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IN MY OPINION

Welcome to the 1988 Midland Chess. I hope that I can sustain the interest in the newsletter that Ed Stone generated with his witty and often hard hitting style. Sadly I don't travel in such high circles as Ed so for the moment I can't bring you the spicy plots on the Financial affairs of the Hastings congress or on the private life of Raymond Keene or Stuart Reuben. Still I hope that an opinion can be expressed on matters closer to hand and I fully intend to put 'a boot up a few backsides' when necessary to those in the Midland area who do (or rather don't do) important jobs.

My task will be made much easier if I'm told what is happening and about you opinions. So please write to me and pose any questions or make any remarks about chess in the area. I don't promise to publish the whole letter but I will do all I can to get the 'powers' of Midland Chess to give an answer and justify their actions. In the Next Issue I intend to look in depth at the scene for Midland Juniors so if you have anything to say please drop me a line.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHESS UNION OFFICERS

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Addresses are given as a supplement

16	M Vidler	0-1	P D'Mothe
17	G Burton	1-0	R McMichael
18	P Adams	½-½	J Quinn
19	E Hawkins	0-1	J Walton
20	D James	½-½	T Kett

Total 8-12

An interesting little note on this game. The people at boards 18 & 19 of the London County are both officially graded at 199. What chance for us ordinary mortals ?

1987 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Held at Walsall in the West Midlands on July 4 Greater Manchester got to the final to represent the MCCU area but sadly fell at the final hurdle.

Greater Manchester v Middlesex

01	J Horner	1-0	A Whiteley
02	P Macklin	½-½	R Wade
03	O Jackson	½-½	G Lee
04	B Jones	0-1	K Shovel
05	J Naujokas	½-½	R Holmes
06	V Knox	½-½	G Wall
07	J Smith	0-1	K Vlahos
08	N Fox	0-1	S Berry
09	J Powell	0-1	R Willmoth
10	H Lamb	½-½	J Sharp
11	J Sharp	0-1	B Beake
12	P Siddall	1-0	D Lee
13	R English	0-1	S Rodericks
14	J Farrand	½-½	C Hill
15	D Knox	1-0	K Norman

The Counties Second team final also included an MCCU side, Warwickshire, but the local side were beaten by Lancashire. The score was 12½-7½.

Warwickshire completed a double by also getting to the final of the Third team Competition but here again they went down Lancashire. This time by a hefty 12½-3½ margin. Still at least all three finals had an MCCU representative. Perhaps this year one of the trophies might actually come to reside in the Midlands.

*** REQUEST ***

COUNTY CAPTAINS are asked by the tournament controller Neil Beasley to make sure that they send him BOTH copies of the County Match Scoresheet at 21 Tilton Drive, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5WW.

The 1986/7 competition final was not played on the due date last season the final result was:-

GREATER MANCHESTER 11
STAFFORDSHIRE 9

MANCHESTER AUTUMN CONGRESS

Held at the University Of Manchester in Mid September Winners as Follows

OPEN : 1/44 N H Bradbury (London)

MAJOR: 1/55 K Hurst (Manchester)

MINOR: 1/83 J Smart (Yorkshire)

The local International Master D R Norwood took part in the open competition but found this opponent too hot.

White G Lilley Black D Norwood

01	d4	Nf6
02	c4	c5
03	d5	e6
04	Nc3	ed
05	cd	d6
06	Nf3	g6
07	e4	Bg7
08	Bg5	h6
09	Bh4	g5
10	Bg3	Nh5
11	Bb5	Kf8
12	e5	Ng3
13	fg	a6
14	Bd3	de
15	0-0	b5
16	Nd2	Ra7
17	Qh5	b4
18	Nce4	f5
19	Bc4	Kg8
20	Qg6	Rh7
21	Nd6	Bd7
22	Nf5	Be8
23	d6	Kh8
24	Ne7	Resigns

SEE COMPETITION

MCCU AGM June 1987 What Happened ?

1. The Financial Problems of Warwickshire viz a viz the BCF levy have been amicably solved and that county is now back in the fold.
2. MCCU had a surplus income over expenditure of £ 319.32 last year.
3. All Counties were requested to take more interest in MCCU competitions and to encourage participation.
4. Neil Graham informed the meeting that he would not stand as secretary after 1987/8

Held at the Assembly Rooms in Derby this Competition acted a record entry topping the 200 mark for the first time. The event was a real credit to Controller Robert Milner and his willing helpers.

OPEN:

1	M Hebden	(Leicester Transport)
2	G Flear	(Leicester)
=3	G Buckley	(Bushbury)
	C Dunworth	(Sherwood)
	J Emms	(Nottingham Univ)

MAJOR:

1	M Litherland	(Workshop)
=2	R Eames	(Islington)
	D Ledger	(Nottingham Univ)

MINOR:

=1	P McCarron	(Wansted)
	T Ardin	(Tamworth)

Total entries 227

PETERBOROUGH SOFTWARE NATIONAL CLUB FINAL

Plenty of Midlands interest in the Major final with Lichfield running out 3-1-1 winners over Oxford University

01	R Allen	1-1	N Crabb
02	P Collins	1-0	A Wallace
03	K Thompson	1-0	M Hall
04	L Tarbuck	1-1	R Banbury
05	M Horrigan	1-1	N Davies

Also interest in the Plate competition won by Notts side Sutton who were 4-1 winners over Hackney.

