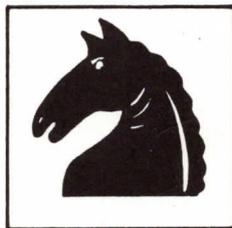


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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to Gary Lane, who maintained his remarkable record by winning the 1985 West of England Championship. In 1980, he won the event at his first attempt at the age of 15. He failed to win in 1981 (finishing with the miserable score of $4\frac{1}{2}$), but has finished first every year since, although shared with Gerald Bennett in 1983.

This year, after scoring 6/6, it seemed we were going to get a unique perfect score, but I. Thompson left that prospect open for another year scoring a good win against Lane in the last round.

All of Lane's games plus full results of the other events, will appear in the Congress edition to be published in July.

TUNIS INTERZONAL

Tony Miles, bidding to become the first Englishman to qualify for the world championship candidates matches, has lost his chance after failing to recover from a poor start.

One of the frustrations, in recent weeks, has been trying to get information of the progress of the Tunis Interzonal. The media has, by and large, ignored the event, and even good old Ceefax has let us down.

However, it does appear that Beliavsky (USSR) $10\frac{1}{2}/15$ and Jusopov (USSR) 10 are certain to qualify. Chermin (USSR) 9 is favourite for one of the two remaining places, while Portisch (Hungary), Hort (Czechoslovakia), Gavrikov (USSR), Suba (Romania), Sosonko (Holland), and De Firmian (USA) all have a chance of qualifying. Meanwhile, Miles has the depressing score of $6\frac{1}{2}$, and with only two rounds left, has no chance of making the top four.

COPY DATE

Copy date for the next issue is June 29th, and all entries to the prize problem, and best games should be in by that date.

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The 35th Annual Paignton Congress will be held at Oldway Mansion, Sunday Sept. 1st to Saturday Sept. 7th by Courtesy of Torbay Borough Council.
The Premier tournament is open to players graded over 159 (Juniors 144) and the Challengers tournament is restricted to players graded less than 170 (Juniors 155). There is also American tournaments, a general Swiss tournament (under 126) and an over-60 Open.
Entry forms may be obtained from P S Short, Blue Horizon, Nut Bush Lane, Shiphay, Torquay TQ2 6LD.

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PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION

On July 13th 1985, David Cyril Jarrett, a 43 year old Bristol Stockbroker, should be confirmed as the new President of the British Chess Federation.

This is the culmination of an organising chess career that began when, at the age of 14, David found himself running his school chess club. He had learned the moves of chess two years previously at Merrywood Grammar School, and developed through the Bristol Schools League to eventually play for several Bristol League clubs -- Lysaghts, SNEB, Bristol Omnibus, Hanham & Kingswood, and finally, Little Thatch (now South Bristol).

David's involvement in administration began in earnest when he became treasurer of the Bristol League, and, at one time or another, he has been the Gloucestershire Junior Organiser, WECU Junior Secretary, and Chairman of the National Junior Committee. It was whilst holding this latter Post that the BCF streamlined their organisation and David was the natural choice to become the first BCF Junior Director, a position he has held to this day.

David also became an Arbiter, although this was almost by accident, because as WECU Junior Secretary he had to run the Union's Junior Championships. After that he became chief controller at events run by Chess National Promotions, and he still controls at the Bristol League Congress every year.

Currently Chairman of the Bristol & District Chess League, David is married with two daughters, Heather (15) and Jennifer (12). I am not sure how much his wife, Carol, sees of him, because besides his commitment to chess administration and a sometimes hectic business life, he has recently taken a keen interest in bowls, and he is also a very active Postal chess player!

David, a former Bristol and Gloucestershire under 15 Champion, still plays at the occasional congress (eg Guernsey every year), and, hearing of a recent win over a 200+ player at Newport, I wonder how strong an OTB player he could have become had he devoted more time to it.

The game below demonstrates the natural flair lurking below the surface!

White: D C Jarrett Black: (GM) K B Richardson (Postal Game) 1983

1 e4 c5 2 c3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cxd4 5 cxd4 d6 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Bc4 dxe5
 8 Bxd5 Qxd5 9 Nc3 Qa5 10 d5 Nb4 11 Nxe5 Bf5 12 0-0 g6 13 g4 Bg7 14 Bf4 Bc8
 15 a3 Na6 16 d6 Be6 17 d7+ Kf8 18 Re1 g5 19 Bg3 Bf6 20 b4 Qd8 21 Qf3 Kg7
 22 Qxb7 Qb6 23 Qf3 Rad8 24 Rad1 Rhf8 25 Nd5 Qb5 26 Nxe7! Bxe7 27 Nc6 Rxd7
 28 Rxd7 Bxd7 29 Nxe7 f6 30 Nd5 Bxg4 31 Re7+ Kg6 32 Nf4+! 1-0

Westward Ho! wishes David every success over the next three years.

Jonathan Manley (Chief Editor) has sent me a copy of his magazine, "KINGPIN", which circulates in London and the South East. Currently with a circulation of 500 approx., Mr Manley is hoping to broaden its readership in the Southern Counties.

It's certainly a magazine with a difference, with a mixture of serious chess articles, and a high degree of amusement with articles such as 'Great swindles of our time', and 'Kamikaze corner'!

The magazine is produced in a4 size and the reproduction is excellent (how do you do it Jonathan, envy, envy!).

Organisers of tournaments in the West of England may wish to take advantage of the advertising rates, which are £25 for a full a4 page, or £15 for half page.

The magazine is available from Jonathan Manley, 10 Derwent Gardens, Ilford, Essex IG4 5NA or telephone 01 550 0414 for further information.

Price 90 pence inclusive of postage.

Latest positions in the 1985 Leigh competitions....

LEIGH GRAND PRIX (£3,000) MAX 200.0				LEIGH PETIT PRIX (£500) MAX 100.0			
1	IM	Mark Hebden	175.0	1	IM	Mark Hebden	89.5
2	(IM)	Keith Arkell	168.5	2	(IM)	Keith Arkell	84.5
3	IM	Julian Hodgson	125.9	3		Jeff Horner	75.0
4	GM	Jonathan Speelman	114.2	4	(IM)	David Norwood	70.3
5		Joseph Gallagher	111.0	5		Erik Teichmann	62.4
6	IM	Andrew Martin	100.1	6		Victor Knox	61.2
7	(IM)	David Norwood	97.7	7		Patrick Carton	41.7
8		Erik Teichmann	95.5	8		Edward O'Reilly	41.6
9		Peter Large	93.5	9	IM	Tony Kosten	41.2
10	IM	Darryl Johansen	85.9	10		Mark Orr	41.1

NEWS FROM BCF

BUDGET - The levy has been set at £95 per point which is an increase of £10 on last year's figure (is inflation really running at 12%?). Apparently a proposal for £100 was defeated. On current levy points this means an increase of £80 for Gloucestershire, £65 for Somerset, £50 for Devon & Hampshire, £45 for Dorset, £30 for Cornwall, and £20 for Wiltshire.

YEAR BOOK - This will be costed so as to break even. This will mean a price rise, possibly up to £5.

LEGAL & GENERAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - It is intended to introduce a new tier aimed at players graded 100-125.

BCF TREASURER - Applications for this post must be in by 30th May at the very latest; interviews in London on June 15th; the post is unpaid.

