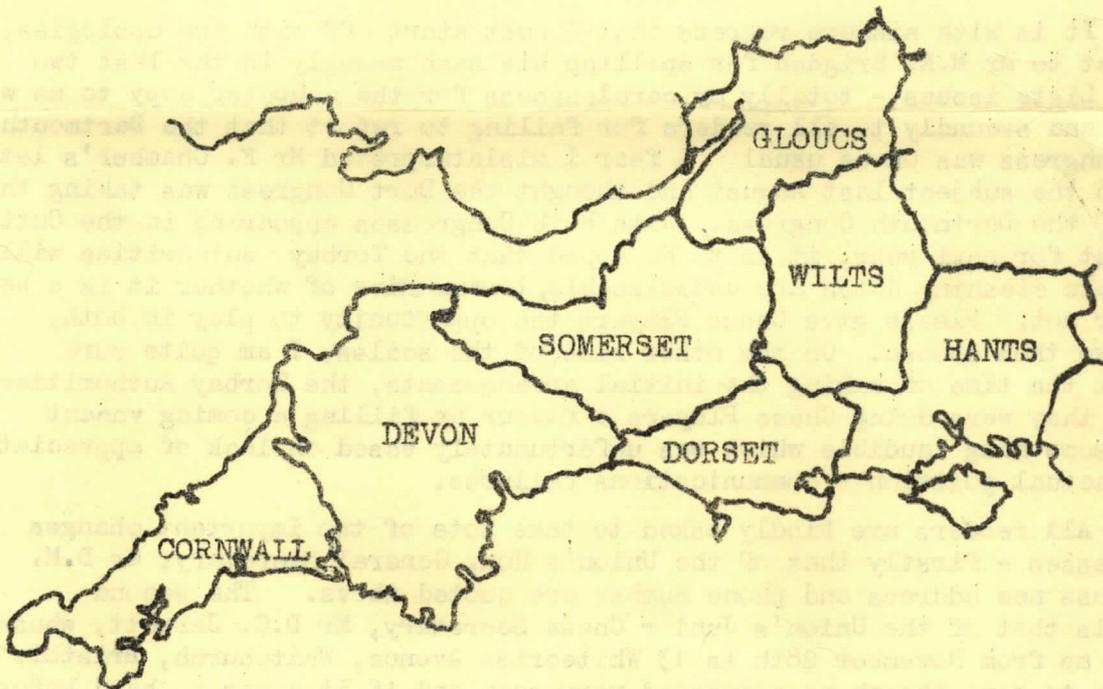


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15th December, 1974.

It is with sincere regrets that I must start off with two apologies, the first to Mr M.E. Brigden for spelling his name wrongly in the last two Grading Lists issues - totally my carelessness for the computer copy to me was right - and secondly to all readers for failing to report that the Dartmouth Chess Congress was on as usual. I fear I misinterpreted Mr F. Chamber's letter to me on the subject last August and thought the Dart Congress was taking the place of the Dartmouth Congress. With both Congresses appearing in the Cutty Sark list for next year, it is to be hoped that the Torbay Authorities will appreciate clashing dates are undesirable, **irrespective** of whether it is a better venue or not. Please give Chess Players the opportunity to play in both, dont make them choose. On the other side of the scales, I am quite sure that, at the time of making the initial arrangements, the Torbay Authorities thought they were doing Chess Players a favour by filling a coming vacant date - something laudible which was unfortunately based on lack of appreciation of the actual position - communications failures.

All readers are kindly asked to take note of two important changes of addresses - firstly that of the Union's Hon. General Secretary, Mr D.M. Bond whose new address and phone number are quoted above. The second change is that of the Union's Junior Chess Secretary, Mr D.C. Jarrett, whose address as from November 28th is 13 Whitecriss Avenue, Whitchurch, Bristol. BS14 9HZ. He hopes to have the phone connected very soon and if it comes to hand before this issue closes, the number is . A blank here means it is not to hand yet.

With A. Karpov finally winning the Challenger's Match against Korchnoi for the right to challenge Bobby Fischer, **one now learns** that the American has been given until April, 1975 before deciding if he will or will not defend the Title. Whilst virtually everyone would wish to see such a match take place, one must hope that the world authority, FIDE, will not waver with another on/off affair similar to the last event.

Twentyfive countries took part in the Women's Olympiad at Medellin, Colombia. The U.S.S.R. won after a play-off with Roumania with a similar play-off for third and 4th places. Results USSR 13½. Rumania 13½. Bulgaria 13. Hungary 13. Holland 9½. Czechoslovakia 9. Yugoslavia 7½. England 4. West Germany 4. Canada 3. etc. Mrs J. Hartston was sadly missed. English Ladies final scores; Sunnucks 0/6. Pritchard 3/6. Jackson 1/6.

England also just lost the Anglo-Dutch match in October by 9½ to 10½. M.F. Stean, J.D.M. Nunn and Mrs Hartston scored 1½/2, whilst Hartston, Keene, Mastal each scored 1/2. R. Bellin ½/2 and Whiteley and Speelman 0/2.

Wales will be the host nation for the 1975 Glorney Cup and six nations' juniors have been invited to take part. The event will be staged at Trinity College, Carmarthen from 21st to 25th July, 1975.

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COUNTY MATCHES:

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Gloucestershire played Dorset at Frome on 26th October, scoring a comfortable win in the Counties Championship and an overwhelming victory in the Minor Counties section.

