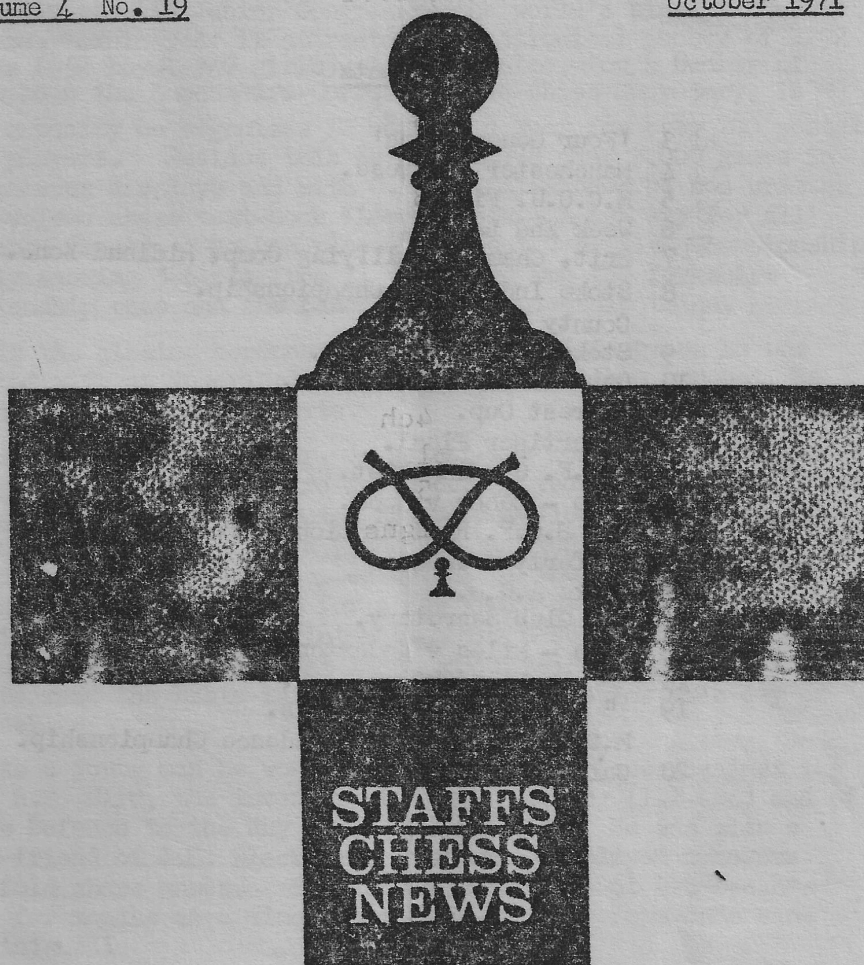


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'FOUR GENERATIONS!'

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Mr. T.J. Beach retired this year after 20 years as director of Liverpool's Junior Congress - the world's biggest Chess Congress. This year it attracted the astronomical number of 1292 entries (952 boys, 340 girls). He has also, for a number of years, been the Lancashire Correspondence Chess Secretary, in which capacity he organizes 10 matches a year for over 200 postal chess players. Besides this he has played over 3,000 games in simultaneous displays and with C.H.O'D. Alexander he has written a two-volume chess text-book 'Learn Chess - A new way for all' (Pergamon Press). He has played in about 7 British Championships, usually scoring 5-6½pts from 11 games and won the Yorkshire Championship once and the Lancashire Championship twice.

At the closing ceremony of the Liverpool Congress he was presented with an inscribed salver, his wife with a bouquet, in appreciation of their efforts.

T.J.'s grandfather, Dr. G. Beach, was regarded as the strongest player in Cheshire for about 50 years, from 1878 onwards. During this time he is reputed not to have lost a single serious game of chess (!!!). As a young man he studied so effectively by himself that he was accepted by one of the Inns of Court in London. After practising for a few years as a Barrister at Law, he gained another degree, later becoming a Headmaster at Macclesfield. He learnt at least six foreign languages, as he used to read the Bible in a different language for each day of the week.

As a young man he won a match of about 8 games against the young H.E. Bird, the inventor of Bird's Opening (1.P-KB4) and of Bird's Defence to the Ruy Lopez (3....N-Q5). He was also a close friend of J.H. Blackburne with whom he played numerous blindfold chess games. Blackburne would stay at Dr. Beach's house for months at a time; until the Doctor's home-made wine was finished!

