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## DO YOU HAVE ONE OF OUR MISSING JUNIOR TROPHIES?

The whereabouts of the Junior U18, U16, U14 & U12 MCCU Individual trophies are unknown. They have not been presented for a few years, and so far no archive information has come to light to suggest who might have been the last recipients. Were you a top Midlands Junior a few years ago? Are you the parent of a former top junior? Could one of these trophies be lurking in your cabinet or cupboard? Are you a junior organiser who might be able to suggest where any of these cups or boards might be? If you have any information that might be useful please contact me by any of the methods listed in this Newsletter, or contact Graham Humphries on 01384 571486

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Pawns symbolise children, particularly little boys. They can grow up (promote) but it is again significant that they may not become King. –  
Ruben Fine  
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## MCCU ½ YR MEETING

The ½ year meeting was held at Syston Church Hall on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately the 10 delegates that turned up fell short of the 12 required for a quorum. As a result the decisions made during proceedings will need to be ratified at the AGM.

This is not the first occasion in recent years when attendance has been below quorum. This prompted more than 1 delegate to suggest that the rules concerning what constituted a quorum be amended. The upshot was that a motion was passed to the effect that a quorum be 8 delegates representing at least 5 counties.

The AGM had left several posts vacant. Attempts were made to fill these, with only partial success. No one had come forward to take on the new post created at the AGM of Secretary, so this remains vacant. Cyril Johnson was proposed and accepted as Events Director. There were initially no nominations for either of the Non-Executive Director posts, but it was stressed that it would be highly unsatisfactory for there to be no one protecting the interests of the constituent members of the MCCU. Tony Wright, formerly Chief Executive, was persuaded to step in.

Speaking of former Chief Executives, the next item of business was a proposal that Neil Graham be added to the list of Vice Presidents, in recognition of his past service to the MCCU. This was wholeheartedly supported.

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## CALLING JUNIOR ORGANISERS

The MCCU Junior Director Graham Humphries would dearly like to create an up to date record of Midland Junior Organisers. If you fall into this category he would like to hear from you.

As indicated in his MCCU ½ Year report, he feels that information about junior events may not be getting to the relevant people.

Some Counties do not appear to have an official junior officer. If you are prepared to organise a junior team to represent your county, why don't you contact your county association President or Secretary? Don't know who that is? Contact your Newsletter editor who will put you in touch with the relevant person. Unsure what running a county junior team involves? Graham Humphries, Cyril or Julie Johnson can all help you with information and support.

Everyone seems to be well aware that unless we encourage juniors, the number of active chess players will dwindle. It's already happening. Primary School age groups may be quite robust, but numbers fall off dramatically after that. There are of course a wide variety of reasons for this, but that doesn't mean the tide cannot be turned. However, unless more people are prepared to invest some time and effort with teenage chess players the decline won't be reversed.

To add your name to the list of people involved with junior chess, or for more information about getting involved contact

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Giving your name, address, telephone number, & email address if you have one.

A proposal concerning the setting aside of funds for the MCCU Junior Individual Championships in 2004 was withdrawn. This event has not run in the last few years, but will be resurrected next year on 6<sup>th</sup> March at Saints Peter & Paul School Upper Church St. Syston. The general feeling was that the Union accepts that events it runs will sometimes run at a loss and thus the organisers did not need a formal "safety net". Discussion about Junior Trophies revealed that the whereabouts of the Individual Junior Trophies for U12, U14, U16 & U18 champions was unknown. A motion was passed that in future all MCCU Trophies are signed for, with name, address and phone number being provided. Do you know where any of these trophies are? If so contact Graham Humphries, Cyril Johnson or any other MCCU Officer.

MCCU Officers gave their reports. Lee Collier thanked those doing work for the MCCU. He also announced that having been persuaded to stay on as Chief Executive this year, he would not be seeking re-election in June.

Summer/Autumn is a quiet period financially; as a result Andrew Leadbetter reported that the MCCU coffers are little changed from the AGM.

Graham Humphries is still puzzled why some counties are not entering teams in MCCU Junior events. Some counties have been doing quite well at Primary School level and some Secondary Schools are entering teams in the BCF Schools event. A number of counties do not have anyone published as a junior contact. The suggestion is that information may not be getting to the right people. Graham will be using the email facilities of other officers in an attempt to reach the right people, or spur others to organise teams.

On the events front, the Midland Individual had been successfully included in the Leek Congress. It was agreed that the organiser Robert Milner be thanked and the Congress be awarded the Midland Individual next year. As reported in Issue 5 of The Middle Game, the 2003 MCCU Open experienced

venue problems. The Hotel had offered a 10% discount on the original hire costs, which had provisionally been accepted by Lee Collier. The consensus was that this was probably as much as we could hope for. Cyril Johnson has secured a venue for 2004 which a higher capacity for entries, 200 as opposed to 150, at a lower hire charge – see separate announcement for more details. There was some discussion concerning sections, prize money etc. initiated by the events Director, but it was agreed that he should be left to organise the event as he sees fit.

The Publicity Director reported that the number of hard-copy Newsletters had been further reduced from 100 for the first issue to an expected 35 for issue 6, with the prospect of further trimming in numbers to perhaps 25. Further advertising had not yet been forthcoming, but the reduction in hard copies had brought the cost of production down significantly to around £20 for an issue. The fact that the MCCU has no literature explaining what it is and what it does had been highlighted at the AGM, but met with little response. This was drawn to delegates' attention again. It was agreed that the Chief Executive & the Publicity Director take production of a leaflet forward.

It was pointed out that the BCF Centenary provides an opportunity to raise the profile of chess across the Midlands. Did the MCCU want to get involved, if so how? It was agreed that a 100 board East v West Midlands match would be a good idea – the Events Director will take this forward.

Johns Robinson reported that sales of the MCCU Gradings book had been going well, there were only a few copies left. He thanked Dave Thomas for providing the file extract for this, & Lee Collier for producing the cover. He expressed some concern that a large file of amendments to gradings had appeared on the BCF website. Gradings Officials at BCF level had indicated that this would not happen.

Neil Beasley provided a written report in his absence. 29 teams have entered the 5 sections of the inter-counties event. Notts have withdrawn

their team from the Open, but added a team to the U175 section. Only 1 match has been defaulted to date Warks U175 against Notts. (A Warks delegate at the meeting explained that this had been due to misunderstandings)

He asked for clarification concerning the AGM decision concerning refreshments. The meeting confirmed Neil's reading of the position that only in the Open Play-off stages, semi-finals and finals, are teams required to provide anything other than minimal refreshments. The meeting recommended that team captains ensure they make players aware what level of refreshments is being provided. This will enable people to plan accordingly.

Due to computer problems John Robinson was unable to give details of the outcome of the Individual Correspondence event. Chris Lee is understood to have the team event well in hand.

Cyril Johnson. Lee Collier & Andrew Leadbetter all commented on the various BCF meetings they had attended. The information has already been reported in earlier issues of the Newsletter, or is included in the latest report in this issue.

Lee Collier reported that a repeat of the MCCU v Combined Services match had failed to come to fruition. This had been due to some misunderstandings, and the very late arrival of information regarding the venue.

