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YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!

For those of you who haven't already heard, the Birmingham Post Chess column has been reinstated, with Peter Gibbs back at the helm. I am convinced that the outcry from Midlands chess players, (encouraged through the Midlands Chess Group, and reported in the previous issue of The Middle Game), was at least partly responsible for this. Despite the email published in issue 8, I believe that the original intention was to simply axe chess coverage

Thanks you to all of you who made your feelings known to the Post. This demonstrates that it is possible to make a difference.

Julie Johnson

Report of meeting of Management Board Feb 7th 2004.

Main items of business:

The BCF is considering becoming a company limited by guarantee. This will ensure that the Directors are not making all their assets liable for seizure in the event of the BCF being sued. It will enable the BCF to execute contracts in its own name rather than at present through Trustees. The cost involved will be about £200, and will make the office administration somewhat easier.

The chairman reported that he had not made much progress with getting the BCF registered as a CRB Clearance Facility. The addresses he had been given had turned out to be redundant.

The Director of Home Chess laid before the meeting the draft of the Code of Conduct for dealing with chess players with impairments. After some minor changes, this was agreed and should be on the BCF Website, and will be available for the MCCU Website shortly. He was also granted leave to create a new order of officials called referees. These must be capable of demonstrating their knowledge of the Laws of Chess and how to apply them, and would be employed to observe games in progress at congresses and matches. It is intended that all be CRB cleared.

He also stated his intention to create, or rather resurrect, a National Individual Knockout Tournament, and would advertise for an official to run this event.

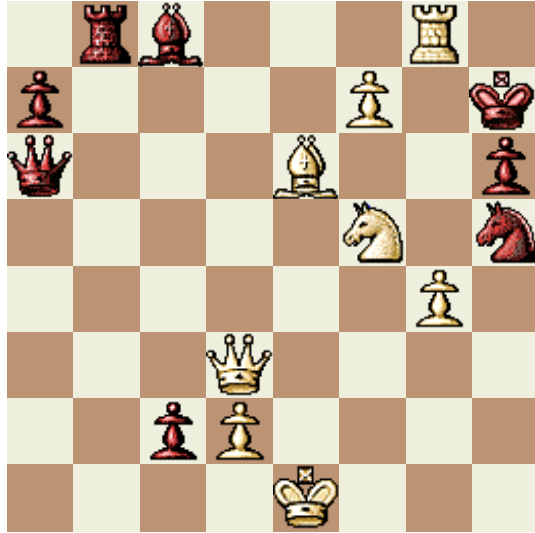
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Puzzle 1

White to move and mate in one



Puzzle 2

White to move and mate in one



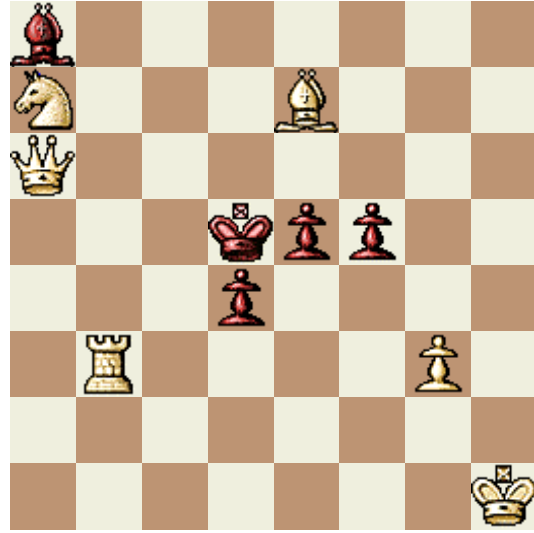
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White to move and mate in one



Puzzle 4

White to move and mate in two



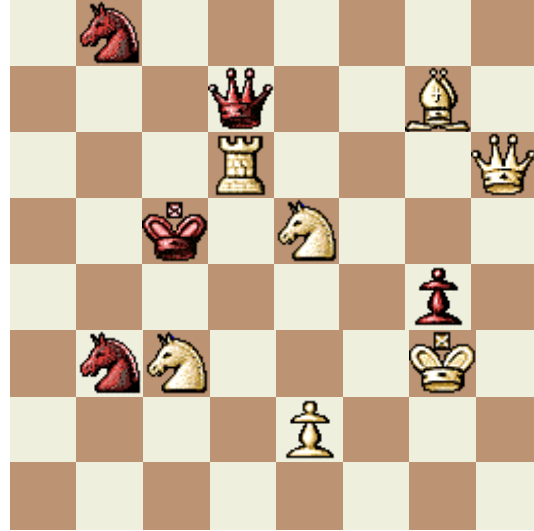
Puzzle 5

White to move and mate in three



Puzzle 6

White to move and mate in three



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

4 Apr - British Blitz Championships Newton Room, Brunel University.

[Lawrence Cooper](#) Tel: 01785 242269, Email:

loz@britishblitz.co.uk

9-11 Apr - Bolton Easter Congress Bolton Excel Centre, Lower Bridgeman Street, Bolton.

[R Middleton](#), Tel: 01204 383634

16-18 Apr - 1st Coventry International Tournament, Henry VIII School, Warwick Road, Coventry CV3 6AQ. Entries to Roy Woodcock, Tel: 02476 348097. Email:

a.dawson@coventry.ac.uk or Mark Hogarth Tel:

020 8390 3116, 07976 639080, Email:

mark.hogarth@btinternet.com

16-18 Apr - National Chess Junior Squad Championships, Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount, Nottingham NG7 4ED.

[Marc Shaw](#), Tel: 020 8931 2276

23-25 Apr - **29th Annual Nottingham Chess**

Congress The Pitchside Diner, Nottingham Forest F C, The City Ground, Nottingham, NG2 5FJ

[Geoff Gibson](#), Tel: 0115 972 9258, Fax: 0115 972 9258

8 May - Walsall Kipping Rapidplay Walsall Campus of Wolverhampton University.

[M Savin](#), Tel: 01922 456240

15 May - County U18 Open & Girls Team Tournaments, St Peter & Paul School, Upper Church Street, Syston, Leics

[Cyril Johnson](#), Tel: 0116 260 9012

6 Jun - Leek Rapidplay, St Edward's Middle School, Westwood Road, Leek, Staffordshire.

Robert Milner, Tel: 01782 550112

DONT FORGET!!!

11-13 Jun - MCCU Open, Leisure Centre, Hinckley.

[John Robinson](#), Tel: 01536 261697

EVENT RESULTS

15th Nottinghamshire Rapidplay

The 15th Nottinghamshire Rapidplay was held for the first time in 15 years at Nottingham High School, which proved to be a popular venue with all competitors. Owing to the third change of location in successive years, entries were somewhat lower than in recent times, but the total entry of 150 competitors made for a successful event all the same.

In the **OPEN** section (19 competitors) the absence of any competing GM's or IM's ensured a close contest throughout, and first place was eventually shared between 2 players who each scored 4.5/6 and won £85 each.

The **MAJOR** section, for players graded below 155 (30 competitors) was also a very hard-fought affair and again the top two could not be separated, scoring 5/6 and each winning £85. Third place was a three-way tie with the final placings not being decided until the last minute of play.

The **INTERMEDIATE** section, for players graded below 120 (53 competitors) proved to be a triumph for local player Robert Taylor of Ashfield who defeated the previous leader in the final round to emerge victorious with 5.5/6, winning £100. Three players shared second place with 5/6, each winning £40.

The **MINOR** section, for players graded below 90 (49 competitors) saw the only perfect score of the day as Kevin Marshall of Sheffield Nomads dominated throughout, scoring 6/6 and winning £100 and the Steve Housego Memorial Shield.

Two players shared second place, scoring 5/6.
The **TEAM** competition was shared by
Littlethorpe and Fiveways Flops (both 11.5/18)
with Radcliffe and Bingham third on 9.5.

It is hoped that the event will take place on the
equivalent date next year at the same venue.
Finally, I hope to see as many of these
competitors as possible at the 27th Nottingham
Congress from Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th April
this year at its magnificent new venue,
Nottingham Forest F C (Pitchside Diner)

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Prizes

OPEN

Michael Barnes Gambit 4.5/6 1st= £55.00
Nigel Birtwistle Grantham 4.5/6 1st= £55.00
Louis Edwards Wigston 4/6 3rd= £17.00
Nick Payne Grantham 4/6 3rd= £17.00
Alex Posazhennikov Nottm Univ 4/6 3rd= £17.00
John Harrison West Bridgford 3.5/6 U170 Grd
(Free Entry Voucher)

MAJOR

Colin Green Nuneaton 5/6 1st= £85.00
Paul Carpenter St Mary's 5/6 1st= £85.00
Richard Carpenter St Mary's 4.5/6 3rd= £17.00
Ed Goodwin Whoberley 4.5/6 3rd= £25.00
Jim Davis Worksop 4.5/6 3rd= £17.00
Amisha Parmar Stapleford U130 Grd (Free Entry
Voucher)

INTERMEDIATE

Robert Taylor Ashfield 5.5/6 1st £ 100.00
David Brown Long Eaton 5/6 2nd= £40.00
Alan Ruffle Birmingham 5/6 2nd= £40.00
Ben Rowlands Loughborough 5/6 2nd= £40.00
J J Raynor Nuneaton U100 Grd (Free Entry
Voucher)

MINOR

Kevin Marshall Sheffield Nomads 6/6 1st
£100.00 (*)
Thomas Whittaker Rotherham 5/6 2nd= £60.00
Stephen Lee SASCA 5/6 2nd= £60.00
Gary Hopkinson West Bridgford 4/6 U70 Grd
(Free Entry Voucher)
* wins trophy for best Minor performance

TEAM PRIZE

1st= - Littlethorpe(11.5/18) win £15.00
1st= - Fiveways Flops(11.5/18) win £15.00
3rd - Radcliffe & Bingham(9.5/18) win £5.00

MCCU U18 TEAM JAMBOREE

The event was held at Ss Peter & Paul school in
Syston, which is becoming a popular venue for
Junior events at both Midlands and National
level.