On moving to Macclesfield from Cheadle he formed the Macclesfield Chess Club. According to a very old Year Book, Cheadle (Club inaugurated 1879) had a strong club of 37 players. They met daily at 7 p.m. at the Mechanics Institute (Subscription minimum 1/-, average 2/6: residents of Cheadle 5/- to the Institute in addition). In Blackburne's opinion Cheadle was the strongest club in England outside the great towns.

Dr. Beach died on Dec. 14th 1937 at the ripe old age of 84.

T.J.'s father, the Rev. G.C. Beach, was also a player of high-board county strength, and is well remembered by chess players at York and at Northampton, where he died in 1961. He achieved the distinction of simultaneously winning Open Scholarships to Cambridge in Maths and to Oxford in Latin; he chose Cambridge and Maths. He also played hockey for Staffordshire - he was living in Leek at the time - and cricket for the Yorkshire second eleven. He used to be a very fast goal-scoring hockey wingman, and might have become an England International if he had not suffered a cartilage injury in his last County hockey game (having scored all 3 of Staffordshire's goals in this match).

T.J.'s son is R.A. Beach, who, as the secretary of the Electra Chess Club and Games Editor of this magazine, is known to one and all. He won the British Under 18 Championship a few months before his grandfather's death in 1961. Richard is a regular county player, being entitled to play on Board 1 for the first team because he is the Staffordshire Chess Champion. His achievements are often mentioned in this magazine (see elsewhere in this issue!).

Manchester Congress, July 2nd - 4th 1971

This year's Congress was split into two tournaments, both six round Swisses: the 'Open' Championship which was open to all and attracted a strong entry of 92 players, plus a 'Major' Tournament restricted to players graded below 170, which attracted 150 players. Playing conditions were excellent as usual, with accommodation and meals being very conveniently provided on the premises at Owens Park (a Manchester University hall of residence).

The 'Open' resulted in a quadruple tie between B. Cafferty and A.J. Miles (both Birmingham), V.W. Knox (Cheadle) and R.Gardener (Brighouse), and other strong players competing included J.E. Littlewood, N. Littlewood, M.J. Haygarth and L.W. Barden. Several Staffordshire players competed in the Congress, but failed to win any prizes :

In the 'Open', R.A.Beach, G.R.Evans (both Electra) and J.M.Quinn (Stafford Council) all scored $3\frac{1}{2}$, R.Keely (Wolverhampton Kipping) and D.M.Wise (Keele University) both scored 3, E.H.Goodwin (W'hampton Kipping) scored $2\frac{1}{2}$, and P.Morrey (Stoke) scored 2. In the 'Major', R.J.Edwards (Victory) scored 4, R.D.Picken (Stafford Council) and M.C.Wright (ex-Victory) both scored 3, and J.R.Ludlam (Electra) scored $1\frac{1}{2}$.

MCCU Final

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WEEK END CHESS LEAGUE

Staffordshire met Warwickshire at Portland Road Schools, Edgbaston, Birmingham on Saturday 5 June in the final of the Midland Counties Championship. Warwickshire emerged as winners by the narrowest possible margin of $10\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{1}{2}$. Paul Taylor of Halesowen and J Watson of Stafford both gained their county colours by their wins in this match. The detailed results were as follows.

<u>Warwickshire</u> $10\frac{1}{2}$			<u>Staffordshire</u> $9\frac{1}{2}$		
1.	P C Griffiths	1	R A Beach		0
2.	R S McFarland	1	M Fleury		0
3.	G N Stokes	1	D W Anderton		0
4.	M W Marlow	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Lamb		$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	W Ritson Morry	0	B Hopewell		1
6.	M S Dunn	0	R Keely		1
7.	K Ingram	$\frac{1}{2}$	J H Baines		$\frac{1}{2}$
8.	R Farley	0	J M Quinn		1
9.	G Hill	0	J M Turner		1
10.	D W Bell	1	J Fellows		0
11.	W J Gordon	0	J Watson		1
12.	M E Davis	1	S G Johnson		0
13.	A J Stoker	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Reynolds		$\frac{1}{2}$
14.	J Murray	0	E H Goodwin		1
15.	R Wildig	1	P Wojciechowski		0
16.	H T Jones	1	R J Edwards		0
17.	F J O'Reilly	0	W P Taylor		1
18.	G Jelfs	$\frac{1}{2}$	I Fleury		$\frac{1}{2}$
19.	R Baker	$\frac{1}{2}$	W N Clayton		$\frac{1}{2}$
20.	N Andrews	1	M Anderton		0

WEEK END CHESS LEAGUE

Birmingham Nomads and Nottingham tied for the League title. The final table was as follows.

