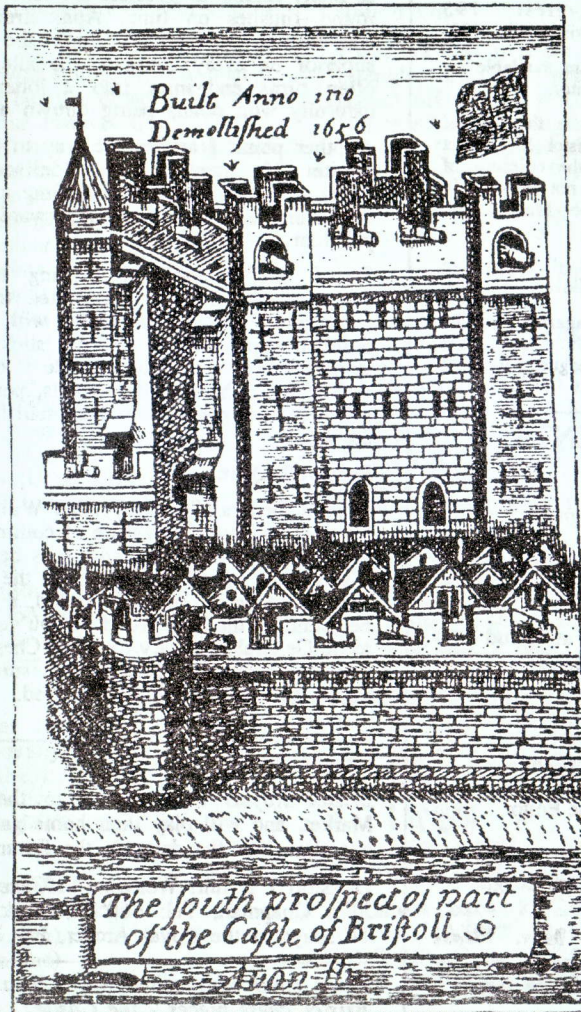


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EDITORIAL

Last gasp for adjournments

The West of England Easter Congress has joined the vast majority in having allegro finishes instead of adjournments. As Richard Rendell says in his letter (page 17), this is "in response to players' requests. This has resulted in an increase in the number of rounds to seven for ALL sections - a first." I regret I am obviously out of step with the majority on this issue. Allegro finishes are a necessary evil in order to ensure as many rounds as possible are scheduled and the last round finishes on time. Apart from administrative convenience however, I think the adjournment is superior on every count to the allegro finish which often turns endgames into a lottery and leads to carefully won points being thrown away.

Another point: I am on the way to becoming a BCF Arbiter. My mentor, Steve Boniface, says I should really get experience of controlling a tournament with adjournments before I am put forward for the title. The problem is - how?

So, I am thinking of starting the SAS, "Save Adjournments Society", dedicated to preserving this endangered species. Members will sport tee shirts, baseball caps, badges and car stickers with suitable slogans, such as "Adjourners do it overnight" and "I ♥ Sealing". On second thoughts, perhaps not; people might think it means clubbing small furry animals over the head.

Farewell, Alan

League General Secretary Alan Williams is resigning his post because of pressure of commitments (page 6). Everybody on the LMC will miss having him around. It's because of all his work that the administration is running so well. Looking forward, a replacement must be found by the May AGM. If you've got what it takes to be General Secretary (or even Chess Times Editor!), why not stand for election? I'm sure Alan would be happy to tell you what's involved.

John Richards

League Notices

Bristol Royals have moved to the Drill Hall, Old Market, and will play their home games on a Friday, one day after the dates in the fixture book.

Division 7 is full! Welcome to *General Electric* [Sec: John Chapman, Tel: 660554, work: 353555 x2619. Tuesdays at the Royal Archer, Fry Hill, Kingswood]

Front cover illustration: No. 1 in a series of famous Bristol chess pieces - the Castle.

Phillips scrambles to Bristol title

Bristol & District League Congress, 21st - 23rd January 1994

John Richards

Roy Phillips is the new Bristol Champion. He set up the victory in the penultimate round when he beat Tyson Mordue, Bristol Champion on four previous occasions, in a time scramble.

The top section was a little weaker than it could have been because of an unfortunate clash with a Four Nations Chess League weekend in Cheltenham. The Bristol team included the current British Champion Michael Hennigan and past Bristol Champion Chris Beaumont. The clash was particularly unfortunate because Cheltenham was Bristol's "home" fixture in the series. Spectator attendance at Cheltenham was undoubtedly less than it would have been on another weekend.

Section 1:

- 1 R Phillips (Grendel) 4½
- 2 T Mordue (Downend) 4
- 3= J Humphreys (Downend) 3½
- P Lesniowski (University)
- Grading prize: P Lesnowski.
- 19 entered.

Section 2 (under 155):

- 1= R Radford (South Bristol) 4
- R Morgan (University)
- D Thomas (Harambee)
- P Brooks (Thornbury)
- 24 entered.

Section 3 (under 120):

- 1 G Iwi (University) 4½
- 2= S Mills (Nailsea) 3½
- D Clarke (Nailsea)
- B Crewe (Horfield)
- 21 entered.

Section 4 (under 105):

- 1= G Thomson (Clifton) 4
- R Gage (Hanham)
- N Peters (Nailsea)
- 19 entered.

Section 5 (under 85):

- 1 S S Sandhu (Sun Life) 4½
- 2= G Wright (Harambee) 4
- C Pates (Clifton)
- 22 entered.
- Trophy winners are given in bold type.

Section 1 Report

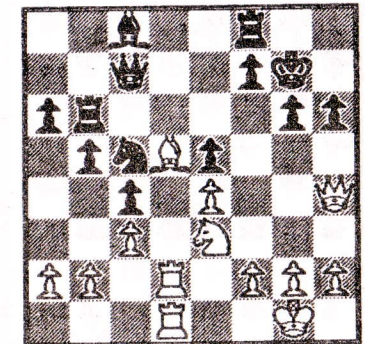
Round One

I was the first to finish when Dave Collier offered a draw after just 14 moves. Tyson started off with a win when Mike Rodic blundered a piece. Roger Hardy bludgeoned a point off Mike Brigden, and Hong and Osborne were other first round winners.

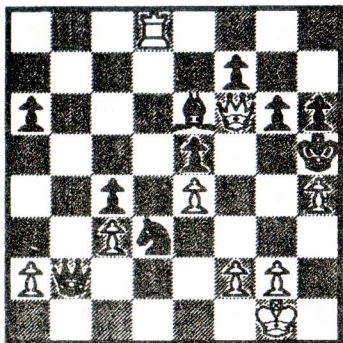
Roy Phillips managed to survive this encounter with Jerry Humphreys (just).

Jerry Humphreys - Roy Phillips Round 1

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 g6
5.♗c4 ♗g7 6.♗f3 ♘f6 7.♗g5 ♘bd7
8.♗b3 0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.♘b5 ♗b6 11.♘5a3
h6 12.♗h4 a6 13.♘c3 ♗c7 14.♗ad1 b5
15.♘d5 ♘xd5 16.♗xd5 ♗b8 17.c3 ♘b6
18.♗g3 ♗e5 19.♗xe5 dxe5 20.♗f6 ♗h7
21.♘c2 ♘a4 22.♗e3 ♗b6 23.♗h4 c4
24.♗d2 ♘c5 25.♗fd1 ♗g7



26.♗xc4 ♗xc4 27.♘d5 ♗b7 28.♘xb6
♗xb6 29.♗e7 ♗e6 30.♗d8 ♗xd8
31.♗xd8 ♘d3 32.♗f8+ ♗f6 33.♗h8+
♗g5 34.h4+ ♗h5 35.♗f6 ♗xb2

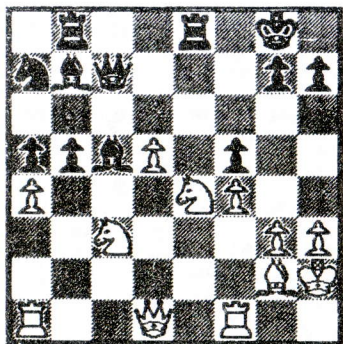


36. ♖xd3 cxd3 37. ♗xe5+ g5 38. hxg5 hxg5 39. ♖h8+ ♕g6 40. ♖g8+ ♖f6 41. ♖d8+ ♕g6 42. ♖g8+ ♖f6 43. ♖d8+ 1/2-1/2

Martyn Sellars got the chance of a classic mate against David Egginton:

Martyn Sellars - David Egginton
Round 1

1. c4 ♖f6 2. ♖c3 e6 3. g3 c5 4. ♖g2 ♖e7 5. e4 ♖c6 6. f4 d6 7. ♖ge2 a5 8. 0-0 ♖b8 9. h3 ♗c7 10. a4 ♖d7 11. ♖h2 ♖a7 12. d3 ♖c6 13. d4 b6 14. d5 exd5 15. exd5 ♖b7 16. e5 ♖d7 [16... dxe5 17. fxe5 ♗xe5 18. ♖f4±] 17. ♖e4 0-0 18. ♖2c3 b5 19. exd6 ♖xd6 20. ♖e3 ♖fe8 21. b4! f5 22. bxc5 ♖xc5 23. ♖xc5 ♖xc5

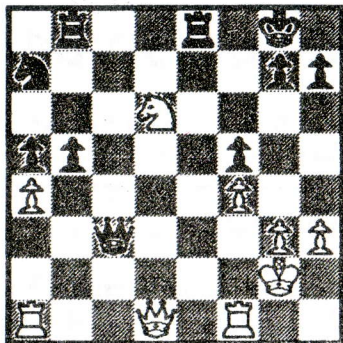


24. d6! ♖xd6

If 24... ♗c6?? 25. ♖f6+, and if 24... ♗c8 25. d7±. Perhaps best is 24... ♗b6!?

25. ♖xd6 ♖xg2 26. ♖xg2 ♗xc3

Okay, can you see how to finish this one off?



27. ♖d5+ ♖h8 28. ♖f7+ ♖g8 29. ♖h6+ ♖h8 30. ♖g8+ ♖xg8 31. ♖f7+ mate 1-0

Nice one, Martyn.

Round Two

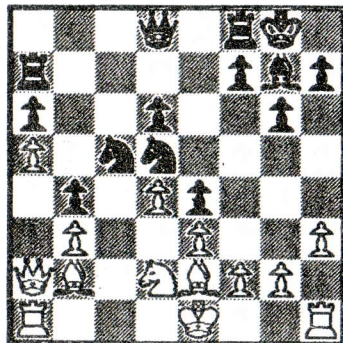
Tyson's king-side attack proved too much for Dave Osborne. Martyn Sellars stayed on 100% with some attractive play:

Bernie Hong - Martyn Sellars
Round Two

1. ♖f3 d6 2. d4 ♖f6 3. b3 g6 4. h3 ♖g7 5. ♖b2 0-0 6. e3 c6 7. ♖d3 ♖b7 8. c4 a6 9. ♗c2 b5 10. cxb5 cxb5 11. a4 b4 12. ♗c6 ♖a7 13. a5 ♖b7 14. ♗a4 e5!!

A monster move that seizes the initiative. If 15. dxe5 ♖c5!

15. ♖e2 ♖xf3 16. ♖xf3 e4 17. ♖e2 ♖d5 18. ♖d2 ♖c5 19. ♗a2 Now Martyn's two knights convert themselves into a couple of enormous passed pawns.



19... ♖d3+ 20. ♖xd3 exd3 21. ♖c4 ♖c3 22. ♖xc3 bxc3 23. 0-0-0!

The ! is for bravery in the face of the enemy, not for brilliance!

23... d5 24. ♖b6 d2+ 25. ♖c2 ♖c7 26. b4 ♗f6 27. ♖xd5 ♗e6 28. ♖d3 ♖d8 29. e4 c2

Time trouble now starts to bite. White has 4 minutes and Black 6 minutes for 13 moves.

30. ♖xd2 c1♗ 31. ♖xc1 ♖xc1 32. b5 axb5 33. ♗b2 ♖c4 34. ♖e3 ♖xd5 35. a6 ♖xd4+ 36. ♖xd4 ♖cxd4 37. f3 ♖d3+ 38. ♖f4 g5+ 39. ♖g3 ♗e5+ 40. ♗xe5 ♖xe5 41. a7 ♖e8 42. ♖g4 h6 0-1

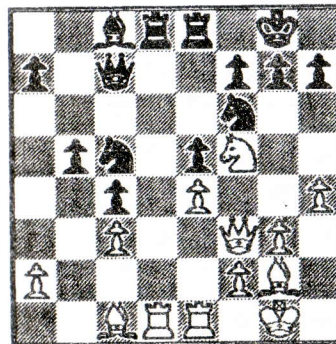
Roy Phillips continued with his Houdini act - this time against me!

Roy Phillips - John Richards
Round Two

1. e4 c6 2. d3 d5 3. ♖d2 e5 4. ♖g3 ♖d6 5. g3 ♖f6 6. ♖g2 ♖g4

Probably a mistake, but Black always has problems with his queen's bishop in these lines.

7. h3 ♖d7 8. 0-0 0-0 9. ♖e1 ♖e8 10. c3 ♗c7 11. b3 ♖a6 12. ♖b2 dxe4 13. dxe4 b5 14. ♖h4 ♖ad8 15. ♗f3 ♖c5 16. ♖ad1 ♖e6 17. ♖f5 ♖c5 18. h4 ♖c8 19. b4 ♖b6 20. ♖c1 c5 21. ♖b3 c4 22. ♖c5 ♖xc5 23. bxc5 ♖xc5



24. ♖xg7!?

I had seen this coming, but I could not see how Roy was going to finish me off.

24... ♖xg7 25. ♖h6+ ♖g6

The only move. If 25... ♖xh6?? 26. ♗xf6+ ♖h5 27. ♗g5+ and if 25... ♖g8? 26. ♗xf6 ♖e6□ 27. ♖h3±

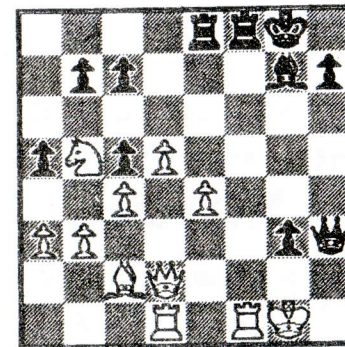
26. ♗e3 ♖xe4 27. ♖f3 ♗e7 28. h5+ ♖xh5 29. ♖xe4+ f5 30. ♖f3 ♖g7 31. ♖g2 ♖b7 32. ♖xd8 ♖xd8 33. ♖xg7 ♖xf3+ 34. ♗xf3 e4 35. ♗f4 ♗xg7 36. g4 1-0

To my horror, at this point my flag fell with seven moves still to make. I had looked at the flag a little earlier and thought there was still some time to go. Inspection showed the hand had not quite reached the 12. Controller Steve Boniface agreed I still had about 10 seconds left, but he was unable to find a clock that did not have the same fault! Mindful that ten seconds would almost certainly not have been enough for seven moves in this position, I resigned.

Play might have gone 36... ♗f6 37. ♖h1 ♗g5 38. ♗xf5+ ♗xf5 39. gxf5+ ♖xf5 40. ♖xh7 (40. ♖h5+ ♖e6 41. ♖xb5 ♖d5±) a6 41. ♖h6 ♖a8±

Dave Collier - Richard Johnson
Round Two

1. d4 d6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 ♖g7 4. e4 e5 5. d5 ♖f6 6. f3 0-0 7. ♖e3 ♖h5 8. ♗d2 f5 9. ♖d3 ♖d7 10. exf5 gxf5 11. ♖ge2 ♖c5 12. ♖c2 a5 13. 0-0 ♖d7 14. ♖ad1 ♗e7 15. b3 ♖ae8 16. a3 e4 17. ♖xc5 dxc5 18. fxe4 f4 19. ♖h1 ♗h4 20. ♖b5 ♖g3+ 21. ♖xg3 ffg3 22. h3 ♖xh3 23. gfh3 ♗xh3+ 24. ♖g1

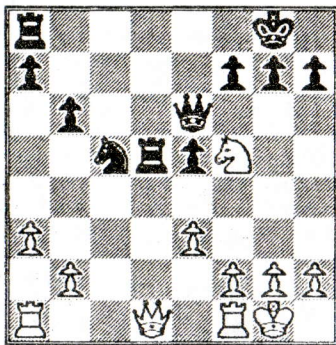


24... ♖h6!! 0-1

If 25. ♗e2 or ♗g2 then 25... ♖e3+

Mike Rodic - Phil Nendick
Round Two

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.a3 ♘b7
5.♘c3 d5 6.♘g5 ♘e7 7.e3 ♘bd7 8.♘e2
0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.dxc5 ♘xc5 11.cxd5 ♘xd5
12.♘xe7 ♙xe7 13.♘xd5 ♘xd5 14.♘d4
♙fd8 15.♘f3 e5 16.♘xd5 ♙xd5 17.♘f5
♙e6



Phil walks straight into it.