01	S Burke	1-0	C Rose
02	N Graham	1-0	R Brown
03	G Wagenbach	1-0	K Jackson
04	P Morgan	0-1	T Donnerley
05	J Crockett	1-0	D Green

Sutton completed an excellent double when they also won the Minor Plate competition with a 4-1 victory in the final over Slough.

01	J Cudey	1-1	D Webb
02	M Jackson	1-0	J Brind
03	A Flint	1-0	N Mooney
04	C Potter	1-0	C Smith
05	A Capon	1-1	M Bool

There was further Midlands interest the Open Plate when Kings Head beat Birmingham on board count after a 3-3 draw. The details of this game have not been given to me so I cannot print them.

1. The recent inter counties quickplay at the Assembly Rooms at the Union £100. There will be a charge to counties in future years.
2. Gradings are unlikely to be published before the end of the year primarily because of problems at the BCF. The Midlands grader will visit St Leonards with a view to taking on the whole system.
3. Warwickshire won the recent Quickplay tournament. (see report below)
4. Junior Secretary reported continued problems with the BCF appointed Midlands area Junior Co-ordinator. A strong protest will be made at the forthcoming BCF meeting.
5. BCF delegate reported on present difficulties at the BCF (see below)

INTER COUNTY QUICKPLAY COMPETITION

Results		
1.	WARWICKSHIRE	: 46
2.	LEICESTERSHIRE	: 42½
3.	NOTTS	: 36
4.	DERBYSHIRE	: 21½
5.	LINCOLNSHIRE	: 19

This new competition took place in Derby on 31 October with 5 counties taking part. Each player got 4 games against 2 opponents. Most people enjoyed the half hour a side format, but one complaint that emerged was that competitors would have preferred a game against each of the other counties rather than playing the same person twice. Something for the organizer, Neil Graham, to consider for next year, when hopefully the stay away counties can be persuaded to come and play. It must be a little disheartening for those who go to the trouble of arranging these competitions in the area if only half the MCCU can muster 16 players for such an enjoyable afternoon.

Warwickshire and Leicestershire qualify from the Midlands for the national finals which it is hoped will again be in Derby.

BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING 19.09.87

A number of small alterations were made to the methods of qualifying for the British Championships with the aim of making it easier for Juniors to Qualify. The 1990 competition will be held at Eastbourne. The resignation of Graham Lee as BCF secretary was considered and temporary arrangements for running the BCF office made. The BCF will consider various methods of helping the newly formed Association of British Chess Masters.

A complaint from Tony Miles with reference to Raymond Keene's role as a second at the Tunis interzonal in 1985 was discussed at length. An independent enquiry was set up and Mr Keene was suspended from his BCF posts pending the results of this enquiry. BCF gradings are in turmoil due to difficulties with the computer and the intransigence of the MCCU in furnishing information. It was agreed that the BCF magazine Newsflash would continue to appear as a fortnightly publication.

Held at Kettering 18-20 September. Results:

MAJOR :

1/34	P Helbig	(Liverpool)
=2	M Smart	(St Leonards)
	R Pribanich	(Northampton)
	R Hann	(Rushden)
	A Singh	(Birmingham)

MINOR :

=1/54	C Blackburn	(Northampton)
	D Carrott	(Leicester)
	S Inglis	(Rushden)
	C Kidd	(Hounslow)
	G Seeds	(Lincoln)

BOLTON QUICKPLAY RESULTS

Held November 8 1987

INVITATION :

1. K Arkell (Birmingham)

CHALLENGERS:

=1.	A Beardsworth	(Atherton)
	T Brotherton	(Ormskirk)
	O Jackson	(Sale)
	J Neaujokas	(Bolton)

MAJOR :

=1.	G Dobson	(Leyland)
	G Keelling	(Huddersfield)
	D Talbot	(Blackburn)

MINOR :

1. B Vaccari (Manchester)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE MIDLANDS

Organizers please note. If I don't know about it I can't publicise it.

DETAILS OF EVENTS AVAILABLE FROM THE EDIT

01	27 Nov - 29 Nov	Notts County Championsh
02	28 Nov	NYCA Team Championsh
03	28 Nov - 29 Nov	Northampton Congress
04	13 Dec	Nuneaton Quickplay
05	22 Jan - 24 Jan	Winter Congress. M'ches
06	07 Feb	Stockport Quickplay
07	13 Feb	MCCU U18 Jamboree
08	20 Feb	MCCU U14 Jamboree

A report from J.H. Baines.