<u>GLOUCESTERSHIRE</u>			<u>DORSET</u>		
1	Dr J.M. Aitken, Cheltenham	Oa.	187-179	R.H.K. Mann, Wareham	1a.
2	P.J. Meade, Cheltenham	$\frac{1}{2}$	181-191	Dr I. Roebuck, Weymouth	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	M.E. Brigden, Downend & F.	1	188-176	R.C. Murphy, Flessey Wessex	O.
4	M.I. Davis, Gloucester	$\frac{1}{2}$	181-176	R.A.E. Shaw, Hardies	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	S.W. Dilke, Cheltenham	1	187-174	F.C. Kingdon, Weymouth	O.
6	D. Osborne, Bristol & C.	1	184-173	H.D. Needham, Flessey Wessex	O.
7	M.E. Poolake, Bristol & C.	O	177-167	M.J. Roth, Parkstone	1.
8	R.U. Powis, Stroud	1d	175-162	P.A. Aston, Hardies	Od.
9	C.J. Hutchings, Bristol & C.	O	175-160	R. Valentine, Oakmedians	1.
10	I.R. Pickup, Downend & F.	1	174-148	H.R. Holmes, Flessey Wessex	O.
11	J.K. Fawcett, Downend & F.	$\frac{1}{2}$	174-149	S.J. Shutler, Parkstone	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	D. Hulme, Stroud	$\frac{1}{2}$	173-145	J.J. Soesan, Parkstone	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	N. Davey, Cheltenham G.S.	$\frac{1}{2}$	167-145	C. Button, Hardies	O.
14	D.M. Hill, Thornbury	1	170-140	E.J. Clark, Weymouth	O.
15	N. Ludgate, Bristol & C.	$\frac{1}{2}$	-137	K. Spackman, Weymouth	$\frac{1}{2}$
16	K. Shipton, Hanham & K.	1	166-138	B.J. Broadhouse	O.
		10			$\frac{6}{6}$
17/1	R.J. Dixon, Gloucester	1	166-129	L.P. Deeth, Weymouth	O.
18/2	R.C. Campbell, Cheltenham G.S.	1	163-128	M. Rees, Weymouth	O.
19/3	E.W. Joce, Bristol & C.	$\frac{1}{2}$	161-121	W.A. Shutler, Parkstone	$\frac{1}{2}$
20/4	R. Kendall, Downend & F.	1	158-117	J. Kiraly, Flessey Wessex	O.
21/5	M. Passmore, Downend & F.	1	156-113	P. Hannifan, Flessey Wessex	O.
22/6	D. Pardoe, Bristol & C.	1	151-102	G. Simmons, Flessey Wessex	O.
23/7	H.J. Draisey, Horfield	$\frac{1}{2}$	154- 94	R.A.G. Marples, Parkstone	$\frac{1}{2}$
24/8	K. Griffin, Hanham & K.	1	137- 94	M. James, Flessey Wessex	O.
25/9	A.F. Devonshire, Bristol & C.	$\frac{1}{2}$	138-U-G	D.F. Tilney-Basset, Parkstone	$\frac{1}{2}$
26/10	T. Tate, Downend & F.	1	137- 88	J.F. Kingdon, Weymouth	O.
27/11	P. Ashworth, Gloucester	1	135- 76	F. Wood, Flessey Wessex	O.
28/12	C. Powney, Downend & F.	1	131- 76	J. Dean, Weymouth	O.
29/13	J. Lord, Gloucester	1	122-U-G	G. Satterly, Flessey Wessex	O.
30/14	P. Millener, Downend & F.	1	129-U-G	I. Smith, Flessey Wessex	O.
31/15	J. Parsloe, Bristol & C.	1	115-U-G	A. Gratrex, Flessey Wessex	O.
32/16	M.E. Binks, Downend & F	1	205-	default	O.
		$\frac{1}{2}$			$\frac{1}{2}$

Fine wins for R. Valentine and M.J. Roth, both outgraded by ten or more points, whilst S.J. Shutler, J.J. Soesan and C. Button do well to hold much higher graded players. However, Dorset, with the bottom ten boards all graded below 100 or ungraded, faced heavy odds, especially in the Minor Counties section.

W.E.C.U. JAMBOREE

Held at Exeter on Oct 5th under the organising guidance of the Union's Match Captain, R.H. Newman, 15 teams of 12 players took part in what must have been one of the biggest gatherings of Chess players for years. Mr Newman is to be congratulated on excellent organisation and acquiring the use of a single room in which there was more than ample room, good lighting and reasonable car-parking just outside. To add to this, the room was set up with men and tables before players arrived, a huge task and we were indebted to the North Devon Chess League for the equipment - they are certainly well equipped too.

SENIOR JAMBOREE RESULTS WERE:-

Hampshire 9/12 winners; Somerset 7 were 2nd; Devonshire third with 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; Cornwall and Gloucestershire 5 each and Dorset 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

LIMITED GRADING JAMBOREE RESULTS:-

Southwest Devon were the winners with 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /12 points. 2nd were North Devon Chess League with 7; Bristol & District 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; Torbay Chess League and Bournemouth Chess League 6 each; Dorset 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; Cornwall 5 and the Exeter League 4. The Grading Limit was 125 and under.

Whilst Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Wiltshire teams have admittedly a long way to travel to the venue on the one hand, numerous views were expressed that the additional distance with reference to closer and cramped venues was well justified. However, should anybody know of an equal venue, please don't hide it whilst appreciating the accommodation and car parking size essential for the event is sure to grow in size in time.

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COUNTY MATCHES

The first round of the W.E.C.U. Counties Championship matches took place on Oct 26th. Devonshire played Somerset at the Cullompton Hotel and scored their first victory of the 1974/5 season by a comfortable margin of $10\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ points in the Championship and by 12 to 4 in the Minor Counties Championship contest.