It was agreed that the AGM on again be held at Birmingham University. This will be on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2004.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **7 DEC – 42<sup>ND</sup> NUNEATON ONE DAY CONGRESS**

ETONE SPORTS CENTRE LEICESTER ROAD NUNEATON ROY  
WOODCOCK TEL 024 7634 8097

### **3-4 JAN - WREKIN CONGRESS**

MADELEY COURT SPORTS CENTRE, MADELEY, TELFORD,  
SHROPSHIRE.  
GRAHAM SHEPHERD TEL: 01694 722580

### **1 FEB - STOCKPORT RAPIDPLAY**

THE GUILDHALL, 169 WELLINGTON ROAD SOUTH, STOCKPORT.  
R BRADNEY TEL: 0161 494 8585

### **7 FEB – MCCU U18 TEAM EVENT**

SAINTS PETER & PAUL SCHOOL, UPPER CHURCH STREET, SYSTON.  
G HUMPHRIES TEL: 01384 571486

### **21 FEB - SIMULTANEOUS CHESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT,**

IM ANDREW MARTIN WILL ATTEMPT TO BEAT THE WORLD RECORD  
FOR SIMULTANEOUS CHESS GAMES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU COULD BE PART OF CHESS  
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YATELEY, HAMPSHIRE GU46 6BU

## **NOTTINGHAM RAPIDPLAY 2004**

This to announce that the 15th Nottinghamshire  
Rapidplay tournament (a British Chess Federation  
Grand Prix event) will take place on **Sunday 22nd  
February 2004** at a new improved venue -  
**Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount,  
Nottingham NG7 4ED**

Details are yet to be finalised, but I anticipate running  
at least 3 sections including an Open. The High  
School is a popular venue with excellent facilities,  
which has been used for several successful events in  
the past.

Entry forms will be available within the next 2 weeks,  
and more details will be posted on the tournament  
website at:

<http://mysite.freemove.com/nottsevents2003> as soon  
as available.

Negotiations are also currently underway regarding a  
potentially exciting new venue for the 29th  
Nottinghamshire chess congress in 2004. No details  
yet, but this would certainly represent a major coup for  
Notts chess if we can pull it off!

More information will follow as soon as it is confirmed.

Geoff Gibson  
Congress Director

## **MCCU JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**These will be held at Saints Peter & Paul  
School, Upper Church Street, Syston, on  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2004.**

It is hoped that sections from U8 to U18 will be  
run.

## **MCCU OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**This tournament will be held at the Hinckley  
Leisure Centre, Coventry Road, Hinckley  
from 11<sup>th</sup> –13<sup>th</sup> June 2004.**

The format will be as usual, 4 sections, Open,  
U170, U130 and U90. The time controls will be  
slightly altered to provide for slightly shorter  
rounds, which will give players 12 hours between  
Rounds 4 and 5. This will facilitate daily  
travelling for a wider number of competitors.

Hinckley has a railway station and is close to  
motorway links. It also has a variety of  
accommodation available for those who prefer to  
stay over the weekend.

The actual prize fund will depend on the level of  
sponsorship that is raised, but will be at least  
equal to last year. If any would like an entry form  
could they please send an email to -  
[mccuchesscongress@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mccuchesscongress@yahoo.co.uk).

Cyril Johnson  
MCCU Events Director

## EVENT RESULTS

### Warwickshire Open Junior Chess Championships 2003

These Championships were held on the weekend of 11-12/Oct/2003, and were open to all British and Commonwealth chess players under the age of eighteen on 01/Sep/2003. Here is the report by the WCA Secretary for Junior Chess, Nick Thomas:

The event was again held at Arden School in Knowle, Solihull, and attracted a record entry (for recent years) of 206 players from all over the Midlands and beyond.

The philosophy of the event is to encourage all children from beginner to expert to get involved in competitive chess at very little cost (just £4 entry for the U8, U10, U12 and U14), and award as many prizes as possible. In fact this year all children in the U8, U10 and U12 sections received certificates, 83 individual medals and trophies were awarded, 3 school trophies were won, and £150.00 went to the top players in the U16 and U18 sections. 55 children also qualified for the London Junior Chess Congress.

Well done to all those who competed and especially to those who won prizes. A special mention should go to the surprise winner in the Under 10 section, Elliot Bromley who attends King Henry VIII Junior School in Coventry. Elliot competed last year in the Under 10s and got just 2 points. Instead of giving up on competitive chess he came back this year to score an amazing 6/6 in a very competitive event beating some much more experienced players. This is certainly a lad with the right attitude to succeed.

#### Results

##### Under 8

1st Michael Afnan 5.5/6 \*  
2nd Ravi Patel 5/6  
3rd James McKeogh 4.5/6

School Trophy: King Henry VIII Junior School.

##### Under 10

1st Elliot Bromley 6/6 \*  
2nd= Megan Owens, Jamie Morgan, John Gilbert 5/6  
5th= Harish Suthi, Sam Mather, Grace Kneafsey, Henry Graham,  
Andrew McCarthur 4.5/6

School Trophy: Bentley Heath School.

##### Under 12

1st Kaiser Malik 6/6 \*  
2nd= Nathan Molnar, Craig Whitfield, Aled Walker 5/6  
5th= Chris Smith, Christopher Lovejoy, Lateefah Massam-Sparks,  
George Cloake 4.5/6

School Trophy: King Edward VI Camp Hill.

##### Under 14

1st Murray David 5.5/6 \*  
2nd= Luke Emanuel, Mark Lam, Christopher Bellin, Mathew Kinloch,  
George Cloake 4.5/6

##### Under 16

1st Dani Malik 4.5/6 \*  
2nd= Sam Cloake, Callum Gordon 4/6

##### Under 18

1st Simon Fowler 5/6  
2nd= Paul Lam \*, Richard Westwood,  
Thomas Pym 4.5/6

\* Warwickshire Closed Champion.

A big thanks must go to all those who gave their time to make this such an enjoyable and successful event. Top of the list is the control team of Bob Wildig, Dave Thomas and Roy Woodcock, and their helpers Bob Walker and Nick Statham. Thanks also to Catrin for organising and running the canteen.

With the event running on such a tight budget I must also say a big thanks to all those who gave donations towards the costs of the event and who bought raffle tickets. £100 was raised from the raffle, which will go towards future events.

## BCDL RAPIDPLAY

The seventh Birmingham & District Chess League rapid play tournament was held on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2003 at Four Dwellings High School, Quinton, Birmingham.

There was a total entry of 88 competitors made up of:  
Premier 11; Major 19; Intermediate 28; Minor 30.

The winners in each section were:

Premier - 1<sup>st</sup> Richard Westwood 5½-6 St Mary's  
= 2<sup>nd</sup> Sholan Folayan Sutton Coldfield .  
John Mangwengewende Wolverhampton .

Major - 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Lake 5½-6 Handsworth Wood .  
= 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Price Wolverhampton .  
Martin Burns Stockport .

Intermediate – 1<sup>st</sup> Jonathan Cox 5½-6 Rugby.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Clive Pemberton. ?  
3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Rush. ?

Minor - = 1<sup>st</sup> Ray Bettam Chelmsley Town .  
Collin Dandy Sutton Coldfield .  
Andrew Moore Stourbridge .  
All with 5-6.

## NYCA U15 TEAM EVENT

The U15 event was held at Arden School Knowle on November 8<sup>th</sup> .

Those of you who have followed junior chess for a number of years will be more familiar with the NYCA running its' events at U12, U14, U16 & U18. This year has seen it revise its' format. This appears to be a response to the reduced number of teams entering. Whilst increased travelling costs and dwindling sponsorship have undoubtedly contributed to this. The MCCU only provided 2 teams, despite the event being in its' area.