18.♙xd5! 1-0

If 18...♙xd5 19.♘e7+ leaves White a rook up.

Leaders after Round Two: Mordue, Sellars 2; Hardy, Johnson, Lesniowski, Phillips 1½.

The Section 1 report will be concluded next issue. We also hope to carry reports of some of the other sections.

Bath win Cup on LMC vote

The League Management Committee have awarded last season's KO Cup to Bath. The outstanding game (see *Cup Final Chaos*, BCT 95) from last year's final against Clifton is still unresolved and one of the players has since changed clubs, so the LMC voted to make it a draw. Bath win the Cup on board count.

Gen Sec resigns

ALAN WILLIAMS, General Secretary of the Bristol & District League, has announced he is resigning his post. He told members of the League Management Committee, "I have taken up an excellent job with my old employers, Praxis. The only non-excellent thing about it is that it will consume lots of my time, including some evenings. I have a family, and I am also playing bridge, playing chess and doing chess admin. It's all too much, and something has to go, pronto."

Alan went on to say he would like to go straight away, but was willing to carry on doing some work till the AGM. He continued, "I would strongly advise you to carry on with the new structure of two secretaries, which has worked well. It would be a big mistake, in my opinion, to let my part of the job fall back on Chris Carter's shoulders, even on a temporary basis."

The LMC will consider the issue of Alan's replacement at its meeting on 2nd March. The General Secretary's role is a vital one: organising all meetings, performing such tasks as getting the handbook printed, and representing the League on WECU and the BCF Council.

Alan is going to be difficult to replace. He was largely responsible for the new LMC structure and piloted the difficult Game Fee issue through. Before his two year stint as General Secretary, he served as Treasurer for five years. He has also held the posts of President and Vice President.

■ The League Management Committee is considering a complete replacement of the League's rules at the next AGM. The idea is to remove a lot of ambiguities and confusions in the present set.

The AGM will be on the 25th May in the Students' Union. If you wish to submit a motion, you should send it, together with the names of proposer and seconder, to Alan Williams (address in fixture book). The closing date for motions is Wednesday 27th April.



JUNIOR CHESS

Jerry Humphreys

League Congress

The star event this January was the 17th Bristol and District League Congress, which attracted 13 local juniors, many playing their first ever tournament, among the hundred or so competitors. Seven of those players ended the tournament on 3/5, including Peter Chaplin in Section 2, and 11 year old Melanie Buckley in Section 4.

Matthew Parker demonstrated the perils of playing an opening without knowing the basic ideas, and then showed his opponent that the best way to win with an extra piece is by attacking, even with the queens off.

Matthew Parker - I Jefferys

1.e4 ♘f6 2.e5 ♘d5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 ♘b4?
5.♙a4+ ♘8c6 6.d5 ♘d7 7.dxc6 ♘xc6
8.exd6 ♘d4 9.♙d1 ♘c6 10.c5 cxd6
11.cxd6 exd6 12.♘c3 ♘e6 13.♘f3 ♘e7
14.♘d4 ♘xd4 15.♙xd4 d5 16.♘b5+ ♘d7
17.♘xd7+ ♙xd7 18.♙xd5 ♙xd5
19.♘xd5 ♙c8 20.0-0 ♘d6 21.♙e1+ ♘f8
22.♘f4 ♘c5 23.♙ac1 h5?? 24.♙xc5!
♙d8 [24...♙xc5 25.♘d6+] 25.♘d6+ ♘g8
[25...♙xd6 26.♙c8+ ♙d8 27.♙xd8+#]
26.♘e7+ ♘h7 27.♙xh5+ # 1-0

Full junior results were: Section 2: P. Chaplin (Clevedon) 3 Section 3: D Buckley (Keynsham) 2 S Buckley (Keynsham) 1½ E Fletcher (Clevedon) 1 Section 4: J Parkes (Sea Mills) 3 M Buckley (Keynsham) 3 O Chambers (Bristol Grammar) 3 P Byrne (Cabot) 3 P Spiller (Clevedon) 2 Section 5: M Parker (Hanham) 3 O Byrne (Cabot) 2 J Reade (Opening Moves) 1 I Townsend (QEH) ½.

Following this event was the first League Quickplay in February, which attracted 15 juniors. Congratulations to Paul Spiller and Paul Waller who shared first prize in the Minor, and also to 10 year old Tom Bourne,

who beat two players graded over 120 in the Major.

Full junior results: Major (U150): T Bourne (Opening Moves) 2½ O Bright (Keynsham) 2 J Johnson (Thornbury) 2 Minor (U100): P Spiller (Clevedon) 5 P Waller (Marlwood) 5 A Cooke (Marlwood) 4 N Richardson (Marlwood) 3½ D Bateman (Downend) 3 P Byrne (Cabot) 3 J Read (Opening Moves) 2½ D Allen (KLB) 2 M Lyon (Opening Moves) 2 O Byrne (Cabot) 1½ H Grounds (Opening Moves) 1 E Bright (Opening Moves) 1

Other Events

At the West of England Girls' Championship, Melanie Buckley came 2nd in the Under 12 section, Sophie Bright came 3rd in the Under 9 and 5 year old Esther Britton won the Under 7 title. Another 5 year old, Sam Buckley, qualified for the Avon Under 11 team by winning all three games in the selection tournament. Robert Pritchard came 3rd in the Frome Under 13, with 4/6. Robert will be starting at Marlwood School next year, adding new power to an already strong team. In the Avon Primary Schools Championships, Oliver Bright and Jamie Denton won the Under 11, Tom Bourne won the Under 10, and Adam Williams won the Under 9 section.

A Bristol International?

Keynsham's Oliver Bright has been nominated by Avon for the England Under 11 team. He was invited to take part in an England coaching weekend in January, where he received training from Sheila Jackson and other national coaches, and may be selected for a match against Scotland in the spring. The Under 11's are also playing a match against the Czech Republic later this year.

Match against North Glos

Bristol are playing a friendly match against North Gloucestershire Juniors on Sunday March 13th at Downend Cricket Club. Play will be from 1215 to 1515 and spectators are welcome. Please phone me (650097) for further details.

Frank Palm's LETTER FROM HANNOVER

Dear Friends,

Chess Mecca around Hannover

Two years ago I told you about Hannover's entry into the Bundesliga, and sadly I was quite right when predicting Hannover's immediate relegation. In fact, they had to pay for stubbornly holding on to their amateur status by losing all 15 matches.

But while Hannover's top clubs are still feeling nostalgic for the ideal of amateur chess, more ambitious clubs in the countryside have understood and demonstrated that professionals (and the money to pay them) are inevitable for a modern and successful chess club.

Nienburg, about 30,000 inhabitants and 70kms NW from Hannover, has engaged GM L.B.Hansen for Board 1 of their 5th division team; and Isernhagen, an amalgamation of villages at the NE edge of Hannover, is playing with the Ukrainian masters Michael Golubev (2500) and Alexander Bangiev (2390) in the same division.

The most extraordinary and astonishing development, however, is going on 45kms west of Hannover. STADTHAGEN, a small town with about 23,000 inhabitants, is the capital of the rather rural county, Schaumburg. The local chess club, founded in 1946, led for two decades the typical quiet life of villagers, with a dozen members and a team in the lowest division, until, in 1969, the new chairman Joachim Winzenburg reformed the club by introducing special exercise afternoons and training units for juniors. The club became attractive for youngsters and, soon afterwards, SC Stadthagen acquired not only a second team but special youth teams too. Ten years later, their youth section was the most promising in Lower Saxony, and their adult first team had achieved some promotions.

In 1988, this upward tendency was endangered when the four strongest youngsters left Stadthagen after passing their A-level exams. Suddenly, the first team had to face probable relegation. A new chairman, Heiko Kuhlmann, was elected. His reforming idea was to forsake the tradition of strict amateur chess and to strengthen the team with paid top players. Kuhlmann also became the club's new patron, and so has been making his plan work with his own money.

First came four Hannover semi-professionals who kept Stadthagen in the Landesliga (fourth division). In 1989, during a friendly match between an Hungarian and a German team, one of Stadthagen's top players came into contact with IM Gyorgy Rajna and secured him for Stadthagen. This was the beginning of the important Budapest-connection. With Rajna, Stadthagen got promoted to the third division (Regionalliga) in May 1990. Rajna emigrated to Israel, but before he went he introduced GM Gyozo Forintos as the new board one.