The scores were as follows:-

<u>DEVON.</u>	26-10-74.	<u>Gradings.</u>	<u>SOMERSET.</u>	
1.	P.H. Clarke, Barnstaple	$\frac{1}{2}$	214-197 R.H. Northage, Bath	$\frac{1}{2}$.
2.	A.R.B. Thomas, Exeter	1	203-167 C. Parsons, Yatton	0.
3.	P. Waters, Barnstaple	1	204-179 J.K. Whitcutt, Wellington	0.
4.	G.W. Wheeler, Plymouth	1	184-171 P. Trussler, Kingswood	0.
5.	R.M. Bruce, Plymouth (Capt)	$\frac{1}{2}$	175-160 R.W. Gregory, Bath	$\frac{1}{2}$.
6.	D. Richardson, Exeter	$\frac{1}{2}$	177- G. Fuller, (?)	$\frac{1}{2}$.
7.	K. Schofield, Exmouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	171-147 C. Chapman, Wellington	$\frac{1}{2}$.
8.	P. Lovatt, Exeter	0	-153 G. Jepps, Wells	1.
9.	R. Heasman, Exeter U.	1	172-164 J.A. Borkowski, Congresbury (Capt)	0.
10.	T.F. Thynne, Teignmouth	1	167-153 B. Crouter, Weston-S-Mare	0.
11.	I.P. Legg, Exmouth	1	165-155 C. Winch, Yeovil	0.
12.	B.W. Clapp, Exeter	$\frac{1}{2}$	164-150 S. Brocklesby, Bath	$\frac{1}{2}$.
13.	R.H. Newman, Barnstaple	1	163-148 C. Lasper, Bath	0.
14.	Mrs R.M. Bruce, Plymouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	160-150 I. Furber, Sea Mills	$\frac{1}{2}$.
15.	R. Leggitt, Paignton	$\frac{1}{2}$	158-146 D.G. Woodruff, Keynsham	$\frac{1}{2}$.
16.	S. Owen, Exeter	0	159-150 D. Hick, Taunton	1.
Championship Totals		$10\frac{1}{2}$		$5\frac{1}{2}$
17/1	P.C. Cowdrey, Exeter U.	1D	156-143 T. O'MaHoney, Bath (Absent)	0D.
18/2	S.R. Boniface, Exmouth	1	159-153 J. Fewkes, Yeovil	0.
19/3	P. Walden, Paignton	1	153-144 N. Wade, Weston-S-Mare	0.
20/4	Mrs M.E.E. Clarke, Barnstaple	1	150-138 D. Adams, Yatton	0.
21/5	E.G. Sparke, Exmouth	1	146-140 J. Collins, Yatton	0.
22/6	K.J. Bloodworth, Plymouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	149-147 R.G. Gray, Wincanton	$\frac{1}{2}$.
23/7	H.R. Pearce, Plymouth	0	152-140 M. Sellars, Totterdown	1.
24/8	R.W. Swan, Exeter U.	$\frac{1}{2}$	146-134 R. Morgan, Weston-S-Mare	$\frac{1}{2}$.
25/9	I. Annetts, Teignmouth	1	145-141 R. Maishman, Weston-S-Mare	0.
26/10	Dr R.W. Hitchcock, Exeter	$\frac{1}{2}$	144-139 A. Hornby, Sea Mills	$\frac{1}{2}$.
27/11	J. Parker, Lynton	1	143-128 K. Hillier, Totterdown	0.
28/12	W.A. Frost, Teignmouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	134-140 D. Bagshaw, Totterdown	$\frac{1}{2}$.
29/13	T.G.C. Ward, Tiverton	0	142-143 T. Headlong, Radstock	1.
30/14	Dr C. Oppenheim, Plymouth	1	139-126 A. Chambers, Wells	0.
31/15	R.H. Jones, Exmouth	1	136- M. Middleton (?)	0.
32/16	C.J. Meadows, Paignton	1	141- J. Fuller (?)	0.
Minor Counties Result		12		4.

Throughout this match Somerset players faced heavy odds, often giving away much more than ten grading points and C. Chapman of Wellington is to be congratulated to holding a strong 171 player to a half, giving away some 24 grading points. Another good win was that of D. Hick of Taunton, whilst congratulations to M. Sellars of Totterdown in the Minor Counties section for yet another fine win. However let all other counties be warned of the real strength of Devon, growing each year with mounting keenness in all parts of that county. A real tribute to all Devon Officers, for they are all certainly raising real enthusiasm, despite travelling distances and winding roads to be covered on dark winter nights - and not forgetting there were certain wellknown names missing from the Devon side which could not fail to further increase their strength when they are available.

KARPOV v KORCHNOI

Written by W.R. Hartston and R.D. Keene from the ringside in Moscow, the publishers, the Oxford University Press, have achieved a record in producing so quickly a full report of the match with notes, etc, from this country's two best players. A must for all serious players desiring to keep right on top of modern play. Added to this, the price is right and well within the pockets of virtually all club players at £1.02, which includes postage, etc.

ADJUDICATION RESULT

Board 18/2 P. Walden 1 D.W. Lewis 0 in Devon-Hants Minor C.C., making scores Devon $10\frac{1}{2}$. Hants $5\frac{1}{2}$.

COUNTY MATCHES:

Devonshire played Hampshire at Ilminster on November 16th, the latter winning the Championship section and the former the Minor Counties section. This would appear to set the Devonians the task of beating Gloucestershire to hold their chance of continuing on into the B.C.F. section whilst at the same time producing a better result than Hampshire against the other counties.

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5	P. Broad, Exeter U	$\frac{1}{2}$	-181	D.E. Bower, Southampton	$\frac{1}{2}$.
6	R.M. Bruce, Plymouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	175-171	K.D.F. Gregory, St Johns Col.	$\frac{1}{2}$.
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11	B.W. Clapp, Exeter	$\frac{1}{2}$	162-169	A.R. Cullinane, Portsmouth C/C	$\frac{1}{2}$.
12	R.H. Newman, Barnstaple	0	163-166	T.I. Cowling, IBM, Hursley	1.
13	P. Lovatt, Exeter	0	-166	J.G. Sheppherd, Old Tauntonians	1.
14	Mrs R.M. Bruce, Plymouth	1	160-164	D.A. Bloxson, Sarisbury Green	0.
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29/13	W.A. Frost, Teignmouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	134-147	R.C. Clarke, Gosport	$\frac{1}{2}$.
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31/15	M.T. Beech, Exeter	0	136-144	Miss G. Moore, Portel, S'iton	1.
32/16	J. Hutchings, Plymouth	1	133-	Default	0.
			$\frac{9}{2}$		$\frac{5}{2}$.

