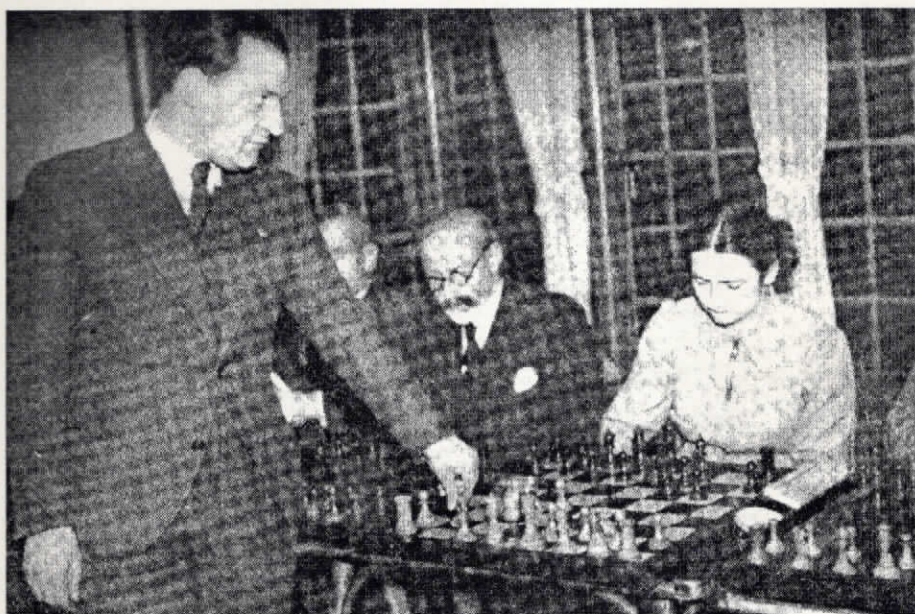


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Editorial

First of all, many apologies to subscribers and regular readers for the inordinate delay in getting out this issue of Westward Ho! This was caused by pressure of work in other areas of chess. Anyway, it is our hope and intention that Westward Ho! will be put back on the rails, and will come out 2 or 3 times a year.

Return of The British Championships.

Having visited Scarborough last year, the British Championships are returning to our area, namely Millfield School at Street in Somerset. This will make the fortnight's non-chess activities a somewhat different prospect from the seaside venues we have had in recent years. No candy floss on the promenade outside the playing venue this year, but there will be golf on campus, and the school has one of the country's largest swimming pools at everyone's disposal. At Scarborough, the strength at the top of Open was a little diluted with the World Championships at Las Vegas running alongside. This year, no such clash is anticipated, so the missing stars should be back.

As at Torquay in 1998, there is a small committee of local Somerset volunteers, under the leadership of Steve Boniface, to help with these extra-curricular activities. We hope that event will be well supported by local players, helping to make it as successful as at Torquay.

Qualifiers from local events to date are:-

Paignton Congress '99:	P. W. Hempson (Sheffield)
Torbay Congress '99:	Steve Homer (Exeter)
WECU '00:	to be determined.
Frome Congress '00:	to be determined.

WECU Junior Organiser Still Needed.

This need was featured in the last Westward Ho!, but no-one has come forward. The lack of an organiser has meant that no team from the area can go forward to the national finals of the U-14 or U-18 championships. It seems that those junior organisers who operate in their own counties are reluctant to take on further commitments. However, the extra work involved need not necessarily be great. It could be as straightforward as organising a Junior Jamboree for a handful of teams. As several counties do not have their own Junior Organisers, not all counties would be represented. Anyway, may we repeat the call for someone to come forward. The WECU Executive is very mindful of the effect this particular vacancy is having on junior chess activity, and is discussed further at every meeting, but at the end of the day, it needs a willing volunteer.

While on the subject of junior chess, one of the more successful organisers in the area, Dave Scott of Devon

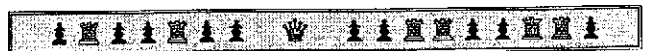
and the Isca Junior Chess club in Exeter, has made a successful bid for the WECU nomination for the British Chess Educational Trust Award, 2000. From small beginnings, Dave has seen his club grow to the point where they enter teams in every division of the East Devon league, and some of the Devon leagues. He has a totally committed chess family, as his wife Maggie, helps run the club. His son Robbie is a rising star of the Devon junior scene, and his daughter Naomi won last year's UK Chess Challenge in the Girls' Under 10 age group. The nomination is being forwarded to the Chairman of the Trustees, David Jarrett.

WECU Easter Congress

This issue comes out on the eve of the annual Easter Congress, when for the first time in its history it returns to the same venue in consecutive years - the Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth. There are several reasons.. Firstly, it is a 3 star hotel that is keen enough to attract the event to offer a free venue. The playing area is as comfortable as any we have had, and is handily placed near the town centre and sea front. The management are currently considering sponsoring the event to an even greater extent, which will make the temptation to linger there even greater. Also, having a free venue helps to keep costs down and plan the event's future finances. The third reason is that the Congress Secretary and Executive in general would like to see to what extent a settled venue affects the attendance. One of the reasons this event has never attracted larger numbers is that its perambulating nature makes it difficult to pin down - never in the same place, never in the same week two years running. As a host town. Exmouth readily accessible by train and bus service from Exeter, and is 6 miles from the M5. We have, and will continue to take care to monitor the views of regular entrants, but at the moment, everyone seems happy with the Royal Beacon, and they are happy with us.

New Website

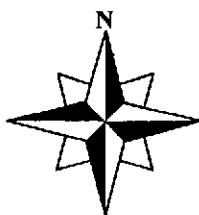
Keverel Chess is in the process of putting up a new, improved website, which will contain several sections, including Books; Equipment; WECU; Devon CCA & Exmouth CC. The address is www.keverelchess.co.uk As things build up on the site, it is hoped that it will become a worthy complement to the excellent existing sites run by the likes of Ian George for Cornwall, Dave Regis, John Richards, Neville Belinfante and Brian Gosling, to name but a few.



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Around the Counties



Cornwall

The following league tables are correct as at the beginning of April, and are taken from Ian George's excellent Cornish Chess website.

Address: www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~imgorge/ccaa

League Division I

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Truro A	13	9	4	0	22
St. Austell A	14	8	2	4	18
Penwith A	12	7	3	2	17
Camborne A	13	8	1	4	17
Godolphin A	13	6	3	4	15
N. Cornwall	13	3	2	8	8
Liskeard	12	1	1	10	3
Truro B	10	0	0	10	0

League Division 2

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Penwith B	14	10	3	1	23
Camborne B	13	8	2	3	18
Newquay	14	9	0	5	18
Godolphin B	13	7	2	4	16
Falmouth	14	6	1	7	13
Penwith C	14	5	1	8	11
Truro School B	15	5	0	10	10
St. Austell	13	4	1	8	9
Truro School A	14	3	0	11	6

Devon

Teignmouth Rapidplay

Joint winners of the Teignmouth Rapidplay Open were

Suan Evans-Quek and Malcolm Pridmore. They share the prize money but Evans-Quek took the Gordon Walker Cup on tie break. The grading prize went to Alan Brusey. Paul Grist won the Major Section, with Barnaby Stannard as Runner Up. The Junior Section was won jointly by Richard Pope and Ben Rule. Best Girl was Naomi Scott.

Junior Championships

Devon's Junior Championships were held in Exeter last weekend, sponsored by Exeter City Council.

Under 18s: 1st Sam Wingrove (Isca Juniors & Westex Community College).

Under 15s: 1st Barnaby Stannard (Torquay Boys' G.S.)
Girls' Under 18s: 1st Sarah Al-Turki (Isca Juniors & Torbay Community College)

Under 11s: 1st Tom Marsden (Isca Juniors & Ipplepen Primary)

Under 9s: 1st= Amber Balkwill (Isca Juniors & Countess Wear Middle School)

Richard Marsden (Isca Juniors & Ipplepen Primary)
Jake Mendrik (Exmouth Juniors & St. Peter's School).

The event was organised by the Devon Junior Secretary, Dave Scott.

Results of the East Devon Congress, played at Exeter 3rd - 5th March 2000

East Devon Congress

Full results:-

Premier Section:

1st J. M. Parkin (Exeter Uni.) 5 pts.

2nd= C. V. Murray (Heywood) 41/2
R. A. James (Rugby)

Grading prize: (U165)

A. W. Brusey (Teignmouth)

Major Section:

1st M. Armitage (Bristol) 41/2 pts

2nd= M. W. Sapiecha (Paignton Palace)
D. M. Norman (Guildford)

Grading prize (U-135)

R. Eadie (Street) & G. Shepherd (Church Stretton)

Intermediate Section:

1st T. J. Chapman (Guildford) 41/2

2nd= W. J. Kelly (Weymouth)
R. Turner (Bunham)

Grading prize (U-110)

J. Farrell (Metropolitan) &

R. Morris-Weston (B.T. Reading)

Minor Section:

1st N. Mills (Yeovil) 5 pts

2nd I. S. Mason (Teignmouth)

3rd T. Wonnacott (Exmouth)

Grading prize (U-85)

N. Went (Upminster) &

Marian Warner (Ashtead).

Team prize: (highest combined score by 4 nominated players from same club)

1st Isca Juniors.

South Hams Championship

The 15th South Hams Championship resulted in a 4-way tie between Bill Ingham (Teignmouth), Chris Collins (Paignton), Bill Moffat (Plymouth) and Ivor Annetts (Tiverton), all on 3/4 pts. The Grading Prize was won by the junior Daniel Spurling.

World Amateur Championship

Running alongside the Premier Section at Hastings was been the World Amateur Championship - "amateur" in this context meaning no players with a FIDE title or rating. The main Devon interest here was the achievement of Tiverton schoolboy, Nick Frost, in coming 1st level on 7/9 pts with Sven Muhlenhaus (Germany) and V. Kachatkov (Belarus). Unfortunately for Nick, the title went to the German on tie-break, while he was presented with a bronze medal and the Harry Baines Trophy for the highest score by a UK player. Nick, just 16, is a member of the Tiverton Chess Club and a pupil at Exeter School, where he is studying 4 A levels in the hope of going on to university to read Law.

Wilts

Wilts Juniors Win Zonal

West of England Under-11 teams started their annual bid for the National Championships with a small tournament for West of England teams. Results:-

1 st	Somerset	45½ pts
2 nd	Devon	36 pts
3 rd	Wiltshire	28½ pts
4 th	Glamorgan	10 pts.

This was followed by the EPSCA Zonal Tournament at Swindon, in March. Results:-

1 st	Wiltshire	41 pts.
2 nd	Hants.	40½ pts
3 rd	Somerset	36½ pts
4 th	Bucks	32½ pts
5 th	Devon	27 pts
6 th	Cornwall	20 pts

Forthcoming Events

11th Frome Congress.

5th - 7th May

Contact: Gerry Jepps 01749-344191

12th Hanham Congress

Clevedon, Somerset

7th - 9th July

Contact: Steve Boniface: (0117)-939-3262

50th Paignton Congress

incorporating the Harry Golombek Memorial Tournament

3rd - 9th September

Contact: Linda Crickmore (01395)-268293

e-mail: paicok@tesco.net

1st Royal Beacon Seniors Congress

Exmouth

20th - 24th November

Contact: Steve Boniface: (0117)-939-3262

35th Torbay Congress

Date not yet fixed but it will be one of the two weekends adjacent to the Seniors Congress at Exmouth.

Stay in the area for a full week and enter both...

make it a double.

Contact: Ray Chubb: (01803)299992

County Match Results 1999-2000

These are the details of the Inter-County match programme for the current season, as supplied by Frank Kingdon.

Particular congratulations are due to the Devon and Cornish teams for their performances this season. Devon have won both 1st and 2nd team competitions, without losing a single match, as they did last year. Cornwall have had their best season anyone can remember, qualifying for the Quarter-Finals of the National Stages. Devon are fielding three teams; in the Under-175, Under-150 and Under-100 sections. Their success is in no small part due to the captaincies of Cornwall's Anton Barkhuysen and Devon's Ian Mason, who have both been assiduous in getting their best available teams together on the day. However, all team captains, these days, deserve a pat on the back, as it's an increasingly difficult job.