Results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sussex	32pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richmond	31pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kent	23pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	Warwickshire	19.5pts
5 <sup>th</sup> =	Lancashire	16pts
	Oldham	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Hertford	15pts
8 <sup>th</sup>	Berkshire	13.5pts
9 <sup>th</sup>	Glamorgan	13pts
10 <sup>th</sup>	Buckingham	12.5pts
11 <sup>th</sup>	Leicestershire	6.5pts

## HEREFORD RAPIDPLAY

94 players took part in the 2nd Hereford Rapidplay, on 24/08/03:

**Open** : 1st = Colin Crouch (Harrow) & Sven Zeidler (SW Dragons) 5.5/6  
3rd James Sherwin (Bath)  
4.5 Junior prize : Slava Burenkov (Cardiff) 3.5

**Major** (Under 151) 1st = Jonathan Smith (Oxford) & Paul Spiller (Bristol) 5/6  
3rd= Les Collard (Hereford) & Mel Gingell (Bristol) 4.5  
Junior Prize : Jac Thomas (Monmouth) & Lewis Martin (Swindon) 3

**Minor** (Under 116) 1st Alan Ruffle (Linton) 5.5/6  
2nd Charlotte Wilcox (Willenhall) 5  
3rd = Trevor Marke(Bristol) & John Varilone (Kidderminster) 4.5  
Junior Prize : split between 5 players on 3 pts.

Details from Nigel Beveridge

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### QUOTABLE QUOTES

Having made a mistake or inexact move, you should not think "everything is lost", and be vexed, but quickly orientate yourself, and in the new situation, look for a new plan.  
- David Bronstein

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# CHESS COMPUTERS

Having looked at chess clocks & pieces in earlier issues, we turn to the chess computer.

## *Turing's "paper machine"*

It is an amazing fact that the first chess program was written before computers were actually invented. It was written by a visionary man who knew that programmable computers were coming and that, once they were invented, they would be able to play chess.

The man was Alan Turing, one of the greatest mathematicians who ever lived. Turing led the project group that broke the German "Enigma" code and so helped decide the outcome of the Second World War. He was very interested in chess, but in spite of having a brilliant intellect and putting a lot of effort into learning the game he remained a fairly weak player. Soon after the war he wrote the instructions that would enable a machine to play chess. Since there was as yet no machine that could execute the instructions he did so himself, acting as a human CPU and requiring more than half an hour per move. One game is recorded, which Turing's "paper machine" lost to one of his colleagues.

## *Shannon's strategies*

Around the same time as Turing another great mathematician, Claude Shannon of the Bell Laboratories, was thinking about teaching a computer to play chess. He realised that the problem would be the very large number of continuations, so he differentiated between an "A-Strategy" which looks at all continuations and a "B-Strategy" which cuts off certain lines. Today we differentiate between "brute force" and "selective" programs, although all strong programs belong more or less to the former category.

## *Chess instead of atomic bombs*

During the war the United States built a giant laboratory in Los Alamos in the deserts of New Mexico. Its purpose was the development of atomic weapons. Working out the correct shape of the implosion charges that trigger the chain reaction required a very large number of calculations.

In 1946 the Hungarian/American mathematician John von Neumann was given the task of designing a powerful calculation machine to speed up the task. In 1950 a giant machine called MANIAC I was delivered.

It was filled with thousands of vacuum tubes and switches and could execute 10,000 instructions per second. It was also programmable.

Instead of immediately getting to work on the bombs the scientists started experimenting with the machine. And one of the first things they did was to write a chess program. It was for a reduced 6 x 6 board without bishops. In spite of this the program needed twelve minutes to search to a depth of four ply (with the bishops it would have required three hours).

The program played three games in the mid fifties. The first was against itself (White won), the second against a strong player who spotted it a queen. The game lasted ten hours and the master won. Finally it played against a young lady who had learnt the game a week earlier. The program won the game in 23 moves. It was the first time a human had lost to a computer in a game of intellectual skill.

## *Chess and mathematics*

The main problem of chess programming is the very large number of continuations involved. In an average position there are about 40 legal moves. If you consider every reply to each move you have  $40 \times 40 = 1600$  positions. This means that after two ply (half-moves), which is considered a single move in chess 1600 different positions can arise. After two moves it is 2.5 million positions, after three moves 4.1 billion. The average game lasts 40 moves. The number of potential positions is in the order of  $10^{128}$  (10 to the power of 128), which is vastly larger than the number of atoms in the known universe (a pitiful  $10^{80}$ ).

It is clear that no computer or any other machine will solve the game by looking at all possible continuations. But human beings are also imperfect players. It is only a question of what depth of search is required for a machine to match human strategic skill. Early computers were able to generate and evaluate about 500 positions per seconds, or 90,000 in three minutes that are available per move in a tournament game. This means they could search only three ply (one and a half moves) deep. That led to extremely weak play – the level of a chess novice. To go one ply deeper required about 15,000 positions per second, a thirty-fold increase. But even four ply is very shallow. So it seemed unlikely that computers would ever play master-level chess.

## *Alpha-beta*

A first breakthrough came in 1958 when three scientists

of the Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh (Newell, Shaw and Simon) made an important discovery. You can chop off large parts of the search tree without affecting the final results. They called this the alpha-beta algorithm. It is important to note that is a purely mathematical technique and works without the use of any additional chess knowledge.

This is, very roughly, how alpha-beta works: say the computer has finished evaluating a move and started working on a second move. As soon as a single line shows that it will return a lower value than the first move we can immediately terminate the search. We do not need to know exactly how much worse the second move is. The program will definitely prefer the first move.

Alpha-beta produces exactly the same result as a full search, while looking at only about the square root of the number of positions otherwise required. Suddenly the early computers were able to look five and six ply ahead. In the seventies the world's fastest computers (e.g. the CDC Cyber series) were able to search seven ply deep and had achieved a respectable playing strength. But even with alpha-beta you need a five-fold increase in speed to go one ply deeper. The exponential explosion of numbers once again caught up with the programmers.

### ***The hardware machine Belle***

Ken Thompson was a computer scientist who couldn't wait for the million-dollar super-computers to become five or twenty-five times faster in order to get stronger at chess. He and a colleague at the Bell Laboratories decided to build a special purpose machine, using many hundreds of chips worth about 20,000 dollars.

They called the machine "Belle", and it could only play chess. But it was able to search at about 180,000 positions per second (the super-computers at the time were doing 5000 positions). Belle could go down eight to nine ply in tournament games, which enabled it to play in the master category. It won the world computer chess championship and all other computer tournaments from 1980 to 1983, until it was superseded by giant Cray X-MPs costing a thousand times more.

### ***Chess chips***

In the middle of the eighties Prof. Hans Berliner, a computer scientist at the Carnegie-Mellon university, picked up where Ken Thompson had left off. Berliner, who had also been world correspondence chess champion, built a hardware-driven chess machine

called HiTech. He and his graduate student Carl Ebeling developed a hardware move generator chip. With 64 chips in parallel HiTech narrowly missed winning the world computer chess championship in 1986 (it was won by a Cray).

Soon after that Berliner's students Feng-hsiung Hsu, Murray Campbell and others developed their own machine called ChipTest and later Deep Thought. It cost about 5000 dollars and ran at 500,000 positions per second. Hsu and Campbell subsequently broke with their teacher and joined IBM. Together with Joe Hoane they built IBM's current Deep Blue.

### ***Deep Blue***

The machine Garry Kasparov played against in Philadelphia and New York consisted of a IBM SP/2 server equipped with a large number of special-purpose chips which do the fast calculations. Each chip is capable of processing two to three million positions per second. By using over 200 of these chips the overall speed of the program could be raised to 200 million positions per second.

### ***Depth vs playing strength***

What does a speed of 200 million positions per second imply in a chess machine? Ken Thompson, the father of Belle (as well as Unix and the computer language C) conducted some very interesting experiments in the 80s to correlate depth of search with increase in playing strength.

Thompson played Belle against itself with one side computing progressively deeper. On an average a single ply of search depth translated to around 200 Elo points – at four ply Belle was playing around 1230, at nine ply it had reached 2328 Elo points.

By extending the curve, which flattens at the top end, one could conclude that a search depth of 14 ply is required to achieve world championship strength (2800).

