

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHESS UNION

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Selected articles

Midland Individual Championships

These were held once again at the Assembly Rooms in Derby, and although the entry was down on previous years, the event went very smoothly and appeared to be enjoyed by all who took part. The prize list is quite formidable (see below), and although several efforts were made we were not able secure sponsorship this time round which would have added to the lustre of the tournament. Note : All tournaments in the Championships were over six rounds.

Results : Championship

Midland Individual Champion (Forrest Cup)	Mark Hebden (Leicester)	6
2nd Equal	Bryce (Milton Keynes)	4½
	G W Lawton (Wigston)	4½
4th Equal	M H Barnes (Nottingham)	4
	L A Edwards (Leicester)	4
	O Jackson (Cheshire)	4
	P Madden (Breadsall)	4

Midland Under 21 Champion	J Naylor (Rugby)
Midland Under 18 Champion	SM Joseph (Stapleford)
Midland Under 16 Champion	SI Calderwood (L'borough)
British Championship Qualifier (Hebden & Lawton already qualified)	A Bryce (Milton Keynes)

Grading Prize (Under 185)	D Cristinacce (Doncasr)	3½
	D J Ledger (Nottingham Univ)	3½
	J K Robinson (Leicester)	3½
	G Smith (Milton Keynes)	3½
	R K Thomas (Olton)	3½

Results : Major Tournament - Grades below 170

1st Prize	R Sagall (Kings Head)	5½
2nd Equal	P J Merce (Oxclose)	5
	S D Sheahan (Academy)	5
4th	J W Simpson (Academy)	4½
5th Equal	J A Edge (Dudley)	4
	B A Foreman (Thurnby)	4
	R J Forey (Derby)	4
	M J Gough (Walsall Kipping)	4
	K Simpson (Mansfield)	4

Midland Under 14 Champion	W Vere (Courtaulds, Derby)	4
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Grading Prize (Under 155)	J Cooksey (Bushbury)	4½
	H Grist (Southend)	4½
	D Williams (Derby)	4½
Grading Prize (Under 140)	A J Wright (Nottingham)	4½
	J W Simpson (Academy)	4½

Results : Minor Tournament - Grades below 125

1st Prize	P N Morris (Ecclesall)	5
2nd Equal	I J R Clarke (Malvern)	5
	S P Gay (Mkt Harborough)	5
	C Harrison (Cheddleton)	5
	D M Hartley (Chesterfield)	5
	S Pingle (Clay Cross)	5

Grading Prize (Under 95)	D Arnold (Courtaulds)	4½
	J Huthwaite	4½
Grading Prize (Ungraded Players)	G Drabwell (Lenton)	4
	J Huthwaite (Lenton)	4

Ladies Champions	G Sullivan (Finchley)	2
	Abigail Dyce (Kirkby-in-Ashfield)	2

Veteran	H Ratner (Breadsall)	4
	A Severn (Belper)	4

MCCU Under-14 Team Event : 17th February 1990

Humberside	26½
Nottinghamshire I	25½
Lincolnshire I	24½
Warwickshire	21½
Hereford & Worcester	20½
Staffordshire	20
Lincolnshire II	12½
Hereford & Worcester II	6
Nottinghamshire II	5

This was another closely fought event. Humberside are going to be a side to look out for in the next few years. Many of their under-14 team played in the under-18 event in Birmingham six weeks later.

The BCF Under-18 Inter County Finals : 7th April 1990 (in Birmingham)

Boys Open	Warwickshire	9½
	Middlesex	7½
	Hampshire	7½
	Durham	4
	East Glamorgan	1½

Warwickshire are to be congratulated on their victory despite being a board short

Girls Open	Middlesex	5
	Hampshire	3½
	Gwent	3½
	Leicestershire (Default)	0

Boys Minor	Suffolk	8
	Humberside	7
	Northumberland	6
	Sussex	5
	West Glamorgan	5
	Wiltshire	5

Girls Minor	(Won on Board Count) Oxfordhire	4
	Humberside	4
	Suffolk	3
	Somerset	1

Humberside are also to be congratulated on their very good performance. All their teams gave a very fine showing.

Graham Humphries
Director for Junior Chess

Local Roundup : 1989/90 League Results

This item is a stop press of results to hand. Space is also limited. If contributors are willing to send in the material than we shall publish a fuller list of results in the next edition.

