

# MIDLAND COUNTIES CHESS UNION NEWSLETTER



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## Editorial

Welcome to a new Newsletter which it is intended to produce at least 3 times a year, i.e. Christmas, late March and prior to the AGM. I do rely on information, results etc. being submitted and would welcome letters, games or comment that can be considered for inclusion (N.B. deadline for next number is 25th May). I am still looking for some assistance in producing this Newsletter - an offer to edit it would be even better! Please contact me on the above telephone number.



## KING KEITH !

This was the headline in the Derby Evening Telegraph (photo courtesy of the paper) when Keith Arkell's pursuit of a Grandmaster title was eventually ratified by FIDE.

Let's hope that the financial stability that the title will provide, not to mention the increased tournament invitations, will enable Keith to move up the FIDE ratings.

## MCCU Individual Counties' Correspondence Championship 1995

		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Total
1	A	A Smith Gr Man.	x	½	1	½	1	1	5
2	B	J A Hulley Lincs.	½	x	½	0	1	1	4
3=	C	M J Donnelly Warwicks.	0	½	x	½	½	1	3½
3=	D	K McLaughlin Leics.	½	1	½	x	0	½	3½
5	E	M Alcock Notts.	0	0	½	1	x	0	2½
6	F	M Squires Warwicks.	0	0	0	½	1	x	2
7	G	P H Tibbert Northants.	0	0	0	0	0	½	½

Congratulations to Alan  
**Smith** (Greater Manchester)  
on winning the 1995 MCCU  
Individual Correspondence  
Championship →

## BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS : NOTTINGHAM, 5-17TH AUGUST 1996

First time it has been held in the Midlands for 26 years (1970 Coventry). Norman Lazonby and his team in Nottingham are working hard in ensuring its success.

Additional sponsorship would be welcome and if anyone can spare a few hours to assist in any capacity during the fortnight please contact Norman on 0115-9213889.

Special prizes will be awarded for the best Midland scores-sponsored by the East Midlands Electricity Board. Entry forms will be out in April. It might be another 26 years before the Championships are held so conveniently so lets have a bumper entry from the Midlands!

The MCCU Individual Rapidplay will take place at the Nottingham University on Sunday 4th August.

### B C F NEWS

- Simon Brown resigned as International Chess Director and has been replaced by David Sedgwick.
- Tony Suttill has taken over from David Jarrett as Management Services Director.
- To compensate for less games being played recommendation made to increase game fee to 23p.
- Board has nominated Stewart Reuben to replace Alan Martin as Chairman after latter's term of office ends.
- David Newell, Director of Junior Chess, warns about a hoaxes inviting Juniors to none existent tournaments. Advises care and recommends a contact telephone number to be obtained.

### M C C U NEWS

- Junior Director Len Morrell is not standing again. Successor sought.
- Midland Open Championships at Quinborne, date changed to 7-9th June.
- M C C U celebrating Centenary in 1997 and intends running special events.
- M C C U AGM has been brought forward to Sunday 2nd June in order not to clash with Open event mentioned above.

### LATEST FROM THE LEAGUES

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE-In Division One Fiveways I and Gambit are setting the pace with 14 points from 9 games. Their second teams are both challenging for promotion from Division Two.

BIRMINGHAM-Kynoch lead with 15 points from 9 games but are pursued by several teams all with games in hand including Bushbury, Solihull and Lichfield.

DERBY & DISTRICT-Oxclose 'A' and Long Eaton 'A' led by Mike Barnes and Keith Arkell respectively dispute the title and their clash in the last match of the season will decide the outcome.

## 4 NCL NATIONAL LEAGUE

Defending champions Midland Monarchs are again in confident form and have 11 points from their 6 games to date. They have drawn with Richmond but had an important 4½-3½ win over Wood Green. Leading individual scores for the Monarchs are Harriet Hunt and Matthew Turner 5½/6 and Adam Collinson 4/4.

