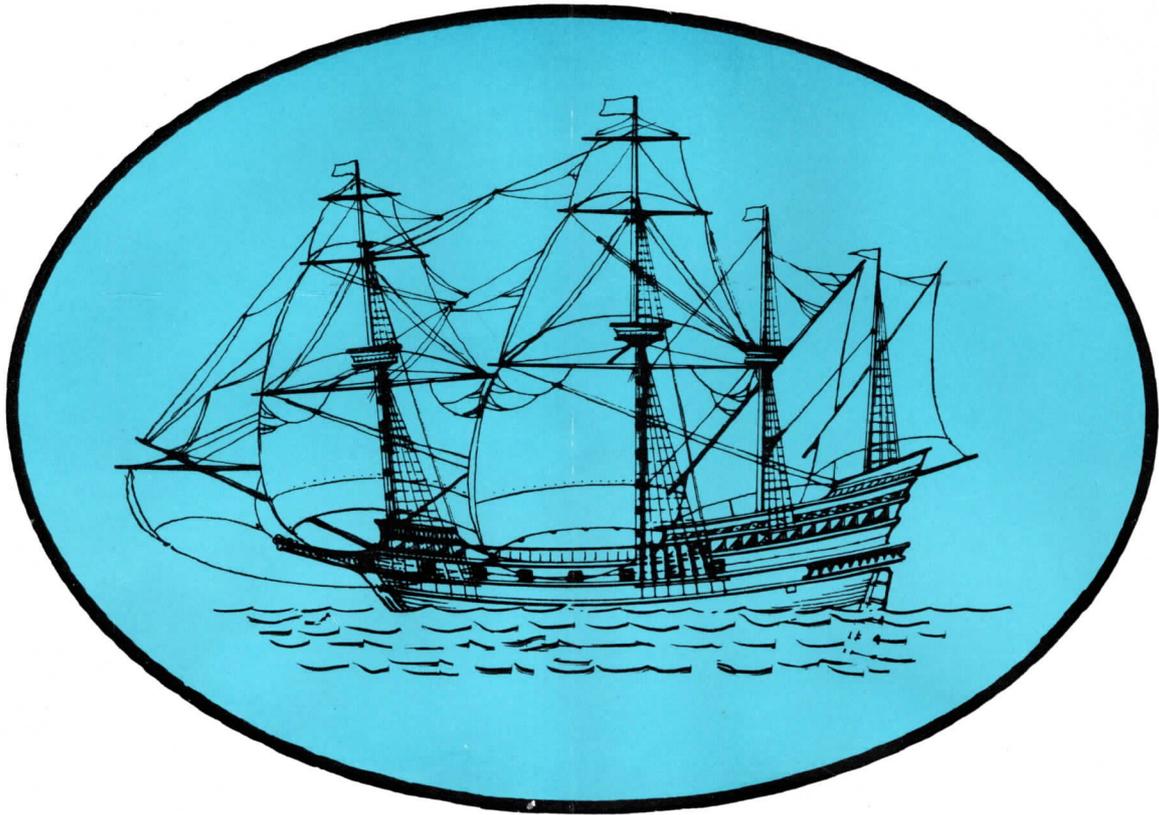


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As the main chess season draws to an end and many clubs think about closing for the summer, we can reflect on the major events of the season - Devon wins both the English Counties and the Minor Counties Championships in the Union and go forward with hope inspired by their ageless captain Ron Bruce into the quarter and semi-finals respectively. Gloucester qualify for the quarter finals as runners-up and, to both these great Union teams, go the well wishes of all Union chess players.

During the coming summer months the County and Union graders will be frantically working to ensure that the Western Union Grading List is published on September 1st.

The Editor will be doing his annual switch of loyalty from Devon to Somerset as the cricket season approaches.

Summer Congresses continue to flourish and new ones blossom forth as sponsorship in chess increases.

The BCF Council meeting is in July at Birmingham and who knows what momentous decisions may come out of that?

One thing is certain - the Western Union is flourishing and will continue to do so - and it will also continue to improve the standard of organisation and playing facilities for all those chess players young and old in its jurisdiction.

Ralph Newman

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ROUND THE COUNTIES

Peter Clarke won the Cornwall County Championship with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. Runners-up were J.A. Anstead and K.W. Lloyd with 4 points.

The Portsmouth Chess Congress held in February attracted 68 competitors in the Premier and 77 in the Major. In the Premier A.J. Whiteley and C.S. Crouch shared 1st place with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible 6 and in the Major I.A. Welch won outright with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points out of a possible 6.

In Somerset, the County Individual Championship was reorganised as a 6 round Swiss Competition open to all Somerset players. It took place on 3 Saturdays during the season and attracted 16 entries including the reigning champion David Hick (188) and Gerald Moore (198).

In round 2 Martyn Sellars (159) defeated David Hick (188)! In round 3 Gerald Moore (198) lost to David Holmes (151) and in round 5 Jim Fewkes (147) beat Max Poolake (176). Martyn Sellars held a clear lead at the end of round 2 and maintained it until round 5 when Bob Poole (174) defeated him and went into the final round with 4 points. A draw in the final round with Moore proved sufficient for Bob Poole to emerge as the new champion and win the DENYS BONNER trophy.