CORNWALL v WILTSHIRE

2nd October 1999

1 Greet, A.N	204 0 - 1	Richmond, P.	203
2 Menadue, J.F.	183 ½ - ½	Haydon, R	194
3 George, I.M.	176 ½ - ½	Cooper, A.C	177
4 Grime, R.J.	164 ½ - ½	Elliott, S	175
5 Sefton, R.S	154 0 - 1	Wingfield, N	161
6 Trudeau, G	153 0 - 1	Phoutsady, C	159
7 Bartlett, S	150 1 - 0	Bosworth, A	135
8 Boulden, D	139 0 - 1	Woodward, T	133
9 Hooker, J	137 1 - 0	Champion, A.	131
10 Greet, D.N	134 1 - 0	Ward, D.E	130
11 Woods, R.J	134 1 - 0	Carver, R	111
12 Sellwood, C	126 0 - 1	Webb, A	108
13 Manton, T	125 ½ - ½	Brown, D	98
14 Manton, P	118 ½ - ½	Saunders, M	96
15 Default	0 1 - 0	Default	0
16 Default	0 1 - 0	Default	0
	8½ - 7½		

SOMERSET v HAMPSHIRE

2nd October 1999

1 Rudd, J	206 0 - 1	Tunks, D	181
2 Littlejohns, D	159 ½ - ½	Newbury, M.	169
3 Bamford, A.B	153 ½ - ½	Knox, S.W	168
4 Fewkes, J.E	150 ½ - ½	Marsh, R.D.W	168
5 Dobber, P	150 1 - 0	Wilkinson, J.R	160
6 Gosling, B.G.	149 ½ - ½	Mc Leod, F.N	154
7 Wood, D.C	147 ½ - ½	Barber, P	153
8 Jepps, G.N	142 1 - 0	Body, M	149
9 Hibbitt, A	139 0 - 1	Perrin, R.D	149
10 Cole, E.W	138 0 - 1	Thompson, D.F	148
11 Wallis, T.A	137 1 - 0	Dean, S	144

12 Eadie, R	132 1 - 0	Norton, A.J	131
13 Wood, J	129 1 - 0	Walters, L.C	134
14 Berryman, G.	121 0 - 1	Symons, S.J	131
15 Baker, M.R	120 ½ - ½	Marshall, P.L	130
16 Turner, R.D	112 ½ - ½	Knight, B.J	129
	8½ - 7½		

17 Smith, D	108 1 - 0	Le Fevre, S.D	124
18 Cooper, M.E	99 0 - 1	Grant, B	123
19 Waters, R.G	80 1 - 0	Default	0
	2 - 1		

DEVON v DORSET

23rd October 1999

1 Baer, B.	191 ½ - ½	Simons, M.J.	203
2 Frost, N.A	180 ½ - ½	Tyrer, J	196
3 Wheeler, J.F	177 0 - 1	Pleasants, A.J	184
4 Hewson, B.W	174 ½ - ½	Freeman, M.J	183
5 Cox, M.S.	168 1 - 0	White, G.A	181
6 Brusey, A.W	164 ½ - ½	Jenson, V.G	171
7 Brooks, P.	163 1 - 0	Keddie, D.A	167
8 Trussler, P.K.	158 ½ - ½	Balfour, D.A	166
9 Walker, J	158 ½ - ½	Simms, T.E	155
10 Morrison, J.	161 ½ - ½	Crisp, S.C	155
11 Bellers, C.J	155 1 - 0	Durston, C	150
12 Sparkes, D	155 1 - 0	Giraud, S	155
13 Ingham, W	153 1 - 0	Catchpole, J.F	154
14 Regis, D	152 ½ - ½	Saraha, K.A	152
15 Towers, R.C	151 ½ - ½	Clancy, M	151
16 Abbot, M.V	150 ½ - ½	Kingdon, F.C	151
	10 - 6		

17 Gorodi, J.G	149 1 - 0	Cartwright, G	149
18 Roderick, A	147 0 - 1	Needham, H.D	147
19 Scott, R	148 0 - 1	Papworth, D.E	139
20 Luffman, R.C	145 ½ - ½	Grant, C	138
21 Annetts, I.S	143 ½ - ½	Adams, M.W	137
22 Rogers, P.M	141 1 - 0	Stout, A.G	137
23 Snell, G	140 0 - 1	Bryant, D	135
24 Moffatt, W.J	139 ½ - ½	Brackner, P	134
25 Foulds, A	138 ½ - ½	Litchfield, M	133
26 Pope, S	138 1 - 0	Ambrose, C.J.F	128
27 Hamon, M.D	136 1 - 0	Walker, B	132
28 Bloodworth, K	133 1 - 0	Cherryson, J.C	129
29 Jones, R.H	131 1 - 0	Willis, I.J	126
30 George, A.	126 1 - 0	Harris, J.E	123
31 Adams, D	128 ½ - ½	Desmond, D.M	122
32 Vasey, J.H	114 0 - 1	Bullock, A.C	109
	9½ - 6½		

DORSET v HAMPSHIRE

6th November 1999

1 Simons, M.J	203 1 - 0	Default	0
2 Hopkins, J.R	187 ½ - ½	Tunks, D	181
3 Pleasants, A.J	184 1 - 0	Bell, D.W	171
4 Freeman, M.J	183 0 - 1	Newbury, M.L	169
5 Willetts, G.J	184 ½ - ½	Knox, S.W	168
6 White, G.A	181 1 - 0	Wilkinson, J.R	160
7 Dommett, A.J	172 1 - 0	Barber, P	153
8 Waddington, M	170 1 - 0	Priest, M.C	152

9	Jenson, V.G	171	1 - 0	Kinsler, D	151
10	Jenks, C.B	167	½ - ½	Body, M	149
11	Balfour, D.A	166	½ - ½	Thompson, D.F	148
12	Kemp, P	164	1 - 0	Browning, H.R	146
13	Laker, L.J	163	1 - 0	Stuart, G	144
14	Crisp, S.C	155	0 - 1	Dean, S	144
15	Sarahs, K.A	152	0 - 1	Williams, S	141
16	Durston, C	150	1 - 0	Hoskins, D.I	136

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17	Cartwright, G	149	0 - 1	Stenhouse, I.A	135
18	Hebert, R.A	147	1 - 0	Marshall, P.L	130
19	Weir, T.	145	1 - 0	Walters, L.C	134
20	Papworth, D.	139	½ - ½	Norton, A.J	131
21	Bryant, D	135	½ - ½	Symons, S.J	131
22	Grant, C	138	½ - ½	Knight, B.J	129
23	Adams, M.W	137	½ - ½	Young, J	128
24	Miller, T.W.	136	1 - 0	Le Fevre, S.D	124
25	Milsom, F	136	0 - 1	Dallas, P	123
26	Brackner, P	134	1 - 0	Grant, B	123
27	Walker, B	132	1 - 0	Default	0
28	Nielsen, J.H	132	1 - 0	Clark, D	112
29	Bond, M.G	133	1 - 0	Culliford, D.J	113
30	Harmon-Bishop, A	133	½ - ½	Holton, P	100
31	McKenna, J	131	½ - ½	Garrod, M.R	99
32	Desmond, D.	122	1 - 0	Default	0

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DORSET v SOMERSET

27th November 1999

1	Simons, M.J	203	0 - 1	Buckley, S.	207
2	Tyrer, J	196	0 - 1	Rudd, J	206
3	Hopkins, J.R	187	½ - ½	Twyble, M.S	204
4	Pleasants, A.J	184	1 - 0	Buckley, M.	190
5	Willets, G.J	184	0 - 1	Buckley, D.E	179
6	Freeman, M.J	183	1 - 0	Brierley, M	166
7	Waddington, M	170	1 - 0	Littlejohns, D	159
8	Jenson, V.G	171	0 - 1	Bamford, A.B	153
9	Keddie, D.A	167	1 - 0	Fewkes, J.E	150
10	Balfour, D.A	166	1 - 0	Wood, D.C	147
11	Laker, L.J	163	0 - 1	Winch, C.E	146
12	Giraud, S	155	1 - 0	Jepps, G.N	142
13	Sarahs, K.A	152	0 - 1	Steer, G	142
14	Clancy, M	151	1 - 0	Purry, C	140
15	Kingdon, F.C	151	½ - ½	Eadic, R	132
16	Cartwright, G	149	1 - 0	Barratt, C.F	132

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17	Needham, H	147	½ - ½	Le Roux, T	120
18	Hebert, R.A	147	½ - ½	Barnstaple, D	127
19	Papworth, D.	139	0 - 1	Berryman, G.T	121
20	Weir, T	145	1 - 0	Default	0
21	Bryant, D	135	½ - ½	Senior, N.N	120
22	Grant, C	138	½ - ½	Baker, M.R	120
23	Miller, T.W.	136	0 - 1	Turner, R.D	112
24	Milsom, F	136	0 - 1	Buckley, S.B	111
25	Brackner, P	134	0 - 1	Smith, D	108
26	Bond, M.G	133	1 - 0	Cooper, M.E	99
27	Cherryson, J.	129	½ - ½	Ruston, A	97
28	Nielsen, J.H	132	1 - 0	Default	0
29	McKenna, J	131	1 - 0	Default	0
30	Sheehan, F.A	127	1 - 0	Default	0

31	Kelly, W.J	121	1 - 0	Default	0
32	Bullock, A.C	109	1 - 0	Default	0

9½ - 6½

HAMPSHIRE v CORNWALL

27th November 1999

1	Tunks, D	181	1 - 0	Menadue, J.F.S	183
2	Bell, D.W	171	½ - ½	George, I.M.	176
3	Newbury, M.L	169	1 - 0	Grime, R.J.	164
4	Knox, S.W	168	½ - ½	Williams, P.J	156
5	Wilkinson, J.R	160	0 - 1	Sefton, R.S	154
6	Buckley, M.G.	152	0 - 1	Fearn, C	154
7	Barber, P	153	0 - 1	Trudeau, G	153
8	Kinsler, D	151	½ - ½	Bartlett, S	150
9	Marshall, P.L	130	½ - ½	Hooker, J	137
10	Walters, L.C	134	0 - 1	Woods, R.J	134
11	Stenhouse, I.A	135	1 - 0	Lakeland, G	130
12	Knight, B.J	129	0 - 1	Sellwood, C	126
13	Payne, G.P.	118	½ - ½	Leaver, S	120
14	Garrod, M.R	99	½ - ½	Barkhysen, A	105
15	Default	0 - 1	Stockton, M	114	
16	Default	0 - 1	Hollingworth, J	105	

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WILTSHIRE v DEVON

27th November 1999

1	Richmond, P	203	½ - ½	BaeR.	191
2	Headlong, T	195	½ - ½	Hodge, D.J	187
3	Haydon, R	194	½ - ½	Parkin, J.	181
4	Bourne, J.D	183	½ - ½	Wheeler, J.F	177
5	Cooper, A.C	177	0 - 1	Homer, S	176
6	Le Quesne, J	150	0 - 1	Hewson, B.W.R	174
7	Bosworth, A	135	0 - 1	Cox, M	168
8	Woodward, T	133	0 - 1	Brusey, A.W	164
9	Champion, A.	131	0 - 1	Brooks, Paul	163
10	Ward, D.E	130	1 - 0	Morrison, J.V	161
11	Webb, A	108	0 - 1	Trussler, P	158
12	Brown, D	98	0 - 1	Sparke, D	155
13	Saunders, M	96	½ - ½	Regis, D	152
14	Ellis, G	63	0 - 1	Towers, R.C	151
15	Default	0	0 - 1	Gorodi, J.G	149
16	Default	0	0 - 1	Pope, S	138

3½ - 12½

CORNWALL v DORSET

15th January 2000

1	Menadue, J.	183	0 - 1	Simons, M.J	203
2	George, I.M.	176	0 - 1	Tyrer, J	196
3	Saqui, D	165	1 - 0	Pleasants, A.J	184
4	Grime, R.J.	164	½ - ½	Freeman, M.J	183
5	Williams, P.J	156	0 - 1	White, G.A	181
6	Trudeau, G	153	½ - ½	Jenson, V.G	171
7	Bartlett, S	150	½ - ½	Keddie, D.A	167
8	Hooker, J	137	½ - ½	Balfour, D.A	166
9	Woods, R.J	134	0 - 1	Laker, L.J	163
10	Lakeland, G	130	1 - 0	Durston, C	150
11	Sellwood, C	126	1 - 0	Clancy, M	151

12 Manton, T	125	0 - 1	Saraha, K.A	152
13 Lucas, D.G	121	1 - 0	Kingdon, F.C	151
14 Manton, P	118	½ - ½	Cartwright, G	149
15 Brewer, K	118	½ - ½	Needham, H.D	147
16 Cooke, D	91	0 - 1	Bryant, D	135
		7 - 9		

SOMERET v DEVON
15th January 2000

1 Rudd, J	206	1 - 0	Baer, B.	191
2 Default		0 - 1	Hodge, D.J	187
3 Helbig, P.D	185	0 - 1	Frost, N.A	180
4 Brierley, M	166	½ - ½	Wheeler, J.F	177
5 Whitcutt, J.K	150	0 - 1	Homer, S	176
6 Rowe, D	162	½ - ½	Hewson, B.W.	174
7 Bamford, A.B	153	½ - ½	Cox, M.S	168
8 Fewkes, J.E	150	½ - ½	Brusey, A.W	164
9 Dobber, P	150	1 - 0	Brooks, P.	163
10 Gosling, B.G	149	½ - ½	Trussler, P.K	158
11 Wood, D.C	147	½ - ½	Walker, J	158
12 Winch, C.E	146	0 - 1	Morrison, J.V	161
13 Jepps, G.N	142	0 - 1	Bellers, C.J.V	155
14 Steer, G	142	0 - 1	Ingham, W	153
15 Purry, C	140	0 - 1	Regis, D	152
16 Cole, E.W	138	1 - 0	Towers, R.C	151
		6 - 10		

17 Wallis, T.A	137	0 - 1	Pinkerton, A	151
18 Eadie, R	132	0 - 1	Gorodi, J.G	149
19 Chapman, P.	130	1 - 0	Scott, R	148
20 Wood, J	129	0 - 1	O'Reilly, A	147
21 Berryman, G	121	½ - ½	Luffman, R.C	145
22 Senior, N.N	120	0 - 1	Annetts, I.S	143
23 Baker, M.R	120	0 - 1	Rogers, P.M	141
24 Turner, R.D	112	½ - ½	Moffatt, W.J	139
25 Maishman, R.	112	½ - ½	Pope, S	138
26 Hum, P	109	0 - 1	Hamon, Dr M.D	136
27 Smith, D	108	0 - 1	Boniface, S	136
28 Sarginson, I.	105	0 - 1	Kennedy, P.J	133
29 Young, A	104	½ - ½	Bloodworth, K	133
30 Cooper, M.E	99	½ - ½	Jones, R.H	131
31 Waters, R.G	80	1 - 0	Adams, D	128
32 Dodden, P	80	0 - 1	Stinton, M	119
		4½ - 11½		

WILTSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE
15th January 2000

1 Law, A	208	½ - ½	Pye, D	184
2 Richmond, P	203	1 - 0	Tunks, D	181
3 Haydon, R	194	1 - 0	Default	0
4 Headlong, T	195	1 - 0	Newbury, M.	169
5 Zeidler, S.P	198	1 - 0	Knox, S.W	168
6 Bourne, J.D	183	0 - 1	Mc Leod, F.N	154
7 Cooper, A.C	177	½ - ½	Barber, P	153
8 Johnson, B.R	168	1 - 0	Buckley, M.G.	152
9 Wingfield, N	161	½ - ½	Kinsler, D	151
10 Le Quesne, J	150	0 - 1	Body, M	149
11 Bareham, D	136	½ - ½	Thompson, D.	148
12 Woodward, T	133	0 - 1	Dean, S	144
13 Champion, A.	131	½ - ½	Knight, B.J	129
14 Ward, D.E	130	0 - 1	Stenhouse, I.	135

