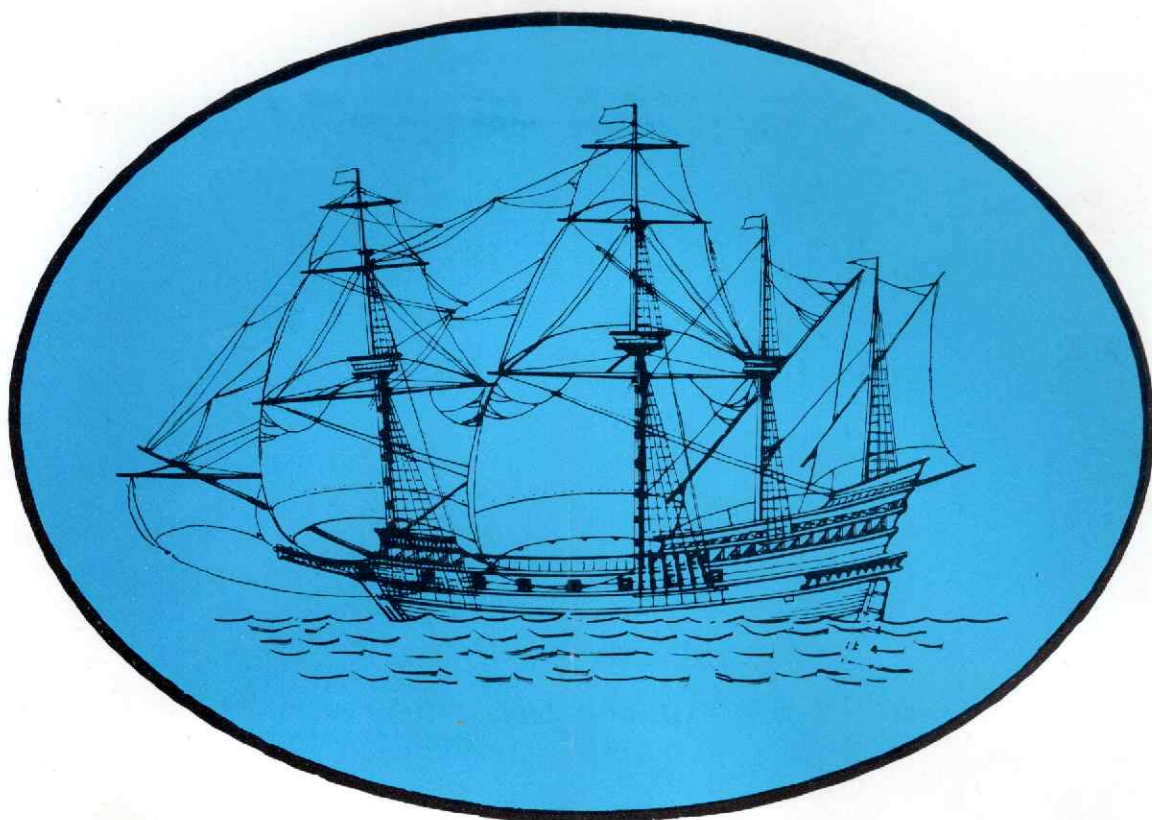


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With this issue is enclosed application and renewal forms for Westward Ho! The income from Westward Ho! contributes greatly to Union Funds and helps keep down registration fees. Please give us all the support you can.

The coming season starts as usual with the Paignton Congress in September, on Sunday the 4th and there is still time to enter for this popular event. The Congress this year has been generously sponsored by the BANQUE DU RHONE - who incidentally are bankers to Westward Ho! and who usually pay approximately 6% interest on Current Accounts when in credit!

Finally my grateful thanks to our retiring Congress Secretary, Alistair Brown, for all the work he has done in making this edition possible and to those other contributors without whose support publication would be difficult.

Ralph Newman

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#### ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Once again the W.E.C.U. put on record its appreciation of the sterling work done by its President, Ralph Newman, in the regular and profitable production of our W.E.C.U. Magazine, Westward Ho!

Ralph has battled through all kinds of difficulties, including last year a bout of illness, but the production has never been halted. He did appeal, again, for help in continuing to support by subscriptions, and by sending in any news items, reports, letters etc. - but please send ready for typing to lessen the load of the Editor.

The Council agreed that the President should have a deputy, and Ron Powis was unanimously elected as Deputy President for the coming year. (It is hoped that he will keep the President in order for the remainder of his term of office)

Our Grading and Records Officer does a tremendous job in producing the Grading List yearly. We appeal to congresses and leagues, counties and all who send in results for grading. Please so it as soon as you possibly can in order to reduce the congestion at the end of the season!

The W.E.C.U. are sorry to lose Alistair Brown as Congress Secretary. We have become used to his quiet efficiency and pleasant manner in making every congress a smooth running and happy event. We do not intend to be without his expertise on the Council and have elected him to the office of a Vice President of the Union.

The 1984 Congress, which will be at Weston, will be in the capable hands of Ron Powis.

Junior organisers will be interested to know that the under 14's no longer need to be registered to appear on the W.E.C.U. Grading List. Providing the Union fee has been paid and the County concerned has met its levy obligations.

The Union fee is now 20p - the board fee remains 10p.

A review of levy and registration figures has taken place within the Union, resulting in a request to the B.C.F. to increase the W.E.C.U. levy figure from 28 to 33. The Counties of Devon, Dorset, Hampshire, Somerset and Gloucester have all accepted an increase of one point with corresponding voting power at the B.C.F. levy Council.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In the next edition of Westward Ho! a list of all County Officials will be published. To date only Gloucester and Somerset have submitted theirs. Will the other Counties please send to the Editor details as soon as possible.

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B.C.F. REGIONAL COACH COURSES

The W.E.C.U. in comparison to the other three Unions is very short of qualified regional Coaches. The other Unions on average have twelve, we have one, namely Mr. Richard Holmes of Dorset.

Anyone who wishes to become a B.C.F. Coach, with the idea of assisting National Coaches at B.C.F. Junior Training Weekends and individual Tutor Coaching, please forward your names to me. All registered players and teachers over the age of 21 are eligible.

The fee for the course is £9.00 and the examining Tutor conducting these courses is usually Bob Wade O.B.E. Chief National Coach.

The Courses cover the required syllabus with emphasis on methods of presentation and include the written and practical tests for the official B.C.F. Certificate of Regional Chess Coach, the first of two stages needed for becoming a B.C.F. National Coach.

SYLLABUS FOR BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION

REGIONAL COACH COURSE

The syllabus should be approached from two points of view:-

1. The understanding of the game that the Regional Coach should have, after attending the Course.
2. The Coach's ability to acquire and impart a knowledge of the game with emphasis on children.

Each item consists of a) basic information, b) its relevance to an understanding of the game, c) illustrative teaching techniques and d) discussion.

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It is appreciated that there are different ways of introducing the game and that this itself should be part of the aspiring Coach's knowledge.

#### The Moves:

A Chess Teacher is not called upon that often to teach the Game entirely from scratch, but should of course be able and happy to do so.

Techniques should include:-

- a) Games first with pawns and then introducing other pieces one by one.
- b) Familiarisation ~~starts~~ on the move of each piece, particularly the knight.
- c) Teaching all the powers of each piece at once, its move, its capture (pawn - its promotion), mate with it, tactics involving it, its positional placing.
- d) Separating castling and en passant.

#### The Mates:

The Coach must be aware of common mating patterns, e.g. queen and minor piece, back rank, two bishops, smothered mate etc.

The Coach should understand and be able to demonstrate elementary end game mates (King and Queen V King, King and Rook V King and the importance of the different types of passed pawns.

#### Finishing Games:

Besides mate, Coaches should have knowledge of rules dealing with resignation, loss on time in clock games and methods of drawing.

#### Tactics and Combinations:

A knowledge of elementary tactics, defending, attacking, counter attacking, checks, moving out of danger, interposing, capturing, protecting, double attacks like forks, pins, skewers, discovered attacks, simple calculations, exchanges, valuing, is required.

#### Positional Play:

Coaches should have a basic understanding of development, centre pawn centres, minor piece placing, creation of files and co-ordination of pieces in opening, middlegame and endgame situations.

#### King Safety and Attacks:

Coaches need to have some understanding of the problems of King safety in open (I. E4 E5) openings and the role of this factor throughout the game. In addition there is a need to know how symptomatic attacks to exploit opponent's weaknesses are set in train.

#### Notations:

The Assistant Coach should be fluent in Algebraic Notation and should also know Descriptive Notation and methods of recording unfinished or interesting positions.

### Thinking Disciplines:

The coach needs to encourage the development of thinking disciplines and routines - the asking of appropriate questions, the ability to play, calculate and analyse.

### Equipment and Books:

The Coach should be aware of the various suppliers of equipment and of up-to-date prices. He should be able to recommend and obtain good sets and boards within the funds available to him. He should know the use of a chess clock and be familiar with commonly used move rates. He should ensure that he has access to a good demonstration board for every teaching session. As books play an important part in the acquiring of chess knowledge, the Coach should be familiar with suitable books for the levels at which he will operate.

### Competitions:

The Coach must never lose sight of the main purpose of his activity - greater enjoyment through greater skill. To all chess players of what ever standard, that must be tested in competitive play - which is in the nature of chess, so a thorough competence in setting up various forms of competition is essential. These should include the all-play-all, the knock out, the Swiss systems.