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What a splendid way to run a championship and all credit to Jim Fewkes who did all the organisation for this and the ROY HASSELL tournament for players graded under 140. This was won by M.H. Wheeler.

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In Devon, the East Devon Congress was sponsored this year by the London and Manchester Assurance Group and held at Exeter University. A record 219 entries was received including 34 in the Newcomers which is fed chiefly by youngsters from the local junior congresses.

The Open Tournament was won by J.D.M. Nunn with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points out of 5. In the Major D.J. Holmes (winning the SCHOFIELD trophy) and P. Hutchings shared the first prize with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points out of 5.

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NEW CONGRESS IN WILTSHIRE

The HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE LTD., and the EDWIN H. BRADLEY GROUP are sponsoring the 1st THAMESDOWN CHESS CONGRESS to be held in the Conference Suites at the Wiltshire Hotel, Swindon, from Friday, 11th May, to Sunday, 13th May. There is a minimum prize fund of £830 and the prizes will be increased in proportion to the number of entrants in each section.

Entry fees and prizes are as follows :-

<u>OPEN</u>	Entry Fee £7.00	1st Prize - £125
		2nd " £110
		3rd " £ 90
<u>MAJOR</u>	Entry Fee £6.50	1st Prize - £110
(141 - 170)		2nd " £ 80
		3rd " £ 60
<u>MINOR</u>	Entry Fee £6.00	1st Prize - £ 90
(140 & below)		2nd " £ 60
		3rd " £ 50

In addition, there will be 10 grading prizes of £10 each.

Move Rate: 42 moves in $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours. After 42nd move both clocks will be put back 15 minutes and game decided by flag fall.

The Congress is controlled by P.H. Clarke and the first round starts at 7.00pm. (Opening Ceremony at 6.45pm).

For further particulars apply to D. Perrott, 2 Moormead Rd., Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9BX.

Westward Ho! wishes this new congress every success.

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NORTH DEVON SPRING CONGRESS

This edition of Westward Ho! should reach you in time for entry in the North Devon Spring Congress to be held at the Barnstaple Motel from Friday, April 27th, to Sunday, April, 29th. This Congress is specially designed for graded players. Late entries to Mrs. J. Parker, The School House, Barbrook, Lynton. (Tel: Lynton 3352).

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BCF CONGRESS, CHESTER, AUGUST 6th to 18th.

The BCF Congress will be held at the Chester College of Higher Education. London stockbrokers GRIVISON GRANT are sponsoring and the outright British Champion will win over £1,000.

Details from G.M. Townsend, The Chestnuts, Demage Lane, Upton by Chester. (Please send S.A.E.).

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PAIGNTON CONGRESS - SEPT. 1979

The Devon County Chess Association Paignton Congress entry forms are enclosed with this edition. Enjoy chess in ideal conditions in this beautiful South Devon resort.

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THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH

In the good old days before calculators were accepted in schools as a substitute for brains it used to be considered a great honour for a schoolboy to be considered worthy of playing for his county at chess. I can recall, at the age of 12, I was invited to play in the annual 100 board a side match for Middlesex against Surrey. Board No. 1 was W. Winter Esq. I was board No. 100. I walked from where I lived at Highgate to St. Bride's Institute near Ludgate Circus. My parents kindly gave me a few coppers for the fare home. The cost of the tea was left to me. Either I paid for it out of my sixpence a week pocket money or I went without. I was warned by my parents to properly conduct myself in a gentlemanly fashion and to do my best for my team. I even had to wash behind my ears! Despite this I was thrilled to bits.

Times have certainly changed. At a recent County match it was suggested to a certain match captain that tea and board fees should be paid for by the County for the appearance of one schoolboy.

Summing up, one can, from these comments, say that in 1924 it was an honour for a boy to be selected for his county and that in 1979 it is an honour for the County to have a small boy playing!

Perhaps I am getting cynical in my old age - or am I?

R.N.

N.B. My defeat early in the season by a very youthful member of the Wiltshire County Chess Association in no way had an influence on the above article!

COUNTY LOYALTY

In the West of England the County Championship has always been regarded by most as the most important event in the chess calendar, and, until recently, defaults were of a very rare occurrence. This year, however, there has been an alarming increase in unexplained defaults, and, without doubt, this has had a serious effect on the championship. Over 50 defaults have occurred this season and this is simply not good enough. County match captains have a very difficult job to do and if they are let down at the last moment by players just not turning up, not only is it maddening for the captain, but it is demoralising for those loyal players - who are fortunately in the majority - who turn up to find they have no opponent to play, and their Saturday is wasted.

It is, and always should be, an honour to play for one's County. To be selected, to accept, and then not turn up without even the courtesy of a telephone call is the act of a cad.

Efficient organisation and loyalty has always been the pride of the Western Union. There are those of us who will ensure that this is not wrecked by a thoughtless minority.

R.N.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

" Dear Mr. Newman,

Dorset County Matches

I am a member of Southborne Chess Club playing below E. Weetman (my grading of 146 may be a little optimistic?) and living but 200 yards from him. A 67 year old antique but on the telephone and willing to play when (as usually so) able.

What brought this up? - fair question! Looking at the excellent Westward Ho! and seeing a loss by default and wondering whether a last minute telephone call might at least have given someone a fight for that point?

Hope you are the right person to contact.

