

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHESS UNION

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M.C.C.U. Inter-County Championships

Report from Neil Beasley

First Teams

1990-91 Final

Leicestershire 11.0 9.0 Nottinghamshire

1991-92 West Zone

Shropshire 7.0 13.0 Staffordshire
 Worcestershire 2.0 14.0 Greater Manchester
 Staffordshire 13.5 6.5 Worcestershire
 Warwickshire 16.5 3.5 Shropshire (1 adj.)

1991-92 East Zone

Northamptonshire 6.5 12.5 Leicestershire (1 adj.)
 Nottinghamshire 15.0 5.0 Lincolnshire
 Lincolnshire 8.5 10.5 Derbyshire (1 adj.)
 Leicestershire vs Nottinghamshire - postponed.

Second Teams

1990-91 Final

Warwickshire 7.0 11.0 Nottinghamshire

The result was adjusted due to the use of two ineligible players by Warwickshire.

1991-92 West Zone

Shropshire 7.5 6.5 Warwickshire (a)
 Worcestershire 5.5 14.5 Staffordshire
 Grtr. Manchester 16.0 0.0 Worcestershire (b)
 Staffordshire 8.5 11.5 Warwickshire
 Shropshire 7.5 8.5 Greater Manchester
 Warwickshire 17.0 3.0 Worcestershire

1991-92 East Zone

Leicestershire 10.0 6.0 Lincolnshire
 Nottinghamshire 15.5 4.5 Derbyshire
 Derbyshire 5.0 15.0 Leicestershire
 Northamptonshire 7.0 9.0 Nottinghamshire
 Lincolnshire 7.5 7.5 Nott'hamshire (1 adj.)

Third Teams

Grtr. Manchester 12.0 8.0 Staffordshire
 Nottinghamshire 9.5 5.5 Warwickshire
 Leicestershire 17.0 3.0 Derbyshire
 Nottinghamshire 8.0 8.0 Greater Manchester
 Staffordshire 10.0 10.0 Leicestershire

Under-130 Teams

Shropshire 7.0 5.0 Nottinghamshire
 Derbyshire 3.5 8.5 Staffordshire
 Nottinghamshire 9.5 2.5 Derbyshire
 Staffordshire 8.5 3.5 Leicestershire

Notes :

- (a) Adjusted score.
 (b) By default.

Midland Counties Club Championships

1991-92

Draw from Andrew Leadbetter

Championship Section

Breadsall v Gambit; Kynoch v Stafford;
 Rugby v Wigston; Telford v Newcastle.

Minor Section

Round One

Cheddleton v Oxclose; Wigston v Rugby.

Round Two

Oxclose v Wigston; Rugby v Cheddleton.

Round Three

Cheddleton v Wigston; Oxclose v Rugby.

1991 Grading Statistics for Counties and Leagues From Bruce Holland

<u>County / League</u>	<u>Number of Players</u>	<u>Total Games</u>	<u>Average Grade</u>	<u>County / League</u>	<u>Number of Players</u>	<u>Total Games</u>	<u>Average Grade</u>
Wales	102	1939	145	Durham	178	2614	113
Bristol	128	1784	136	Cornwall	117	2568	112
Cambridgeshire	157	2273	133	Chesterfield League	30	434	111
Middlesex	1122	18758	132	Warwickshire	794	10722	111
Surrey	679	14536	132	Hampshire	609	12351	111
Scotland	71	702	130	Coventry League	44	681	111
Berkshire	238	3474	130	Leicestershire	512	7090	110
Dorset	137	2950	127	Lancashire	434	6935	109
Kent	703	12141	126	Greater Manchester	805	13485	109
Bedfordshire	174	3787	124	Staffordshire	525	7995	108
Hertfordshire	298	5267	124	Merseyside	488	7359	107
Oxfordshire	356	5373	119	Nottinghamshire	405	6502	107
Essex	787	13853	118	Devon	281	4529	106
Worcestershire	189	3080	118	Yorkshire	1312	19575	105
Sussex	497	9846	117	Cheshire & N. Wales	548	7889	104
Suffolk	223	4548	116	Northumberland	286	4107	104
Shropshire	142	2075	115	Wiltshire	193	3491	103
Birmingham League	192	3576	114	Somerset	342	4475	102
Norfolk	225	3917	114	Cleveland	232	3621	100
Herefordshire	40	809	114	Cumbria	213	2726	100
Lincs. & S. Humberside	173	2898	114	Derbyshire	204	3052	100
London Banks League	171	2354	113	North Staffordshire	20	204	92
Northamptonshire	134	2577	113	Gloucestershire	23	244	91

Graphs of Grades - Editor's note

The graphs on the opposite page show comparisons between the overall BCF distribution, and the distribution for each of the Midland Counties (MCCU), Northern Counties (NCCU), and Southern Counties (SCCU). In each of the graphs the heavy line shows the overall BCF distribution. The numbers along the bottom are grades; the

numbers at the side represent percentage of players at the particular grading level. Grading levels were divided into ten-point bands; e.g., 5-14, 15-24, etc. Results were included for those playing eight or more games during the 1990-91 season. Assignment of players to counties and leagues required some "intelligent guesses".