Competition should also be introduced at various coaching states, e.g. fastest solution of tactical device problems; first correct Forsyth notation; pawn game tournament and many others.

### Background:

Some knowledge of the following items is considered to be essential for the Regional Coach, not necessarily for planned teaching, but to enable him to satisfy impromptu enquiries and to maintain the reputation and status of the qualified B.C.T. Coach:-

- a) National, local and international organisations, events and ratings.
- b) Chess Magazines and columns.
- c) Personalities.
- d) History.

### Where next?

Probably as important as anything else is that the Regional Coach knows how to guide the pupil who has developed beyond his own teaching range. He should therefore be aware of the facilities which are available locally and nationally.

These will range from contact with the local Chess Club to Regional and National Coaches. For children it is also necessary to know of the National Squad and the various training sessions.

The next course is to be arranged for Autumn and will be held in London.

For more details contact Mr. Derek Evans, 47½ Dalehouse Lane, Kenilworth. CV8 2EP.



CHESSBITS

Congratulations to D.J. Shire for winning the Individual Correspondence Championship for Gloucester.

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The first Yeovil Chess Congress, sponsored by Western Trust and Savings Ltd will be held on October 28-30th. Over £500 in prizes. For details contact M.H. Wheeler, 125, Marsh Lane, Yeovil, Somerset (Telephone 0935 23456).

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The East Anglian Chess Union has been warmly welcomed into the B.C.F. by the Management Board.

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The next issue is the Grading Issue. Please send articles or items for publication not later than 21st August.

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CHARLBURY CHESS TOURNAMENT will be held at the Charlbury Memorial Hall on Saturday September 17th. For full details of this unusually interesting Tournament apply to H.S. Lebb, 18, The Green, Charlbury, Oxfordshire.

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If you have a guilty conscience and hold a West of England Chess Cup or Trophy, that you should have returned a year or so ago please write your confession in confidence to R.H. Northage, Treasurer W.E.C.U. All will be forgiven!

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W.E.C.U. JUNIOR K.O. CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Chris Riley from Gloucestershire, who won the W.E.C.U. Junior Championship. The final rounds were held at the Cotswold Congress and the other finalist was Michael Adams, the current British under 11 Champion. In the first round Chris admits he played the opening badly and then Michael blundered away the exchange giving Chris the first round. In the second round Michael sacrificed the exchange (on purpose this time) but it was not sound and both players agreed a draw in a position clearly favourable to Chris.

The quarter final results were as follows:-

Michael Adams (Cornwall) 1 (Won by default)	-	Neil Chrickmore (Devon) 0
Benny Hirsch (Dorset) 1	-	Philip Rossitor (Hants) 0
Chris Riley (Glous) 1	-	Paul Hallett (Somerset) 0

Ian Banks (Wilts) bye.

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SEMI-FINAL:

Benny Hirsch 0 - Michael Adams 1  
Ian Banks 0 - Chris Riley 1

FINAL:

Chris Riley 1 - Michael Adams 0  
Michael Adams  $\frac{1}{2}$  - Chris Riley  $\frac{1}{2}$

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NEWS FROM SOMERSET

Somerset County Chess Association: Trophy Winners 1982/83

Henry Powell:	Bath Bishops
Charles Marsh:	Bath Knights
Denys Bonner:	G. Jeps (Wells)
Roy Hossel:	J. Hearn (Bridgwater)
Cyril Chapman:	S.R.T. Chambers (Yatton)
Home-Play:	D. Wood (Bridgwater)
Lightning:	G. Miller (Keynsham)
F.J.Pearce Rosebowl:	K.E.S. (Bath)
Ralph Gray Cup:	Millfield Junior School
Sir George Thomas:	Paul Hallett (Weston-s-Mare)
E.G.Walker Cup:	Mark Seymour (Millfield)

W.E.C.U. JUNIOR JAMBOREE

Under 18 Section:

Somerset came 3/6, scoring 6/12.

The highlight of the U/18 team results was the excellend win by Andrew Eston over Gary Lane, other scorers were:

Won: P. Hallett, N. Wilson, J. Budd  
Drew: D. Foley, N. Davies, E. Eggington, M. Conner.

Uner 14 Section:

Somerset won scoring  $4\frac{1}{2}$ /6, scorers were:

Won: J. Klimek, M. Wade, R. Francis  
Drew: M. Seymour, D. Dickenson, M. Eastwood.

Brian Francis (Junior Secretary)

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NEWS FROM GLOUCESTER

North Gloucestershire League 1982/83 - Final Results.

Division 1

Gloucester Dragons 17, Cheltenham 16, Stroud 15, Gloucester Unicorns 13, Cheltenham G.S and Corinium 10, Whaddon 3.

Division 2

Cheltenham 16, Eagle Star and Dursley 14, Tewkesbury 13, Stroud 10, G.A.L.A. 9, Smiths 8.

Division 3

Corinium 20, Gloucester 16, Dursley 15, C.E.G.B. 12, Churchdown 9, Nailsworth 7, Cheltenham College 5.

Division 4

Stroud 17, Ross-on-Wye 15, Cheltenham and Whaddon 14, Cheltenham GS 9, Tewkesbury 8, G.A.L.A. 7.

Division 5

C.E.G.B. 24, Tewkesbury and Triden 17, Dowty 14, Rich's 12, Eagle Star and Whaddon 11, Innsworth 6,

Division 6

Nailsworth 20, Dean Close and Whaddon 17, Dursely and Trident 15, Cheltenham College 13, Corinium 11, St.Peter's 4.

R.O. Powis

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DEVON CHESS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

News from Devon.

Our first tem met the formidable Kent tem, three times National Champions in the last eight years. Our second tem played Greater Manchester. Both matches took place on April 23rd in the sme room, at the conveniently situate Sea Mills Community Centre, Bristol. The booking arrangements and the supplying of over sixty teas was done, almost single handed, by the admirable Les Dorrington, may years vice-president of Gloucestershire. To Les, who also acted as Arbitrator (although his services in that capacity were not called upon), our very grateful thanks.

Against the highly graded Kent tem I thought that we did all that could be expected in giving them a good match. A notable win was scored by George Wheeler on Board two.

Our second team was very unfortunate to lose. With the first six boards finished after three hours it was apparent that board count would be in our favour if we could draw 8 - 8. After 3½ hours this result became a probiability and then, in the last half hour, disaster struck and one of our players, with a draw plus, left on a mate in one!

<u>Devon</u>		<u>Kent</u>		<u>Devon</u>		<u>Gt. Manchester</u>	
Gary Lane	1 1/2	1 1/2	H. Eales	B.W. Clapp	1 1/2	1 1/2	A.J. Miller
G.W. Wheeler	1	0	I.R. Watson	A.F. Footner	1 1/2	1 1/2	B. Rhodes
J. Wheeler	0	1	J. Ady	K.J. Bloodworth	1 1/2	1 1/2	P. Dean
P. Walder	1 1/2	1 1/2	R. O'Kelly	R.M. Bruce	1 1/2	1 1/2	S. Ridgway
D.. Newhaouse	0	1	A. Handreck	A. Boyne	1	0	A. Stobo
S. Dilleigh	0	1	Sir. S.M. Barry	P. Halmkin	1	0	A. Robinson
C. Hawthorne	0	1	M. Macdonald-Ross	I. Calvert	0	1	D. Stuttard
B. Hewson	1	0	N. Davey	A. Brusey	0	1	C. Fielding
N. Crickmore	0	1	J. Sugden	T. Buckley	1 1/2	1 1/2	W. Dunn
C. Lowe	1 1/2	1 1/2	A.P. Smith	Mrs. R. Bruce	1 1/2	1 1/2	S. Clarke
R.B. Thomas	0	1	M.P. Cook	R. Luffman	1 1/2	1 1/2	A. Beresford
C.J.V. Bellers	1 1/2	1 1/2	N. McDonald	J. Ridolf	0	1	D. James
C. Rigby	0	1	D.H. Powell	J. Parker	1	0	A. Trevelyn
T.F. Thynne	0	1	I. Poutney	B. Langeheine	0	1	P. Roper
R. Lingham	1 1/2	1 1/2	S. Macdonald-Ross	S. Wilks	1	0	A. Walker
M. Roberts	0	1	J. Wager	D. Hutchinson	0	1	S. Christopher
	<u>4 1/2</u>	<u>11 1/2</u>			<u>7 1/2</u>	<u>8 1/2</u>	

Throughout the season the county has been exceptionally well served by its two top boards. Gary Lane scored +3 =3 -0 and George Wheeler +4 =2 -0. Lower down, Chris Bellars scored +2 =4 -0 and Chris Lowe =3 -0 but only played in three matches.

Undefeated players, in the second ten, appearing in at least four matches were Brian Clapp +4 =3, Ken Bloodworth +2 =4, Paul Pritchard +3 =2, John Parker +2 =4 and Rowena Bruce +3 = 3.

Andrew Boyne, of Teignmouth, in his early teens, made a successful debut with +4 =1 -1 and another welcome newcomer from the same club was Alan Brusey also with +4 =1 -1.

Ron Bruce - Match Captain  
D.C.C.A.

