

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHESS UNION

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Midland Counties Chess Union Inter-Counties Championship 1990-91

Results from Neil Beasley

First Teams*West Zone*

Greater Manchester	13.5	6.5	Staffordshire
Warwickshire	11.0	8.0	Worcestershire
Shropshire	9.0	11.0	Warwickshire
Warwickshire	9.0	11.0	Greater Manchester
Worcestershire	10.5	8.5	Shropshire (1)
Greater Manchester	16.0	4.0	Worcestershire
Staffordshire	12.5	7.5	Shropshire

East Zone

Derbyshire	10.5	9.5	Lincolnshire
Lincolnshire	7.5	12.5	Northamptonshire
Northamptonshire	6.0	14.0	Nottinghamshire
Derbyshire	7.0	13.0	Leicestershire
Leicestershire	16.5	3.5	Northamptonshire
Leicestershire	16.0	4.0	Lincolnshire
Northamptonshire	10.5	9.5	Derbyshire
Lincolnshire	5.0	14.0	Nottinghamshire (1)

Semi-Finals

Greater Manchester	8.5	10.5	Leicestershire (1)
Nottinghamshire	11.0	8.0	Staffordshire (1)

Minor Counties Play-offs

Northamptonshire	12.0	8.0	Shropshire
Worcestershire	10.0	9.0	Derbyshire (1)

Worcestershire win, against Derbyshire.

Second Teams*West Zone*

Greater Manchester	8.5	7.5	Warwickshire
Shropshire	3.5	12.5	Staffordshire
Staffordshire	13.0	7.0	Greater Manchester
Shropshire	8.0	7.0	Worcestershire (1)
Staffordshire	14.0	6.0	Worcestershire
Warwickshire	11.5	4.5	Shropshire

East Zone

Northamptonshire	4.5	15.5	Leicestershire
Lincolnshire	5.5	10.5	Derbyshire
Northamptonshire	7.5	8.5	Lincolnshire
Leicestershire	7.0	13.0	Nottinghamshire
Derbyshire	16.0	0.0	Northamptonshire
Derbyshire	3.0	15.0	Nottinghamshire
Lincolnshire	8.0	7.0	Leicestershire (1)
Nottinghamshire	0.0	0.0	Leicestershire (Void)

Semi-Finals

Warwickshire	11.5	8.5	Derbyshire
Nottinghamshire	11.5	8.5	Staffordshire

Third Teams

Greater Manchester	11.5	6.5	Warwickshire
Staffordshire	17.0	3.0	Derbyshire
Leicestershire	8.0	8.0	Nottinghamshire
Derbyshire	0.0	0.0	Warwickshire (Void)
Derbyshire	3.5	12.5	Greater Manchester
Nottinghamshire	12.5	3.5	Staffordshire
Warwickshire	6.0	14.0	Leicestershire
Derbyshire	5.0	11.0	Leicestershire
Warwickshire	7.0	9.0	Nottinghamshire
Staffordshire	12.0	8.0	Greater Manchester
1st	Nottinghamshire		
2nd	Staffordshire		
3rd	Leicestershire		

M.C.C.U. publications*Games from the 1990 Midland Individual Championships*

Over sixty games selected by Dave Meadows. £1.25.

Best Games from the Midland Individual Championships, 1983-1990.

Thirty-nine games selected by Welsh International Allan Richmond.

Some light annotations. £1.00.

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MIDLAND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990/1991

Press Release from Bruce Holland, Director for Public Relations, Midland Counties Chess Union.

This event, held in the Darwin Suite, Derby Assembly Rooms from the 22nd to the 24th March, was concluded with an exciting last round fight between the holder of the title and a younger challenger. The reigning champion, Leicester's Mark Hebden, had just achieved an unbeaten run of eleven games over two championship series, and looked all set to take the title for a second year running with full points out of six games. The challenge mounted by Wolverhampton's Graeme Buckley succeeded, and he won the final game to deny his opponent a clean sweep. This was not enough, however, to wrest the title from the holder, who retained the Forrest Cup on a tie-break. The prize fund of £375 for the top two places was shared by both players.

There were several consolations for Graeme Buckley, who also became the Midlands Under-21 Champion, with a further prize of £25. He also won the right to enter the British Chess Championships. Graeme faces some demanding summer months since he has also been selected to take part in the World Under-21 Chess Championships in Chile during August. The World Championship event follows almost immediately on from the British Championships, which means he will need to be well prepared in order to ride through the acclimatisation.