Champions

Derby & District League	Breadsall *A*
Division 2	Breadsall *B*
Division 3	Ilkeston

Derbyshire League	Chesterfield
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Leamington & District League	Leamington *A*
Division 2	Rugby *B*
Division 3	Leamington *C*

Leicestershire League	Town Arms
Division 2	Thurnby
Division 3	Oakham
Division 4a	Melton
Division 4b	Market Harborough
Division 5	Wm Davis
Division 6	System 2

A Selection of Games from the Midland Championships

BEST GAME PRIZE

White: P Madden
Black: G Smith

1	e4	Nf6
2	e5	Nd5
3	o4	Nb6
4	c5	Nd5
5	Nc3	e6
6	d4	Nxc3
7	bxc3	b6
8	cxb6	cxb6
9	f4	Bb7
10	Nf3	f5
11	exf6ep	Qxf6
12	Bd3	Nc6
13	O-O	Be7
14	a4	O-O
15	Bd2	Rac8
16	Qe2	Na5
17	Ne5	Rc7
18	f5	Bd5
19	fxc6	Qxe6
20	Rxf8	Bxf8
21	Rf1	g6
22	Rf7	Bg7
23	Qf2	Nc6
24	Rxg7	Kxg7
25	Bh6+	Kxh6
26	Qf8+	1-0

CRUCIAL ROUNDS GAME

White: GW Lawton
Black: ML Hebden

1	o4	g6
2	Nc3	Bg7
3	g3	Nf6
4	Bg2	O-O
5	d3	e6
6	Bg5	h6
7	Bf4	d6
8	Bd2	Nc6
9	Rb1	a5
10	a3	d5
11	cxr5	cxr5
12	Nf3	Re8
13	O-O	d4
14	Nb5	a4
15	Rc1	Nd5
16	Re1	Nb6
17	Rc5	Be8
18	Qc1	Kh7
19	Bf4	Re7
20	h4	Ra6
21	h5	Nd5
22	hxg6	Lxg6
23	Bd2	Rd7
24	Kh2	Kg8
25	Bxh6??	Bxh6 0-1

OTHER GAMES

White: AA Smith
Black: P Hutchinson

1	c4	Nf6
2	Nc3	e5
3	Nf3	Nc6
4	d3	h6
5	g3	d5
6	cxr5	Nxr5
7	Bg2	Be6
8	O-O	Qd7
9	Bd2	Nxc3
10	bxc3	Be7
11	Rb1	Rb8
12	Rb5	Bf6
13	Qb1	b6
14	c4	O-O
15	Qc1	Bg4
16	Rd5	Qe6
17	Bc3	a6
18	Re1	Rfe8
19	Nd2	Qe7
20	Ne4	Be6
21	Qb2	Qf8
22	f4	Be7
23	fxe5	Ba3
24	Qa1	Ne7
25	Nf2	Nc8

26	Rd4	g5
27	Re4	Ne7
28	Ng4	Red8
29	Nf6+	Kh8
30	Rf1	b5
31	cxr5	Rxr5
32	Ra4	Bc5+
33	d4	Bb6
34	Kh1	Nd5
35	Nxr5	Bxr5
36	e4	Bb7
37	d5	f5
38	exf6ep	Qf7
39	Qe1	Kh7
40	Bd4	Re8
41	Qf2	Kg8
42	Rc4	Rf8
43	a4	Brd4
44	Qxr4	Rb6
45	e5	Rd8
46	e6	Qh5
47	f7+	Kh7
48	Be4+	1-0

White: RG Walker
Black: SI Calderwood

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nd2	Nf6

4	e5	Nfd7
5	Bd3	c5
6	c3	Nc6
7	Ngf3	Qb6
8	O-O	cxr4
9	cxr4	Nxr4
10	Nxr4	Qxr4
11	Nf3	Qb6
12	Qa4	Qb4
13	Qc2	h6
14	Bd2	Qb6
15	Rac1	Qd8
16	Qa4	a6
17	Rc3	Rb8
18	Rfc1	b5
19	Qg4	Bb7
20	Rc7	h5
21	Qxe6+	Be7
22	Ng5	Lxe6
23	Bg6+	Kf8
24	Nxe6+	Kg8
25	Nxd8	Rxd8
26	Rxb7	Nxe5
27	Rae7	Nxg6
28	Ra7	Kh7
29	R1c7	Rhg8
30	Rxa6	Ne5
31	Rh6	mate

Grading Services

Our own grading supremo, is also the BCF's Director for National Grading. For 2½ years Roger Edwards has been working hard at getting the present national grading arrangements well established. For nine months he collaborated with his predecessor Philip Clemow, in getting the present computer system installed at the BCF HQs in St Leonards, which resulted in the 1988 List being not only being delivered on time, but also the first fully comprehensive list ever seen in this country. The 1989 List continued to be a success story, with errors and problems with the previous year's production being greatly reduced. This year Roger aims to get the 1990 Grading List published a little earlier with a view to making more significant improvements in that respect next year.

The 1990 List will be published on 20th August, and is expected to have a cover price of £7.75 although this may yet be altered.

Other services include an extract of grading results for all players in a club, which can be made available on or around 10th August, with requests from clubs for this service to be received by Roger no later than 6th August. Price is £3.00

Leagues and Counties can also receive an extract from the system for the players recorded as belonging to them, for costs and details contact Roger Edwards.

If anyone, congress, club, or other chess organisation is interested in placing advertising in the grading list, the price will be £25 for a full page or £13 for a half page. The copy has to be submitted by 1st August.

The End of Chess as we have known it !

At the end of April "The Times" published on its front page a report that former World Champion, Anatoly Karpov, had been beaten by a computer which had been entered against him as part of a simultaneous display. This now only leaves Gary Kasparov as the remaining target for the wizard programmers who have dreamed up such devilish feats. What hope is there for the rest of us? Come on let's have some views about this for inclusion in the next edition of this Newsletter.