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HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

Final table for season 1982/83

	<u>P.</u>	<u>.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Match Pts.</u>	<u>Average game pts.</u>
Southampton	6	6	0	24	12	4.00
Cosnam	6	5	0	19 1/2	10	3.25
A.F. Legg A	6	3	0	16	6	2.67
Salisbury	6	3	0	13	6	2.17
Fair Oak	6	2	1	15 1/2	5	2.58
Portsmouth	6	0	2	11	2	1.83
A.F. Legg B	6	0	1	6	1	1.00

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NEWS FROM HAMPSHIRE

Although losing to Basingstoke A in the final round, Waterlooville A emerged the Champions of the new Hampshire Junior Chess League on game score. Portsmouth Co-op were not far behind, and Crofton's performance is worth a mention. Altogether an interesting innovation and a well run tournament.

Final Table

	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Waterlooville A	13	11	1	43	23
Basingstoke A	13	11	1	39½	23
Co-op	13	10	2	40½	22
Crofton	13	9	2	35½	20
Waterlooville B	13	7	2	31	16
Brighton Hill	13	6	3	33½	15
Basingstoke B	13	6	3	30½	15
Titchfield A	13	7	1	30	15
Waterlooville C	13	4	1	25½	9
Titchfield B	13	4	1	18	9
Portchester	13	2	2	12½	6
Leigh Park	13	2	0	9½	4
Bohunt B	13	1	1	6	3
Bohunt A	13	1	0	8	2

Cosham A are the first holders of the 'Mike Cole' Cup after beating I.B.M. A in the final of the Portsmouth & District League's new knock-out team competition.

	<u>I.B.M. A</u>		<u>COSHAM A</u>	
Bd.1	J.F. Wheeler	0	A.F. Brameld	1
Bd.2	W.M. McDougall	0	A.F.C. Carter	1
Bd.3	S. Hicks	½	S. Dean	½
Bd.4	J.M. Morris	1	D. Gibson	0
Bd.5	S.J. Smith	0	A.D. Crossin	1
		<u>1½</u>		<u>3½</u>

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## EASTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

### TORQUAY

The 38th annual congress of the Union was held over the Easter weekend in the South Devon Technical College, Torquay, the same venue as the 1982 British Championships.

Both playing and spectating conditions were first class - seldom is it possible at a congress for spectators to be able to walk round every board without disturbing the players and for non-smoking competitors it was almost possible to keep ash trays at arms length.

The Union is extremely grateful to the Torbay Borough Council for paying for the hiring of the facilities at the College as, being a non-sponsored congress, the cost of hiring facilities has been the major expense of many of these annual affairs. In addition, the Council laid on a reception for all competitors and their friends on the Sunday morning when they were well entertained.

I should like to record my thanks to

- Councillor F.G. Skinner, Mayor of Torbay, for his kindness in opening the Congress and being present at the reception.
- the staff of the South Devon Technical College for their attention to our needs during the weekend and for the excellent catering at very modest cost.
- Ron Powis for again controlling the event in his quiet and efficient manner. Following his retirement, Ron's prowess at the game had risen such that he would have been accepted into the Championship but chose to forego the opportunity in favour of controlling again.
- Brian Hawthorne for acting as local legman and liaising with the College in making the necessary arrangements.
- Gloucestershire and the Bristol & Clifton club for the use of their equipment.
- David Le Moir for again taking on the task of writing the bulletin which follows. When one considers that there were over 400 games played during the weekend, it is no mean feat to select and annotate a worthwhile selection.
- Peter Clarke for providing his remarkable comprehensive mobile 'shop' of books and equipment.
- Frank Kingdon for using his magic guessing stick once more to sort out the bandits and work out the winners of the Westward TV and Leisureland Trophys.
- the players for entering as, obviously, without them there would be no show
- anyone else whom I have unfortunately forgotten and who contributed in any way to the success of the weekend.

The Championship finished in a tie between first time entry, Gerald Bennett, one of the best players in the West country, and winner of the previous two years, Gary Lane. Half a point behind were old campaigner, Peter Clarke, and Dave Collier of Bristol whose excellent performance won him the Leisureland trophy.

The Challengers was won outright by Kevin House, following in brother Paul's footsteps and qualifying for next year's Championship. There was a four way tie for second place between George Miller, Dave Woodruff, Martin Buckmaster and Neil Crickmore, the former taking the second Championship qualifying place on the strength of sum of opponents' scores.

The Reserves finished in a tie between Alan Brusey and young Timothy Kendall whose remarkable performance won him the Westward TV trophy.

The Ladies Championship was played for within Section C of the All-play-All and this was won for the third time by Mrs Sandra Osmond.

The Open seems to have become the Drunken Knights of London's own event and, as in previous years because of the low entry, was incorporated in the Challengers and won, once more, by Doug Bennett.

The best junior game was selected by David LeMoir and the Brigadier Morris trophy was awarded to Paul House for his win against David Osborne.

Mention must be made of the youngest competitor ever to have played in the Championship, 13 years old Michael Adams from Cornwall. It is remarkable enough to qualify to play in the event at that age - to finish with 50% is surely an outstanding feat and talk of another Nigel Short, this time from the West Country, cannot be taken too lightly.

Finally, next year's venue. It is likely to be Weston super Mare, thanks to the generosity of the Council there. Future venues will probably have to be considered on an economic basis, unfortunately, rather than the tradition of moving regularly around the Unions member counties.

Alistair Brown

Congress secretary.



C H A M P I O N S H I P

			R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Sc
1	G H Bennett	207	W 14	W 13	D 8	W 4	D 2	W 7	D 3	5½
2	G Lane	207J	W 19	D 10	W 26	W 11	D 1	D 3	W 8	5½
3	P H Clarke	208	D 6	D 4	W 21	W 9	W 8	D 2	D 1	5
4	D O Collier	174	W 26	D 3	W 5	L 1	D 10	W 15	W 11	5
5	A P Ashby	197	W 18	D 12	L 4	D 27	D 16	W 14	W 10	4½
6	D LeMoir		D 3	L 28	D 24	D 22	W 29	W 13	W 15	4½
7	G Moore	200	W 15	W 9	L 10	D 14	W 18	L 1	D 19	4
8	S J Shutler	197	W 22	W 24	D 1	D 10	L 3	W 12	L 2	4
9	P Walden	190	W 30	L 7	W 22	L 3	L 12	W 20	W 24	4
10	B P A Andrews	184	W 25	D 2	W 7	D 8	D 4	D 11	L 5	4
11	P House	169J	Bye	W 20	W 12	L 2	W 13	D 10	L 4	4
12	G Wheeler	191	W 29	D 5	L 11	D 16	W 9	L 8	D 18	3½
13	D C Osborne	189	W 23	L 1	D 16	W 24	L 11	L 6	W 26	3½
14	J R Boyce	178	L 1	W 29	W 26	D 7	L 15	L 5	W 27	3½
15	K Dennick	175	L 7	W 30	D 18	W 17	W 14	L 4	L 6	3½
16	P J Telfer	171	Bye	D 21	D 13	D 12	D 5	D 18	D 17	3½
17	C Lowe	168J	D 20	L 26	W 23	L 15	D 24	W 22	D 16	3½
18	M Adams	155J	L 5	W 19	D 15	W 28	L 7	D 16	D 12	3½
19	P J Meade		L 2	L 18	W 25	D 23	D 20	W 28	D 7	3½
20	A T Mordue	185	D 17	L 11	D 27	D 21	D 19	L 9	W 28	3
21	M J Staples	184	D 28	D 16	L 3	D 20	D 22	L 24	W 30	3
22	C Weeka	173	L 8	W 25	L 9	D 6	D 21	L 17	W 29	3
23	A Extn	168J	L 13	D 27	L 17	D 19	D 30	W 29	D 25	3
24	J F S Menadue	165	W 27	L 8	D 6	L 13	D 17	W 21	L 9	3
25	P Aston	164	L 10	L 22	L 19	W 30	W 27	D 26	D 23	3
26	H Coleman	192	L 4	W 17	L 14	D 29	D 28	D 25	L 13	2½
27	G Anthony	181	L 24	D 23	D 20	D 5	L 25	W 30	L 14	2½
28	R Burton	160	D 21	W 6	L 2	L 18	D 26	L 19	L 20	2
29	D Saqui		L 12	L 14	W 30	D 26	L 6	L 23	L 22	1½
30	P J Williams	169	L 9	L 15	L 29	L 25	D 23	L 27	L 21	½

C H A L L E N G E R S

1	K House	170	W 12	W 5	D 3	D 2	W 21	D 18		4½
2	G Miller	164	W 13	D 18	W 11	D 1	D 4	D 3		4
3	N Crickmore	170	W 7	W 22	D 1	L 18	W 13	D 2		4
4	M Buckmaster	176	W 10	D 11	D 18	W 14	D 2	D 5		4
5	D Woodruff	153	W 19	L 1	W 16	W 11	D 18	D 4		4
6	M C Goodland	160	D 20	W 14	L 21	D 10	W 8	D 19		3½
7	P Helbig	150	L 3	L 8	W 17	W 12	W 20	D 10		3½
8	P Groves	177	L 22	W 7	L 13	W 16	L 6	W 15		3
9	K Walker	161J	L 14	D 12	W 15	L 20	D 10	W 21		3
10	A Hibbitt	152	L 4	W 17	D 20	D 6	D 9	D 7		3
11	D Littlejohns	159	W 17	D 4	L 2	L 5	D 12	D 14		2½
12	S Landon	148	L 1	D 9	D 19	L 7	D 11	W 17		2½
13	R A Norton	144	L 2	W 15	W 8	D 21	L 3	L 20		2½
14	D Roberts	134	W 9	L 6	W 22	L 4	L 19	D 11		2½
15	B Gosling	155	L 18	L 13	L 9	Bye	W 16	L 8		2
16	C Deakin	133	D 21	D 20	L 5	L 8	L 15	Bye		2
17	M Rees	131	L 11	L 10	L 7	L 19	Bye	L 12		1