The conclusion of experts: you need to build a computer that runs at one billion nodes per second (and searches 14 ply deep) if you wish to challenge the human world champion for his title. Deep Blue comes close, but isn't there yet.

### ***The micros***

Naturally the quality of programming also plays an important role. Today's top PC programs like Fritz and Junior run at 500,000 and more positions per second. They realistically have a playing strength of over 2600

and are a match for all but the top 100 players in the world. In rapid chess only the top dozen or so can compete, in blitz chess probably only two or three players could survive.

### ***Assault on both fronts***

An important role in the strength of computers is played by extensive openings books. The collective knowledge and experience of generations of human masters can easily be stored on hard disk and accessed during the opening phase of the game. Even the PC programs know tens of millions of openings positions and have access to full statistics on each of them (which moves were played, with what success, by what calibre of players, etc.). Very often a program will play fifteen or twenty moves of a game before it begins to compute for the first time. Without the benefit of this human knowledge in the openings the programs would be considerably weaker.

While computers are gaining a substantial advantage from the vast amount of openings knowledge that has accumulated in the history of chess, they also profit from a research at the other end of the game.

### ***Endgame databases***

Once again it was the ubiquitous Ken Thompson who pioneered this development. In the 80s he began to generate and store all legal endgame positions with four and five pieces on the board. A typical five-piece ending, like king and two bishops vs king and knight, contains 121 million positions. With a pawn, which is asymmetric in its movements, the number rises to 335 million. Thompson wrote programs that generated all legal positions and worked out every forcing line that is possible in each endgame. He also compressed the resulting data in a way that allowed one to store about 20 endgames on a standard CD-ROM.

Using these databases a computer will play each of the endgames absolutely perfectly ("like God"). In any position with the given material on the board it knows instantly whether it is a win, draw or loss and in how many moves. Often it will announce a win or mate in over fifty moves. On the losing side it will defend optimally. Deep Blue uses Thompson's endgame databases, and even the PC program Fritz is now implementing them in its search tree. How this will affect its playing strengths remains to be seen.

Some of the five-piece endings are notoriously difficult or even impossible for human beings to master. A prime example is queen and pawn vs queen, in which

no human has the slightest chance against a computer. But these five-piece endgames are tic-tac-toe compared to the six-piece endings which Thompson is currently generating. In some six-piece positions you need to play over 200 accurate moves to win. Often it is impossible for the strongest players in the world to even tell what progress has been made after 100 moves which the computer tells us are absolutely essential. Naturally the development of hardware is working in favour of the computers. Thompson's six-piece endings, which contain 8 to 20 billion positions each, can be compressed to fit nicely on a DVD.

Luckily seven-piece endings, which contain half a trillion positions each, are still a long way off. And even more luckily the two ends – openings research and endgame databases – will never meet. It is highly unlikely that anyone will ever see a computer which plays 1.e4 and announces mate in 40. But it is probably only a matter of time, of a few years or a decade, before a computer will consistently beat the human world champion in the game of chess.

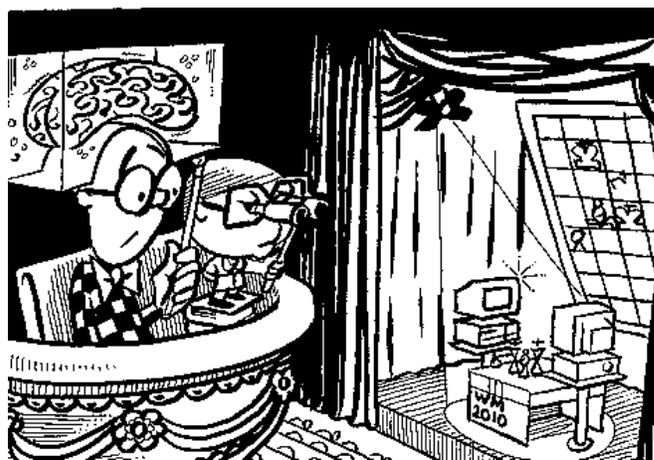
### ***When will it happen?***

When exactly will that happen? When will a computer beat the world champion in a regular match? Here are the predictions of some leading experts, made in the years 1991 to 1994:

1992	Prof. Monty Newborn
1993	John McCarthy
1994	Hans Berliner, Feng-hsiung Hsu
1995	Murray Campbell, Donald Michie, Mike Valov
1999	Claude Shannon, Frederic Friedel
2001	John Nunn
2010	Garry Kasparov
2018	Ken Thompson

*Frederick Freidel*

*Is this the World Championship match 2020?*



## BCF National Club Events

Going back to the very first issue of the Newsletter I bewailed the lack of entries from the Midlands in the National club events. It seems that few actually read the article, and even fewer actually did anything about it, especially in the West Midlands. As a result we have a paltry MCCU representation all from the East Midlands. Newark, Ashfield, Syston & Loughborough are in again, and we could just about claim Barton on Humber as a new Midlands entry.

What's the matter with West Midlands clubs? Even teams further west e.g. Aberystwyth; can make the effort to enter. The Birmingham & District League is one of the larger leagues in the country, yet it can't provide a single entry.

### BCF CLUB HANDICAP RAPIDPLAY

REPORT FROM CYRIL JOHNSON

The third staging of this event as a one-day congress saw 13 teams gather at Magdalen College School, Oxford by kind permission of the Master, and with the assistance of John Place and those excellent parents who provided the refreshments.

The Master of the School, Mr A.D. Halls, opened the event and welcomed the players back to the venue of 2002, and wished all well. After a late start because of the non-arrival of some equipment, replacements being collected from Cowley, things got under way under the stewardship of Priscilla Morris, a local BCF Arbiter.

After 4 rounds, all teams were still in contention with prizes; all depending on a cut-throat last round. Cardiff and Magdalen College School B both took 3 points from the last round, to total 10½ points, as did Wanstead and Woodford. The 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes were shared between the 3, with the 4<sup>th</sup> prize being divided between Crowthorne B, Guildford and Magdalen College School A on 9 points. Many was the tale being exchanged of the point that got away in this round, but all were united in their congratulations of the three worthy winners.

Dr. Evan Harris, the Member of Parliament for Oxford whose interest in chess is well known, came during play to observe events and then returned to present the prizes. The Geoff Kendall trophy and commemorative medals going to Magdalen College School B as the lowest graded of the three teams.

We would like to thank the school for their hospitality, and would certainly like very much to make this an annual visit. Cilla Morris dealt with everything that could be thrown at her with illegal moves and positions, whilst Roy Heppinstall gave support when needed and helped entertain honoured guests. Thanks are also due to the teams, it is hoped that next year; we would break the 20 teams mark for the entries.

After applying handicap scores were as follows: -

1= Cardiff, Magdalen College School B, Wanstead & Woodford all 10 ½ all win £150.00  
(Magdalen College B receive the trophies as the lowest graded team)

4= Crowthorne B, Guildford, Magdalen College A all 9 all win £17.00

7= Bedford, Syston 8½

9= Milton Keynes, Mushrooms 8

11 Cowley 7½

12 East Grinstead 7

13 Crowthorne A 6



Roy Heppinstall BCF CEO watching club Rapidplay games

# Measure Your Chess Aggressiveness

By Robert Morrell

We all know that chess is a war game, and while some of us go at it on the boards like cerebral Rambos (nice oxymoron, that) others play like, well, George McGovern. Just how aggressive are you? Do you go for broke or wait for your opponent to make that big mistake? The following test is scientifically designed to rank your aggressive tendencies on the board. Total the numbers at the end of text to put yourself between Morphy and Steintz.