15 Carver, R	111	½ - ½	Walters, L.C	134
16 Walters, M	107	0 - 1	Marshall, P.L	130
		8 - 8		

DEVON v CORNWALL
5th February 2000

1 Hodge, D.J	187	½ - ½	Menadue, J.F.	183
2 Parkin, J.	181	1 - 0	Saqui, D	165
3 Frost, N.A	180	1 - 0	Grime, R.J.	164
4 Lee N. S	180	½ - ½	Williams, P.J	156
5 Hewson, B.W.	174	0 - 1	Sefton, R.S	154
6 Cox, M	168	1 - 0	Trudeau, G	153
7 Brusey, A.W	164	1 - 0	Bartlett, S	150
8 Morrison, J.V	161	0 - 1	Clifford, N	140
9 Brooks, P.	163	½ - ½	Hooker, J	137
10 Trussler, P.K	158	0 - 1	Woods, R.J	134
11 Walker, J	158	1 - 0	Lakeland, G	130
12 Bellers, C.J	155	1 - 0	Sellwood, C	126
13 Ingham, W	153	0 - 1	Lucas, D.G	121
14 Abbot, M.V	150	1 - 0	Brewer, K	118
15 Gorodi, J.G	149	1 - 0	Leaver, S	120
16 Roderick, A	147	½ - ½	Cooke, D	91
		10 - 6		

SOMERSET v WILTSHIRE
5th February 2000

1 Rudd, J	206	0 - 1	Law, A	208
2 Twyble, M.S	204	½ - ½	Zeidler, S.P	198
3 Brierley, M	166	0 - 1	Richmond, P.A	203
4 Bamford, A.B	153	½ - ½	Headlong, T	195
5 Fewkes, J.E	150	0 - 1	Haydon, R	194
6 Gosling, B.G.	149	½ - ½	Bourne, J.D	183
7 Wood, D.C	147	0 - 1	Cooper, A.C	177
8 Jepps, G.N	142	1 - 0	Johnson, B.R	168
9 Default		0 0 - 1	Wingfield, N	161
10 Wallis, T.A	137	0 - 1	Phoutsady, C	159
11 Eadie, R	132	½ - ½	Barcham, D	136
12 Barratt, C.F	132	1 - 0	Champion, A.	131
13 Berryman, G.	121	½ - ½	Tanner, G	133
14 Baker, M.R	120	1 - 0	Carver, R	111
15 Turner, R.D	112	1 - 0	Walters, M	107
		6½ - 8½		

CORNWALL v SOMERSET
11th March 2000

1 George, I.M	176	0 - 1	Rudd, J	206
2 Grime, R.J.	164	1 - 0	Twyble, M.S	204
3 Williams, P.J	156	½ - ½	Bamford, A.B	153
4 Sefton, R.S	154	1 - 0	Dobber, P	150
5 Trudeau, G	153	½ - ½	Gosling, B.G.	149
6 Bartlett, S	150	½ - ½	Wood, D.C	147
7 Clifford, N	140	1 - 0	Winch, C.E	146
8 Hooker, J	137	0 - 1	Jepps, G.N	142
9 Woods, R.J	134	1 - 0	Cole, E.W	138
10 Lakeland, G	130	1 - 0	Wallis, T.A	137
11 Sellwood, C	126	0 - 1	Barratt, C.F	132
12 Manton, T	125	1 - 0	Berryman, G.T	121
13 Lucas, D.G	121	1 - 0	Baker, M.R	120

14 Barkhysen, A105 1 - 0 Turner, R.D 112
 15 Cooke, D 91 1 - 0 Smith, D 108
 16 Default 0 0 - 1 Steer, G 142
 10½- 5½

DORSET v WILTSHIRE
 11th March 2000

1 Simons, M.J 203 ½ - ½ Law, A 208
 2 Tyrer, J 196 ½ - ½ Richmond, P.A203
 3 Hopkins, J.R 187 0 - 1 Morris, C.F 195
 4 Pleasants, A.J184 1 - 0 Headlong, T 195
 5 Goater, K.P 184 0 - 1 Haydon, R 194
 6 Ambrose, C.J128 0 - 1 Cooper, A.C 177
 7 Willetts, G.J 184 ½ - ½ Wingfield, N 161
 8 White, G.A 181 1 - 0 Le Quesne, J 150
 9 Dommatt, A.J172 1 - 0 Headlong, F.M144
 10 Jenson, V.G 171 ½ - ½ Bosworth, A 135
 11 Jenks, C.B 167 1 - 0 Woodward, T 133
 12 Balfour, D.A 166 1 - 0 Champion, A. 131
 13 Laker, L.J 163 0 - 1 Ward, D.E 130
 14 Crisp, S.C 155 1 - 0 Chase, Jenny 128
 15 Durston, C 150 0 - 1 Carver, R 111
 16 Needham, H 147 1 - 0 Brown, D 98
 9 - 7

HAMPSHIRE v DEVON
 11th March 2000

1 Pye, D 184 1 - 0 Default 0
 2 Tunks, D 181 ½ - ½ Hodge, D.J 187
 3 Purkiss, W 178 0 - 1 Parkin, J 181
 4 Bell, D.W 171 0 - 1 Wheeler, J.F 177
 5 Newbury, M. 169 ½ - ½ Cox, M.S 168
 6 Wilkinson, J. 160 ½ - ½ Brusey, A.W 164
 7 Esmed,Khaled 170 ½ - ½ Thynne, T.F 162
 8 McLeod, F.N154 ½ - ½ Morrison, J.V 161
 9 Jeyaretna,Sarje154 0 - 1 Brooks, P. 163
 10 Barber, P 153 ½ - ½ Walker, J 158
 11 Priest, M.C 152 0 - 1 Bellers, C.J 155
 12 Kinsler, D 151 ½ - ½ Sparke, D 155
 13 Body, M 149 ½ - ½ Ingham, W 153
 14 Thompson, D148 0 - 1 Regis, D 152
 15 Stuart, G 144 1 - 0 Pinkerton, A 151
 16 Clarke, M. 141 ½ - ½ Gorodi, J.G 149
 6½- 9½

17 Flynn, D 137 ½ - ½ O'Reilly, A 147
 18 Hoskins, D.I 136 ½ - ½ Luffman, R.C 145
 19 Walters, L.C 134 0 - 1 Annetts, I.S 143
 20 Default 0 0 - 1 Rogers, P.M 141
 21 Symons, S.J 131 0 - 1 Moffatt, W.J 139

Harold Meek Cup (1st teams)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Points
1	Devon	X	10	10	12½	10	9½	52	10
2	Dorset	6	X	9	9	9	11	44	8
3	Cornwall	6	7	X	8½	10½	10	42	6
4	Wiltshire	3½	7	7½	X	8½	8	34½	3
5	Somerset	6	7	5½	6½	X	8½	33½	2
6	Hampshire	6½	5	6	8	7½	X	33	1

22 Young, J 128 0 - 1 Pope, S 138
 23 Holton, P 100 0 - 1 Boniface, S 136
 24 Coddington, O124 1 - 0 Bloodworth, K.133
 25 Le Fevre, S. 124 0 - 1 Jones, R.H 131
 26 Grant, B 123 0 - 1 George, A. 126
 27 Payne, O 106 1 - 0 Rogers, D.R 129
 28 Summers, A. 106 0 - 1 Adams, D 128
 29 Chambers, P 100 0 - 1 Atkins, K 124
 30 Default 0 0 - 1 Stinton, M 119
 31 Default 0 0 - 1 Frost, W.A 125
 32 Default 0 0 - 1 Stephenson, T. 103

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As there have been no alterations to the entries that I have received for the final stages of the Counties Championships the following teams are the qualifiers for the quarter-final stages. Please note that neither Devon or Somerset entered for the Championship, hence the first place qualifier was Dorset with Cornwall qualifying for the runner-up place. In addition Wiltshire qualified for the Minor competition in view of their superior board count in their match with Hampshire.

Championship: 1st Dorset;
 2nd Cornwall
 Minor: Wiltshire
 Under 175: Devon
 Under 150: 1st Devon;
 2nd Dorset
 Under 125: Hampshire
 Under 100: Devon

Frank Kingdon.
 Fixtures Secretary.

Weyling Cup (2nd teams)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Points
1	Devon	X	9½	11½	13	--	--	34	6
2	Dorset	6½	X	9½	11	--	--	27	4
3	Somerset	4½	6½	X	2	--	--	13	2
4	Hampshire	3	5	1	X	--	--	9	0
5	Cornwall	--	--	--	--	X	--	--	--
6	Wiltshire	--	--	--	--	--	X	--	--

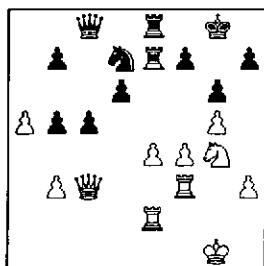
And now for some of the action. If there is a Devon/Cornwall bias to the selection, it is because these are the only scores I get to see. To redress this imbalance, could county captains or players forward their best game scores. A bit of analysis also helps.

White: David Lucas (Cornwall)

Black: Frank Kingdon (Dorset)

[A24]

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| 1.d4 e6 | 2.c4 c5 |
| 3.d5 exd5 | 4.cxd5 d6 |
| 5.e4 Nf6 | 6.Nc3 Be7 |
| 7.Bd3 Nbd7 | 8.f4 a6 |
| 9.a4 Qc7 | 10.Nf3 0-0 |
| 11.0-0 Re8 | 12.b3 Bf8 |
| 13.Ra2 g6 | 14.Re2 Bg7 |
| 15.Qc2 Nb6 | 16.Nd1 Bg4 |
| 17.h3 Bxf3 | 18.Rxf3 Rac8 |
| 19.a5 Nbd7 | 20.Bd2 Re7 |
| 21.g4 Rce8 | 22.Nf2 Nxd5 |
| 23.g5 Qe8 | 24.Qc4 Nc7 |
| 25.Be3 Bxc3 | 26.Qxc3 Nb5 |
| 27.Bxb5 axb5 | 28.Ng4 |



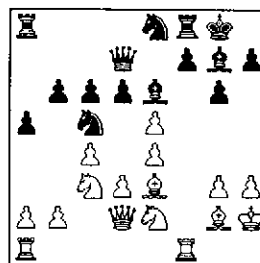
White leaves his e-pawn, knowing it shouldn't be taken.... but it is. 28...Rxc4??
 29.Nh6+ and Black resigned as everything has collapsed. 29...Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7
 31.Rxe4+ Kd8 [31...Ne5 32.Qxh7 Kd8 33.fxe5 dxe5 34.Nxf7+] 32.Rxe8+ Kc7
 33.Rxc8# 1-0

White: C. J. V. Bellers. (Devon)
Black: J. N. Jcpps (Somerset)
 [A24]

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| 1.c4 Nf6 | 2.g3 g6 |
| 3.Bg2 Bg7 | 4.Nc3 0-0 |
| 5.e4 d6 | 6.Nge2 e5 |
| 7.0-0 c6 | 8.h3 Nbd7 |
| 9.d3 a5 | 10.Be3 Nc5 |
| 11.Qd2 Be6 | 12.f4 Qd7 |

Black is eyeing up the weak pawn on g3, but is leaving his bishop on e6 dangerously hemmed in.

13.fxe5 Ne8 14.Kh2 b6? Losing the bishop.



[one way of countering the threat would be 14...Rd8 and then after 15. d4 dxe the White Queen itself is vulnerable. 15.d4] 15.d4 the bishop will indeed become trapped after d5 exd cxd 1-0

White: J. Parkin (Devon).
Black: W. Purkiss (Hants)

Capt. W. D. Evans bequeathed to a wearying world his famous gambit in the 1820s, and it has never been properly refuted. The Scottish Junior International, James Parkin, used it to great effect in the Devon v Hants match.

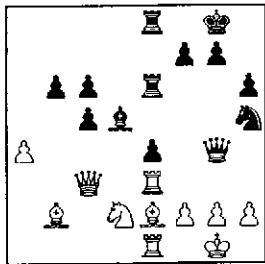
[C52] **Evans Gambit**

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| 1.e4 e5 | 2.Nf3 Nc6 |
| 3.Be4 Be5 | 4.b4 Bxb4 |
| 5.c3 Ba5 | 6.d4 d6 |
| 7.Qb3 Qd7 | 8.0-0 Bb6 |

9.Bb5 Black must counter the threat of d5 with exd or a6

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| 9...Nf6 | 10.d5 Nxe4 |
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|--------------|-----------------|
| 11.Qc2 Nf6 | 12.dxc6 bxc6 |
| 13.Bd3 h6 | 14.Nbd2 0-0 |
| 15.Nc4 Qe6 | 16.Nxb6 axb6 |
| 17.Re1 c5 | 18.Nd2 d5 |
| 19.c4 e4 | 20.Bf1 Bb7 |
| 21.cxd5 Bxd5 | 22.Bb2 Rfe8 |
| 23.Bc4 c6 | 24.Qc3 Qg4 |
| 25.Re3 Re6 | 26.Rae1 Rac8 |
| 27.a4 Nh5 | 28.Be2 resigns. |



The black queen is overloaded trying to protect the knight and fend off mate on g7. The knight must fall leaving Black two pieces down.

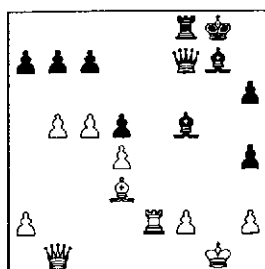
White: D. Saqui. (Cornwall)
Black: J. Parkin (Devon)

[A48]

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| 1.d4 Nf6 | 2.Nf3 g6 |
| 3.e3 Bg7 | 4.Nbd2 0-0 |
| 5.Bd3 d6 | 6.c3 Nc6 |
| 7.b4 e5 | 8.b5 Ne7 |
| 9.Qc2 Nfd5 | 10.Qb3 Be6 |
| 11.c4 exd4 | 12.Nxd4 Nf4! Exploiting |
| 13.Bf1 d5 | 14.c5 Nf5 |
| 15.N2f3 Nxd4 | 16.exd4 Nh5 |
| 17.Bg5 Nf6 | 18.Bd3 All the White pieces |
| 19.Bh4 Qe8 | 20.0-0 Ne4 |
| 21.Rad1 f5 | 22.Nd2 Nxd2 |
| 23.Rxd2 g5 | 24.Re1 Qf7 |
| 25.Rde2 Rae8 | 26.g4 gxh4 |
| 27.gxf5 Bd7 | 28.Qb1 Rxe2 |
| 29.Rxc2 Bxf5 | |

the overloading of White's e-pawn.

are poorly placed, and bishop on g5 falls victim to a "pawn storm".