CLUB OF THE YEAR - Nominations are invited for the 1984-5 Club of the Year award. Criteria to be used will include: enthusiasm, eg local promotion, involvement in local organisation, training, facilities for juniors, all-round effort. Nominations should be made to the BCF office by 31st May. Bear in mind that the judges decide solely on the basis of the written submissions.

BCF ADJUDICATIONS SECRETARY - Dr Hugh Phillips has moved to 5 Deri Road, Abergavenny, Gwent NP7 5SY.

Entries are invited for the **WEST OF ENGLAND JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS** to be held at Marlwood School, Vattlingstone Lane, Alveston, Bristol on 6th & 7th July 1985.

There will be six championships plus an Open tournament.

- 1 **THE WEST OF ENGLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP** - Trophy: The Wilson-Osborne Cup + cash prizes. Players must be under 18 on the 1st Sept 1984. The grading limit is +130, 1984 WECU. Entry fee is £4.00.
- 2 **THE WEST OF ENGLAND GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP** - Trophy: The Western Morning News Cup + cash prizes. Players must be under 18 on the 1st Sept. 1984. Entry fee is £3.00.
- 3 **THE OPEN JUNIOR VICTORIA CHALLENGERS TOURNAMENT** - Open to any under 18 on 1st Sept. 1984 - cash prizes - Entry Fee £3.00
- 4 **THE UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP** - Trophy: The Mrs Wilson-Osborne Cup + cash prizes. Players must be under 16 on the 1st Sept. 1984. Entry fee is £3.00.
- 5 **THE UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP** - Trophy: The WECU Under 14 Cup + cash prizes. Players must be under 14 on 1st Sept. 1984. Entry fee is £3.00.
- 6 **THE UNDER 12 CHAMPIONSHIP** - Trophy: The WECU Under 12 Cup + cash prizes. Players must be under 12 on 1st Sept. 1984. Entry fee is £2.00.

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RESULTS

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S TITLE!

Congratulations to Chris Jones, whose Gloucestershire 1st team won the Harold Meek Trophy, and 2nd team won the Wayling Trophy. The result of these competitions depended on the outcome of the Gloucestershire - Hampshire match on 16th March, in which the former had a 10-6 win over the top sixteen boards, and a 9-7 win in the second sixteen.

Gloucestershire now meet Lancashire in the quarter-finals of the English Counties Championship, while Hampshire play Greater Manchester. In the Second Teams' competition Hampshire play Yorkshire, but at the time of writing it is not certain whether Gloucestershire play Kent or Essex.

Somerset and Cornwall are the WECU qualifiers for the Minor Counties Championship. Somerset play Northumberland in the quarter-finals, while Cornwall have already played Surrey in a preliminary round.

Cornwall are 5½-9½ down in this telephone match played over sixteen boards between Newquay and London, but as Tony Meakes says ..."The difference in gradings between ourselves and our opponents was even greater than in WECU matches. In view of this, I was very pleased with the score we achieved. In fact with the help of wins from Michael Adams, Ian George, and David Saqui, we are leading in the top half of the match." ...

CORNWALL				SURREY	
1	M Adams	192j	1 0	H Barber	209
2	K W Lloyd	195	½ ½	R Granat	199
3	J F S Menadue	179	Disputed	R Harris	192
4	R J Grime	172	½ ½	C Holland	191
5	I M George	167	1 0	I Upton	190
6	P J Williams	169	½ ½	S Gillam	185
7	R Kneebone		½ ½	W Linton	186
8	D Saqui	151	1 0	R W O'Brien	179
9	S J Piper	154	0 1	J Anderson	181
10	J Nicholas	156	½ ½	D Sedgwick	178
11	S Foale		0 1	A Corkett	186
12	A Barkhuysen	144	0 1	P Sullivan	181
13	E A Horn	138	0 1	R Woodcraft	184
14	D Bly	129j	0 1	C Rose	183
15	J R Harrison	127j	0 1	J Brogden	171
16	D Burleigh	132	0 1	S Walker	174

5½ 9½

As you can see, there was a dispute on board three regarding a position that arose after a transmission error on the telephone. Jeremy Menadue played 30...Q-kb4, but the move made on the Surrey board was 30...Q-KB3. The game continued 31 Q-N5 B-Q2 32 QxB(Q7) QxQ, this last move, of course, being illegal on the Surrey board. It was eventually established where the difference had occurred and, in accordance with rule 7 of the BCF rules for telephone matches, the position after White's 30th move was restored, and Black's 30...Q-KB4 was played on both boards.

Problem over you might think, however, White chose to continue with 31 Q-N5, and after some thought, Menadue replied 31...R-K2. The White player, R Harris, refused to accept this move, maintaining that Menadue was playing from the same position as before, and should make the same move as before, namely 31...B-Q2. Naturally, Menadue disputed this assertion but the Surrey arbiter agreed with the Surrey player. The Cornwall arbiter, however, ruled that Menadue was not obliged to play 31...B-Q2, and direct discussions between the arbiters on the telephone failed to resolve the dispute.

BCF rule 7 for telephone matches states:"...then the position shall be restored to

the stage immediately before the move was made, and the correct version of that move made on the board. The game is then re-started from that position. As Tony Meakes points out, the inference from the rules must be that the moves played after the error had occurred are a non-event, and that the game re-starts from a fresh position. Indeed, there is nothing in the rules to suggest that either player should have to repeat any of their moves.

Although I must admit to some bias, I do find the decision of the Surrey arbiter astonishing. Nevertheless, I do not have Surrey's version of events and no doubt the BCF will make a satisfactory decision, based on the facts from both sides.

1984-5 Harold Meek Competition

	CORN	DEVON	DORSET	GLOUCS	HANTS	SOMS	PTS	POSn
CORNWALL	XX	7	11	1½	6	6½	2	5th
DEVON	9	XX	10	7	4½	9	6	3rd
DORSET	5	6	XX	4	6½	6	0	6th
GLOUCS	14½	9	12	XX	10	11	10	1st
HANTS	10	11½	9½	6	XX	11	8	2nd
SOMERSET	9½	7	10	5	5	XX	4	4th

12th January 1985

Cornwall 1½ Gloucestershire 14½ Played at Exeter University

1 Coleman 0 Beaumont 1; 2 default 0 Jones 1; 3 Kneebone 0 Meade 1; 4 default 0 Bennett 1; 5 Nicholas 0 Elliott 1; 6 Horn 0 Hosken 1; 7 Barkhuysen 0 Derrick 1; 8 Meakes 0 Weeks 1; 9 default 0 Boyce 1; 10 Parkin 0 Solomon 1; 11 Harrison ½ Beadle ½; 12 Burleigh 0 Powis 1; 13 Gill 0 Day 1; 14 default 0 Pickup 1; 15 Piper 0 Copeland 1; 16 Kidd 1 Smith 0

Devon 10 Dorset 6 Played at Ilminster

1 G Wheeler 0 Shutler 1; 2 J Wheeler 1 Freeman 0; 3 Heath ½ Kinnersley ½; 4 Hewson ½ Jones ½; 5 Boyne 0 Clark 1; 6 Archer-Lock 1 Anderson 0; 7 Buckley 1 Valentine 0; 8 Thynne 0 Kingdon 1; 9 Lingham 1 Romero 0; 10 Brusey ½ Merrett ½; 11 Thomas ½ Bevis ½; 12 Penaligon ½ Needham ½; 13 Wilks ½ Simms ½; 14 Hutchings 1 Tilney-Bassett 0; 15 Roberts 1 Colmer 0; 16 Clapp 1 Walker 0.