The rise went on. They won the third division and the promotion contest to the second Bundesliga as well. But their goal remained the very top. The second division had to be passed through, so further reinforcements were necessary. Via Forintos, they found GM Gyula Sax, and from Hannover came Friedmar Schirm. They won the 2nd Bundesliga, outdistancing the next team by three points.

Then, in May 1992, Kuhlmann looked for more grandmasters and collected a team strong enough for one of the top places in the Bundesliga: the GMs Sax, Khalifman, Lobron and Tischbierck; the IMs Keitlinghaus and Gauglitz; and from Hannover, Heissler, Schirm and Heilemann. They defeated famous teams like Solingen, Hamburg, and Munich 1836, and in the end they finished fourth among the 16 top German teams.

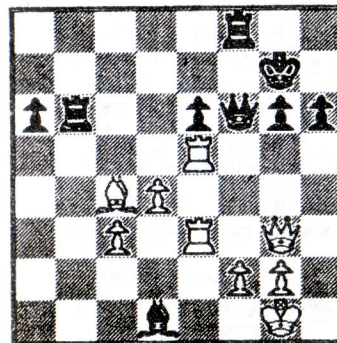
But this success couldn't diminish their ambition; this season they're after the championship! Two more German grandmasters have been hired: Ralf Lau and Rainer Knaak. And for the top matches versus Bavaria Munich and Cologne-Porz, they've got a well-known board one -

Anatoly Karpov - news that was reported in several national newspapers as well as the chess press.

The present season has just started. At the first double round on November 6/7, Stadthagen beat Solingen, 4½-3½, and Dortmund 7½-½. Last, but not least, some remarkable games from the last and the present season.

A Khalifman - Vaganian
Bundesliga, Stadthagen - Cologne-Porz, March 1993

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♗f3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.♗c3 ♖bd7
5.♗g5 h6 6.♗h4 dxc4 7.e3 a6 8.a4 c5
9.♗xc4 cxd4 10.exd4 ♗e7 11.0-0 0-0
12.♞e1 ♖b6 13.♗b3 ♖bd5 14.♗e5 ♖d7
15.♗g3 ♗xc3 16.bxc3 ♗xe5 17.♗xe5
♗d6 18.♗f3 ♗xe5 19.♞xe5 ♗d7 20.♗c2
g6 21.♗g3 ♗f6 22.h4 b5 23.h5 ♗g7
24.♗e4 ♞ab8 25.axb5 ♗xb5 26.hxg6
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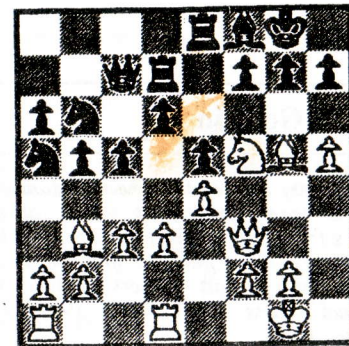


30... ♗g4 [30... ♞e8 31.d5±] 31.♗xg4
♗xf2+ 32.♗h2 ♞b1 33.♗d3 ♗g1+
34.♗h3 ♗h1+ 35.♗g3 g5 36.♗xb1 ♞f4
1-0.

G Sax - Kalka
Bundesliga, Stadthagen-Dortmund, November 1993

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♖f6
5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♗e2 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 ♗g4
9.h3 ♗h5 10.d3 0-0 11.♖bd2 ♗a5
12.♗c2 c5 13.♞d1 ♗c6 14.♖f1 ♗c7
15.♗g3 ♗g6 16.♖h4 ♞fe8 17.♖hf5 ♗f8
18.♗f3 ♖d7 19.h4 ♖b6 20.h5 ♗xf5

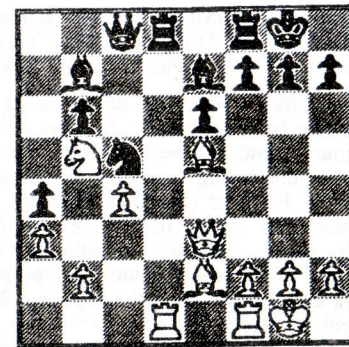
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G Mainka - E Lobron
Bundesliga, Dortmund-Stadthagen, November 1993

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8.♗xe4 ♗xe4 9.♗xe4 c5 10.dxc5 ♗xc5
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♞ad8 18.♖b5 ♗c8 19.♗e5



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The "Best-ever" Marlwood

David Goldring

Every year, Marlwood School organises a schools team tournament which attracts entries from as far afield as Eire, Scotland and Jersey. It's a place to spot the up and coming stars. Past players include GM Michael Adams (1989) and, in 1992, WFM Harriet Hunt.

The latest tournament, 16-17th October 1993, was the 11th in the series. Organiser David Goldring reports:

HERE IS no doubt in my mind, and, I hope in the minds of those who have been to previous "Marlwoods", that this was the best so far, and I am very grateful for the endeavours of all whose presence contributed so much to a successful weekend, whether it was in the role of pupil-helper, parent-contributor or host, or team management.

This was also the biggest "Marlwood", with 33 teams bringing 12 players each, and also a "Reserves" competition for 43 people on the Saturday, and 23 on the Sunday, playing in excess of 1560 games of chess in total.

Sponsorship, in the traditional sense of the word, had been very difficult to secure for this tournament, but we were very grateful for the continuing support of Alliance Technical Products (Mr Dick Harrop), and for the first time, of Office Cleaning Enterprises. A number of other private donations were received too, and together with a contribution from the Midland Bank (Thornbury Branch) and the entry fees, we were able to maintain the full range of awards that has become a distinctive feature of the event, recognising team and individual successes independently of one another.

This time, too, we welcomed the involve-

ment of the County of Avon Public Relations Department, through its Director, Mr Robin Pearson. The PR Department undertook the production of the programme, and of the Sherry Reception on the Sunday - a welcome respite from the players for the team managers and controllers alike as they enjoyed a light buffet, and music provided by the string quartet of the County of Avon School Orchestra.

Another pleasing feature of the weekend was the return of two former players in a helping capacity: Tim Huxtable (of Camp Hill) and Alastair Goldring (of Marlwood/Millfield). Both undertook the organisation of the Reserves' events. This was a welcome development which it would be good to see continue. Sad to report, however, was the absence through serious illness of Nottingham High School's starward, and England Junior international player, Stephen Joseph, to whom, on behalf of all participants, a present was sent to wish him well.

The Qualifying Competition

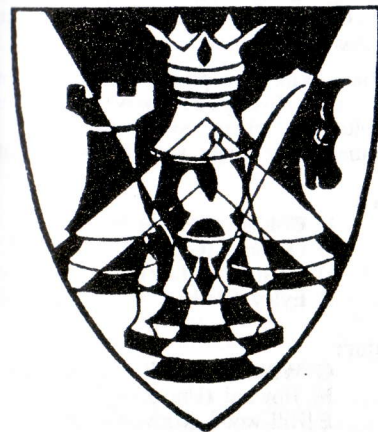
Two jamboree rounds, of one hour each on the clock, pit each player against a random selection of 2 of the possible 33 opponents on the same board number, according to pre-drawn pairings and pre-allocated code letters. The results aggregate over the two rounds to produce a rank order of teams. The top ten teams are then allocated to the Championship Section, the next twelve to the Intermediate Section, and the remainder to the Minor Section. Each section functions thereafter as a separate tournament, with its own set of awards for the members of the first three teams and "Best Board" performances.

After the frenetic activity of Friday, and Saturday morning, the early part of the Qualifying round 1 is the first opportunity for a breather, as the early-day hubbub settles down to some serious chess. A

chance to renew previous acquaintances, and to meet new colleagues appearing for the first time.

Newcomers **Dr Challenor's Grammar School** headed-up the list at the end of the first Qualifying round, with a score of 10/12, losing only on one board. Behind them, **St Columb's College**, from Derry, picked up 10½ points in the second Qualifying round to lead the competition with 20 points, ahead of **Royal Grammar School, Guildford**. Previous winners, **Nottingham High School**, were performing more modestly this year, while last year's victors, **Gonzaga College**, were to be consigned to the Intermediate Section. *Times* British Schools Champions, **Truro School**, were also showing strongly at this stage.

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The Minor Section

Host school, **Marlwood**, took an early lead, with big scores in the first two competition rounds, and only **King Edward's Camp Hill School** were in touch. Their 11 points in round 3 put them in a position to wrest the sectional title from Marlwood's grasp in

the final round, which they duly did, the key point coming from a match between the respective Board 4's.

Newcomers **Arden School** fared well with consistent scoring each round, to finish third.

The Intermediate Section

With the 1992 winners, **Gonzaga College**, in this section, there were bound to be some stiff competition. So it turned out, though not from the expected quarters.

In a fairly even first round, **Millfield School** took a one point lead. The chase was taken over in round 2 by Scotland's **Greenwood Academy**, scoring 8½ in what was otherwise a remarkably low-scoring session. Round 3 saw Belfast's **Methodist College** assume pole position with a high score of 10 points, and they were not to be overtaken despite a nearly disastrous final round where they scored just 5½ points. **Monmouth School, Millfield School, and Greenwood Academy** completed the frame.

The Championship Section

New winners were guaranteed this year, and it was a fitting outcome to their three previous endeavours (twice second, and once third) that Guildford's **Royal Grammar School** should be such decisive inheritors of the crown. They won by a margin of 6½ points having held the lead throughout the five rounds. **St Columb's College** lay in second place at the start of the final round, but a disastrous 4½ points saw them slip to fourth. Second place went to **Manchester Grammar School**, with **Torquay Boys' Grammar School** in third.

The 12th Marlwood tournament will be held on 15-16 October 1994.

Championship

1 Royal G.S., Guildford	42
2 Manchester G.S.	35½
3 Torquay Boys' G.S.	33
4 St. Columb's College, Derry	32
5 Nottingham High	29½
6 Queen Mary's G.S., Walsall	29½
7 Truro	28½
8 Bishop Wordsworth's, Salisbury	24½
9 Royal Belfast	23½
10 Dr Challenor's, Amersham	22

Intermediate

1 Methodist College, Belfast	38½
2 Monmouth	37½
3 Millfield, Street	35
3 Greenwood Academy, Irvine	35
5 King Edward's, Birmingham	31½
6 Gonzaga College, Dublin	31
7 Sir Thomas Rich's, Gloucester	29½
8 Solihull	27
8 Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	27
10 King's, Peterborough	23½
11 K.L.B., Wotton-under-Edge	22½
12 St Bede's G.S., Bradford	22

Minor

1 King Edward's, Camp Hill, Brum	43½
2 Marlwood	42½
3 Arden, Solihull	40½
4 Cathay's High, Cardiff	36½
5 Watford Boys' G.S.	32½
6 Guildford C.H.S.	32
7 Victoria College, Jersey	30
8 Clifton College	22
9 Henbury	19½
10 Whitchurch High, Cardiff	19
11 Oxford High	11

Phillips first at Stroud

Grendel's Roy Phillips continued a successful season by winning the Stroud Quick-play (12th December). Bob Radford was first in the Major.

Open: 1 R Phillips (Grendel) 5; 2= J Cobb (Swindon), S Knight (Portsmouth), S Zeidler (Devizes) 4½; Grading: G Buchanan (Gloucester), W Saunders (Pontypool) 4. 30 entered.

Premier (U-161): 1= A W Champion (Devizes), C Evans, K Green (both Aberdare) 5; Grading: K Dan (Reading) 3½. 28 entered.

Major (U-131): 1 R Radford (Sth Bristol) 5½; 2= A Marston (Wantage), W H Price (Cardiff) 5; Grading: M Brindley (Abingdon), C Parker (Bristol), M White (Cheltenham) 4. 50 entered.

Minor (U-101): 1 P Martin (Cheltenham) 5½; 2= P Baker (Gloucester), D Downay (Bristol Univ.), M Polliitt (Cheltenham) 5; Grading: H Cobb (Swindon), P Debbage (Swindon), M Parker (Bristol) 4. 55 entered.

Collier writes his own cheque**John Richards**

THE LEAGUE'S FIRST EVER Quick-play was held at the Students' Union in Queen's Road on Saturday 12th February. The total entry of over eighty was very pleasing, but the Open again suffered from a lack of numbers, ending up with just ten competitors. This was reflected in the prize money distribution, with both the Major and Minor having bigger prize funds than the Open.

Both Chris Beaumont and the new Bristol Champion, Roy Phillips, failed to turn up for the first round of the Open. League Treasurer Dave Collier took full advantage of their absence and made up for his poor performance in the League Congress by walking away with the first prize. Dave Osborne was the only player to stay in touch all the way.

Graham Wilkinson played his first tournament after five years away from chess. Despite his claim to being rusty, he dominated the Major with a 100% result.

Open:

1	D Collier (Clifton)	5	£45
2	D Osborne (Grendel)	4	£27.50
3=	D Pugh (Sun Life)	3½	£7.50
	R Eyley (Bath)	3½	£7.50

Major:

1	G Wilkinson (Clifton)	6	£65
2=	M Howard (University)	5	£32.50
	E Hill-wood (University)	5	£32.50

Grading prizes:

U-120	A Nicholls (Grendel)	4½	£25
U-100	G Iwi (University)	3½	£12.50
	T Jefferies (Grendel)	3½	£12.50

Minor:

1=	M Furneval	5	£40
	P Waller (Thornbury)	5	£40
	P Spiller (Clevedon)	5	£40

Clifton's National hopes vanish

CLIFTON'S NATIONAL CLUB campaign came to an end at home to Guildford, losing 2½-3½. Chris Jones reports that "Guildford were quite strong with, for example, a 196 on Board 4!" Clifton scores: Chris Beaumont 0; Mike Truran 0; Andrew Cooper ½; Tim Headlong ½; Roy Phillips 1; Richard Haydon ½.

Horfield progressed in the National Minor at the expense of another local side, beating Marlwood School 4-1. Marlwood won the National Minor on its only previous entry in 1987.

Double castling - more news

LAST ISSUE, we reported a rumour of double castling in the 1954 West of England Championship. Mr J G Milton sent in a copy of the June 1954 issue of CHESS magazine which contained the following paragraph in its report of the West of England Congress in Newquay:

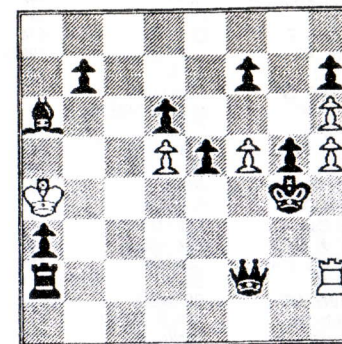
"CASTLED TWICE IN ONE GAME

One player at Newquay, according to Mr Meek, castled king's side, had his king driven back to K1, then castled queen's side. The anomaly was discovered only on playing through the score and as the offender had lost, no action was taken. Mr Meek declines to reveal his name!"

Our thanks to Mr Milton who says he does not believe Mr Meek ever revealed the name of the player. So we know it happened at Newquay in 1954, but we don't know which section it was in! Perhaps someone out there can help to clear up the mystery. Two distinguished *Chess Times* readers, Ken Bloodworth and Ron Powis, were playing in the Championship Reserves, Section A, that year (Ron Powis won it). Any comment?

Problems

Chris Jones has supplied this helpmate problem; his own composition that won third prize in the *U.S. Problem Bulletin's* competition of 1991. It's a helpmate in four, which means a solution consists of a sequence of four consecutive moves made alternatively by Black and White, culminating in White delivering mate on the fourth move. In other words, the "players" conspire together to create a mate. Chris says "helpmates are a test of one's creative imagination, and can be found enjoyable and even (possibly!) usefully mind-stretching by players". Now's your chance to find out if you agree with him. There are two solutions and Black is to move. Solutions are on page 20.

**Yuletide Blitz**

DOWNEND held their traditional post-Christmas buzzer tournament over six rounds on 28th December. The results had a familiar look: last year's winner, Tyson Mordue, held on to his title, and John Richards was once again in joint second.

Leading positions (Downend players unless indicated): 1 Tyson Mordue 5½; 2= Mike Binks, Phil Nendick (Horfield), John Richards (Horfield) 5; 5= Bob Selway, Mike Brigden 4½; 7= M Bennett, Richard Bacon, Shane Roberts (Cossham), Andrew Dugdale (Thornbury), Jody Johnson (Thornbury) 4.

Conquest heads Bristol grades

This year's grading list shows ten 200-plus Bristol players, including one woman! The top 50 are:

Name	Club	Grd
1 CONQUEST STUART C	SEA MILLS	238
2 HENNIGAN MICHAEL T	BRISTOL UNIV	224
3 LAW ANDREW P	CLIFTON	221
4 BUCKLEY GRAEME	BATH	220
5 BURGESS GRAHAM	DOWNEND	216
6 BAKER CHRIS W	CLIFTON	209
7 TRURAN M	CLIFTON	209
8 BADE J	BATH	206
9 BEAUMONT CR	CLIFTON	206
10 ZIMMERSMAN RITA	BRISTOL UNIV	203
11 MORDUE A TYSON	DOWNEND	199
12 LINTON WILLIAM A	SUN LIFE	198
13 RICHMOND PA	CLIFTON	197
14 COOPER ANDREW C	CLIFTON	196
15 HAYDON R	CLIFTON	195
16 HEADLONG T	CLIFTON	194
17 EASTON A	HORFIELD	191
18 EYLEY RJ	BATH	191
19 COPELAND GP	DOWNEND	190
20 RUDD JACK	SOUTH BRISTOL	190
21 PHILLIPS R	CLIFTON	187
22 SELLERS MR	HORFIELD	185
23 BINKS ME	DOWNEND	184
24 HELBIG PD	BATH	184
25 COLLIER DO	CLIFTON	183
26 JONES CJA	CLIFTON	183
27 ASHBY ALAN P	SEA MILLS	182
28 RICHMOND J MRS	CLIFTON	182
29 TSANG H	BATH	181
30 OSBORNE DC	GRENDEL	178
31 BRIGDEN ME	DOWNEND	177
32 NORTHAGE RH	DOWNEND	177
33 TANDY CHRIS	BATH	176
34 DAVIES MS	HORFIELD	174
35 DILLEIGH SP	SEA MILLS	174
36 HILL AL	SOUTH BRISTOL	173
37 SAGE GW	NAILSEA	173
38 WILLIAMS ALAN H	HORFIELD	173
39 HUNT C	CLIFTON	172
40 WALDEN P	CLIFTON	172
41 HUMPHREYS J	DOWNEND	170
42 OLIVER H	HORFIELD	170
43 PUGH DEREK C	SUN LIFE	170
44 TWINE D	SOUTH BRISTOL	170
45 COLE VIVIAN J	BRISTOL UNIV	169
46 RICHARDS JOHN E	HORFIELD	169
47 WEEKS CJ	SOUTH BRISTOL	169
48 DICKS D	DOWNEND	168
49 HERBERT DC	SUN LIFE	168
50 WILL JM	GRENDEL	168

The top 21 junior Bristol players are headed by South Bristol's Jack Rudd (who is also equal 19th in the Bristol top 50 and 3rd strongest British 14 year old). Thomas Bourne, 21st in the Bristol list, is 12th in

the list of British under-10s. Dates of birth are not known for those players shown with an age of 99.

Name	Club	Age Grd
1 RUDD JACK	SOUTH BRISTOL	14 190
2 CHAPLIN PETER	CLEVEDON	15 136
3 ROBERTS SHANE	COSSHAM	99 133
4 LOOK MATTHEW J	KEYNSHAM	15 131
5 BICKNELL CARL	BRISTOL JUNIORS	17 118
6 MORGANS ANDREW	BRISTOL JUNIORS	15 114
7 JOHNSON JODY	BRISTOL JUNIORS	14 113
8 TOLLEY ANTHONY	BRISTOL JUNIORS	15 113
9 DUGDALE A	THORNBURY	99 110
10 GROVE STEPHEN	BRISTOL JUNIORS	17 109
11 FLETCHER EDWIN A	CLEVEDON	14 107
12 JONES ANNA	BRISTOL JUNIORS	13 104
13 CHIDGEY GRANT	BRISTOL JUNIORS	14 101
14 WILSON D	CLIFTON	99 99
15 WOOD STEVEN	BRISTOL JUNIORS	16 99
16 GREENLAND SAM	BRISTOL JUNIORS	99 95
17 JONES HOWARD	BRISTOL JUNIORS	13 95
18 SLATER DAVID	BRISTOL JUNIORS	16 93
19 HARRIS NEIL	THORNBURY	14 92
20 TOLLEY IAN	BRISTOL JUNIORS	16 92
21 BOURNE THOMAS P	CLIFTON	9 90

Student voice

Colin Axon, secretary of the University Club and the League Tournament Organiser, has been elected national student representative on the BCF Council.

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Grand combo declined

RAY KEENE MUST be the second best known figure in British chess. TV pundit, Times columnist and the most prolific author of chess books (though some would say he achieves this by shameless recycling of old material), he is also considered a wheeler-dealer in the professional chess world. So what was this man, seemingly more at home in the Savoy Grill, doing giving a talk for charity at a Taunton hotel?

First I must make a confession. In my club, I am known as a Keene defender. Over a post-match pint in the Clyde Arms, I have been known to mutter "Say what you like about Keene, he does bring a lot of money into chess". (Usually provoking a chorus of "Yeah, yeah. Shut up John!"). So, who better to go down to Taunton on a freezing cold Tuesday evening to see what Raymond was up to. I hitched a lift with a minibus full of eleven students from the University chess club. Tuesday night is club night for many Bristol clubs, so it was perhaps not surprising that we were the only people from the Bristol League apart from a small contingent from Clevedon.

Keene had been invited by the Marie Curie Cancer Trust as one speaker in their series of "A Tuesday Night with...". About 75 other people had braved the weather to turn up - most of whom could play chess to some degree. Keene split the show into two halves. In the first, he played through the tenth game of the Short-Kasparov match, and related the reaction of other commentators to Short's queen sac in the game; describing how Hodgson and others claimed they had always known the sac was good just an hour after they had been saying it was hopeless. Keene was obviously very upset about this, and Lawson relates similar stories about Tony Miles in his recent book. Now I was in the GM Analysis Room during a couple of the games and saw similar things, but surely this is just all part of the usual art and fun of kibitzing. Why do Keene and Lawson take it so seriously?

The second half of the show featured two games between Keene and the audience; each spectator suggesting a move in turn. Not surprisingly, Keene won the first of these games very easily and very generously offered a draw in the second (it was, after all, nearly dinner time). During the games he fielded questions from the audience. Mostly these were routine stuff (favourite player: Nimzovitch; strongest player ever: Kasparov a shade ahead of Fischer; next world champion: Kramnik) and the effects of two pints of Murphy's were starting to make my eyelids droop. He has a reasonable view on why women are, on the whole, weaker chess players ("lack of opportunity"). I asked why he had given up playing professional chess. The pragmatic answer: "It wasn't paying the mortgage."

The occasional more difficult question was met with a straight bat. "Why did the Times offer to fly in any GM in the world to assist Short?" "Lawson says that in his book, but it's simply not true!"

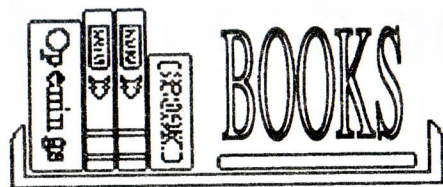
The most interesting question of the evening came from one of the organisers who wanted to know what Raymond would like for dinner. His choice? Nachos Grande and the Chicken Tahitas. For the record, he turned down the Grand Combo.

John Richards

Tyson holds on to KO title

TYSON MORDUE retained the Individual KO title when he defeated Roy Phillips in the long-delayed final of last year's competition.

Roy nearly failed to turn up. He got delayed on the way to the match when he was a witness to a major road accident.



Winning with the Hypermodern, Raymond Keene and Eric Schiller, Batsford, 189pp, £12.99.

If you did a double-take at that title, I think you could be forgiven. The first time I saw it I thought "What's the Hypermodern? Is it a sort of accelerated Modern?" Now, I'm not usually that stupid. It's just that the "Winning with ..." series has been all about particular openings, and now here's a book that does not seem to fit.

What Keene and Schiller have in fact produced is a series of chapters on great players of the past whose games have exhibited hypermodern themes. So, of course, there are sections on Reti, Nimzowitch and Tartakower. More surprisingly, Staunton, Breyer and Alekhine also appear, though this is not because Keene and Schiller want to claim them as hypermoderns, but to show how hypermodern ideas and themes can be seen in their games. At least Tarrasch doesn't get a look in except as a loser in a couple of games!

There are over 100 annotated games here and the book could well be worth it just for bringing together so many old gems. The annotations are on the light side and concentrate (mostly) on pointing out the hypermodern themes. However, the annotations do suffer from some sloppy editing. For example, in the game Tartakower-Tarrasch, we get a comment ("I immediately decide to avoid known paths") from Tartakower. Two moves later, we read "... was the sort of thing Tartakower preferred as Black...". Er? Oh, I see. Keene/Schiller is giving a comment, but there's no indication that Tartakower has stopped annotating. I was brought to a shuddering halt while trying to unravel what was going on.