### LEAGUE TABLE after 6 rounds

	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Midland Monarchs .....	6	5	1	0	34	14	11
Slough .....	6	4	2	0	31½	16½	10
Witney .....	6	4	2	0	29½	18½	10
Wood Green .....	6	4	1	1	32	16	9
North West Eagles .....	6	4	1	1	26	22	9
Richmond .....	6	3	1	2	27	20	7
Hertford .....	6	3	0	3	24	24	6
British Chess Magazine .....	6	2	2	2	21	27	6
Guildford .....	6	2	0	4	24	24	4
South Wales Dragons .....	6	1	1	4	20	28	3
Croydon 1859 .....	6	1	1	4	15½	32½	3
Na Fianna .....	6	1	1	4	14½	32½	3
Bristol & District .....	6	1	0	5	17	30	2
Newcastle .....	6	0	1	5	19½	28½	1

## GAMES

White - K. Arkell (Long Eaton 'A')      Black - J. Molyneux (Breadsall 'B')  
Derby & District League March 1996

1 d4 f5 2 g3 e6 3 Bg2 Nf6 4 Nd2 d5 5 Nh3 Be7 6 0-0 0-0

7 c4 c6 8 Nf4 Ne4 9 Qc2 Bf6 10 e3 Qe8 11 b3 Kh8

12 Ba3 Rg8 13 f3 Nd2 14 Qd2 e5 15 de Be5 16 Rael dc

17 bc Be6 18 Ne6 Qe6 19 f4 Bc7 20 e4 Qc4 21 ef Qa4

22 Bb2 Bd8 23 Qc3 h6 24 Re8 Bf6 25 Qf6 gf 26 Bf6ch Kh7

27 Re7ch Rg7 28 Rg7ch Kh8 29 Re1 Na6 30 Rg6ch Resigns

\* N.B. If 22 ..... Ba5 then 23 f6!

## INTER-COUNTY JUNIOR JAMBOREES : RESULTS

Under 12      Warwicks 31½, Derbyshire 17, Leicestershire 5½

Under 14 Major      Warwicks 31, Notts 24, Derbys 18½, Humberside 16½,  
 Lincs 16, Staffs 14½, Leicestershire 13½, Shropshire 8½

Minor      Warwicks 33½, Derbys 23½, Lincs 17, Staffs 11, Leics 4½

Under 18      Warwicks 21, Leicestershire & Humberside 14½, Staffs 10,  
 Derbys and Notts 9½, Lincolnshire 5.

2nd Teams      Derbys 18, Leicestershire 6.

Under 18 Girls      Notts 7, Leics 6½, Staffs 4½

- OPEN - West Zone - Gtr Manch 8 Warwick 7 (1 Adjn)  
- Shrops 11.5 Worcester 4.5
- OPEN - East Zone - Lincoln 8 Leicester 8  
- Derby 10.5 Northants 4.5 (1 Adjn)
- Under 175 - Leicester 7.5 Warwick 8.5  
- Leicester 8.5 Gtr Manch 7.5
- U150 - West Zone - Warwicks 8.5 Worcester 7.5  
- Stafford 7 Shrops 9  
- Gtr Manch 11 Stafford 5  
- Shrops v Worcester - postponed
- U150 - East Zone - Leicester B 7.5 Leicester A 16.5  
- Northants 11.5 Lincoln 4.5  
- Leicester A 10.5 Northants 5.5  
- Nottingham 13 Leicester B 2
- U125 - West Zone - Gtr Manch v Stafford - postponed  
- Warwicks 8.5 Derby N 7.5  
- Shrops 11.5 Leicester B 4.5
- U125 - East Zone - Nottingham B 10 Leicester A 6  
- Leicester A 6.5 Nottingham A 9.5  
- Nottingham A 10 Lincoln 6  
- Derby S 10 Leicester C 6
- Under 100 - Leicester 4 Gtr Manch 8  
- Stafford A 4.5 Stafford B 7.5