Hampshire 11 Somerset 5 Played at Shaftesbury

1 Bennett ½ Headlong ½; 2 Stevenson 1 House 0; 3 Rossiter 1 Martinez 0; 4 K Gregory 1 Sage 0; 5 Newbury ½ Fewkes ½; 6 Buckmaster 1 Northage 0; 7 Bell 1 Winch 0; 8 Lock ½ Hardy ½; 9 Stirling 1 Jepps 0; 10 Daley 1 Miller 0; 11 Cowling ½ R J Gregory ½; 12 Dean ½ Stone ½; 13 Williams 0 Chambers 1; 14 Miller 1 Ludgate 0; 15 Silber ½ Gosling ½; 16 Purkiss 0 Steadman 1

26th January 1985

Dorset 6½ Hampshire 9½ Played at Wimborne

1 Shutler 0 Brameld 1; 2 Isaacs 0 Roe 1; 3 Freeman 1 Stevenson 0; 4 Kinnersley 0 Rossiter 1; 5 Varley 1 Gregory 0; 6 Burton 0 Fuller 1; 7 Clark 1 Newbury 0; 8 Anderson 0 Buckmaster 1; 9 Roth 1 Bell 0; 10 Kingdon ½ Lock ½; 11 Valentine 1 Stenhouse 0; 12 Needham 0 Stirling 1; 13 Chandler 0 Cowling 1; 14 Romero 0 Humphreys 1; 15 Simms 0 Dean 1; 16 Pegg 1 Allen 0

2nd February 1985

Cornwall 7 Devon 9 Played at Liskeard

1 Adams 0 J Wheeler 1; 2 Coleman 1 Heath 0; 3 Grime ½ Hewson ½; 4 George 1 def 0; 5 Saqui 1 Dilleigh 0; 6 Kneebone 0 Gadd 1; 7 Piper 1 Buckley 0; 8 Grimmer 0
C Hawthorne 1; 9 Horn 0 Thynne 1; 10 Barkhuysen 1 Brusey 0; 11 Meakes 1 Wilks 0; 12 Bly 0 Hutchings 1; 13 Parkin 0 Roberts 1; 14 Harrison 0 Clapp 1; 15 Burleigh ½ Bloodworth ½; 16 Gill 0 Bruce 1.

23rd February 1985

Devon 7 Gloucs 9 Played at Ilminster

1 G Wheeler 0 Ashby 1; 2 J Wheeler 0 Beaumont 1; 3 Maxwell ½ Mordue ½; 4 Crickmore 1 Collier 0; 5 Hewson 0 Osborne 1; 6 Boyne 0 Bennett 1; 7 Hawthorne 0 Burgess 1; 8 Dilleigh ½ Meade ½; 9 Gadd 1 Elliott 0; 10 Buckley ½ Jones ½; 11 Rigby 1 Burn 0; 12 Thynne 1 Hosken 0; 13 Hutchings ½ Derrick ½; 14 Wilks ½ Weeks ½; 15 Kendall 0 Dodwell 1; 16 Lingham ½ Boyce ½.

Somerset 9½ Cornwall 6½ Played at Exeter

1 Whitcutt 1 Adams 0; 2 Headlong 1 Coleman 0; 3 Mackle 0 Menadue 1; 4 P House 1 Grime 0; 5 Fewkes ½ Kneebone ½; 6 Northage 0 Piper 1; 7 Winch ½ Nicholas ½; 8 Hardy ½ Grimmer ½; 9 Borkowski ½ Foais ½; 10 Jepps 0 Barkhuysen 1; 11 Miller 1 Meakes 0; 12 Ludgate ½ Bly ½; 13 Gosling 1 Burleigh 0; 14 Steadman 1 Piper 0; 15 R W Gregory ½ Patterson ½; 16 Littlejohns ½ Sellwood ½.

16th March 1985

Dorset 5 Cornwall 11 Played at Exeter

1 Shutler 0 Adams 1; 2 Freman 1 Menadue 0; 3 Kinnersley ½ Grime ½; 4 Burton 0 Kneebone 1; 5 Roth 0 Piper 1; 6 Valentine 0 Nicholas 1; 7 Kingdon 0 Grimmer 1; 8 Needham 0 Barkhuysen 1; 9 Simms ½ Meakes ½; 10 Cock 1 Bly 0; 11 Romero 0 Parkin 1; 12 Colman 0 Harrison 1; 13 Bassett 0 Piper 1; 14 Dr Tilney-Bassett 0 Gill 1; 15 Brackner 1 Kidd 0; 16 Overton 1 Miss Williams 0.

Hampshire 6 Gloucestershire 10 Played at Devizes

1 Bennett 0 Ashby 1; 2 Brameld ½ Beaumont ½; 3 Roe 0 Osborne 1; 4 Stevenson ½ Mordue ½; 5 Fuller 1 Brigden 0; 6 Yeo 0 Brown 1; 7 Oswald 1 Burgess 0; 8 Buckmaster ½ Meade ½; 9 Newbury 0 Elliott 1; 10 Bell 0 Jones 1; 11 Stirling ½ Burn ½; 12 Stenhouse 0 Hosken 1; 13 Daley ½ Popham ½; 14 Cowling ½ Derrick ½; 15 Humphreys 1 Dodwell 0; 16 Allen 0 Boyce 1.

1984-5 2nd Teams Championship

	GLOUCS	HANTS	DEVON	SOMERSET	WILTS	DORSET	CORNWALL	PTS.
GLOUCS	XX	9	10½	8½	13½	8½	12	12
HANTS	7	XX	8½	13	9½	9	13½	10
DEVON	5½	7½	XX	8	9½	12½	11	7
SOMERSET	7½	3	8	XX	7	9½	15	5
WILTS	2½	6½	6½	9	XX	9½	8	5
DORSET	7½	7	3½	6½	6½	XX	10½	2
CORNWALL	4	2½	5	1	8	5½	XX	1

12th January 1985

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Cornwall 4 Gloucs 12 Played at Exeter University

1 M Barron 0 Dixon 1; 2 Miss Williams 0 J Barron 1; 3 Patterson 0 Wilson 1;
4 Simmons 0 White 1; 5 Sellwood 1 Graham 0; 6 Wilkinson $\frac{1}{2}$ Clark $\frac{1}{2}$; 7 Shiel 0
Bentley 1; 8 def 0 Carr 1; 9 Grey 0 Knight 1; 10 Land $\frac{1}{2}$ Kiff $\frac{1}{2}$; 11 Garrett $\frac{1}{2}$
Seife $\frac{1}{2}$; 12 Bowden $\frac{1}{2}$ Parker $\frac{1}{2}$; 13 Woodley $\frac{1}{2}$ Date $\frac{1}{2}$; 14 N Patterson 0 Powney 1;
15 Carlhausen 0 Wood 1; 16 Hurst $\frac{1}{2}$ Breach $\frac{1}{2}$.

Devon 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dorset 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Played at Ilminster

1 Bloodworth 1 Bassett 0; 2 Bruce $\frac{1}{2}$ Evans $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Luffman 0 Foster 1; 4 Jane Anson 1
Primett 0; 5 Walters 1 Lipovac 0; 6 Mrs Bruce 1 Damant 0; 7 Sparke 0 Cook 1;
8 Parker 1 Kelley 0; 9 Cross $\frac{1}{2}$ Hundle $\frac{1}{2}$; 10 Ridolfo 1 Camerons 0; 11 Jones 1
McKerley 0; 12 Hayward $\frac{1}{2}$ Forton $\frac{1}{2}$; 13 Fayle 1 Wallace 0; 14 Allen 1 Marples 0;
15 Hutchinson 1 def 0; 16 Crickmore 1 def 0.

