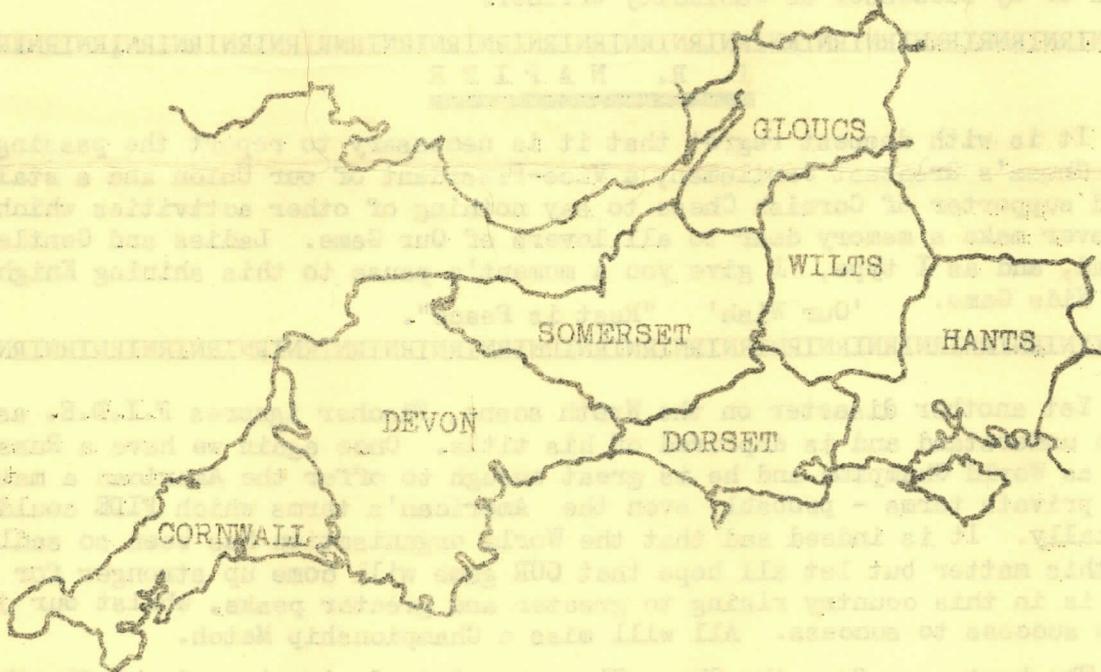


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It is with regret that I am unable to quote subscription rates as I am relinquishing ALL my chess activities at B.C.F., S.C.C.U., W.E.C.U., County and Local levels as the various A.G.M's take place. I regret this decision which is necessitated by considerations right outside the chess field. However, believing this decision to be of somewhat short notice for both S.C.C.U. and W.E.C.U., I have already agreed to produce the S.C.C.U. Grading List in late August and/or Sept and will extend the same offer to W.E.C.U. if they so wish - of course depending on the wishes of my successor as Publicity Officer.

I. R. N A P I E R

It is with deepest regret that it is necessary to report the passing of one of Chess's Greatest Gentlemen, a Vice-President of our Union and a stalwart leader and supporter of Cornish Chess to say nothing of other activities which must for ever make a memory dear to all lovers of Our Game. Ladies and Gentlemen, as you read, and as I type, I give you a moment's pause to this shining Knight of our World Wide Game. 'Our Wish' "Rest is Peace".

Yet another disaster on the Wroth scene, Fischer ignores F.I.D.E. as far as one can understand and is deprived of his title. Once again we have a Russian Gentleman as World Champion and he is great enough to offer the American a match on agreed private terms - probably even the American's terms which FIDE could not accept totally. It is indeed sad that the World organisation has been so sadly taxed in this matter but let all hope that OUR game will come up stronger for it certainly is in this country rising to greater and greater peaks, whilst our juniors march from success to success. All will miss a Championship Match.

The best news from the Chess Players point of view is undoubtedly the recognition of Chess by the Department of Education and Science which followed a further failure to get Chess recognised by the Sports Council. This Department has agreed to meet three-quarters of the administration's budgetted costs for the 9 months from July when our current General Secretary retires - I gather the main object behind this is to keep up national prestige by insuring a properly run office with Official and Secretary. The grant cannot be used to cover matters which have been in the past been mainly covered by Registration fees and thus the normal Federation working will still demand some sort of income from Chess Players in general.

To meet this the B.C.F. Executive in March decided that in future counties would have a choice of either continuing with the Registration Scheme or of opting for a Levy System with probably the levy system being the minimum fee from each county. There is a further meeting taking place shortly to decide exactly how the levy system shall be based for presentation to the Council Meeting in July. If the levy system now becomes a sort of maximum and minimum in one, counties and unions will have to look closely at their own finances because their portions of the Registration Scheme could vanish over-night and the Unions may well require a Levy also if they are to remain in existence in something of their present form. Speculation - true but the position requires watching.