Personally, I would have preferred more on each of the players. Réti gets a fine three

and a half pages, but Grünfeld, for example, gets just a quarter of a page. There's a great book still waiting to be written on the Hypermoderns, but anyone interested in the subject should enjoy this one.

John Richards

Winning with the Modern, David Norwood, Batsford, 145pp, £10.99

Now this is the genuine article, and it's a beauty. David Norwood has written a wonderful introduction to playing the Modern which has got me so hooked I'm thinking of taking it up. I can't remember anything Norwood has written before, which is a pity because he turns out to be a very good writer. This book is aimed at strong to middling club players who want a flexible Black opening without having to learn loads of theory. He starts off with a couple of introductory chapters on general themes and ideas before getting into the nitty-gritty. I was particularly taken with his explanation of what choices you have if your opponent advances a pawn against your centre: Capture, Ignore, or Advance. Sounds obvious, but you need to read it to see what I mean.

After 1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♘g7 3.♖c3, Norwood recommends 3...c6!? The usual move is 3...d6, but Norwood says "... (after 3...d6)... White has the option of playing some dangerous variations, most notably the Austrian Attack (4 f4). Aside from the fact that facing the Austrian can be a very unpleasant experience, you also need to know huge amounts of theory, and we don't want that." Too true. Against 3...♗f3, Norwood suggests going into a Pirc.

If White plays 1 d4 and 2 c4, then Norwood shows how to avoid ending up in a King's Indian or one of those horrid Benonis.

Yes, I feel a change in the old opening repertoire coming on.

John Richards

Letters to the Editor



Letters have been edited for the purposes of clarity and space.

WECU Easter Congress

Dear John

I would be grateful if you could publicise this year's West of England Easter Congress in your magazine. This year I have made some radical changes:

1 We are going to a private hotel (the Rozel Hotel) in Weston-Super-Mare for the first time. Their main customers over the Easter weekend are hockey players and they will be fully booked. They have agreed to hire conference rooms for a set price - and not insist on my trying to fill their hotel with chess players (indeed they have actually said they don't want any!).

2 I have reduced the number of sections from four to three, with the Championship still being an Open with no grading limit; a Major open to players under 160 and a Minor - under 125.

3 This has resulted in a reduction in entry fees and an increase in the number and individual amount of prizes. These prizes are calculated on the usual entry of 100 players. However, they will be adjusted upwards if more players enter.

4 The Open is in the Leigh Grand Prix for the first time and is likely to count as treble, or possibly quadruple, points.

5 I have increased the rate of play to 40 in 100 minutes, plus 30 minutes, in response to players' requests. This has resulted in an increase in the number of rounds to seven for ALL sections - a first. This means that there are 21 (or 28) Leigh Grand Prix points available - better than most Congresses which have a maximum of 20.

6 I have made a major effort to publicise the event. Entry forms have already gone out through Steve Boniface's mailing list.

All the Bristol League, Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire clubs have been circulated. I have sent invitations to twenty local GMs and IMs (e.g. Lane, Adams, Conquest, Arkell, Bellin, etc). There will be entry forms at other WECU events and local congresses etc. I am advised by other congress organisers that there has been a marked increase in entries in congresses this year - Torbay had to turn away 20-30 entries because they couldn't fit them in! And I believe that we could get in the region of 150 players.

I would be grateful if you could advise readers of my address and telephone number. If people want an accommodation list, they should contact Woodspring District Council on (0934) 631701.

Many thanks, yours sincerely,

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Results

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A = adjudication; C = continuation.

KO Round 2: Sun Life A 2 Horfield 6; Bath 6½ Harambee 1½; Nailsea 6½ B Royals 1½.

KO Round 3: Horfield 3½ University 3½ (1C); Sea Mills 1½ Grendel 6½; Clifton 3 Bath 4 (1C); Nailsea v Downend *postponed*.

Minor Club KO Round 1: Keynsham 7 Civil Service 1; Clevedon 5½ Harambee 2½; Cossham 4½ Nailsea 3½; B Royals 1 Thornbury 7.

Division 1: Sun Life A 2½ University A 3½; S Bristol A 1½ Downend A 4½; Bath 5 S Bristol A 1; Clifton A 3 Horfield A 3; University A 1 Downend A 4 (1C); Clifton B 3 Grendel A 3; Downend A 4½ Horfield A 1½; Clifton B 5½ Sun Life A ½; Downend A 3 Clifton B 2 (1C); Sun Life A 1 S Bristol A 5; Bath 2½ Clifton A 3½; Horfield A 4½ Sea Mills A 1½; S Bristol A 2 Horfield A 4; Sun Life A 1 Downend A 5; Bath 4½ Sea Mills A 1½; Clifton A 1 Clifton B 3 (2C); Grendel A 4 Bath 1 (1A); University A 5 Sun Life A 1; Downend A 2½ S Bristol A 2½ (1C); Horfield A 2 Clifton A 4; Sea Mills A 1 Grendel A 5; Clifton B 4 University A 1 (1C); Sun Life A 1 Clifton B 5; Bath 1½ Downend A 3½ (1A); Clifton A 2½ Grendel A 3½; University A 4½ S Bristol A 1½; Grendel A 1½ Clifton B 2½ (2C); Downend A 3½ University A 2½; S Bristol A 2 Bath 2 (1A,1C); Sun Life A 1 Horfield A 5; Grendel A 1½ Downend A ½ (2A,2C).

Division 2: Cossham A 2½ Thornbury A 3½; Horfield B 4 Grendel B 2; Clevedon A 3 S Bristol B 3; S Bristol B 3 Hanham A 3; Cossham A 4 Downend B 2; Downend B 1½ Cossham A 4½; Thornbury A 4 S Bristol B 2; Hanham A 4 Grendel B 2; Keynsham A 3 Horfield B 3; Clevedon A 2½ Nailsea A 3½; Horfield B 4½ Hanham A 1½; S Bristol B 2 Downend B 4; Nailsea A 1 Hanham A 5; Grendel B 1½ Cossham A 4½; Keynsham A 2½ S Bristol B 3½; Clevedon A 2½ Thornbury A 3½; Nailsea A 3½ Keynsham A 2½; Downend B 3 Grendel B 3; Horfield B 3½ Clevedon A 2½; Thornbury A 2 Cossham A 4; Nailsea A 1½ Thornbury A 1½ (3A); Downend B 1½ Hanham A 3½ (1A); Grendel B 3 Thornbury A 3; Keynsham A 3½ Clevedon A 2½.

Division 3: Clifton D 1½ Cossham B 3½ (1A); Clifton D ½ University B 5½; Clifton C 4 Nailsea B 2; Thornbury B 3 Horfield C 3; Clifton C 3½

Clifton D 2½; Cossham C 2½ Hanham B 3½; Nailsea B 3 Cossham B 3; Horfield C 4 Clevedon B 2; Thornbury B 0 University B 6; Clifton D 3 Hanham B 3; University B 3 Clevedon B 3; Hanham B 4 Nailsea B 2; Horfield C 1 Cossham C 5; Thornbury B 2½ Clifton C 3½; Cossham B 4½ Clifton D 1½; Clifton C 2 Cossham B 3 (1A); University B 5 Cossham C 1; Clifton D 2 Nailsea B 4; Cossham B 2½ Horfield C 3½; Clevedon B 4 Hanham B 2; Hanham B 3½ Thornbury B 2½; Horfield C 4½ Clifton D 1½; Clifton C 2 University B 3 (1A); University B 3 Nailsea B 3.

Division 4: Harambee A 3 Keynsham B 3; Horfield D 4½ Nailsea C 1½; Harambee A 2½ University C 3½; Horfield D 2 Downend C 4; Keynsham B 1 Nailsea C 4 (1A); Sea Mills B 3 Sun Life B 3; Grendel C 4½ Nailsea C 1½; Downend C 2½ Keynsham B 3½; Hanham C 4½ Sea Mills B 1½; Harambee A 5½ Sun Life B ½; Nailsea C 1½ Horfield D 4½; Hanham C 3 Sun Life B 3; Grendel C 5 Sea Mills B 1; Sun Life B 3 Downend C 3; University C 3½ Keynsham B 2½; Harambee A 2½ Hanham C 3½; Nailsea C ½ University C 5½; Downend C 4½ Grendel C 1½; Horfield D 5½ Sun Life B ½; Keynsham B 3 Harambee A 3; University C 4 Hanham C 2; Sea Mills B 1 Horfield D 5; University C 2 Harambee A 4; Keynsham B 3 Grendel C 3; Sun Life B 1 University C 5; Sea Mills B 1½ Downend C 4½.