Hampshire 13 Somerset 3 Played at Shaftesbury

1 Crossin 1 R W Gregory 0; 2 Perrin $\frac{1}{2}$ Littlejohns $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Arney 1 Tabor 0; 4 Walker 1
Woodruff 0; 5 Otway 1 Wood 0; 6 Marshall $\frac{1}{2}$ Thomas $\frac{1}{2}$; 7 Hagan $\frac{1}{2}$ Hill $\frac{1}{2}$; 8 Blades 1
Farmer 0; 9 Walters 1 Francis 0; 10 Smith 1 Wallis 0; 11 Eva $\frac{1}{2}$ Mitchell $\frac{1}{2}$;
12 Carpenter 1 Bagshaw 0; 13 Dyer 1 Maishman 0; 14 Pillay 1 Carter 0;
15 Mills 1 Van Der Plank 0; 16 Le Fevre 0 Miss Chambers 1.

26th January 1985

Dorset 7 Hampshire 9 Played at Wimborne

1 Merrett 1 Miller 0; 2 Colmer 0 Hurst 1; 3 Waddington 0 Fraser-Mitchell 1;
4 Tilney-Bassett 0 Silber 1; 5 McGowan 0 Crossin 1; 6 Cook 1 Byard 0;
7 Greeley 0 Arney 1; 8 Bassett $\frac{1}{2}$ Charles $\frac{1}{2}$; 9 Evans $\frac{1}{2}$ Otway $\frac{1}{2}$; 10 Foster 0
Hebblethwaite 1; 11 Primett $\frac{1}{2}$ Walters $\frac{1}{2}$; 12 Walker $\frac{1}{2}$ Smith $\frac{1}{2}$; 13 Lipovac $\frac{1}{2}$ Eva $\frac{1}{2}$;
14 Damant 1 Dyer 0; 15 Hurdle 1 Vaudrevil 0; 16 Keeley $\frac{1}{2}$ Le Fevre $\frac{1}{2}$.

2nd February 1985

Cornwall 5 Devon 11 Played at Liskeard

1 Fanning 0 Luffman 1; 2 Piper 1 Jane Anson 0; 3 Kidd $\frac{1}{2}$ Mrs Bruce $\frac{1}{2}$; 4 Miss Williams
0 Osborne 1; 5 Barron $\frac{1}{2}$ Cross $\frac{1}{2}$; 6 Patterson $\frac{1}{2}$ Ridolfo $\frac{1}{2}$; 7 Sellwood 0 Jones 1;
8 Wilkinson 0 Hayward 1; 9 Read $\frac{1}{2}$ Allen $\frac{1}{2}$; 10 Garrett $\frac{1}{2}$ Hawthorne $\frac{1}{2}$; Land $\frac{1}{2}$
Guard $\frac{1}{2}$; 12 B Garrett $\frac{1}{2}$ Bezdel $\frac{1}{2}$; 13 Bowden 0 Sparke 1; 14 Grey $\frac{1}{2}$ Crickmore $\frac{1}{2}$;
15 Woodley 0 Hutchison 1; 16 Carlhausen 0 Jackson 1.

10th February 1985

Gloucs 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ Wiltshire 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Played at Devizes

1 Bourne 1 Hayden 0; 2 Day $\frac{1}{2}$ Rendell $\frac{1}{2}$; 3 Powis 1 Banks 0; 4 Beadle 1 Ward 0;
5 White 1 Champion 0; 6 Graham 1 def 0; 7 Newman 1 Brownlow 0; 8 Breach 1 def 0;
9 Knight 1 def 0; 10 Kiff 0 Bahia 1; 11 Parker 1 Fulton 0; 12 Warne 1 def 0;
13 Lowery 1 def 0; 14 T Newman 0 ? 1; 15 Clark 1 def 0; 16 Carr 1 Perrott 0.

23rd February 1985

Devon 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gloucs 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Played at Ilminster

1 Penhaligon 0 Solomon 1; 2 Brusey 0 Copeland 1; 3 Roberts 0 Day 1; 4 Clapp 0
Powis 1; 5 Bloodworth 1 Pickup 0; 6 Bruce $\frac{1}{2}$ Beadle $\frac{1}{2}$; 7 Binns 0 Dixon 1;
8 Luffman $\frac{1}{2}$ Dennison $\frac{1}{2}$; 9 Jane Anson $\frac{1}{2}$ E Newman $\frac{1}{2}$; 10 Mrs Bruce $\frac{1}{2}$ White $\frac{1}{2}$;
11 Osborne 0 Clark 1; 12 Cross $\frac{1}{2}$ Maggs $\frac{1}{2}$; 13 Jones $\frac{1}{2}$ Bentley $\frac{1}{2}$; 14 Parker 1
Carr 0; 15 Ridolfo 0 Powney 1; 16 Fayle $\frac{1}{2}$ Wood $\frac{1}{2}$.

Somerset 15 Cornwall 1 Played at Exeter

1 Woodruff 1 Read 0; 2 Tabor 0 Wilkinson 1; 3 Wood 1 Bowden 0; 4 Hill 1 Stewart 0;
5 Farmer 1 Northcott 0; 6 Wallis 1 Shaw 0; 7 Francis 1 Heather 0; 8 Brown 1
R Wilkinson 0; 9 Bull 1 Barkhuysen 0; 10 Maishman 1 def 0; 11 Foley 1 def 0;
12 Byford 1 def 0; 13 Miss Chambers 1 def 0; 14 Stone 1 def 0; 15 Chambers 1 def 0;
16 Thomas 1 def 0.

Hampshire 9½ Wiltshire 6½ Played at Southampton

1 J Humphreys ½ Haydon ½; 2 Allen 1 Rendell 0; 3 Miller 0 Banks 1; 4 Silber 1 Ward 0; 5 Crossin 1 Champion 0; 6 Byard 0 Chapman 1; 7 Hebblethwaite ½ Bromilow ½; 8 Blades ½ Halstead ½; 9 Walters ½ Carver ½; 10 Hagan 1 Strange 0; 11 Smith ½ Wardell ½; 12 Carpenter 1 Bahia 0; 13 Dyer ½ Pott ½; 14 Palmer 0 Hartford (Mrs) 1; 15 Clark ½ Sparks ½; 16 Taylor 1 Dabner 0;

16th March 1985

Dorset 10½ Cornwall 5½ Played at Exeter

1 Hurdle 1 Simmons 0; 2 Evans 1 Sellwood 0; 3 Lipovac 1 Wilkinson 0; 4 Greeley 0 Read 1; 5 Primett 1 Shiel 0; 6 Walker 1 Garrett 0; 7 Brunett 0 Bowden 1; 8 Leatho 0 Woodley 1; 9 Foster ½ McGough ½; 10 Hamilton-Taylor 1 Carlshausen 0; 11 Cannings 1 def 0; 12 Kelley 0 D Garrett 1; 13 McKinley 1 Barkhuysen 0; 14 Rapkins ½ R Wilkinson ½; 15 Jarrett 1 Jupp 0; 16 Marples ½ Miss Garrett ½.