Resigns. Either pieces come off or Qg6+ spells even greater danger. 0-1

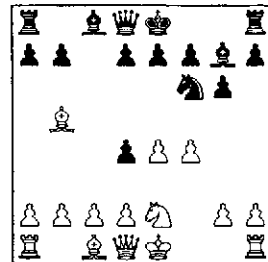
White: K. Brewer. (Cornwall)

Black: M. Abbott (Devon)

[B23]

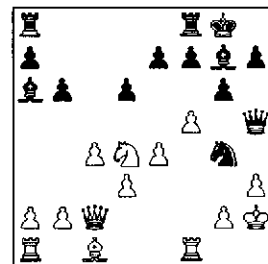
There are more books on the Sicilian Defence than any other opening, and both sides must know a lot of the theory, but it is always capable of springing surprises, if not downright shocks, to the unwary, even in the early stages, as this miniature demonstrates.

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| 1.e4 c5 | 2.Nc3 Nc6 |
| 3.f4 g6 | 4.Nf3 Bg7 |
| 5.Bb5 Nd4 | 6.Nxd4 cxd4 |
| 7.Ne2 Nf6 | |



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|-------------|-------------------------|
| 9.c3 Qxb5 | 10.Nxd4 Qh5 |
| 11.Qb3 0-0 | 12.0-0 d6 |
| 13.f5 Ng4 | 14.h3 Ne5 |
| 15.Qc2 b6 | 16.Kh2 Ba6 |
| 17.c4? Ng4+ | 18. Resigns as a second |

piece drops.



Postal Bag

The Counties Correspondence Championship has been progressing apace throughout the winter. Here is one game from the Ward-Higgs Div I. Philip Trussler was for many years the Somerset Bd. 1 postal player, but following his move to Topsham he has defected to Devon. He has sent in his game with some profound insights into how he read its progress...

Rowena Mary Bruce 1919 - 1999

One of WECU's Vice-Presidents, Rowena Bruce died in October, a few weeks after her 80th birthday, after a long illness.

She was born in Plymouth, and was taught the game at the age of 10, while she was off school, convalescing from a mastoidectomy operation, by her mother, Mary Dew, who was herself a very able player, having been Devon Ladies' Champion. Rowena joined the Plymouth Chess Club, where her precocious skill caught the eye of Ron Bruce, who took her under his wing. Under his tutelage, she won the World Girls' Championship in 1935 and the British Women's title two years later. They married in 1940 and she won the British title under her married name ten more times, between 1950 and 1969.

She represented Great Britain in matches against the USSR and the Netherlands. She qualified for the senior Women's World Championship by coming 2nd in the Western European Zonal in Venice, and in the subsequent Candidates' Tournament in Moscow in 1952 she came 12th out of 16.

The strongest feature of her play, according to Harry Golombek, was her combinational skill in short skirmishes, not quite matched by her overall strategic planning.

The contribution to chess that Rowena & Ron Bruce made to both national, westcountry and Devon chess was well recognised at the highest level, and when the British Chess Federation instituted a new award in 1983, The President's Award for Services To Chess, they won it jointly in only its second year.

Rowena continued playing for Devon up to her mid-70s, when her increasing frailty made it impossible for her to travel to away matches.

Among her other accomplishments were music, where she was a principal cellist of the Plymouth Orchestral Society, and she partnered Ron in strictly non-competitive bridge for many years.

Her daughter, Rona, has left most of her parents' chess memorabilia to the Devon Chess Archive. This includes many photographs of Rowena's international exploits, and scorebooks. Ron alone left over 50 scorebooks, each containing 50 games. Turning the pages reveals an amazing range of opponents; one game against a friend in the Plymouth Club Championship may be followed by a game against Alekhine, Vera Menchik, or Znosko-Borovsky, to name but three.

Rowena represented England a number of times, and in September 1954, at the 3rd Paignton Congress, she took part in a specially arranged match against Fenny Heemskerck, the Dutch Ladies Champion, with whom Rowena was very friendly. This is how the noted writer J. Du Mont, wrote up one of the games.

White: Fenny Heemskerck (Holland).
Black: Rowena Bruce (England) [E68]
 Anglo-Dutch Match, Paignton 1954
[J. Du Mont]
 [E68] **King's Fianchetto**

1.g3 This is quite playable, especially for White who can, at will, revert to various types of openings. Here we transpose into a King's Indian Defence, in which White has the option, for what it is worth, of developing the King's Knight at e2.

1. ...Nf6 2.Bg2 g6

3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0

5.d4 d6 6.c4 e5

7.Nge2 If 7.Nf3 Bg4 would set some problems for White.

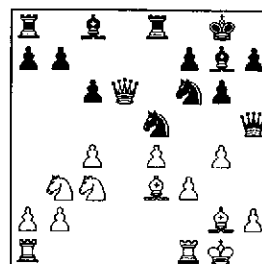
7. ...Nbd7 8.0-0 exd4

9.Nxd4 Re8 We now have a position, which is to be found in the normal, modern version of the King's Indian Defence. 10.f3 This natural move turns out badly, and White's King's position ultimately proves weak on the opened black diagonal. 10...c6

11.Be3 Qa5 12.Nb3 Qh5

13.Qxd6 An unwise capture by which White leaves the conduct of affairs to her opponent. The White Queen now becomes a target, and White has to concentrate on her defence, instead of being free to formulate a plan.

13...Ne5 14.g4



14...Bxg4 A fine sacrifice.

After the next move, White's KB is attacked and there is a threat of mate. Meanwhile the Queen is shut out of the game. 15.fxg4 Nfxg4 16.Bf4 Rad8

17.Qa3 Nxc4 18.Qxa7 White has nothing better than to seek compensation in pawn captures.

18...Nd2

19.h3 Again, very well played for if 19.Nxd2 Bd4+ wins the Queen.

19. ...Nxb3 20.hxg4 Qxg4

21.Be3 White is still threatened with the loss of the Queen. 21...Nxa1 22.Rxa1 Rd7 Counting heads, Black now has Rook and 2 pawns for 2 pieces, and the White King is still in an unenviable position.

23.Na4 Red8 24.Rf1 b5

25.Qc5 bxa4 26.Qxc6 h5

27.Qxa4 h4 28.Kh1 Rd1

29.Bg1 [If 29.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 30.Bg1 Bd4 etc.]

29...Rxf1 30.Bxf1 h3

31.Qc2 Qf3+ 32.Kh2 Be5# A neat finish.

Mrs. Bruce won the match of six lively and interesting games by 4 - 2

From the Rowena Bruce Scrapbook.



Rowena Dew, aged 18, after the first of her 11 British Ladies titles



Fenny Heemskerk, Dutch Champion, and Rowena Bruce, British Champion, then 31, playing in the European Zone of the Women's World Championship in Venice in 1951. Rowena led all the way, until losing her last two games, to be overtaken by her Dutch friend. Having finished 1st and 2nd, they both went on to the Interzonal at Moscow the following summer. Rowena gained some consolation by beating Heemskerk 4 - 2 in an international match at the Paignton Congress in 1954 (see game).





Former West of England and Commonwealth Champion, Gary Lane, contributes another article especially for Westward Ho! readers. Here he re-examines an old line in the Grünfeld.



Gary Lane Playing In The British Championship.

Victor(y) in the Opening!

There are some openings where you might think that after over 100 years of analysis there is nothing more to be discovered. However, the secret to innovation and chess fame is to take a discarded line, revive it and use it to win in the international arena. How can anyone be serious about this position in the Grünfeld?



Position after 5 Na4

A remarkable decision by White to meet the standard moves of the Grünfeld

1 d4 Nf6 **2 c4 g6**
3 Nc3 d5 **4 exd5 Nxd5**

with the amazing

5 Na4. I suspect in the last few decades a few beginners might have thought of this move, only to be told "knights on the rim are dim". The idea is that White will play e4 to force back the black knight and White can improve his position with a later Nc5. Also by avoiding the usual 5 e4 Nxc3 6 bxc3 c5 White has the bonus of a semi-open c-file for his rook and doesn't have to worry immediately about his centre being battered.

Who thought of this idea and had the courage to play it? Step forward Ashot Nadanian, who lives in the former Soviet Republic of Armenia who, started a one-man campaign to make his move the height of fashion. It has certainly worked because the people who have played the "ridiculous" knight move sound more like a who's who of the chess world. The move is one of

numerous novelties featured in my recent Batsford book 'Victory in the Opening'. The idea was to demonstrate numerous tricks and traps in the opening that can be played on the board within the first ten moves. In the following game Victor shows he is still a follower of fashion.

White: V.Korchnoi.

Black: E.Sutovsky

Dresden Z 1998

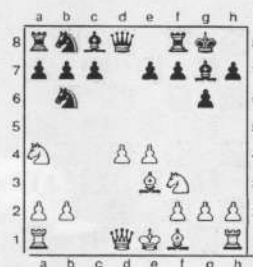
1 d4 Nf6 **2 c4 g6**
3 Nc3 d5 **4 exd5 Nxd5**
5 Na4!?

The great thing about such a move is that it almost guarantees White winning time on the clock.

5...Bg7 **6 e4 Nb6**

A knight chase is a popular choice for White upon 6...Nb4. For instance: 7 a3 N4c6 8 d5 Ne5 9 f4 (9 Be2!?) 9...Ng4 10 Be2 Nc6 11 Nc3 and White is a little better.

7 Be3 0-0 **8 Nf3**



Korchnoi has emerged from the opening with a comfortable position. He is steadily developing his pieces while Black doesn't have the usual wedge of pawns on c3 and d4 to attack.

8...Nxa4

9 Qxa4 c5 **10 Rd1**

The idea of swinging the rook to the centre is a bonus of being able to exchange knights on a4 rather than c3. It is nice to be able to meet the traditional ...c5 advance with a threat because 11 dxc5 revealing an attack on the queen is now possible.

10...Qb6

A different approach was adopted in J.Pigott-R.Webb, Hampstead 1998, when Black exchanged on d4 but White's space advantage gave him the advantage. The game continued: 10...cxd4 11 Nxd4 Bd7 12 Qa3 Qe8 13 Be2 Nc6 14 Nb5 Rc8 15 0-0 a6 16 Nc3 Be6 17 Nd5 Bxd5 18 exd5 Ne5 19 Bc5 Bf6 20 d6 Qc6 21 dxe7 Rfe8 22 Bd6 Qe4 23 Rfe1 Qf5 24 Qb3 Nc6 25 Bd3 Qd7 26 Bc4 Nd4 27 Bxf7+ Kg7 28 Bxe8 Qxe8 29 Qd5 1-0.

11 Rd2! Bd7 **12 Qa3 cxd4**

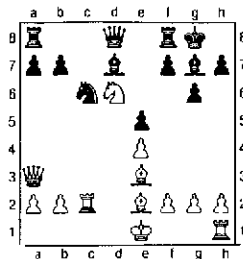
It is tempting for Sutovsky to enter an ending after 12...Qb4 to avoid the queen being hounded. After 13 Qxb4 cxb4 14 h3 Nc6 15 Bd3 Rac8 16 Ke2 a6 17 Rc2 White has an edge thanks to the strong central pawns.

13 Nxd4 Qc7 **14 Be2 e5!?**

15 Rc2?!

Korchnoi himself criticises this move preferring 15 Nb5 Bxb5 16 Bxb5 when the pair of bishops gives White slightly better chances.

15...Qd8 **16 Nb5 Nc6**
17 Nd6



17...Qb8

17...b6 is also met by 18 Bc4 to increase the pressure on f7. Black has great difficulties organising any decent counterplay and is already struggling.

18 Bc4 Nd4

19 Bxd4 exd4 20 0-0

At last having established a strong initiative Korchnoi finds time to castle allowing him to bring the king's rook into play.

20...Be6?

20...Be5 is a sterner test although 21 Nxf7 Rxf7 22 f4 gives White a dangerous attack.

21 Bxe6 fxe6 22 Rfc1 Be5

23 Rc7 Bxd6

If 23...Qd6 then 24 Qh3! Is a killer move.

24 Qxd6 Rf7

25 Qxe6 1-0

Black resigned in view of 25...Qe8 26 Rc8.

The question is whether Black can fight back by doing something other than the meek 5...Bg7? The answer is yes but a close look at the following game by the maestro of variation indicates that White can play 5 Na4 with confidence.

White: A.Nadanian.

Black: V. Akopian

Armenia 1996

1 d4 Nf6

2 c4 g6

3 Nc3 d5

4 exd5 Nxd5

5 Na4 e5

The most direct attempt of a refutation. Other moves:

a) 5...Nc6 6 e4 Ndb4?! (6...Nb6 7 Be3) 7 a3 Qxd4 8 axb4 Qxe4+ 9 Be2! Nxb4 10 Nc3! Qf5 (10...Nc2+? 11 Kf1 Qf5 12 Bd3 or 10...Qc2? 11 Qd4+ wins and 10...Qd4!? 11 Nb5 Qc5 12 Kf1 is better for White) 11 Qa4+ Nc6 12 Nb5 and the threat against c7 gave White the advantage in A.Nadanian-A.Arakelian, Armenia 1997.