Unfortunately a number of Midland counties do
not seem to have anyone willing to organise
teams at this level. This is a sad situation, as all
counties have more than enough juniors to form a
team. As a result only 4 counties attended. All
credit to Michael Jones of Lincolnshire, an 18yr
old who, finding there was no one willing to
organise a team from his county, took the plunge
and did the job himself!

Last minute illness and travel hiccups led to
teams being short of full compliment. Additional
games for gradings only meant that most players
actually played 2 games.

Neither Lincolnshire, nor Leicestershire had
pretensions of securing the title, but viewed the
event as a chance for players to gain experience.

It was predictable that Warwickshire and Greater
Manchester would vie for the top spot. That
being said, there were a few surprise results,
where games did not reflect gradings. As with
any event snippets of conversation included a fair
smattering of "if only I had ..." and "if only you
had"

Details supplied by John Robinson

MIDLANDS U18 TEAM RESULTS											
Round 1						Round 2					
White			Black			White			Black		
1	Ganatra, Jay	LE	0 - 1	Jones, Michael	LI	1	Jones, Michael	LI	0 - 1	Fish, Jonathan M	GM
2	Fish, Jonathan M	GM	1 - 0	Moxley, Andrew	WK	2	Moxley, Andrew	WK	1 - 0	Ganatra, Jay	LE
3	Dale, Hannah	LI	½ - ½	Gordon, Callum	WK	3	Gordon, Callum	WK	1 - 0	Hazlehurst, Cory S	GM
4	Hazlehurst, Cory S	GM	1 - 0	Turner, Lewis	LE	4	Turner, Lewis	LE	0 - 1	Dale, Hannah	LI
5	Brown, Aidan	LE	0 - 1	Sheldrick, Jo	WK	5	Sheldrick, Jo	WK	1 - 0	Solari, Martyn	LI
6	Solari, Martyn	LI	0 - 1	Rabbitte, Dominic M	GM	6	Rabbitte, Dominic M	GM	1 - 0	Brown, Aidan	LE
7	Hussain, Kamran	WK	0 - 1	Olbison, Philip J	GM	7	Olbison, Philip J	GM	1 - 0	Simpson, Richard	LI
8	Simpson, Richard	LI	0 - 1	Lodhia, Jatin	LE	8	Lodhia, Jatin	LE	0 - 1	Hussain, Kamran	WK
9	Pala, Ashiq	LE	0 - 1	Perrin, Jonathan	GM	9	Perrin, Jonathan	GM	0 - 1	Dodd, Matthew	WK
10	Dodd, Matthew	WK	1 - 0	Gilbert, David	LI	10	Gilbert, David	LI	1 - 0	Pala, Ashiq	LE
11	O'Connor, Timothy J	GM	1 - 0	Martin, Keith	LI	11	Martin, Keith	LI	0 - 1	Davis, James	WK
12	Davis, James	WK	1 - 0	Brown, Nathan	LE	12	Brown, Nathan	LE	0 - 1	O'Connor, Timothy J	GM
13	Brown, Francesca	LE	0 - 1	Glauser, Jack	LI	13	Glauser, Jack	LI	0 - 1	Compston, Martin	GM
14	Compston, Martin	GM	0 - 1	Samra, Kuldeep	WK	14	Samra, Kuldeep	WK	1 - 0	Brown, Francesca	LE
15	Pilgrim, Adam	LI	0 - 1	Hall, James	WK	15	Hall, James	WK	0 - 1	Liu, H	GM
16	Liu, H	GM	1 - 0	Cameron, Tom	LE	16	Cameron, Tom	LE	0 - 1	Pilgrim, Adam	LI
17	Holloway, Lee	LE	0 - 1	Jackman, Daniel	WK	17	Jackman, Daniel	WK	1 - 0	Sharp, Alex	LI
18	Sharp, Alex	LI	0 - 1	Dennison, Simon	GM	18	Dennison, Simon	GM	1 - 0	Holloway, Lee	LE
19	Morton, Guy	WK	0 - 1	Goorwappa, Ajay	GM	19	Moffatt, Jonathan	GM	1 - 0	Osborn, Michael	LI
20	Osborn, Michael	LI	0 - 1	Brown, Jacob	LE	20	Brown, Jacob	LE	0 - 1	Morton, Guy	WK
21	Sumner, Karanveer	LE	0 - 1	Mercer, James C	GM	21	Ratnasingham, Phillip	GM	1 - 0	Sumner, Karanveer	LE
22	default	WK	0 - 0	default	LI	22	default	LI	0 - 0	default	WK
23	Ratnasingham, Phillip	GM	1 - 0	default	LI	23	default	LI	0 - 0	default	WK
24	default	WK	0 - 0	default	LE	24	default	LI	0 - 1	Goorwappa, Ajay	GM
Scores after Round 1						Scores Round 2 Final Score					
GM	Greater Manchester		11			Greater Manchester		10		21	
WK	Warwickshire		6½			Warwickshire		9		15½	
LI	Lincolnshire		2½			Lincolnshire		32		5½	
LE	Leicestershire		2			Leicestershire		0		2	

MIDLANDS INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Silence descended on Ss Peter & Paul School, Syston. Not an absence of people, but serious concentration by 97 young chess players from all over the Midlands and North contesting the Midlands Junior Individual titles. The event was opened by Miss Fiona Buchan, the head teacher of the school, who was introduced by Julie Johnson, the Midlands Director of Publicity. Miss Buchan welcomed all the players and parents and honoured guests.

The U18 title was won by Richard Westwood from Staffordshire with 6½ points with Jay Ganatra from Rushey Mead second on 5½ and also winning the Leicestershire title. Michael Jones from Lincolnshire was 3rd with Francesca Brown of Sharnford winning the ladies title.

The U14 was a strong tournament with Edwin Justice of Notts High School winning with 5½ with Lewis Crown of Loughborough and Nathan Brown, also of Sharnford sharing second place and the Leicestershire title on 5 points. Victoria Hadley of Lutterworth, Beth Perry of Loughborough and Becky Townsend of Countesthorpe all shared the ladies title.

The U12 saw Craig Whitfield taking another title back to Staffordshire with Sam Austin of Northants and Lewis Turner of Syston Chess Club sharing 2nd place, Lewis also gained the Leicestershire title whilst Neha Patel of Walsall won the ladies crown.

The largest section was the U10, and saw the only 100% score, with Robert Darby of Coventry winning with 6 points from Robert Bowler of Leeds and Maxwell Turner of Syston who became the second Leicestershire title holder in the family! Jennifer Horsfall of Castle Donnington won the ladies title.

The U8 showed great enthusiasm, and enjoyed their chess. And here the Midlands title stayed at home; with Michael Knight of Oakham and Brandon Clarke of Gilmorton both scoring 5 points. It is a pity that they did not meet in combat, as that would have been an interesting game. Amy Millson of Louth was acclaimed as the Midlands Ladies Champions for that age group.

An exhausted Events Director told us afterwards “This has been a great success to revive an event which has not been held with 5 years. It is a pity that Graham Humphreys, the Junior Director could not be here, but this event will return here next year”. He also thanked those who had encouraged their students to enter the congress.

FULL INDIVIDUAL SCORES

U8 SECTION

NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Michael Knight	Oakham	5.0
Brandon Clarke	Gilmorton	5.0
Amy Millson	Louth	4.0
Toby Ticehurst	Stamford	4.0
T Cocktam		4.0
Ravi Patel	Park Hall Walsall	4.0
James Bowler	Churwell Leeds	4.0
Ravi Chandarana	Brookside	4.0
Ben Lowe	Mowsley	3.0
Joseph Holmes	Gilmorton	3.0
Tommy Medland	Badgerbrook North	3.0
Robert Bell	Sommercotes	3.0
A Savage	Leicestershire	2.5
Charlie Kent	Gilmorton	2.0
Edward Findley	Badgerbrook	2.0
David Robertson	North Kilworth	2.0
Shlok Mehta	LGS	1.5
David Lennon	Greenfield Sch	1.0
Harry Wood	Gilmorton	0.5

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U18 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS CONTINUED**U10 SECTION**