Hampshire 7 Gloucs 9 Played at Devizes

1 Pezet ½ Weeks ½; 2 Williams 0 Solomon 1; 3 Hurst ½ Day ½; 4 Fraser-Mitchell ½ Copeland ½; 5 Silber 1 Bourne 0; 6 Purkiss 1 Powis 0; 7 Crossin 0 Dilke 1; 8 Harrison ½ Dixon ½; 9 Arney 1 Beadle 0; 10 Hebblethwaite ½ Pickup ½; 11 Otway 0 Cusick 1; 12 Hagan 0 White 1; 13 Smith 0 Clark 1; 14 Carpenter 1 Bentley 0; 15 Mills 0 Powney 1; 16 Le Fevre ½ Wood ½.

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Wiltshire 9 Somerset 7 Played at Devizes

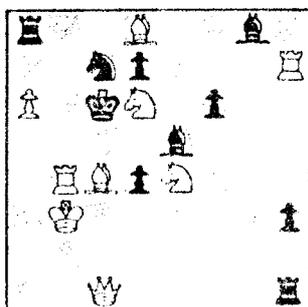
1 Haydon 1 Winch 0; 2 Rendell ½ Hardy ½; 3 Banks ½ Borkowski ½; 4 Ward 1 def 0; 5 Champion 1 def 0; 6 Chapman ½ Ludgate ½; 7 Halstead 1 Gosling 0; 8 Carver ½ Steadman ½; 9 Strange 1 Helbig 0; 10 Wardell 0 R W Gregory 1; 11 Bahia 0 Woodruff 1; 12 Pott 0 Taber 1; 13 Garbutt 1 def 0; 14 Perrott 0 Wallis 1; 15 Sparkes ½ Brown ½; 16 Walters ½ Carter ½.

Problems

Solution to problem n0.1: Key 1 Rg7! (intending 2 Rg8) if 1...Kf8 2 Rg8; if 1...Re5 2 Qc8; if 1...Rd6 2 Qxe7; if 1...Rc6 2 Kxb7; if 1...Rb6 2 Ka7; if 1...Bxc7+ 2 Kxc7. Nick Down's solution of 1 Kc8 is certainly the best 'try', but as Nick points out himself in a P.S. (!), it fails to 1...Qc5!

The winner of the fiver is A R B Thomas. Hard luck to M Burn, K Bloodworth, R Powis, J Lawrence, and C Deakin who also sent in correct solutions.

PROBLEM NO.2



Again White to play and mate in two. The first correct solution out of the 'hat' wins a fiver.

Composed by David Shire (1985)

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Featured overleaf is the diagram for the British Chess Problem Solving Championship. This problem is the first stage in the seventh of the series, which aims to find the country's champion solver. The competition is organised by the British Chess Problem Society.

Successful entrants in this stage will qualify to compete in a more difficult postal phase, the top scorers in which will be invited to take part in the final, to be held in London in January 1986.

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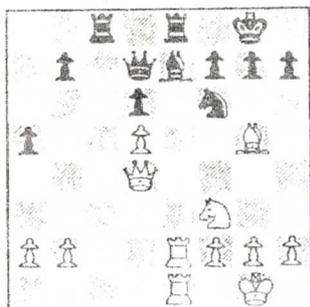
BY DAVID LEMOIR

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What do you think of this game?

White: Ponce-Sala Black: Parpal Barcelona 1950

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be2 Nc6 7 Be3 Bg7 8 f4 Qb6 9 Nf5 (The fun begins...) Qxb2 10 Nxc7+ Kf8 11 Bd2 Kxc7 12 Rb1 Qa3 13 0-0 (white has compensation for his pawn in the weak black squares around Black's king and in the displaced queen. Black's next move loses time and allows e5, but the fact that moving his bishop loses the b-pawn gives him development problems) Nd4 14 e5 Nxe2+ 15 Qxe2 dxe5 16 fxe5 Qc5+ 17 Be3! (Kh1 was OK as White holds the cramping pawn at e5; but this pawn sacrifice forces a serious weakness on f6, since Qxe5? loses the queen to the discovered attack Bh6+!) Qxc3 18 exf6+ exf6 19 Rb3 Qe5 20 Qd2 Bf5 (Covering f6, but White now strikes at the other side of the king) 21 Bh6+ Kg8 22 Re1 Qc5+ 23 Kh1 Qxc2 (Three pawns. Clearly Black's position is poor, but White now uncorks a combination that ruins it) 24 R3e3! Qc6 (Otherwise back rank mate) 25 Qd5! (The real point. He threatens not only 26 Qxc6 followed by Re8+ mating, but also 26 Qxf5! gxf5 27 Rg3 mate. 25 ... Bd7 is one clear defence, but allows White to demonstrate his third threat namely: 26 Qxf7+!! Kxf7 27 Re7+ Kg8 28 Rg7+ Kf8 29 Rxd7+ Kg8 30 Rg7+ Kf8 31 Rxb7+ Kg8 32 Rg7+ Kf8 33 Rc7+ and the see-saw combination wins at least a piece) 25 ... Be6 (The only other defence, but it interferes with the queen's defence of the f-pawn) 26 Qd4 Bd7 (If the bishop does not defend e8 - eg Bxa2 - White has yet another queen sacrifice: 27 Qxf6! Qxf6 28 Re8+ mating) 27 Re6!! (Renewing the interference on e6) fxe6 28 Qxf6 Resigns.



Apart from this being a beautiful game, its multiple sacrifices based on back rank mate might remind you of the Adams-Torre classic from 1920 which went, from the diagram 1 Bxf6 Bxf6? 2 Qg4!! Qb5 3 Qc4!! Qd7 4 Qc7!! Qb5 5 a4!! (Not Qxb7? Qxe2!) Qxa4 6 Re4!! Qb5 7 Qxb7! Resigns.

The amazing thing about the Ponce-Sala game is that it is not equally as well known as its predecessor.

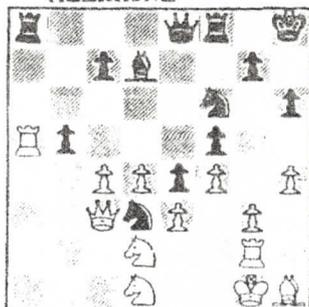
The same could be said about the following game of Tal's, which might also remind you of a famous precedent.

White: Tal Black: Koblents Training game, Riga 1961

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7 8 Qf3 Qc7 9 0-0-0 Nbd7 10 Be2 h6 11 Bh4 b5 12 e5 Bb7 13 exf6?? (Unsound, but intriguing) Bxf3 14 Bxf3 d5 15 Nxe6! (More fuel for the fire. This ensures that he displaces the king and creates the maximum nuisance value with his marauding pawn) fxe6 16 Bh5+ g6! (Not Kf8 17 fxe7+ queening next move with reasonable material compensation for the queen) 17 Bxg6+ Kf8 18 fxe7+ Kg7 19 Bg3! (White's attack appeared to be at an end, but this move - preventing Kxc6 because f5+ wins back the queen - keeps the complications going) Nf6 20 Rhe1 b4 (A reasonable idea, nudging the knight away before taking the e-pawn; but Tal simply leaves the knight where it is - he has far more important things on his mind!) 21 Rxe6! bxc3 22 f5 (Two connected passed pawns and a nasty pin coming up - Be5; what does it matter that he only has a piece and a few pawns for his queen?) Qb7 23 b3 Qd7 (White has at least a draw after ... Qb4 24 Rde1 Qa3+ 25 Kd1 Qxa2 26 Be5 Qb1+ 27 Ke2 Qxc2+ 28 Kf1 Rhf8 29 exf8(Q)+ Rxf8 etc. But Black is trying to win) 24 Be5 Qxe6! 25 fxe6 Kxc6 (With an extra rook. Black needs only to clean up the passed pawns and it's all over.) 26 Rf1 Nh7? (But he has missed a decisive point. Rhe8, giving up the knight, probably holds on) 27 Bxh8 Rxh8 28 Rf8!! (A nasty shock. If ... Nxf8 29 e8(Q)+ wins) Rxf8 29 exf8(Q) Nxf8 30 e7 (Of course! The knight is doomed. Whoever said doubled pawns were weak?) Kf7 31 exf8(Q)+ and wins the pawn ending.