This match was unmistakeably stollen by the Ladies. Mrs R.M. Bruce outplays one of Hampshires best stalwarts, giving away 4 grading points in the bargain. Mrs M.E.E. Clarke (frequently with two keen juniors of - we hope - ENGLAND potential around distracting) with admittedly one grading point advantage, beats the 'up and rising' Hightown School Junior who recently held the International Master, A.J. Miles to a draw and then the Hampshire Lady, Miss G. Moore, scores a win also. One is left with a wee tinge of regret that the new Hampshire Captain has stolen a rare march on the experienced by producing a team from a reduced selection area which must rank as one of the strongest possible to produce, and somewhat outgrading overall the strong Devon side. A match of immense interest which may be discussed for a long time.

THE WORLD OF CHESS

This is I believe the best produced book of general knowledge on Chess that I have seen and is ideally suited as a present for a Dear One who is keen on Chess, old or young. It does not set out to teach Chess but it does show some of its delightful facets not generally known - in fact quite a number to the average Club player, or even better. A typical delightful bit of play given is, Forsythe, K1k5r,2p5, 4P3, 5R2, 1P4R1, 1n5B, 8, 2r1q3. Play goes 1. R-N8+, RxR; 2. R-B8+, RxR; 3. P-K7 Dis+, R-B4 (Spitework!); 4. BxR+ Q-K3; 5. BxQ Mate. There are a number of other snipits of real delight.

The colour plates and reproductions are excellent quality and it is well worth its price of £5.96, a Ridge Press Book from Collins, London and Glasgow.

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COUNTY MATCHES:

Somerset met Gloucestershire on Nov 16th and lost the County Championship section of the match on what I feel was one of their bad days just when it would have been nice to have played above average. Sad, but these things happen.

IMPORTANT Graders see note below.

Played at Patchway.

SOMERSETGLOUCESTERSHIRE

1	R.H. Northage, Bath.	0	197-211	S.J. Hutchings, Bristol & Clftn	1.
2	D. Bonner, Wells	$\frac{1}{2}$	179-187	Dr J.M. Aitken, Cheltenham	$\frac{1}{2}$.
3	C. Parsons, Yatton	@	167-188	M.E. Brigden, Downend & F.	@.
4	J.K. Whitcutt, Wellington	1	179-182	A.H.M. Hurman, Cheltenham	0.
5	P. Trussler, Hanham & K.	0	153-181	M.I. Davis, Gloucester	1.
6	G. Jepps, Wells	0	153-181	P.J. Meade, Cheltenham	1.
7	G. Fuller, - ? -	0	- 184	D. Osborne, Bristol & Clftn	1.
8	R.W. Gregory, Bath	0	160-177	M.E. Poolake, Bristol & Clftn	1.
9	C. Chapman, Wellington	0	147-175	R.O. Powis, Stroud	1.
10	B. Crouter, Weston-S-Mare	$\frac{1}{2}$	153-175	C.J. Hutchings, Bristol & Clftn	$\frac{1}{2}$.
11	J.A. Borkowski, Congresbury	0	164-174	I.R. Pickup, Downend & F.	1.
12	D. Hick, Taunton	0	150-173	D. Hulme, Stroud	1.
13	S. Brocklesby, Bath	1	150- -	P. Tolhurst, - ? -	0.
14	B.T. King, Weston-S-Mare	0	147-170	D.M. Hill, Thornbury	1.
15	D.G. Woodruff, Keynsham	1	147- -	N.R. Ludgate, Bristol & Clftn	0.
16	C. Lasper, Bath	0	148- -	E. Myers - ? -	1.
CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT:-		4			11.
17/1	T. Farrell, Bath	0	149-166	K. Shipton, Hanham & K.	1.
18/2	C. Winch, Yeovil	$\frac{1}{2}$	155-163	R.G. Campbell, Cheltenham G.S.	$\frac{1}{2}$.
19/3	M. Sellers, Totterdown	$\frac{1}{2}$	144-166	B.J. Little, Gloucester	$\frac{1}{2}$.
20/4	P.F. Langstone, Weston-S-Mare	$\frac{1}{2}$	144-161	E.W. Joce, Bristol & Clftn	$\frac{1}{2}$.
21/5	R.G. Gray, Wincanton	$\frac{1}{2}$	147-158	R. Kendall, Downend & F.	$\frac{1}{2}$.
22/6	T. Headlong, Radstock	$\frac{1}{2}$	143-151	D. Pardoe, Bristol & Clftn	$\frac{1}{2}$.
23/7	R.M. Morgan, Weston-S-Mare	1	134-156	M. Passmore, Downend & F.	0.
24/8	A. Hornby, Sea Mills	0	139-157	R.C. Last, Stroud	1.
25/9	J. Fewkes, Yeovil	$\frac{1}{2}$	153- 91	K. Griffin, Hanham & K.	$\frac{1}{2}$.
26/10	P. Hunt, Bath	$\frac{1}{2}$	139-154	H.J. Drasey, Horfield	$\frac{1}{2}$.
27/11	J. Collins, Yatton	$\frac{1}{2}$	140-144	J.C.B. Date, Cheltenham	$\frac{1}{2}$.
28/12	D. Adams, Yatton	0	138- ?	A.R. Cousins - ? -	1.
29/13	K. Hillier, Totterdown	0	128-123	T. Tate, Downend & F.	1.
30/14	R. Bagshaw, Totterdown	$\frac{1}{2}$	128-138	A.F. Devonshire, Bristol & Clftn	$\frac{1}{2}$.
31/15	R. Maishman, Weston-S-Mare	1	141-121	C. Powney, Downend & F.	0.
32/16	J. Carr, Yatton	1	141- ?	N.P. Benson - ? -	0.
Minor Counties result:-		$\frac{1}{7\frac{1}{2}}$			$\frac{1}{8\frac{1}{2}}$.