The other Junior Midland title winners were:

Under-16 : Joe Vere (Courtauld, Derby), on tie-break from Stephen Joseph (Nottingham Gambit), with 2.5/6 in the Championship Section;

Under-14 : James Redburn (Radcliffe and Bingham), on tie-break from Matthew Tailby (Nottingham), with 3.5/6 in the Major Tournament;

Under-12 : Emma Nutbrown (Cheddleton), with 1.5/6 in the Minor Tournament.

The Under-18 Championships have been moved to the Birmingham British Championships Qualifying Tournament which is to be held on 14th - 16th June 1991.

Championship Tournament (Six rounds)

1-2	Mark Hebden (Marten Inn)	5.0
	Graeme Buckley (Bushbury)	5.0
3-7	Andrew Bryce (Milton Keynes)	4.5
	Laurence Cooper (Stafford)	4.5
	Ray Evans (Tamworth)	4.5
	Oliver Jackson (Prestbury)	4.5
	Jonathan Nelson (Whoberley)	4.5
U185	K.T.Rose (Kingsgrove)	3.5
	Graham Waddingham (Birmingham)	3.5

Midland Major Tournament (Six rounds, Under-170)

1-3	John Lyth (Morecambe)	5.0
	Peter Meres (Oxclose)	5.0
	David Williams (Mickleover)	5.0
4-7	David Amour (Mansfield)	4.5
	Ray Forey (Derby)	4.5
	Geoffrey Gibson (Hucknall)	4.5
	Lee Grinsell (Bushbury)	4.5
U155	Stephen Wedlock (Southend)	4.0
U140	Simon Edwards (Cheddleton)	3.5

Peter Meres becomes the holder of the P.N.Wallis Rosebowl.

Midland Minor Tournament (Six rounds, Under-125)

1-4	Gunter Berzins (South Manchester)	5.0
	David Carrott (Lutterworth)	5.0
	Timothy Severn (Sutton-in-Ashfield)	5.0
	Janos Wagenbach (Mansfield)	5.0
U110	George Heath (Ashover)	4.0
	K.Walsh (Ilford)	4.0
	Jeff Yeomans (Charnwood Knights)	4.0
U95	Graham Lea (Stockport)	4.0
	Paul May (Amber Valley)	4.0
	Philip May (Amber Valley)	4.0
UG	Jaewant Gill (Derby)	4.0
	Paul Wilkinson (Sutton-in-Ashfield)	4.0

Janos Wagenbach becomes the holder of the Britannia Building Society Trophy.

One of the Champion's wins:

M.L.Hebden (IM, 239) v A.Bryce (200)
 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 d5 4 Nxe5 Nxe4 5 Bd3 Nd7 6 Bxe4 dxe4 7 Qe2 Nf6 8 c3 Bd6 9 Bg5 h6 10 Bxf6 gxf6 11 Nc4 Bf5 12 0-0 Qe7 13 Nxd6 ch cxd6 14 f3 0-0-0 15 fxe4 Bxe4 16 Nd2 d5 17 Rae1 Rde8 18 Nxe4 dxe4 Rf4 f5 20 Rxf5 Qe6 21 Qg4 Qxa2 22 Qf4 b6 23 Rxf1 Qc4 24 Rxa7 Rhf8 25 Qg4 ch Qe6 26 Qxe6 ch Rxe6 27 Ra8 ch, and 1-0.

Also from the Championship Tournament:

M.Alcock (193) v L.Cooper (205)
 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 Bxc6 dxc6 6 d3 Nd7 7 Nbd2 Be7 8 Nc4 f6 9 Bd2 0-0 10 Qe2 c5 11 g4 Nb8 12 Rg1 Nc6 13 0-0-0 Be6 14 g5 Qe8 15 gxf6 Bxf6 16 Bc3 b5 17 Ne3 Qf7 18 b3 Nd4 19 Bxd4 cxd4 20 Ng4 Bxg4 21 Rxc4 a5 22 Rd1 a4 23 Qd2 Qe7 24 Kb1 c5 25 Ng5 e4 26 dxc4 bxc4 27 Qe2 d3 28 cxd3 axb3 29 Nxf7 Kxh7 30 Rg6 bxa2 ch 31 Ka1 Qa7 32 Qh5 ch Kg8 33 Rh6, and 0-1.

The Congress Director was Neil Graham.

The Chief Controller was Robert Milner; also Controlling were Roger Edwards, Bruce Holland, David Meadows.