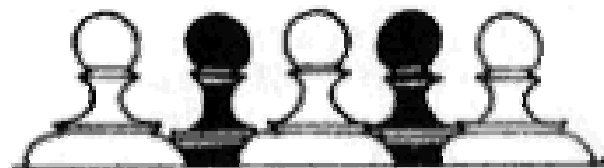
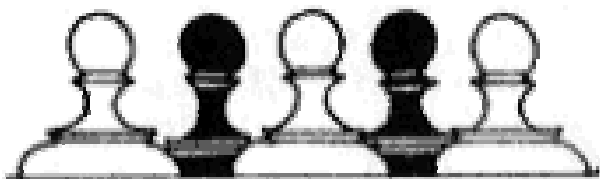
SCHOOL/CLUB	SCORE
Earlsdon C P	6.0
Newtown Linford	5.0
Churwell Leeds	5.0
Appleby Magna	4.0
Montessori	4.0
Cosby North	4.0
Sommercotes	4.0
Louth	4.0
Redhill Narborough	4.0
Badgerbrook	4.0
Louth	4.0
Leics	3.5
Leics Montessori	3.5
Castle Donnington	3.0
Sharnford	3.0
North Kilworth	3.0
Castle Donnington	3.0
Bringham	3.0
Louth	3.0
Arnesby	3.0
Leicestershire	2.5
N Kilworth	2.0
Highfields	2.0
Leics	2.0
Leics Grammar	2.0
Fairfield	2.0
Gaddesby	2.0
Syston	2.0
Badgerbrook	1.5
Brookside	1.5
Leics Grammar	1.0

U12 SECTION

SCHOOL/CLUB	SCORE
Cheddleston & Leek	5.5
Northampton	4.5
Brookvale	4.5
Loughborough G S	4.0
Narborough	4.0
Mowsley	4.0
Park Hall Walsall	4.0
Loughborough G S	3.5
Oakham	3.0
Badgerbrook	3.0
Montessori	3.0
Leysland	3.0
Holywell	3.0
Mowsley	2.0
Badgerbrook	2.0
Stoke Golding	2.0
Stoke Golding	2.0
Louth	2.0
Castle Donnington	1.0

U18 SECTION

SCHOOL/CLUB	SCORE
Rushall	6.5
Rushey Mead	5.5
Lincoln	5.0
Kent	4.5
Lincs	3.0
	2.0
Beauchamp	1.5
Nuneaton	0.0



U18 RESULTS CONTINUED

U14 SECTION	SCHOOL/CLUB	SCORE
Edwin Justice	Notts High	5.5
Nathan Brown	Hinckley	5.0
Lewis Crown	Loughborough	5.0
Mesha Zakharov		4.0
Sam Wood	Garendon HS	4.0
Ashiq Pala	Rushey Mead	4.0
Ashley Cresswell	Melton	3.5
Ajay Parmer	Rushey Mead	3.5
Jatin Lodhia	Rushey Mead	3.5
Daniel Eady	Mount Grace	3.0
Aidan Brown	Hastings High	3.0
David Griffin	Garendon	3.0
Isaac Knight	Oakham	3.0
Sean Clarke	Lutterworth HS	2.0
Victoria Hadley	Lutterworth HS	2.0
Timothy Ramage	Lutterworth HS	2.0
Rebecca Townsend	Leysland	2.0
Beth Perry	Garendon	2.0
Karanvver Singh Sumnar	Syston	1.0

BCF University Congress (Inter-University Chess Championship), 7th February 2004

Held at the University of Warwick, 7th February 2004. Arbiter: Mr. Roy Woodcock. 5 round swiss; 25 minutes per player; 2 mpts for win, 1 mpt for draw, 0 mpts for loss.

Final Standings (Based on Match Points [mpts], Game Points [gpts] to separate ties)

1. Oxford I – 10 mpts (22.5gpts)
2. Warwick I – 8 mpts (17.5gpts)
3. Warwick II – 5 mpts (12gpts)
4. Manchester Universities – 5 mpts (10gpts)
5. Oxford II – 4 mpts (12gpts)
6. Imperial College – 4 mpts (11gpts)
7. Warwick III – 4 mpts (8.5gpts)
8. King's College London – 4 mpts (6.5gpts)

Full details (with University Squads) are also available on the website:

www.sunion.warwick.ac.uk/chess/tournaments.html#turney09

WINTON CAPITAL BRITISH CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP 2003-4

With thanks to The Problemist, the Magazine of the British Chess Solving Society & John Rice who wrote the report.

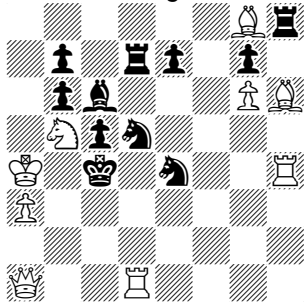
24 solvers who had successfully qualified from round 2 arrived for the Final at the usual venue, the Barraclough Hall at Oakham School, in time for a 12.30 start on Saturday 21st February, and were joined by eight further solvers, including four guests from abroad. While Oakham may not be the easiest place for everyone to get to, the Hall itself is ideal for the event, being large and quiet, and equipped with tables big enough for solvers to spread themselves.

There were 13 problems to be solved, over six rounds, with 5 points available for each, irrespective of type and length. The first round is perhaps the most taxing of all, even though the problems themselves are twomovers. The time factor comes into play here, only 20 minutes being allowed for three problems. So it's no wonder that even strong solvers such as Michael McDowell can lose valuable points, as happened this year. In fact, had Michael correctly solved a #2 by Sally and Tony Lewis, with plenty of deceptive tries and a tricky key, he would have won the Championship by a quarter of a point! Former Champion Jonathan Mestel dropped a point when he overlooked a variation in a #3, and then a few more points on the helpmates and selfmates. It was in the helpmate round that David Friedgood began to look like the Champion that he turned out to be, being one of only four solvers (the other three were guests) to score maximum points.

Both Colin McNab and Paul Cumbers were solving well, as were Ian Watson and Graham Lee. In fact, Ian scored full points in four rounds out of six, and if he had not lost ground on the helpmates and selfmates he might well have been among the prizewinners. After four rounds it was by no means clear who would emerge as Champion.

The moreover round generally claims a few scalps among the leaders, but on this occasion almost all of them scored well. The same cannot be said of the selfmates, invariably a tough challenge, especially as it comes at the end of a gruelling afternoon's solving. The two problems to be tackled were Klaus Wenda's S#4 diagrammed below, and a S#3 by Valery Surkov .

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Schachzeitung 1978



S#4

The table of scores tells the tale: everybody dropped crucial points. Guest solver Hans Uitenbroek, who had solved really well up to this stage, could have done with just two points to put him in second place. As it was, Dolf

Wissmann would have come first with ease even if he had picked up no points at all on the selfmates. Jorma Paavilainen just managed to stay ahead of David Friedgood, though it was only a time difference that separated them in the end. Prizes also went to Paul Cumbers (4th place), Andrew Bamford and D.R.Johnston (highest placed non-seeded solvers) and to G.Smith (highest placed newcomer).

The success of this event is best measured by the enjoyment that the solvers derive from it. But of course it would not happen at all without hard work by a small band of devotees. Thanks are due to Paul Valois for dealing with the opening rounds, to Christopher Jones for marking and time-keeping, to Graham Lee for liaison with Oakham School, and to Brian Stephenson for his work as Controller.

RESULTS SUMMARY

			Total	Time
	Maxima		65	230
Pos	Name	Country		
1	<i>Wissmann, D</i>	<i>NED</i>	58.25	168
2	<i>Paavilainen, J</i>	<i>FIN</i>	52	170
3	Friedgood, D	GBR	52	203
4	Mestel, AJ	GBR	51	152
5	<i>Uitenbroek, H</i>	<i>NED</i>	50.5	193
6	McNab, C	GBR	49	203
7	Cumbers, P	GBR	47.5	218
8	McDowell, M	GBR	47.25	192
9	Lee, G	GBR	46	138
10	Watson, I	GBR	42.5	199
11	Bamford, A	GBR	35	214
12	Johnston, DR	GBR	33	217
13	Gurr, L	GBR	32.5	226
14	<i>Valois, P</i>	<i>GBR</i>	29.5	213
15	Orton, S	GBR	25.5	201
16	Gemmell, J	GBR	25	194
17	Clarke, Peter H	GBR	24.75	230

	POSITIONS 18-34		Total	Time
	Maxima		65	230
Pos	Name	Country		
18	Penrose, O	GBR	23.5	230
19	Blackstock, Les	GBR	22.5	217
20	Lawrence, JA	GBR	22.25	230
21	<i>Vandemeulebroucke, I</i>	<i>BEL</i>	21	218
22	Clarke, Peter C	GBR	19.75	230
23	Clark, W	GBR	16.5	228
24	Enslin, G	GBR	15.5	214
25	<i>Emmerson, S</i>	<i>GBR</i>	15	229
26	Smith, G	GBR	15	229
27	Coward, JR	GBR	15	230
28	Franks, J	GBR	14.75	230
29	Taylor, SJG	GBR	11.5	230
30	Young, G	GBR	10.5	230
31	Dunn, R	GBR	8.5	230
32	Dennis, NW	GBR	5.75	230
33	Thwaites, Q	GBR	5.5	230
34	<i>Ogbeide, G</i>	<i>GBR</i>	3	230

In the above table an italicised name shows a guest or non-championship solver

For more information about chess problem solving visit: - www.bcps.knightsfield.co.uk the site of the Solving Society
www.bstephen.freeuk.com for more details concerning the solving championships

CHESS CHAMPIONS

Many of you will be aware of the names of past masters, below is the first of a series looking at some of the players who were hailed as the early world champions. We start with Paul Morphy.