Yours sincerely

Charles F. Cooper "

(I feel sure that Mr. Cooper will not object to my publishing his letter. I feel it most appropriate in view of the article in this edition on COUNTY LOYALTY. I cannot, however, agree with Mr. Cooper in describing his youthful 67 as being antique! - ED.).

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" Dear Mr. Newman,

I was extremely interested in Dave Jarrett's article in the New Year Edition of 'Westward HO' and his appeal for more financial support to assist youngsters on an international plane.

He says the cradle of Junior Chess in the West of England must be Plymouth because over the past 25 years they have held different age group championships which have often included players from outside Devon.

This may be true but I doubt whether anybody in the West of England has done more to promote and encourage junior chess than the Junior League in Bristol. It won the B.C.F. School Shield in 1966 awarded for outstanding achievements or

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enthusiasm in chess. A number of the best players in the Senior League have come up through the Junior League and Gloucestershire are greatly indebted to the hard work put in by Jack Beard, Colin Pillinger and others in furthering junior chess.

Last October the Junior League wanted to replace their obsolete chess clocks which were beyond repair. They approached the Senior League for financial help. We are not wealthy and to be honest it was no concern of ours. But we knew the Junior League operated on a shoe string and we also knew the excellent work it was doing. So we gave them £50 knowing it was for a good cause.

Yours sincerely,

K.C. Cleak

HON. TREASURER

BRISTOL & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE"

(Congratulations to Bristol & District Chess League on their generous sponsorship. My apologies to Mr. Cleak for not publishing his letter in full, but, I trust that what I have published will be an example to others. - ED.).

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" Dear Sir,

Check Checkmate

It was my pleasure and privilege to attend the English Schools Chess Association's Jamboree at Newton Abbott last April and to serve as steward with many other volunteers.

We were briefed with the necessary instructions (both verbal and written) which were excellent and the whole contest was run splendidly by the organising committee.

Among the many matters for us to watch over at the 7 tables allocated to each of us was one simple instruction "Check checkmates" - a usual procedure in Junior circles.

An unusual incident arose at one of my boards. A girl raised her arm to summon me and asked "Is this checkmate". Everything seemed to fit but I noticed that "mate" was being administered by a supported pawn at KB4, the opponent, a boy, having pawns at his K5 and also N5; I therefore asked her what was her last move and she replied P(B2) to KB4. It was no part of my stewardship to do anything which constituted giving advice or help so I replied "The K cannot move but it is not checkmate". Obviously nothing could interpose and the pawn could not be taken on the KB4 square. A few people gathered round and I tried to shoo them away with the advice that the game is primarily between the two contestants; however the words "en-passant" must have leaked out and the boy told me he did not understand en-passant. Question? Should he suffer the penalty of his own ignorance (this being a competitive game) and resign? After a quiet pause the girl, all honour to her, told her opponent that, and how, he could play P x P e.p. and the game proceeded for a few more moves before the girl deservedly won.

It was a complicated position and although the above may seem, in retrospect, a lot of "fuss about nothing" all of us are capable of devising positions whereby avoidance of mate by P x P e.p. would unleash a counter attack by the opponent leading to a win for him - so that inadvertently valuable "advice" may have been given to a competitor. Organisers of Junior events may wish to clarify this point?

Kenneth Schofield "

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LLOYDS BANK BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION

Lloyds Bank, who are currently sponsoring various chess activities have offered to sponsor a British Chess Problem Solving contest. The British Chess Problem Society is now preparing to undertake the detailed organisation of this event which is in three stages :-

- (1) One, or perhaps two, straightforward 2-move problems would be published, with an explanation of the competition, in national, regional and local newspapers which have chess columns, and in chess magazines. Simultaneous publication would clearly be impossible but columnists would be asked to publish conveniently near to a latest date. Competitors would be asked to send solutions to the Society, naming the publication in which they had seen the problem.
- (2) Entries would be assessed by the Society and successful solvers would be sent a selection of more difficult problems. From their solutions to those, again assessed by the Society, a group of, say, twelve entrants would be selected to take part in the final stage.
- (3) A "live" event would be held at which a British champion would be found. The probable date for this would be Saturday 5 January 1980.

Westward Ho! will give all publicity to this event in its four editions - July, September, January and April - provided these dates are acceptable to the organisers.

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WESTERN UNION EXECUTIVE MEETING

At the March Executive Meeting a lengthy discussion took place on the unusually high number of defaults in County Matches. An all out effort to stamp this out will be made next season, and a resolution to Council was put down increasing the penalty for each default to £3.00 plus board fees.

The BCF delegate pointed out that, although News Flash correctly reported that a recommendation to the Unions not to publish grades of unregistered players was only carried by a narrow majority, in fact, it was supported by 3 Unions out of the 4. These Unions were Northern, Midland and Western.

The Meeting rejected the proposals for chess titles discussed by the BCF.

The date for the Senior and Graded Jamboree was fixed for 29th September at the Rougemont Hotel, Exeter.

After a full discussion, it was resolved that the WECU adopt the same qualifications for publishing a grade as the other Unions (i.e. 18 games must have been played in the previous 2 years out of which 8 must be played in the current season). It was, however, resolved that players who would only qualify under the less stringent existing WECU rules would be included, but, given a distinguishing mark or failing the practicability of that, a supplementary list.