3. COUNTY MATCH RESULTS:-

<u>HAMPSHIRE</u> 18-1-75		<u>CORNWALL</u>	
1 D Gibson	1/2	RJ Grime	1/2.
2 P Davies	1	J Anstead	0.
3 K Gregory	1	BH Turner	0.
4 P Hackman	1	RP Fry	0.
5 M Charter	1/2	P Breach	1/2.
6 P Marshall	0	AJ Gunn	1.
7 L Waktors	1	Dr C Taylor	0.
8 H Davies	0	M Street	1.
9 I Stenhouse	1/2	S Shirley	1/2.
10 K Davies	1	WR Provis	0.
11 D Drew	1	LG Shroll	0.
12 B Andrews	1	E Clark	0.
13 S Cool	1	WH Peek	0.
14 S Le Fevre	1/2	R Provis	1/2.
15 S Chivers	1	J Hampton	0.
16 E Engert	1	T Byers	0.
At Exeter U.	12		4.

<u>WILTSHIRE</u> 18-1-75		<u>GLOUCESTER</u>		
1/2.	W Lowe	0	ME Binks	1.
0.	MA Spindler	1	ME Brigden	0.
0.	RE Bradley	0	MI Davis	1.
0.	M Fowler	0	D Osborne	1.
1/2.	G Stevens	1	ME Poolake	0.
1.	R Lane	@	RO Powis	@.
0.	F Haynes	@	CJ Hutchings	@.
1.	IC Robson	1/2	IR Pickup	1/2.
1/2.	D Hale	1	D Hulme	0.
0.	C Bradley	0	PJ Tolhurst	1.
0.	B Kervin	1/2	DM Hill	1/2.
0.	T Higgs	0	RJ Dixon	1.
0.	C Sowden	0	RC Campbell	1.
1/2.	EC Baker	0	EW Joce	1.
0.	MJ Cousins	0	B Little	1.
0.	P Barker	1	RC Last	0.
		5+		9+.

Friendlies:

1 J Denning	0	HJ Draisey	1.
2 P Edgington	1	JCB Date	0.
3 B Walker	1/2	JAR Cousins	1/2.
4 J Renahan	0	K Griffin	1.
5 MC Lovell	0	JA Fetterlein	1.
6 M McCaugherty	0	Dr AE Devonshire	1.
7 R Garraway	1/2	T Tate	1/2.
8 Dr P Hopkins	1	P Millener	0.
9 A Fellows	1/2	J Marks	1/2.
	3 1/2		5 1/2.

CORNWALL v SOMERSET  
Regrettably Somerset were unable to raise a team for this match and so conceded the match to Cornwall 16-0.

<u>GLOUCESTER</u> 8-2-75		<u>HAMPSHIRE</u>	
1 Dr JM Aitken	1/2	PJ Lee	1/2.
2 ME Binks	1	L Stritton	0.
3 ME Brigden	1/2	MWJ Thompson	1/2.
4 JR Boyce	1	D Gibson	0.
5 D Osborne	0	GEJ Lambert	1.
6 AHM Hurman	0	ML Newbury	1.
7 MI Davis	1/2	A Brameld	1/2.
8 PJ Meade	1	P Davies	0.
9 ME Poolake	0	K Gregory	1.
10 CJ Hutchings	1/2	DE Bower	1/2.
11 RO Powis	1	A Le Fevre	0.
12 IR Pickup	1	S Dean	1/2.
13 D Hulme	0	A Cullinane	1.
14 JK Fawcett	1	AJ Peters	0.
15 N Davey	1	AC Barton	0.
16 DC Jarrett	1	TI Cowling	0.
At Yeovil.	9 1/2		6 1/2
17 DM Hill	1/2	PL Marshall	1/2.
18 N Ludgate	1	LG Walters	0.
19 K Shipton	1/2	M Mitchell	1/2.
20 RJ Dixon	1/2	R Cameron	1/2.
21 RC Campbell	0	P Hackman	1.
22 EW Joce	0	MR Charter	1.
23 B Little	1	A Crossin	0.
24 A Kendry	1	I Stenhouse	0.
25 G Coe	1	N Le Fevre	0.
26 RC Last	1	K Davies	0.
27 HJ Draisey	1/2	P Andrews	1/2.
28 JCB Date	1	D Drew	0.
29 JAR Cousins	0	S Cool	1.
30 DHT Spencer	1	S Le Fevre	0.
31 J Fetterlein	1/2	S Chivers	1/2.
32 A Devonshire	1	EW Engert	0.
	10.		5 1/2.