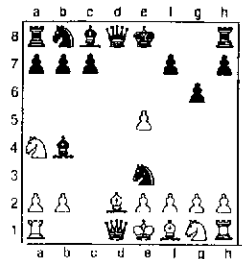
b) 6 a3 (6 Nc5!?) 6...Bg7 7 Nf3 0-0 8 b4 c6 9 e3 Bg4 10 Bb2 Nd7 11 Be2 Qc7 12 Rc1 Rad8 13 Qb3 Qb8 14 Nc5 Nxc5 15 Rxc5 Nb6 16 0-0 Nd7 17 Rc2 e5 18 dxe5 Bxf3 19 Bxf3 Bxe5 20 Bxe5 ½-½

B.Nickoloff-I.Zugic, Brantford 1999.

c) 5...Nf6 6 Nf3 (a cheeky reply is 6 Nc3 when 6...Nd5 7 Na4 will annoy a higher rated opponent who wishes to avoid a draw) 6...Bg7 7 e3 0-0 8 Be2 c6 9 0-0 Nbd7 10 Qc2 Nb6 11 Nc5 Qc7 12 Bd2 Re8 13 Rac1 Bg4 14 b4 Rac8 15 Qb3 Bxf3 16 Bxf3 e5 17 dxe5 Rxe5 18 e4 g5 19 Bc3 Ree8 20 g3 Nbd7 21 Nxd7 Qxd7 22 Qb2 Qe6 23 Rce1 Rcd8 24 Bg2 Rd3 25 f4 gxf4 26 gxf4 Red8 27 f5 Qe7 28 e5 when the threat of f5-f6 gave White a winning game in A.Tucker-D.Erichsen, 4NCL (British League) 1998.

6 dxe5 Bb4+

7 Bd2 Ne3!



A clever way to instil fear into White, but its usefulness is still open to question.

8 fxe3

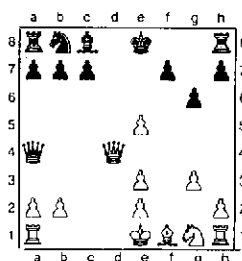
If the sacrifice is declined with 8 Qc1 then 8...Bxd2+ 9 Qxd2 Qxd2+ 10 Kxd2 Nc4+ 11 Kc1 Nxe5 when Black has restored the material balance and stopped White from castling.

8...Bxd2+

Black has to be careful with his move order because 8...Qh4+? is revealed as a mistake after 9 g3 Bxd2+ 10 Kxd2! Qb4+ 11 Kc1 when White has an extra piece.

9 Qxd2 Qh4+ 10 g3 Qxa4

11 Qd4



Nadanian who offers Black the chance to enter an ending at the cost of unravelling White's e-pawns recommends this. White has an extra pawn and an easy plan of Bg2, Nf3 and 0-0. Black is obliged to handle this phrase of the game accurately, which is not an easy task. The main problem is that although White's tripled e-pawns look a bit silly they exert control over useful squares. 11...Qa5+

12 b4 Qb6

13 Bg2 0-0

14 Rc1 Be6

15 a4 c6

16 Nf3 Rd8

17 Qf4 Na6

18 Rb1 e5

19 b5 Nb4?

Akopian goes wrong but 19...Kg7 to defend the dark-squares is weak in the long-term after simply 20 0-0 when White has good play along the f-file.

20 Qh6 Nc2+

21 Kf2 e4

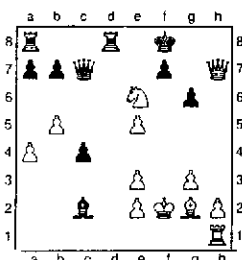
22 Rbe1 Bf5

23 Rxc2! Bxc2

24 Ng5 Qc7

25 Qxh7+ Kf8

26 Ne6+



1-0

No doubt about it: 5 Na4 in the Grünfeld is the perfect way to avoid the old book lines and will shock every opponent.

Gary Lane.

W.E.C.U. Jamboree 1998 & 1999

As there have been two Jamborees since our last publication, we give full details of both for the record. Both events were organised at Ladymead School, by the same band of Somerset helpers under the

leadership of Jim Fewkes. Thanks are due to them for their continuing support of this popular event.

Taunton 20th September 1998

Senior Section

	Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	pts tot	grd tot
W	Wilts	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	½	1	½	0	8	2120
Dt	Dorset	1	1	½	½	0	½	1	0	½	1	½	1	7½	2006
Dv	Devon	½	0	1	0	½	0	0	0	1	½	1	1	5½	1987
S	Somerset	½	0	0	1	1	½	0	1	½	0	0	½	5	1933
C	Cornwall	½	½	0	½	0	1	0	1	0	0	½	0	4	1660

Graded Section

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S	Somerset	1	½	½	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	½	½	7	1428
E	Exeter	0	1	0	½	½	1	0	1	1	1	0	½	6½	1479
D	Dorset	0	0	½	0	½	1	½	0	0	1	1	1	5½	1490
T	Torbay	1	½	1	½	0	0	½	1	0	0	½	0	5	1440

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1	C1	J. Menadue	173	½	½	D. Hodge	196	Dv1
2	S1	D. M. Moskovic	206	½	½	A. Law	212	W1
3	Dv2	J. F. Wheeler	187	0	1	M. J. Simons	197	Dt1
4	Dt2	A. J. Pleasants	193	1	0	A. Hibbitt	140	S2
5	W2	C. Cobb	211	½	½	I. M. George	172	C2
6	Dt3	G. A. White	192	½	½	R. Haydon	202	W3
7	Dv3	A. Brusey	171	1	0	S. T. Buckley	191	S3
8	S4	D. E. Buckley	191	1	0	J. Mantle	166	C3
9	C4	R. Grime	156	½	½	C. B. Jenks	172	Dt4
10	W4	P. Varley	197	1	0	D. Hill	169	Dv4
11	C5	S. Bartlett	140	0	1	P. Richmond	206	W5
12	S5	M. Brierley	172	1	0	L. J. Laker	170	Do5
13	Do6	M. Clancy	160	½	½	N. Frost	167	Dv5
14	W6	A. Cooper	181	½	½	B. G. Gosling	156	S6
15	Dv6	D. Regis	163	0	1	J. Hooker	131	C6
16	Do7	V. Jenson	160	1	0	M. Stockton	130	C7
17	Dv7	B. W. R. Hewson	161	0	1	J. Bourne	179	W7
18	C8	D. Boulden	128	1	0	G. N. Jepps	155	S7
19	W8	C. Phoutsady	156	1	0	F. C. Kingdon	156	Do8
20	S8	A. B. Bamford	150	1	0	D. Richardson	161	Dv8
21	C9	C. Sellwood	127	0	1	P. K. Trussler	156	Dv9
22	S9	D. Littlejohns	150	½	½	J. N. Wingfield	155	W9
23	Dv10	M. Cox	156	½	½	G. Cartwright	153	Do9
24	Do10	D. A. Balfour	152	1	0	P. M. Chapman	146	S10

25	W10	D. Ward	144	1	0	T. Manton	119	C10
26	Do11	C. P. B. Mann	151	½	½	S. Grant	154	W11
27	Dv11	C. J. V. Bellars	152	1	0	D. C. Wood	146	S11
28	S12	E. W. Cole	141	½	½	T. Wilde	114	C11
29	C12	A. Barkhuysen	104	0	1	M. Abbott	148	Dv12
30	S12	T. Woodward	149	0	1	J. F. Catchpole	150	D12

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31	T1	J. Gorodi	149	1	0	P. Brackner	139	D1
32	E1	P. Rogers	145	0	1	J. Wood	132	S1
33	D2	M. G. Bond	133	0	1	R. Scott	143	E2
34	S2	R. Eadie	127	½	½	W. Ingham	147	T2
35	T3	J. Walker	147	1	0	G. Snell	137	E3
36	D3	F. Hamilton Taylor	131	½	½	C. T. McKinley	126	S3
37	S4	D. G. Woodruff	125	1	0	J. Oldfield	128	D4
38	E4	D. R. Rogers	134	½	½	J. F. Chambers	130	T4
39	E5	R. H. Jones	125	½	½	J. C. Cherryson	127	D5
40	T5	G. Whelan	126	0	1	R. D. Knight	127	S5
41	D6	J. Dalzell	127	1	0	W. Frost	125e	T6
42	S6	M. R. Baker	122	0	1	E. G. Sparke	122	E6
43	D7	M. Litchfield	124	½	½	C. Deakin	111	T7
44	S7	N. N. Senior	122	1	0	D. Edwards	120	E7
45	E8	P. Roberts	118	1	0	E. A. Sheehan	124	D8
46	T8	J. Vasey	110	1	0	R. Maishman	120	S8
47	E9	R. W. Shepherd	120	1	0	P. Holmes	109	T9
48	S9	R. D. Turner	116	1	0	J. Balem	118	D9
49	D10	W. J. Kelly	116	1	0	G. T. Berryman	109	S10
50	T10	df		0	1	D. Scott	111	E10
51	D11	D. W. Lewis	113	1	0	A. R. Willis	107	E11
52	S11	S. A. F. Buckley	101	½	½	T. Hyland	92	T11
53	T12	F. W. Smith	90	0	1	M. Kaye	110	D12
54	E12	L. Porter	97	1	0	S. B. Buckley	101	S12

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52	D11	D. W. Lewis	106	½	½	G. T. Berryman	121	T11
53	E12	B. Aldwin	74	0	1	M. Kaye	99	D12

The top wins at last year's event were as follows:-

White: S. P. Zeidler (Wilts 2)

Black: S. T. Buckley (Somerset 1)

[B23] Sicilian Defence

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| 1.e4 c5 | 2.Nc3 Nc6 |
| 3.Bb5 Nd4 | 4.Bc4 e6 |
| 5.Ngc2 Nf6 | 6.0-0 d5 |
| 7.exd5 exd5 | 8.Nxd4 dxc4 |
| 9.Nf3 Bc7 | 10.Qe2 0-0 |

11.Qxc4 a6 12.Ne4 The knight deserts

its defensive post with later consequences. Continued development with 12...Be6 was needed.

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| 12. ...Nd5 | |
| 13.d4 b5 | 14.Qe2 c4 |

15.Re1 Re8 16.Ne5 Bb7

17.Qh5 The absence of the knight now allows

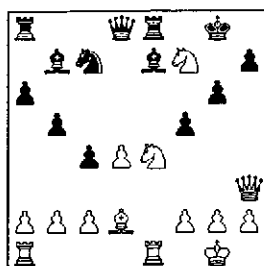
White the classic early king-side thrust.

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| 17...g6 | 18.Qh3 f5 |
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19.Bd2 Nc7 Taking the Knight on e4, lets in

Black's Queen. e.g. [19...fxe4 20.Qe6+ Kg7 21.Qf7+ Kh8 22.Bh6]

20.Nf7!



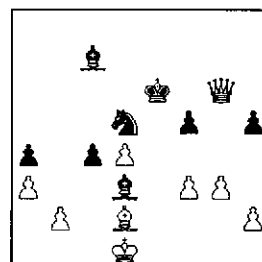
Suddenly, Black's position is in tatters.

20...Bxe4 Clearly, taking

the knight leads to disaster. [20...Kxf7 21.Qxh7+ Ke6 22.Nc5+ Kf6 23.Bh6 Bf8 24.Nxb7; 20...Qxd4 saves the Queen in the short term, but White is still able to mount a massive attack. 21.Nh6+ (21.Bc3 Qb6 22.Qh6 Ne6 23.Neg5 Bxg5 24.Nxg5 Qc7 25.Rxe6 Rxe6 26.Nxe6 Qe7 27.Re1 Re8 28.Qf4 leaves White a piece up.) 21...Kf8 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.Qxh7 Ne6 24.Qxf5+ Kg8 25.Qxe6+ Kh8 26.Bc3]

21.Nxd8 Raxd8 22.c3 Bd6

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| 23.f3 Bd3 | 24.Bg5 Rc8 |
| 25.Kf2 Nd5 | 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 |
| 27.Re1 Rxe1 | 28.Kxe1 b4 |
| 29.cxb4 Bxb4+ | 30.Bd2 Bd6 |
| 31.Qh4 Bc7 | 32.g3 a5 |
| 33.a3 a4 | 34.Kd1 h5 |
| 35.Qg5 Kg7 | 36.Qh6+ Kf7 |
| 37.Qh7+ Ke6 | 38.Qxg6+ Resigns |



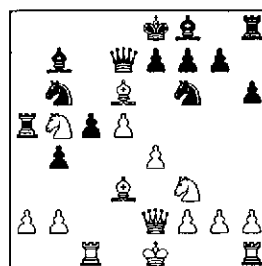
final position. 1-0

White: G. N. Jepps (Somerset 3)

Black: A. J. Pleasants (Dorset 3.)

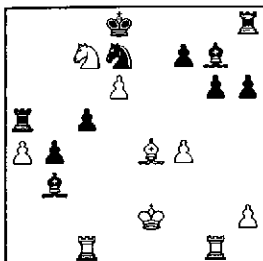
[A57] Benoni

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| 1.d4 Nf6 | 2.c4 c5 |
| 3.d5 b5 | 4.exb5 a6 |
| 5.Nc3 axb5 | 6.e4 b4 |
| 7.Nb5 d6 | 8.Bc4 Bb7 |
| 9.Nf3 Nbd7 | 10.Bf4 Nb6 |
| 11.Bd3 Qd7 | 12.Rc1 Ra5 |
| 13.Qe2 h6 | 14.Bxd6 |



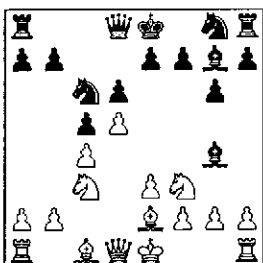
White sacs a piece in the hope of capitalising on Black's inability to castle immediately. However, he

hasn't castled either. 14. ...exd6
 15.e5 Nfxd5 16.exd6+ Kd8
 17.Ne5 Nf4 18.Nxd7 The best
 continuation, but White's sacrifice has not brought the
 rewards hoped for. 18. ...Nxe2
 19.Kxe2 Nxd7 20.a4 g6
 21.f4 Bg7 22.b3 Bxb2
 23.Rhg1 Bd5 24.Nc7 Bxb3
 25.Be4 final position



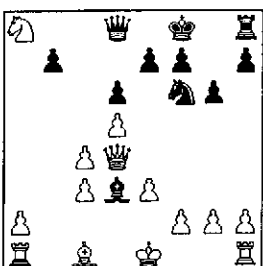
White: T. Headlong. (Wilts 3)
 Black: Dr. D. Regis. (Devon 3)
 [A35]

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6
 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 d6
 5.d4 Bg4 6.Be2 Bg7
 7.d5



From this seemingly innocuous position, White is able to launch a winning attack.