## THE TEST:

**1) Early in the game, your opponent collapses of an apparent heart attack. His wife and children gather round, and after exchanging tearful farewells with them, he looks up, and with life fading from his eyes, asks you for a draw. In response, you:**

- A) Accept immediately.
- B) Analyse the position on the board first.
- C) Ask the TD to get a doctor to confirm that he isn't faking it.
- D) Tell him that you wouldn't give a draw to your dying mother, whom you love.
- E) Try to push him over the edge by announcing mate in three.

**2) When psyching yourself up for a game, you visualise yourself:**

- A) Crushing your opponent's pieces with a hammer.
- B) Rolling hand grenades into your opponent's kingside.
- C) Strangling your opponent with your bare hands.
- D) Ransacking his village and carrying off his women.

**3) You view your opponent's pawns as:**

- A) Potential Queens.
- B) The shape of his position. C) Juicy morsels to be gobbled up.
- D) Speed bumps.

**4) You view your own pawns as:**

- A) Potential Queens.
- B) An integral part of your strategy.
- C) Expendables in your kingside attacks.
- D) Howitzer shells.

**5) You will consider a pawn rush only:**

- A) When you have safely castled on the opposite wing.
- B) When playing a lower rated player.
- C) When you have more than a piece advantage.
- D) When it's your turn.

**6) Endgames are:**

- A) When the queens are off the board.
- B) Sometime unavoidable.
- C) When your opponent won't resign.
- D) For weenies who can't finish off their opponents in the middlegame.

**7) You are playing an eight-year-old, who leaves his queen hanging in a complex position. He begins to cry. Your response is:**

- A) Offer to stop the clock while he regains his composure.
- B) Capture the Queen without comment.
- C) Pick up the queen with a chuckle and remark "Won't be long now!"
- D) Call the child's mother and tell her to take her baby home, because he's not ready to be a chess player.

**8) After leaving your own Queen hanging against an eight year old you would:**

- A) Resign gracefully and offer congratulations for a great win.
- B) Smile knowingly to bluff him into not capturing her.
- C) Announce mate in nine.
- D) Tell him of an obscure rule about taking back moves that he's too young to know about.

**9) You will sacrifice your Queen only:**

- A) When you see a force mate.
- B) As a last attempt in a losing game.
- C) For an overwhelming positional advantage.
- D) When ever she hasn't been active enough (use it or lose it baby!)

**10) For an open file on your opponent's kingside you would sacrifice:**

- A) A pawn.
- B) A minor piece.
- C) A major piece.
- D) Your soul.

**11) You might consider Alekhine's defence when:**

- A) Playing against e4.
- B) Playing against someone you knew was unbooked.
- C) Playing a non-tournament game.
- D) You've had a mind-crippling stroke

**12) When you first spot a winning combination, you:**

- A) Look for way's your opponent can get out of it.
- B) Look at your clock to see how much time you can spend checking it out.
- C) Giggle uncontrollably.
- D) Drool.

**RATINGS Scoring:**

- 1: A=0, B=1, C=2, D=4, E=7
- 2: A=2, B=3, C=4, D=5, E=0
- 3: A=0, B=1, C=3, D=6
- 4: A=0, B=1, C=2, D=5
- 5: A=0, B=2, C=3, D=5
- 6: A=0, B=3, C=4, D=6
- 7: A=0, B=1, C=4, D=5
- 8: A=0, B=1, C=3, D=4
- 9: A=0, B=1, C=3, D=5
- 10: A=0, B=1, C=3, D=5
- 11: A=0, B=1, C=2, D=4
- 12: A=0, B=1, C=3, D=5

**0 to 10 Conscientious objector.** You are a pacifist in the war game of chess. Negotiating a draw is your biggest thrill. Should you accidentally win, you feel obligated to buy them lunch or give some other form of foreign aid.

**11 to 30 Innocent bystander.** You'll pick up wins if they fall in your lap (and happen to stick). You look for traps in a mate in one.

**31 to 50 Reluctant aggressor.** The George Bush (post thyroid treatment) of the Royal Game. You'll do the "aggression thing" when backed into a corner, or when your wife tells you its time to leave and can you finish up your stupid game. (Yes, dear)

**51 to 62 Psycho.** A danger to yourself and others. You don't play defences, just offences minus a tempo. You like lines with name like "the can opener", "the berserker" or "the long whip variation." At home you kill small animals or unrated players for fun.

## BCF Management Board Meeting

Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Birmingham

Neil Graham reported on the successful championship at Edinburgh. This would be the last one that non-British players would be allowed to compete in championships. He was congratulated on his organising a profitable event.

Cyril Johnson presented two papers. He was given leave to bring in a more detailed paper to the next MB about Referees. This would be a new post allowing the person to observe games in progress and give rulings about queries and problems raised during play. The qualification would be either by a written or viva voce examination. The proposed paper would be produced in consultation with Neil Graham.

The first draft of the Guidelines re the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 was produced. It was agreed that members of the MB should make their suggestions to the Director of Home Chess.

Robert Richmond, the Finance Director, reported that he would like to make some changes in accounting procedure, especially relating to events which spanned two financial years. The director concerned has supported this.

Peter Turner reported that the government has allocated a budget for the CHESS IN SCHOOLS project, and he would be recommending participating schools. He also announced that he would not be standing again for the post in Oct 2004.

The selection and ancillary committees of the BCF were elected. The move towards changing the name of the BCF was progressing.

Stewart Reuben reported that several suggestions had been made to celebrate the BCF Centenary, including the use of a carriage in the London Eye for a chess display.

Dates and venues for future events were provisionally agreed.

# Who would be a match Captain?

*With thanks to an anonymous county team captain*

The numbers of teams are diminishing, and I believe the reason is the increasing number of those who give up as match captains.

For a recent match, our opponents gave reasonable directions as to find their venue.

Then Luke 14:18 came into play. "With one accord, they all began to make excuses".

The ...were playing, the wife needs me at home, I must be back for 4.00p.m. For tea...no less than 45 players were unavailable, so a team was sorted with an average grading of 42 points less than the highest permitted.

The M6 is a highway which will go down in the annals of history, along with the road to York terrorised by Dick Turin, the sea passage plagued by the Sirens, as a road you do not travel down unless absolutely essential, or insane. Proceeding along at a steady 60 mph, we suddenly slowed, to 50, to 40, to 20, then the car was passed without effort by a snail in the outside lane. Concern about an accident mounted, until we travelled on at increasing speed, no sign of debris, police, ambulance or any other coherent reason for the delay. Onwards, nervously glancing at watches, taking urgent calls on mobiles, for another 5 miles. Dreams of a prompt arrival were shattered when the speeding snail overtook us again, smiling as it did so. Another acceleration, and again no demonstrable sign of the cause of the delay. Were our opponents in control of the motorway hazard lights and ensuring our late arrival? Were we entering the Twilight Zone or just the second city? The M6 was left with due haste, and then the shopping thousands of the suburbs hit us. We hope that the shops were doing well, because we were not!! Arrival at the venue, with 2 minutes to spare before the forfeit time, a dash into the hall to find the seats, and very disappointed opponents who were deciding or had decided how to spend their free time. Clocks were examined, less than a move a minute! Here we go. Moves were bashed out, the opening books were treated as pulp fiction, something to be discussed

offhandedly later, one eye on the move number on the score sheet, one eye on the clock, and blow what happened on the board. Sigh after sigh indicated that the magic number of moves had been reached. "How's your position?" "I dunno, I'm seeing it for the first time at move 32!" After a sporting match, the home captain was seen heading for the fridge, with a concerned expression on his face, asbestos gloves on his hands, and several smoking clocks in need of cooling down.