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18	D A Bennett		W 15	D 2	D 4	W 3	D 5	D 1		4
19	G Leyton	180	L 5	D 21	D 12	W 17	W 14	D 6		3½
20	K Morris	145	D 6	D 16	D 10	W 9	L 7	W 13		3½
21	C Haynes	160	D 16	D 19	W 6	D 13	L 1	L 9		2½
22	M D Gyton	154	W 8	L 3	L 14	Withdrew	111			1

## RESERVES

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Sc							
1	A Brusey	139	W 19	W 31	W 14	W 12	D 4	D 2	5						
2	T Kendall	81J	W 7	W 24	D 11	W 8	W 5	D 1	5						
3	M House	144	W 18	W 25	D 4	W 11	L 8	W 13	4½						
4	R Maishman	129	W 34	W 15	D 3	W 23	D 1	D 11	4½						
5	J Anson	142	D 26	D 8	W 19	W 25	L 2	W 21	4						
6	J Thain	128	W 35	L 11	D 26	W 18	D 7	W 17	4						
7	M I Walker	126J	L 2	W 29	W 20	D 14	D 6	W 19	4						
8	P Hawthorne	117J	W 21	D 5	W 10	L 2	W 3	D 9	4						
9	R Lowery	117	L 11	W 30	D 24	W 26	W 12	D 8	4						
10	J O Williams		D 13	W 17	L 8	D 24	W 18	W 14	4						
11	S Wilks	142	W 9	W 6	D 2	L 3	W 16	D 4	4						
12	B Boomsma	142	W 33	D 23	W 15	L 1	L 9	W 25	3½						
13	K Hurst	120	D 10	W 22	D 23	D 16	W 29	L 3	3½						
14	J C B Date	142	W 28	W 16	L 1	D 7	D 17	L 10	3						
15	G Pritchard	138	W 20	L 4	L 12	L 29	W 33	W 28	3						
16	R Turner	119	W 36	L 14	W 31	D 13	L 11	D 23	3						
17	J Crowle	114	D 22	L 10	W 27	W 33	D 14	L 6	3						
18	R J Smith	110	L 3	W 21	W 35	L 6	L 10	W 29	3						
19	A Osborne	106J	L 1	W 32	L 5	W 35	W 24	L 7	3						
20	A R Willis	99	L 15	W 34	L 7	L 21	W 30	W 32	3						
21	P Markham		L 8	L 18	W 22	W 20	W 32	L 5	3						
22	E Crickmore	82	D 17	L 13	L 21	D 27	W 35	Bye	3						
23	H J Draisey	133	W 30	D 12	D 13	L 4	D 25	D 16	3						
24	<u>S LaFavre</u>	139	W 29	L 2	D 9	D 10	L 19	D 26	2½						
25	I Annetts	134	W 32	L 3	W 33	L 5	D 23	L 12	2½						
26	B Landon	107	D 5	D 27	D 6	L 9	D 34	D 24	2½						
27	J Vasey	123	L 31	D 26	L 17	D 22	L 28	W 36	2						
28	S Helbig	109	L 14	L 35	W 34	L 32	W 27	L 15	2						
29	P Short	106	L 24	L 7	W 30	W 15	L 13	L 18	2						
30	R A Marples	97	L 23	L 9	L 29	W 36	L 20	W 34	2						
*	31 C Peters		W 27	L 1	Defaulted				1						
32	W Adams		L 25	L 19	W 86	W 28	L 21	L 20	2						
33	A Rooks		L 12	W 36	L 25	L 17	L 15	D 35	1½						
34	G Greenland	88	L 4	L 20	L 28	W 31	D 26	L 30	1½						
35	A Mansfield	83	L 6	W 28	L 18	L 19	L 22	D 33	1½						
36	A Luton		L 16	L 33	L 32	L 30	Bye	L 27	1						
37	R H Newman		Withdrew !!!												
38	R Novy		Defaulted												
* C Peters should follow A Luton															
Section A															
1	W A Shutler	125	D 2	L 4	W 5	D 3	W 6		3						
2	S L Russell	115	D 1	L 6	W 4	D 5	W 3		3						
3	G Wood	114	D 4	W 5	W 6	D 1	L 2		3						
4	J Montlock	135	D 3	W 1	L 2	L 6	D 5		2						
5	C M Oliver	128	W 6	L 3	L 1	D 2	D 4		2						
6	J F Chambers	127	L 5	W 2	L 3	W 4	L 1		2						
Section B															
1	R Cranage	87	W 6	W 3	L 2	W 4	W 5		4						
2	M J Collier	110	W 5	L 6	W 1	W 3	L 4		3						
3	W G Oliver	101	D 4	L 1	W 5	L 2	W 6		2½						
4	K J Copeland	103	D 3	L 5	D 6	L 1	W 2		2						
5	M Brownbill	68	L 2	W 4	L 3	W 6	L 1		2						
6	J E Smith	89	L 1	W 2	D 4	L 5	L 3		1½						
Section C															
1	Mrs S Osmond		D 3	W 2	W 4	W 5	W 6		4½						
2	Miss A Enstone	96	W 4	L 1	L 5	W 6	W 3		3						
3	Miss A Landon	112	D 1	D 5	W 6	D 4	L 2		2½						
4	N W Roberts	62	L 2	W 6	L 1	D 3	W 5		2½						
5	Mrs D Helbig	59	L 6	D 3	W 2	L 1	L 4		1½						
6	Mrs C Osborne	59	W 5	L 4	L 3	L 2	L 1		1						

WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS CONGRESS

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Championship

Round 1: Most of the favourites got off to a good start. Gerald Bennett, playing in the Championship for the first time (but always one of the strongest players in the region) trapped Boyce's queen early on; Lane played a fine positional game to beat Meade while Moore and Shutler both won easily. Ashby beat Adams, who is the youngest player ever to have appeared in the Championship, in good style but, after the game, Adams showed him how he could have finished things brilliantly! However, Menadue and Osborne both found sacrifices to win their games.

J. Menadue - G. Anthony: Kings Indian Defence, Samisch Variation.

1 d4	g6	10 0-0-0	a6	19 Bc4 (d)	Kh7 (e)
2 c4	Bg7	11 Qe1 (a)	e5	20 Bg5 (f)	Bf6
3 Nc3	Nf6	12 dxe5	Nxe5	21 Nxf6	Nxf6
4 e4	d6	13 Nf4	b5	22 h5	gxf5
5 f3	0-0	14 c5	b4	23 Rxh5+	Kg7
6 Be3	Nc6	15 Ncd5	Nfd7	24 Qh4	Bf5
7 Nge2	Rb8	16 c6!!? (b)	Nxc6	25 exf5	Rh8
8 Qd2	Re8	17 g4	hxg4	26 Rxh8	Qxh8
9 h4	h5	18 Nxc6 (c)	fxg6	and Black resigns (g)	

- (a) This shows how well Menadue knows the strategies in this opening. Black's set up aims at . . . e5 and . . . b5. The text move ensures that White can set up a pin along the d-file against Black's d-pawn.
- (b) This is a beautiful example of a 'sacrifice in order to sacrifice'. It deflects the strong e5 knight from the protection of three(!) important squares - c4, f3 and g6 - so that White can play his intended g4 breakthrough . . .
- (c) . . . and this sacrifice to break up the Black king's position . . .
- (d) . . . and this move to threaten (amongst other things) Ne7 double check (followed by Nxc6) or Bg5
- (e) Natural, but it allows White to break through along the h-file. I may be sticking my neck out, but I think that Black can play 19. . . Na5; 20 Bg5 (looks deadly) Nxc4!; 21 Bxd8 Rxd8; 22 Ne7+ Kh7; 23 Nc6 Bxb2+; 24 Kb1 Bb7; 25 Nxd8 Rxd8 when Black has good counter-play against White's king. The line is extremely complicated and White may have better.
- (f) Necessary to stop the g-pawn advancing after h5. Now it all falls apart for Black.
- (g) He loses his queen after 27. Bxf6+. A brilliant game.