7. ...Ne5 8.Nxe5 Bxe2
 9.Qa4+ Kf8 10.Nd7+ Ke8
 11.Nxc5+ Kf8 12.Nd7+ Ke8
 13.Nb6+ Kf8 14.Nxa8 Bd3
 15.Qxa7 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Nf6
 17.Qd4 Resigns

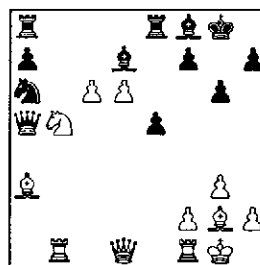


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The game might have continued... 17...Be4 18.f3 Bxf3
 19.gxf3 Qxa8 20.e4 Qa5 21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.0-0

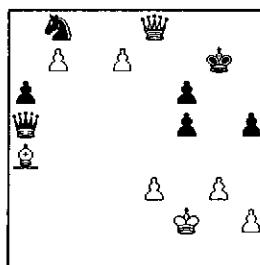
White: P. F. Brooks (Devon 4)
 Black: R. J. Grime Cornwall 3)
 [A36] English Symmetrical

1.c4 c5 2.g3 Nf6
 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7
 5.a3 Ne6 6.Rb1 0-0
 7.b4 cxb4 8.axb4 d6
 9.d4 Nd7 10.e3 Nb6
 11.c5 dxc5 12.bxc5 Nd7
 13.Nge2 Nf6 14.0-0 e6
 15.e4 White is determined to mobilise his
 centre pawns.
 15...e5 16.d5 Nb8
 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Nb5 Bf8
 19.d6 Na6 20.Nec3 Bd7
 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 Qa5
 23.c6 bxc6 24.dxc6



It looks all over at this point, but Black defends resolutely.

24. ...Bf5
 25.Rb3 Rab8 26.d7 Red8
 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.Nd6 Qc7
 29.Rb7 Qd8 30.Nxf5 gxf5
 31.Qd6 Rxb7 32.cxb7 Nb8
 33.Be6 Qb6 34.Re1 Rd8
 35.Qd5 Qc7 36.Rc2 Qb6
 37.Ba4 e4 38.Rc8 e3
 39.Rxd8+ Qxd8 40.fxe3 Kg7
 41.Qe5+ f6 42.Qd4 It's too early to
 queen the pawn just yet, as Black can escape with a
 perpetual. 42.Qe8 Qa5 43.d8Q Qe1+ 44.Kg2 Qe2+.
 42. ...Kg6
 43.Kf2 h5 44.Qd6 a6
 45.Qe6 Qa5 46.Qe8+ Kg7



and at last one of the pawns can Queen, and cover the threat of a perpetual. 47.d8Q Resigns

From The Archives.

25 years ago, the 1975 WECU Congress was held at College of Education in Weymouth. A high class field of 20 contested the Championship, and included Peter Clarke, Adrian Hollis, Shaun Taulbut, Dr. Aitken, and David LeMoir. It was closely contested, as one would expect, and 5 were undefeated. The result was a triple tie (5/7) between Clarke, Hollis and a very young P. J. Lee, with Clarke taking the title on Sum of Opponents' Scores. Dr. Roebuck was clear on 4½, followed by a quadruple tie between David LeMoir, Ivan Legg, Shaun Taulbut and Dr. Jim Aitken.

The key game of the tournament was the following between Clarke and Hollis. Notes by A. R. B. Thomas.

White: P. H. Clarke.

Black: A. S. Hollis

[A15] **Double Fianchetto**

1.c4 Nf6 2.b3 g6
3.Bb2 Bg7 4.g3 0-0
5.Bg2 d6 6.e3 Nc6
7.Nc3 e5 8.Nge2 Bf5

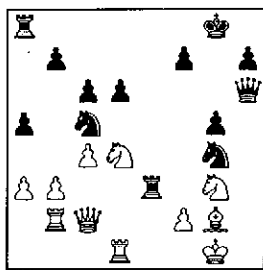
9.d3 Keeping the Bishop lines open; I should have been tempted to play for a kind of Maroczy Bind with e4 followed by d4, leading to a very different game.

9. ...e4 10.dxe4 Nxe4
11.0-0 Re8 12.a3 Nc5
13.Ra2 a5 14.Nd5 Bxb2
15.Rxb2 Ne5 16.Nd4 c6
17.Nf4 Bg4 18.Qc2 Qf6
19.h3 Bd7 20.Rd1 g5

21.Nh5 Inviting, or forcing, the coming sacrifice. If the Knight retreated to e2, it would leave his King-side equally vulnerable and with no counter-play. He now aims for possession of f5.

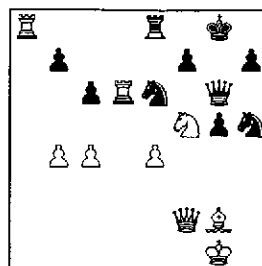
21. ...Qh6 22.g4 Bxg4 A difficult decision - after 22...Nxg4 23.hxg4 Bxg4 24.Ng3 Bxd1 25.Qxd1 White is better off.

23.hxg4 Nxg4 24.Ng3 Rxe3



Black underestimated the strength of White's reply and felt he should stop with 24...Qh2+ 25.Kf1 Nxe3+ 26.fxe3 Qxg3 27.Nf5 when there is little in it, though I prefer White's position.

25.Nf1 Re5 26.b4 axb4
27.axb4 Ne6 28.Nf3 Nf4
29.Nxe5 dxe5 30.Ra2 Re8
31.f3 Nf6 32.Rd6 e4
33.fxe4 Ne6 34.Qf2 Qg7
35.Nc3 Nh5 36.Nf5 Qg6
37.Ra8



Pretty conclusion to a delightful game. Clarke is known as a strategic expert, but his counter in the last 12 moves shows tactical ability, and should deter opponents from taking him on in a rough & tumble. This was the decisive game of the Championship.

At the other end of the table, Steve Boniface had a tough time in this company, but the following win caught Andrew's eye.

White: W. Lowe.

Black: S. R. Boniface

[D00] **Queen's Pawn**

[A. R. B. Thomas]

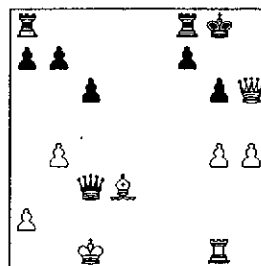
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 g6 An interesting way of avoiding the Blackmar.

3.e4 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bg7
5.c3 Nd7 6.Nf3 Ngf6
7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.Ne5 0-0
9.Be3 Be6 10.Bd3 c6
11.Qd2 Qa5 12.h4 Ng4
13.Nxg4 Bxg4 14.f3 Bf5
15.Be2 h5 16.g4 hxg4
17.fxg4 Be4 18.Rg1 e5

Crunch!

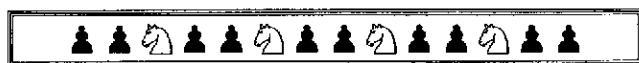
Suddenly White realises his misspent youth. He finds 19.dxe5 Rad8 unattractive, but his choice is no better.

19.Bh6 Bxh6 20.Qxh6 exd4
21.b4 Qe5 22.0-0-0 d3
23.Rxd3 Bxd3 24.Bxd3 Qxc3+
25. Resigns. Final position



concluding an admirable game by Boniface.

The Challengers' Section that year was won by T. D. Harding, just ahead of Trefor Thynne, Chris Bellers and Ivor Annetts. Whatever happened to them?



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6	Bellinfante, N	95		30+	17-	23-	4-	27+	9-	25-	2	
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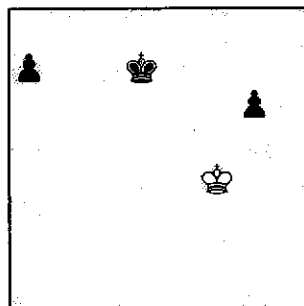
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17	Manton, T	119	Penwith	to	maj	or						
18	Patching, G. R.	42	Braille C.C.A.	3-	7-	12-	25-	by+	26-	1-	1	
19	Primett, A. D.	115	Southbourne	by=	23+	8+	14=	32-	3=	11=	4	
20	Soper, E	75	Exeter	10+	14-	6+	13-	3-	21+	24+	4	
21	Spink, D. K.	79	Braille C.C.A.	6-	30-	by+	27=	2=	20-	15-	2	
22	Spooner, K. C.	102	Highcliffe	by=	27=	15=	7=	9+	4=	31=	4	
23	Stephens J. K. F	101	Exeter School	4=	19-	27=	by=	7=	10-	12+	3	
24	Turner R. D.	116	Burnham	25+	31+	28=	5=	11-	14-	20-	3	
25	Waters, R. G.	96	Taunton	24-	9-	1-	18+	26=	8=	27=	2½	
26	Webber, S	80	Exmouth	28-	by+	13-	3-	25=	18+	2-	2½	
27	Whitfield, J. H.	93	South Hams	16-	22=	23=	21=	8=	9-	25=	2½	
28	Willis, A. R.	107	Exeter	26+	3+	24=	16+	5-	13+	32+	5½	2nd
29	Wingrove, S	89	Isca Juniors	11=	4=	31-	6+	30+	2+	16=	4½	Grading Prize
30	Young, A	101	Sedgemoor	32-	21+	9-	1+	29-	12+	7=	3½	
31	Collier, M	103	Bristol Cabot	9+	24-	29+	10-	12+	7-	22=	3½	
32	Atkins, K	113	Exeter	30+	2+	5-	4+	19+	16+	28-	5	3rd=

Round 1

Bushill 1 - 0 Horner
 Brusey 0 - 1 Crickmore
 Yeo 1 - 0 George
 Buckley S 1 - 0 Regis
 Buckley M 1 - 0 Taylor

final position



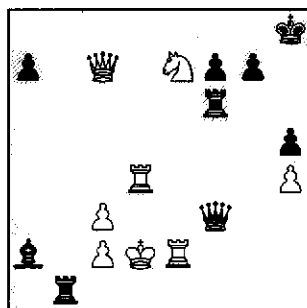
Yeo's first point came from a wild Sicilian, the outcome of which was seldom clear at the time.

White: Yeo M. J.

Black: George I. M.

[B45] Sicilian Defence - Modern Paulsen

1.e4 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 Bb4 7.Bf4 Nxe4 8.Nc7+ Kf8 9.Qf3 d5 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 e5 12.Nxd5 Ng5 [12...exf4 13.Qxf4 f5] 13.Bxg5 Qxg5+ 14.Rd2 h5 15.h4 Qg4 16.Qe3 Rh6 17.Bb5 Be6 18.f3 Qg3 The Black queen is entombed here for some time, and his rooks are marginalised, while White's pieces control the options in the centre. 19.Qc5+ Kg8 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Nc7+ Kh7 22.Qxc6 Rf8 23.Qa4 Rf6 24.Qe4+ Kh8 25.Re1 Rh8 26.Qxe5 Bxa2 A clever riposte, but too late. 27.Rd4 Rb1+ 28.Kd2 Qxg2+ [Black urgently needs to simplify with... 28...Qxe1+ 29.Qxe1 Rxe1 30.Kxe1] 29.Re2 Qxf3 30.Qc7 1-0 final position Black is caught in a mating net culminating on h8.



White A. W. Brusey.

Black: Crickmore N. E.

[C02] French Advance

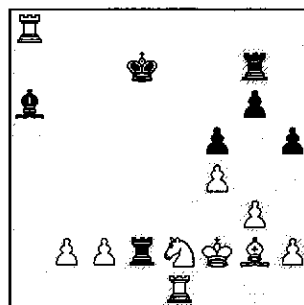
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Bd7 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 f6 7.0-0 fxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Qc7 10.f4 Nh6 11.Nd2 0-0-0 12.Nf3 Be7 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bd2 Nh6 15.Kh1 Nf7 16.b4 Rhf8 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.Nd4 Nh6 19.g4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Rh8 21.Qe2 g6 22.a4 Nf7 23.a5 Nd8 24.Nb3 Be7 25.Be3 Nc6 26.Rfb1 g5 27.fxg5 Qxe5 28.Qd2 Rhf8 29.Nc5 Bxc5 30.Bxc5 Rf3 31.Re1 Qc7 32.Rab1 e5 33.Be2 Rf4 34.Qxd5 Bxg4 35.a6 Be6 36.axb7+ Qxb7 37.Qd6 Nb4+ 38.Kg1 Bh3 39.Ba6 Rg4+ 40.Kf2 Rg2+ 41.Ke3 Qxa6 42.Rxb4 Qxd6 43.Bxd6 Kd7 44.Rd1 Bg4 45.Rd5 Re2+ 46.Kd3 e4+ 47.Kd4 Rd2+ 48.Ke5 Starting a skirmish during which White loses a piece. 48...Rc8+ 49.Bc7+ Rxd5+ 50.Kxd5 Rxc7 51.Kxe4 Rxc3 52.Ke5 Rc5+ 53.Kf4 Be6 54.h4 Rc4+ 55.Rxc4 Bxc4 56.h5 Bf7 57.g6 Bxg6 58.hxg6 hxg6 0-1

White: Bushill M. S.

Black: Horner R. M.

[B26] Closed Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.Be3 d6 6.Bg2 Rb8 7.Qd2 b5 8.Nf3 b4 9.Nd1 a5 10.0-0 a4 11.a3 Qa5 12.axb4 cxb4 13.d4 Ba6 14.Re1 h5 15.d5 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 Allowing White to initiate a pawn storm in the centre, while Black's development is way behind. 17.f4 Bg7 18.e5 Nh6 19.exd6 Nf5 [19...exd6 20.Bb6+] 20.dxe7 Nd6 21.Bd4 Rg8 22.Bxg7 Rxg7 23.Qd4 Nf5 24.Qa7 Qb6+ White can now afford to make equal exchanges to reduce Black's chances of counterplay while increasing his material differential. 25.Qxb6 Rxb6 26.Rxa4 Nd4 27.d6 Rxd6 28.Rxb4 Ne2+ 29.Kf2 Rd2 30.Rb8+ Black has no option to take the e-pawn, pinning his own knight which will get taken. 30...Kxe7 31.Nc3 Kd7 32.Nxe2 f5 33.Ra8 resigns Final position 1-0



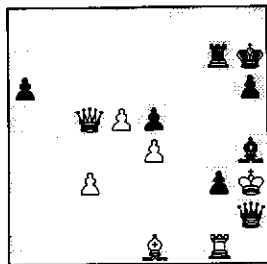
White: Dr. Regis D.