Midland Counties Chess Union
Under-18 Teams Jamboree
23rd February 1991, at Derby.
Results from Graham Humphreys

This event was a Zonal Qualifier for the National Under-18 Teams Championship

J.Vere	B1	1	0	S.Pain	E1
Default	D1	0	1	M.Gough	C1
P.Brown	E2	1	0	J.Scott	A1
J.Hockings	A2	1	0	Default	D2
S.Anand	C2	1/2	1/2	R.Anderson	B2
J.Savory	A3	0	1	P.Pinfold	C3
P.Garner	E3	1	0	Default	D3
Default	D4	0	1	R.Cobham	B3
A.Elmore	B4	0	1	C.Barrow	A4
C.Goodlad	C4	1/2	1/2	H.M.Lamb	E4
B.Handley	B5	0	1	J.Sadler	C5
Default	D5	0	1	P.Croft	A5
M.Smith	A6	0	1	D.Copeland	E5
S.Edwards	C6	1	0	Default	D6
D.Darwen	E6	1	0	C.Hazel	B6
A.Smith	A7	1	0	S.May	B7
A.Lewis	E7	1	0	N.Clarke	C7
D.Chadderton	B8	1	0	Default	D7
R.Siddle	C8	1	0	G.Hartley	A8
Default	D8	0	1	N.Armsby	E8
A.Kershaw	B9	0	1	E.Goodall	E9
Default	D9	0	1	P.Limbrick	C9
J.S.Walton	E10	1	0	A.Hewson	A9
L.Barnet	A10	1	0	Default	D10
J.Keen	C10	1	0	J.Kershaw	B10
C.Thomas	A11	1	0	M.Copeland	C11
A.Bull	E11	1	0	Default	D11
Default	D12	0	1	D.Fletcher	B11
J.Inwood	B12	0	1	A.Calthorpe	A12
R.Joshi	C12	0	1	B.Clissold	E12

A	Lincolnshire	7.0
B	Derbyshire	4.5
C	Staffordshire	8.0
D	Warwickshire	0.0
E	Greater Manchester	10.5

The girls' event was won by Humberside; Lincolnshire were the runners-up.

National Under-18 Teams Championship 1991
Birmingham, 23rd March

1	Greater Manchester	8.5
2	Surrey	7.5
3	Hampshire	6.5
4	Lancashire	5.0
5	Suffolk	2.5

Miscellany

Grading

The new grading lists, to be published in August, will have the Junior addition incorporated into the grade. This will make life a little easier for congress organisers, who will no longer have to specify grading limits as, e.g., Under-120 or Under 110J. If the addition had not been incorporated into the grade, congress organisers would have been groaning, for the addition is age-related. There are four bands: Under-11s (addition 10 points); 11-14 year olds (addition 8 points); 15-17 year olds (addition 6 points); age less than 18 but no other information (addition 4 points).

The "old" grading lists (i.e., those currently in use) are going cheap, and can be had from Roger Edwards, 490 Chell Heath Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST6 6OD.

The costs (including post and package):

National list	£4.40
M.C.C.U. list	£1.07
N.C.C.U. list	£1.17

Challenge the Russians

The Beat the Russians campaign, launched by B.C.F. Publicity Director David Norwood, is now more modestly re-named Challenge the Russians. All counties should have received notification of an appeal to raise funds to support the campaign. To further the aim many titled players have offered to play free in fund-raising simulms. How the funds will be used is not explained; if to pay for intensive coaching for promising juniors, well and good; if to engage the services of Ray Keene as a second, ... They wouldn't, would they? And yet David is talking about a rapprochement between Keene and the B.C.F.

B.C.F. Finances

Neil Graham reports that the BCF levy will rise from £200 for 1990-91 to £220 for 1991-92. The levy is the amount the BCF charges counties for registering fifty players. Neil points out that had counties which did not send a delegate or proxy to the meeting which decided the figure voted for a lower figure, the increase might have been 7.5%, rather than the actual 10%. However, if counties pay the levy by 30th June, they will get a 10% discount.

Meanwhile [adds the editor], after the recent large increase in the levy, and the launch of the direct membership scheme, which we were told, would resolve the BCF's financial problems, the BCF's financial position is not healthy. The target for enrolment of direct members has not been met, some counties are not affiliating, others are saying "Can't pay, won't pay - in full." No sponsor has been found for the British Championship. One of the arguments put forward for seeking a rapprochement with Ray Keene is that he brings in the sponsors; this after the fiasco with Peterborough Software.

