



# Staffs Chess News

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Editorial:

With this the first STAFFS NEWS of the 1975/76 season can I once again ask for your co-operation in forwarding news, information of events past and present, letters, etc., in fact anything that may be taken as Chess News in and around Staffordshire.

Please remember that one of the purposes of the Bulletin is to provide a true record of all Chess activities within the County and, as such, I should like this to be as complete and informative as possible.

All games to be considered for publication should be forwarded to Mr. R.A. Beach, Milton House, 24, Crewe Road, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent.

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'KING, QUEEN & KNIGHT'.

This title was mentioned briefly in Staffs Chess News No. 39 printed in May and refers to a Chess anthology of which Will Guy, well known in Staffordshire chess circles, is associated.

The book is a literary work and was compiled by Mr. Guy in collaboration with Norman Knight and contains - to quote from the official source - "... notes on authors and 250 passages quoted, culled from many different countries and centuries, with specially prepared text decorations and a Foreword by the late C.H.O'D Alexander, C.M.G., C.B.E."

Mr. Guy was originally a member of the old Hanley Chess Club, a founder member of the W-ton Kipping Club and also a founder member of the W-ton Chess League. Although now domiciled in Sherborne, Dorset, Mr. Guy retains his interest in Staffordshire chess and plays regularly in the County Correspondence Team.

The book is published by Batsfords, 1975 - £3.95.

GOODYEAR OPEN CHESS CONGRESS.

This Congress is open to all members of the W-ton & District Chess League and will take place from Friday 7th. to Sunday 9th. November, 1975 at Goodyear Pavilion, Stafford Road, Wolverhampton.

Members of W-ton League clubs will receive entry forms for this event along with this Bulletin and I have been asked to point out that entries will be accepted up to and including November 4th. and not October 24th. as printed.

The event will be controlled by Mr. H. Baines.



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Night:- Fridays.

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Club: Bushbury Community Centre. Bushbury Lane. Wolverhampton.

Wolverhampton League Clubs, etc... cont...

- Cannock . Mr. D.A. Burgoyne. 24, Chestnut Drive. Great Wyrley.  
Cheslyn Hay. Staffs. (Phone: Cheslyn Hay 412-715)  
Club: Cannock Grammar School. Allport Street. Cannock.  
Night:- Thursdays.
- Dudley. Mr. J.N. Flatley. 19, Bankfields Road, Dudley. West Midlands.  
DY2 8BT. (Phone: 021-749-1551 (Office) Dudley 57432 (Home)).  
Club: The Dudley Conservative Club. New Street. Dudley.  
Nights:- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.
- G.K.N. Mr. G.W. Joynes. 21, Twyford Grove, Wednesfield. Wolverhampton.  
(Phone: W-ton 34361 Ext. 238 (Days)).  
Club: G.K.N. Group Research Centre. Birmingham New Road.  
Lanesfield. Wolverhampton.  
Night:- Wednesday.
- Goodyears. Mr. D.M. Bonner. 37, Fancourt Avenue. Penn. Wolverhampton.  
Club: The Pavilion, Stafford Road, Fordhouses. Wolverhampton.  
Night:- Thursday.
- Harris & Sheldon. Mr. G. Clarke. 13, Perth Road, Summer Hayes. Willenhall.  
Club: The Cross Keys, Ashmore Lake Road. Willenhall. Staffs.  
Night:- Thursday.
- Lichfield. Mr. P. Jeal. 8, Masefield Close. Boney Hay. Burntwood.  
Walsall. (Phone: Burntwood 72001).  
Club: The Turks Head. Sanford Street. Lichfield.  
Night:- Monday.
- Mercia. Mr. J. Pitt. 30, Hornby Road, Goldthorne Park. Wolverhampton.  
Club: The British Legion. Ruiton Street. Lower Gornal. Staffs.  
Night:- Wednesday.
- Penn British Legion. Mr. D.G. Edwards, 9, Ewart Road, