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Next issue: 7th November, will be our 100th! The champagne is on ice.

Please send in articles, news, etc. for the next issue by 18th October.

EDITORIAL

Chess in the year 2000?

This issue I want to pose a question. Are there too many clubs in Bristol? We have 15 clubs in the city, averaging perhaps 25 members each. Some have fewer than ten players. Compare with the story told by Steve Boniface about the player from Sevastopol at the Paignton Congress who was astounded to find there were 20 clubs in the Bristol & District League. "But that's incredible - in Sevastopol, we have only one club," "Really, how many members?" "Ten thousand!"

In the August CHESS magazine, Chris Dunworth suggests that British clubs are too small, and will need to grow to get economies of scale. And he may well have a point. Compare what chess clubs have got compared with bridge clubs. Bristol has a bridge club that is open seven days a week! And when it comes to golf clubs, there is absolutely no comparison. Imagine if all the clubs in Bristol were to combine, and we charged a £50 annual subscription (not much more than many pay already, but a lot more than most pay). A back-of-the-envelope calculation suggests we should then have sufficient income to afford our own venue which could be open every day. I can imagine players throwing up their hands in horror at the idea of £50, but it is only a quid a week and think of what we could get for it. It's not a new idea; the September CHESS has an article about the National Chess Centre in London that opened in 1939. The subscription was the equivalent of £70 at today's prices, but it was open six days a week and had a resident professional who gave tuition.

I'm sure many of you would bemoan the loss of the old clubs, but there is no reason why the new 'super' club should not allow groups of players to form 'teams' to play in a league. The 'super' club would also be in an excellent position to enter the National League and try and win it.

There's my view of what Bristol chess could be like in the 21st century. Write and let me know what you think.

Lost one British Champion, but gained two!

Michael Hennigan failed to retain his title, but Bristol obtained two new British title holders. Congratulations to Peter Chaplin who won the British under-16 and Simon Buckley who won the British under-9 in Norwich last month. Congratulations also to all those who have been working to encourage junior chess in the area and are now starting to see their magnificent efforts rewarded.

John Richards

Fantasy League is ready to roll

John Richards

You've thrilled to Fantasy Football and Fantasy Cricket. Now the Bristol & District League brings you the world's first ever Fantasy Chess competition. And you can help support local chess at the same time as having fun. Here is the Chess Times guide to what it's all about.

What is Fantasy Chess?

Well, in case you've been out of the country for the last couple of years, it's not the sort where you open 1.a3 and follow it with 2.h3. In Fantasy Chess, you act as the manager of your own chess team, select the players, arrange transfers, and follow your team's fortunes throughout the season.

How does it work?

You select your own team of six players from the list of people registered to play in Division One of the Bristol & District League, choose a suitable name for your team, and send in your entry. When any of your players scores in a real league match, your fantasy team also scores points. At the end of the season, the manager of the fantasy team with the most points becomes the Fantasy League Champion.

Who can I select?

Anyone on the list, but no more than one player from any one team. The total ratings of your six players must add up to less than a set limit, so you can't have a team of all-stars. If you are on the list, you must choose yourself.

How does the scoring work?

If one of your players wins with Black, your team scores 10 points. A White win is worth 9; a draw with Black is 5; a draw with White 4, and so on. Full details of scoring will be on the entry form.

What happens if one of my players doesn't play?

Tough. You don't score any points for that player. However, you will have a chance to transfer up to two players halfway through the season.

What does it cost?

The entry fee is £5 per team. You can have as many teams as you like. Or if a fiver is too much, you can form a syndicate with friends to split the costs.

What's the prize?

A minimum of £50 to the winner. Other prizes will depend on the number of entries.

Where do the proceeds go?

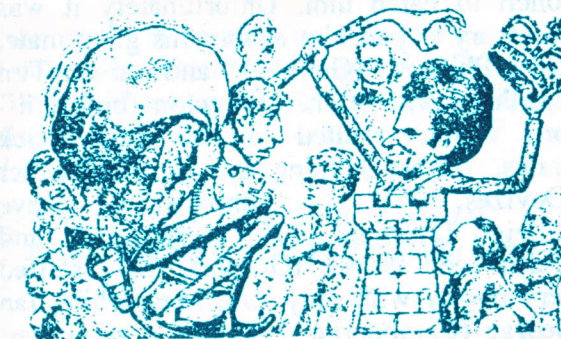
Money left over will go to the Bristol Chess Educational Trust, for the promotion of chess in the area. Likely beneficiaries include the new Bristol & District team in the National League and junior chess.

How do I find out how my team is doing?

The *Bristol Chess Times* will carry the league table and players' scores. There will also be news sheets sent to all clubs.

So when can I enter?

Entry forms will be with club secretaries towards the last week of September. If you are not a member of a league club, send an s.a.e. to me (address on page 2) before September 30th, marking it 'Fantasy League'.



Conquest's clean sweep at Weston

Richard Rendell

THE 49th WECU Easter Congress took place this year at the Rozel Hotel in Weston-Super-Mare, from Friday 1st to Monday 4th April.

Conquest makes a shaky start

In the Open, Stuart Conquest (Sea Mills, Bristol, grade 238) received a real shock in round 1 when Eddie Lea (Swindon, 180) sacrificed a piece to keep his king in the centre. At one stage Conquest (playing Black) had his king on f6 and it was surrounded by most of Lea's pieces. Somehow Conquest hung on and the game ended when he managed to trap Lea's queen. Thereafter he had little trouble, beating Jack Rudd, Tyson Mordue and Wall (Richmond, 218) in 19, 16 and 16 moves in the next three rounds. He then beat Chris Beaumont, Tim Headlong and Zeidler to finish with 7/7 and take the £200 first prize, the WECU Championship trophy and 28 Leigh Grand Prix points. As he is a GM, he didn't need the paid British Championship entry!

Behind him, it was very tight. Wall started with 3/3 until his loss in round 4 to Conquest, which allowed the rest of the bunch to catch him. Unfortunately it was necessary to pair him against his great mate, Roy Phillips (Grendel) and also Tim Headlong with Richard Haydon (both Clifton) which resulted in two very quick draws, further helping the others. Zeidler (Devizes, 201) was surprised by Steve Dilleigh (Horfield, 174) in round 1, and fourth seed Noyce (Gosport, 201) started very poorly with only 1/4. Meanwhile, Ian George (Cambourne, 172) had a good start with 2 1/2/3, having beaten Noyce and Phillips.

After six rounds Conquest was 1 1/2 points clear of the field with Beaumont, Mordue and Wall in joint second place on 4 1/2. Unfortunately Conquest had already played all three and therefore played Zeidler (on 4) in the last round. A relatively quick draw between Wall and Mordue left Beaumont needing to beat Dave Osborne (Grendel) for sole second place plus the British Championship spot. However, Osborne proved to be a very difficult obstacle and after the scramble to reach the time control emerged a piece up. Thus Beaumont's defeat enabled Osborne and Phillips (who beat Taylor) to move into joint second with Wall and Mordue on 5/7. Wall not being eligible, Mordue won the British Championship place on 'sum-of-opponents-scores'.

Borkowski shares first in Major

The Major provided a much closer competition. Top seed Fenella Cohen (Salisbury) had a poor start - 1/3 - which left her with too much to do to catch up. Second seed Andrew Borkowski (Clevedon) started strongly with 3/3. However, draws against Boomsma (Palace), Dobber (Wellington) and Barlow (Norton Radstock) in the next three rounds enabled Dobber to go into the last round half a point ahead of these three players. Ivor Annetts (Tiverton) had always been close but a loss to Dobber and a draw with Boomsma left him with three others on four points. Dobber seemed to be getting the better of Barlow but as the time control approached he let things slip, although it was still even. With his flag tottering, he spent thirty seconds on his last move and the force with which he hit the clock caused his flag to fall. Unfortunately for him, the Controller was watching and, although his opponent Barlow didn't spot it, the game was rightly awarded to Barlow. This resulted in Boomsma and Borkowski being able to catch Barlow on 5 1/2 by beating

Hall-Roberts (Grendel) and Annetts respectively. The Challengers Trophy was awarded to the three players.

A Controller's Nightmare

The Minor had a record entry of 55 which always meant it would be very tight. Concern was expressed by several of the players regarding the strength of two ungraded players: S Ansell (Bristol University) and M Croasdale (Swindon Dragons). However, after discussion with players who knew both (indeed I personally know Croasdale), I decided to accept their entries. It was therefore rather embarrassing for me when they came equal first on 6/7!! Behind them came our WECU President, Ian Biddick, on 5 1/2 points, followed by five players on 5/7 for 4th equal. It is sad to report that Les Wade (Paignton) had entered this section but died two weeks before the Congress. Les Wade had entered the WECU Congress for many, many years and will be sorely missed. It was nice, however, to see Pat Short attending, despite the recent loss of his great friend.

Yet again, there were insufficient entries for there to be a Ladies Championship. It was pleasing that we attracted five lady players, although two came from outside the West of England. It was decided that the fairest way was to award the trophy to the lady with the best score. This was won for the first time by Paula Le Gallez of Exeter with 5/7 in the Minor, with Doreen Helbig (Keynsham) and Fenella Cohen (Salisbury) close by on 4 1/2 points in the Minor and Major respectively.

Administrivia

Because of the problems experienced last year, with low entries in the Open (20) and Challengers (16) and the time constraints imposed by the Hotel, the number of sections was reduced from four to three, changing the names to Open, Major (160 and below) and Minor (125 and below). The time constraints also meant that last year's rate of play (40 moves in 105 minutes plus 45 minutes) was not possible. However, by reducing it to 40 in 100 minutes, plus 30 minutes with no adjournment sessions, the number of rounds could be increased from six to seven in all sections - two each on

the first three days and one on the last (the increase to seven rounds meant that it would be practically impossible to provide a sensible last round draw for just 16 or 20 players). The reduction in the number of sections meant that the cost of entry for each section could be reduced by £2 compared with last year, and with the increase in the number of games it was felt that the players were certainly getting value for money - although it left the Organisers open to criticism from the purists that there were no adjournments (a fair criticism). Prize money was kept the same as last year.

These changes were rewarded by an increase in the number of entries to 122. Of these around 20 were juniors and the number of players in each section was: Open 34, Major 33 and Minor 55.

It was very pleasing to the Organisers to obtain more than 100 players for the first time for many years, a 42% increase on last year's entry; to obtain so many juniors - something this Congress has lacked for many years; for the Congress to actually make a profit; to attract no less than 20 ungraded players; and, finally, to attract a Grandmaster - Stuart Conquest.

Results

Open: 1 Stuart Conquest *Sea Mills* 7/7; 2= Tyson Mordue *Downend*, Dave Osborne *Grendel*, Roy Phillips *Grendel*, G Wall *Richmond* 5.

Major: 1= Andrew Borkowski *Clevedon*, R J Barlow *Norton Radstock*, B H Boomsma *Paignton Palace* 5 1/2; 4= Andy Nicholls *Grendel*, P Dobber *Wellington* 5.

Minor: 1= S Ansell *Bristol University*, M Croasdale *Swindon Dragons* 6/7; 3 Ian Biddick *Hanham* 5 1/2; 4= K Day *Grendel*, G Berryman *Frome*, K Jones *Nailsea*, P Short *Teignmouth* 5.

Grading: Guy Greenland *Grendel*, D E Buckley *Keynsham*, A Wiggins *Birmingham* 4 1/2.

Games from the WECU at Weston.

Notes by Richard Rendell.

Chris Beaumont - Dave Osborne
WECU Championship (7) 1994

1.♖f3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♗c3 dxc4
5.a4 ♕g4 6.♗e5

6.e3 e5 7.dxe5 ♗xd1+ 8.♗xd1 ♖b4+
9.♖d2 ♗d5 10.♖xc4 ♖xf3 11.gxf3
♖xd2+ 12.♗xd2 leaves White with an
extra pawn but a very messy position.

6...♖h5 7.h3

7.♗xc4 e6 8.♗b3 b6 9.e3 c5 gives White
a much better position but Black has almost
equalised. The text move keeps the position
unclear.

7...♗a6

Another strange move. The aim of both
players must be to keep it unclear!

8.g4 ♖g6 9.♖g2 ♗b4 10.0-0 ♖c2 11.♗d2
♖b3

The purpose of ♗a6!

12.a5

12.e3 seems more normal.

12...e6 13.a6 ♗c7 14.axb7 ♗xb7 15.♗a4?

A bad move, which Black quickly refutes.

15...♖d8

Beaumont thought for 44 minutes over the
next move, then played...

16.♗c3

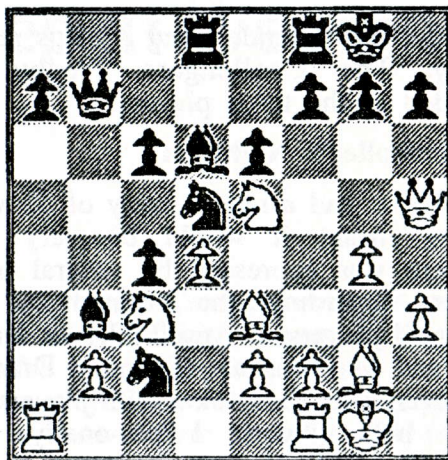
16.e3 ♗a6 leaves the knight on a4 rather
embarrassed.

16...♖d6 17.♗g5 0-0 18.♖e3

18.e4? ♗c2

18.♖f4 h6 19.♗h4 ♗bd5 leaves White
with big problems.

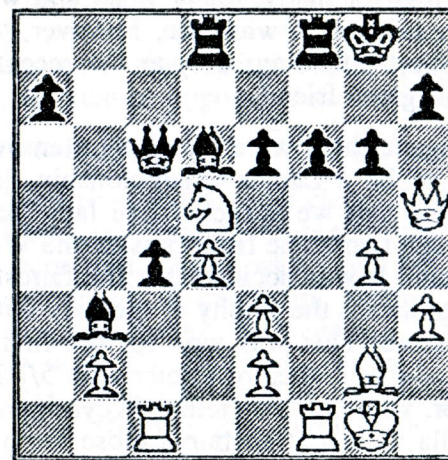
18...♗fd5 19.♗h5 ♗c2



20.♖ac1

20.♖g5 ♖de8 21.♖ad1 ♗xd4 22.♗xf7
♗xe2+ 23.♗xe2 ♗xf7 leaves White two
pawns adrift.

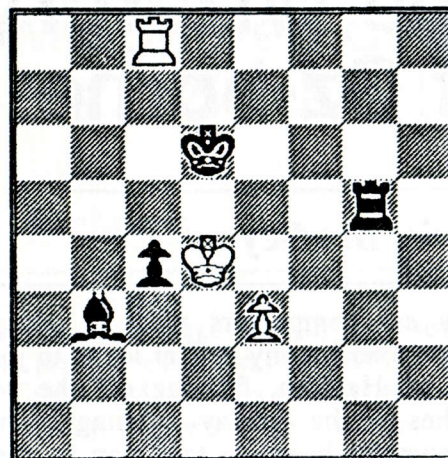
20...♗cxe3 21.fxe3 f6 22.♗xc6 ♗xc6
23.♗xd5 g6



24.♗f4?!

24.♗xf6+ ♖xf6 25.♖xf6 ♗xg2+ 26.♗xg2
gxh5 27.gxh5 leaves Beaumont with a rook
and 2 pawns for the 2 bishops, which is
difficult but playable. However, Beaumont
had just 10 minutes left for his next 17
moves and had to make a quick decision.
He chose the wrong option.

24...♖xf4 25.♖xf4 ♗xg2+ 26.♗xg2 gxh5
27.♖a1 e5 28.dxe5 fxe5 29.♖xf8+ ♗xf8
30.♖xa7 hxg4 31.hxg4 ♖d2 32.♖xh7
♖xb2 33.♖c7 e4 34.♗g3 ♖xe2 35.♗f4
♖g2 36.g5 ♗e8 37.♖c5 ♗e7 38.♗xe4
♗d6 39.♖c8 ♖xg5 40.♗d4



Time control reached, but... 40...♖d5+
41.♗e4 ♖c5 0-1.

S Zeidler - Stuart Conquest
WECU Championship (7) 1994

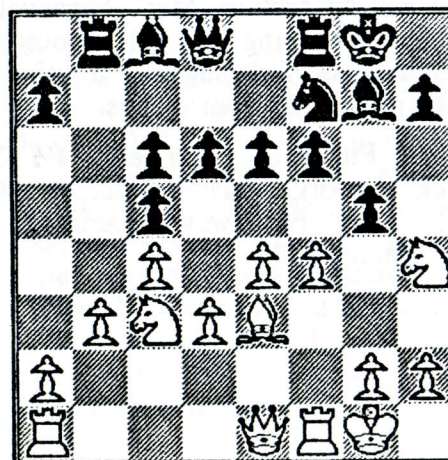
1.e4 c5 2.f4 ♗c6 3.♗f3 g6 4.♖b5 ♖g7
5.0-0 d6 6.♖xc6+ bxc6 7.c4 ♗h6 8.♗c3
0-0

Position well balanced. With White's advan-
ced pawns in the centre, he keeps his
opponent bottled up, while he begins his
attack down the kingside. Black's accel-
erated Dragon gives him control over the dark
central squares, plus the chance to attack
down the queenside.

9.♗e1 f6

A strange move reinforcing the possibility
of e5 and providing a square for the knight.
Black is also confident that he has control
over the light squares and does not have to
worry about the hole at e6.

10.d3 ♗f7 11.♗h4 e6 12.♖e3 ♖b8 13.b3
g5



A very provocative move! Black has such
confidence, he is very happy to open the
g-file.

14.♗f3 gxf4 15.♖xf4 ♖b7

The purpose of this move is not to double
up on the d-file, but actually on the g-file.
In the meantime, the rook defends the
knight on f7.

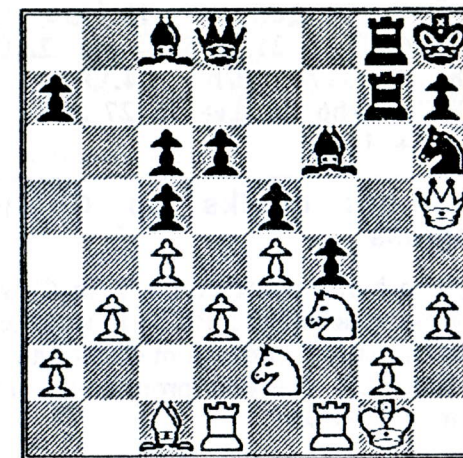
16.♖d1 ♗h8 17.♗h4 ♖g8 18.♗h5 f5 at
last! 19.♗e2 e5 The advance is on, but...
20.♗g5 ...so is White's.

20...♗h6 21.♖c1 f4 22.h3 ♖f6 23.♗f3

23.♗xh6 ♖xg5 24.♗h5 is not very favour-
able for White.

23...♖bg7!

The objective of most of Black's recent
moves.



24.♗xh6?

24.♖f2 ♗f7 25.♖b2 ♗g5 26.♗xg5 ♖xg5
27.♗f3 ♖g3 28.♗xg3 ♖xg3 29.♗h5
♖xh3 30.♖dd2 ♗e7 31.♗d1 ♗g7 32.♗f1
♗h6 and White is struggling for a draw,
despite his material advantage.

24...♖xg2+ 25.♗h1 ♖xe2 26.♖g1 ♖e6
27.♖xg8+ ♖xg8 28.♖g1 ♗e7 29.♖d2
♖f2 30.♗h5 ♖f7 31.♗g4 ♖e6 32.♗h5
♗f7 0-1.

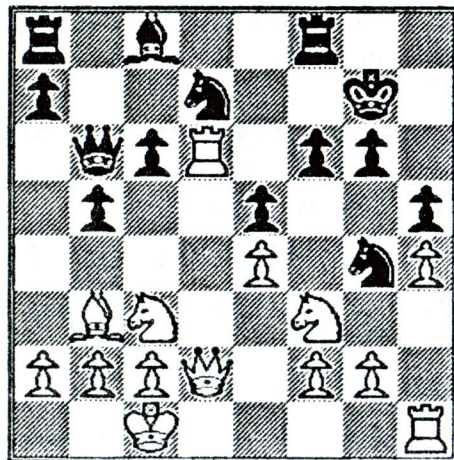
R Hutchings - EG Lea
WECU Championship (7) 1994

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗c3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.♖g5 ♖g7
5.♗d2 ♗bd7 6.♗f3 0-0 7.♖h6 c6 8.h4 e5
9.0-0-0 ♖xh6 10.♗xh6 ♗g4 11.♗d2 h5
12.dxe5 dxe5 13.♖c4 b5 14.♖b3 ♗b6

15. ♖g5 ♜g7 16. ♞d6 f6

16... ♖xf2 17. ♞xf7 ♜xf7 18. ♖xg6+
(18. ♞xg6) ♜e7 19. ♞xc6 ♖xg2 20. ♞d5+
♜d8 seems to hold for Black.

17. ♖d2



17... ♞c5 18. ♞d5 b4 19. ♞a4 ♞xa4
20. ♞xc6 ♞d8 21. ♖d5 ♞xd6 22. ♖xd6
♞b8 23. ♖e7+ ♜h6 24. ♖f8+ ♜h7
25. ♖f7+ ♜h6 26. ♞e8 f5 27. ♖f8+ ♜h7
28. ♞g5+ 1-0.

Beaumont chalks up Cotswold Congress

Only the bare results of the 27th Cotswold Congress reached the BCT. It was held at Stroud Leisure Centre from 28th-30th May. The Buckleys finished prominently in the Major and Minor.

Open: 1 Chris Beaumont *Clifton* 5; 2= G Lawson *Birmingham*, D Mason *Solihull* 4½; Grading: E White *Cheltenham* 3½ (31 entrants).

Premier (U-161): 1 K Green *Aberdare* 5; 2 M Harris *Newcastle under Lyme* 4½; 3= N Beveridge *Hereford*, I Clarke *Malvern* 4; Grading S Bartlett *Paignton* 4 (21 entrants).

Major (U-131): 1= D E Buckley *Keynsham*, S K Dean *Colyton* 5; 3= I Ponter *Gloucester*, Bob Radford *South Bristol* 4½; Grading: I Blencowe *Gloucester* 4.

Minor (U-101): 1= S A F Buckley *Keynsham*, R Pomphrey *Bristol* 5; 3= M Buckley *Keynsham*, John Ridsden *South Bristol*, C Mommiott *Swindon* 4½ (39 entrants).

The Wizardry of Oz-borne

Chris Bradley

Sixty six competitors made it along the yellow road (on my A-Z at least) to join the Folk of Hanham, fighting off the wicked witches of the Sunday morning lie-in and hot summer blues, to take part in the first Hanham Summer Quick-play. The entries were divided into two equally sized sections split at grade 120.

After four rounds in the first section, top seed Chris Beaumont looked poised for a straight sets victory, beating Jack Rudd and Derek Pugh in the third and fourth rounds. Chris's opponent in the final round was Dave Osborne, who had dropped just half a point to Tyson Mordue in Round 3. The encounter saw Dave take an early positional advantage which he turned into a clear material one - and then never let go. Meanwhile a few boards down, Devon Thomas recovered from his first round defeat by Tyson with four straight wins, leapfrogging Tyson and finishing equal second with Beaumont and Rudd.

1 Dave Osborne (Grendel) 4½ 2= Chris Beaumont (Clifton/Hanham), Jack Rudd (South Bristol), Devon Thomas (Harambee), B Boomsma (Paignton) 4. Under 150: Devon Thomas Under 130: Graham Iwi (University of Bristol).

In the second section, Mark Furnevall led throughout, dropping only half a point in the final round and finishing half a point clear of five players on four points.

1 Mark Furnevall (Horfield) 4½ 2= N Derrick (Cabot), Melanie Buckley (Keynsham), Tony Broadway (Hanham), Roy Gage (Hanham) 4.

AGM agitated over BCF's £45 advert

John Richards

The League saw huge growth last season with the number of players up 20% to 638, Chris Carter (Match Secretary) told the AGM in May. There are now 67 teams in seven divisions. The bad news was that defaults were also on the increase, and so were adjudications despite the introduction of optional quickplay finishes. Chris estimated that only a third of matches were employing the new finish. Despite earlier dire predictions of what could happen, there had not been a single quickplay dispute referred to the League Management Committee.

It had been a successful year too for junior chess, according to Junior Organiser Jerry Humphreys. Marlwood School had had an outstanding year in the Junior League which is now at a much better venue - Clifton College. There are 55 Bristol juniors on the grading list.

Openings Moves now has 133 juniors. Normally, between 40 and 60 attend on a Sunday afternoon. League clubs need to be prepared for a wave of eager juniors in a couple of years time.

Two retiring officers, Alan Williams (General Secretary) and Mike Wood (Chairman) were elected Life Vice-Presidents for their services to the League; the first for many years to receive the League's highest honour. David Collier (Clifton) moves from Treasurer to General Secretary; Mike Brighden (Downend) becomes Chairman, and Martyn Sellars (Horfield) is the new Treasurer. Devon Thomas (Harambee) is the new President and Gerald Mobbs (Sun Life) adopts the role of Vice-President. Terry Marke stepped down as Recruitment and Publicity Officer, handing the job to his Cossham colleague, Steve Roberts. All other posts remained unchanged.

Votes of money to the Bristol Chess Educational Trust, Friends of Chess, and Friends of Womens Chess went by without any of the usual dissent.

But then out of the blue, people started getting hot under the collar over the advert in the BCF Yearbook. This advert costs the League about £45 and lists all the League's officers. The LMC argued that it was a valuable thing to do, as it helped people find out who to contact if, for example, someone was moving to the area and wanted to find a club. Opponents said we were already paying the BCF a large sum of money, the Game Fee, and so we ought not to have to pay for the advert. An amendment was passed obliging the General Secretary to write to the BCF expressing the AGM's opinion that another way of funding the Yearbook should be found.

Members had had a chance to show they were not going to be pushed around by the LMC, but now surely peace would return as the next item was the motion to leave the league registration fees unchanged. But then Chris Carter surprised everyone by proposing an amendment that the League fees should be increased from £14 to £38! He argued that the League is run on a shoestring - with the extra money, many additional events could be organised. Doubtless, Chris was also making people think about all the money that would be going to the BCF for Game Fee. There was some sympathy for the idea, but members were not prepared to make such a drastic change - only seven voted for it.

The next motion was bound to get a rocky ride after what had gone before. The LMC were proposing that our trial membership of the Game Fee scheme for its pilot year should now be made permanent. The Game Fee opponents decided against a head-on attack and proposed an amendment that we renew membership for another year. A clever strategem - if successful, there would have to be a two-thirds majority each year to keep the League in the Game Fee scheme, whereas if the LMC got its way a two thirds majority would be needed to get out of the scheme. Perhaps the meeting was getting tired, for the amendment fell and the

Game Fee was enshrined in the rules.

There followed a series of motions connected with the increase of fines and the major overhaul of the League's rules. The meeting agreed there ought to be a quorum - despite having survived over 80 years without one - and set it at twenty (a decision that would have repercussions at the EGM a month later).

Late news: the BCF has reduced the price of the notorious advert to £18.

Richard T Biskit is back with his own view of the AGM

Brothers, I have returned. Despite the savage attempts of the LMC to bar me from the AGM, I fooled them by cunningly entering via a side door. You should have seen the Bosses' faces drop when they spotted me sitting behind Brother Will. They realised their hopes of pushing through another series of repressive motions were in trouble.

But we bided our time and waited for the right moment to strike. Years of oppression has left the rank and file exhausted and afraid of struggle. They have swallowed the Bosses' propaganda for so long that some actually believe they should hand over what little money they have left to David 'Moneybags' Collier - the BCF's hatchet man. So careful planning was the order of the day. We had studied the LMC's rigged agenda and had spotted a weakness - an area that they would be caught off their guard because they would not be expecting any opposition. With luck, some of the Bosses would have disappeared for their usual large brandies in the bar, content that nothing of importance would take place in their absence. And then we would strike without warning; a couple of stirring speeches to get the rank and file to the barricades, a rapid amendment, a vote and - Victory! We would sweep the rest of the meeting in a wave of revolutionary fervour!

Of course, it was necessary to lull the enemy into a false sense of security by keeping quiet on some issues we would normally have opposed. So the reactionary

donations to "charities", the so-called Friends of Chess and Friends of Women's Chess, were allowed to pass by - much as it hurt to do so. Brother Will, especially, looked to be suffering terribly as the votes were taken. But our target was next, the issue that would light the fuse, the Bastille that we would storm, our Winter Palace for the taking, and Brother Will would not have to suffer long. For we were now to discuss the advert in the BCF Year Book.

Year after year, the Bosses had managed to get away with spending our money on this political donation to the BCF, just so they could see their names in print. "The BCF already bleeds us dry.", we cried, "Why should they take another 45 quid? You say it is only seven pence per player, but some of our members are already having to deprive their children of food to pay the Game Fee!"

The Bosses' faces were wonderful to behold. They showed terror and panic as they realised how they had been ambushed. Vainly, they wriggled and came out with their pathetic excuses: that if the adverts were free, the BCF would have to increase the Game Fee; that if their names were not published they would not get invited to lavish BCF dinner parties. Still, some comrades were starting to waver. Luckily we had another card up our sleeves.

"Comrades, what the bosses are not telling us is that the multinational capitalist chess book publisher, Batsford, is involved in the BCF's nasty little scheme. Not content with forcing us to buy books by Keene, Batsford now say they will 'sponsor' the BCF Yearbook. Sponsor? Cream off the millions in profits, more like. Why should we help them to get even richer?"

Cheers greeted my speech, and I knew we had won. Surely, now, we would fling out the rest of the LMC's motions, elect a new committee and commence to build the new order. Even now, I find it difficult to believe it all went wrong, but go wrong it did. Lack of revolutionary discipline was the cause. We were so elated by our success, so busy congratulating each other, that when the Bosses suggested an interval to go to the

bar, we fell for it.

Of course, by the time we got back it was too late. The Bosses had stormed through the rest of the agenda, reelected themselves (unopposed of course) and voted themselves bigger salaries. They had even forced us into the Game Fee scheme!

Brothers, we must learn lessons for the future. The enemy is organised and ruthless, and we must be too. The next AGM is only nine months away - we must prepare now!

Consolation for Clifton

In the much-delayed KO Cup Final, Clifton made up for some of their disappointment in not winning the League by beating the University 5-3.

The draw for this season's Cup has not been kind to the little clubs. However, at least one non-first division side will make the third round:

Round One

Clevedon	v	Bath
Cossham	v	Hanham
Yate & Sodbury	v	South Bristol
Nailsea	v	Grendel

Round Two

University	v	Sea Mills
Thornbury	v	Downend
Cabot	v	Horfield
Nailsea or Grendel	v	Sun Life
Harambee	v	Cossham/Hanham
Civil Service	v	Royals
Keynsham	v	Yate / Sth Bristol
Clevedon / Bath	v	Clifton

In the **Minor KO**, Cossham, the current holders, find themselves excluded as they are no longer one of the eight minor clubs, as defined by the rules. Sea Mills and General Electric decided not to enter. Thornbury, Clevedon and Keynsham look certain for the semi-finals, but Harambee and Cabot should be a closer match.