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DEVON JUNIOR CHESS CONGRESS.

Plymouth College 29 Dec. 1978 to 5 Jan. 1979.

Radio coverage was far more than usual. In addition to regular broadcasts to competitors struggling to overcome the extreme weather conditions, both B.B.C. and Plymouth Sound gave details of play. I was interviewed at the B.B.C. for Morning South West and Plymouth Sound interviewed at the Congress and attended the prizegiving after which I was interviewed.

No T.V. coverage was possible for camera crews that were operating (less than 50%) were all covering the weather hazards.

The provincial N.U.J. strike meant no journalists or photographers but I typed reports and daily ran the pickets to deliver to Western Morning News and Evening Herald Offices. Most, but not all, were published. Copies of some to L. Barden. Two reports were sent to the Daily Telegraph. The first appeared on 4 January but the second was not in my edition which was a half size paper due to other industrial action.

Additional expenses were incurred due to the weather, especially in hotel bills for those arriving during the night or unable to reach where they were staying. These were mainly for one day only as alternative arrangements were possible later.

A loss on Lloyds Bank tournament is certain, but, one unrequired grant and the unavoidable absence of Peter Clarke for coaching Training Tournament should leave a surplus in this event.

Although bookstall sales were less than half that of last year, local donations were up and the continuous demand for hot drinks should boost canteen profits.

It will take some time to finalise accounts but preliminary estimates indicate there should not be any serious deficiency overall and I do not anticipate having to ask guarantors to contribute.

A 17 year old Swiss trainee bank employee from Zurich, Markus Trepp, won the Lloyds Bank International Junior Chess Tournament at Plymouth College with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points from 7 rounds.

Keith Arkell (Birmingham) who was the only player to defeat the winner tied for second place with Danny King (Bromley) and Erik Teichmann (Cambridge) with 5 points. After losses in the first two rounds, the joint British Boys' under 14 champion Peter Wells of Portsmouth played enterprisingly to finish equal with Milan Drassko (Yugoslavia) on $4\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Remaining scores were :- B. Jacobs (Slough), A. King (Bromley) 4; S. Arnold (Plymouth), G. Lane (Paignton), M. Prettejohn (Truro), D. Weyns (Belgium) $3\frac{1}{2}$; E. Brouwer (Netherlands), R. Casse (Australia), J. Delaney (Eire), T. Milligan (Scotland), G. Senior (Leeds) 3; Jane Garwell (Wales) $2\frac{1}{2}$; C. Van Verdeghe (France) 1.

Trepp finished joint runner-up with international masters Bhend and Partos in the last Swiss national championship. It was unfortunate that he received a bye in the opening round due to the non-arrival of Ralf Lau who was runner-up to grandmaster Packman in the West German championship.

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Despite the extreme weather conditions, Lau was the competitor not to reach Plymouth although some were delayed by a day or more. Delaney's flight from Dublin to Exeter was diverted to Southampton. The Dutch player was marooned for a day in the floods on the Isle of Sheppey, and three of the foreign players spent 11 hours on the only train to reach Plymouth from London on the Sunday,

All roads into Plymouth were impassable and two foreign players were never able to reach their intended hosts. For two days I was unable to get my own car on the road but co-ordinated emergency services by two Plymouth Club members who were mobile by telephone.

B.B.C. radio and Plymouth Sound broadcast messages to those stranded or unable to travel at all to continue their journeys on Tuesday and that they would not be penalised for games missed.

An overall attendance of 93% of entrants testifies to the determination of the competitors and the help given by parents and friends.

Co-operation between controllers and players enabled all unplayed first and second round games to be completed before the start of the fourth round.

Completely blocked roads made it impossible for Peter Clarke to get down from Bude for coaching of West of England Training tournament, but, by combining under 21 and under 18 sections and bringing in strong visiting players including Hanspeter Scharer (Trepp's companion cum second), an excellent section of 22 was completed.

Philip Walden (Oxford Univ.) won the Devon under 21 championship with Stephen Dilleigh (Plymouth Polytechnic) runner-up. Yim Joslin (Southampton) headed the under 18 training tournament ahead of Ian Cragg (Teymouth) with Plymouth College boys, Julian Bacon and Ben Collinson (joint Devon under 18 champion) sharing third place with Jane Seymour (Portsmouth) and David Farndon (Yeovil).

James Brown (St. Olave's G.S. Orpington) won the under 15 open ahead of Robin Cotton (King's St. Ottery) with David McCarthy and Andrew Luffman equal third. Subsidiary sections went to N. Crickmore, A. Osborne and N. Greber.

The under 11 tournaments played prior to the main congress and inclement weather saw 137 young players competing in graded sections. The Devon under 11 championship ended in a tie between Christopher Morrisroe and Andrew Robins both of Newton Abbot.

K.J. Bloodworth.

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WEST OF ENGLAND TRAINING TOURNAMENT.

Initially, invitations were sent to 16 players from outside Devon. My thanks to the county junior organisers (general sec. in Wilts.) for their co-operation in providing details of players. The Hampshire & Cornwall junior organisers contacted their own players themselves and made it much easier for me.

Most of those invited replied quickly and in case of non-acceptance further invites were sent to players from the same county. No Wiltshire players took part because the two originally invited took five weeks to reply and it was then too late to ask others.