<u>Club</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Nu</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Birmingham Nomads	X	1½	7½	4½	5½	4½	4½	10
Nottingham League	6½	X	0d	4½	5	5	8	10
Stourbridge	4½	8	X	2½	7	5	4½	8
Nuneaton	3½	3½	5½	X	4½	8	0d	6
Herefordshire League	2½	3	1	3½	x	5	4½	4
Derbyshire Club	3½	3	3	0d	3	X	4½	2
Wolverhampton & DCL	3½	0d	3½	8	3½	3½	X	2

d = default

The results of the Wolverhampton League's matches not already given:

<u>Herefordshire</u>			4½	<u>Wolverhampton</u>			3½
1.	C Burton	1		Default			0
2.	L Collard	0		G Homer			1
3.	M J Jones	0		J H Baines			1
4.	H Bottomley	0		S J Johnson			1
5.	S Dibdin	1		M Reynolds			0
6.	P Johnston	1		Default			0
7.	B Donaldson	½		P G Jackson			½
8.	F Neate	1		K Pittaway			0
<u>Stourbridge</u>			4½	<u>Wolverhampton</u>			3½
1.	B G Dudley	½		G Homer			½
2.	P C Robertson	½		J H Baines			½
3.	M L Nicholson	1		S G Johnson			0

4.	J Heath	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Fellows	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	D F Fernihough	1	W P Taylor	0
6.	J R Humphries	0	C Southall	1
7.	C L Proctor	1	J H Charles	0
8.	A J Phillips	0	K Pittaway	1

Birmingham $4\frac{1}{2}$ Wolverhampton $3\frac{1}{2}$

1.	P C Griffiths	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Hcmer	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	R Farley	$\frac{1}{2}$	J H Baines	$\frac{1}{2}$
3.	G N Stokes	$\frac{1}{2}$	S G Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	W R Morry	1	J Fellows	0
5.	M S Dunn	1	B Marshall	0
6.	M E Davis	1	W P Taylor	0
7.	N Andrews	0	C Southall	1
8.	G Dale	0	J H Charles	1

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION MIDLAND ZONE

The two qualifiers from this event were B H Wood and B Cafferty. Wood forgot to enter for the Championship and Cafferty qualified via the Forrest Cup, so the Midlands were not fully represented in the Championship. The Zonal did however produce some interesting games (see Games department). The final table was as follows.

	<u>BHW</u>	<u>EC</u>	<u>DWA</u>	<u>PNW</u>	<u>CGB</u>	<u>RWH</u>	<u>Pts</u>
B H Wood	-	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
B Cafferty	0	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3
D W Anderton	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$
P N Wallis	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	1	0	$2\frac{1}{2}$
C G Burton	0	0	1	0	-	1d	2
R W Howley	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0d	-	$1\frac{1}{2}$

Full Results of Stoke League Individual Championship, 1970-1

Section A

	RE	JH	TS	HD	GR	AD	Total	Position
R.J. Edwards (Victory)	X	1	1	1	1	1	5	1st
J. Hodgkinson (M.E.S.C.)	0	X	1	1	1	1	4	2nd
T.E. Swain (Penkull)	0	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3rd
H. Dearville (Willfield)	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	4th
G. Romanski (Electra)	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	5th
A. Poust (Electra)	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	6th

Section B

	JF	JSS	AW	JAS	Total	Position
J.M. Fitcher (Electra)	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$	1st
J.S. Sandhu (Electra)	0	X	1d	1	2	2nd
A.J. Wilshaw (Victory)	$\frac{1}{2}$	0d	X	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	3rd
J.A. Scott (Blind)	0	0	0	X	0	4th

d indicates result by default.

Other game in Section B : J.S. Sandhu 1, A.C. Finney 0

Play-Off R.J. Edwards $\frac{1}{2}$ J.M. Fitcher $\frac{1}{2}$; J.M. Fitcher 1
R.J. Edwards 0

J.M. Fitcher thus becomes the new Stoke League Champion. He is the only one so far not to have been a member of Victory Chess Club at the time of his Championship win, is Captain of Electra 'B' team, and used to play for Oxfordshire.

