxg1+ [8...Qd8 |
| 9.Nxc5]  |                |
| 9. Rxc3  | Bxg1           |
| 10. Nd6+ |                |

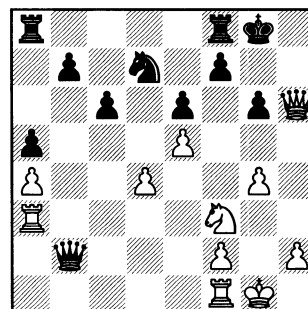


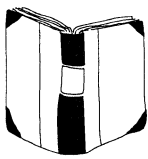
Final position 1-0

Finally, the following neatly-executed attack by white against White helped Cobb to grab a share of third prize in the Open.

Already alarm bells should be ringing for black. King-side pawns disrupted; defending knight brushed aside; white's pieces bearing down etc.

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|----------|---------|
| 14. Bd2  | Be7     |
| 15. Ne4  | a5      |
| 16. Nfg5 | Bxg5    |
| 17. Nxc5 | Ne7     |
| 18. Qf3  | Nf5     |
| 19. Qh3  | Nh6     |
| 20. g4   | Qb6     |
| 21. Nf3  | Qb3     |
| 22. Bxh6 | gxh6    |
| 23. Ra3  | Qxb2    |
| 24. Qxh6 | resigns |





## Bookshelf: a look at some recent publications.

Dr. Dave Regis of Exeter University, has been reading: **The Sorcerer's Apprentice**

by David Bronstein and Tom Furstenburg (1995) Cadogan 1995 304pp.

This compilation is subtitled

*40 Recommendations for the Novice; 40 Combinations with Explanations; 50 Games with Comments; 60 Games with Diagrams; 70 Picturesque Games*

There are also reminiscences and celebrations of Bronstein and his chess by his wife, by Smyslov (written when DB was 50), by the editors of *64* and by Boris Vainstein (at 60), and by the 'apprentice' Tom Furstenburg (at 70).

I'll skip over the recommendations for the novice, which are hard to quibble with but hard to see the use of. ("38. *Only when a position with a mating finish can clearly be seen should you pluck up courage and fearlessly sacrifice a rook or even your queen.*").

The combinations are given one on a page annotated with a diagram and commentary explaining how it arose, with occasional reflections on the art of combining by DB. Some were familiar, but most not, and all, of course, were a delight.

The meat in this multilayered sandwich is the set of 50 annotated games, 120 pages of the book. Each game has comments and variations as you might expect, but often also engaging reminiscences about the opponent, or the tournament and the encounter. For example, the eleventh of the fifty was against Tartakower, and bears a splendid tribute to the man in introduction, and a wry anecdote in reflection.

Among the reminiscences are embedded occasional reflections on chess and computers, and clocks, and Botvinnik, and the 1951 Botvinnik match, and Soviet chess politics. The politics may intrude into the chess in this book as far as the enthusiast is concerned, but it should not be forgotten how far politics intruded into Bronstein's chess. His father was imprisoned for eight years, and while he was released and attended his son's match with Botvinnik, he attended without permission to be in Moscow, and David "*glanced regularly into the audience in order to reassure himself that his father was still there.*"

Bronstein also gives a couple of examples of his suggestion to record and

reflect the time taken over each move, and muses on chess at faster limits for which he has been an advocate for some time.

The book is a celebration and however partisan some of the commentary I was given to be indulgent.

The 60 games with diagrams can be followed without too frequent recourse to a board, but I haven't yet bothered with a lot of the 70 'Picturesque' games given as bare scores. Perhaps a sentence or two of introduction might whetted my appetite - say, '*A back and forth positional struggle in the last round, decided when White errs with 43...O-O.*' Still, too late for editing now, and I came to them gorged on the earlier feasts, and this apparently dry dessert may tempt me later.

As an example, I picked this one, which I first saw in Barry Wood's *CHESS* in 1976 (along with a 19-move suckering of Smyslov). This is Bronstein the artist and wizard, and even if you don't know how he does it, it's easy to admire and enjoy.