<u>DORSET</u> 8-2-75		<u>SOMERSET</u>	
RHK Mann	0	R Northage	1.
Dr I Roebuck	1	D Bonner	0.
Dr P Merrett	1/2	JK Whitoutt	1/2.
RAE Shaw	1/2	AJ Borkowski	1/2.
FC Kingdon	0	G Fuller	1.
J Anderson	0	C Chapman	1.
HD Needham	1/2	C Winch	1/2.
MJ Roth	1	B Crouter	0.
R Valentine	1	EG Walker	0.
RC Murphy	0	DG Woodruff	1.
JA Bassett (Def)	0	I Furber	1.
SJ Shutler	1/2	C Lasper	1/2.
P.A. Aston	1	P Hunt	0.
H Holmes	1	T O'Mahoney	0.
P Dearlove	1	P Langstone	0.
R Burton	@	R Gray	@.
At Warminster.	8+		7+
Def.	0	J Fewkes	1.
JJ Soesan	1	C Stanford	0.
E Clark	1/2	JA Hornby	1/2.
K Spackman	1	R Morgan	0.
P Anderson	1	P Mayward	0.
R van Kummer	1	D Bagshaw	0.
J Kiraly	1	D Hutchfield	0.
P Mant	0	P Johnson	1.
RAG Marples	0	M Middleton	1.
LP Deeth	0	T Meadlong	1.
S Street	1/2	R Maishman	1/2.
M Rees	0	T Wheeler	1.
WA Shutler	1	K Hillier	0.
W Morris	@	R Fursman	@.
S Frampton	1	J Fuller	0.
I Smith	0	A Price	1.
	8+		7+

CORRECTIONS:

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<u>WILTSHIRE</u> 1-3-75		<u>SOMERSET</u>	
1 W Lowe	1	JK Whitcutt	0.
2 MA Spindler	1	JA Borkowski	0.
3 RF Bradley	1	G Fuller	0.
4 G Stevens	1/2	RW Gregory	1/2.
5 M Fowler	1	G Jepps	0.
6 F Haynes	@	DG Woodruff	@.
7 R Lane	@	C Winch	@.
8 D Hale	1	D Hicks	0.
9 G Bradley	@	B Crouter	@.
10 EC Baker	0	A Ash	1.
11 J Denning	1/2	EG Walker	1/2.
12 M Cousins	0	G Farrel	1.
13 P Edgington	1	C Jasper	0.
14 A Fellows	0	J Fewkes	1.
15 B Walker	@	RG Gray	@.
16 J Renahan	0	J Hornby	1.
	7+		5+.

<u>DEVON</u> 1-3-75		<u>CORNWALL</u>	
R Liggitt	1/2	RJ Grime	1/2.
P Waldon	@	J Anstead	@.
Mrs MEE Clarke	1/2	P Breach	1/2.
PC Cowdray	0	AW Busby	1.
RN Swan	1/2	P Day	1/2.
SR Boniface	1	RP Fry	0.
KJ Bloodworth	1	S Shirley	0.
EG Sparke	1	M Street	0.
J Hutchings	1	Dr RC Tylor	0.
HR Pearce	1	WR Provis	0.
I Annetts	1/2	G Shroll	1/2.
J Parker	1	S.P. Lucas	0.
M Roberts	1	WH Peek	0.
Dr R Hitchcock	1	C Byers	0.
WA Frost	1	E Clark	0.
RH Jones	0	R Provis	1.
	11+		4+

<u>DEVON</u> 8-2-75		<u>DORSET</u>	
1 PH Clarke	1	RHK Mann	0.
2 ARB Thomas	1/2	Dr I Roebuck	1/2.
3 P Waters	1	Dr P Merrett	0.
4 GW Wheeler	1	RAE Shaw	0.
5 P Broad	1	FC Kingdon	0.
6 RM Bruce	1/2	J Anderson	1/2.
7 D Richardson	1	RC Murphy	0.
8 K Schofield	1	JA Bassett	0.
9 R Heaseman	1	H Holmes	0.
10 BW Clapp	1	P Dearlove	0.
11 RH Newman	@	R Burton	@.
12 Mrs RM Bruce	1/2	DP Lock	1/2.
13 R Leggitt	1	D Churcher	0.
14 P Walden	1/2	HN Dulson	1/2.
15 S Owen	0	JJ Soesan	1.
16 Mrs MEE Clarke	1	K Spackman	0.
@ Ilninster.	12		3.
17 G Papworth	0	PC Cowdray	1.
18 P Anderson	1/2	PN Swan	1/2.
19 G Kilmister	0	SR Boniface	1.
20 R van Kummer	1	EGS Parne	0.
21 DW Lock	1/2	KJ Bloodworth	1/2.
22 J Kiraly	0	HR Pearce	1.
23 LP Deeth	0	I Annetts	1.
24 M Rees	1	Dr RW Hitchcock	0.
25 M Cowling	1/2	J Parker	1/2.
26 P Mant	0	MJ Roberts	1.
27 J Miedema	1/2	WA Frost	1/2.
28 W Morris	0	J Hutchings	1.
29 T Morris	0	Dr C Oppenheim	1.
30 RAG Marples	0	C Gilbey	1.
31 S Frampton	0	T Parker	1.
32 A Pynegar	0	Miss P Anson	1.
	4		12.