County Fixtures

Here are some of the dates of the County Fixtures.

Saturday	2 October	1971	North v South
Saturday	30 October	1971	Warwicks I v Staffs I
Saturday	20 November	1971	Salop I v Staffs I
Saturday	4 December	1971	Hereford II v Staffs II
Saturday	15 January	1972	Staffs I v Worcestershire I
Saturday	29 January	1972	Staffs II v Warwicks II
Saturday	26 February	1972	Worcestershire II v Staffs II
Saturday	18 March	1972	Cheshire v Staffs II (provisional)

Stoke-on-Trent Sports Festival, 21st-22nd July 1971

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In the Simultaneous Displays on 21st July, D.W. Anderton took on 16 opponents (losing to W.Armstrong, Willfield and P.Brackner, Electra, and drawing with F.Daniels, Sneyd Green and G.Morse, Willfield) result 13-3, while R.A. Beach took on 11 opponents (winning all his games). D.W. Anderton of Wolverhampton Kipping Chess Club, was joint winner of the Open Championship of the 7th Staffordshire Congress, while R.A. Beach of Electra Chess Club, was the winner of the Staffordshire Closed Individual Championship (Advertiser Trophy) for the third successive time. This was the 5th time in 13 Displays that R.A. Beach won all his games.

Prior to these displays, Mrs. Anderton presented the prizes on behalf of the Stoke League, as follows :-

Division One 1st Electra 'A' 2nd Willfield 'A'
" Two 1st Sneyd Grn 'B' 2nd Kidsgrove
Knock Out Electra 'A' Subs.K.O. Sneyd Grn 'A'
Best Individual Performance P. Paskin
Stoke Individual Champ. 1st J.M.Fletcher (Electra)
2nd R.J.Edwards (Victory)

Mrs. Anderton was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

In the Lightning Tournament on 22nd July, the winning team was Electra 'A' (board 1, R.A.Beach 5½/6; board 2, B.Hopewell 6/6; board 3, C.S.Barnard 5/6; board 4, G.R.Evans 6/6). Second was West Bromwich. Team scores as follows :-

1st	Electra 'A'	22½
2nd	West Bromwich	16
3rd	Stafford	15½
	Willfield Y.A. 'A'	15½
5th	Electra 'B'	12
6th	Victory C.C.	10
7th	M.T.C.	9
8th	Sneyd Green	8½
9th	Penkull	5½
	Willfield Y.A. 'B'	5½

There were also two prizes for Best Performance for players not in the winning teams. The winners were :- 1st D.Ewan, Stafford, 5 pts. Joint 2nd P.Griffin & M.Hancock, Willfield, 4½ pts.

Played in the Hickman Cup

White : C.S. Barnard (Electra 'A') Black : A. Archer (Victory)

French Defence

1 P-K4	P-K3	9 O-O	O-O	17 BxNP	QxQP?
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	10 B-N5	P-R3	18 B-Q1!	R-QN1?
3 N-QB3	B-QN5	11 B-R4	Q-QR4	19 K-R1	RxB
4 P-K5	P-QB4	12 Q-Q2	N-B4	20 QxB	QxQBP
5 P-QR3	BxNch	13 B-N3	K-R1?!	21 PxN	NxKBP
6 PxB	N-K2	14 B-B4!	R-KN1?	22 R-KN1	Resigns
7 N-B3	QN-B3	15 P-KN4	P-KN4		
8 B-K2	P-B5	16 NxP?!	PxN		

Notes by the winner :-

14....R-KN1?; This plan of attack on the K-side is of dubious value. Black is not yet fully developed, and White has a noticable supiority on the K-side.

17....QxQP?; This move only makes the situation worse. 17....N(B4)-K2 is probably best, but white should still win.

Additional notes by R.A. Beach :-

16.NxP?!; 16.PxN,PxBdis ch; 17.K-R1,KPxP; 18.QxBP is simpler and also good for White.

17....QxQP?; 17....N(4)-K2 loses to 18.B-B6ch,K-R2; 19.Q-K3, R-N3; 20.P-N5,K-N1; 21.P-KR4,N-E4; 22.Q-R3,K-B1; 23.P-R5,R-KN1; 24.P-R6. Black's best defence is 17....KNxQP!; 18.B-B6ch (18.B-Q1,N-N4!; 19.Q-B4,RxB; 20.QxR,QxBP), K-R2; 19.B-Q3ch?!, N-B4!, with an unclear position.