Paul Morphy (1837-1884)

Born: New Orleans Died: New Orleans



"Chess is eminently and emphatically the philosopher's game."

Paul Morphy was born on 22nd June 1837 in New Orleans. He learnt chess from his father at the age of 10. As a result of his wealthy background, Morphy had a sound education and he graduated in 1854. His chief attraction then was mathematics and law. Of course he was growing as a sound player too in these years. His name became well known in the chess fraternity only after his triumph in the American Chess Congress of 1857, where he defeated Louis Paulsen. From then on he had a string of success against fellow Americans and its impact was such that he was considered invincible by them and they even challenged the world to produce his equal.

Morphy then set off on a European tour to establish his prowess there especially to prove against Howard Staunton. He arrived in London in June 1858 and first played against Lowenthal and won with a comfortable margin of +9 -3 =2. Morphy then played a match with Harrwitz as Staunton was avoiding playing him. He won that match by a score of +5-2=1. He then played a match with Anderssen by which time it was apparent that Staunton was consciously avoiding Morphy. Morphy won the match scoring +7-2=2. He also gave some exhibitions and was waiting to play Staunton.

Barring a couple of consultation games in which his team lost both, Staunton never played a serious match. Adding to this Staunton ridiculed him as an adventurer without financial backing. Morphy internally got crushed at this and he returned immediately to America and endeavoured to practice law but found no recognition in that field. He totally broke down when a lady turned down his proposal stating that she would not marry a "mere chess player". By this time he became a psychotic and suffered from delusion syndrome. Morphy died in New Orleans in July, 1884 at the age of 47.

Morphy's understanding of the principles of development and his strategy in general was far superior to his contemporaries. He was referred to as a "flashing meteor" who signalled the advent of a new era.

Perhaps his most famous game fell into the "coffee house" category, when he was challenged to a match whilst at the Opera in Paris. The 2 aristocrats fancied themselves as excellent amateur players, but they demonstrated that 2 heads are not necessarily better than one.

Below is an annotated version of the game concerned.

Paul Morphy - Count of Isouard & The Duke of Brunswick (Opera Box) Paris, 1858

1.e4 e5; 2.Nf3 d6;

The Philidor is stodgy, and not as flexible as 2...Nc6; but not unsound.

3.d4 Bg4!?!; ('?!')

A premature development of the Bishop. But it was also a "book" move at the time.

4.dxe5! Bxf3; 5.Qxf3! dxe5; 6.Bc4 Nf6!?!;

A natural developing move, but probably not the best.

[6...Qf6!; was probably best here.]

White's next move threatens a mate in two and to win a lot of material.

7.Qb3! Qe7!; 8.Nc3!,

You could probably give this move a double exclaim, as even the strongest computers in the year 2000 all want to capture the pawn on b7 ... even after thinking

for over an hour.

8...c6!; 9.Bg5! b5!?;

In reality, the losing move. BUT ... White maintains a very large advantage no matter what line Black plays. And if Black had not played this move and White not captured on b5, we would have been denied perhaps the most beautiful chess game in all of chess history.

10.Nxb5!! cxb5; 11.Bxb5+ Nbd7; 12.0-0-0!



12. Rd8;

13.Rxd7!! Rxd7; 14.Rd1 Qe6; 15.Bxd7+!,

Another fine move.

[Morphy's opponents were probably expecting:
15.Qxe6+ fxe6; 16.Bxf6 gxf6; 17.Rxd7 Bh6+;
18.Kd1 Kf8; 19.Rxa7, "+/-"] .

15...Nxd7; 16.Qb8+ Nxb8; 17.Rd8# 1-0

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*"Help your pieces so they can help you." - Paul Morphy (1837-1884)*

*"There is no remorse like a remorse of chess. It is a curse upon man. There is no happiness in chess." - H.G. Wells (1886-1946)*

*"The winner of a game is the one who has made the next to last blunder." - Savielly Tartakower (1887-1956)*

*"Tactics is knowing what to do when there is something to do; strategy is knowing what to do when there is nothing to do." - Savielly Tartakower (1887-1956)*

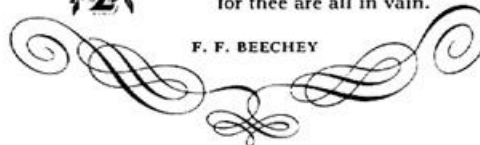


*The Light of Other Days*

**R**ast are thy victories—  
Two worlds no more  
**A**pplaud their hero  
as in days of yore.  
**U**nfaded yet the laurels  
on that brow.  
**B**istless, inert,  
no triumphs lure thee now.

**M**en gazed and wondered  
at that brilliant star,  
**O**utshining all its compeers  
near and far;  
**R**esistless combinations  
charmed their eyes.  
**R**uzzled—spellbound,  
they stood in mute surprise.  
**H**ow would Caissa hail thee  
once again,  
**Y**et now her smiles  
for thee are all in vain.

F. F. BEECHY



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"Chess players are madmen of a certain quality, the way the artist is supposed to be, and isn't, in general." - Marcel Duchamp (1887-1968)

"Not all artists may be chess players, but all chess players are artists." - Marcel Duchamp (1887-1968)

"Chess will always be the master of us all." - Alexander Alekhine (1892-1946)

"Chess holds its master in its own bonds, shackling the mind and brain so that the inner freedom of the very strongest must suffer." - Alburk Einstein (1879-1955)

BCF CLUB CENSUS

The BCF need your help in getting their records up to date. Some of you will have received the note reproduced below, but other may not have done. The Office staff are aware that some of the information they have is out of date, and that historically there have been problems in acting on amendments. This is something they are determined to address so please take the trouble to check whether your club is listed and with the correct details.

Dear Club Secretaries,

The following link www.bcf.org.uk/club-census shows our current list of clubs and their respective secretaries, however we would like to expand and update our list. Please help us to improve our service by completing the form if your club is not listed, the secretary is wrong, or if you think the secretaries address may have changed recently. If your club has a website and it is not listed on our Clubs Etc page please also complete the form.

Please note that the information you submit will only be used by the British Chess Federation and will not be passed onto a third party.

Regards,

Sophie Hare

BCF Webmaster

MCCU CLUB DATABASE

Not only are the BCF looking to have up to date information about clubs, so is your MCCU Publicity Director! Please, please, if you are on the email distribution group and you change your email address, let me know. If you are one of the small number of clubs currently receiving a postal Newsletter and you have a club member with internet facilities, please let me know. Because of printing costs I can only produce "black & white" copies, whereas those clubs with a member internet access & a colour printer can have the benefit of some colour in their copy. If I could get an email contact for all clubs, then I could include more colour items as I wouldn't have to worry about whether they will photocopy successfully.

Simply email me at juliedjohnson@yahoo.com and I will add you to the Midlands Chess Group. Rest assured your email address is not published by me.

The Role of the Team Captain

An item for discussion and feedback

In my capacity of BCF Minor Club Controller, a query arose regarding what a team captain could or could not do in a match. One of the parties involved raised the issue with a number of people and it became quite clear that there were a wide variety of opinions over where the boundaries lay. Looking at BCF National Club & County competitions, and our own MCCU county rules, they make no reference to this area.

Some parties felt that the team captain had no role during the match except to up-date the score sheet and make the tea, whilst others were quite clear that the captain could become involved with the offering and acceptance of draws, provided they made no comment on the position on the board in question.

In the BCF club match concerned the basic problem seemed to be that the captains involved were at opposite ends of the spectrum of opinion or understanding on this matter.

Investigation revealed that the FIDE Handbook gives the team captain quite a wide remit -

" A captain is entitled to advise the players of his team to make or accept an offer of a draw or to resign a game, unless the regulations of the event stipulate otherwise. He must confine himself to give only brief information, based solely on the circumstances pertaining to the match.

He may say to a player, "offer a draw", "accept the draw", or "resign the game". For example, if asked by a player whether he should accept an offer of a draw, the captain should answer "yes", "no", or delegate the decision to the player himself.

The captain should abstain from any intervention during play. He should not give any information to a player concerning the position on the chess board, nor consult any other person as to the state of the game. Players are subject to the same prohibitions.

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Even though in a team competition there is a certain team loyalty, which goes beyond a player's individual game, a game of chess is basically a contest between two players. Therefore, the player must have the final say over the conduct of his own game. Although the advice of the captain should weigh heavily with the player, the player is not absolutely compelled to accept that advice. Likewise, the captain cannot act on behalf of a player and his game without the knowledge and consent of the player. "

The reaction from a number of club and county team captains was that they were uncomfortable with this level of intervention. Some felt that even without actually commenting on the position on the board, an instruction to offer a draw from a highly graded captain to a much lower graded team member could be construed as a reflection of their view of the position on the board.

The Leicestershire league includes the following in its rules:-

Match captains are allowed to:-

- a) indicate flag fall and
- b) in clear hearing, advise a player on the acceptance of a draw, without commenting on the position itself.

To avoid any misunderstandings in future it seems to me that team competition rules ought to make it clear that either the FIDE guidelines on the matter are to be applied, or specify what the remit of the team captain is for that event.