P. J. Meade - G. Lane; Ruy Lopez.

1 e4	e5	15 Nf3	g6	29 dxc6	Rxc6
2 Nf3	Nc6	16 a4	Nbd7	30 Rxb8	Nxb8
3 Bb5	Nf6	17 Bc2	Re8	31 Qb2	Nd7
4 Ba4	Nf6	18 b3	c6	32 Nd2	Rb6
5 0-0	Be7	19 c4	Qc7	33 Qa2	Qc6
6 Re1	b5	20 Ba3	Rec8 (b)	34 Be2	Rb4
7 Bb3	d6 (a)	21 Bd3	bxc4	35 Ra1	Nb6
8 c3	0-0	22 bxc4	a5!	36 Bd1	Bxc4
9 h3	Bb7	23 Qd2	Ba6	37 Qc2	Qd7
10 d4	Re8	24 Rec1	Qa7!	38 Ngf1	Ba6
11 Nbd2	Bf8	25 Ng3 (c)	Nc5	39 Ne3	Bb7
12 Ng5	Re7	26 Bxc5	Qxc5	40 Ndc4	Nxc4
13 d5	Nb8	27 Bf1	Rab8	41 Nxc4	Qc7
14 Nf1	h6	28 Rab1	Nd7	42 Rc1	d5 (d)

43 exd5	Bxd5	47 Be2	Be6	51 Qf1	Be5
44 Be2	Be6	48 Rb1	Rxb1+	52 Kg2	exf2
45 Bd3	Bg7	49 Qxb1	Bxc4	53 Qd3	f1=Q+!
46 g4	e4	50 Bxc4	e3	54 Resigns (e)	

- (a) The game Lowery - Boomsma in the 5th round of the Reserves this year saw an interesting new stratagem. Instead of the text move, Black played 7. . . 0-0; 8 c3 d5 (the Marshall Attack) and now, after 9 exd5, it is normal to play 9 . . . Nxd5; 10 Nxe5 Nxe5; 11 Rxe5 etc. Black played his moves in the wrong order: 9 . . . Nxe5!?!; 10 Nxe5 Nxd5. Besides having captured his own pawn, he is a piece down. He lost eleven moves later.
- (b) Black gradually builds up pressure on White's weakened queenside. The c-pawn will become his target.
- (c) It is hard to see where White went wrong in this game; he is already under serious pressure but this knight is needed for the defence of his c-pawn.
- (d) It is only a matter of time.
- (e) 54 Qxf1 Qg3+; 55 Kh1 Qh2 is mate.

A. Exton - D. Osborne; Sicilian, Kan Variation.

1 e4	c5	13 N2f3	Nc5	25 Bc2	Bf6
2 Nf3	e6	14 Bc2	Nf5	26 Nf3	Qc7
3 d4	cx d4	15 Bf2	Ne4	27 Be3	Rhg6
4 Nxd4	a6	16 Nxf5	gxf5	28 g3 (c)	Nxg3
5 Bd3	g6	17 Qh5	f6 (b)	29 hxg3	Rxg3+
6 0-0	Bg7	18 Nd4	Qd7	30 Kf1	d4! (d)
7 c3	b6	19 exf6	Rxf6	31 Nxd4	Bg2+
8 Be3	Bb7	20 Rad1	Rh6	32 Kf2	Bh4!
9 f4	d5	21 Qf3	Qe7	33 Qh5	Rf3+
10 e5	Nd7	22 Rfe1	Kh8	34 Ke2 (e)	Rxe3+!
11 Nbd2	Ne7	23 Bb3	b5	35 Kxe3	Rg3+
12 Qg4 (a)	0-0	24 Qe2	Rg8	36 Resigns (f)	

- (a) His troubles seem to stem from this move. Instead, 12 N2f3 was more natural, planning to manoeuvre the bishop from e3, via f2, to h4 with, perhaps, a king-side attack based on advancing g4 and f5.
- (b) Answering the wing diversion with a thrust in the centre. After this, Black rapidly develops pressure down the g-file using the unfortunate White queen to gain time.
- (c) Black has an obvious sacrifice against this but there was nothing much to be done.
- (d) The key move. Now Black mates prettily or gains material.
- (e) If 34 Kg1 Bxe1; 35 Rxe1 Rh3 and the White queen falls to a discovered check by the bishop.
- (f) After 36 Ke2 Qxf4, White can give up material to stave off mate for a time but Black will have a material advantage and a winning attack to boot.

Round 2: The main surprise of Round 2 was Lane v Andrews where the latter gained the advantage as Black but was content to draw. This gave Moore, Shutler and Bennett the chance to take an early lead by beating Walden, Menadue and Osborne respectively. Adams played a very nice game, completely outplaying Meade in the early middlegame and forcing him to accept a lost ending to avoid worse.

D. Osborne - G. Bennett; Sicilian, f4 by White.

1 e4	c5	6 Qe2	d4	11 Nf2	f5
2 Nc3	Nc6	7 Nd1	a6	12 c4	dx c3 ep
3 f4	e6	8 Bxc6+	Nxc6	13 bxc3	Qa5
4 Nf3	d5	9 d3	Be7	14 Bd2	Bf6 (a)
5 Bb5	Nge7	10 0-0	0-0	15 e5	Be7

16 a4	Bd7	23 cxb4	cxh4	30 Qxc5	Bc6 (d)
17 Nd1	b5!	24 Rfc1	Qb7	31 Qd6	Rd8!
18 Nb2	Qc7	25 Nbc4	Nxc4	32 Qxe6+	Kh8
19 Be3	Na5 (b)	26 dxc4	b3	33 Rxb2	Qa1+
20 Nd2	Rcb3 (c)	27 Rxc8	Qxa8	34 Rb1	Qd4+
21 axb5	axb5	28 Re5	b2	35 Resigns	
22 Qf2	b4	29 Rb1	Rxc5		

- (a) Probing for weaknesses. After e5 by White, the a8-h1 diagonal will become weak, especially as he has no white-squared bishop.
- (b) Another weakness appears -- at b3
- (c) In this fluid-looking position, Black decides that he should create a passed pawn on the queen-side.
- (d) Devastating. If White falls back to protect his g-pawn with 31 Qf2 (31 g3 Bh1! is worse), Black has 31... Qa2 (threatening 32... Be4!); 32 Qe1 Rd8 (threatening 32... Rxd2!); 33 Nf1 Re4 winning the rook.

M. Adams - P. Meade; Sicilian, c3 by White.

1 e4	c5	15 Rad1	Qf5	29 Rxe5	Rad8
2 Nf3	Nc6	16 Ne4	Bc7	30 Rd6	Rde8
3 e3	d5	17 Bc5	Nd7	31 Rd3	Qf4
4 exd5	Qxd5	18 Qe4 (a)	a6	32 Rde3	Rxe5
5 d4	e6	19 Nc6	Bxd6	33 Qxe5	Qxe5
6 Be2	Nf6	20 Bxd6	h5 (b)	34 Rxe5	f4
7 O-O	Bc7	21 Bc4	Qf6	35 Rg5+	Kh7
8 Re3	exd4	22 Qc4	Nf8	36 Rxb5+	Kg6
9 Nxd4	Rxd4	23 Exf8 (c)	Rxf8	37 Rd5	Re8
10 Bxd4	Q-O	24 Qc7	e6	38 Kf1	Re7
11 Nd2	e5	25 Rd6	Qg5	39 f3	Re6
12 Bf3	Qe6	26 h4; (d)	Qg4	40 Kf2	b5
13 Re1	Bd6	27 Rf6 (e)	Bf5	41 a3	f6
14 Qc2	Rc8	28 Rxf5	gxf5	42 Kf1 (f)	Resigns.

- (a) White has developed very quickly preventing Black from getting his pieces out.
- (b) Creates a weakness but, if 20... Bc6, 21 Rxe5! exposes his weak back rank. 20... h6 is no cure because of 21 Bg4, winning the knight at d7.
- (c) Grabbing the 7th rank because 23... Rxf8; 24 Qc7 Qe7; 25 Qxe7+ Rxe7; 26 Rd8+ Re8; 27 Rxe8+ Kxe8; 28 Bf3 leaves Black with his h and e pawns attacked.
- (d) Now 26... Qxb4; 27 Bxg6! Qg5! (27... fvg6, 28 Rzg3+ mates next move); 28 Be4 leaves Black as tied up as ever and with a gaping king's position to worry about.
- (e) Black cannot defend his e-pawn. He desperately tries to free himself but weakens his position gravely in the process.
- (f) At the end of the playing session, Black must give ground with his rook (eg Rc6) allowing White's king into the game when the two extra pawns win easily.

Round 5. Of the three leaders, Bennett and Shuttleer drew against each other. Moore, with apparently the easier pairing, lost to a good game by Andrews who joined the leaders on 2½. Three more players came up to 2½ - Collier by beating Ashby again (as he did last year), House, like Lane, still a junior and playing in his first Championship, by beating Wheeler in a very complex game and Lane by beating Burton rather easily. The other most significant event of the round was Clarke's grinding win against Staples, starting a run that was to bring him into contention after two early draws.



J. Menadue - D. LeMoir: Bird's Opening.

1 f4	d5	8 c4	dxc4	15 Qc2	Bg3+
2 Nf3	Nf6	9 bxc4	e5 (a)	16 Kd1	0-0-0
3 b3	Bg4	10 fxe5	Nxe5	17 Qf5+	Ne6
4 e3	c6	11 Be2	Bd6	18 Kc2	Qd7! (c)
5 Bb2	Nbd7	12 Nc3	h5 (b)	19 Qd3	
6 Be2	Bxf3	13 h3	Ned7	draw by repetition	
7 Bxf3	Qc7	14 Qb3	Nc5		

- (a) Black's play has all been directed at achieving this advance quickly. But Black has made concessions - giving up the two bishops and giving White a potentially powerful set of central pawns.
- (b) 12. . Ng6 looked very powerful but White can simply play 13 Qa4 (to deter queen-side castling) Bxh2; 14 0-0-0 followed by g4 with good attacking chances. The text move intends N5g4 which, in turn, deters queen-side castling by White (because of . . Nf2). Faced with the problem that 0-0-0 is difficult and 0-0 is suicide (eg 13 0-0 N5g4; 14 h3 Bh2+; 15 Kh1 Bg1!). White makes the pragmatic decision not to castle at all.
- (c) White threatened to unravel his position, remaining with good chances because of his bishops and central pawns. The threat of 19. . Nd4+ forces 20 Qd3 when Qc7 or Qe7 forces Qf5 again.