Cars left, in trepidation, for the return journey. No sign of delays, police, obnoxious traffic lights, shopping crowds, just a fair wind home. We must remember to sacrifice to the gods of the M6 next time we travel that high road. Someone pointed out the soon to be opened toll road. Was all this part of a government plot to ensure that next time, we used the toll road and swelled their coffers? We shall find out next year.

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## Chess

**by Daniel Stanfield**

Six paces King to King,  
From a millennium before  
Every time the battle runs,  
Same men, same place, same war  
Boundaries set, never change,  
Men that never die.  
Never a lasting victory,  
Never a reason why  
Black and white,  
For conflict's sake.  
Rank and file,  
Eight by eight.

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## THANKS

Those of you accessing the Newsletter on the MCCU Website may notice that the pages no longer have a reference to a trial version pdf generator. This is because a very kind person (who wishes to remain anonymous) has very recently given your editor a surplus copy of Adobe Acrobat. I have yet to explore the software fully, but it is very gratefully received

MCCU COUNTY COMPETITION RESULTS SUPPLEMENT

MATCH - Leicestershire v. Derbyshire

SECTION - OPEN - EAST ZONE

DATE - 30 November 2002

Bd	Leicestershire	Grade	Score	Score	Derbyshire	Grade
1	M. Burrows	186	1	0	S. Gilmore	169
2	R. Burgess	182	1	0	M. Johnson	156
3	J. Sutherland	180	0	1	R. Forey	163
4	A. Morley	167	1	0	R. Farley	140
5	A. Edwards	166	0.5	0.5	T. Boulton	156
6	P. Clarke	156	0.5	0.5	D. Jarvis	149
7	P. Horspool	161	0.5	0.5	P. Moore	153
8	R. Musson	157	0.5	0.5	J. Hoddy	148
9	J. Mitchell	155	1	0	D. Williams	153
10	F. Farrall	153	0	1	D. Pickering	142
11	P. Deacon	153	0.5	0.5	J. Wagenbach	134
12	A. Jex	146	1	0	D. Kent	139
13	G. Botteley	134	0.5	0.5	M. Hill	129
14	O. Hardy	134	1	0	A. Grant	131
15	J. Glover	132	1	0	V. Smith	125
16	P. Harrison	126	1	0	M. Carter	125
TOTALS			11.0	5.0		

MATCH - Lincolnshire v. Leicestershire

SECTION - OPEN

DATE - 11 October 2003

Bd	Lincolnshire	Grade	Score	Score	Leicestershire	Grade
1	Kevin McCarthy	162	0	1	M Burrows	186
2	Keith Palmer	161	0	1	R Burgess	182
3	Kevin Shutt	159	0	1	J Sutherland	180
4	Denis Georgiou	150	0	1	A Morley	167
5	Herman Kok	142	0.5	0.5	A Edwards	166
6	Jan vanGemeren	142	0	1	P Clarke	156
7	Ian McDonald	141	0.5	0.5	J Mitchell	155
8	Graham Ladds	139	0	1	R Musson	157
9	Ross Blake	139	0.5	0.5	J Robinson	154
10	David Carew	138	0	1	P Deacon	153
11	Grenville Wollerton	135	0	1	D Farrell	153
12	Geoff Collyer	130	0.5	0.5	O Hardy	134
13	David Coates	118	0	1	G Botteley	134
14	Peter Sherlock	115	0	1	S Okhai	139
15	Rick Davey	119	1	0	G Booley	141
16	Bernard Pratten	110	0.5	0.5	P Harrison	126
TOTALS			3.5	12.5		

MATCH - Staffordshire v. Greater Manchester

SECTION - OPEN

DATE - 11 October 2003

Bd	Staffordshire	Grade	Score	Score	Greater Manchester	Grade
1	L Cooper	210	0.5	0.5	A Ashton	202
2	D Anderton	198	1	0	A Smith	206
3	JLB Blackburn	196	0	1	D James	200
4	J Bellin	184	0	1	A Jaunooby	208
5	Paul Wallace	182	0	1	A Longson	196
6	C Hibbard	177	1	0	D Hulmes	191
7	G Acey	176	0	1	M Surtees	183
8	L Grinsell	176	1	0	R Beach	189
9	A Richardson	173	0.5	0.5	A Walton	182
10	J Mangwengwende	168	1	0	G Burton	169
11	M Armstrong	168	0.5	0.5	P Adams	180
12	A Cromblehome	167	0.5	0.5	L Powell	174
13	R Westwood	161	0	1	H Lamb	164
14	D Pritchard	158	0	1	A Tyton	154
15	S Blackburn	159	1	0	Default	
16	J Staniforth	147	1	0	Default	
TOTALS			8.0	8.0		

MATCH - Worcestershire v. Greater Manchester

SECTION - OPEN - WEST ZONE

DATE - 1 November 2003

Bd	Worcestershire	Grade	Score	Score	Greater Manchester	Grade
1	E. Myers	182	0	1	L. Van Der Lynden	211
2	G. Boyce	175	1	0	A. Jaunooby	208
3	P. Kitson	173	0	1	S. Gordon	206
4	J. Edge	172	0.5	0.5	A. Ashton	202
5	N. Fallowfield	168	0	1	D. James	200
6	A. Taylor	157	0	1	A. Longson	197
7	J. Wrench	157	0	1	J. Bentley	190
8	M. Bissell	155	0.5	0.5	D. Hulmes	191
9	I. Howarth	153	0	1	R. Beach	189
10	N. Towers	152	1	0	M. Surtees	183
11	R. Pinder	150	0.5	0.5	G. Utyuzhnikova	188
12	G. Herbert	145	0	1	A. Walton	183
13	J. Wilson	140	0.5	0.5	P. Adams	180
14	S. Jukes	138	0	1	G. Burton	169
15	M. Riley	138	0	1	R. English	167
16	M. Hadley	129	0	1	H. Lamb	164
TOTALS			4.0	12.0		

MATCH - Worcestershire v. Shropshire

SECTION - OPEN

DATE - 11 October 2003

Bd	Worcestershire	Grade	Score	Score	Shropshire	Grade
1	E. Myers	182	0.5	0.5	Nick J. Rutter	184
2	G.M. Boyce	175	0	1	Dave W. Gostelow	172
3	P. Kitson	173	1	0	Nigel Ferrington	164
4	J. Edge	172	0	1	Thomas Pym	161
5	M. Bethel	155	0.5	0.5	Colin Roberts	158
6	M. Bissell	155	1	0	Toby Neal	157
7	I. Howarth	153	1	0	John Parrott	153
8	N. Towers	152	1	0	John K. Footner	147
9	R. Pinder	150	0	1	Gareth Edwards	136
10	S. Mellor	149	1	0	Gerald R. Link	135
11	J. Wilson	140	1	0	Windsor W.A. Peck	134
12	A. Wiggins	139	1	0	Alan Silver	127
13	M. Riley	138	1	0	Iain R. Wilson	126
14	J. Bingham	131	0	1	Garry M. White	104
15	M. Hadley	129	1	0	Joseph Pym	96
16	K. Durnell	92	1	0	Default	
TOTALS			11.0	5.0		

MATCH - Warwickshire v. Lincolnshire

SECTION - OPEN - East Zone

DATE - 1 November 2003

Bd	Warwickshire	Grade	Score	Score	Lincolnshire	Grade
1	Tony Hynes	205	1	0	Peter Levermore	164
2	Nick Thomas	203	0.5	0.5	Francis Bowers	162
3	Don Mason	200	1	0	Keith Palmer	161
4	Russell James	181	0.5	0.5	Kevin Shutt	159
5	Rob Taylor	185	1	0	Denis Georgiou	150
6	Pillip Holt	184	0	1	Ian McDonald	141
7	Keith Escott	182	0.5	0.5	Graham Ladds	139
8	Keith Ingram	176	1	0	Geoff Collyer	130
9	Ian Galloway	175	1	0	Rick Davey	119
10	Alan Lloyd	174	1	0	David Coates	118
11	Paul Lam	166	1	0	Peter Sherlock	115
12	Matthew Fletcher	161	1	0	Alan Marshall	109
13	Ann-Marie Ashby	160	1	0	C Jim Stearn	U/G
14	Colin Searle	159	1	0	DEFAULT	
15	Ed Goodwin	152	1	0	DEFAULT	
16	Phil Blackburn		1	0	DEFAULT	
TOTALS			13.5	2.5		