GRADERS: Regrettably no Gloucestershire report received yet and as these reports are now used for grading, this should be accepted with reserve. Also Board 10 B. Crouter, Weston is shown as $\frac{1}{2}$, assuming it an early adjudication result, as press reports show it as going to Adjudication with the totals $3\frac{1}{2}/10\frac{1}{2}$.
8-12-74.

CORRECTIONS TO THE W.E.C.U. Grading List:-

For present entry read

- 147* Bruce, DJ. Downside.
 154* Chapman, CF. Wellington.
 160* Kendry, A. Swindon & Bristol University
 (Amalgamating two entries).
 170* Lowe, W. Corsham.
 115 Nardecchia, SA. Downside
 128 Norden, JB. Downside.
 136 Street, MM. Helston & Dover

After Collier, M. read

- 121 Collinge, J. Hightown Sch Staff.
 106*J Coutts, GA. Southern G.S., Portsmouth.
 115*J Seymour, Miss JF. Northern Girls G.S. Portsmouth.
 137*J Williams, R. IBM, Hursley & Mountbatten Sch.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr P.H. Clarke of Bude on being selected to control the play-off for the British Championship at Llanelli, Wales.

BEST WISHES

For a speedy recovery to Mr R.E. Boxall, one of the best known B.C.F. Congress Controllers and now the Congress Grader, who has suffered from a severely poisoned hand.

COUNTY MATCHES

Dorset met Wiltshire at Salisbury on 16th Nov and a considerably stronger Dorset side that turned out against Gloucestershire convincingly won by 11/5.

<u>DORSET</u>		16-11-74.	<u>WILTSHIRE</u>		
1	R.H.K. Mann, Parkstone	0	179-182	S. Taulbut, Malmesbury	1.
2	Dr I. Roebuck, Weymouth	0	191-170	W. Lowe, Corsham	1.
3	Dr P. Merrett, Wareham	1	184-161	R.F. Bradley, Libraries	0.
4	R.A.E. Shaw, Hardies	1	176-176	G Stevens, Salisbury	0.
5	F.C. Kingdon, Weymouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	174-	M. Fowler, Lawn	$\frac{1}{2}$.
6	J. Anderson, Weymouth	1	173-152	B. Lane, Corsham	0.
7	H.D. Needham, Plessey	1	173-154	F. Haynes, R.A.F., Lyneham	0.
8	M.J. Roth, Parkstone	1	167-155	C. Sowden, Lawn	0.
9	R. Valentine, Oakmedians	1	160-157	D. Hale, Salisbury	0.
10	R.C. Murphy, Plessey	1	176-150	B. Kerwin, Plessey	0.
11	E.W. Chandler, B'mouth Knights	0	172-148	D. O'Byrne, R.A.F. Lyneham	1.
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16	R. Burton, Weymouth	1	151-151	Maj. W.E. Bruges, Salisbury	0.
		11			5.

FRIENDLY

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20/4	J. Soesan, Parkstone	1	145-134	B. Walker, Penhill	0.
21/5	W.A. Shutler, Parkstone	0	121-144	T. Dodson, Lawn	1.
22/6	R. van Kummer, Hardies	0	130-113	C. McCaugherty, Plessey	1.
23/7	J. Kiraly, Plessey	1	117-150	M.J. Cousins, Chippenham	0.
24/8	R.A.G. Marples, Parkstone	1	94-111	Mrs E. Hartford, Salisbury	0.
25/9	C Romero, Canford Heath	1	123-115	R Sparks, Vickers	0.
26/10	S. Street, Canford Heath	1	-134	E Wardell, Salisbury	0.
		8			2.

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COUNTY MATCHES

<u>Devonshire</u>		7-12-74.	<u>Wiltshire.</u>		
1	P.H. Clarke, Barnstaple	1	214-182	S. Taulbut, Malmesbury	0.
2	A.R.B. Thomas, Exeter	1	203-170	W. Lowe, Corsham	0.
3	P. Waters, Barnstaple	$\frac{1}{2}$	204-171	P.R. Watson, Lyneham	$\frac{1}{2}$.
4	G.W. Wheeler, Plymouth	1	184-170	M.A. Spindler, Swindon	0.
5	P. Broad, Exeter U.	1	180E-161	R.F. Bradley, Libraries	0.
6	R.M. Bruce, Plymouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	175-	M. Fowler, Lawn	$\frac{1}{2}$.
7	K. Schofield, Exmouth	0	171-176	G. Stevens, Salisbury	1.
8	R. Heaseman, Exeter U.	1	172-152	R. Lane, Corsham	0.
9	I.P. Legg, Exmouth	1	165-154	F. Haynes, RAF, Lyneham	0.
10	B.W. Clapp, Exeter	1	164-157	D. Hale, Salisbury	0.
11	R.H. Newman, Barnstaple	1	163-143	T.C.P. Higgs, Plessey	0.
12	Mrs R.M. Bruce, Plymouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	160-155	E.C. Sowden, Lawn	$\frac{1}{2}$.
13	R. Liggitt, Paignton	$\frac{1}{2}$	158-142	C. Bradley, Malmesbury	$\frac{1}{2}$.
14	P.S. Cowdrey, Exeter U.	0	156-143	E.C. Baker, Lawn	1.
15	S.R. Boniface, Exmouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	159-150	M.J. Cousins, Chippenham	$\frac{1}{2}$.
16	R.W. Swan, Exeter U.	$\frac{1}{2}$	146-	P. Baker - ? -	$\frac{1}{2}$.
		11			5.

Wiltshire's E.C. Baker of Lawn, Swindon produced a nice result against a much stronger Exeter University player, whilst G. Stevens, after a disappointing effort against Dorset, shows his real strength against one of Exmouth's best and experienced players.

CUTTY SARK PRIZES - 1975

The rules for the Cutty Sark tournament for the coming year - 1975 - contain a number of rules changes - obviously aimed at making a better all-round tournament FOR ALL CONCERNED, although at this late date, 24 hours before starting duplicating, I would hesitate to quote definitely. The Cutty Sark £1000 prize will be again offered for 1975 with the major tournaments included for the over-all best performance PLUS (for US little fellows) a Cutty Sark Petit Prix based on regional tournaments only to help those who are unable to travel long distances with A PRIZE OF £150 plus $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of Cutty Sark Whiskey plus Whiskey Prizes for the regional runners-up. Our area covers Congresses in the West of England Chess Union and Channel Islands area only, thus making it open to a lot of Union Area players with the West of England Championships at Weymouth being the first with the North Devon next in about April. Stroud and Bournemouth in May Dorset Weymouth in August, Paignton in September. In October the Barnstaple, Golden Coast and Southampton. November Dartmouth and Totnes, whose date I understand not to be fixed yet, according to Mr Chambers.

Another important feature is that tournaments who demand players be registered through their national bodies get a higher rating. I gather such tournaments can demand production of membership cards ex BCF, Scots, Welsh or Irish and failing that can charge players about £1 extra and register them. Thus Cutty Sark has introduced an angle by which Counties, Unions and National organisations will benefit. Positive and creative thinking for which all must congratulate them. Incidentally they also produce a smooth good product when one is lucky enough to find a supplied - like their Chess help - nice and pleasing with no vicious burning bite.

'COUNTY MATCH' by Sally Jefferies.

The twitching Cheek and glittering eye.
 The groans as if about to die.
 The nervous coughs and shuffling feet.
 The frantic searching for a sweet.
 The pipe addicts volcanic sucking.
 The "fag" inhalers desperate plucking.
 The hands that tremble as they sweat.
 The tension mounting higher yet.
 The pencil chewers frenzied state.
 The pallor of the one who's late.
 The frozen silence of the many.
 The Stilted comments made if any.
 The whistles wheezed between clenched jaws.
 The mutterer who hums and haws.
 The one who frowns in great torment.
 The ones who hide their excitement.
 The ones who seem to be struck dumb.
 The ones who wish they had not come.
 Why such communal mental stress?
 They're madly happy playing Chess.

COUNTY MATCHES

Hampshire played Somerset at Warminster School, Warminster on Saturday, 7th December and finished leading in the County Championship match by $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ with 4 adjudications - Hants claiming each a win.

<u>HAMPSHIRE</u>			7-12-74.	<u>SOMERSET</u>		
1	P.J. Lee, Portsmouth	$\frac{1}{2}$	174-197	R.H. Northage, Bath	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	M.W.J. Thompson, Woolston	$\frac{1}{2}$	197-179	J.K. Whitcutt, Wellington	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	A.F. Brameld, Fareham	@	181-167	C. Parsons, Yatton	@	
4	D.E. Bower, Southampton	1	181-153	G. Jepps, Wells	0.	
5	A. Le Fevre, Leigk Park	1	181-164	J.A. Borkowski, Congresbury	0.	
6	D. Bell, Southampton	1	180-154	C. Chapman, Wellington	0.	
7	R.V. Willey, Andover	0	176-160	R.W. Gregory, Bath	1.	
8	J. Cornfield, Brockenhurst	$\frac{1}{2}$	-153	B.T. Crouter, Weston-S-Mare	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	S. Dean, Cosham	@	175-150	S. Brocklesby, Bath	@	
10	A.C. Barton, Southampton	1	173-149	H.G. Thomas, Yatton	0.	
11	H.A. Killick, King Edward S.	@	172-147	D.G. Woodruff, Keynsham	@	
12	G. Daw, Woolston	1	171-143	T.M. O'Mahoney, Bath	0.	
13	Comdr A.J. Peters, Portsmouth	@	170-150	D.A. Hick, Taunton	@	
14	A.R. Cullinane, P'mth Comm.	0	169-155	C. Winch, Yeovil	1.	
15	R. Cameron, Portsmouth	1	-147	B.T. King, Weston-S-Mare	0.	
16	J. Shepherd, Old Tauntonians	0	166-148	C.J.A. Lasper, Bath	1.	
Championship:-			$\frac{7}{2}$		$\frac{4}{2}$	
17/1	P.L. Hackman, Romsey	1	168-144	M. Sellars, Sea Mills	0.	
18/2	P.L. Marshall, Southampton	$\frac{1}{2}$	162-144	N.E. Wade, Weston-S-Mare	$\frac{1}{2}$	
19/3	H.E. Davies, Gosport	$\frac{1}{2}$	166-147	R.G. Gray, Wincanton	$\frac{1}{2}$	
20/4	M.R. Charter, Bournemouth S	1	158-143	T. Headlong, Radstock	0.	
21/5	N. Le Fevre, Leigh Park	$\frac{1}{2}$	157-153	J. Fewkes, Yeovil	$\frac{1}{2}$	
22/6	W.J.E. Yeeles, Gosport	1	157-134	R.M. Morgan, Weston-S-Mare	0.	
23/7	D. Beer, Old Tauntonians	$\frac{1}{2}$	153-139	A. Hornby, Sea Mills	$\frac{1}{2}$	
24/8	S. Cool, Hightown S	$\frac{1}{2}$	149-118	P. Hayward, Bath	$\frac{1}{2}$	
25/9	A.D. Crossin, Cosham	1	153-139	P. Hunt, Bath	0.	
26/10	B.P.A. Andrews, King Ed.S	1	154-140	J. Collins, Yatton	0.	
27/11	D. Drew, Ord. Survey, S'ton	$\frac{1}{2}$	154-140	D. Bagshaw, Totterdown	$\frac{1}{2}$	
28/12	R.F. Gallop, Old Tauntonian	$\frac{1}{2}$	150-138	D. Adams, Yatton	$\frac{1}{2}$	
29/13	A.J. Berry, King Edward S	1	148-128	K. Hillier, Totterdown	0.	
30/14	S. Chivers, Hightown S.	$\frac{1}{2}$	142-134	T. Wheeler, Taunton	$\frac{1}{2}$	
31/15	P. Freeman, Southampton	1	140-127	P. Johnson, Bristol U	0.	
32/16	E.W. Engert, Eastleigh	0	145-122	D.S. Hutchfield, Wincanton	1.	
Minor Counties:-			11		5.	

Somerset, despite generally being out-graded some 15+, fought hard to achieve what they did, whilst the Hampshire Captain is to be congratulated for turning out what was a strong side indeed.

MINOR COUNTIES

<u>CORNWALL</u>			7-12-74.	<u>GLOUCESTERSHIRE</u>		
1	P. Breach, Unattached	0	171-167	N. Davey, Cheltenham G.S.	1.	
2	J. Anstead, Truro	1	159-173	D. Hulme, Stroud	0.	
3	R.J. Grime, Helston	0	151-	N.R. Ludgate, Bristol & Clifton	1.	
4	A.W. Busby, Camborne	0	149-170	D.M. Hill, Thornbury	1.	
5	M. Watkins, St Ives	0	147-166	R.J. Dixon, Gloucester	1.	
6	P. Ham, Truro S.	0	145-163	R.C. Campbell, Cheltenham G.S.	1.	
7	A.J. Gunn, Liskeard	0	144-161	E.W. Joce, Bristol & Clifton	1.	
8	R. Truscott, St Austell	0	144-158	R.A. Kendall Downside & F.	1.	
9	S. Shirley, St Austell	1	136-156	M.J. Passmore, Downside & F.	0.	
10	M.M. Street, Helston	$\frac{1}{2}$	* -157	R.C. Last, Stroud	$\frac{1}{2}$	
11	D.R. Tylor, St Austell	1	136-154	H.J. Draisey, Horfield	0.	
12	J.R. Read, Camborne	0	132-144	J.C.B. Date, Cheltenham	1.	
13	J. Hampton, Camborne	0	120-	A.R. Cousins - ? -	1.	
14	W.R. Provis, Helston	@	133-138	Dr Devonshire, Bristol & Clftn	@	
15	L.G. Shroll, St Austell	$\frac{1}{2}$	109-138	J.A. Fetterlein, Cheltenham	$\frac{1}{2}$	
16	E. Clark, St Austell	$\frac{1}{2}$	115-135	P. Ashworth, Gloucester	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Totals.			$\frac{4}{2}$	(*Grading being adjusted)	$\frac{10}{2}$	

Regretfully the true score would appear to be $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ in Cornwall's favour because the first four boards on the Gloucestershire side have all played twice for the Championship side in that side's last five games. This rule, 7(b) of the Minor Counties Championship Rules handicapped Devonshire and they have appealed against the words "two or more" and it will be altered to "More than two" for next year, but this season the rule is in force. (See Page 41 of 1973/4 Year Book.) Either way, it is an awkward rule for Match Captains to operate and the Editor's sympathies are with them when slip-ups happen, yet something like it is necessary I fear.

FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES:

- Dec 20th-22nd. Evening Standard Open, including the final of the Cutty Sark £1,000 Grand Prix.
- Dec 28th - Jan 14th. Hastings International, Challengers and other tournaments.
- Dec 30th - Jan 4th Devon Juniors at Plymouth. U21, 18, 15 Details from D. Hunt, 20 Eastfield Avenue, Hooe, Plymstock, Plymouth.
U11. T. Anson, 20 Rectory Rd, Stoke, Plymouth.
- Jan 3rd - 5th Shropshire. J.J. Cox, The Crown House, Kennersley, Telford.
- Jan 3rd - 5th Welsh Open at Cardiff. R.J. Deakin, 6 St Isan Rd, Heath, Cardiff.
- Feb 7th - 9th. Luton. B. Cox, 164 Wilsden Avenue, Luton.
- Feb 7th - 9th. East Glamorgan at Caerphilly. D.B. Thomas, Riverswoods, 55 Brynteg Ave, Bridgend.
- MAR 27th - 31st. W.E.C.U. CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WEYMOUTH. To be played at the COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, Cranford Ave, Weymouth. Championship starts on 27th, other Tournaments on 28th. Details from E.G. Walker, Meadow Nook, 18 Homefield, Locking, Avon. BS24 8ED. Phone Banwell 2149.
- Apr 18th - 20th. North Devon Chess League at Barnstaple Motel, Barnstaple. R.H. Beattie, 21 Cross Street, Barnstaple.
- Apr 18 - 20th Jersey International. B.E. Le Marquand, 1 Devon Gardens, Flat Douet Rd, St Clements, Jersey. C.I.
- May 24th - 26th Bournemouth Chess League at Kinson. D.P. Lock, Brooklands, Ham Lane, Longham, Nr Wimborne, Dorset. BH22 9DW
- May 24th - 26th. Stroud Cotswold Tournament.
- Jul 25th - 27th. Hereford. L.P. Collard, 16 Siddons Road, Hampton Dene.
- Aug 4th - 16th. British Championships at Morecambe.
- Aug 22nd - 25th. Weymouth. E.J. Clark, 9 Melcombe Ave, Weymouth, Dorset. DT4 7TH

A.J. Miles v G.H. Bennett, Enfield Open. Reti Opening:-

1 N-KB3 P-Q4; 2 P-KN3 N-KB3; 3 B-N2 P-B3; 4 O-O B-B4; 5 P-Q3 P-KR3; 6 P-N3 P-K3;
7 B-N2 B-K2; 8 QN-Q2 O-O; 9 P-B4 QN-Q2; 10 P-QR3 P-QR4; 11 B-B3 B-R2; 12 Q-B1
P-QN4; 13 PxNP PxP; 14 Q-N2 P-N5; 15 PxF PxP; 16 B-Q4 R-R6; 17 QR-B1 Q-R4;
18 R-B2 R-R1; 19 Q-B1 Q-Q1; 20 B-N2 R-R7; 21 N-Q4 Q-KB1; 22 R-B6 N-B4; 23
N(2)-B3 N(3)-Q2; 24 B-KR3 B-B3; 25 Q-N1 B-N3; 26R-Q1 K-R2; 27 K-B1 Q-K2;
28 R-Q2 Q-B1; 29 R-B2 NxQP; 30 PxN BxP+; 31 K-N2 N-K4; 32 NxN BxN; 33 Q-Q1 BxR;
34 RxB Q-QN1; 35 N-B6 Q-N2; 36 NxB P-Q5 dis+; 37 K-N1 Resigns.