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FINAL TABLE

		P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
1.	Devon *	6	4	2	-	5
2.	Gloucester	6	4	1	1	4½
3.	Dorset	6	3	1	2	3½
4.	Somerset	6	3	-	3	3
5.	Cornwall	6	2	½	3	2½
6.	Hampshire *	6	2	1	3	2½
7.	Wiltshire	6	-	-	6	0

* Devon had a walk-over in the match against Hampshire.

DETAILED RESULTS

<u>DEVON 8</u>		v	<u>CORNWALL 8</u>	
A.R.B. Thomas	194	½ - ½	P.H. Clarke	209
G.W. Wheeler	184	1 - 0	R.W. Lloyd	190
A.F. Footner	181	½ - ½	J. Anstead	173
S. Arnold	178	½ - ½	R.F.G. Neebone	182
B.W.R. Hewson	187	0 - 1	D.A. McFarlane	184
Gary Lane	148	0 - 1	R.J. Grime	165
R. Heasman	170	0 - 1	M.H. Prettejohn	165
P. Pritchard	169	1 - 0	A.W. Busby	152
C.J.V. Bellers	168	½ - ½	K.H. Gay	172
R.M. Bruce	158	½ - ½	J.S. Menadue	137
B.W. Clapp	161	0 - 1	P.J. Williams	150
R. Lingham	161	½ - ½	R.A. Slade	180
R.H.T. Newman	162	½ - ½	Mrs. M.E.E. Clarke	145
R. Liggitt	145	½ - ½	K.G.P. Gunnell	154
P. Hlankin	156	1 - 0	D.J. Merry	128
S.H. Crockett	140	1 - 0	K. Spurgin	115

<u>GLOUCESTER I 7½</u>		v	<u>Somerset I 8½</u>	
D.C. Osborne	184	0 - 1	G. Moore	198
A.P. Ashby	201	½ - ½	J.K. Whitcutt	188
J.M. Aitken	186	½ - ½	R.J. Pool	174
D.O. Collier	192	0 - 1	R.J. Gregory	170
M.E. Binks	193	1 - 0	S.H. Brocklesby	169
P.J. Meade	185	½ - ½	T. Headlong	
K.W. Derrick	185	½ - ½	G.N. Jepps	161
J.M. Will	183	0 - 1	S.C. Pike	154 J
S.J. Hooker		½ - ½	R.W. Gregory	160
M.C. Goodland	183	0 - 1	M.R. Sellars	159
M.A. Cook	177	1 - 0	A.D. Hayler	
J.R. Boyce	182	½ - ½	H.G. Thomas	157
M.E. Burn	179	½ - ½	D.G. Woodruff	155
C. Jones		½ - ½	B.T. King	154
G. Anthony	165 J	1 - 0	D.C. Wood	153
J. O'Loghlen	169	½ - ½	D.J. White	153

GLOUCESTER I 9½ v HAMPSHIRE I 4½

D.C. Osborne	184	1	-	0	G.E.J. Lambert	205
J.M. Aitken	186	½	-	½	N.R. Keene	190
A.P. Ashby	201	A	-	A	J. Corfield	185
D.O. Collier	192	A	-	A	D.W. Bell	181
S.J. Hooker		0	-	1	P.K. Wells	152 J
P.J. Meade	185	½	-	½	A.R. Cullinase	173
J.R. Boyce	182	½	-	½	I.A. Stenhouse	173
J.M. Will	183	1	Def	0	M.J. Buckmaster	165 J
P.F. Day	185	1	-	0	P.L. Marshall	169
K.W. Derrick	185	1	-	0	A.D. Crossin	159
J. O(Lognlen	169	1	-	0	D. Smith (Cosham)	164
G. Anthony	165 J	1	-	0	L.C. Walters	161
M.C. Goodland	183	1	-	0	T.M. Joslin	158 J
N. Hosken	180	½	-	½	S.D. Bell	157 J
M.E. Burn	179	½	-	½	T.J. Upton	149 J
R.O. Powis	178	0	-	1	P.J. McEvoy	158

GLOUCESTER I 8 v DEVON I 8

A.P. Ashby	201	½	-	½	A.R.B. Thomas	194
J.M. Aitken	186	½	-	½	J.F. Wheeler	185
M.E. Binks	193	0	-	1	G.W. Wheeler	184
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M.A. Cook	177	0	-	1	S.D. Arnold	178 J
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Mrs. S. Caldwell	181	0	-	1	R.T. Stuart	175
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WILTSHIRE I 6½ v DORSET I 9½

M.A. Spindler	181	½	-	½	S.J. Shutler	190
R. Haydon	177	½	-	½	G.H. Bennett	198
P. Watson	174	0	-	1	R.H.K. Mann	186
B. Higgs		½	-	½	M. Cowling	193
M. Higgs	159	1	-	0	F. Kingdon	179
R. Bradley	157	1	-	0	M. Roth	178
R. Webb	157	0	-	1	P. Merrett	176
D. Ward	157	0	-	1	M. Charter	177
C. Sowden		½	-	½	I. Cragg	163
L. White	151	1	-	0	R. Burton	169
W. Bruges	139	½	-	½	M. Issacs	160
P. Hopkins	131	½	-	½	E. Twamley	168
M. Morton	142	0	-	1	D.P. Lock	168
S. Ziedler	140	0	-	1	D.W. Lock	165
E. Bromilow	135	½	-	½	R. Kinnersley	164
M. Burgess	114	0	-	1	J. Tilney-Bassett	160