A lovely game, virtually unpublicised in the West. The finish brings to mind the trick played by Alekhine on Bogoljubow twice in the same game at Hastings in 1922. As Black (in the diagram overleaf), he played 1 ... b4!! 2 Rxa8 bxc3 3 Rxe8 and now, with his rook en-prise on f8, he played ... c2!! 4 Rxf8+ Kh7 and proceeded

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to tie White down with his new queen. The disconnected white rooks cannot cope adequately: 5 Nf2 c1(Q)+ 6 Nf1 Ne1 (threatening mate!) 7 Rh2 Qxc4 8 Rb8 Bb5 9 Rxb5 Qxb5 10 g4! Nf3+! 11 Bxf3 exf3 (another passed pawn) 12 gxf5 Qe2! (White is virtually in zugswang, as 13 Nh3 Ng4! repeats the queening trick and 13 Rh3 likewise loses to Ng4! because of the mate on g2) 13 d5 Kg8 14 h5 Kh7 15 e4 Nxe4 16 Nxe4 Qxe4 17 d6 cxd6 18 f6 gf6 19 Rd2 Qe2 (White must capture) 20 Rxe2 fxe2 21 Kf2 exf1(Q)+ with a winning K+P ending.

Worth seeing again. Incidentally, the two unknown games given here were first published in English in, as far as I'm aware, respectively E G Winter's "Chess Notes" magazine and Vukovic's "The Chess Sacrifice" (Bell).

Royal Naval Chess Championship

Held on H.M.S. Raleigh, Torpoint, Cornwall from 28th February to 5th March 1985

Report by KEN BLOODWORTH

The reigning and eight times previous champion, Arthur Brameld, a Principal Technical Officer at H.M.S. Dryad, started a hot favourite for the 1985 championship played at H.M.S. Raleigh.

The exigencies of the service prevented several regular competitors from taking part, including Lieut. Commanders L Brockenshire, A Luxton, and I C Shreiber, but there were many new faces with three junior seamen who had only just completed their initial training.

There was sensation in the opening round when 20 year-old Artificer Brian Stoppard of H.M.S. Illustrious beat the reigning champion in fine style. This was the game.

White: A F Brameld

Black: B D Stoppard

Sicilian Wing Gambit

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 b4 e5 4 b5 Nd4 5 Bc4 d6 6 c3 Nxf3+ 7 Qxf3 Nf6 8 h3 g6 9 d3 Bg7 10 0-0 0-0 11 a4 b6 12 Na3 Qe7 13 Bd2 Be6 14 Rfb1 Nd7 15 Bxe6 Qxe6 16 g4 Nf6 17 c4 h5 18 g5 Nh7 19 Ra2 f6 20 gxf6 Rxf6 21 Qg2 Raf8 22 Be3 Rf3 23 Kh2 g5 24 Rg1 Bh6 25 Re2 Qf6 26 Nc2 Kh8 27 Ne1 g4 28 Bxh6 Qxh6 29 Nxf3 gf3 30 Qg3 fxe2 31 Re1 Qd2 32 Rg1 Qf4 33 Re1 Qxf2+ 34 Qxf2 Rxf2+ 35 Kg3 Rf4 and eventually Brameld had to concede his first and only defeat in this event in ten years.

As West of England players are well aware, Arthur is a real fighter and he won the next four games to draw level. After a draw against Petty Officer Brian Parkin in the sixth round, Brameld, Parkin, Stoppard and Higher Scientific Officer Bob Luffman from the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon, Plymouth (the new Union Grading Officer) all had $4\frac{1}{2}$ points with another four players only a half point in arrears.

In a grandstand finish, Stoppard had a quick win, but Brameld had the worst of a game against Petty Officer Shiel and was happy to draw. This left Bob Luffman and Brian Parkin trying to win to tie for first place. Luffman had a strong attack, but in an exciting sudden death finish finally agreed to a draw.

Weapons Electrical Artificer Brian Stoppard is the new and worthy winner of the R.N. title. He has been in the Navy only for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years and gave his pre-service grade as 136/149, but as many of us know to our cost, players of this age make rapid improvement. Petty Officer Brian Parkin was the only unbeaten player in the tournament and took the second prize on S.O.S.

Final Scores: WEA B Stoppard $5\frac{1}{2}$; PO B Parkin, PTO A Brameld, HSO B Luffman 5; WEA Davies, PO B Shiel, Lt.Cdr. C Wellard $4\frac{1}{2}$; Lt. P Ayers, S/Lt. D Dalton,

Lt.Cdr. D Dougherty, CPO M Short, PO V Stavelly, PO N Williamson 4; Steward C Bradley, Junior Seaman E Fullen, LT. J Dingle, WEM P Ovenden, Father Morrissey, LWEM T Wilton 3; Lt.Cdr. R Blunt 2½; JS S Dobinson, Mid. P Jack, JS R McNevin 2.

The tournament was sponsored by Lloyds Bank so that the winner received not only the Victor Ludorum Shield but also a Lloyds Bank Trophy and a chess book. The prizes were presented by Mrs Brown, wife of Captain B T Brown, the commanding Officer of H.M.S. Raleigh, who said that the championship was always welcome to return to his establishment.

Over the week-end, the players indulged in less serious matters with their A.G.M and a quick-play tournament which was won by Arthur Brameld, with CPO Short (HMS Raleigh and Plymouth Chess Club) as runner-up.

On Sunday Peter Clarke gave a simultaneous display against 18 players and finished with the excellent score of 14 wins, 4 draws and no losses. Book prizes went to Lt.Cdr. L Brockenshire, PO N Williamson, PO B Shiel and Apprentice Artificer S. Massey who obtained a draw against Peter.

Speaking at the prize-giving, the Devon Match Captain, Ron Bruce, who controlled, said that the highest standard of sportsmanship had prevailed throughout, and there had been no hint of any dispute so great was the friendship shown by the players to each other.

Much of the credit for an extremely smooth running and happy event must go to retiring secretary of the Royal Naval Chess Association, Lt.Cdr. Adrian Luxton. Lt.Cdr. Clive Wellard, also from HMS Raleigh, was elected to take over as secretary.

Legal & General

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Plymouth Chess Club received a trophy and cheque for winning their zone of the Legal & General National Club Championship. They defeated Exeter by 4-2 in the zone final after disposing of Bristol & Clifton in a previous round. Here, Steve Dilleigh reports on their progress in the competition.