Division 5: Cabot 3½ Hanham D 2½; Clevedon C 4½ B Royals 1½; Civil Service 1½ B Royals 4½; Grendel D 4 Thornbury C 2; S Bristol C 5 B Royals 1; Thornbury C 3 Cabot 3; Civil Service 3 Grendel D 3; Nailsea D 3 S Bristol C 3; Grendel D 5½ Cabot ½; Hanham D 3 Clevedon C 3; S Bristol C 2 Grendel D 4; Hanham D 2½ Cabot 3½; S Bristol C 3 Nailsea D 3; Grendel D 1½ S Bristol C 4½; Civil Service 3½ Hanham D 2½; Clevedon C 1½ Thornbury C 4½; Grendel D 3 Clevedon C 3; B Royals 5 Civil Service 1; Nailsea D 2½ B Royals 2½ (1A); S Bristol C 4 University D 2; Cabot 4½ Grendel D 1½; Civil Service 3½ Thornbury C 2½; University D 2½ Cabot 3½; Hanham D ½ Thornbury C 5½; Clevedon C 5½ Nailsea D ½; Grendel D 4 Nailsea D 2; S Bristol C 5½ Clevedon C ½; B Royals 2 University D 3 (1A); Civil Service 2 Cabot 3 (1A); University D 2 Civil Service 3 (1A); Thornbury C 6 Grendel D 0 *walkover*; Clevedon C 2½ Hanham D 2½ (1A).

Division 6: Keynsham C 2 Horfield E 4; Clifton E 3½ Keynsham C 2½; Grendel F 2½ Horfield E 3½; Horfield E 5 Downend D 1; Downend E 3 Keynsham C 3; Grendel F 2 Grendel E 4; Horfield E 5½ Grendel F ½; Clifton E 2½ Yate A 3½; Downend E 3 Downend D 3; Keynsham C 3 Grendel E 3; University E 2½ University G 3½; University G 6 Harambee B 0 *walkover*;

League Tables

includes all received and decided results up to 25/2/94

Division 1

	Pld	DP	Pts
Downend A	11	3	21
University A	13	3	20
Grendel A	12	-	15
Horfield A	13	6	15
Clifton B	9	-	14
Bath	12	-	12
Clifton A	9	1	7
South Bristol A	11	-	6
Sea Mills A	11	9	1
Sun Life A	12	5	1

Division 4

	Pld	DP	Pts
University C	14	2	22
Grendel C	13	4	21
Downend C	13	7	19
Horfield D	12	12	16
Hanham C	13	-	16
Harambee A	13	1	12
Keynsham B	12	-	9
Sun Life B	13	-	7
Nailsea C	12	-	4
Sea Mills B	13	-	1

Division 7

	Pld	DP	Pts
General Electric	4	1	8
Grendel G	6	8	6
Yate B	5	-	5
University H	5	1	3
Nailsea E	6	12	3

Division 2

	Pld	DP	Pts
Hanham A	13	-	20
Nailsea A	12	-	17
Thornbury A	13	-	17
Cossham A	12	-	13
South Bristol B	12	1	13
Horfield B	11	-	12
Grendel B	13	-	11
Clevedon A	13	3	9
Keynsham A	13	4	8
Downend B	12	-	4

Division 5

	Pld	DP	Pts
South Bristol C	13	-	22
Thornbury C	13	-	15
Grendel D	14	37	14
Nailsea D	12	-	11
Cabot	12	4	11
University D	10	-	10
Civil Service	12	1	10
Clevedon C	13	1	10
Bristol Royals	9	1	9
Hanham D	12	12	4

Division 3

	Pld	DP	Pts
University B	13	-	21
Cossham B	12	-	18
Horfield C	14	-	18
Nailsea B	13	1	16
Clifton C	11	-	12
Thornbury B	12	-	11
Cossham C	12	-	9
Hanham B	14	-	8
Clifton D	13	-	7
Clevedon B	12	8	6

Division 6

	Pld	DP	Pts
Grendel E	16	6	25
University E	16	1	24
University G	15	1	22
Horfield E	14	3	20
Downend D	16	3	17
University F	15	2	14
Yate A	17	-	14
Downend E	16	1	11
Keynsham C	16	2	11
Harambee B	12	26	8
Clifton E	13	9	8
Grendel F	14	-	4

DP = Default Penalty Points. One league point has been deducted for every ten DPs.

Results - continued

Downend D ½ Horfield E 5½; University E 2 University F 4; University F 1 Yate A 5; University G 3½ Keynsham C 2½; Grendel E 4½ University F 1½; Grendel F 1 Downend E 5; University E 3½ Keynsham C 2½; Downend D 4 University G 2; Harambee B 2½ Yate A 3½; Grendel E 6 Clifton E 0; Downend E 1 University E 4 (1A); Yate A 0 University G 6; Keynsham C 2 Downend D 4; Harambee B 2 Horfield E 4; Downend D 4½ Grendel F 1½; Yate A 3 Grendel E 3; Horfield E 2 University G 4; Harambee B 1 University E 5; University F 2 Downend E 4;

University G 2 Grendel F 3 (1A); Downend D 4½ Yate A 1½; University E 3½ Grendel E 2½; Keynsham C 4 University G 2.

Division 7: Yate B 2½ Nailsea E 1½; Nailsea E 3 Grendel G 1; Yate B 1 Nailsea E 3; General Elec 4 University H 0; Grendel G 2½ University H 1½; Yate B 1 General Elec 3; Grendel G 1½ General Elec 2½; Yate B 3½ University H ½; General Elec 3 Nailsea E 1; University H 2 Grendel G 2; Nailsea E 1 Grendel G 3.

Diary

Use this column to advertise your events. It's free, but please send your entries in plenty of time to the Editor.

Mar 4-6. EAST DEVON Congress. Contact: E.G.Sparke (0395) 442585.

Mar 13. BRISTOL JUNIORS v North Glos Juniors, Downend, see page 7.

Mar 19-20. 4 NATIONS CHESS LEAGUE. Liverpool.

Apr 1-4. WESTON-S-M. WECU Easter Congress. Richard Rendell (0793) 724039.

May 7-8. 4 NATIONS CHESS LEAGUE. Maidstone.

May 13-15. FROME Congress. Steve Boniface (0272) 515869.

May 25. LEAGUE AGM. Student's Union, Queen's Road.

Oct 15-16. 12th MARLWOOD Schools Tournament. David Goldring 0454 411392.

Can Anybody Help?

I live in the village of Bishop Sutton, which is in the Chew Valley, bordering Chew Valley Lake.

Unfortunately, there is no junior chess played in any of the primary schools in the area, which means it is quite difficult for my children to get the appropriate coaching and practice they need to fully enjoy the challenge of chess.

I am therefore looking for somebody who would be prepared to help me run a junior chess club (5-11 years) from my home on either a Tuesday or Thursday after school, i.e. 3:30-4:45 approximately. There may be the possibility of a small remuneration for a suitable "teacher".

If you think you can help in any way, please contact me:

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Bristol improves its scores but not its league position

BRISTOL SCORED much better in the latest 4 Nations Chess League weekend, and their reward was to sink to the foot of the table. Playing at 'home' in Cheltenham (with welcome sponsorship from Eagle Star), Bristol took a point in their first match when they drew 4-4 with the bottom club, Slough. In the next match, Bristol had to play the league leaders. Barbican were out for revenge after losing 4½-3½ to Bristol in the League's opening match. This time it went the other way, Bristol losing by the same score. Slough took the chance to score their first win and leap frog over Bristol.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Barbican	6	5	0	1	30½	17½	10
Invicta Knights	6	4	1	1	28	20	9
Northwest Eagles	6	2	1	3	25½	22½	5
Covent Garden	6	2	1	3	20½	27½	5
Slough	6	1	2	3	21	27	4
Bristol	6	1	1	4	18½	29½	3

Cup Draws

KO Semi-finals

Grendel v Clifton or Bath
Nailsea or Downend v University
or Horfield

Minor KO Semi-finals

Keynsham v Clevedon
(2nd March)
Thornbury v Cossham
(4th March)

Problem - Solutions

A. 1...♖b2 2.♞e2 ♜xh5 3.♞xe5 ♜xh6
4.♞e3 ♜g7 5.♞h3+ mate

B. 1...♖a7 2.♞b2 ♜xf5 3.♞xb7 ♜f6
4.♞b3 ♜e7 5.♞f3+ mate