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A.R.B. Thomas	194	1 - 0	S.J. Shutler	190
J. Wheeler	185	½ - ½	G.H. Bennett	198
G.W. Wheeler	187	1 - 0	R.H.K. Mann	186
D. Hick	187	0 - 1	M.L. Cowling	193
A.F. Footner	181	0 - 1	F.C. Kingdon	179
S. Arnold	178	1 - 0	M.J. Roth	178
B.WB.Hewson	188	1 - 0	Dr. P. Merrett	176
T.F. Thynne	176	½ - ½	M.R. Charter	177
P. Pritchard	169	0 - 1	I. Cragg	163
C.J.V. Bellers	168	1 - 0	G.H. Windebank	174
R.M. Bruce	158	1 - 0	R. Burton	169
B.W. Clapp	161	1 - 0	H.D. Needham	171
R. Lingham	161	0 - 1	P.W. Curtis	169
K.S. Schofield	154	0 - 1	M.J. Issacs	160
R.H. Newman	162	½ - ½	E. Twamley	168
P. Hlamkin	156	0 - 1	D.P. Lock	165

<u>SOMERSET I 7½</u>		v	<u>CORNWALL I 8½</u>	
J. Whitcutt	188	½ - ½	P.H. Clarke	209
R. Northage	188	0 - 1	J. Anstead	173
G. Moore	198	1 - 0	R.F.G. Kneebone	182
Default		0 - 1	D.A. McFarlane	184
G.N. Jepps	161	1 - 0	R.J. Grime	165
R.W. Gregory	160	½ - ½	K.H. Gay	172
Default		0 - 1	J. Menadue	137
A. Hayler	163	½ - ½	P.J. Williams	150
D. Farndon	156	1 - 0	K.G.P. Gunnell	154
H.G. Thomas	157	0 - 1	D.J. Merry	128
S. Pike	154	1 - 0	K. Spurgin	115
D.J. Holmes	151	0 - 1	C. Tylor	128
Default		0 - 1	J. Mantle	121
J. White	160	1 - 0	P.K. Innes	135
D.C. Wood	153	1 - 0	M. Wells	136
Default		0 - 1	R. Hocking	150

<u>DORSET I 8</u>		v	<u>HAMPSHIRE I 8</u>	
S.J. Shutler	190	½ - ½	G. Lambert	205
G.H. Bennett	198	1 - 0	N. Keene	190
M. Cowling	193	½ - ½	A. Brameld	179
S.J. Street		½ - ½	M. Newbury	183
R.H.K. Mann	186	0 - 1	D. Bell	181
F.C. Kingdon	179	0 - 1	J. Corfield	185
M.J. Roth	178	0 - 1	D. Bower	179
J. Anderson	177	½ - ½	A.R. Culinane	173
M.R. Charter	177	½ - ½	M. Buckmaster	165
G. Windebank	174	1 - 0	I. Stenhouse	173
R. Holmes	142	0 - 1	P. Marshall	169
R. Burton	169	½ - ½	D. Smith	164
I.G. Cragg	163	1 - 0	S. Chivers	160
P. Curtis		½ - ½	P. Hackman	
D.W. Lock	165	1 - 0	L. Walters	161
D.E. Papworth		½ - ½	A. Crossin	159

HAMPSHIRE I 12 v WILTSHIRE I 4

G.E.J. Lambert	205	1 - 0	Default	
N.R. Keane	190	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	R. Haydon	177
J. Corfield	185	1 - 0	Default	
M. Newbury	183	1 - 0	P.R. Watson	174
D.W. Bell	181	1 - 0	B. Walker	169
A.R. Cullinane	173	1 - 0	M. Higgs	159
P.K. Wells		1 - 0	Default	
M. Buckmaster	165	1 - 0	D.E. Ward	157
D. Bower	179	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	R. Webb	157
D. Smith	164	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	W.L. White	151
P. Marshall	169	1 - 0	Default	
S.D. Bell	157	1 - 0	R. Waddell	
A.D. Crossin	159	0 - 1	W.E. Bruges	139
L.C. Walters	161	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	E. Bromilow	135
S. Chivers	160	0 - 1	D. Perrott	120
P. Mackman		1 - 0	Default	

SOMERSET I 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ v WILTSHIRE I 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

M. Truran	207	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	J.A. Tucker	193
G. Moore	198	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	R. Haydon	177
J. Whitcutt	188	0 - 1	P.R. Watson	174
R. Northage	188	0 - 1	K. Shipton	176
M. Poolake	176	1 - 0	B. Walker	
R. Poole	174	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	G. Champan	164
R.J. Gregory	170	1 - 0	M. Higgs	159
S.H. Brockelby	169	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	R.F. Bradley	157
G.N. Jepps	161	1 - 0	D.E. Ward	157
R.W. Gregory	160	1 - 0	R. Webb	157
M.R. Sellars	159	1 - 0	W.L. White	151
A. Hayler	163	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	P. Salmon	
D. Farndon	156	1 - 0	L. Downswell	147
H.G. Thomas	157	1 - 0	E. Bromilow	135
D.R. Wood	153	1 - 0	S. Zeidler	140
C.E. Winch	152	1 - 0	D. Perrott	120