MCCU COUNTY COMPETITION RESULTS SUPPLEMENT

**MATCH - Nottinghamshire v. Greater Manchester**

**SECTION - Under 150**

**DATE - 21 September 2003**

Bd	Nottinghamshire	Grade	Score	Score	Greater Manchester	Grade
1	A Mehton	148	0.5	0.5	D Martindale	147
2	N Graham	143	1	0	Default	
3	DP Morgan	141	0	1	MB Pollard	141
4	S Cranmer	139	0	1	J Lonsdale	140
5	J Tassi	138	0.5	0.5	D Pardoe	142
6	R Yeung	135	0	1	M Norris	137
7	M Radford	135	0	1	M Crowther	133
8	GJ Murfet	132	0	1	A Beresford	127
9	RP Taylor	133	1	0	C Jardine	132
10	O Lyne	132	1	0	D Kierman	128
11	A Khandelwal	131	0.5	0.5	S Montgomery	123
12	R Cole	126	0	1	P Worsley	129
13	D Ince	126	0.5	0.5	M Plant	114
14	I Harris	122	1	0	P Olbison	104
15	T Severn	120	0	1	P Horwell	109
16	K Lakhani	112	1	0	S Dennison	100
			7.0	9.0		

**MATCH - Warwickshire v. Leicestershire**

**SECTION - Under 150**

**DATE - 25 October 2003**

Bd	Warwickshire	Grade	Score	Score	Leicestershire	Grade
1	MAREK SOSYNSKI	149	1	0	SHABIR OKHAI	139
2	SIMON SMITH	147	0.5	0.5	IAIN DODDS	140
3	ROBERT REYNOLDS	144	0.5	0.5	STEVEN TURVEY	136
4	ALAN ROGERSON	143	0.5	0.5	PETER HARRISON	126
5	RICHARD REYNOLDS	140	0.5	0.5	STEVE WYLIE	120
6	ROBERT WALLMAN	140	0.5	0.5	CYRIL JOHNSON	117
7	GARY HOPE	136	0.5	0.5	BRUCE DENTON	116
8	KEITH THOMAS	134	1	0	MARTIN STEEL	115
9	DEREK REEVES	134	0.5	0.5	PETER CRESSWELL	114
10	DARREN LEE	131	0.5	0.5	BEN POURMOZAFARI	100
11	LEE BALL	131	1	0	GRANVILLE HILL	102
12	KIERAN KOASHA	113	1	0	DAVID MOORE	96
13	ALAN BURNETT	119	1	0	RON KING	94
14	ARTHUR KENT	116	1	0	TERRY CLAY	89
15	JOHN FAHY	115	1	0	PETER WOOD	66
16	IAN DAVIES	U/G	0.5	0.5	STAN PARSONS	U/G
			11.5	4.5		

**MATCH - Warwickshire v. Staffordshire**

**SECTION - Under 150**

**DATE - 27 September 2003**

Bd	Warwickshire	Grade	Score	Score	Staffordshire	Grade
1	LEE COLLIER	147	0.5	0.5	S PEDDER	142
2	SIMON SMITH	147	1	0	C SIMPSON	139
3	ROBERT REYNOLD	144	1	0	W REA	137
4	RICHARD REYNOLD	140	0.5	0.5	D GIBSON	136
5	GARY HOPE	136	0	1	S WILCOX	132
6	TOM ROBINSON	132	1	0	R LEWIS	133
7	ANDY COTTOM	134	1	0	P DENNER	130
8	DARREN LEE	131	1	0	M MAY	129
9	LEE BALL	131	1	0	F WOOD	126
10	ALAN BURNETT	119	0.5	0.5	C POHRIBNYI	124
11	ARTHUR KENT	116	0.5	0.5	K FRANCIS	123
12	STEVE MOXLEY	119	0	1	M MORAZZI	122
13	JOHN FAHY	115	0	1	C WILCOX	119
14	AMMAR KARIM	U/G	0.5	0.5	D BELL	120
15	PHILLIP BULL	106	0	1	G ROSSER	111
16	PAUL HUNT	106	1	0	L GREAVES	85
			9.5	6.5		

**MATCH - Leicestershire v. Shropshire**

**SECTION - Under 100**

**DATE - 27 September 2003**

Bd	Leicestershire	Grade	Score	Score	Shropshire	Grade
1	D Moore	96	0.5	0.5	D Williams	98
2	M Thornton	94	0.5	0.5	E Raby	96
3	R King	94	0	1	S Jones	95
4	T Clay	89	0.5	0.5	A Lewis	93
5	J Creasey	73	0	1	A Jones	90
6	R Walker	80	0.5	0.5	I Davies	89
7	D Foulds	72	0	1	S Cooper	88
8	S Parsons	u/g	0.5	0.5	T Williamson	84
9	D Morling	69	0	1	S Davies	80
10	P Wood	66	0	1	M Patterson	80
11	D Lockton	59	0	1	P Broderick	79
12	J Johnson	42	0	1	G Hampson	71
13						
14						
15						
16						
			2.5	9.5		

**MATCH - Nottinghamshire v. Leicestershire**

**SECTION - Under 100**

**DATE - 1 November 2003**

Bd	Nottinghamshire	Grade	Score	Score	Leicestershire	Grade
1	I Fillingham	94	0	1	King Ron	94
2	Lewis Bowen	98	1	0	Moore David	96
3	Derek Cronshaw	93	0	1	Stone Robert	91
4	David Dunne	91	0.5	0.5	Winterton George	90
5	Oliver Exton	99	1	0	Clay Terry	89
6	Len Darby	88	1	0	Smith Richard	97
7	E Fredericks	88	0.5	0.5	Ward David	90
8	Peter G Smith	83	0.5	0.5	Wilson Laurie	88
9	D Blampied	66	0.5	0.5	Parsons Stan	85
10	Kenneth Heath	72	1	0	Creasey J	73
11	Default		0	1	Walker, R	76
12	Charles Parrish	52	0	1	Morling, D	65
13						
14						
15						
16						
TOTALS			6.0	6.0		

**MATCH - Staffordshire v. Warwickshire**

**SECTION - Under 100**

**DATE - 27 September 2003**

Bd	Staffordshire	Grade	Score	Score	Warwickshire	Grade
1	B Hall	91	0	1	J Murray	99
2	R Gogerty	91	0.5	0.5	J Wassell	95
3	S Allen	92	1	0	L Wilmott	95
4	S Bird	88	0	1	D Rowe	94
5	S Heath	90	0	1	C Lee	91
6	P Nixon	87	1	0	K Wise	92
7	R Gant	79	1	0	A Draper	92
8	J Amison	u/g	0	1	D McCarthy	89
9	P Tideswell	81	0	1	F Higgins	84
10	D Buckley	79	1	0	B Butcher	83
11	K Moore	72	0	1	M Ward	77
12	J Hennion	61	0.5	0.5	J Pakenham	66
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			5.0	7.0		