*Kaplan, J - Bronstein, D (Hastings) [C11], 1975*

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 dx4 5. Nxe4 Be7 6. Bxf6 gxf6 7. Nf3 Nd7

[7... b6]

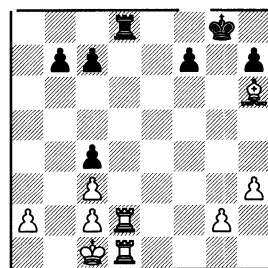
8. Qd2 c5 9. d5 f5 10. dxe6 fxe4 11. exd7+ Qxd7 12. Qc3 O-O 13. Nd2 Qf5 14. O-O-O Qxf2 15. Nxe4?

*"White ties himself up regaining an unimportant Pawn" [15. Bc4]*

15... Qf4+ 16. Nd2 Bg4 17. Re1 Bg5 18. Bd3 Rae8 19. Ref1 Qe3 20. h3 Be2 21. Rf5 Bh6 22. Bxe2 Qxc3

"...Kaplan had a minute (left). I think he saw what was coming but wanted it demonstrated."

23. bxc3 Rxe2 24. Rd5 Rxd2 25. Rxd2 Rd8 26. Rhd1 c4 0-1



Zugzwang!

## Correspondence Chess

**G**loucestershire County Chess may have been somewhat in the doldrums in recent years, but the same can't be said of their Correspondence team - finishing fourth in the 1st Division (Ward-Higgs) last season. Their captain Malcolm Burn has sent in these three games which go some way to illustrate how they gained this excellent result.

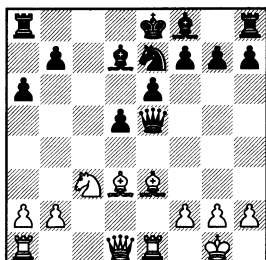
**White: I. R. Pickup (Glos)**

**Black: B. Medhurst (Berks)**

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| 1. e4   | e6   |
| 2. d4   | d5   |
| 3. e5   | c5   |
| 4. c3   | Nc6  |
| 5. Nf3  | Qb6  |
| 6. Bd3  | cxd4 |
| 7. cxd4 | Bd7  |

Black can't proceed with the exchanges at this point in the hope of winning the d pawn without losing his queen to Bb5+ as in Jones v Ray Shepherd 1968.

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| 8. 0-0  | Nxd4 |
| 9. Nxd4 | Qxd4 |
| 10. Nc3 | a6   |
| 11. Re1 | Ne7  |
| 12. Be3 | Qxe5 |



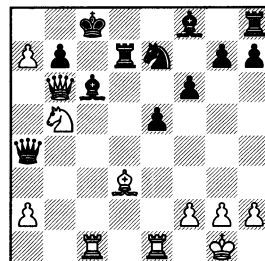
This is the feature of the Milner-Barry Gambit, white offering up both his central pawns in an effort to lure the Black queen forward and counter-attack.

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|----------|-------|
| 13. Qg4  | Bc6   |
| 14. Bf4  | Qd4   |
| 15. Rad1 | Qb6   |
| 16. Be3  | Qc7   |
| 17. b4   | e5    |
| 18. Qg3  | 0-0-0 |

With his K-side pieces so cramped Black is forced to castle long, even though white's inevitable Q-side push is already under way.

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|----------|-------|
| 19. b5   | d4    |
| 20. bxa6 | dxex3 |

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| 21. a7   | Qa5   |
| 22. Qxe3 | Useful to hang on to the advanced pawn for as long as possible. |
| 22.      | ...Rd7  |
| 23. Nb5  | f6  |
| 24. Qb6  | Qa4   |
| 25. Rc1  | Resigns   |



Final position.

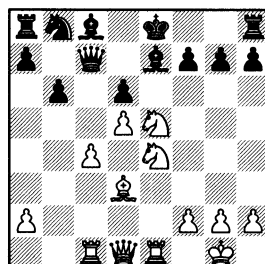
Ironically, Sir Stuart Milner-Barry, after whom this variation of the French Defence is named, died on the day Ian Pickup recieved black's resignation. Ian's fine game was a fitting tribute.