For the BCF team events Council makes decisions on rules changes, for MCCU events the AGM is the forum. Rather than making assumptions about what players would like to see in the rules, some feedback on this subject would be useful. Please send this to me email to: juliedjohnson@yahoo.com or to 105 Central Avenue Syston Leics LE7 2 EG (I will ensure your feedback is passed on to Cyril Johnson, both in his role as MCCU Events Director & as overall Controller of the BCF Club and County events). Please indicate whether you are happy for your views to be included in a future newsletter.

COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW 2004

OPEN

Preliminary Round
Staffordshire v Sussex (A)

Quarter Finals
G Manchester v Essex: Yorks v Warwicks: Somerset v
A: Kent v Lancs

MINOR COUNTIES

Quarter Finals
Wiltshire v Surrey: Derbyshire v Bedford: Norfolk v
Lincolnshire: Herts v Gloucester

U175

Quarter Finals
Essex has the bye: Devon v Leicestershire: Suffolk v
Lancashire: Notts v Sussex

U150

Preliminary Round
Somerset v NCCU2 (A): Cambridge v Middlesex (B)

Quarter Finals
Hants v G Manchester: Yorkshire v B: Norfolk v A:
Surrey v Notts

U125

Preliminary Round
Worcestershire v Essex (A)

Quarter Finals
Suffolk v Middlesex: Shropshire v Yorks: Lancs v
Leicestershire: Devon v A

U100

Quarter Finals
Somerset v Lancs: Notts v Leicestershire: Essex v
Shrops: Norfolk v Surrey

Semi Finals

The winners of the first and third pairings play each other as do the winners of the second and fourth, the first named being the "home" team.

Preliminary Round	April 17 th 2004
Quarter Finals	May 8 th 2004
Semi Finals	June 5 th 2004
FINAL	July 3 rd 2004

THE FIRST MIDLANDS COUNTY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Following on from the historical extracts from old Year books referred to in issue 8, I have been fortunate to get hold of a copy of a history of chess in Leicester. This was written by Don Gould to commemorate the Centenary of the club in 1960. It is a remarkable piece of work, all the more so as it was produced prior to the days of computers and word processing facilities.

A section in it refers to the formation of the Midland Counties Chess Association which became the MCCU and to the first Midland County Team Championship.

The 1897/8 competition was run on a knock-out system. Chess clocks were used, with the rate of moves being 20 per hour. Leicestershire beat Nottinghamshire 7-5. They then had a bye in the quarterfinal round and played Derbyshire in the semi-finals. The first match was a 6-6 draw, and as this was before the days of board count or bottom board elimination being used as tie-breakers, there had to be a replay. Leicestershire won this 9-3.

The Final took place in Birmingham on Saturday May 7th 1898. the Birmingham Daily Post reported on the match *“there was a goodly crowd of chess enthusiasts present throughout the proceedings, and the evening’s play saw some thirty or forty concentrated round board one alone – that needless to say, being between the celebrated experts captaining the teamsIn respect of the result, the match must be regarded as perhaps the most extraordinary on record, draw after draw was reported, until of ten games finished only one reached a decisive termination. It had been generally expected that the Worcester team would account fairly easily for their opponents, but the Leicester side had evidently been considerably under-rated.The game on Board 1 was a fine specimen of match play, Mr Atkins’s careful accurate and well-ordered attack being much admired, while the stubborn and ingenious defence of the Dudley player also deserves a meed of praise. There is little need to speak of the other games, only a very few of them being legitimate draws.”*

Atkins won board 1 for Leics, there were the 9 draws agreed over the board, and the remaining 2 board went to adjudication, James Mason declared both boards draws.

The Leics team consisted of (in board order) H E Atkins; E H Collier; W J Withers; Dr H Mason; A C Garrett; W B Clark; Dr Finch; A F Atkins; F Moore; C Greig; J W Barrs & W E Lant.

The Worcs team was G E H Bellingham; W Bridgwater; Frank Brown; F G Jones; Fred Brown; H Le Patourel; G R Penney; S Weal; D Campbell; T J Cherryson; A H Davies & F S Hoyle.

MORE HISTORY

Thanks to Mike Colebrook for clarifying the situation with Lincolnshire. (issue 8 again refers) He tells me that an old minute book indicates that the county played only friendly matches against its neighbours, prior to taking the plunge in the MCCU team events.

MCCU COUNTY TEAM EVENTS 2003/4

The final batch of county match results and the final county tables appear at the end of the Newsletter. It is pleasing to see that most of the counties in the Union have teams through to the BCF National stages. What is less pleasing is the number of matches that were not played, 11 such instances out of a total of 65 scheduled fixtures, is in my opinion far too many. Several of these were instances of teams not turning up on the day, or pulling out within 24-72 hours of the match.

Defaulted and conceded matches can have a considerable impact on the outcome of a section. In a worst case scenario teams end up feeling cheated out of a place in the National stages, because someone else was “gifted” 2 points.

As a county captain I know occasional problems are bound to arise. I also know that running a county team is not a cake walk, and finding people to run teams is not that easy. That said, for one county captain to have put in the effort to book a venue and raise a team, and another to either fail to turn up, or pull out at short notice is not excusable, except in very exceptional circumstances.

Another galling issue is teams turning up for matches short of players, when they know beforehand they cannot field a full team, without having the courtesy to let the other captain know. Okay, there is nothing a captain can do if a car breaks down on the way, or someone misses a pick up. But there is nothing more annoying than turning up to an away match to find you have no opponent to play. The likelihood is that you end up kicking your heels because you've travelled with someone else who does have an opponent.

It is only marginally less annoying if you are one of the home team, and you have travelled from one of the farther reaches of your county, only to find you've had a wasted journey.

Is a phone call from one captain to the other "we are defaulting the bottom board" or however many it may be, really too much to ask?

I am all too familiar with players pulling out of matches at short notice, and appreciate that with the hectic schedules many people live with, this is bound to happen. How about having a list of reserve players to call on? There are players with free time who are willing to drop into a team at short notice, in some cases even if it's a higher team than they would normally play for. Isn't a willing substitute better than a defaulted board? Okay, the player might be expected to lose, but who knows they might pull off a surprise! The other team may have also had to pull in a reserve of a similar standard.

So please, can we have a little more consideration and communication for next seasons events. Let's see a marked reduction in unplayed fixtures and boards.

DEFINITION OF A CHESS EVENT

A humorous definition of chess tournaments:

Swiss system: Very much like swiss cheese, full of holes and comes in different flavors.

Round Robin: You have to play everybody, including those that you are scared to death to play against...

Elimination: Not for you, what will you do after the first round?

ON THE DANGER OF MAKING ASSUMPTIONS

A cautionary tale for tournament controllers

Back in the mid-seventies I played in the London Evening Standard tournament and in the first round I had black against Jeremy, at that time he was already a strong 2300+ player while I was a spotty youth of around 2000 strength. The time control was relatively fast at 48 moves in 105 minutes followed by a 15 minute blitz finish.

By move 21 we both had circa. 2-3 minutes left. As you can imagine with another 27 moves to play in the time left the "pace of the game" changed a little! We started to move at a great rate of knots, when all of a sudden a controller stepped in and took the clock stating that "You aren't allowed to play five minute chess in the tournament hall, especially with the tournament clocks!" By the time I got hold of him some 50 yards down the tournament hall and explained the situation my flag had gone - and he wanted to award my opponent a win on time!

A certain amount of common sense eventually prevailed and a "higher authority" gave me "some time" and we restarted the game. To be perfectly honest by then "I'd gone" and the greater experience and composure of Jeremy came through, I seem to recall blundering a rook not long after we recommenced. Now my question goes - if controllers are there to save us from indiscretions and problems then who is there to save us from the controllers?!
(Chris Baker)

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

1.Nf8 2. Bf8 3. Bg5 4. Qa2 5. Rd8 6. Rd4

The Finance Director laid his thoughts on the financial situation of the BCF before the meeting. The Grand Prix would be financed by £5,000 from the Championships surplus. He reported that the Scarborough event in 2004 continued to enjoy the sponsors' support. He asked all directors to let him have their budgets before the end of the month. He thought that a membership scheme would be of benefit to the BCF. It was agreed that the current membership schemes gave far too much away to be of any real revenue benefit. The Game Fee was a possible source of additional revenue.

In discussions, caution was sounded about the numbers of people who would become members.

It was agreed by the meeting that the current contractual relationship with GAMESPARLOR be terminated. Mr Anderton was asked to write to them and inform them of our wishes.

The Director of Strategic Planning and Grading reported that it was his intention to make the reports which comprised the business plan easier to fill in. These also formed the basis of our submission to the DCMS.

ChessMoves will be continued to be produced in the office.

There was an attempt to move the venue of the next meeting on March 20th to Telford, but the chairman pointed out that the venue had been agreed and contracts signed.

Report on BCF Management Board Meeting 20th March 2004

A very low turnout discussed the proposed budget to be presented at the Finance Council and the proposal from Durham and the NCCU for introducing a mandatory membership scheme.

Robert Richmond presented a budget which indicated that the BCF found itself in straitened circumstances. A lack of new sponsor income had meant that the

Grand Prix's continued existence depended on the Congress continuing to make a surplus. There were competing claims for expenditure from the Women's, International and Junior Directorates, all of which could not be met, even with a substantial increase in Game Fee.

It was agreed to fund the Grand Prix for a further year, but that the other two directorates must accept a reduced budget for the next year.