18....R-QN1?; Now 18....N-N4 fails against 19.PxN,QxBP; 20.Q-B4. 18....B-Q2 is better than the move played, but still loses.

19....RxB; Losing immediately. 19....B-Q2 holds out longer.

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(f) 25...R-QN1 would have been slightly better but then 26.N-B4 Q-R3 27.N-Q6ch BxN 28.RxB QxP 29.R(1)-Q1 N-B4 (or R-Q1 30.Q-N7! (threat P-QN3) P-N6 31.R(6)-Q4 wins) 30.Q-R4 N-N2 (or O-O 31.R(6)-Q4 wins) 31.P-QN3 Q-N4 (if QxP 32.R-Q7 O-O 33.R(7)-Q3 Q moves 34.Q-B6 wins) 32.Q-B6 R-N1 (R-KB1 33.RxPch!) 33.N-Q4-B6 wins.

(g) If 27...K-B1 28.Q-KB4 wins.

(h) If 28...Q-R4 29.Q-B6 (Notes based on those by A.J.Miles)

FORREST CUP

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In the West Midlands final Bernard Cafferty (Birmingham) beat B H Wood (Sutton Coldfield) (see games department). In the East Midlands final L A Edwards (Leicester) beat J G Cooper (Nottingham). Cafferty was awarded the cup after difficulty in arranging his game with Edwards. He competed in the 1971 British Championship at Blackpool in August as the Midland Champion and scored $6\frac{1}{2}$ points; $1\frac{1}{2}$ points behind the winner Raymond Keene.

Advertiser Final

The Staffordshire Closed Individual final was played on 26 June and by beating Frank Wood of Sutton Coldfield, the defending Champion Richard Beach of Electra secured his third successive title. The game was a dour struggle and Beach, who held the initiative throughout, broke through after a time trouble error (see games department).

THE BCF GRADING LIST

The National lists were published at the end of August and the full Midlands list is to be released shortly. The Staffordshire players in the National lists are as follows : -

<u>3b (208-201)</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
D.W. Anderton (W'ton Kipping)	203	(196)	(204)
B. Hopewell (Electra)	201	(184)	(190)
<u>4a (200-193)</u>			
R.A. Beach (Electra)	198	(196)	(193)
M. Fleury (W'ton Kipping)	190	(198)	(182)
<u>4b (192-185)</u>			
C.S. Barnard (Electra)	187	(197)	(193)
R. Keely (W'ton Kipping)	186	(180)	(189)
A. Sadler (W'ton Kipping)	186	(169)	(173)

STAFFS ADVERTISER FINAL

FOREST CUP

<u>R A Beach</u>		<u>R F T Wood</u> (French Defence)	
1. P-K4	P-K3	22. RxN	K-N1
2. P-Q4	P-Q4	23. QR-K1	K-B2
3. N-QB3	N-KB3	24. B-N2(e)	P-N3
4. P-K5	KN-Q2	25. B-B3	R-B2
5. P-B4	P-QR3	26. N-K2	R-B5
6. N-B3	P-QB4	27. P-B3	R(1)-QB1
7. B-K3	N-QB3	28. K-N1	R(5)-B3(f)
8. Q-Q2	P-B4(a)	29. N-Q4	R-Q3
9. PxP eg	NxBP	30. P-KN4	R-K1(g)
10. PxP	Q-R4	31. P-N5	N-N1
11. N-Q4	BxP	32. B-N4	P-R3
12. N-N3	BxB	33. R(5)-K3	R-K2
13. QxB	Q-N5	34. N-B3	B-B1
14. C-O-O	O-O	35. B-R3	R-B2(h)
15. P-N3	K-R1(b)	36. PxP	NxP
16. Q-B5(c)	QxQ	37. N-N5ch(i)	K-B3
17. NxQ	P-QN3	38. BxP	BxB
18. N-Q3	B-Q2	39. RxBch	RxR
19. B-R3	R-R2	40. RxRch	K-B4
20. KR-K1	R-K1	41. R-QNP	R-K2
21. N-K5	NxN(d)	and Black resigns	

Notes

- (a) After this move, Black is saddled with a weak backward KP for the rest of the game.
8...PxP or 8...Q-N3 is probably better.
- (b) Intending to answer 16.B-R3 with 16...P-K4;
17.BxB P-Q5 and 18.B-K6ch is now impossible.
But probably better is 15...Q-K2 to avoid
White exchanging into a clearly advantageous
ending.