T. Mordue - G. Anthony: Sicilian, 3 b3.

1 e4	c5	11 a4	fxe4	21 Nc3	Bf6!
2 Nf3	Nc6	12 Nxe4	Nd5	22 Nxd5 (e)	cxd5
3 b3	e5	13 Kb1	Rb8	23 Bxf6	dxc4
4 Bb5	d6	14 N4d2	Rf4?	24 Bxg7 (f)	cxb3
5 Bxc6+	bx c6	15 Nxe5 (a)	Qe8	25 c4	Ra4? (g)
6 d3	Be7	16 Rhe1? (b)	Rxa4	26 Qf3! (h)	Ra1+!?
7 Bb2	f5	17 Nec4 (c)	Bd7	27 Bxa1	Rxa1+
8 N1d2	Nf6	18 Ne4	Rab4	28 Kb2	Ra2+
9 Qe2	0-0	19 Nxa5 (d)	Ra8	29 Kb1	
10 0-0-0	a5	20 Nc4	Qb8	draw by perpetual check (i)	

- (a) So that, if 15. . dxc5, 16 Qxe5 threatens mate at g7 and the rook at b8.
- (b) N5c4 prevents Black's next.
- (c) If 17 bxa4, Nc3+ wins the queen as White's bishop is pinned.
- (d) The game is very complicated. White is worried about the breakthrough by . . a4 but he uses up a lot of valuable time and opens the a-file.
- (e) After 22 Qd2 Qa7 (threatening 23. . Nxc3+; 24 Bxc3 Qa1+! and mate next move) Black's attack looks very dangerous. White counterattacks.
- (f) He must keep going as 24 Bc3 cxb3; 25 Bxb4 Qxb4; 26 cxb3 Ra3! is inconvenient.
- (g) Better is 25. . b2! (threatening . . Ra1+); 26 Bxb2 R4a4! and White cannot adequately meet the threat of 27. . Ra1+; 28 Kc2 Ba4+; 29 Kd2 Qxb2+.
- (h) After 26 Qe7, Qa7 threatens Ra1+ and wins. But now 26. . Qa7; 27 Qd5+! Kxg7; 28 Qg5+ Kh8; 29 Qf6+ leads to perpetual check. Instead, Black finds his own drawing combination.
- (i) Clearly White could not play 28 Kxa1 because 28. . Qa7+ eventually mates on c2. Now, Black is concerned about the open nature of his king's position and takes the draw. At the time, we thought that 29. . Qa7 now wins as, indeed, it does after 30 Qd5+ Kh8 - there are no more useful checks. But, 30 Qf6! ruins it all by covering the danger squares at a1 and b2 while threatening both Qd8+ and Re7.

Round 4: Saturday is rarely a good day for the quality of chess produced. The leaders grind out their wins and, elsewhere, people are conserving their energies (because of playing two games in one day) or blundering horribly.

The best game of the round was probably that between the two leading

juniors, Lane and House, in which the latter showed no respect for Lane's reputation, missed a chance to get a very good position and, eventually, paid dearly for his omission.

Bennett kept pace with Lane on  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by beating Collier in a long game but Shutler and Andrews lost ground by drawing their game quickly. Clarke came up to join them on 3 by beating Walden in a tough game.

The large batch of players on  $2\frac{1}{2}$  were joined by Adams who ground out a very long win in the ending against Burton

Round 6: The two leaders met in this round with Lane getting rather the better of a draw. Only Clarke could join them with his convincing win against Shutler. Four players were now grouped behind the leaders on  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . They were Moore, who won the exchange in the opening against Adams, Andrews who drew with Collier, Derrick, who advanced with a good win over Boyce, and House who bounced back by refuting Osborne's strategy nicely in the following game.

P. House - D. Osborne; Old Indian Defence.

1 d4	Nf6	13 Nf5	gxf3	25 Qa3	Nc8
2 c4	d6	14 g3!	Nxd3+	26 Rc1	O-O
3 Nc3	Nbd7	15 Qxd3 (c)	Bg5	27 Rc7 (f)	b5
4 e4	e5	16 h4	Bxe3+	28 Rfc1	b4
5 d5	Be7	17 Qxc3	Qf6	29 Qd3	Ra8
6 Be3	a5	18 Qxf3	h5	30 b3? (g)	a4
7 Bd3	Nf8	19 Rhf1	Bxf5 (d)	31 bxa4	Nb6
8 f3	g5!?	20 exf5!	Ne7	32 Nxd6	Nxa4
9 Qd2 (a)	Nh5	21 Ne4	Qh6+	33 Ne4	Nb6
10 O-O-O	Ng6	22 Kf1	f6	34 d6	Ra3
11 Nge2	g4	23 c5! (e)	Ra6	35 Qb5	Qe3
12 Eg3! (b)	Nhf4	24 cxd6	cxd6	36 Nxf6+! (h)	Resigns

- (a) If 9 Bxg5, Nxd5 gets the pawn back and 9. . Nxe4!?
- (b) Black has been able to start his king-side play very quickly but this move puts a spoke in his wheel. Black will be forced to clarify matters before he wants to.
- (c) White has kept the f-file open and caused Black to exchange off his good knight for a bad bishop.
- (d) Virtually forced as White threatened 20 Nxd6+! Qxd6; 21 Qxf7+ Kd8; 22 Nb5 Qb6; 23 d6! (threatening everything). White's reply gives him the wonderful e4 square for his knight.
- (e) Despite having castled queen-side, it is positionally correct to pressurise Black on that same side.
- (f) White has a crushing advantage - fine squares for his pieces, open c-file, 7th rank, open Black king.
- (g) Unnecessary. He could have crowned this fine game with 30 Qb5 intending 31 Qb7. Now, Black thrashes around for a while although he cannot save himself.
- (h) A nice finish; 36. . Rxf6; 37 Qe8+ Rf8; 38 Qg6+ and mate next move. Despite the omission at move 30, this was a fine game which wins the Brigadier Morris Best Junior Game Trophy for Paul House against tough opposition from Lane and Adams in particular.

P. Clarke - S. Shutler; English Opening (by transposition).

1 b3	g6	9 e4	c5	17 b4!	Ne6
2 Bb2	Nf6	10 O-O	Nc6	18 bxc5	dxo5
3 c4	Bg7	11 d3	Rf8	19 Qd1!	Bg7
4 g3	O-O	12 Qd2	Nc8	20 fxe5	Nxe5
5 Bg2	d6	13 Nd5	f5	21 Rb1	Nc6
6 e3	e5	14 exf5 (a)	gxf5	22 Ndf4 (b)	Nxf4
7 Ne2	Re8	15 f4	Bh6	23 Nxf4	Re8
8 Nbc3	c6	16 Kh1	Ng7	24 Bd5+	Kh8

25 Bxg7+	Kxg7	29 Qf7+	Kh6	33 a3	Nc6
26 Qh5 (c)	Nb4!	30 Bxb7	Bxb7+	34 Rxb8	Resigns (e)
27 Qf7+	Kh6	31 Qxb7	Rb8 (d)		
28 Qh5+	Kg7	32 Qf7	Re3		

- (a) From this moment on, Clarke gradually breaks down Black's centre and, in doing so, weakens Black's king as well.
- (b) Leaving the d5 square for the bishop to molest the king.
- (c) Black is hopelessly outgunned. He still has not developed his queen-side. If now 26. . . Qe7, 27 Rbe1! Qxe1; 28 Qf7+ Kh8 (28. . . Kh6; 29 Qf6 mate); 29 Rxe1 Rxe1+, Black has to give up a lot of material to stave off mate. If, instead, 26. . . Rf8, 27 Rxb7+! Bxb7; 28 Ne6+ wins the queen. So he must let the White queen in. If he does it by 26. . . Qd7 then, after 27 Qg5+ Kh8; 28 Rbe1 (intending Qf6+) he cannot defend against mate.
- (d) Or 31. . . Re3; 32 Rbe1! and Qd4 is impossible because the Ra8 is en prise. After 32. . . Rxe1; 33 Rxe1, Re6+ will be catastrophic.
- (e) After 34. . . Nxb8; 35 Ne6 Re2+; 36 Kh3 it is all over.

Round 6: Clarke drew quickly with Lane giving Bennett the chance to go into the lead alone by beating Moore. This he managed, but not without some help from his opponent who appeared to blunder in an ending he might have drawn. So, the scores were Bennett 5; Lane & Clarke 4½. Of the group behind, House made a great effort to catch up by playing a hair raising opening against Andrews. He barely got away with it and was probably happy, in the end, to draw. Collier beat Derrick and Shutler beat Wheeler so these two joined House and Andrews on 4.