<u>DORSET</u> 1-3-75.		<u>HAMPSHIRE</u>	
RHK Mann	1/2	PJ Lee	1/2.
CR Orchard	@	GEJ Lambert	@.
Dr P Merrett	0	ML Newbury	1.
J Anderson	1/2	A Brameld	1/2.
HD Needham	1/2	K Gregory	1/2.
R Valentine	1/2	P Davies	1/2.
RC Murphy	0	A Cullinane	1.
EW Chandler	0	A Le Fevre	1.
default	0	D Bell	1.
PA Aston	1	P Hackman	0.
DA Hyde	0	H Killick	1.
RM Ellison	1	G Daw	0.
DP Lock	1/2	P Mitchell	1/2.
HN Dulson	0	J Corfield	1.
P Dearlove	0	AC Barton	1.
R Burton	1/2	P Marshall	1/2.
@ Kinson	5+		10+
C Richards	0	M Charter	1.
HEJ Stay	0	TI Cowling	1.
C Papworth	1	LC Walters	0.
JJ Soesan	1/2	M Stone	1/2.
AJ Duke	1	D Lewis	0.
EJ Clark	0	N Le Fevre	1.
K Spackman	0	A Crossin	1.
BJ Broadhouse	1/2	S Willey	1/2.
Dr DF TilneyBassett	1	W Silber	0.
R van Kummer	1	D Fletcher	0.
WA Shutler	0	D Beer	1.
DW Lock	1/2	K Garrett	1/2.
E Counihan	0	P Andrews	1.
LP Deeth	0	D Drew	1.
J Kiraly	0	S Cool	1.
C Romero	0	A Berry	1.
	5 1/2		10 1/2.

<u>DORSET</u> 22-3-75		<u>CORNWALL</u>	
1 SJ Shutler	1	RJ Grime	0.
2 K Spackman	0	J Anstead	1.
3 EJ Clark	0	P Breach	1.
4 LP Deeth	1/2	M Watkins	1/2.
5 Dr D TilneyBas't	1/2	P Day	1/2.
6 R van Kummer	1	RP Fry	0.
7 M Rees	1	AJ Gunn	0.
8 GJ Bynoe	0	S Shirley	1.
9 RAG Marples	0	M Street	1.
10 P Bishop	1/2	C Tylor	1/2.
11 W Morris	0	LG Shroll	1.
12 GG Hollies	0	Rev Lee-Dodds	1.
13 A Pynegar	0	P Byers	1.
14 N Campbell	1/2	A Boylan	1/2.
15 JF Kingdon	0	E Clark	1.
T Tipper	0	SP Lucas	1.
@ Oakhampton	5		11.

LATE NEWS

B.C.F. MINOR COUNTIES SEMI-FINAL

Devonshire played Lancashire in this semi-final and came up against a really strong team indeed.

Devon 12 Lancashire 13  
1 for adjudication.

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DEVON		22-3-75 GLOUCESTER (ECC)		DEVON		22-3-75 GLOUCESTER (MCC)	
1 PH Clarke	1	ME Binks	0.	17 SR Boniface	1	RJ Dixon	0.
2 ARB Thomas	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr JM Aitken	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	18 KJ Bloodworth	1	M Goodland	0.
3 P Waters	1	ME Brigden	0.	19 EG Sparke	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
4 GW Wheeler	1	JR Boyce	0.	20 J Parker	$\frac{1}{2}$	RA Kendall	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
5 RM Bruce	0	FJ Meade	1.	21 HR Pearce	0	RC Last	1.
6 K Schofield	0	D Osborne	1.	22 M Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}$	HJ Draisey	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
7 R Heaseman	0	AHM Hurman	1.	23 S Williams	1	JCB Date	0.
8 IP Legg	$\frac{1}{2}$	ME Poolake	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	24 I Annetts	0	C Coe	1.
9 BW Clapp	$\frac{1}{2}$	RO Powis	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	25 Dr RW Hitchcock	1	K Griffin	0.
10 RH Newman	$\frac{1}{2}$	N Davey	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	26 WA Frost	0	T Acton	1.
11 Mrs RM Bruce	$\frac{1}{2}$	IR Pickup	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	27 C Gilbey	1	Dr AF Devonshire	0.
12 R Liggitt	$\frac{1}{2}$	E Myers	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	28 RH Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	F Ashworth	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
13 P Walden	1	N Ludgate	0.	29 Dr C Oppenheim	0	S Finn	1.
14 Mrs MEE Clarke	0	DM Hill	1.	30 T Parker	$\frac{1}{2}$	MG Powis	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
15 L Brokenshire	$\frac{1}{2}$	DC Jarrett	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	31 MJ Beech	0	RA Hill	1.
16 J Hutchings	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Kendry	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	32 TGC Wood	1	J Lord	0.
© Ilminster	8.		8.		$8\frac{1}{2}$		$7\frac{1}{2}$

A match truly worthy of the end of the season and showing a truly great spirit from Devonshire in only failing by half a point to even matters out at the top of the table after their shock defeat by Hampshire earlier in the season. However, compensation came to some extent in the M.C.C. Section where Devon again won the right to go forward to the B.C.F. Section, whilst Gloucester and Hampshire go forward to the E.C.C. section of the B.C.F. Championships.

Unfortunately I have not got the result of the Somerset-Wiltshire match and of several other adjudicated results, thus it is not practical to give a final table for the year.