- (c) Also possible is 16.B-R3 since 16...P-K4 can be answered by 17.PxP! But the text move is strategically logical - B-R3 can come later.
- (d) 21...N-Q1 is a solid alternative.
- (e) White wishes to play N-K2-Q4, but an immediate 24.N-K2 could be answered by 24...N-K5. So White has first to regroup his bishop to a new diagonal.
- (f) Retreating into a completely passive situation. 28...P-QN4 is more aggressive.
- (g) Black now has five minutes left for his next ten moves.
- (h) A mistake in time trouble. After 35...P-KR4, it is not easy to see exactly how White is to break down Black's defence.
- (i) Winning the KP. 37.N-K5ch, winning the NP, is also strong.

(Notes by the Winner)

New B.C.F. Registration Scheme

Please note that the new B.C.F. registration scheme requires players who play in the Hickman Cup and Advertiser Trophy to be registered with the B.C.F. as well as with the County.

This registration fee was increased at the last Annual Council Meeting of the B.C.F. to 25p per annum for all players registered with the B.C.F.

FORREST CUP - WEST MIDLANDS FINAL

Spring 1971

	<u>B Cafferty</u>	<u>B H Wood</u>	<u>(Larsen's Opening)</u>	
1.	P-QN3(a)	P-K4	20.	N-Q4 R-B3
2.	B-N2	N-QB3	21.	QR-KB1 QR-KB1
3.	P-QB4	B-B4	22.	B-B2 B-N3
4.	P-K3	N-B3	23.	P-QN4 PxP
5.	N-QB3	O-O	24.	PxP N(3)-B2
6.	P-QR3	P-QR4	25.	B-N3 P-B4
7.	Q-B2	P-Q3	26.	PxP PxP(c)
8.	B-Q3	R-K1	27.	N-N5 R-Q1
9.	KN-K2	B-K3	28.	B-B2 R-K3
10.	O-O	P-KN3	29.	P-K4(d) R-Q5
11.	N-N3	N-N5	30.	PxP RxR
12.	P-R3	N-R3	31.	RxR R-B3
13.	QN-K4	B-R2	32.	R-K4 RxP
14.	P-B4	P-B4	33.	R-K2 B-R4(e)
15.	N-N5	PxP	34.	QxB N-B6ch
16.	NxB	RxN	35.	PxN R-N4ch
17.	RxP	Q-N4	36.	K-B1 Q-Q2
18.	Q-B3	N-K4	37.	K-K1 P-R4
19.	N-K2	Q-K2(b)	38.	Q-B3 Resigns

Notes

- (a) This opening is now very popular. Its main advantage is that it is little analysed and has many transpositional possibilities into other openings. In this game Black commits himself to a set up it would be hard to induce out of, for example, a conventional English Opening.
- (b) It is not necessary to move the Queen and this square is in any event not best.
- (c) 26...BxP is better.

(d) White's pieces have reached maximum effect and this pawn move opens up the game to devastating effect.

(e) Material is lost in any event.

----- STOKE & NEWCASTLE DISTRICT LEAGUE A.G.M.

At the Annual General Meeting, held at the Willfield Y.A. Chess Club, on Tuesday 14th September 1971, all the retiring officers were reappointed. Mr. L.A. Landon, the President, was unable to be present because of illness, and everyone at the meeting wished him an early recovery.

The composition of the League will be :-

<u>Div. 1</u>	Electra 'A'	Leek Arts Club	Willfield Y.A. 'A'
	Electra 'B'	Sneyd Green 'A'	Kidsgrove
	Victory C.C.	Sneyd Green 'B'	
<u>Div. 2</u>	Electra 'C'	Smallthorne 'A'	Willfield Y.A. 'B'
	Penkhull	Smallthorne 'B'	Blind S.C.
	M.T.C. 'A'	M.T.C. 'B'	

The draw for the Stoke Knock-Out Tournament is :

Round One

(A) Keele Univ.	v	Smallthorne 'B'
(B) Willfield 'A'	v	Bye
(C) Blind S.C.	v	Sneyd Green 'A'
(D) M.T.C. 'A'	v	M.T.C. 'B'
(E) Electra 'B'	v	Victory C.C.
(F) Willfield 'B'	v	Leek Arts Club
(G) Smallthorne 'A'	v	Sneyd Green 'B'
(H) Kidsgrove	v	Electra 'A'

Round Two

(1)	(H) v (B)
(2)	(E) v (A)
(3)	(D) v (G)
(4)	(F) v (C)

Semi-Final

(Y)	(2) v (3)
(Z)	(1) v (4)

Final

(Z) v (Y)

Aux. K.O.