MIDLAND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Assembly Rooms Derby
20th - 22nd March 1992**

On the Sunday evening, after the Championships, there will be a simultaneous display, in support of the Challenge the Russians appeal. The aim of the appeal is to generate funds for training juniors.

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Midland Open Championship 1992

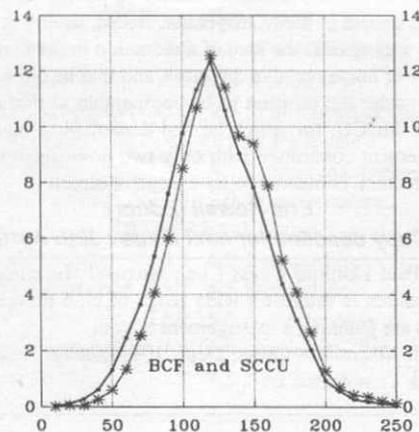
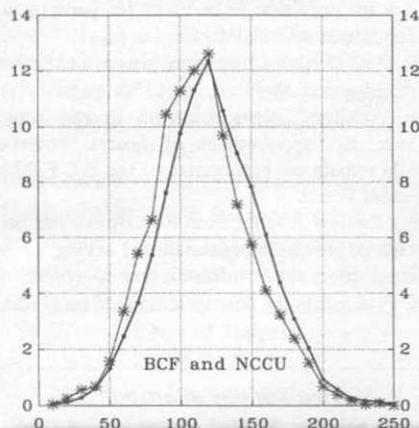
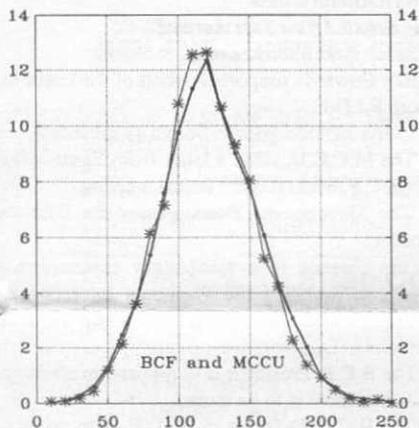
**British Championship Qualifying
Tournament, 12th - 14th June**

Three Six-Round Sections : Open and Qualifier; Major (Under 160); Minor (Under 120).

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MCCU Junior Chess

Report from Len Morrell

On 2nd November 1991 the British Lightning Team Championships took place in Widnes. I entered an Under-18 team. They were J.Parker, M.Turner, S.Bibby, and as one junior was unable to play I had to be the fourth player. We scored 16/28; the winners scored 22 points.

On 15th December 1991 the First Midland Junior Rapidplay was held at the Rushcliffe Leisure Centre, Nottingham. 40 juniors entered the tournament and the following were the prize winners (points out of six):

1st=	S.Bibby (Sutton Coldfield)	5.5
	S.Joseph (Gambit)	5.5
3rd=	M.Burrows (Worcester St. John)	4.5
	M.Tailby (Nottingham Juniors)	4.5
	J.Vere (Courtaulds)	4.5
U12=	G.Finglass (Olton)	4.0
	P.Finglass (Olton)	4.0
	N.Partridge (Rugby)	4.0
Best		
Girl =	A.Dyce (Sutton)	3.5
	S.Joy (Rotherham)	3.5

Midland Counties Team Quickplay

Nuneaton, 22 September 1991

Report from Neil Graham

Scores, out of 64 :

1st	Staffordshire	44.5 ;
2nd=	Nottinghamshire	43.5
	Warwickshire	43.5 ;
4th	Leicestershire	30.5 ;
5th	Derbyshire	15.5 ;
6th	Northamptonshire	14.5 .

The event was closely contested between the three frontrunners with the title in doubt till the last game. The lower placed sides had some satisfaction with the odd points that they obtained effectively deciding the fate of the teams at the top.