It was agreed that games involving juniors, which had been exempt, would attract game fee at half the appropriate rate for adults. It was also agreed that the exemption from game fees at tournaments enjoyed by Direct members would cease.

This combined with increases in Membership Fees, would ensure a breakeven budget for the next year. All these financial items were to be sent to Council for its consideration and acceptance.

The paper on membership was presented. It argued that a mandatory membership of £8 paid by 12,500 members would produce an income of £100,000. It was pointed out that this included VAT, administration, and was based on an optimistic number of members. The proposers accepted that a £10 fee would be needed, but it was felt that this still would not generate enough income.

It was felt that this item had to go to Council for discussion, so it was proposed to send the motion proposed by Durham and the NCCU to Council for its attention.

The Business Plan was discussed and the actions which would be needed to be undertaken by the relevant Directors were agreed.

The "job descriptions" of directors were circulated for submission at the next meeting to provide the basis for anyone wishing to stand for any of the posts at the AGM.

MCCU COUNTY COMPETITION RESULTS SUPPLEMENT

MATCH - Greater Manchester v. Leicestershire
SECTION - OPEN Semi-Finals
DATE - 28 February 2004

Bd	Gtr Manchester	Grade	Score	Score	Leicestershire	Grade
1	S. Gordon		0	1	M. Burrows	
2	A.A. Smith		1	0	R. Burgess	
3	A. Jaunooby		0	1	J. Sutherland	
4	A. Ashton		1	0	A. Morley	
5	D. James		0.5	0.5	G. Sharpe	
6	D. Hulmes		1	0	A. Edwards	
7	A. Walton		1	0	R. Musson	
8	R. Beach		1	0	P. Clarke	
9	M. Surtees		1	0	J. Simpson	
10	P. Plant		0	1	D. Farrall	
11	P. Brown		1	0	A. Jex	
12	L. Powell		1	0	S. Turvey	
13	G. Burton		0.5	0.5	G. Botteley	
14	H. Lamb		1	0	O. Hardy	
15	R. Glover		0	1	G. Booley	
16	Default		0	1	B. Denton	
TOTALS			10.0	6.0		

MATCH - Staffordshire v. Warwickshire
SECTION - OPEN Semi-Final
DATE - 28 February 2004

Bd	Staffordshire	Grade	Score	Score	Warwickshire	Grade	
1	L Cooper		210	1	1	Ameet Ghasi	220
2	D Anderton		198	1	1	Tony Hynes	205
3	D Wheeler		188	1	1	Nick Thomas	203
4	J Bellin		184	1	1	Don Mason	200
5	P Wallace		182	1	0	Sumeet Ghasi	185
6	C Hibbard		177	0	1	Andrew Baruch	183
7	L Grinsell		176	1	0	Andrew McCumiskey	183
8	G Acey		176	1	1	Stewart Fishburne	181
9	A Richardson		173	1	1	Philip Holt	182
10	J Mangwengwende		168	1	0	Keith Escott	182
11	M Caldadar		173e	0	1	Ian Galloway	175
12	M Armstrong		168	0	1	Keith Ingram	177
13	P Bennett		167	0	1	Alan Lloyd	174
14	A Crombleholme		167	1	1	David Cooper	169
15	R Westwood		161	1	0	Mark Addis	155
16	D Pritchard		158	0	1	Ed Goodwin	151
TOTALS			7.5	8.5			

MATCH - Gtr Manchester v Warwickshire
SECTION - Open Final
DATE - 27 March 2004

Bd	Staffordshire	Grade	Score	Score	Worcestershire	Grade
1	L Vanderlynden	##	1	0	Tony Hynes	##
2	Stephen Gordon	##	0.5	0.5	Nick Thomas	##
3	All Jaunooby	##	0.5	0.5	Don Mason	##
4	Adam Ashton	##	1	0	Rob Taylor	##
5	Dale James	##	0.5	0.5	Andrew Baruch	##
6	Alex Longson	##	1	0	A McCumiskey	##
7	Dave Hulmes	##	0.5	0.5	Stewart Fishburne	##
8	Phil Adams	##	0.5	0.5	Ian Galloway	##
9	Stephen Pickles	##	0	1	Chris Shephard	##
10	John Bentley	##	1	0	Philip Holt	##
11	Dave Shaw	##	0.5	0.5	Keith Escott	##
12	Mike Surtees	##	0	1	Alan Lloyd	##
13	Richard Beach	##	1	0	David Cooper	##
14	Paul Plant	##	0	1	Matthew Fletcher	##
15	Harry Lamb	##	0.5	0.5	Bob Wildig	##
16	Ray English	##	0.5	0.5	Mark Addis	##
TOTALS			9.0	7.0		

MATCH - Derbyshire v Lincolnshire
SECTION - Minor Counties Final
DATE - 27 March 2004

Bd	Derbyshire	Grade	Score	Score	Lincolnshire	Grade	
1	D. Latham		172	0.5	0.5	P. Levermore	164
2	S. Gilmore		169	1	0	K. Palmer	161
3	R. Allen		159	0.5	0.5	K.Shutt	159
4	R. Forey		163	0	1	D.Georgiou	150
5	M. Johnson		156	1	0	J. vanGemeren	142
6	R. Gamble		163	1	0	I. McDonald	141
7	D. Williams		153	0.5	0.5	R. Blake	139
8	R. Farley		140	1	0	G. Wollerton	135
9	D. Jarvis		148	1	0	G. Collyer	130
10	D. Brown		145	1	0	R. Davey	119
11	J. Wagenbach		138	0	1	D. Coates	118
12	A. Grant		132	1	0	P. Sherlock	115
13	M. Hill		129	1	0	M. Stephens	110
14	M. Cobham		128	0.5	0.5	A. Marshall	109
15	M. Carter		125	1	0	R. Kerrigan	92
16	V. Smith		125	1	0	DEFAULT	
TOTALS			12.0	4.0			

MATCH - Derbyshire v. Shropshire
SECTION - MINOR Semi-Final
DATE - 28 February 2004

Bd	Derbyshire	Grade	Score	Score	Shropshire	Grade
1	M. Alcock		1	0	N. Rutter	
2	S. Gilmore		1	0	T. Brotherton	
3	M. Johnson		0.5	0.5	J. Hopkins	
4	R. Forey		0.5	0.5	D. Gostelow	
5	T. Bould		1	0	N. Ferrington	
6	D. Williams		0	1	S. Fowler	
7	R. Farley		0	1	C. Roberts	
8	D. Jarvis		1	0	G. Pugh	
9	D. Pickering		0.5	0.5	S. Rawlins	
10	D. Brown		0	1	D. Everington	
11	J. Wagenbach		0.5	0.5	P. Saxon	
12	A. Grant		1	0	G. Bradley	
13	M. Hill		0.5	0.5	G. Randle	
14	M. Cobham		1	0	G. Edwards	
15	V. Smith		0	1	A. Silver	
16	M. Carter		0.5	0.5	I. Wilson	
TOTALS			9.0	7.0		

MATCH - Leicestershire v. Northamptonshire
SECTION - Under 175
DATE - 20 March 2004

	Leicestershire	Grade	Score	Score	Northamptonshire	Grade
Edwards Alan		166	1	0	C Gibson	151
Musson Robert		157	1	0	J Thomson	147
Farrall David		153	0.5	0.5	N Young	143
Pattinson John		147	0	1	N Turnbull	u/g
Dodds Iain		140	0	1	D Conterno	138
Bingham James		138	0	1	D Griggs	126
Turvey Steven		136	0	1	J Sawiak	119
Walker Guy		136	0.5	0.5	L Ball	125
Hardy Otto		134	1	0	N Greaves	115
Botteley Gerald		134	0.5	0.5	R Willis	107
Harrison Peter		126	1	0	S Butler	101
Turner Lewis		90	1	0	J Sorrie	98
Cresswell Peter		114	1	0	S Austin	97
Marlow Jack		124	1	0	Default	
King Ron		94	1	0	Default	
Johnson, Julie D		39	1	0	Default	
TOTALS			10.5	5.5		

MCCU COUNTY COMPETITION RESULTS SUPPLEMENT

MATCH - Warwickshire v. Greater Manchester
SECTION - Under 150
DATE - 24 January 2004

Bd	Warwickshire	Grade	Score	Score	Greater Manchester	Grade
1	LEE COLLIER	147	0.5	0.5	DAVE MARTINDALE	147
2	SIMON SMITH	147	1	0	JOHN RITA	141
3	ROBERT REYNOLDS	144	0.5	0.5	JON LONSDALE	140
4	RICHARD REYNOLDS	140	1	0	DAVE PARDOE	142
5	ROBERT WALLMAN	140	0.5	0.5	MICK NORRIS	137
6	ANDREW MOXLEY	139	1	0	SACHA JOVICIC	137
7	STEVE CHADAWAY	139	0	1	JASON WRIGHT	115
8	GARY HOPE	138	0	1	JULIAN CLISSOLD	136
9	TOM ROBINSON	135	1	0	CORY HAZELHURST	126
10	KEITH THOMAS	134	1	0	ALAN BERESFORD	128
11	CALLUM GORDAN	127	1	0	MIKE CONNOR	130
12	STEVE MOXLEY	120	0	1	RAY SUMNER	129
13	ALAN BURNETT	119	0.5	0.5	DAVID KIERMAN	128
14	ARTHUR KENT	116	0	1	GREG DANIEL	122
15	JOHN FAHY	115	0	1	ANTHONY LEE	120
16	DEFAULT	N/A	0	1	PETER HORWELL	109
TOTALS			8.0	8.0		