The BCF Intermediate Club Championships

Peter Gibbs the controller for this event, sponsored by Leigh Interests, reports that no Midland Club has managed to reach the semi-final stages of either the main competition or the plate.

The 1990 Birmingham Post Cup

The semi-final stages of this competition are approaching, but yet to be determined. Geoff Marchant (Worcester St John's) has reached the semi final, having also become the runner up in the Worcester County Championship. Another semi-final place is at stake between Lionel Lewis (Mutual Circle) and KR Milner (Malvern). Players like David Anderton, Graeme Buckley, and six times winner Craig Dawson are still in the fight.

Peter Gibbs reminds us he would like to see an even stronger entry than ever for the 1991 Birmingham Post Cup. The closing date will be November 30th, 1990. All players living in Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and Warwickshire are eligible. The entry fee is £2.00

Recent Results from Junior Chess Events

MCCU Under-18 Team Championships : 10th February 1990

Boys	Warwickshire	10½
	Greater Manchester	10
	Humberside	7½
	Staffordshire	7
	Nottinghamshire	5½
	Hereford & Worcester	4
	Lincolnshire	3
	Derbyshire	½

This was a very closely contested event right up to the end of play

Girls	Leicestershire	3½
	Humberside	½

The MCCU Inter-County Championships

First Teams

East

	Derbys	Leics	Lincs	Nhants	Notts		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derbyshire	■	10	8½	7½	8½	Leics	3	1	0	51½	28½	7
Leicestershire	10	■	13	14½	14	Notts	3	0	1	47½	32½	6
Lincolnshire	11½	7	■	9½	5½	Northants	2	0	2	33	47	4
Northamptonshire	12½	5½	10½	■	4½	Lincs	1	0	3	33½	46½	2
Nottinghamshire	11½	6	14½	15½	■	Derbys	0	1	3	34½	45½	1

West

	GManch	Salop	Staffs	Warks	Worcs		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greater Manchester	■	15	15	11	12½	G Manch	4	0	0	53½	26½	8
Shropshire	5	■	5½	7	9½	Staffs	3	0	1	42½	37½	6
Staffordshire	5	14½	■	11	12	Warks	2	0	2	42½	37½	4
Warwickshire	9	13	9	■	11½	Worcs	1	0	3	34½	45½	2
Worcestershire	7½	10½	8	8½	■	Salop	0	0	4	27	53	0

Semi-Finals: Greater Manchester vs Nottinghamshire 10 - 10 (Greater Manchester won on board count)
 Leicestershire vs Staffordshire 12½ - 7½

Final: to be played on 22nd September 1990

Minor Counties Play-offs: Worcestershire vs Lincolnshire 9½ - 10½
 Northamptonshire vs Shropshire 16 - 0 (default)

Second Teams

East

	Derbys	Leics	Lincs	Notts		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derbyshire	■	5½	8	7	Notts	3	0	0	38	18	6
Leicestershire	14½	■	14½	6	Leics	2	0	1	35	21	4
Lincolnshire	8	1½	■	5	Derbys	0	1	2	20½	35½	1
Nottinghamshire	13	14	11	■	Lincs	0	1	2	14½	33½	1

West

	GManch	Staffs	Warks	Worcs		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greater Manchester	■	0	4½	void	Warks	3	0	0	41	15	6
Staffordshire	16	■	5	13½	Staffs	2	0	1	34½	21½	4
Warwickshire	11½	15	■	14½	Worcs	0	0	2	12	28	0
Worcestershire	void	6½	5½	■	G Manch	0	0	2	4½	27½	0

Semi-Finals: Warwickshire vs Leicestershire 10½ - 9½
 Nottinghamshire vs Staffordshire 13½ - 6½

Final: Warwickshire vs Nottingham 13½ - 6½

Third Teams

	Derbys	GManch	Leics	Notts	Staffs	Warks		W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derbyshire	■	void	void	6½	12	4½	Notts	5	0	0	52	27	10
Greater Manchester	void	■	7	5	10½	8½	Warks	3	0	2	48	44	6
Leicestershire	void	9	■	6	10½	9	Leics	2	0	2	43½	37½	4
Nottinghamshire	9½	11	10	■	11	11½	G Manch	1	0	3	31	41	2
Staffordshire	10	9½	9½	5	■	10½	Derbys	1	0	2	23	31	2
Warwickshire	11½	11½	11	4½	9½	■	Staffs	1	0	4	44½	53½	2

Results supplied by : Neil Beasley *Controller Inter-Counties Events*

OBITUARIES

Just before going to press, we learn of the deaths of two chess players, who sadly were both relatively young. First there was Martin Whetton of both the Tamworth and Nuneaton Clubs who had been seriously ill for several years, but nevertheless continued to play chess until almost the end. Second, Herefordshire Chess Association have lost their County Champion, Colin Burton, who died suddenly during May. We offer our condolences and sympathy to both their families and friends.