#### UNION CONGRESS

This Congress was held, as usual, during the Easter weekend, this year at Weymouth in accommodation which provided good playing conditions, especially for the Championship section where daylight sideways across the board was good. The venue was close to accommodation and the seafront and all will join me, I know, in extending a special vote of gratitude to Mrs Anderson and her Lady helpers for all the work they put in running the Canteen to make Tea, Coffee and snacks available to players as they wished. Weather was variable from Snow to Sunshine and not having to go outside for refreshments was a real boom to all players.

The result of the Championship was a three-way tie between P.H. Clarke, P.J. Lee and A.S. Hollies on 5/7 points. Clarke was declared the winner on Sum of Opponents' Scores with 28 to P.J. Lee's 27 $\frac{1}{2}$  for the purposes of nomination for the British Championships in August. Dr I. Roebuck of Weymouth came 4th with 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  points, a half point ahead of Dr J.M. Aitken, I.P. Legg, D. Le Moir and S. Taulbut. Last year's winner, D.M. Wise, did not defend his title.

J. Anderson, President of the Dorset Chess Association, won the Open Championship with a clear lead in the final round. T.D. Harding won the Challengers and R. Burton the Reserves. M. Powis of Stroud won the Minor Championship and B.P.A. Andrews of Southampton the Junior Title.

One of the most remarkable points was the number of long games which occurred, especially in the Junior and Minor Sections, the Minor Championship not being settled finally until 4.20 PM in the afternoon of the final day just after the end of the Prizes presentation and this after playing without a break from 9 AM. To find Juniors taking their full time is something which can only be good for Chess. To those who would wish for full details, please apply to Mr E.G. Walker for a Congress Broche.

#### LATEST AVAILABLE CUTTY SARK POSITIONS

A.J. Miles of Birmingham is the current leader in this year's Cutty Sark Grand Prix with a 125.7 figure. The best West player is J Fetterlein of Cheltenham 106 - the only West player to appear in the first 10.

In the West Petit Prix, the current leaders are P.H. Clarke and P.J. Lee, both with 10. The **Over-All** leader is L.A. Edwards of Leicester with 35, followed by S.J. Hutchings of Cardiff with 32.5. Northern leader is R.A. Doney of Manchester with 13.5, Irish Leader D. Kernan of Dublin with 10 and Scottish leader is P.M. Giulian of Glasgow.

G.H. Bennett, who shared the Cutty Sark prize last year with A.J. Miles, again attempted to win the SCCU Championship for the 3rd successive time at Southend at Easter. He scored 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /3 and retired from the contest, thus failing to win a third time. N. Povah won the S.C.C.U. Title this year.

## B.C.F. QUARTER-FINALS, E.C.C.

Hampshire regrettably came unstuck against Nottingham, the score at the close of play being 11-6 in favour of the Midland County with Hants claiming one win and two draws in adjudicated games.

1	PJ Lee	0	MH Horton	1.	11	P Mitchell	0	A Richmond	1.
2	MWJ Thompson	1	Dr AN Walker	0.	12	A Le Fevre	1	R Richmond	0.
3	GEJ Lambert	$\frac{1}{2}$	RJ Clunie	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	13	A Cullinane	0	PW Grimsey	1.
4	ML Newbury	$\frac{1}{2}$	RG Thimann	$\frac{1}{2}$ .	14	S Dean	$\frac{1}{2}$	JG Cooper	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
5	AF Brameld	@	FR Kemp	@.	15	D Bell	0	Dr JK Walters	1.
6	J Jones	0	PJ Sharp	1.	16	PBA Andrews	1	P Abbott	0.
7	K Gregory	1	PD Brown	0.	17	G Daw	@	K Morrison	@.
8	A Killick	0	PD Hare	1.	18	Cmdr AJ Peters	$\frac{1}{2}$	AJ Gillam	$\frac{1}{2}$ .
9	DE Bower	0	T Guy	1.	19	M Charter	0	WF Ray	1.
10	P Hackman	0	AJ Rolfe	1.	20	I Stenhouse	@	P Abbott	@.
							6		11.

Sadly I learn by phone from Mr Binks, the Gloucestershire Match Captain, that Gloucestershire lost to Kent 5-15, so neither of our teams were very fortunate. However, congratulations on fine wins to Mr J.G. Cooper, Match Captain of Nottinghamshire and to Mrs M. MacDonald-Ross, Match Captain of Kent.

## AVON

A year of change for the Bristol League in which one has the vice-like grip of Downend and Fishponds C.C. at last broken with the University 'A' side winning the Senior League in convincing style. However, my sympathies to D. & F. - Still change is good and will lead to more interesting competition next season.