Minor KO Round One

Thornbury	v	Yate
Royals	v	Clevedon
Civil Service	v	Keynsham
Harambee	v	Cabot

New look for Individual KO

This year's Individual KO is getting a face-lift. The LMC's July meeting decided to adopt a quickplay format. Each round will consist of two 30 minute games. If the scores are level, there will be two 10 minute games. If still tied, there will be a sudden death game with the home player having White and six minutes on the clock and the away player having five minutes. In the event of a draw, Black will go through to the next round.

The LMC hopes that the new format will avoid long drawn out rounds and encourage more players to enter.

Cossham wins Minor KO

Cossham beat Keynsham to take the Praxis Minor Clubs KO trophy. Cossham's strength in depth won the day.

Cossham	Keynsham
M Hancock (B)	0-1 J K Fawcett
M Gingell	½-½ D Woodruff
R Garrett	0-1 J Hendy
J Baker	1-0 J Kilminster
A Smith	adj L Wilmshurst
Shane Roberts	1-0 B Rexworthy
P Johnson	1-0 D Helbig
Steve Roberts	1-0 S Helbig
	4½-2½

Wide open spaces at EGM

The League's EGM on 27th June to vote on the new Constitution and Rules almost failed to take place because of lack of numbers. The AGM had imposed a quorum of twenty and this was achieved one hour after the scheduled start, just as everyone was getting ready to leave. The new rules were adopted with the necessary two-thirds majority after a couple of minor amendments.

Frank Palm's LETTER FROM HANNOVER

Value and variety of team events in Germany

Everywhere in the world, sportsmen are excited by team events. It's a bit of the old us versus them game, dominating human society from paleolithic times on. But when comparing league matches and their meaning for players in Bristol and in Hannover, to me there seem to be some interesting differences, in the minds of the players as well as in methods and structures.

To understand organised sports' life in Germany, it's necessary to know a bit about the federal system there. Introduced by the victorious Western allies in their occupation zones after 1945, it became accepted rather quickly by most Germans. Nowadays the States (called "Bundesländer") have not just their own parliaments and governments. The political parties, unions, cultural and social organisations and, last but not least, the sport federations have also adopted the federal system and are thus sub-divided into rather independent district, borough, and local organisations. Chess is no exception; the various sub-federations of the Deutscher Schachbund (German Chess Federation) are allowed to define their own competition rules for their respective regions. Only two rules are valid everywhere in Germany:

1) adjournments are abolished for one or two years. League matches have to be finished as quick-play according to the FIDE rapid (or rabbit?) chess rules.

2) no player may change his club, or play for more than one club in Germany, during the season; this is controlled with special players' identity cards for which the clubs have to apply by June 30; the season starts three months later.

But the details, especially at which stage the games switch from normal to quick-play,

vary a lot. The Bundesliga, the second Bundesligas, and most of the regional third divisions play 40 moves in 2 hours, the next 20 moves in 1 hour, and the rest of the game (quick-play) in one hour. So all is over at the latest in eight hours. In some states, e.g. Schleswig-Holstein, Hamburg, Lower-Saxony, Bremen, Berlin, this time limit is taken down to the lowest division. But others, sometimes only some districts in a state, play 40 in 2 or 50 in 2½ hours, and the rest in 30 minutes; and in Southern Germany 40 in 2 hours, plus one hour for the rest, seems to be widespread.

Even more varied are the dates and the preferred week-days from the third division downwards. Only the first and second division have the same dates nationwide. The Bundesliga is played over seven week-ends (14 rounds) from October to May, and a single round on the first or second Sunday in January. Saturday play is from 2pm to 10pm, Sundays from 9am to 5pm (a nice model for Britain - finished by tea-time?!).

The four 2nd Bundesligas play nine rounds on the Sunday dates of the Bundesliga, plus one Sunday in June, but beginning at 10am. A few state federations, e.g. Lower-Saxony and Bremen, play on the same dates down to the bottom divisions. Others prefer other Sundays, some in the morning, some (like Saarland) in the afternoon. In North-Rhine Westphalia and in some districts of Baden-Württemberg, the regional team events take place on Saturday afternoons. And in Bavaria and in Hamburg, the lower leagues play during the week on club evenings, just like the Bristol League!

League matches are played over eight boards - pragmatic advantage: you need two cars for six as well as eight players. There are a few exceptions in the bottom divisions of some districts, where they play over four or six boards because of a lack of players. Smoking at the board has been banned at most league matches for some years now.

Unlike in Britain, the German chess leagues are a nationwide system of *club* teams, vertically and horizontally complete, looking a bit like a pyramid or genealogical tree. At the bottom of the pyramid, there are varying

numbers of parallel divisions with six to ten teams each, playing in a certain region only. These regions, called "Kreise" or "Bezirke", are normally as large as one or two British counties. In the middle of the pyramid, the area covered by the leagues is about a half or quarter of a state, e.g. Northern or Southern Lower-Saxony. The four 2nd Bundesligas each cover a quarter of the whole republic, and the Bundesliga is nationwide. Vertically, in most parts of Germany, the league pyramid has eight to ten levels.

Beyond the "normal" team events, there are also regular team championships in quick-play and blitz. Moreover, the juniors have their own league pyramid. By the way, in Germany, junior chess isn't run by the schools (which have their own contests) but by the clubs or, rather, their youth groups. From my point of view, this has the advantage that all adolescents, not just young students, are allowed to join the various youth contests.

That's all for the rules and structures; now some words about the status and rank of league matches in the minds of German chess players. Modern societies have become more and more individualistic; clans and families have lost much of their power and attraction. Nevertheless, man remains a social being, and many find substitution for the family in joining political parties, social organisations, or sports clubs. Comparisons are always odd, a saying goes - anyway, imagine chess as your country, the club as your neighbourhood, and your team as your family.

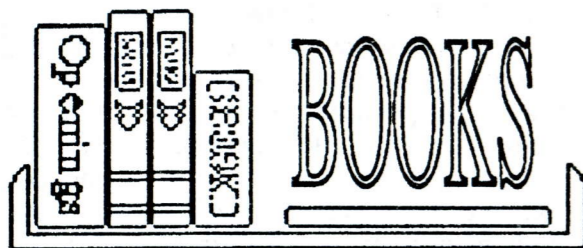
For English chess this may seem a bit exaggerated as many, especially the stronger players, prefer individual contests and club life has no great value for them. In Germany, however, the league system and its matches have to be understood as the central idea, that is to say the social and psychological back-bone, of organised chess. Although players, especially the younger ones, usually take part in two to four individual tournaments annually, the regular leagues, with their continuous fight for promotion and against relegation, are generally regarded as the most important of

all - for many, the very purpose of sport life. As far as I know, even each of the German GMs has "his" club, mostly in the Bundesliga naturally. Whereas the stronger players, especially the younger and more ambitious, usually choose their clubs according to the offered division and board number, the average chess addict joins a club mainly because of its socio-psychological significance. In times of increasing social and economic instability, chess clubs offer social integration in an intact mini-society, and the player's team and board number is his accurately defined and safe place in it.

As most of the divisions play at week-ends, the players prefer chess to being with their families; and children, wives or girl-friends (95% of the players are male) have to accept being second choice temporarily. You can imagine that self-esteem can depend partly, sometimes mainly, on keeping one's place in the club hierarchy. I know a lot of cases where players have reacted irrationally when asked to play in a lower team next season, because of reinforcements from outside. Often, the affected players exact a kind of personal revenge by moving to the local rival, but a few fall into a kind of panic. For them, a lower team is identical to a loss of personal status they can hardly bear; they write to their club chairman, or even the whole committee, complaining bitterly about the injustice and ignorance of the malicious tournament director.

What a horrific situation, you may think. But calm down. For most of the participants, the chess league pyramid is a captivating own world, often more exciting than family and job together. And, perhaps, the temporary escape to the world of Chess is not just a German phenomenon?!

In May, the Bundesliga season finished. I think you may enjoy a report about the English in the Bundesliga - statistics, trends and games; probably in the next BCT.



THE SMITH-MORRA GAMBIT

Graham Burgess

Batsford, 192pp, £12.99.

Firstly, I would like to reassure older readers, long familiar with an opening called the Morra Gambit, that the Smith-Morra is the same thing, and not some strange hybrid. This double-barreling is not explained, not necessary, and not, in my view, desirable. Apart from that, there is not much to complain of in the contents of an excellent and entertaining book.

Graham Burgess makes a very persuasive case for the gambit (1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3) as a dangerous weapon for White against the Sicilian Defence. He starts with a helpfully lucid introductory chapter, which effectively summarises the following ten chapters, and demonstrates not just the broad strategy of the opening, but also various thematic tactical strokes that an unwary Black can succumb to.

One of the attractions of the Morra to an occasional player is that it is not popular at grandmaster level; you do not find yourself playing the first twenty moves against Anand or Kamsky, rather than the innocent-looking medium-graded player sitting opposite you. A more dangerous attraction - to the lazy occasional player - is that White's development is almost too easy. In a great many lines, the simple logic of the position requires the following moves, apparently regardless of what Black does: (3...dxc3) 4.♗xc3, 5.♗f3, 6.♗c4, 7.♗e2, 8.0-0, 9.♗fd1. Then move the ♗ on c1 somewhere (e3, f4, or g5) - your first decision - and 11.♗ac1 completes the set-up. Against equally mechanical responses, White can often bring matters to a swift and successful conclusion, partly because of his superior development and partly because of factors specific to the position, such as his

domination of the c-file, which is Black's property in most main-line Sicilians. But White must not take anything for granted. Strange-looking manoeuvres, like ...♗a8-a7-d7 (after ...a6 and ...b5), demand that White be flexible.

Ten chapters of detailed analysis of the Gambit Accepted are full of good things. The lay-out is probably as clear as the complicated nature of the task allows. I will not describe the system whereby sub-variations are indicated - I have tried to produce a description in my head, but I found only that the attempt made something, in fact quite easy to follow, sound incredibly difficult; and this would be misleading. There are forty seven main illustrative games, most of them highly entertaining and many, many, more in the notes and variations. The writer of a book about a gambit usually has a wealth of sparkling material to hand; this case is no exception, and the author has taken full advantage.

All this, quite apart from its purely pedagogic function, is splendid stuff. However, a small cloud appears in the sky at the start of Chapter 11 - The Gambit Declined. For many of the positions 'can also arise from the c3 Sicilian.' The author, though, deals first with positions that can't, and we still feel happy at the end of the chapter. In fact, we feel happy until the start of Chapter 12: 'Black declines with 3...♗f6.' This transposes 'directly to the main line of the c3 Sicilian. Due to the great popularity of this variation, a [sic] enormous amount of theory has developed from this position.'

Oh dear! Do we now have to go back to the book shop and buy ourselves a copy of Batsford's 'The Sicilian with 2.c3'? Happily, we do not. By the simple elimination of most of White's options, the problem can readily be reduced to manageable proportions. I was convinced, at all events.

The book fully justifies the author's claim that the Morra Gambit has much to offer to any player who, rightly or wrongly, sees himself as imaginative, enterprising and aggressive over the chessboard. A thoroughly good buy: professional, entertaining and instructive.

Jim Will

BEATING THE ANTI-SICILIANS

Joe Gallagher

Batsford, 160pp, £13.99.

You know what it's like. You've spent ages mastering the labyrinths of the Sicilian Najdorf but you're never allowed to play it. You try to, but immediately after you play 1...c5, the young kid opposite stops slurping his can of Coke, plays 2.c3 or 2.♗c3, or 2.f4 and you are adrift in a game where you know little theory, but your opponent probably knows it backwards.

If the above struck a chord with you, then get yourself out and have a look at a copy of this book. As far as Black is concerned, the Sicilian suffers from White having so many decent variations to choose from. And White only has to know one of them in detail, whilst Black has to be prepared to face any of them. Joe Gallagher has produced what he calls a 'repertoire' book to help the confused Black player. Perhaps recipe book would be a better description. Joe tries to provide lines against each Anti-Sicilian that give Black chances of winning while also being sound. Sometimes, this means choosing a less fashionable line; against 3.♗b5+, Gallagher suggests 3...♗d7 instead of the more usual 3...♗d7.

There are chapters on the Closed, Grand Prix, the c3 Sicilian, and gambits as well as the ♗b5 variations. The b3 systems also get a chapter, with Downend's Tyson Mordue getting a mention in a note for the game Mordue-Rahmann, British Championship 1991. Unfortunately, "Mordue ... found himself in dire straits after a mere ten moves." Sorry, Tyson!

Obviously, with so much ground to cover there isn't room for a lot of detail. But chess is like life, it's all about compromises. If you've got unlimited time to spend on opening preparation, you won't want this book. If you're one of the other 99%, then Gallagher has written a useful text for all Sicilian players who feel uneasy when White strays from the main path.

John Richards

BEATING THE FRENCH

Gary Lane

Batsford, 160pp, £12.99

If Black plays the French Defence he must be prepared to counter the Advance Variation. This book shows that this variation offers White the choice of either positional or tactical continuations. The evidence presented concludes that both options can give White an advantage; this should not come as a surprise given the book's provocative title.

The main body of the book consists of forty four annotated games from recent tournament praxis. An introductory chapter gives a brief insight into the sort of positions that White should aim for, as well as outlining thematic ideas behind the variation. The games have been organised logically, starting with a 'main' line, and then considering alternative choices for both Black and White. The majority of the games show Black being crushed horribly; Black's successes are tucked away in side notes, frequently accompanied by suggested improvements upon White's play! Never the less, the games are interesting in their own right, and illustrate the complex and dynamic nature of modern tournament chess. An overview and index of the main alternatives covered in the preceding chapters is found at the end of the book.

This book is not intended for beginners, but is aimed towards players wishing to improve their opening repertoire. Common mistakes and traps are pointed out; this is particularly valuable from Black's standpoint, since apparently slight inaccuracies can often prove fatal. In addition to the annotated games mentioned above, the author also provides a wealth of alternative sub-variations and different plans that warrant attention. This inevitably makes the book somewhat difficult to follow in places, but this is overshadowed by the benefit of completeness.

To conclude, this book is recommended for average or strong players who play either side of the French. If the critical lines shown withstand the test of time, I believe the French's recent upsurge of popularity in top class tournaments will come to an end.

Gordon Breeze

CHESS CIRCUIT

the Weekend Tournament Magazine
Ed: Adam Raof, 36pp, £1.80

The national mags concentrate on international chess, leaving a gap in the market for organs such as the *Bristol Chess Times* to cover local chess. *Chess Circuit* aims to plug another gap by covering the weekend tournament scene. It's the brainchild of Adam Raof, organiser of regular rapid-plays in North London, and it does its job excellently with lots of tournament reports, plus other interesting articles. However, I found no news from the South West. This isn't Adam's fault - as every editor knows, you can only print what you get sent. So, please, tournament organisers, start sending your reports to *Chess Circuit* (and the *BCT!*).

Chess Circuit should be available on most tournament bookstalls, or you can subscribe (£12 per year, six issues) by writing to Adam Raof, PO Box 1962, London, NW4 4NF.

John Richards

VERSUS

the Downend Club Newsletter
Ed: Terry Hewitt, Clive Oldfield.