- OPEN - West Zone - Worcester 4 Warwick 12  
- Stafford 10.5 Gtr Manch 5.5  
- Shrops 3 Stafford 12 (1 Adjn)  
- Worcester 6.5 Gtr Manch 9.5
- OPEN - East Zone - Leicester 11 Derby 5  
- Northants 3.5 Nottingham 12.5  
- Nottingham 9.5 Lincoln 6.5  
- Northants 3.5 Leicester 11.5 (1 Adjn)  
- Warwicks 4.5 Nottingham 11.5
- Under 175 - Gtr Manch 9.5 Stafford 6.5  
- Stafford 5.5 Leicester 10.5
- U150 - West Zone - Shrops 9.5 Worcester 6.5  
- Worcester 7.5 Stafford 8.5  
- Gtr Manch v Warwicks - match void
- U150 - East Zone - Lincoln v Leicester B - postponed  
- Nottingham v Leicester A - match void
- U125 - West Zone - Gtr Manch 12 Derby N 0 (Default)  
- Warwicks 9 Stafford 7  
- Shrops v Gtr Manch - postponed  
- Leicester B 4 Derby N 12  
- Stafford 14 Leicester B 2  
- Derby N 6 Shrops 10  
- Warwicks 10 Gtr Manch 6
- U125 - East Zone - Nottingham A 9 Nottingham B 7  
- Lincoln 14 Leicester C 2  
- Derby S 6.5 Leicester A 9.5  
- Leicester C 5.5 Nottingham A 10.5  
- Nottingham B 10.5 Derby S 5.5  
- Leicester A 5.5 Lincoln 10.5
- Under 100 - Gtr Manch 11 Stafford A 1  
- Stafford B 0 Leicester 12 (Default)  
- Nottingham A 3.5 Nottingham B 8.5  
- Shrops 12 Nottingham A 0 (Default)  
- Stafford A 4.5 Leicester 7.5  
- Nottingham B 12 Shrops 0 (Default)

**BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY, 11 February**

**Open:** 1 M Hebden (Leicester) 6/6; 2= G Buckley (Stafford), D Mason (Solihull), A Webster (Birmingham) 4...

**U160:** 1 D Price (Birmingham) 5/6; 2 A Woodland (Birmingham) 4½; 3= D Burton, D Lambourne (both Birmingham), T Neal (Telford), A Schroeder (Stafford) 4...

**U130:** 1 M Soszynski (Birmingham) 5½/6; 2 M Jones (Leicester) 5; 3= A Grant (Lichfield), F Jimenez (Solihull), K Ozaran, D Stockhall (both Birmingham), S Thacker 4½...

**U100:** 1 C Greesley (Birmingham) 6/6; 2= T Kneafsey (Solihull), M Miller (Sheffield), C Payne (Newark) 5...

**OPEN : SEMI-FINALS**

Nottingham 4½ Warwicks 10½ (1 adj) Greater Manchester 13 Leicester 3

**MINOR : SEMI-FINALS**

Lincoln 11 Worcester 5 Shropshire 8 Derby 7 (1 adj but Shrops must go through)

**UNDER 175**

Winners : Nottinghamshire Runners-up : Leicestershire

**UNDER 150 : SEMI-FINALS**

Nottingham 10 Warwicks 6 Greater Manchester 7 Leicester 'A' 9

**UNDER 125 : SEMI-FINALS**

Nottingham 'A' v Shropshire (to play) Warwicks 8½ Nottingham 'B' 7½

**MCCU Counties' Correspondence Championship 1995**

Final table

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total
1 Gr Manchester I (a)	1½b»	1g	2e	2h	1c	2f	2d	2i	1g	«0b	2h	1½e	2f	0c	2i	2d	24
2 Warwicks (b)	1i	«½a	2f	2d	1h	1c	0g	2e	2a»	2i	2d	1½f	2c	½h	1e	2g	22½
3 Shropshire (c)	2h	1f	1g	½i	1a	1b	2e	0d+	2f	½h	2i	2g	0b	2a	2d	2e	21
4 Leicestershire (d)	2f	2i	½h	0b	1g	«0e	0a	2c+	2i	1½f	0b	2h	2e»	2g	0c	0a	17
5 Nottinghamshire (e)	1g	1½h	0a	1½d	2d»	2i	0c	0b	1h	2g	1f	½a	2i	«0d	1b	0c	15½
6 Gr Manchester II (f)	0d	1c	0b	½e	2i	0a	1h»	2g	0c	½d	1e	½b	0a	1i	1½g	«2h	13
7 Staffordshire (g)	1e	1a	1c	«0i	1d	1h	2b	0f	1a	0e	1i»	0c	2h	0d	½f	0b	11½
Lincs & S Humbers (h)	0c	½e	1½d	0a	1b	1g	1½i	«1f	1e	1½c	0a	0d	0g	1½b	0f»	1i	11½
9 Worcestershire (i)	1b	0d	2g»	1½c	0f	0e	½h	0a	0d	0b	0c	«1g	0e	1f	0a	1h	8