MATCH - Warwickshire v. Greater Manchester
SECTION - Under 150
DATE - 24 January 2004

Bd	Warwickshire	Grade	Score	Score	Greater Manchester	Grade
1	LEE COLLIER	147	0.5	0.5	DAVE MARTINDALE	147
2	SIMON SMITH	147	1	0	JOHN RITA	141
3	ROBERT REYNOLDS	144	0.5	0.5	JON LONSDALE	140
4	RICHARD REYNOLDS	140	1	0	DAVE PARDOE	142
5	ROBERT WALLMAN	140	0.5	0.5	MICK NORRIS	137
6	ANDREW MOXLEY	139	1	0	SACHA JOVICIC	137
7	STEVE CHADAWAY	139	0	1	JASON WRIGHT	115
8	GARY HOPE	138	0	1	JULIAN CLISSOLD	136
9	TOM ROBINSON	135	1	0	CORY HAZELHURST	126
10	KEITH THOMAS	134	1	0	ALAN BERESFORD	128
11	CALLUM GORDAN	127	1	0	MIKE CONNOR	130
12	STEVE MOXLEY	120	0	1	RAY SUMNER	129
13	ALAN BURNETT	119	0.5	0.5	DAVID KIERMAN	128
14	ARTHUR KENT	116	0	1	GREG DANIEL	122
15	JOHN FAHY	115	0	1	ANTHONY LEE	120
16	DEFAULT	N/A	0	1	PETER HORWELL	109
TOTALS			8.0	8.0		

SECTION - Under 150
DATE - 21 February 2004

Bd	Nottinghamshire	Grade	Score	Score	Warwickshire	Grade
1	A MEHTON	148	1	0	LEE COLLIER	147
2	T LANE	148	1	0	RAY CARPENTER	147
3	M OZANNE	u/g	0	1	SIMON SMITH	147
4	W F RAY	145	0.5	0.5	ROBERT REYNOLDS	144
5	B M HAYWARD	147	0.5	0.5	ALAN ROGERSON	143
6	N GRAHAM	143	0.5	0.5	RICHARD REYNOLDS	140
7	J TASSI	138	0.5	0.5	ROBERT WALLMAN	140
8	D FLYNN	136	1	0	ANDREW MOXLEY	139
9	H R EDWARDS	142	0	1	GARY HOPE	138
10	G J MURFET	132	0	1	TOM ROBINSON	135
11	R P TAYLOR	133	1	0	KEITH THOMAS	134
12	O LYNE	132	0.5	0.5	MIKE BIDDLE	128
13	A CARLTON	133	0.5	0.5	JOE FAGAN	138e
14	D INCE	126	1	0	STEVE MOXLEY	120
15	A S ROBINSON	124	0	1	ALAN BURNETT	119
16	I HARRIS	122	1	0	JOHN FAHY	115
TOTALS			9.0	7.0		

MATCH - Warwickshire v. Staffordshire
SECTION - Under 125
DATE - 31 January 2004

Bd	Warwickshire	Grade	Score	Score	Staffordshire	Grade
1	Derek STOCKHALL	123	1	0	Christian POHRIBNYI	124
2	Murray DAVID	122	1	0	John R DAY	124
3	Mike WALKER	122	0.5	0.5	Ken A J FRANCIS	123
4	Ken WARREN	122	1	0	Darren BELL	120
5	Chris EVANS	120	1	0	John PHILLIPS	119
6	Kim GILBERT	120	0	1	Charlotte WILCOX	119
7	Alan BURNETT	119	0.5	0.5	Robert FELL	118
8	Nigel MALKA	118	1	0	Max WOOTTON	114
9	John ASBURY	116	1	0	Robert DANIELS	114
10	Dennis HORSLEY	116	0	1	John BLACKBURN	113
11	Louis RAWSON	115	1	0	Geoffrey ROSSER	111
12	John FAHY	115	1	0	Brian WAGSTAFF	111
13	Dave BRELSFORTH	113	1	0	Michael PAGE	107
14	John LLEWELLYN	111	0	1	Richard WILKINSON	105
15	Chris PITT	102	1	0	Peter CROZET	104
16	Pauline WOODWARD	94	1	0	Peter BROOMHALL	98
TOTALS			12.0	4.0		

MATCH - Worcestershire v. Shropshire
SECTION - Under 125
DATE - 31 January 2004

Bd	Worcestershire	Grade	Score	Score	Shropshire	Grade
1	Clive Dent	124	0.5	0.5	John Whittaker	124
2	Ian Truscott	121	0	1	Gavyn Cooper	124
3	Arnold Kirkland	119	0.5	0.5	Norman O'Connor	122
4	Bill Watson	114	0	1	Richard Thompson	122
5	Jason Cole	114	0	1	Graham Shepherd	121
6	Terrance Pountney	111	0	1	Louis Graham	120
7	Adrian Somerfield	110	0	1	Steve Tarr	120
8	Kevin Ryder	110	0	1	Bob Simpson	118
9	Don Curry	110	0	1	John Liddell	109
10	Ian Clack	107	0	1	George Vizokai	108
11	Ian Ellis	108	1	0	Roger Brown	103
12	John Varlone	106	1	0	John Westhead	102
13	Ben Curry	106	0	1	David Williams	98
14	Peter Banks	106	1	0	H O'Harney	97
15	Russell Sanders	102	1	0	Eugene Raby	96
16	Giles Stanton	101	1	0	Steve Cooper	88
TOTALS			6.0	10.0		

MATCH - Worcestershire v. Derbyshire
SECTION - Under 125
DATE - 28 February 2004

Bd	Worcestershire	Grade	Score	Score	Derbyshire	Grade
1	Dent Clive	124	0.5	0.5	Archer Barry	116
2	Truscott Ian	121	1	0	Walker Roger W	115
3	Kirkland Arnold	119	1	0	Harrison Ron	101
4	Watson Bill	114	0	1	Fancourt Leslie	116
5	Pountney Terence	111	0.5	0.5	Smith Sam	113
6	Somerfield Adrian	110	0	1	Hoddy David	115
7	Ryder Kevin	110	1	0	Shelden Phillip	94
8	Curry Don	110	0.5	0.5	Orridge Mick	78
9	Ellis Ian	108	0	1	Barry Michael	87
10	Clack Ian	107	1	0	James Michael	86
11	Curry Ben	106	0.5	0.5	Pace Graham J	86
12	Banks Peter	104	0	1	Smith Barry	106
13	Sanders Russel	102	0	1	Waller John W	75
14	Stanton Giles	101	1	0	Loomes Herbert	96
15	Durnell Ken	92	0.5	0.5	Bryce Wallace	67
16	Church Phil	83	1	0	Ellis Mick	46
TOTALS			8.5	7.5		

MCCU COUNTY COMPETITION RESULTS SUPPLEMENT

MATCH - Warwickshire v. Shropshire
SECTION - Under 100
DATE - 6 March 2004

Bd	Warwickshire	Grade	Score	Score	Shropshire	Grade
1	A. Draper	92	1	0	D. Williams	205
2	S. Black	97	0.5	0.5	T. Bosley	203
3	V. Ward	97	0.5	0.5	E. Raby	196
4	P. Woodward	94	1	0	J. Pym	185
5	D. Rowe	95	0	1	A. Lewis	183
6	C. Lee	92	0	1	E. Whittingham	182
7	D. McCarthy	89	0.5	0.5	I. Davies	175
8	F. Higgins	84	0	1	A. Pickles	174
9	B. Butcher	83	1	0	S. Davies	169
10	M. Ward	76	1	0	M. Patterson	159
11	W. McAvoy	72	0	1	P. Broderick	169
12	J. Pakenham	66	0.5	0.5	J. Jordan	161
13						159
14						151
15						147
16						122
TOTALS			6.0	6.0		

MATCH - Nottinghamshire v. Shropshire
SECTION - Under 100
DATE - 21 February 2004

Bd	Nottinghamshire	Grade	Score	Score	Shropshire	Grade
1	L. Bowen	98	0.5	0.5	D. Williams	98
2	D. Dunne	91	0.5	0.5	T. Bosley	97
3	O. Exton	99	0.5	0.5	E. Raby	96
4	R. Dawson	93	0.5	0.5	S. Jones	95
5	D. Cronshaw	93	0.5	0.5	A. Lewis	95
6	I. Fillington	94	1	0	A. Jones	90
7	E. Fredericks	88	1	0	S. Cooper	88
8	C. Rossitor	81	0	1	A. Pickles	84
9	D. Blampied	66	0.5	0.5	S. Davies	80
10	J. Lawrence	u/g	1	0	M. Patterson	80
11	S. Tys	73	0	1	P. Broderick	77
12	K. Heath	72	1	0	B. Brown	69
13						
14						
15						
16						
TOTALS			7.0	5.0		