Four years ago, I started *the h-file*, a desktop-published newsletter for Horfield. At the time, it was a leap forward (modesty never has been a problem for me) and was soon followed by similar efforts at Grendel, Clifton and Downend. Now, *Versus*, in its eighteenth issue, is setting new and higher standards. It's more a magazine than a newsletter - the same format as *BCT*, and only slightly fewer pages - and the layout is first-rate. My favourite article is "The Agreeable Chess World of Arnold Wallace", a very funny piece which includes the line 'You know, Alan, we weren't all born with genius but we all had to be taught which way the knight moves.' *Versus* also has the most entertaining letters page I have seen in a long time. Downend members are very fortunate indeed.

John Richards

BCF's grading blunder

Errors have been discovered in the Bristol & District grades in the new BCF grading list. Bristol's Grading Officer Ray Studer explained that the BCF had processed the 92-93 results in with last season's. "I sent a disk to the BCF in May with a list of the new players. Also on the disk were the 92-93 results from the year before. For some unknown reason, they processed that file as well! Then, when I sent in last season's data in June, they put it in on top."

The error reduces the effect of changes. Improving players will find that their gradings are slightly lower than they should be. Conversely, players going down will be a bit higher. The League has complained to the BCF, but it is unlikely that corrected gradings can be obtained.

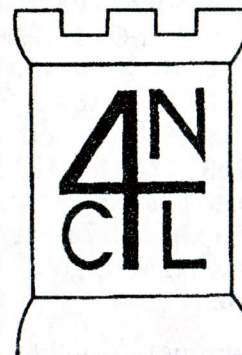
Quiz

How well do you know your Chess World Champions? (Use each answer only once. Answers on page 20)

- 1 Ruy Lopez a A FIDE World Champion who was killed
- 2 Leonardo b Caretaker
- 3 Greco c Clergyman
- 4 Philidor d Computer chess programmer
- 5 Bourdonnais e Edema sufferer
- 6 Staunton f Edited "Ashore or Afloat" column
- 7 Anderssen g Fine opera singer
- 8 Morphy h First noted as a problem composer
- 9 Steinitz i Government employee
- 10 Lasker j Great bridge player
- 11 Capablanca k High school dropout
- 12 Menchik l Journalism student
- 13 Alekhine m Last name was changed
- 14 Euwe n Lawyer
- 15 Botvinnik o Learned law student
- 16 Smyslov p Manuscript collector
- 17 Tal q Maths teacher
- 18 Petrosian r Music composer
- 19 Spassky s One kidney
- 20 Fischer t Set 32 game Blindfold Simul record
- 21 Karpov u Shakespearean scholar
- 22 Kasparov v Stamp collector

Phillips is new Bristol team supremo

The Bristol & District League is entering a team in the Four Nations Chess League. The organiser of last year's Bristol team, Mike Truran, has decided to move his team to Witney, a small town in Oxfordshire. Once this was known, Chris Carter and Roy Phillips stepped into the breach and began organising a new team. The LMC has appointed Roy Phillips the team manager.



Roy has three problems to confront: lack of money, lack of star players and lack of women. Team members will have to meet all their own expenses in travelling to games. On paper, the Bristol & District team is weaker than any of last year's national league teams. And the final difficulty is that the team must include at least one female player - and there are very few to choose from! However, Roy is confident all these difficulties can be overcome and that having a team in the National League can only be good for local chess. He hopes that local players will support the team, both by attending matches and raising money via the new Fantasy League.

♔ Bristol almost caused an upset against new champions Invicta Knights in the final matches of last season's inaugural 4NCL. In the end, they lost 5-3 and then lost by the same margin to Slough to drop from fourth place and finish bottom. Bristol has no reason to be ashamed of its performance; there was little to choose between the bottom four teams, and Bristol had victories over Barbican, Covent Garden and North-west Eagles during the season.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Invicta Knights	10	7	1	2	47	33	15
Barbican	10	7	0	3	51	29	14
Covent Garden	10	4	1	5	31	49	9
Slough	10	3	2	5	37½	42½	8
Northwest Eagles	10	3	1	6	37½	42½	7
Bristol	10	3	1	6	36	44	7

Exciting finish to Summer Lightning

The third Bristol & District Summer Lightning tournament switched from the KO format to a Swiss tournament, guaranteeing all entrants four matches in the close season. Eighteen teams entered, a couple too many for a four round Swiss, but after three rounds there were just two teams on 100%: Clifton and the current holders, Horfield.

Strongly-fancied Grendel slipped up by losing to South Bristol in the third round, while Horfield squeezed through 19-17 against League champions Downend to set up a "final" against Clifton.

Tournament controller Colin Axon deserves congratulations for his smooth running of the competition.

Summer Lightning (after 3 rounds)

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Clifton	3	3	0	82½	25½	3
Horfield	3	3	0	68½	39½	3
Downend	3	2	1	72	36	2
Grendel 1	3	2	1	68½	39½	2
Sth Bristol	3	2	1	61	47	2
University	3	2	1	59½	48½	2
Grendel 2	3	2	1	57½	50½	2
Nailsea	3	2	1	52½	55½	2
Thornbury 1	3	2	1	51	57	2
Clevedon	3	2	1	?	?	2
Cossham 1	3	1	2	64	44	1
Cossham 2	3	1	2	55½	52½	1
Hanham	3	1	2	48	60	1
Thornbury 2	3	1	2	45½	62½	1
Harambee	3	1	2	45	63	1
Grendel 3	3	1	2	40	68	1
Royals	3	1	2	34½	73½	1
Keynsham	3	1	2	30½	77½	1
Opening Moves	3	1	2	?	?	1
Cabot	3	0	3	20	88	0

One point for a win. The game points for Clevedon and Opening Moves were not available at the time of going to press.

STOP PRESS: Clifton beat Horfield 19½-16½ to win the Kingston Trophy.



JUNIOR CHESS

Jerry Humphreys

Richard Colfer played for England in June, in an Under 13 training match against older players in Norway. The team played two quickplay matches, followed by a series of four full length games where Richard scored an excellent 2 points. Richard also played in the England v Wales Under 16 match in July, scoring 2/2.

E Wesje - R Colfer Norway-England U-13 1994

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♗f3 d5 3.♗f4 ♖c6 4.e3 e6 5.c3 ♗d6 6.♗g3 0-0 7.♗d3 ♗e8 8.♗bd2 e5 9.dxe5 ♗xe5 10.♗xe5 ♗xe5 11.♗f3 ♗g4 12.♗xe5 ♗xe5 13.h3 ♗h5 14.0-0 ♗d7!? 15.hxg4 ♗xg4 16.♗e2 ♗h6 17.♗d4 [17.♗e1! ♗h5 18.♗f1] 17...♗h4 18.f4 ♗e4 [18...♗h2+ mates in 4.] 19.♗h5 ♗xh5 20.♗xh5 ♗xh5 21.♗ad1 c6 22.♗f3 ♗g3 23.♗e1 ♗h1+ 24.♗f2 ♗e4+ 25.♗e2 ♗xg2+ 0-1.

British Championships

Simon Buckley (Keynsham) was the first player to take over Michael Hennigan's role as Bristol's own British Champion, by winning the Under 9 event in Norwich. In the second week of the Championship, Peter Chaplin (Clevedon) also proved his ability by taking the Under 16 title. I believe it is an all-time first for Bristol to have two British national titles simultaneously. Eight of our juniors entered the Championships, and full results were as follows:

Peter Chaplin 5/7 1st= U16; David Buckley 3½/7 U14; Melanie Buckley 2/7 U12; Oliver Bright 3½/7 U11; Simon Buckley 4/7 Under 10 and 6/7 1st= U9; Sophie Bright 2/7 U9; Edward Bright 1½/7 U9; Sam Buckley 3/6 U8.