Black: Buckley S. T.

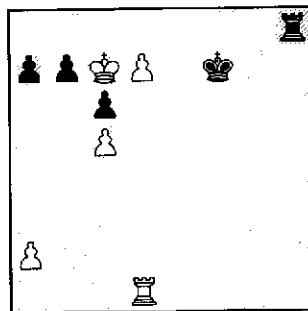
[B50] Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b6 7.d4 0-0 8.Nbd2 Bb7 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.a3 e5 11.d5 Nb8 12.Nf1 g6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Ne3 Bf8 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Bg7 17.Ng4 Bc8 18.h3 Bxg4 19.hxg4 g5 20.Bg3 Nxd4 21.Nh2 Nxd4 22.Kxh2 Nd7 23.Bb5 a6 24.Bc6 Ra7 25.Rh1 Rf8 26.Bxd7 Qxd7 27.Kg1 f5 28.f3 Crucially, allowing Black to storm the King-side. 28...f4 29.Bf2 Rf6 30.b4 Rg6 31.bxc5 bxc5 32.Rb1 Rb7 33.Qd3 Rxb1+ 34.Qxb1 g4 35.Kf1 Qa4 36.fxg4 Qxa3 37.g5 Rxd3 38.Qb8+ Kh7 39.Qxd6 Qc1+ 40.Be1 Qc2 41.Rg1 Qd3+ 42.Kf2 Qe3+ 43.Kf1 Rg6 44.Qb8 Qd3+ 45.Kf2 Bf6 46.Qe7+ Rg7 47.Qxc5 Black now has a forced mate in 7 47...Bh4+ 48.g3 fxg3+ 49.Kg2 [49.Rxg3 Bxg3+ 50.Kg1 Bxe1+ 51.Kh2

Qg3+ 52.Kh1 Qg2#] 49...Qe2+ 50.Kh3 [50.Bf2 gxf2+
51.Kh3 fxf1Q 52.Qxg1 Rxf1 53.Kxh4 Qg4#]
50...Qh2# 0-1 Final Position



final position 1-0



Round 2

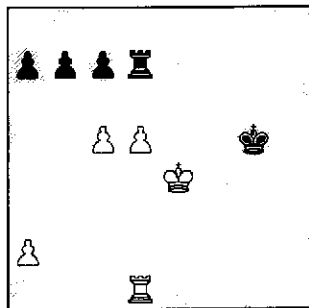
Buckley, S (1)	1 - 0	Saqui (1)
Crickmore (1)	1 - 0	Gilbert (1)
Bushill (1)	½ - ½	Jones (1)
Frost (1)	1 - 0	Thynne (½)

White: Buckley S. T.

Black: Saqui D. A. J.

[B01] Scandinavian

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 g6 5.Be2 Bg7
6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 Nb6 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.Be3 Nc6 10.d5 Bxf3
11.gxf3 Ne5 12.c5 Nbc4 13.Bd4 Nxb2 14.Qc2 Nbd3
15.Be3 g5 16.Bxd3 Nxf3+ 17.Kg2 Nh4+ 18.Kh1
Bxc3 19.Bxh7+ Kg7 20.Qxc3+ Kxh7 21.Qd3+ Kh6
22.Rg1 f6 23.Qe4 Ng6 24.f4 f5 25.fxf5+ Kh7 26.Qf3
Kg8 27.Rad1 Qe8 28.Bf2 Rd8 29.h4 Ne5 30.Qf4
Qh5 31.Rge1 Ng6 32.Qe3 e5 33.Qe2 Qxe2 34.Rxe2
e4 35.Bg3 f4 36.h5 fxf3 37.hxf3 Rfe8 38.Kg2 Kg7
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Kxg5



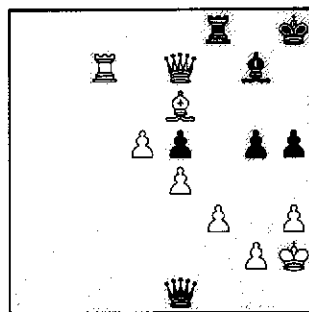
Not a position that Black should lose, although he will need the assistance of his King at the scene of action. 43.d6 Kf6 44.Kd5 c6+ 45.Kd4 Rh7 46.Re1 Rh4+ 47.Kc3 Rh3+ 48.Kd4 Rh4+ 49.Kc3 Rh5 50.Rf1+ Kg6 51.Rd1 Black can safely leave his c-pawn hanging, as the d-pawn will romp home. 51...Rh8 52.Kd4 Rh7 53.Ke5 Kf7 54.d7 Rh5+ 55.Kd6 Rh8 56.Kc7

White: Crickmore N. E.

Black: Gilbert C.

[D90]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Bg7
6.Qb3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 e5 9.e3 Nc6 10.Be2
Qc7 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Rab1 Na5 13.Qa3 cxd4 14.cxd4
Nc6 White's superior centre pawn structure now begins to assert dominance 15.d5 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Ne5
17.Be2 f6 18.Bf4 a6 19.h3 Rac8 20.Bxe5 fxe5 21.Bg4
Rb8 22.Rfc1 Qd8 23.Be6+ Kh8 24.Rc4 b5 25.Rc6 a5
26.e4 Rf4 27.f3 h5 28.Qd3 b4 29.a3 g5 30.axb4 axb4
31.Qe4 Rf8 32.Rxb4 Rxb4 33.Qxb4 Qa8 34.Qxe7
Qa1+ 35.Kh2 Qe1 36.Rc7 1-0 final position
White has a forced mate. 36...Qg3+ 37.Kxg3



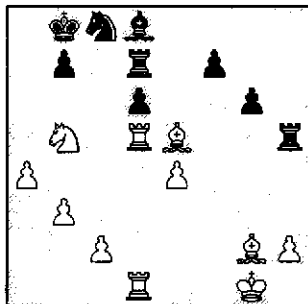
White: Frost N. A.

Black: Thynne T. F.

[B26]

Closed Sicilian 6.Be3

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3
d6 7.Nge2 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.f4 h5 Reserving the ability to castle long, Black makes an early lunge at White's castled position. 10.fxe5 Nxe5 11.d4 Ng4 12.Bf4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Bc4 14.Re1 0-0-0 15.a4 With Black's attack not acquiring any momentum, White has time to counter on the opposite wing. 15...Ne7 16.Ndb5 Black's isolated d-pawn proves an enduring weakness which ultimately loses the game. 16...Ne5 17.Nxa7+ Kb8 18.Nab5 h4 19.Qd2 hxg3 20.Bxg3 Rh5 21.Rad1 Nc8 22.Qf2 Qe7 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Qf6 25.Qxf6 Bxf6 26.b3 Rd7 27.Red1 Bd8 28.Bxe5 1-0 Black's d-pawn is pinned.



Round 3

Buckley M (2)	½ - ½	Crickmore (2)
Buckley S (2)	½ - ½	Bushill (1½)
Buckley D (1½)	1 - 0	Jones (1½)
Yeo (1½)	½ - ½	Frost (1½)

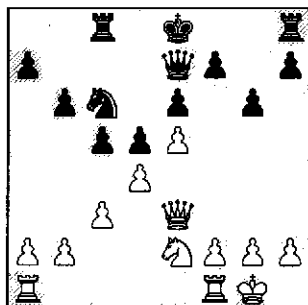
White: Buckley M.

Black: Crickmore N. E.

[C00]

French Defence

1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e5 Ne4 5.Ne2 Be7 6.d3 Ng5 7.Nxg5 Bxg5 8.d4 Bxc1 9.Qxc1 b6 10.Qe3 Ba6 11.Ng3 Bxf1 12.Nxf1 Qe7 13.e3 c5 14.Ng3 g6 15.Ne2 Ne6 16.0-0 Re8 ½½ Final position



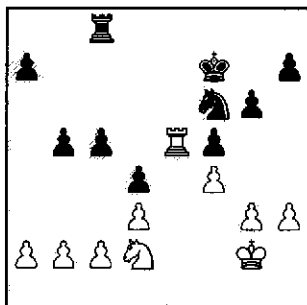
White: Bushill M. S.

Black: Buckley S. T.

[B26]

Closed Sicilian 5. Be3

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.Be3 d6 6.Bg2 Rb8 7.Qd2 e6 8.Nge2 Nd4 9.0-0 b5 10.Nd1 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 Ne7 12.Qd2 Ba6 13.Bh6 0-0 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.Kh1 Bb7 17.f4 f5 18.Rae1 Rbe8 19.Re2 d5 20.exf5 exf5 21.Rfe1 Kf7 22.Nf1 d4 23.Re5 Ng8 24.Bxb7 Qxb7+ 25.Qg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Rc8 28.Nd2 Nf6 29.h3 ½-½



White: Yeo M. J.

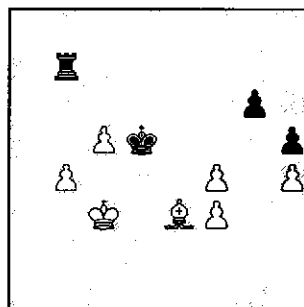
Black: Frost N. A.

[C13]

French Defence

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4 h6 [6...Bxg5 7.hxg5 Qxg5 8.Nf3 Qe7 9.Bd3 h6] 7.Be3 c5 8.Qg4 g6 9.f4 exd4 10.Bxd4 Ne6 11.Nf3 h5 12.Qh3 a6 13.Bf2 b5 14.Ng5 Nf8 15.0-0 Qa5 16.Kb1 Qb4 17.Qf3 Bb7 18.Be2 Qa5 19.Rc1 b4 20.Nd1 Qc7 21.c4 d4 22.Qd3 Rd8 23.Be1 Bc5 24.Nf2 Rh6 25.Nfe4 Nd7 26.Qh3 Ke7 27.Nxf7 Nxe5 28.Nxc5 Nxf7 29.Qxe6+ Kf8 30.Nxd7+ Qxd7 31.Bxb4+ Kg7 32.Qxd7 Rxd7 33.Bf3 Bxf3 34.gxf3 Two pawns down, Black has to work hard to hold the position. 34...Nd8 35.Bd2 Rh8 36.Rhe1 Rf8 37.Re4 Kf6 38.Rce1 Rff7 39.Kc2 Rd6 40.b4 Ne6 41.c5 Rc6 42.Kd3 a5 43.a3 axb4 44.axb4 Ra7 White now gives up the exchange, trusting the result two passed pawns will more than compensate. 45.Rxe6+ Rxe6 46.Rxe6+ Kxe6 47.Kxd4 Rd7+ Allowing the Black king to occupy d5 and hold the fort. 48.Kc3 Kd5 49.Be3 Rb7 ½-½

final position



White: Jones G. C.

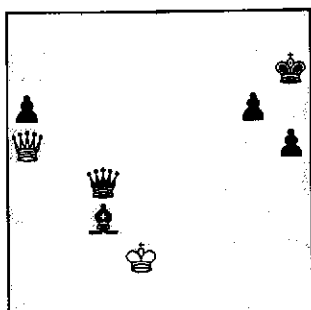
Black: Buckley D. E.

[B04]

Alekhine's Defence.

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc6 9.exd6 cxd6 10.c3 e5 11.Bg5 Qc7 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.Re1 Na5 15.Bc2 Bxc2 16.Qxc2 h6 17.Be3 Nd5 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.a3 b5 20.b4 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 Nc4 22.Nxc4 Qxc4 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Nxe5 Qa2 A clever idea that forces White onto the back foot 25.Qc1 Rd2 26.Qf1 Qc2 27.Nf3 Rd1 28.Ne1 Qc1 29.Re8+ Kh7 30.g3 Bxc3 Winning a piece 31.Qxb5 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 Bxe1 33.Qd7 Bc3+ 34.Kg2 Qxa3 35.Qxf7+ Bg7 Black is a piece up but there now follows a long passage of tactical play as he seeks to capitalise on this material advantage, and White avoids the exchange of queens. 36.Qb7 Qa4 37.h4 h5 38.Kf3 a6 39.Kg2 Kh6 40.Qe7 Qc6+ 41.Kg1 Qf6 42.Qe3+ Kh7 43.Qc5 Bf8 44.Qc7+ Qe7 45.Qb6 Qe1+ 46.Kg2 Qe4+ 47.Kg1 Qc4 48.Qa7+ Kh6 49.Qe3+ Kg7 50.Qa7+ Kf6 51.Qb6+ Kf5 52.Qb7 Bxb4 53.Qf3+ Ke6 54.Qe3+ Kf7 55.Qf3+ Kg7 56.Qb7+ Kh6 57.Qb8 Bc3 58.Qf8+ Bg7 59.Qd8 Qb4 60.Qg5+ Kh7 61.f4 Qe1+ 62.Kh2 Qe2+ 63.Kh1 Qg4 White's position is now hopeless. 64.Qc5 Qh3+ 65.Kg1 Qxg3+ 66.Kf1 Qxf4+ 67.Ke2 Qxh4 68.Qa5 Qc4+ 69.Kd2?? Bc3+ 0-1 All pieces come off and the pawns have it.

Final position



Round 4

Bushill (2)	½-½	Taylor (2)
Buckley, D (2½)	0 - 1	Yeo (2)
Buckley, M (2½)	½-½	Buckley, S (2½)
Crickmore (2½)	0 - 1	Lee (2½)

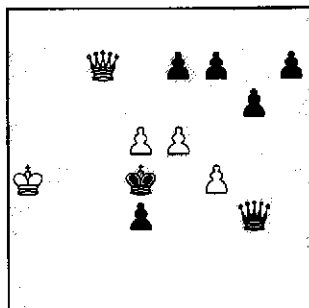
With the Buckley siblings threatening to dominate the section, it was impossible for controller John Dunleavy to keep them apart any longer, given the relatively low number of competitors involved in the section. The Buckleys were not prepared to slug it out on this occasion and settled for a 6 move draw.

White: Crickmore N. E. G.