MATCH - Derbyshire v. Warwickshire
SECTION - U125
DATE - 27 March 2004

Bd	Derbyshire	Grade	Score	Score	Warwickshire	Grade
1	Archer.Barry	116	1	0	Turner John	124
2	Walker.Roger .W	115	0	1	Stockhall Derek A	123
3	Fancourt Leslie	116	0	1	David Murray J	122
4	Smith Barry	106	1	0	Warren Kenneth E	122
5	Bramley Doug	103	½	½	Gilbert Kim T	120
6	Smith Sam	ug	1	0	malka Nigel	119
7	Shelden Phillip	94	½	½	Asbury John A	116
8	Barry Michael	87	½	½	Horslev Dennis	116
9	Pace Graham J	86	0	1	Tallis Mark E	115
10	Orridge Mick	ug	0	1	Rawson Louis	155
11	James Michael	86	0	1	Llewelyn John D	111
12	Waller John W	75	½	½	Rawlings Wendell S	110
13	Bryce Wallace	67	0	1	Bull Philip	106
14	Smith Phil	74	1	0	Willmott Les	95
15	Ellis Pete	71	½	½	Woodward Pauline	94
16	Ellis Mick	46	0	1	Pakenham John H	66
TOTALS			6½	9½		

MATCH - Staffordshire v Leicestershire
SECTION - U125
DATE - 27 March 2004

Bd	Staffordshire	Grade	Score	Score	Leicestershire	Grade
1	J R Day	124	0.5	0.5	Johnson Cyril	117
2	R Fell	118	0	1	Wylie Steve	120
3	M Wooton	114	1	0	Ganatra Jay	118
4	J Blackburn	113	1	0	Hewitt Sean	118
5	J Montague	115	1	0	Doidge Charles	117
6	G Rosser	111	1	0	Marlow Jack	u/g
7	B Wagstaff	111	0	1	Graves, CJ	123
8	M Page	107	0	1	Denton Bruce	116
9	R Wilkinson	105	0.5	0.5	Hewitt Graham	118
10	R Crozet	104	0	1	Smith Stephen	115
11	P Broomhall	98	0	1	Toon Jeffrey	115
12	R Broomhall	97	0	1	Pourmozafari Ben	100
13	A Meakin	95	0	1	Cresswell Peter	114
14	P Shaw	92	0	1	Hadi Justin	113
15	K Jones	90	0.5	0.5	Ward David	u/g
16	P Hall	91	0	1	Toon Roy	104
TOTALS			5.5	10.5		

MATCH - Nottinghamshire v. Derbyshire
SECTION - Under 125
DATE - 31 January 2004

Bd	Nottinghamshire	Grade	Score	Score	Derbyshire	Grade
1	Rossiter Alex	121	0	1	Archer.Barry	116
2	Taylor Marcel V	120	0.5	0.5	Haydock Ronald	116
3	Lavelle Terry	119	0	1	Walker.Roger .W	115
4	Nailard Michael J	117	0.5	0.5	Harrison Ron	101
5	Hobson Benjamin	112	1	0	Bramley Doug	103
6	Harper Michael J	111	0.5	0.5	Loomes Herbert	96
7	Gibson Graham J	105	0.5	0.5	Smith Sam	ug
8	Fillingham Ian	94	0	1	Shelden Phillip	94
9	Dunne David C	91	0.5	0.5	Barry Michael	87
10	Prescott John	90e	1	0	Orridge Mick	ug
11	Default		0	1	Pace Graham J	86
12	Darby Len	88	1	0	James Michael	86
13	Rossiter Christopher	81	1	0	Ratner Harry	84
14	Heath Kenneth	72	1	0	Smith Phil	74
15	Blampied Dorothy M	66	0.5	0.5	Bryce Wallace	67
16	Default		0	1	Ellis Mick	46
TOTALS			8.0	8.0		

MATCH - Leicestershire v. Warwickshire
SECTION - Under 125
DATE - 28 February 2004

Bd	Leicestershire	Grade	Score	Score	Warwickshire	Grade
1	Johnson Cyril	117	0.5	0.5	Derek Stockhall	123
2	Wylie Steve	120	1	0	M David	122
3	Ganatra Jay	118	0.5	0.5	M Walker	122
4	Hewitt Sean	118	0	1	K Warren	122
5	Marlow Jack	124	0	1	C Evans	120
6	Doidge Charles	117	1	0	K Gilbert	120
7	Hadi Justin	113	1	0	N Malka	119
8	Smith Stephen	115	0.5	0.5	J Asbury	116
9	Steel Martin	115	0.5	0.5	D Horsley	116
10	Toon Jeffrey	115	1	0	J Fahy	115
11	Cresswell Peter	114	1	0	L Rawson	115
12	Pourmozafari Ben	100	0.5	0.5	J Llewellyn	111
13	Hewitt Graham	118	0	1	W Rawlins	110
14	Evans Paul	111	1	0	L Wilmot	95
15	Crane David	109	1	0	P Woodward	94
16	Hill Granville	102	1	0	D Rowe	93
TOTALS			10.5	5.5		

MCCU FINAL COUNTY TABLES

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

WEST ZONE		G MAN	SHROP	STAFFS	WORCS	PTS	POS
GTR MANCHESTER		13.5-2.5	8 - 8	12 - 4	5	1st	
SHROPSHIRE	2.5-13.5		4.5-11.5	5 - 11	0	4	
STAFFORDSHIRE	8 - 8	11.5-4.5		11 - 5	5	2nd	
WORCESTERSHIRE	4 - 12	11 - 5	5 - 11		2	3	

EAST ZONE		DERBY	LEICS	LINCS	WARKS	PTS	POS
DERBYSHIRE		5 - 11	9.5-6.5	5 - 11	2	3	
LEICESTERSHIRE	11 - 5		12.5-3.5	6.5-9.5	4	2nd	
LINCOLNSHIRE	6.5-9.5	3.5-12.5		2.5-13.5	0	4	
WARWICKSHIRE	11 - 5	9.5-6.5	13.5-2.5		6	1st	

MAJOR SEMI-FINALS	G Manchester	10	Leicestershire	6
	Warwickshire	8.5	Staffordshire	7.5

MAJOR FINAL:-	GTR MANCHESTER	9	WARWICKSHIRE	7
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MINOR SEMI-FINALS	Worcestershire	Default	Lincolnshire	Walkover
	Derbyshire	9	Shropshire	7

MINOR FINAL:-	LINCOLNSHIRE	4	DERBYSHIRE	12
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UNDER-175 CHAMPIONSHIP

	LEICS	NORTHS	NOTTS	WARKS	PTS	POS
LEICESTERSHIRE		10.5-5.5	5 - 11	WO	4	2nd
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	5.5-10.5		3.5-8.5	WO	2	3
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	11 - 5	8.5-3.5		WO	6	1st
WARWICKSHIRE	DEF	DEF	DEF		0	

B.C.F. QUALIFIERS	1	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
	2	LEICESTERSHIRE

UNDER-150 CHAMPIONSHIP

	GMAN	LEICS	NOTTS	STAFFS	WARKS	PTS	POS
GTR MANCHESTER		11.5-4.5	9 - 7	WO	8 - 8	7	1st
LEICESTERSHIRE	4.5-11.5		5.5-10.5	WO	4.5-11.5	2	4
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	7 - 9	10.5-5.5		8 - 7	9 - 7	6	2nd
STAFFORDSHIRE	DEF	DEF	7 - 8		6.5-9.5	0	5
WARWICKSHIRE	8 - 8	11.5-4.5	7 - 9	9.5-6.5		5	3

B.C.F. QUALIFIERS	1	GTR MANCHESTER
	2	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

UNDER-125 CHAMPIONSHIP

	DERBY	LEICS	NOTTS	SHROP	STAFFS	WARKS	WORCS	PTS	POS
DERBYSHIRE		4 - 12	8 - 8	3.5-12.5	4.5-11.5	6.5-9.5	7.5-8.5	1	7.00
LEICESTERSHIRE	12 - 4		10.5-5.5	8 - 8	10.5-5.5	10.5-5.5	8 - 8	10	2
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	8 - 8	5.5-10.5		DEF	9 - 7	DEF	DEF	3	6
SHROPSHIRE	12.5-3.5	8 - 8	WO		8 - 8	11 - 5	10 - 6	10	1st
STAFFORDSHIRE	11.5-4.5	5.5-10.5	7 - 9	8 - 8		4 - 12	8 - 8	4	4
WARWICKSHIRE	5.5-10.5	5.5-10.5	WO	5 - 11	12 - 4		6.5-9.5	6	5
WORCESTERSHIRE	8.5-7.5	8 - 8	WO	6 - 10	8 - 8	9.5-6.5		8	3

B.C.F. QUALIFIERS	1	SHROPSHIRE
	2	LEICESTERSHIRE
	3	WORCESTERSHIRE

UNDER-100 CHAMPIONSHIP

	LEICS	NOTTS	SHROP	STAFFS	WARKS	PTS	POS
LEICESTERSHIRE		6 - 6	2.5-9.5	WO	6 - 6	4	3
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	6 - 6		7 - 5	WO	6.5-4.5	7	1st
SHROPSHIRE	9.5-2.5	5 - 7		6.5-5.5	6 - 6	5	2nd
STAFFORDSHIRE	W/D	W/D	5.5-6.5		6 - 5	2	4=
WARWICKSHIRE	6 - 6	4.5-6.5	6 - 6	5 - 6		2	4=

B.C.F. QUALIFIERS	1	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
	2	SHROPSHIRE
	3	LEICESTERSHIRE