Plymouth v Rugby (Bristol 28.4.85)

This year Plymouth reached the last sixteen of the National Club Championship after a successful run, including victory over the strong Bristol and Clifton team. Their opponents in the next round were Rugby and the match was held at the Sea Mills Community Centre in Bristol on 28 April. As was to be expected Rugby were a very strong side, with their top three boards boasting international rarings and Plymouth outgraded on every board. Despite the apparent difference in strength, Plymouth put up a good fight and as the results show Rugby were only able to achieve a narrow victory.

Plymouth			Rugby		
1	N Crickmore	(186)	0 - 1	K Arkell	(2410) (White)
2	G Wheeler	(193)	0 - 1	G Lawton	(2340)
3	M Gadd	(173)	A - A	S Finlayson	(2300)
4	C Rigby	(179)	1 - 0	M Thomas	(191j)
5	T Kendall	(152j)	1 - 0	R Wildig	(178)
6	R Bruce	(161)	0 - 1	P Tibbert	(178)

Most of the games were rather positional in nature with little excitement and little indication of either team getting an advantage in the first two hours of play. The first decisive result was on board six where after a tight positional struggle Ron Bruce got into trouble on the long black diagonal and lost quickly. The most critical game was on board one where Neil Crickmore emerged from the opening a pawn up. It looked as if Arkell could regain the pawn but it was hard to see how he could gain any advantage. When Crickmore

advanced his extra pawn to the sixth rank he seemed to have real winning chances, but tragically he blundered soon afterwards and Plymouth were left with an almost hopeless task.

Still, there were signs of hope on boards four and five. Rigby had the initiative in return for a weakened pawn structure, and although his opponent appeared to be consolidating he eventually went wrong and lost a piece. Kendall seemed to have slightly the better of the opening, and after increasing his advantage in the middlegame, won two pawns and achieved a winning endgame. Elsewhere things did not go so well for Plymouth. George Wheeler was gradually outplayed by Lawton, and in an unusual game Finlayson eventually won a pawn against Gadd. Rugby are claiming a win in that game although it is by no means certain that they will get it.

In the end, Plymouth did not quite manage to achieve a surprise victory and Rugby go on to the next round.

Plymouth Chess Club have moved to the Plymouth Polytechnic.

CHRIS JONES Reports on the Bristol & Clifton Quickplay.

The tournament took place at St. Saviour's Church Hall, Redland, on 13th April. Two competitions, Major and Minor, were played, each over 6 rounds, and in the former the Dr Devonshire Trophy had a 'home winner' in Dave Collier with a fine 100% record. Results:

D O Collier 6; J Humphreys, J R Boyce, G K Burgess 4; S Elliott $3\frac{1}{2}$; J M S Hurst (Southampton Univ.), P Helbig, G Tarrant, C J A Jones 3; R Smith $2\frac{1}{2}$; J Draisey, J E Richards, P Massey 2; C Wood 1.

The clinching result was Dave Collier's last round win over Jerry Humphreys, who after a first-round loss to Richard Smith, had reeled off four straight wins.

In the Minor, G S Wilkinson of Horfield looked unstoppable with $4/4$, but a draw with M J Collier and then a last-round defeat by P K Chatterjee allowed J C Baker and P Keighron, who had both lost to him in earlier rounds and drawn with each other in round 5, to draw level. Results:

G S Wilkinson, J C Baker, P Keighron $4\frac{1}{2}$; M J Collier, P K Chatterjee 4; M Saunders $3\frac{1}{2}$; Capt. Parsloe, M Banner 3; C Morris, N Pickard, B Higgins (w/d after 4 rounds), N Turner, S Roberts 2; S C Wells 1.

The tournament was controlled by Clive Barron with such smooth efficiency that rounds actually started ahead of time!

BRITISH TELECOM AND POST OFFICE EIGHTH NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

These Championships were held at the Crest Hotel in Newcastle during April and won once again by the strong BT & PO Headquarters team, despite the fact that they were without Andrew Law. With Graham Lee and Gerry Hayes on boards one and two the other teams were hard pushed to stay with them. Nevertheless, the North West Posts & Telecom team eventually finished only half a point behind them.

The South West team did reasonably well to finish in fifth place with four of the team scoring 75%: 1 Tyson Mordue $3/4$ (Bristol); 2 Ken Derrick $1\frac{1}{2}/4$ (Bristol); 3 Mike Roberts $1\frac{1}{2}/4$ (Bournemouth); 4 Terry Sims $3/4$ (Bournemouth); 5 Mick Webb $3/4$ (Swindon); 6 Dave Burt $3/4$ (Bournemouth, Capt.).

Results: 1 BT & POHQ 6 match points, $15\frac{1}{2}$ game points; 2 North West 6 mp 15 gp; 3 South East $5\frac{1}{2}$ mp; 4 Eastern $5\frac{1}{2}$ mp; 5 South West 5 mp (14 gp).

(See Games Section)

THE WEST OF ENGLAND JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Continued from page 4)

7 THE UNDER 10 CHAMPIONSHIP - Trophy: The WECU Under 10 Cup + cash prizes. Players must be under 10 on 1st Sept. 1984. Entry fee £2.00.

The Westward TV Trophy will be awarded for the best game played at the Congress.

To obtain an entry form approach your junior organiser or write to Mr D Goldring, 13 Rosewood Avenue, Alveston, Bristol. Entries should be in to Mr Goldring by Weds. July 3rd.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS NEWS

The South West team managed by J Merrett & L T Walker finished 3rd in the recent National Regional Team Championship. The event, played over two rounds, was won by the London team with 60½/80, with North West 2nd on 46/80. The South West gained their points as follows, in board order: 1 J Poulton (Hants) 1/2; 2 D Brown (Avon) 1½/2; 3 A Chandler (H) 1/2; 4 M Jacob (H) 1½/2; 5 J Hastings (Oxfordshire) 2/2; 6 A Green (H) 1/2; 7 S Redmill (H) 1/2; 8 M Townsend (Devon) ½/2; 9 M Howard (A) 1/2; 10 G O'Farrell (H) 1/2; 11 E Holland (H) 1½/2; 12 P Vetta (O) 1/2; 13 P Mills (D) ½/2; 14 M Peel (D) 1½/2; 15 T de Piro (Glos) 0/2; 16 S Longley (H) 1½/2; 17 C Price (Som) 1/2; 18 I Bacon (G) ½/2; 19 T Davies (H) 2/2; 20 C Francis (S) 1/2; 21 A Wells (H) 2/2; 22 A Crocker (H) 2/2; 23 D Stroud (A) 0/2; 24 T Jacobs (H) 1/2; 25 M Francis (S) 0/2; 26 J Kay (G) 1/2; 27 N Worsfold (H) 2/2; 28 S Ansell (O) 0/2; 29 A Crafts (O) 1/2; 30 J Eastwood (S) 2/2; 31 R Winson (S) 1½/2; 32 C Green (H) 1/2; 33 D Gates (West Sussex) 2/2; 34 M Leathwood (A) 0/2; 35 M Sygrove (H) 2/2; 36 P Wood (S) 1/2; 37 J Newman (H) 1½/2; 38 M Crocker (H) 1/2; 39 A Hards (D) 1/2; 40 E Buckley (H) ½/2. Total = 45/80.

James Poulton, who captained the team, has won the Lloyds Bank under 12 Championship, and he followed this up by coming 2nd in the under 14 section a few weeks later.