C H A N G E O F A D D R E S S S

Match Captains please note that Mr W.H. Peek, the Cornish Match Captain's new address is

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JUNIOR CHESS

During the weekend of posting this issue, our active and progressive Union Junior Organiser, Mr D.C. Jarrett, is holding a Junior Training Tournament for Top Juniors from each of our seven counties plus 2 middle Juniors and some Minor Juniors in the 10-13 age group.

He has arranged accommodation for the Juniors at £2.00 for Bed, Breakfast and Sunday Lunch, or B/B at £1.50 with additional light refreshments at the Club - Hanham & Kingswood. The entry fees (small) are being devoted to book prizes and trainers will be available for discussion and analysis. Ten entries for the top and middle classes have been received from all counties bar, sadly, Cornwall and 12 in the lower section.

The top section includes P.J. Lee, S. Taulbut, M. Spindler, N. Davey, R. Campbell, P.A. Aston, I. Furber, D. Hick, C.G. Button and K. Griffin.

The Middle Section includes S.J. Shutler, A. Griffiths, H. Ellison, T. Headlong Headlong, P. Anderson, M. Powis, R. von Kummer, P.J. Fielding, Jane Seymour and D. Fye. I hope to publish the results in the Easter issue.

CORNWALL. Regretfully I have no news from this County.

DEVON The North Devon Chess League in a 40 board match with the Exeter League won by 22 to 18. The Match was played at the Pilton Community Centre, Barnstaple and the Bideford Club presented a trophy for the event in memory of John Fulford. The Trophy will be known as the John Fulford Memorial Trophy.

The North Devon League hold their Jamboree event on 14-12-74 for Teams of five players. Their Spring Congress at the Barnstaple Motel in April Broche is now available from R.H. Beattie, 21 Cross Street, Barnstaple and contains the Rules of the Congress also. Phone Bideford (023 72) 5409.

DORSET The Dorset League is progressing and arrangements are starting for the West of England Championships at Weymouth over Easter. The Flessey Wessex Chess Club continues to prosper with over 100 members now, I understand.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE Early days for the Bristol League, but to date University A side lead Division 1, Bristol & Clifton Division 2, Hanham & Kingswood Division 3, Bristol and Clifton Division 4 and University 'F' Div. 5.

C H A N G E O F A D D R E S S Mr D.C. Jarrett, the W.E.C.U. Junior Organiser and Bristol League Hon. Treasurer, has moved to 13 Whitecross Avenue, Whitchurch, Bristol. BS14 9HZ.

HAMPSHIRE A record number of Teams entered the Hants League - 15. In accordance with the new rules, Division 1 is a single round whilst Div 2 is a double round event.

Bournemouth League Div 1 leaders are Christchurch A and **Kinson** whilst the same two clubs lead Division 2. Regret no Southampton reports. Portsmouth League Div 1 leaders are Portsmouth A and Community Centre A, whilst Div 2 leaders are Community Centre B and Fareham B. The 3rd Div leader is Leigh Park. There are 30 teams in the Schools section, and Mr T.E. Hollington, the Hants Junior Organiser, is running a number of competitions in the area. Julia Scotney of Cottage Grove School has already won the U-10 Girls event and is running 2nd in the U-14 event. U-12 Event won by M.R.B. Thompson of St John's C. M.E. Vernon of St Jude's won the U-10 and D. West the U-8. In the Annual Schools Match U-18 section Southampton 10½ Portsmouth 5½ with 3 for adjudication. U-12 Event Southampton 12½ Portsmouth 13½.

SOMERSET Last year's winners of the Henry Powell Trophy, Bath Bishops, have again made an impressive start. In Div 2 East Charles Mare Trophy last years front runners Claverton and Norton Radstock have both has reverses. In the B (Rest) Section Bridgwater and E.M.I. Wells remain undefeated. The Roy Hassell Memorial Trophy County Individual Championship has gone according to grading strength to date and the clashes of the stronger players are expected after the New Year.

WILTSHIRE Their Match Captain, M. Spindler, was disappointed with the results of their first County Matches after having two good Friendly wins over Berkshire and Oxfordshire as pre-season trainers. Their Club Lightning Championship was held on 16th October and was won for the second year in succession by Corsham. Lawn were runners-up. The North Wilts League has increased in size from 9 to 12 teams. A 5 Minutes Tournament was held at Swindon on Nov 23, sponsored by Nationwide B.S. Regret no result received as yet.

NEXT ISSUE With Easter so early this year, on reflection, I believe it would be best to delay the issue until about the end of April so as to include most results plus Easter Congress results instead of having to wait until July for these results if I publish before Easter. Hence please expect the next issue to be in your hands at the end of April and I hope this meets general approval.

CUTTY SARK TOURNAMENT The back cover was written for inclusion in both SCCU Bulletin and Westward Ho before it was known Totnes would count for the competition. The true position with the start of the final Congress on Dec 20th is Bennett and Miles tied on 200 each with L.S. Blackstock being sufficiently ahead in 3rd place to have to play quite badly at that Congress to lose 3rd place. Good luck to all the players, and a Happy Christmas and good New Year to all - if one dare wish that in these inflationary days.

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