The MCCU Annual General Meeting will be held on 9th June. If you care, about these or any other matters, make your views known to your delegates.

Congress Report

Shropshire Congress, Telford, 4th-6th January.

Howard E. Perry Open (Five Rounds)

1	L.A. Edwards (Wigston)	4.5
2=	R.A. Beach (Stockport)	4.0
	A. Collinson (Kenilworth)	4.0
	J. Cox (Streatham)	4.0

Eaton Major (Under-150)

1=	S. Cook (Shrewsbury)	4.5
	R. Dobedoe (Whoberley)	4.5

Minor (Under-115)

1	A.D. Barnes (Telford)	5.0
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Wigan, 18th-20th January

Open (Five Rounds)

1	J.C. Howell (Harrogate)	5.0
2=	G. Lilley (Prescot)	4.0
	D.B. Lund (Preston Anarchists)	4.0
	G. Quillan (Leicester University)	4.0

Major

1=	C.P. Fisher (Formby)	4.5
	K. Hurst (Southgate)	4.5

Minor

1	G. Berzins (South Manchester)	5.0
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Stockport, Systems Workshop, 3rd February.

Open (Six Rounds)

1	K. Arkell (Breadsall)	5.5
2	J. Howell (Harrogate)	5.0

Major (Under-155)

1	J. Davis (Rotherham)	5.5
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Minor (Under-115)

1=	M. Armitage (Halifax)	5.5
	S. Bibby (Widnes)	5.5
	R. Gaughan (Trafford)	5.5
	M. Solomon (Prescot)	5.5

Crewe, Rolls Royce, 8th-10th February.

Open (Five Rounds)

1=	S. Arkell (Derby)	4.0
	J. Howell (Harrogate)	4.0
	M. Sadler (Chatham)	4.0
	A. Summerscale (Fulham)	4.0

Major (Under-170)

1	D. Smith (Crewe)	5.0
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Minor (Under-125)

1=	M. Armitage (Halifax)	4.5
	S. Gerrard (Dista)	4.5
	S.R. Wilcox (Rushall)	4.5

Bolton, 29th-31st March.

Open (Six Rounds)

1	J. Horner (Bolton)	5.5
2=	T. Wiley (Chester YMCA)	4.0

	D. Wolstencroft (Poulton)	4.0
	M.J. Surtees (Bolton)	4.0
	D.A. Knox (Chorlton)	4.0
	B. Macieja (East Cheshire)	4.0

Major (Under-165)

1	B. Hague (Rochdale)	5.5
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Minor (Under-120)

1	G. Berzins (South Manchester)	5.5
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These results are taken from British Chess Magazine and Pergamon Chess. The following is from Bruce Holland.

The 1991 Warwickshire Chess Championship

Presented by the Warwickshire Chess Association, in conjunction with the Nuneaton Chess Club. Sponsored by The Evening Tribune, Nuneaton.

Keith Arkell, last year's winner, did not turn up to defend his title, but this was made up for by the reappearance of Chris Baker who took the title in 1989.

The Under-21 Champion is John Naylor who didn't quite make his way into the main prize money. Eleven year old Jack Rudd was a revelation; he came up from the West Country, collected two points out of five in the Open, and returned home with the Best Game Prize, a year's subscription to Pergamon Chess.

Youth also had its say in the other two events, with Andrew Calderwood from Loughborough winning the Major outright, and Wystan Chevannes from Sutton Coldfield sharing the honours in the Minor.

Open (Five Rounds)

1	Jonathan Nelson (Whoberley)	5.0
2=	Chris Shephard (Sheffield Nomads)	4.5
	Chris Baker (Bristol)	4.5
U-21	John Naylor (Rugby)	4.0
U175	Philip Wheldon (Urmston)	3.5

Major

1	Andrew Calderwood (Loughborough)	5.0
2=	Karl Forman (W M Transport)	4.5
	Richard Ingram (Bushbury)	4.5
	John Asbury (Solihull Lodge)	4.5

Minor

1=	Dennis Biles (East Birmingham)	5.0
	Wystan Chevannes (Sutton Coldfield)	5.0
3=	Mark Connor (Handsworth Wood)	4.5
	Alan Moffatt (Corby)	4.5

Coming Attraction Midland Open / Birmingham Minor

At Great Barr School and Leisure Centre. June 14-16.

The winner of the Open will hold the title Midland Open Champion. Also at stake in the Open are two places in the British Championship, and the Midland Closed Under-18 Championship. The Minor is for players graded under 125. Further details from Bruce Holland: (0926) 53280.