REGIONAL COACHING

At their January meeting, the National Coaching Committee reviewed their policy on Regional Coaching. In future, Regions that apply for National Coaches must be central, and have good services, and be willing to accept a list of 10-12 juniors from their region selected by the national selectors.

Only ten of these Top Group Seminars are to be held annually. Therefore, regions must be located in such a way that the whole country would benefit. When these venues have been selected the national selectors will be asked to produce a list of juniors that would qualify for this type of group.

A date is soon to be fixed for the next regional coaches course, if anybody is interested in attending please contact Laurie Walker on Botley 6528.

HAMPSHIRE JUNIOR LEAGUE

The league has just completed its third successful season. The next season looks even more promising with more schools and clubs showing an interest in taking part. The junior league is popular because it enables players to have two good games one Sunday each month, with a reasonable time-limit.

As the fixtures do not take up a whole weekend they also prove popular with parents, and with only four in a team, transporting them to the various venues is made easy.

Results 1984/5:

Division One - Champions - Botley A (Simon Moetelli, Mark Walker, John Pillay, Edward Godber. Res. Keith Walker, Kyle Livall)

Division Two - Champions - St Marys (Daniel O'Farrell, Ricky Allen, Stuart Allen, Peter Harker. Res: Matthew Rickard, Suzy Fogarty)

Division Three - Champions - Hart (John Murton, Lee Savill, Nicholas Viner, Nigel Doran. Res: Robert Kensay)

Division Four - Champions - Fareham C (Edward Fox, Claire Lusher, Martin Sygrove,
Neil Lusher. Res: Keiran Felton)

With thanks to Laurie Walker WECU Junior Secretary.

Games Department

By Alan Ashby

A very disappointing response to our offer of £5 for the best game published in both the below 170, and 170 and above categories. Only one game received in the former section - the £5 goes to T Hay for the sacrificial game played below - and 12 games received but all from the Westward Ho! Editor in the latter section. Needless to say, the Editor's games didn't warrant 5 pence let alone £5!

Entries for the next issue must be in by June 30th.

Under 170 winner with comments by T J Hay.

White: T J Hay Black: J Walker
(102) (155)

Although the two protagonists are not evenly matched, they are two of the sharpest players in Teignmouth, and when they play each other there are always fireworks!
1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 Nxe4 4 Bd3 d5 5 Nxe5 Bd6 6 Nc3 Bf5 7 0-0 0-0 8 Re1 Bb4?
9 Bd2 Nxd2 10 Bxf5 Nc4 11 Qh5 g6 12 Nxc6 fxc6 13 Bxc6 Qd7 (Not wanting to draw)
14 Nxd5! Bxe1 15 Rxe1 Nc6 16 Re7! Resigns

The following game was played in the British Telecom & Post Office Team Championships, and the annotations are based on discussions between the Editor and Graham Lee.

White: G Lee Black: R Price BT&POHQ v North West

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 Bf5 4 Nc3 e6 5 g4 Bg6 6 Nge2 h6 (6...c5) 7 h4 c5 8 h5 Bh7
9 Be3 Nc6 10 f4 Qb6 11 Na4 Qa5+ 12 c3 Be4 (White has an obvious space advantage but he must be careful not to expose the weaknesses in his ranks) 13 Rh2 cxd4
14 Nxd4 Nxd4 15 Bxd4 Ne7 16 Nc5 += (White has active pieces and threats although Black still has a solid position) 16 ...Nc6 17 Nb7 (Not 17 Ne4 de when Black can get counterplay with eg ...Rd8) 17 ...Qc7 18 Nd6+ Bxd6 19 exd6 Qxd6 20 Bb5 0-0
21 Bxc6 Qxc6 22 g5 (With White having the initiative the opposite coloured bishops help his attack) 22 ...hxg5 23 h6 e5! (Otherwise White quickly gets a decisive attack on the king-side) 24 hxg7 Kxg7 25 fxe5 (Better than 25 Bxe5+ f6 26 Bd4 when Black gets counterchances after 26 ...Rae8) 25 ...Qg6 26 Qd2 Bf3 27 Rh3 Bh5!
(Not 27 ...g4 28 Rf3 gf3 29 0-0-0 winning, or 27 ...Qf5 28 Rf3 Qf3 29 Qg5+ followed by 30 Kd2 and wins) 28 Qg2 Rfd8 29 Qh1 Bg4 30 e6+ f6 31 Re3 (White had intended to continue with 31 Bf6+ Qf6 32 Rh7+ Kg8 but just in time, he spots that the black queen defends h8!) 31 ...Qf5 32 Qg2 Rd6 33 Kd2 Rh8 34 Rg1 Rxe6 35 Rxe6 Qxe6
36 Qxg4 and black resigned a few moves later.

The next game was played in the same competition.

White: G Hayes Black: B J Denman

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 exd5 5 cxd5 d6 6 e4 g6 7 Nf3 Bg7 8 Bg5 h6
9 Bh4 a6 (In the Seventies a lot of attention was given to the variation 9...g5
10 Bg3 Nh5 11 Bb5+ Kf8 - not 11...Bd7 12 Bxd7+ Qxd7 13 Ne5! - but Black was never able to find a refutation to the pawn sacrifice 12 e5!) 10 Nd2 b5 11 Be2 0-0
12 0-0 Nbd7 13 Qc2 Re8 (After the move order 12 Qc2 Re8 13 0-0 I tried 13...Ra7 against Glenn Flear in the 1978 British Championship which worked out well, but I've since had reason to revise my opinion of that move) 14 a4 b4 15 Nd1 b3
(Black could try 15...g5 16 Bg3 Nxd5 17 Nc4 Nf4 but White gains the advantage with 18 Bxf4 followed by 19 Nxd6) 16 Qd3 Rb8 17 f4 Rb4 18 Nc3? (A critical error. As Brian Denman points out 18 Nc4! is much stronger although Black should be OK after 18 ...Nb6 19 Nde3) Rd4 19 Qe3 Nxd5 20 Qg3 Ndf6 21 Nf3? (21 Nb3?)

21...Qb6!; 21 Rad1!?) R4xe4 22 Nxe4 Nxe4 23 Bxd8? (After this White loses quickly; 23 Qe1 is better but Denman intended 23...Qb6! with an overwhelming position) Nxc3 24 hg Rxe2 25 Rf2 Rxf2 26 Kxf2 c4 27 Rd1 Bxb2 28 Rxd6 c3 29 Nd4 Ba3 30 Rc6 b2 and White resigned.

Bristol & District League

The League's AGM was postponed after a bomb threat prevented the meeting from opening at the Students Union.

Roll of Honour:

TeamKnock-out: Horfield & Montpelier.

Division One Champions: Bristol & Clifton B
 Runners-up : Sea Mills
 Relegated : Yatton & Clevedon A / Hanham & Kingswood A

Division Two Champions: South Bristol A
 Promoted : Bristol & Clifton C
 Relegated : Thornbury A / Downend & Fishponds C

Division Three Promoted: Bristol & Clifton E / Downend & Fishponds D
 Relegated : Sea Mills B / Keynsham B

Division Four Champions: Central YMCA
 Promoted : University C
 Relegated : Pegasus A / Hanham & Kingswood D

Division Five Champions: Bristol & Clifton G
 Promoted : University D
 Relegated : Downend & Fishponds F / Thornbury C

Division Six Champions: Keynsham C
 Promoted : Bristol & Clifton H
 Relegated : Grendel C / Keynsham D (Or re-elected!)