P. Meade - R. Burton; Sicilian, Kan Variation.

1 e4	c5	10 Qf3	Nbc6	19 Bc4+	Kh8
2 Nf3	e6	11 Nce2	Bd7	20 Qe2	Rxf2
3 d4	cx d4	12 Rad1	Qc7	21 Qxf2	Rf8
4 Nxd4	a6	13 c3	Rac8	22 Qc5	Nf5
5 Bd3	g6	14 Rf2	e5	23 Nxf5	gxf5
6 0-0	Bg7	15 Nxc6	Bxc6	24 Be6	b6
7 Be3	Ne7	16 fxe5	dx e5	25 Qd6	Qb7? (b)
8 Nc3	0-0	17 Ng3	f5	26 Qxf8+!	Resigns (c)
9 f4	d6	18 Bg5	fx e4? (a)		

- (a) Black has a good position but, instead of gaining space with 18. . . f4, he gets greedy and grabs a pawn.
- (b) Overlooking a nice finish but his position was very shaky.
- (c) After 26. . . Bxf8, 27 Bf6+ Bg7 (Qg7 comes out the exchange down); 28 Rd8+ mates.

D. LeMoir - D. Osborne. Nimzowitsch-Larsen Attack.

1 b3	e5	9 Nf2	d5 (b)	17 Nxe4	fx e4
2 Bb2	d6	10 0-0-0	Be6	18 Qd4	Kf7! (d)
3 e3	f5	11 h3	c6	19 Rxh7+	Ke8
4 f4!?	e4	12 g4	Qd7	20 Nf4	Bf5
5 d3 (a)	ex d3	13 Ne2	fx g4? (c)	21 Rg7! (e)	Qd1
6 Qxd3!?	Nf6	14 hxg4	g6	22 Be2!	Resigns (f)
7 Nc3	Be7	15 f5!	gxf5		
8 Nh3	0-0	16 g5!	Ne4		

- (a) I show you this game mainly for the curious opening. A game D. LeMoir-T. Bennett, 1978, went 5 Qh5+?! g6; 6 Qh3!?. I later won (with some help from my opponent) but, during that game, I realised that if you swap round the Black and White pieces and change the positions of the kings and queens, you have the basis of a Modern Benoni! So, the indicated strategies are to advance d3 and, later, h3 and g4 (analogous to . . . e6, . . . a6 and . . . b5 in the Modern Benoni).

- (b) Somewhere around here, Black should be playing for control of e4 by . . . Na6 and . . . Nc5.
- (c) Osborne felt he could survive the attack but he overlooked the force of White's 15th & 16th moves.
- (d) Not 18. . . Bxg5; 19 Qh8+ Kf7; 20 Qxh7+ Ke1; 21 Qg6+ winning the bishop. If 18. . . Bd8, 19 g6! hxg6; 20 Rh8+ Kf7; 21 Rh7+ winning the queen.
- (e) Keeping Black tied down. 21 g6 allows him some freedom (but not a lot!)
- (f) Looks a little generous but he can hardly move a muscle (22. . . Bxg5; 23 Bh5+) and White threatens to batter down the king's position by c4.

Round 7: Almost inevitably, Clarke drew quickly with Bennett, thus ensuring the latter at least a share of the Championship. Lane caught up by beating Shutler surprisingly easily so coming first (or equal first) in the Championship for the 3rd time, a record he fully deserves. Collier crowned an excellent tournament for him with a fine win against the uncompromising House, giving him 5 points and 3rd place, equal with Clarke. Ashby and LeMoir managed to struggle to 5th place with 4½ points, despite poor play early on in the tournament, through wins against Andrews and Derrick, respectively.

R. Burton - T. Mordue. English Opening.

1 c4	e5	15 Qd2	Bh3	29 Rf3	Rxc4 (d)
2 g3	g6	16 Rf2	Bxg2	30 Rfe3	Rc5
3 Bg2	Bg7	17 Rxg2	exf4	31 g4	Rf8
4 Nc3	Nc6	18 gxf4	Re8	32 Rf3	Rf7
5 d3	d6	19 N5c3	Nf6	33 Kh2	Qe8
6 e3	Nf6	20 Ng3	Ng4	34 f5	Re5
7 Nge2	O-O	21 Kh1	Nxe3	35 Ref2	Rxe4
8 O-O	Be6	22 Qxe3	Nd4	36 fxg6	Qe5+
9 Nd5	Nh5	23 Rd1	Nf5!	37 Kh3	Rxf3+
10 e4	Qd7	24 Qd3	Nxg3+	38 Rxf3	hxg6
11 Rb1	f5	25 hxg3	Bxc3!	39 a4	Qe6
12 f4	Rf7	26 bxc3	Qc6 (b)	40 Rg3	Rxa4
13 Be3	fxe4	27 Re2 (c)	Rf5!	41 Re3	Qxg4+
14 dxe4	Raf8 (a)	28 Rf1	Rc5	42 Resigns	

- (a) Black's strategy involves putting pressure on the White centre pawns.
- (b) Black's play is a nice combination of strategy and tactics. He has removed the defenders of the e-pawn and doubled the c-pawns. Now, whichever rook defends the e-pawn, Black will play 27. . . Rf5! coming round to c5 to attack the doubled pawns.
- (c) If 27 Re1, Rf5! pins the e-pawn down the e-file. As played, the e-pawn is pinned on the long diagonal.
- (d) Black still has to solve some problems but it is over fairly soon.

D. Collier - P. House. Birds Opening (by transposition).

1 b3	d5	16 c4	Rfc8 (c)	31 Rh2+	Kg8
2 e3	c6	17 Ba3	b4	32 Qh4	e5
3 Bb2	Nf6	18 Bb2 (d)	a5	33 Rf1 (h)	exd4
4 f4	Nbd7	19 a4! (e)	Rd8	34 Bxd4	Kf7
5 Nf3	e6	20 Qc2	Qe7	35 Qg5	Ke6
6 g3	Bd6	21 Rfd1	Rd7	36 Bb6	Rf8
7 Bg2	Qc7	22 Bf1	Rad8	37 Qh4	Rd3 (?)
8 d4	Ne4	23 h3	Qf7	38 Bd4!	Rxb3
9 O-O	f5	24 Qg2	h5 (f)	39 Qh7	Rf7
10 Nbd2	O-O	25 Be2	Kh7	40 Qg8	Ke7
11 Nxe4	dxe4 (a)	26 g4	g6	41 Rh8	Qd7
12 Nd2	Nf6	27 Qg3	fxg4	42 Bc5+	Kf6
13 Nc4	b5 (b)	28 hxg4	Nxg4	43 f5	Ke5
14 Nxd6	Qxd6	29 Bxg4	hxg4	and Black resigns (i)	
15 Qc1	Bb7	30 Rd2 (g)	Qf5		

- (a) After 11. . fxe4, it may be difficult to hold back White's king-side pawns. But, after the text move, White always has the possibility of d5, releasing his bishop for action along the long diagonal.
- (b) A strange decision, to part with his good bishop. Perhaps he felt that White would want to exchange off his own 'bad' bishop by Ba3 and he preferred to let him keep it.
- (c) Again, slightly odd. He may have feared 17 Ba3 when 17. . b4 loses a pawn to 18 c5. But, after White's next move, he decides to go in for the pawn loss anyway. 16. . a5 and 16. . Rf7 both look better.
- (d) Avoiding the win of a pawn by 18 c5 because it releases Black's bad bishop via a6, gives the knight a fine square at d5 and loses, for ever, the chance of playing d5.
- (e) After this, White has two pawn breaks possible (g4 and d5) while Black has none (. . c5 only plays into White's hands by opening up the long diagonal).
- (f) As he cannot prevent White's g4, he should probably have avoided the weakening move.
- (g) Now, it is only a matter of time before White penetrates on the king-side. Remember that d5 is still a possibility.
- (h) Black's last move was aimed against 33 Qh8+ Kf7; 34 Rh7 mate. Now, White starts to over elaborate. The simple 33 fxe5 (threatening 34 Rf1) Rf8 (33. . Qf3; 34 Rf1); 34 e6! Qxe6; 35 Qh8+ Kf7; 36 Rf1+ wins at once. Or 33. . g5; 34 Qh8+ Kf7; 35 Qh5+ Kg7; 36 e6 Re7; 37 d5+ mating quickly. After some messing around, White comes back to the right path.
- (i) One way to go is 44 Bd4+ Kd6; 45 d6+ Ke7; 46 Bf6+ Kxf6 (46. . Rxf6; 47 Rh7 mates); 47 fxe6+ winning piles of material.

### Challengers / Open

This year's Challengers was won by Kevin House (Paul's brother) with 4½/6 while Doug Bennett won the Open (for the third year running) with 4/6. There was some fun play in this tournament, for instance when Haynes lost most of his pieces for Goodland's queen but won on time. And the tournament had hardly started when the following accident happened

P.Helbig - N.Crickmore (Round 1) French Defence, Tarrasch Variation.

1 e4	e6	7 cxd4	Qb6	13 Qd1	Qxb2
2 d4	d5	8 a3	Bd7	14 Rb1	Bb4+
3 Nd2	a6	9 b4	Rc8	15 Nd2	Bxd2+
4 c3	c5	10 Bb2	Nxb4!	16 Ke2	Bb5+
5 e5	Nc6	11 axb4	Qxb4+	17 Kf3	Qc3+
6 Ndf3	cxd4	12 Qd2	Qb3! (a)	18 Resigns	

(a) The point. The threats are Rc2 and Bb4. White could resign now.

And another player was mated on move 12!

G.Leyton - D.Roberts (Round 5) Philidor Defence.