Div. 1.	Div 2.	Div 3.	Div 4.	Div 5.
Univ A 25	B & C B 37	H & K B 34	Univ E 29	Congresby 27
B & C A 22	Totdwn 28	Univ D 31	B & C D 26	Univ F 25
D & F A 22	D & F C 22	Yatton B 31	NWB A 26	D & F E 24
H & K A 20	Horfld A 20	Thornby A 23	Yatton G 25	Bus 23
Univ B 19	SeaMill B 19	Horfld B 21	H & K D 16	Patchway B 22
D & F B 10	Cabot A 18	H & K C 20	ThornbyB 16	Cabot C 22
Univ C 10	D & F D 18	B & C C 20	Keynshmb 13	Horfield C 22
Sea Mills A 8	YMCA 15	SeaMills A 13	PegasusB 10	M Druce 18
Yatton A 5	Patchwy A 14	Wills Hall 12	H & K E 7	Univ Staff 17
	Keynshmb A 14	Cabot B 5	PegasusC 6	SeaMills D 15
	Pegasus A 4	Civ Serve 4		NWB B 3.

To all clubs who have successfully completed such a full fixture list, well done and may next season bring even better enjoyment.

## CORNWALL

It is indeed pleasing to see Cornwall supporting Chess and the B.C.F. as strong as ever by registrations which have been kept up despite many counties figures falling this year. I understand from Mr Busby that there is a real hope that you may again enter a team for the E.C.C. next season and I do hope that proves accurate because, truly, the stronger the opposition, the better training one gets and so up and up. Good luck and happy Chess.

## DEVON

I feel this has been Devon's unlucky year, so nearly pulling the shock defeat by Hampshire out of the bag, missing only by the smallest possible margin. You did not give up and all must admire such fighting spirit.

Congratulations to Plymouth College for winning your area final of the 'Sunday Times' and in due course I hope you will enjoy the playing of the Glorney Cup International matches in Plymouth and, being the local boys, you will help your excellent organiser and Secretary of the Organisation, Mr K.J. Bloodworth.

Regret no League Tables available for either Plymouth or Exeter Areas, although there have been some close finishes, especially in the Bremridge Cup, Exeter, Plymouth and Barnstaple sharing the lead in latest information.

## NORTH DEVON LEAGUE

Holsworthy Bishops are the Leaders with 12 points with Park School 2nd with 8 points and two games in hand. Holsworthy Knights have 6, Barnstaple 5, Ilfracombe 5, Lynton 5, Bratton F. 3, A.M.P. and Bideford 2 each.

In the Moyle Cup, Exeter have played all their matches and have 8 points. Torquay with 2 matches in hand have 7, Lynton, also with 2 in hand, have 5 and Barnstaple, with 3 matches in hand, have 4 points. Plymouth have 3 with 2 matches to play. Holsworthy 2 plus 1 to play and Tavistock 1 with 2 to play. Quite a lot to play-off as yet with Torquay in a good position.

JUNIOR CHESS

Surrey Boys won the B.C.F. U-18 Final at the Mary Ward Centre, London on March 22nd after Hampshire Boys lost out on Board count.

Surrey  $7\frac{1}{2}$ , Hants  $7\frac{1}{2}$ , Warwickshire  $5\frac{1}{2}$  and Cheshire  $3\frac{1}{2}$ .

The Hants Team were P.J. Lee, G.E.J. Lambert, K.D.F. Gregory, P.R. Davies, M.R. Charter, P. Love, A.J. Berry, A.J. Griffiths, S. Chivers, P.B. Eastlake, P.L. Hackman, S.J. Hooker.

In the B.C.F. U-18 Girls Lancashire  $3\frac{1}{2}/4$ , Surrey  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and Devon and Lincolnshire 1 each. Jane Anson went down to Wanda Pritchard and Philippa Miles to Maria Eagle. Susan Turner lost to Sally Atkins of Lincs and the Devon winner was Jacqueline Dreenwood. It is some comfort to Jane Anson that Wanda Pritchard was awarded the best game prize ahead of the Lancashire No 1 board's win (Shiela Jackson) over Susan Hutchinson of Lincs.

Leading up to this were three other important Junior Training Weekends, at Bristol under Mr D.C. Jarrett, the Union's Junior Chess Secretary - and what a good choice he has been to us for his 'live-wire' activities. The next was master-minded by the Hants Junior Organiser, Mr T.E. Hollington in the Portsmouth Area - this session including a wide number of non-West players and only one from the Bristol Area. The third was that organised by the Central London Chess Authorities with Mr L.W. Barden taking a leading part. The Union's Junior Jamboree under Mr Jarrett's care resulted in the boys' section as follows:-

1st Hants  $11\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2nd Somerset  $6\frac{1}{2}$ ; 3rd Dorset and Wiltshire 5 Each;

5th Gloucestershire  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , and finally Devon  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . A surprisingly big Hants win.

In the Girls section, Devon was again successful with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , Hants  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and also played Wiltshire. The Devon Girls did not lose a game but the Hants Board 2 did achieve a draw with Philippa Miles.

With 72 boys and 16 girls all organised effectively in one afternoon, Mr Jarrett brings to the West an efficiency one hopes will last indefinitely.