DORSET I 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ v CORNWALL I 6 $\frac{1}{2}$

S.J. Shutler	190	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	P.H. Clarke	209
G.H. Bennett	198	1 - 0	K.W. Lloyd	
M. Cowling	193	0 - 1	J. Anstead	173
R.H.K. Mann	186	1 - 0	R.F.G. Kneebone	182
F. Kingdon	179	1 - 0	D.A. McFarlane	184
M.J. Roth	178	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	R.J. Grime	165
J. Anderson	177	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	M.H. Prettejohn	165 J
M. Charter	177	1 - 0	A.W. Busby	152
G. Windebank	174	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	K.H. Gay	172
I. Cragg	163 J	1 - 0	J. Menadue	137 J
R. Burton	169	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	P.J. Williams	150
D. Needham	171	0 - 1	K.G.P. Gunnell	154
R. Kinnersley	164 J	0 - 1	R.A. Slade	
D. Lock	163	0 - 1	M.E.E. Clarke	154
M. Isaacs	160 J	1 - 0	D.J. Merry	128
J. Tilney-Bassett	160	1 - 0	J. Mantle	121 J

THE MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Once again, Devon won all matches and go into the semi-finals of the Minor Counties Championship. Devon's record in this competition is quite incredible. The Union first entered for this competition in 1974 and Devon have never lost a single match. Great credit must go to Ron Bruce who, as match captain for both County teams, has inspired his players to rise to the occasion even when heavily outgraded.

FINAL TABLE

		P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
1.	Devon	5	5	-	-	5
2.	Gloucester	5	4	-	1	4
3.	Hampshire	5	2	-	3	2
4.	Somerset	5	2	-	3	2
5.	Dorset	5	1	1	3	1½
6.	Cornwall	5	-	1	4	½

DETAILED RESULTS

SOMERSET II 11 v CORNWALL II 5

C.E. Winch	152	1	-	0	A. Barkhuysen	138
B. Wedmore	136	½	-	½	M. Taylor	138
D. Littlejohns	150	½	-	½	C. Barrell	131
B.T. Crouter	149	½	-	½	J. Hampton	131
R.J. Hirons	149	0	-	1	N. Cummings	127
J.E. Fewkes	148	½	-	½	A. Meakes	131
C. Lasper		1	-	0	P. Saundry	127
K. Payne	137	½	-	½	A.G. Frish	
R. Maishman	140	½	-	½	C. Stage	
T. Wallis	137	1	-	0	Miss H. King	92
A. Hibbitt	137	1	-	0	E. Clark	113
F. Tennant	137	0	-	1	L. Shroll	105
T. Mowlem	128	1	-	0	G. Wells	107
M.J. Wheeler	134	1	-	0	Default	
M.J. Carter	112	1	-	0	Default	

GLOUCESTER II 7½ v DEVON II 8½

G. Anthony	165	J	1	-	0	S.H. Crockett	140
R.O. Powis	178		0	-	1	K. Schofield	154
J. O'Loghlen	169		1	-	0	A.M. Tyrrel	149
V. Homolka	177		0	-	1	R. Liggitt	145
N. Hutchinson			1	-	0	K.J. Bloodworth	153
S. Dilke	173		1	-	0	Mrs. R.M. Bruce	141
M.S. Davies	169		½	-	½	S.R. Boniface	151
S. Rice	167		0	-	1	T. Baldwin	154
M.G. Powis	167		0	-	1	S.M. Owen	147
R.J. Johnson	167		1	-	0	S. Landon	151
M.J. Richardson	163		0	-	1	S. Dilleigh	149 J
P. Dodwell	161		½	-	½	M. Rosseinsky	129 J
R.J. Dixon	154		½	-	½	L.J. Guard	131
D.H.T. Spencer	162		½	-	½	D. McCarthy	117
A. Bourke	155	J	0	-	1	Dr. R.W. Hitchcock	131
G. Copeland	151	J	½	-	½	R. Cluffman	120

<u>GLOUCESTER II 15</u>			v	<u>HAMPSHIRE II 0 +1 Adj.</u>		
M.A. Cook	177	1 - 0		A.K. Sharma	146	J
C. Jones			A - A	D. Drew	145	
V. Homilka	177	1 - 0		J.J. Evans	142	
S.W. Dilke	173	1 - 0		C.O'Bee	138	
N.S. Davies	169	1 - 0		S.D. LeFevre	125	
R.J. Johnson	167	1 - 0		Default		
M.G. Powis	167	1 - 0		Default		
H. Coleman		1 - 0		Default		
P. Dodwell	161	1 - 0		Default		
P.J. Tolhurst	164	1 - 0		Default		
D.C. Jarrett	163	1 - 0		Default		
B. Dixon	154	1 - 0		Default		
A. Bourke	155	J 1 - 0		Default		
D.H.T. Spencer	162	1 - 0		Default		
G. Copeland	151	J 1 - 0		Default		
A.H. Williams	160	1 - 0		Default		