The loser of (H) has a Bye in the 1st. Rd.

Aux. K.O.

New Club Secretary The secretary of the M.T.C. is Mr. J.S. Reader, 30 Dorset Place, Clayton, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

THE SEVENTH STAFFORDSHIRE CONGRESS

The results of the Congress were published in our last issue and a book has now been published giving all the games of the 1971 Open Championship and a selection of games from other events together with a Supplement of the 1969 event. The book (price 35p post free) is available from Harry Baines of 14 Hardy Road, Wednesbury.

The Open Championship was a hard fought event with few short draws, and resulted in a tie between D W Anderton of Wolverhampton Kipping and A J Miles of Birmingham. Here are two games from the Open with notes as given in the tournament book.

	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Anderton</u> (Sicilian)		
1.	P-K4	P-K3	19.	N-B4 P-B5(c)
2.	P-Q3	P-QB4	20.	KR-QB1 P-N4
3.	P-KN3	N-QB3	21.	N-K1 P-N5
4.	B-N2	P-KN3	22.	P-B3 P-R4
5.	N-KB3	B-N2	23.	N-B2 N(5)-B3(d)
6.	O-O	KN-K2	24.	B-B3 N-N3
7.	QN-Q2	O-O	25.	P-N4?(e) PxQNP
8.	R-K1	P-K4!(a)	26.	NxNP N-Q5
9.	N-B4	P-Q3	27.	BxN(f) PxB
10.	P-QR4	P-KR3	28.	R-KB1 N-K4
11.	P-B3	B-K3	29.	N-Q2 B-R3(f)
12.	R-N1	P-B4	30.	R-N2 R-QB2
13.	Q-K2	R-B1(b)	31.	N-Q5 BxN
14.	P-N3	P-QR3	32.	PxB PxNP
15.	B-N2	P-QN4	33.	RPxP B-K6ch
16.	RPxP	RPxP	34.	K-R1 P-R5
17.	QN-Q2	P-N5	35.	PxNP PxP
18.	PxNP	NxP	36.	RxRch QxR

37. B-R3	Q-R3	41. K-N3	NxQch
38. K-N2	N-N3	42. K-B3	N-B6
39. KxP	QxBch	43. Resigns	
40. KxQ	N-B5ch		

Notes

- (a) Best according to Barden for White's whole game is directed towards playing P-K5 and now his pieces are misplaced.
- (b) Black plans to attack on the Kingside but first he must neutralise White's play by either P-Q4 or P-QN4. His last three moves have created enough play on the QB file to achieve this objective; thus if 14.P-QN4 PxNP 15.PxNP PxP 16.PxP N-Q5.
- (c) Black has permanently stopped P-Q4 and has retarded any counterplay on the Queenside so now he can switch to a Kingside pawn storm.
- (d) Played on the principle that the player with the greater space should avoid exchanges.
- (e) A mistake which accelerates the Black attack 25.B-Q2 would have given White better defensive chances.
- (f) Forced in view of the threats against his KB3.

	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Carleton</u>	<u>(French)</u>		
1.	P-K4	P-K3	18.	N-B4	Q-N2
2.	P-Q4	P-Q4	19.	B-Q2	N-R3
3.	P-K5	P-QB4	20.	BxN	PxB
4.	P-B3	Q-N3	21.	QR-B1	B-K2
5.	N-B3	B-Q2	22.	P-Q5(e)	QxP
6.	B-K2	B-N4	23.	KR-Q1	Q-N2
7.	P-B4!	BxP	24.	N-R5	Q-N3
8.	BxB	Q-N5ch(a)	25.	Q-K4	R-Q1(f)
9.	QN-Q2	PxB	26.	N-N7	R-QN1
10.	P-QR3	Q-N4(b)	27.	N-Q6ch	BxN(g)
11.	Q-K2	N-Q2	28.	RxB	Q-Q1(h)
12.	NxP	Q-B3	29.	R(1)-Q1	R-QB1
13.	O-O	P-QN4	30.	RxN	QxR
14.	N-R5	Q-N3	31.	RxQ	R-B8ch
15.	B-Q2	P-B5(c)	32.	N-K1	KxR
16.	P-QR4(d)	P-B6	33.	Q-N7ch	Resigns
17.	BxP	P-N5			