In Mr Hollington's Portsmouth effort, P.L. Hackman won the U-18 title whilst Jane Seymour won both the U-16 Open and the Girls U18 titles. This year Jane has won the London Girls U-14, Portsmouth Open U14, Hants Girls U-18 and Hants Open U-16 - a real challenger to Jackson, Anson and Pritchard in the future.

The major surprise of the Portsmouth event was the winning of the Major section by Paul Bishop of Bransgore - just scraping into the Section, he returned a score of  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$

In the BBC2 International Junior Candidates Tournament at the London Chess Club, Hants' P.J. Lee finished equal 3-8 with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  behind J.S. Speelman of Middlesex, winner with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  and C.S. Crouch with 4. (U-18)

Dorset's P.A. Aston and Hants G.E.J. Lambert were  $\approx 13/26$  with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ; Hants' P.L. Hackman  $27/31$  with 2 and Dorset C.G. Button 35th with 1

In the Junior International Candidates U-16, Devon's P.L. Walden was  $10/23$  with 3; Hants' M.R. Charter  $30/42$  with 2; Hants' P.A. Bishop  $44$  with  $1\frac{1}{2}$  and A.J. Griffiths  $47$  with 1.

In the Girls U-18 Jane F. Seymour was first with  $4/4$ , ahead of Helen Granat and Wanda Pritchard, both Surrey. Devon's Jane Anson was  $5/10$  with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  together with Hants' Sharon Prince. Hants Fiona Major  $16/19$   $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

In the following England International Girls trial, Jane F. Seymour won  $5\frac{1}{2}/7$  with Wanda Pritchard 2nd with 5. Jane Anson and Sharon Prince were  $3/5$  with 4.

A new section for the very young, U-7 was won by S.C. Chittenden, Hants.

NORTH DEVON SPRING CONGRESS RESULTS :

This Congress was again held at the Barnstaple Motel, this year in the large ballroom. The entry was the same as last year, although it had been hoped more N.Devon players would take part.

The Taw Tournament was won by D. Evans, Barnstaple; J. Hearn, Bridgewater; and T.J. Murch of Newton Abbott, each scoring  $4/5$  and sharing the £150 prize money.

The Torridge Tournament was won by K. Payne, Bridgewater with a score of  $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ . Equal second were K. Verney, Ilfracombe; K Jones, Holsworthy; A. Tyrell and M. Turner, both from Torquay and F.A. Jordan of Wadebridge.

The Over-60 prize went to Mr W.G. Oliver of Cheltenham and S.P. Lucas of Cornwall. It is good to see these two staunch supporters of Chess coming into their own once in a way.

14 years old Martin Buckmaster of Southampton won the Junior prize.

Best games winners were J.B. Norden, Somerset and J. Dentith of Totnes after two games entered by D. Evans has been passed over as he was a main prize winner. Like most Devon efforts, something one should think seriously about before missing it next year.

DORSET

Both Division 1 and Division 2 of the Dorset League were won by Parkstone Chess Club. They won Division 1 from Weymouth by a last match 'walk-over' when their opponents were unable to raise a team - a somewhat sad way to finish but, if one could predict chess results accurately, I feel Parkstone would have had little trouble in winning the match.

The Dorset Congress is early this year, August 22nd to 25th and clashes with Marlow. However if it was on the following weekend, it would clash with the H.E. Atkins at Leicester and also the 3rd Enfield which attracts an even bigger entry.

The Kinson Congress, May 23rd to 26th, looks like being a much bigger Congress than previously with the greatly increased prize money - 1st Prize £70. Whilst entries are invited for May 10th, I understand late entries will be accepted if there is sufficient room with probably a maximum possible around 120 players.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Firstly congratulations on again winning the West of England Championship, although one does feel the margin of their win this season was just a little down on the previous season which may give other counties just a little more hope for next season.

The Gloucestershire Lightning Championship was won by R. Campbell of Cheltenham Grammar School - ahead of such well-known and strong players as Dr J.M. Aitken and P.J. Meade. The same School won the Team title.

Cheltenham Grammar Team are in the final of the County Junior Team title and play Bristol Grammar School - no result heard yet. Regret no league tables available.

HAMPSHIRE

The County Championship was shared between M.W.J. Thompson and A.R. Cullinane with  $6\frac{1}{2}/8$ . Play-off result not known. 24 players took part in this 8 rounds Swiss Championship, played in Southampton over 2 weekends.

The Hampshire League leaders are Southampton with a match to play with Portsmouth a close 2nd and still with a possibility of winning the leadership. Southampton achieved a good result in beating University 'A' side 4-1

Fareham have won the 2nd Division somewhat easily. Well done.

The Portsmouth League was won by Portsmouth A with 20 points. Community Centre A were a close 2nd with 19 and third Cosham A with 14. Division 2 winners were Cosham B with Community Centre 'B' also same points but poorer game record. Division 3 went to Portsmouth C with 13, 4 points clear of Leigh Park B.

The Schools League again see the strong Southern Grammar easy winners with 6, with St Johns College and Prices being equal second with 2.

Southern Grammar B also won Division 1B with 8 with Prices and Northern A scoring 2 each. Div 2 (U15) was won by Southern Grammar C with 8, St Johns College 6 and Northern B 4, as was Portsmouth C.