<u>GLOUCESTER II 9</u>			v	<u>SOMERSET II 7</u>		
N. Hosken	180	1 - 0		R.V. Puchades	153	
R.O. Powis	178	1 - 0		C.E. Winch	152	
S.W. Dilke	173	1 - 0		D.J. Holmes	151	
R.J. Johnson	167	1 - 0		R. Barton	150	
D.C. Jarrett	163	1 - 0		D. Littlejohns	150	
M.J. Richardson	163	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$		B.T. Croutier	149	
R.J. Dixon	154	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$		J.E. Fewkes	148	
D.H.T. Spencer	162	0 - 1		P.D. Johnson	147	
G. Copeland	151	J $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$		C.D. Hill	144	
G. Bullock	141	J 1 - 0		K. Payner	138	
A.R. Bentley	148	0 - 1		N.R. Ludgate	143	
R.C. Last	143	1 - 0		R. Fursman		
H.K. Millbank	138	0 - 1		T. Wallis	137	
C. Weekes	136	J $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$		B. Wedmore	136	J
J.C.B. Date	134	0 - 1		R. Maisham	140	
Mrs. M. Powis	142	0 - 1		A. Hibbett	137	

<u>DEVON II 9</u>			v	<u>CORNWALL II 7</u>		
A.M. Tyrrell	149	1 - 0		A. Barkhuysen	138	
K.J. Bloodworth	153	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$		M. Taylor	138	
Mrs. R.M. Bruce	141	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$		P. Innes	135	
S.R. Boniface	151	0 - 1		A.J. Gunn	134	
T. Bladwin	154	1 - 0		C. Barrell	131	
J. Parker	151	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$		J. Hampton	131	
S. Landon	151	1 - 0		J. Mantle	121	
S. Dilleigh	149	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$		N. Cummings	127	
A. Kerry	148	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$		A. Meakes	131	
M. Rosseinsky	129	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$		C. Tylor	128	
T. Parker	143	0 - 1		M. Hurst	126	
E.G. Sparke	136	1 - 0		A.G. Frish		
L.P. Guard	131	0 - 1		C. Stage		
R.W. Vickery	133	1 - 0		E. Clark	113	
D. McCarthy	117	0 - 1		Miss H. King	92	
R. Luffman	120	0 - 1		L. Shroll	105	

<u>DORSET II 7$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		v	<u>CORNWALL II 7$\frac{1}{2}$</u>			
P. Cheu	157	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	A. Barkhuysen	138
P. Burnham	148	0	-	1	D. Innes	135
R. Hodmes	142	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	M. Wells	136 J
B.K. Bevis	155	1	-	0	J. Hampton	131
T. Simms	146	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	C. Barrell	131
P.N. Wilson	145 J	1	-	0	J. Nicholas	131
R. Pegg	140	0	-	1	N. Cummings	127 J
C.F. Cooper	146	1	-	0	C. Tylor	128
C. Romero	148	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	A. Meakes	131
D. Roberts		1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	M. Hurst	126 J
A. MacGowan		0	-	1	A.G. Frish	
R.A.G. Marples	107	0	-	1	C. Stace	
M.J. Goodwin	122	0	-	1	H. King	92
W.A. Shutler	121	1	-	0	E. Clark	113
L. Cox	137	1	-	0	L. Shroll	105
Default					Default	

<u>DORSET II 11$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		v	<u>HAMPSHIRE II 4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>			
R. Kinnersley	164	1	-	0	R. Hartley	162
D.P. Lock	163	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	S. Dean	163
R.M. Ellison	161	1	-	0	I. Upton	149
J.E. Crewe	161	1	-	0	R. Cumming	
M. Isaacs	160	1	-	0	P. McEvoy	158
Dr. J.F. Tilney-						
Bassett	160	1	-	0	W. Silber	151
R. Valentine	155	1	-	0	B. Cumming	
P. Cheu	157	1	-	0	C. Rice	148
D.K. Bevis	155	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	M. Cawston	154
R.H. Sutton	154	0	-	1	C. Trotter	150
E.W. Chandler	155	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	D. Drew	145
D.K. Wimbleton	153	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	J. Evans	142
A. Bright	152	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	A. Mackie	
P. Burnham	148	1	-	0	G.H. Levy	
T. Simms	146	0	-	1	S. Le Fevre	125
M. Potter		1	d	0	C. Ebbs	

<u>DEVON II 9</u>		v	<u>DORSET II 7</u>			
R. Liggitt	145	1	-	0	D.E. Papworth	166
A.M. Tyrrell	149	1	-	0	R. Kinnersley	164
S.H. Crockett	140	1	-	0	J.F. Tilney-Bassett	160
K.J. Blodworth	153	0	-	1	R.M. Ellison	161
Mrs. R.M. Bruce	141	1	-	0	R. Valentine	155
S.R. Boniface	151	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	P. Cheu	157
T. Baldwin	154	0	-	1	R.H. Sutton	154
S.M. Owen	147	1	-	0	D.K. Wimbleton	153
J. Parker	151	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	C.I. Romero	148
S. Landon	151	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	A.G. Bright	152
S. Dilleigh	149	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	P. Burnham	148
D. Miles	151	1	-	0	R. Pegg	140
E.G. Sparke	136	0	-	1	N. Wilson	145
L.P. Guard	131	0	-	1	C.F. Cooper	146
D. McCarthy	117	0	-	1	T. Simms	146
R. Luffman	120	1	-	0	R. Holmes	137