Notes

- (a) Simpler and better is 8...PxB.
- (b) 10...Q-R4 is more consistent.
- (c) If 15...PxP 16.QR-B1 is crushing.
- (d) This opens up the Queenside and forces the win of a pawn at least eg 16...P-QR3 17.PxP PxP 18.NxP or 16...R-B1 17.PxP QxNP 18.P-QN3 N-N3 19.PxP NxP 20.KR-B1 so Black decides to surrender a pawn at once as best he can.
- (e) Returning the pawn to open up lines before the Black King runs to the relative safety of K1.

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BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING MIDLAND ZONAL 19
Spring 1971

<u>B Cafferty</u>		<u>P N Wallis</u> (Kings Fianchetto)	
1.	P-KN3	P-Q4	14. B-N2 0-0-0
2.	B-N2	P-K4	15. P-KR3 P-R5
3.	N-KB3	N-QB3	16. P-KN4 N-N3
4.	P-Q3	B-K2	17. QR-B1 B-Q3
5.	P-QB4(a)	B-K3	18. P-B4 P-B3
6.	PxP	BxP	19. N-B5 KR-K1
77.	N-B3	B-K3	20. NxP(c) KxN
8.	0-0	Q-Q2	21. BxPch K-N3
9.	Q-R4	N-B3	22. BxR RxB
10.	B-Q2	B-R6?(b)	23. P-K4 B-B4ch
11.	NxP	NxN	24. K-N2 N-B1
12.	BxB	QxQ	25. P-N4 B-Q5
13.	NxQ	P-KR4	26. R-B4 resigns

Notes

- (a) He can play this against Wallis because he knows Wallis will not go for an early exchange of Queens. The man is being played not the board!
- (b) The routine attack against the fianchettoed bishop but White now has a snap combination to hand.
- (c) A neat way of finishing off the game.

M.C.C.U. Club Correspondence Championship

This is open to all clubs in Staffordshire who have 6 players wishing to play chess by correspondence. It is hoped that this can start in October or November 1971. Entries to :- Mr. J.A. Morley, 45, The Broadway, Oadby, LEICESTER, before 31 Oct. Entry Fee 75p per team, each player playing two games.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING MIDLAND ZONAL

Spring 1971

B Cafferty		C G Burton (Sicilian Defence)	
1.	P-K4	P-QB4	22. Q-K2 N-B4
2.	N-KB3	P-Q3	23. N-Q5 Q-B3
3.	B-N5ch	B-Q2	24. NxN(c) QPxN
4.	BxBch	QxB	25. Q-N2 B-B3
5.	P-B4	P-KN3	26. KR-N1 B-Q1
6.	N-B3	B-N2	27. P-R5!(d) PxP
7.	O-O	N-QB3	28. QxR RxQ
8.	P-Q3	P-K3	29. RxR Q-Q3
9.	B-K3	N-Q5(a)	30. R(1)-N1 K-N2
10.	BxN	PxB	31. R-R8 B-N4
11.	N-QN5	P-K4	32. RxP B-Q7
12.	Q-R4	K-K2(b)	33. R-R7 Q-K3
13.	Q-N4	P-N3	34. R(1)-N7 B-N4
14.	P-QR4	P-QR3	35. RxPch QxR
15.	N-R3	Q-B2	36. RxQch KxP
16.	Q-K1	N-B3	37. P-N3 B-Q1
17.	P-QN4	N-Q2	38. K-N2 P-N4
18.	N-Q2	P-QR4	39. P-B4 NPxP
19.	N-N3	PxP	40. PxP PxP
20.	N-B2	KR-QN1	41. K-B3 Resigns
21.	NxNP	K-B1	

Notes

- (a) Stopping P-Q4 but resulting in difficulties which immediately arise from the undeveloped state of his Kingside.
- (b) N-B7ch was threatened.
- (c) The theme of the game is to be the good Knight (which cannot move anywhere!) against the bad bishop (whose freedom is illusory).
- (d) A combination which has been calculated for many moves ahead and which forces a won ending.