Division 3A (U13) was won by Southern E with 6, St Johns 4 and Portsmouth D 4. Division 3B was won by St Lukes with 6. St Johns D & E both 4.

The Southampton League was won by University A with 19 points - Sarisbury being a close second with 18 and K.E.S. 3rd on a similar score but better game score for Sarisbury. Southampton could only achieve 4th place with 15, a very different result from their Hampshire League performance.

Division 2 went to University C side with Eastleigh 2nd a point behind. There are 13 Clubs in this League, involving a lot of matches. Division 3 was won by Southampton C, winning on game points against University D, both having 20 match points. Brockenhurst were 3rd and Sarisbury C 4th with a similar match score but poorer games record.

Southern Grammar were still in the Sunday Times Competition when last heard and are hopeful of winning the title for a second year in succession.

SOMERSET

Somerset League Secretary, Dr H.G. Peters was faced with ties to split, Corsham Whites and Bradford B being equal with 17 points and 44/16 games scores - he has decided to play a three way Jamboree between these two teams and the winners of the other section, Bridgwater.

Leaders in the Roy Hossell Tournament for the final round were D. Hick 5 v G.N. Jepps  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . D.G. Woodruff  $3\frac{1}{2}$  v M.H. Wheeler 4. Difficult to see how D. Hick can miss winning the title.

F.J. Pearce Silver Rosebowl Tournament result (for Schools)

Millfield School  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Westfield Comp. Yeovil  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

Major U-18 Final. T. Wheeler, Bathpool, beat T. Headlong, Paulton.

Minor U-15 Final. Michael Hick, Taunton beat S. Pike, Burnham. His brother won this competition 2 years ago.

WILTSHIRE

The Wiltshire League is gaining ground and now has 12 teams participating, despite the loss of their oldest Club, Malmesbury. Lets hope the Chess players in the Malmesbury area, a nice little town which I know, will organise themselves and find new players to enable them to restart their club once more. My latest information shows R.A.F. Lyneham and Lawn as the early leaders but no late news. Chippenham, who won the League last year, started badly but may have recovered with three additional clubs to play this year.

FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES WHICH MAY INTEREST WEST PLAYERS:-

- May 23-26 Cotswold at Stroud. A.J. Wood, 30 Badminton Rd, Matson, Gloucester.  
do. Bournemouth, Kinson. D.P. Lock, Brooklands, Ham Lane, Longham, Dorset.  
(1st Prize £70 plus 50p for each game won. 4 fold Cutty Sark,
- June 20-22 Charlton. B Parker, 341 Rochester Way, London SE9.
- June 27-29 Manchester Maj and Jnr Open. R.A. Furness, 9 Cranwell Ave, Culcheth,
- July 4-6 Manchester Open and Minor. do. (Cheshire.
- July 11-13 Surrey at New Malden. F.C. Manning, 44 Willow Rd, Wallington SM6 0PF.  
(New and might prove really good - worth a try if dates suit.)
- July 25-27 Hereford. L.P. Collard, 16 Siddons Rd, Hampton Dene, Hereford.
- Aug 4-16 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS at Morecombe. B.C.F. Secretary.
- Aug 22-25. DORSET, Weymouth. E.J. Clark, 9 Malcombe Ave, Weymouth, Dorset.  
(The friendly Congress)
- Sept 7-13 PAIGNTON. W.A. Frost, 3 Cott Meadow, Dartington, Nr Totnes. TQ9 6HB.  
(The best 'outboarding' congress in the West - ideal for families, organisation and pleasant adjacent areas.)
- Oct 5-11. GUERNSEY. International Chess Festival Sec., PO Box 23 Guernsey.  
(This island needs no introduction and the family will be quite happy whilst you play.)
- Oct 10-12. WOOLACOMBE. The Golden Coast for players 155 and under.  
(The best weekend Congress in an hotel for average players there is anywhere that I know of.)
- Oct 17-19 BARNSTAPLE OPEN. Woolacombe again but for strong players.  
(A delightful weekend and see good play even if you are only a rabbit yourself)
- Nov 1-8 BRITISH BLIND CHAMPIONSHIPS at Blackpool. E Norris, 59 Rosehill Rd, Rhyl, Clwyd.
- Nov 24<sup>3</sup>/<sub>23</sub> TORBAY at Totness. J.F. Chambers, Maranth, Weston Rd, Bridgetown, Totnes, Devon. (Another good Congress, played in a delightful room in an excellent live-in hotel)
- Nov 28-30 DARTMOUTH. C. Gouldson, Carey's Cottage, 5 Undercliff, Dartmouth.  
(Atmosphere and friendship at which all players of all strengths can join in or try it as your first Congress for pleasant experience).

FINALLY.

May I thank all those who have supplied me with news and items of interest which has made Westward Ho possible this last three years and also to those many Chess Players who have supported me by ordering copies. Please help my successor to keep Westward Ho a going concern, when he/she is found.

Yours sincerely,



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