1 e4	e5	5 dxe5	dxe5?? (a)	9 Nc3!	Nf6 (b)
2 Nf3	d6	6 Qd5!	Nb6	10 Bf4!	Kc5
3 d4	Nd7	7 Qxf7+	Kd7	11 Nd3+	Kc6
4 Bc4	Be7	8 Nxe5+	Kd6	12 Bb5 mate	

(a) As you will appreciate from White's next move, 5. . Nxe5 is forced

(b) If 9. . Kxe5; 10 Bf4+ Kd4; 11 Be3+ Ke5; 12 Qf4 mate. Or 9. . Nxc4; 10 Qd5 mate. One of the flashiest finishes can follow 9. . Qf8; 10 Nb5+ Kc5; 11 Be3+ Kb4; 12 c3+ Ka4+; 13 b3+ Ka5; 14 b4+ Ka4; 15 Bb3+! Kxb5; 16 Qc4+! Nxc4; 17 a4+ Ka3; 18 b5+ Ka5; 19 Nxc4 mate.



D. Woodruff - K. House (Round 2) Basman's Defence.

1 c4	g5	15 Rxb4	g4	29 Kd1	Qd6
2 d4	h6	16 hxg4	Bxg4	30 Qb1	Kd7
3 e4	Bg7 (a)	17 Qb3	Nf6	31 Qf5+	Kc7
4 Be2	c5	18 Bc3	h5	32 Rb3	f6
5 d5	d6	19 e5	Ne4	33 Qe4	Bc5
6 h3	Nd7	20 Bd4	Nc5	34 f4	Qd7
7 Nf3	Ne5 (b)	21 Qc3	Bxf3	35 Kc2	Qxa4
8 Nbd2	Bd7 (c)	22 Bxf3? (e)	dx5!	36 Bg4	Rd8
9 Nxe5	Bxe5	23 Bxc5	Qxc5	37 Qe6	Qxc4+
10 Nf3	Bg7	24 Qb3	b6	38 Rc3	Qxd5 (g)
11 Bd2	Qc8	25 Rxh5	Rxh5	39 Qxd5	Rxd5
12 Rb1	a6	26 Bxh5	e4 (f)	40 Be2	Rd2+
13 a4	Rb8	27 Be2	Bd4	41 Resigns	
14 b4 (d)	cx4	28 f3	e3		

- (a) This reversed 'spike' is better than it appears (but not a lot). As it appears to have been popularised by Basman, I've called it Basman's Defence. He can pay me later.
- (b) Black follows Basman's strategy of playing on the black squares.
- (c) Despite the loss of time, it may be better to play . . . Ng6, . . . Nf6 and Nd7. The exchange of pieces is to White's advantage.
- (d) This looks a little crude but it seems quite effective as Black is behind in development and cannot exploit the apparently good square at c5.
- (e) Overlooking the knight check at d3 after 22. . . dx5; 23 Bxe5 Bxe5; 24 Qxe5. Obviously, 22 gxf3 is better, probably giving White the edge because of the threat of exd6. If 22. . . a5, 23 Rb5 (23 Rb1 Qf5) Nxa4; 24 Qa1 dx5?; 25 Ba7 wins: 25. . . Ra8; 26 Qxa4 Rxa7; 27 Rc5+ Qd7; 28 Rc8 mate.
- (f) Although material is equal, Black has the advantage because of his strong bishop.
- (g) Black wins anyway but 38. . . Qa2+ was quicker.

C. Haynes - K. Walker (Round 6) Polish Opening

1 b4	d5	10 Bg2	Rc8	19 g5	Nfg4!
2 Bb2	Bf5	11 h3	Bh5	20 Bh3 (c)	Nh2! (d)
3 d3	Nf6	12 g4	Bg6	21 f4	Nxf1
4 g3	e6	13 Ng3	Qc7	22 fxe5 (e)	Nxd2
5 a3	c5	14 h4	Bd6! (a)	23 Bxe6+	Kh8
6 bxc5	Bxc5	15 h5	Bxg3	24 Qxd2	Qxe5
7 e3	Nbd7	16 hxg6	fxg6! (b)	25 Bxc8	Qxa1+
8 Nd2	Bg4	17 0-0	Be5	26 Resigns	
9 Ne2	0-0	18 Bxe5	Nxe5		

- (a) Not only attacking the knight but also threatening . . . Qxc2 which frees his bishop to capture on d3. So White pushes on.
- (b) Of course! After 17 fxg3 Qxg3+; 18 Ke2 Nxg4, White's position falls apart. So, Black emerges a pawn ahead but, more important, with a strong king-side attack.
- (c) Winning back material? (20. . . h5; 21 gxh6ep Nxh6; 22 Be6+)
- (d) No! The point is that White can hardly cover his f3 square. If, now, 21 Kxh2, Nf3+ mates next move. If 21 Bxe6+, Kh8; 22 Bxc8 N2f3+; 23 Kg2 Qxc8! wins. If 21 Bg2, Black simply takes the exchange by 21. . . Nxf1.
- (e) 22 Nxf1 Nf7; 23 Bxe6 Rcd8 lasts a lot longer.

Reserves

The Reserves was won jointly by Brusey and Kendall, the latter winning the following interesting game in Round 5.

J. Anson -- T. Kendall: Nimzowitsch Defence.

1 e4	Nc6	16 O-O-O	Rhg8	31 Qa7	Rg6
2 d4	d5	17 Rg1 (c)	e5	32 Qa8+	Kd7
3 e5 (a)	Bf5	18 Nce2	Nf5	33 Qxb7	Qxf2!
4 Ne2	e6	19 Nxf5	Qxf5	34 Rd1 (f)	Rd6
5 Ng3	Bg6	20 dxe5	fxe5	35 Qb3 (g)	e3!
6 h4	h5	21 Ng3 (d)	Qf7	36 Rxd5	e2!
7 Bg5 (b)	f6	22 Kb1	e4	37 Rxd6+	cxd6
8 exf6	gxf6	23 Bg5	Be7	38 Qb7+	Ke6
9 Be3	Qd7	24 Bxe7	Nxe7	39 Qc8+	Ke5
10 Bd3	Qh7!	25 Qe2	Rgh8	40 Qe8+	Kf4
11 Bxg6+	Qxg6	26 Nh1	Nf5	41 Qf8+	Kg3
12 a3	Bd6	27 Ng3	Nxg3	42 Qxd6+	Kxg2
13 Rh3	Nge7	28 Rxg3	Rhg8	43 Qd5+	Kg1
14 Nc3	a6	29 Rxg8	Rxg8	44 Qg8+	Qg2
15 Qd2	O-O-O	30 Qe3 (e)	Qf6!?	45 Resigns (h)	

- (a) The gambit 3 Nc3 dxe4; 4 d5 is interesting. Although quite popular, the text move concedes too much for my liking.
- (b) Hoping to solve the weakness of the h-pawn but allowing Black to get a big centre.
- (c) In order to move the knight from g3 without losing the g-pawn.
- (d) Perhaps 21 Qxd5 Bxa3; 22 Qb3 was better.
- (e) Black's advanced central pawns give him good chances against White's backward king-side. In particular, the f-pawn can become very weak. White now threatens 30 Qa7 and the simplest answer is, obviously, 30... Kb8. Instead, Black lets the queen in and gets a very strong position - was this an accident?
- (f) Not 34 Qxd5+?? Rd6 - the queen has no more checks and the rook is lost.
- (g) And here, not 35 Rxd5?? Qf1+; 36 Ka2 Qc4+ winning the rook. But even now Black can give up the d-pawn as his passed e-pawn will queen.
- (h) The checks are over and the pawn cannot be stopped.

In the following round, the loser of that game played another fascinating one and, this time, came out on top.

P. Markham -- J. Anson (Round 6) Scotch Opening.

1 e4	e5	11 f4	Ng4	21 Qe2	Bxf5
2 Nf3	Nc6	12 f5	Qf6	22 Bxe4	Nxe4
3 d4	exd4	13 Bg5	Qe5	23 Bxd6	Qxd6
4 Nxd4	Bc5	14 Bd5 (c)	N8f6	24 Rxf5	Re8!
5 Be3	Bb6	15 Nc6! (d)	bxc6	25 Rxf7 (f)	Nf6
6 Bc4	Qf6	16 Bf4	Qe7	26 Qxe8+	Nxe8
7 c3	Ne5	17 Bxc6+	Bd7	27 Rf3	Qxh2
8 Bb3	d6	18 Bxa8	O-O (e)	28 g3	Qxb2
9 f3	h5 (a)	19 Bd5	Nf2	29 Resigns	
10 Qd2	Qg6 (b)	20 Rf1	N6xe4		

- (a) This move has little point unless it is to support the knight's move to g4 after White's f4. But White is by no means obliged to play f4.
- (b) Very provocative. White can contain himself no longer and pounces.
- (c) Not just defending the e-pawn but preparing his next.
- (d) This is a very pretty idea despite the fact that it leads to a poor game for White.
- (e) Only now are White's problems clear. There is no saving the e and f pawns and he will find it difficult getting his king into safety. In the event, he fails to avoid catastrophe in the centre.
- (f) If 25 Qc2 (to save the queen), Ng3 mates in two more moves.

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Dec 3	3	Som/Dor.	Dev/Wilts	Glouc/Corn.
1983				
Jan 14	4	Wilts/Hants	Dor/Glouc.	Dev/Corn
Feb 4	5	Cor/Wilts	Dev/Som.	Hants/Dor.
Mar 3	6	Glouc/Dev.	Dor/Wilts	Som/Hants
Mar 17	7	Hants/Dev.	Corn/Som.	Wilts/Glouc.

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