Black: Lee N. S.

[A58] Benko Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 d6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.Nd2 Rxa6 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.e4 Qa8 14.Rd1 Na4 15.Nb5 Ra5 16.Bf1 Rc8 17.Nb3 Ra6 18.Na3 Ra7 19.Nc4 Nd7 20.Bh3 Rd8 21.Bxd7 Rxd7 22.Bd2 Ba6 23.Nba5 Bxc4 24.Nxc4 Rdb7 25.Rab1 Nb6 26.Nxb6 Rxb6 27.a3 Qb7 28.b4 Rxa3 29.bxc5 dxc5 30.Rxb6 Qxb6 31.Rb1 Ra1 32.Rxa1 Bxa1 33.Be3 Bd4 34.Bxd4 cxd4 35.Kg2 Qb4 36.Kf3 Kg7 37.Qd3 Kf6 38.Ke2 Qb2+ 39.Ke1 Qa1+ 40.Ke2 Ke5 41.f4+ Kd6 42.e5+ Kc5 43.Qb3 Qc3 44.Qb7 [44.Qxc3+ dxc3 45.Kd3 Kxd5 46.Kxc3 Ke4 with a lost game for White. But, left on, the Black Queen picks up the pawns anyway. The rest of the moves had to be played instantly.] 44...Qc4+ 45.Kd2 Qc3+ 46.Kd1 Qf3+ 47.Kd2 Qf2+ 48.Ke1 Qf1+ 49.Kd2 Qf2+ 50.Kd1 Qg1+ 51.Kc2 Qxh2+ 52.Kb3 Qxg3+ 53.Ka4 d3 54.Qc7+ Kd4 0-1 final position

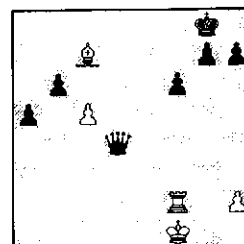


White: Buckley D. E.

Black: Yeo M. J.

[C29] Vienna Game

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.f4 d5 4.exd5 e4 5.d3 Bb4 6.Bd2 e3 7.Bxe3 Nxd5 8.Bd2 Bxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.c4 Re8+ 11.Be2 Nf6 12.Nf3 Qe7 13.Ne5 Nc6 14.0-0 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Qxe5 16.Bf3 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Qd4+ 18.Kh1 Bxg4 19.Qb1 b6 20.Qb3 Re2 21.Bc3 Qd7 22.Rae1 Rae8 23.Qb1 Qc6 24.Rg1 Bh3 25.Rxe2 Rxe2 26.Qf1 Rxc2 27.Ba1 Rxa2 28.Be5 f6 29.Bg3 a5 30.d4 Qe4 31.Bxc7 Seemingly a purely a defensive move, but it has an attacking purpose too. 31...Rb2 32.c5 [32.Bf4 Bxg2+ 33.Rxg2 Rb1] 32...Bxg2+ 33.Rxg2 Rb1 34.Kg1 Qxd4+ 35.Rf2 Rxf1+ 36.Kxf1



Round 5

Lee (3½)	0 - 1	Buckley S (3)
Yeo (3)	1 - 0	Buckley M (3)
Frost (3)	½ - ½	Buckley D (2½)
Taylor (2½)	0 - 1	Crickmore (2½)
Bushill (2½)	1 - 0	Brusey (2½)

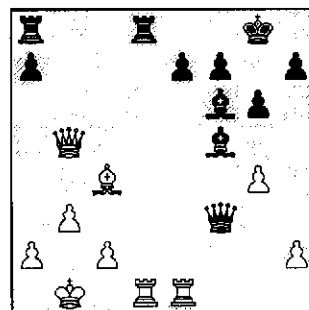
Lee started the round in clear 1st, but slipped up against Simon Buckley. Mike Bushill, back in the chasing pack, now started his extraordinary run, in which he rode his luck and kept his head, while all about him.... Neil Crickmore picked himself up after a time-scramble loss to Lee in the previous round.

White: Lee N. S.

Black: Buckley S. T.

[B76] Sicilian Defence

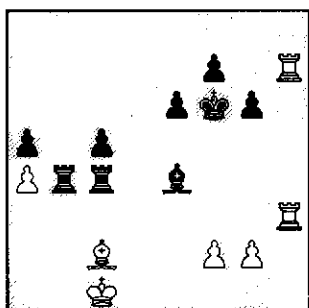
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 d5 White sets out on a skirmish that wins a pawn. 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Qxd5 Qc7 14.Qc5 Qb7 15.Bd4 Bf5 leaving the Queen, and behind her the King, dangerously exposed in an open centre to attack by the rooks. 16.Qb5 Qc7 17.Bc4?? loses a piece to a Queen fork. 17...Qf4+ 18.Kb1 Bxd4 19.b3 Bf6 20.Rhe1 Rfd8 21.g4 Qxf3 22. Resigns 0-1



White: Taylor G. P.
 Black: Crickmore N. E. G.

[C11] French Winawer

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Bxf6 Qxf6
 6.Nxe4 Qe7 7.Qd2 g6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.0-0-0 Attacking
 players castling on opposite wings should provide
 entertainment. 9...0-0 Castling on opposite wings
 should provide entertainment. 10.h4 b6 11.h5 Bb7
 12.Bd3 c5 13.dxc5 Nd7 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.Qf4 Nxc5
 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.Qh2 Rfd8 18.Qh4 Qxh4 19.Rxh4
 Bd5 20.c4 Bc6 21.b3 a5 22.a4 Black is making the
 better progress at weakening the opponent's king's
 position. 22...Rab8 23.Kc2 Rd7 24.Be2 Rdb7 25.Nd2
 Bf6 26.Rh2 Bg5 27.Rdh1 The rooks abandon any
 defensive role, leaving it to an overworked King. Nor
 do they have any real attacking prospects, as the King
 is relatively safe on f6 27...Bxd2 28.Kxd2 Rxb3
 29.Bd3 Kg7 30.Rh7+ Kf6 31.Bc2 Rd8+ 32.Kc1 Rc3
 33.Kb2 Rxc4 34.R1h4 Rb8+ 35.Kc1 Rbb4 36.Rh3
 Be4 37. Resigns.

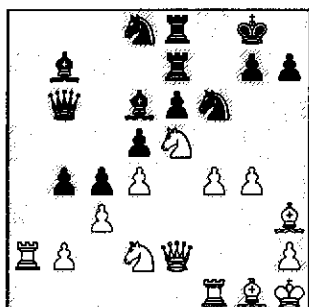


final position. White can only avoid a mate in 2 by
 giving up the exchange.

White: Bushill M. S.
 Black: Brusey A. W.

[C02] French Advance

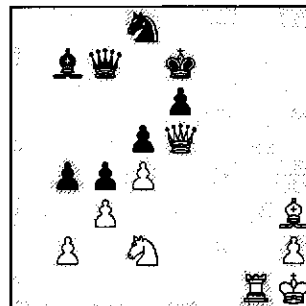
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 c4
 7.g3 f6 8.exf6 Nxf6 9.Bg2 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe2
 Bd7 12.Ne5 Rae8 13.Nd2 Qc7 14.f4 b5 15.Ndf3 Bc8
 16.Be3 a5 17.Nd2 Re7 18.Kh1 Bb7 19.Bg1 b4
 20.axb4 axb4 21.Bh3 Nd8 22.Ra7 Qb6 23.Ra2 Rfe8
 24.g4



White now prepares a pawn storm, supported by both
 bishops. 24...Qc7 25.Bf2 Nd7 26.Bh4 Nf6 27.g5 Nd7
 28.g6 Nf6 29.gxh7+ Kxh7 30.Bxf6 gxf6 Black's king

side is ripped open, and White's more mobile forces
 can quickly capitalise. 31.Rg1 Rg7 Losing a rook, but
 Black has nothing better as mate is threatened.

32.Qh5+ Kg8 33.Qxe8+ Kh7 34.Qh5+ Kg8 35.Raa1
 The extra rook must join the attack quickly if the
 initiative is to be maintained. 35...fxe5 36.Rxg7+
 Kxg7 37.Rg1+ Kf8 38.Qh8+ Ke7 39.fxe5 Bxe5
 40.Qxe5 final position. 1-0



Round 6

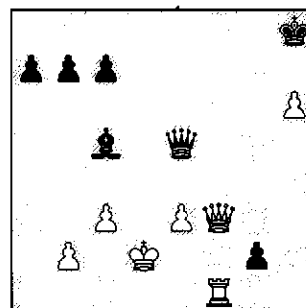
Buckley S (4)	½ - ½	Yeo (4)
Crickmore (3½)	½ - ½	Frost (3½)
Lee (3½)	0 - 1	Bushill (3½)
Buckley M (3)	1 - 0	Buckley D (3)

Lee hit the buffers when he ran out of time when the
 exchange up, and the early leader was out of the
 running. So Bushill shared the lead with Yeo and
 Simon Buckley.

White: Lee N. S.
 Black: Bushill M. S.

[A40] King's Indian Defence

1.d4 g6 2.c3 Bg7 3.Bg5 d6 4.Nd2 Nf6 5.e3 b6 6.Bxf6
 Bxf6 7.h4 d5 8.Qb3 0-0 9.0-0-0 e5 10.dxe5 Bxe5
 11.Ndf3 Bd6 12.h5 g5 13.Qxd5 Nc6 14.Ne2 Be6
 15.Qe4 Bxa2 16.Ned4 Re8 17.Qf5 Nxd4 18.Nxd4
 Re5 19.Qc2 Bd5 20.Bd3 Bxg2 A tempting but
 dangerous past-time. 21.Rhg1 Bh3 22.Rg3 Bd7 23.f4
 Re8 24.Bc4 Qf6 25.fxg5 hxg5 26.Rf3 Qh6 27.Bxf7+
 Kh8 28.Bxe8 Rxe8 29.Nf5 Bxf5 30.Qxf5 Rf8 31.Qg4
 Rxf3 32.Qxf3 g4 33.Qe4 g3 34.Rf1 Qg7 35.h6 Qe5
 [35...Qxh6 36.Qe8+ Kh7 37.Rf7+ Kg6 38.Qe6+ Kh5
 39.Rf5+ etc.] 36.Qf3 Bc5 37.Kd2 g2 White lost on
 time with 2 moves to make.



Given time, the game might have continued.. 38.Rg1 Qd6+ 39.Ke2 Qa6+ 40.Kf2 Qxh6 41.Rxg2 Qf8 42.Rg5 Qxf3+ 43.Kxf3 Be7 44.Rd5 Bd6 45.e4 With a lot of play left 0-1

Round 7

The showdown was set; it was just a question of whether it would be a real firework finish or a damp squib. In the event, it was difficult to decide which it was. Yeo blundered a piece away early on, and quickly lost heart. Simon Buckley sacrificed the exchange in a premature charge through the centre, but Crickmore was well prepared and capitalised immediately. Thus Bushill had come through the field with a 3/3 finish to take the overall, clear 1st place. However, he did not qualify for the Championship, which went to Plymouth-born Neil Crickmore. It was not until he was congratulated on his success that Neil realised Bushill had no valid westcontry connections, and that, in fact, he was the new West of England Champion.

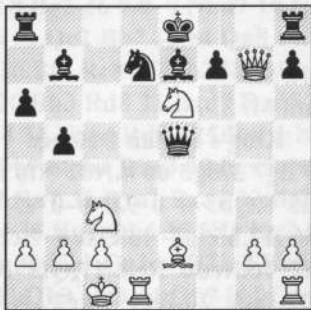
White: Yeo M. J.

Black: Bushill M. S.

[B99]

Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Be2 b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.e5 Bb7 13.Qg3 dxe5 14.fxe5 Nd7 15.Qxg7 Qxe5 16.Nxe6



after 4 days play and 7 tough rounds, this is the determining move of the championship. White seems to overlook the text riposte, which both defends and attacks, leaving the knight marooned. 16...Bf6 17.Qg3 [17.Nc7+ Qxc7] 17...Qxg3 18.hxg3 fxe6 19.Bg4 Ke7 20.Rhe1 Ne5 21.Bh3 Rhg8 22.Ne2 a5 23.c3 h6 24.Rd4 0-1

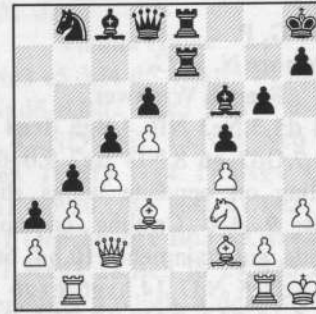
White: Crickmore N. E. G.

Black: Buckley S. T.

[E76]

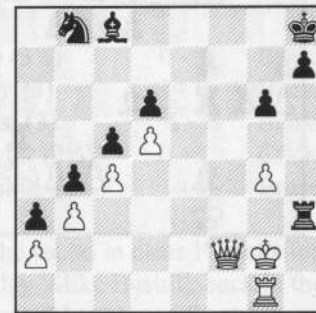
4 Pawns Attack

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 Crickmore's favourite 4 Pawns Attack 5...0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 b5 8.e5 Nfd7 9.exd6 b4 10.Ne4 exd6 11.Be2 Nf6 12.Ng3 Re8 13.h3 a5 14.0-0 a4 15.Rb1 Ne4 16.Nxe4 Rxe4 17.Bd3 Re8 18.Bd2 a3 19.b3 f5 20.Qc2 Ra7 21.Be1 Bf6 22.Kh1 Rae7 23.Bf2 Kh8 24.Rg1



Control of the e-file decides the outcome, and Black seems well positioned, but hands the initiative to White with an unwise sacrifice. 24...Re4 25.Bxe4 fxe4 26.Ng5 Bxg5 27.fxg5 Qxg5 28.Rbe1 Qe5 29.g4 e3? A premature central push, after which Black's position quickly collapses. 30.Rxe3 Qxe3 31.Bxe3 Rxe3 32.Qf2 Rxb3+ [32...Re8 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.Rf1 Bd7 35.Qf7+ Kh8 36.h4 Rc8 37.h5 gxh5 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Qg5+ Kh8 40.Rf7 Rg8 41.Qf6+] 33.Kg2 resigns

Final position



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