MCCU COUNTY COMPETITION RESULTS SUPPLEMENT

MATCH - Leicestershire v. Nottinghamshire

SECTION - Under 125

DATE - 11 October 2003

Bd	Leicestershire	Grade	Score	Score	Nottinghamshire	Grade
1	Marlow Jack	124e	0	1	D Ashton	123
2	Graves, CJ	123	0	1	P Herring	100
3	Wylie Steve	120	0.5	0.5	T Lavelle	119
4	Hewitt Sean	118	1	0	Default	
5	Johnson Cyril	117	0.5	0.5	M Nailard	117
6	Doidge Charles	117	0.5	0.5	M Harper	111
7	Ganatra Jay	117	1	0	M Clark	114
8	Steel Martin	115	1	0	Andrew Smith	107
9	Smith Stephen	115	1	0	I Fillingham	94
10	Toon Jeffrey	115	0	1	D Cronshaw	93
11	Cresswell Peter	114	1	0	Default	
12	Adlard Lee	111	1	0	Default	
13	Evans, P	111	0	1	D Dunne	91
14	Crane David	109	1	0	S Turner	65
15	Toon Roy	104	1	0	Default	
16	Ward David	u/g	1	0	D Blampied	66
			10.5	5.5		

MATCH - Nottinghamshire v. Staffordshire

SECTION - Under 125

DATE - 8 November 2003

Bd	Nottinghamshire	Grade	Score	Score	Staffordshire	Grade
1	Derek ASHTON	123	0.5	0.5	Christian POHRIBNY	124
2	Paul HERRING	123	0.5	0.5	John R DAY	124
3	Robert WILLOUGHBY	120	1	0	Steven COLWELL	120
4	Terry LAVELLE	119	1	0	Darren BELL	120
5	Dave FIDLER	117	1	0	Charlotte WILCOX	119
6	Mike NAILARD	117	1	0	John PHILLIPS	119
7	Daniel WELLS	107	1	0	Robert FELL	118
8	Ben HOBSON	112	0.5	0.5	Deryl J BIRD	113
9	Default		0	1	John BLACKBURN	113
10	Mick CLARK	109	1	0	Brian WAGSTAFF	111
11	Dean EGGLESTON	105e	0	1	Geoffrey ROSSER	111
12	Derek CRANSHAW	93	0.5	0.5	Shane COOKSEY	111
13	Ian FILLINGHAM	94	0	1	Michael PAGE	107
14	Dave DUNNE	91	1	0	Richard WILKINSON	105
15	Tim ENGLAND	87	0	1	Peter BROOMHALL	98
16	Dorothy BLAMPIAD	66	0	1	Anthony MEAKIN	95
			TOTALS	9.0	7.0	

MATCH - Shropshire v. Derbyshire

SECTION - Under 125

DATE - 1 November 2003

Bd	Shropshire	Grade	Score	Score	Derbyshire	Grade
1	John Whittaker	124	0.5	0.5	Archer Barry	116
2	Stefan Tennant	124	0.5	0.5	Haydock Ronald	116
3	Norman O'Connor	122	1	0	Walker Roger W	115
4	Richard Thompson	122	1	0	Hoddy David	115
5	Graham Shepherd	121	1	0	Smith Sam	ug
6	Steve Tarr	120	1	0	Loomes Herbert	96
7	Robert Simpson	117	0.5	0.5	Shelden Phillip	94
8	Mark Billington	110	1	0	Marshall Nigel D	91
9	John Liddle	109	1	0	Orridge Mick	ug
10	Roger Brown	103	0	1	Pace Graham J	86
11	John Westhead	102	1	0	James Michael	86
12	David Williams	98	1	0	Mould Stan	82
13	Robert O'Harney	97	1	0	Ellis Pete	71
14	Eugene Raby	96	0	1	Waller John W	75
15	Steve Jones	95	1	0	Davison Gary	52
16	Paul Broderick	77	1	0	Ellis Mick	46
			TOTALS	12.5	3.5	

MATCH - Staffordshire v. Shropshire

SECTION - Under 125

DATE - 11 October 2003

Bd	Staffordshire	Grade	Score	Score	Shropshire	Grade
1	Christian POHRIBNY	124	0.5	0.5	John WHITTAKER	124
2	John R DAY	124	0.5	0.5	Norman O'CONNOR	122
3	Darren BELL	120	0.5	0.5	Graham SHEPHERD	121
4	John PHILLIPS	119	0	1	Steve TARR	120
5	Robert FELL	119	1	0	Mark BILLINGTON	110
6	Deryl J BIRD	113	1	0	George VISZOKAI	109
7	Geoffrey ROSSER	111	0	1	John LIDDELL	109
8	Brian WAGSTAFF	111	1	0	Roger BROWN	103
9	Michael PAGE	107	0	1	John WESTHEAD	102
10	Peter CROZET	104	0.5	0.5	David WILLIAMS	98
11	Colin PERRYGROVE	102	0.5	0.5	H O'HARNEY	97
12	Jason TUCKLEY	100	0	1	Eugene RABY	96
13	Peter BROOMHALL	98	0	1	Steve JONES	95
14	Robert BRODIE	97	1	0	Andrew LEWIS	93
15	Bryan HALL	91	0.5	0.5	Andy JONES	90
16	Kelvin JONES	90	1	0	Ian DAVIES	89
			TOTALS	8.0	8.0	

MATCH - Worcestershire v. Leicestershire

SECTION - Under 125

DATE - 1 November 2003

Bd	Worcestershire	Grade	Score	Score	Leicestershire	Grade
1	Clive Dent	124	0.5	0.5	Jack Marlow	124
2	Ian Truscott	121	0.5	0.5	Steve Wylie	120
3	Arnold Kirkland	119	0	1	Sean Hewitt	118
4	Bill Watson	114	1	0	Cyril Johnson	117
5	Jason Cole	114	0.5	0.5	Jay Ganatra	117
6	Kevin Ryder	110	0.5	0.5	Charles Doidge	117
7	Ardian Somerfield	110	0	1	Bruce Denton	116
8	Don Curry	110	0.5	0.5	Martin Steel	115
9	Ian Clack	107	0.5	0.5	Jeffrey Toon	115
10	John Varilone	106	0	1	Stephen Smith	115
11	Ben Curry	106	1	0	Peter Cresswell	114
12	Bert Foord	105	0	1	Justin Hadi	113
13	Peter Banks	104	0	1	Ben Pourmozafari	100
14	Tom Parkes	104	1	0	Keith Draper	115
15	Russell Sanders	102	1	0	P. Evans	111
16	Giles Stanton	101	1	0	Peter Wood	66
			TOTALS	8.0	8.0	

MATCH - Warwickshire v. Worcestershire

SECTION - Under 125

DATE - 11 October 2003

Bd	Warwickshire	Grade	Score	Score	Worcestershire	Grade
1	Jon Turner	124	0.5	0.5	Clive Dent	124
2	Ken Warren	122	0	1	Ian Truscott	121
3	Mike Walker	122	1	0	Arnold Kirkland	119
4	Chris Evans	120	1	0	Bill Watson	114
5	Kim Gilbert	120	0.5	0.5	Jason Cole	114
6	Peter Boynton	119	1	0	Terry Pountney	111
7	Derek Stockhall	123	0	1	Adrian Somerfield	110
8	Dave Rowe (Sub)	93	0.5	0.5	Don Curry	110
9	Jon Asbury	116	0	1	Ian Clack	107
10	Dennis Horsley	116	0.5	0.5	John Varilone	106
11	Mark Tallis	115	0.5	0.5	Ben Curry	106
12	Louis Rawson	115	1	0	Tom Parkes	104
13	John Fahy	115	0	1	Clive Billinge	102
14	Gordon Barron	113	0	1	Russell Sanders	102
15	John Llewelyn	111	0	1	Giles Stanton	101
16	Pauline Woodward	94	0	1	Gary Jackson	94
			TOTALS	6.5	9.5	