**White: David Shire (Glos)**

**Black: J. R. Cooke (Essex)**

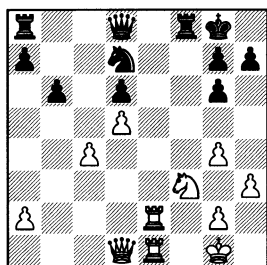
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| 1. d4    | Nf6  |
| 2. Nf3   | e6   |
| 3. Bg5   | c5   |
| 4. e3    | Qb6  |
| 5. Nbd2  | Qxb2 |
| 6. Bd3   | Qb6  |
| 7. 0-0   | cxd4 |
| 8. exd4  | Be7  |
| 9. Re1   | Qc7  |
| 10. c4   | b6   |
| 11. Rc1  | d6   |
| 12. d5   | e5   |
| 13. Bxf6 | Bxf6 |
| 14. Ne4  | Be7  |
| 15. Nxe5 |      |

What was that about taking the knight's pawn?



If 15...dxe5, 16. d5 Bxd6 17. Nxd6+ Qxd6 18. Be4 wins the exchange.

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|----------|----------|
| 15.      | .....0-0 |
| 16. Nf3  | Bg4      |
| 17. Nc3  | Bg5      |
| 18. Rc2  | Qd8      |
| 19. Ne4  | Bf4      |
| 20. h3   | Bh5      |
| 21. Ng3  | Bxg3     |
| 22. fxg3 | Nd7      |
| 23. g4   | Bg6      |
| 24. Bxg6 | fxg6     |
| 25. Rce2 |          |



The doubled rooks prove irresistible.

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|-----------|---------|
| 25.       | ....Qc7 |
| 26. Re7   | Qc5+    |
| 27. Kh2   | Ne5     |
| 28. Nxe5  | dxe5    |
| 29. R1xe5 | Qxc4    |
| 30. Re4   | Qc5     |
| 31. d6    | Rad8    |
| 32. Rxa7  | Rxd6    |
| 33. Ree7  | Kh8     |
| 34. Qa1   | Rdf6    |
| 35. Qxf6  | Resigns |

White: D. V. Mardle (Glos)  
Black: G. McCurdy (Lancs)

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|-----------|------|
| 1. d4     | e6   |
| 2. Nf3    | c5   |
| 3. e4     | cxd4 |
| 4. Nxd4   | Nf6  |
| 5. Nc3    | d6   |
| 6. g4     | Be7  |
| 7. g5     | Nfd7 |
| 8. h4     | Nc6  |
| 9. Ndb5   | Nb6  |
| 10. Bf4   | Ne5  |
| 11. Qe2   | a6   |
| 12. 0-0-0 | Nbc4 |
| 13. Bxe5  | Nxe5 |
| 14. f4    | axb5 |

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| 15. fxe5 | b4      |
| 16. Qb5+ | Bd7     |
| 17. Qxb4 | dxe5    |
| 18. Qxb7 | Rb8     |
| 19. Qa7  | Ra8     |
| 20. Qf2  | Qc7     |
| 21. Rxd7 | Kxd7    |
| 22. Qxf7 | Resigns |



### Solution to Endgame Study on page 6

#### N. Worthing

- |               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| 1. f6         | ef (a)   |
| 2. Kf3        | h2       |
| 3. Rxa2       | h1=N (b) |
| 4. Rxa5       | f5       |
| 5. Ra1+       | Kh2      |
| 6. Ra2+       | Kg1 (c)  |
| 7. Rd2+       | Kf1      |
| 8. Rg2+       | Kf1      |
| 9. Rh2        | Kg1      |
| 10. Rd2       | f4       |
| 11. Kxf4      | Nf2      |
| 12. Kf3       | Nh1      |
| 13. Ra2       | f5       |
| 14. Rd2       | f4       |
| 15. Kxf4 wins |          |

- (a) if 1 ..... h2  
2. Rxa2 h1=Q  
3. Ra1+ Kg2  
4. Rxh1 Kxh1  
5. fe wins

- (b) if 3.....h1=Q+  
4. Kg3

- (c) if 6.....Kh3  
7. Kf4 f6  
8. Rb2 Ng3  
9. Rb3 wins



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