D Buckley - P Carpenter British U-14 Championship 1994

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♗f3 d5 3.e3 g6 4.♗d3 ♗g7 5.0-0 ♖c6 6.c3 ♗d7 7.♗bd2 0-0 8.b4 a6 9.♗b3 b6 10.♗e2 ♗c8 11.♗bd2 e6 12.♗b1 ♗d8 13.e4 dxe4 14.♗xe4 ♗d5 15.♗b3 a5 16.b5 ♗a7 17.c4 ♗e7 18.♗g5 ♗f8 19.♗f6+ ♗h8 20.♗e5 ♗g7 21.♗g4 ♗e8 22.♗h4 [22.♗h6+! ♗xh6 leads to mate.] 22...h5 23.g4 ♗xd4 24.♗e3 ♗d8 25.gxh5 a4 26.hxg6 ♗xg6 27.♗h6+ ♗h8 28.♗xg6+ fxg6 29.♗g5+ ♗g7 30.♗h7+ # 1-0.

Summer Matches

Opening Moves have entered a team into the League Summer Lightning this year, and after putting up a good performance against Thornbury, in which David Buckley beat top board Dave Dugdale, they achieved a convincing win against Cabot in the second round.

Keynsham Juniors held a training match against Downend juniors in July, over seven boards, with Downend winning narrowly. Both clubs are keen to play against anyone else who would like a friendly match.

Tournament Results

Many players have taken advantage of the end of the League season to play some tournament chess, and the main results have been as follows: At Frome, Peter Chaplin won the Under 140 with 4½/5. David Buckley won the Under 110, also on 4½. Sam Buckley came 2nd in the Liphook Quickplay Under 7, with 5/7. At the Cotswold Congress, David Buckley won the Under 130, with 5/6, and in the Minor, Melanie Buckley came 3rd with 4½, while Matthew Parker (Hanham) scored 4. Six players entered the BCF mini-squad tournament at Solihull, for players aged 10 and under, with Simon Buckley winning the Under 9 section on 6/7, and Tom Bourne scoring 4 in the Under 10. Melanie Buckley came 2nd in the Hanham Quickplay Under 110, with 4/6, and 8-year old Adam Britton scored 3. The Harambee Quickplay had all players in one section, giving the juniors a chance to take pot-shots at the stars, and Melanie Buckley managed to beat Gloucester's Geoff Taylor, graded 184. This is

probably the best single result by a Bristol junior in the last ten years - but if anyone knows better, please let me know! Peter Chaplin and David Buckley were the highest scoring juniors, with 3½/6 each.

Grading List

Three Bristol players have 'honours' in the new BCF list. Jack Rudd (S Bristol) is the 7th strongest 15 year old in the country, with a grade of 191, Peter Chaplin (Clevedon) the 20th 16 year old, with 152, and Simon Buckley (Keynsham) the 4th strongest Under 10, with 106.

"Odds shorten on Intel name

The name for Intel's P6 microprocessor is Nigél. With computer boffins expecting that a computer will beat the world chess champion for the first time in two to three years, and with Intel taking over sponsorship of the world chess championships last week, the computer that finally beats the champion will be one powered by an Intel microprocessor. And since the UK's Nigel Short will be world champion by then, rumour has it that the micro that takes his title will also take his name." *Electronics Weekly*, 9th February 1994

League Tables

Final tables, 1993-94

Division 1			Division 2			Division 3		
	Pld	DP Pts		Pld	DP Pts		Pld	DP Pts
DOWNEND A	17	3 31	HANHAM A	18	- 26	UNIVERSITY B	18	- 28
Clifton B	16	2 23	Horfieid B	18	5 23	Cossham B	18	- 28
University A	18	33 21	Nailsea A	18	5 22	Horfieid C	18	- 26
Horfieid A	18	13 20	Cossham A	18	- 21	Nailsea B	18	1 19
Grendel A	17	- 19	Thornbury A	18	- 21	Thornbury B	18	- 18
Clifton A	15	3 17	South Bristol B	18	β 18	Clifton C	18	- 17
Bath	16	- 17	Grendel B	18	- 15	Cossham C	18	- 15
South Bristol A	16	- 12	Clevedon A	18	β 14	Clevedon B	18	8 12
Sun Life A	18	5 3	Keynsham A	18	β 12	Hanham B	18	- 10
Sea Mills A	17	15 0	Downend B	18	1 8	Clifton D	18	6 7
Division 4			Division 5			Division 6		
	Pld	DP Pts		Pld	DP Pts		Pld	DP Pts
UNIVERSITY C	18	2 30	STH BRISTOL C	18	β 27	UNIVERSITY E	22	1 34
Grendel C	18	4 28	Thornbury C	18	1 21	Grendel E	22	7 34
Downend C	18	8 24	Bristol Royals	18	1 21	University G	22	1 33
Horfieid D	18	18 23	Clevedon C	18	1 19	Horfieid E	22	5 27
Hanham C	18	- 19	Grendel D	18	4 18	University F	22	4 23
Keynsham B	18	- 17	Cabot	18	1 18	Downend D	22	3 23
Harambee A	18	1 15	University D	18	β 16	Keynsham C	22	2 21
Nailsea C	18	- 11	Nailsea D	18	1 14	Yate A	22	- 19
Sun Life B	18	1 9	Civil Service	18	β 14	Harambee B	22	28 17
Sea Mills B	18	1 3	Hanham D	18	1 7	Clifton E	22	17 10
Division 7								
	Pld	DP Pts						
GENERAL ELEC	11	2 15						
Grendel G	11	8 15						
Nailsea E	12	12 12						
Yate B	10	1 9						
University H	12	32 1						

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

League Notices

Grendel has moved to the Full Moon pub in Stokes Croft. The opening was celebrated on 31st August with an afternoon open air display (unfortunately rained off) and an evening lightning tournament with over 60 entrants.

Sea Mills has decided to change its name to Sea Mills & Lawrence Weston. Not content with having the longest name in the League they now play at the Lawrence Weston Committee Rooms, Stile Acre, Lawrence Weston School/College. The Secretary is Robin Hill (0117) 975 9262.

General Electric wish to be known henceforth as GE. Now that's the sort of name change the Editor likes. Perhaps all clubs should go to two letter names.

Bristol & Clifton (or should that be BC) has a new Secretary: Paul Bissicks (0117) 973 6298.

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Siegfried Helbig

We are sorry to have to inform you that Siegfried Helbig, of Keynsham Chess Club, has died.

An obituary will appear in the next issue.

Diary

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

Sep 10. Golders Green Open Rapidplay.

Adam Raof 081 202 0982.

Sep 24. Golders Green U-150 Rapidplay.

Adam Raof.

Oct 1. Edgware Open Rapidplay. Adam Raof.

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

Oct 16. BRISTOL: New Trinity Open Quickplay. Devon Thomas 0272 525400 (not Sundays please).

Oct 23. BRISTOL: HARAMBEE Quickplay. Derek Thompson 0272 421870/441478.

Oct 29. Edgware U-150 Rapidplay. Adam Raof.

Nov 4-6. BRISTOL: 7th HANHAM Congress. Ian Biddick 0272 863568.

Nov 12. Edgware Open Rapidplay. Adam Raof.

Nov 18-20. 29th TORBAY Congress. P Short 0803 214766.

Dec 3. Edgware U-150 Rapidplay. Adam Raof.
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Jan 20-22. (prov.) BRISTOL League Congress, Students' Union, Queen's Road.

Jan 21. Golders Green Open Rapidplay. Adam Raof.

Feb 18. (prov.) BRISTOL League Quickplay, Students' Union, Queen's Road.

May 24. BRISTOL League AGM. Students' Union, Queen's Road.

Quiz - Answers

ANSWERS: 1.c 2.n 3.p 4.r 5.e 6.u 7.h 8.o
9.f 10.j 11.i 12.a 13.t 14.q 15.d 16.g 17.s
18.b 19.l 20.k 21.v 22.m. Quiz devised by
Craig Jefferies.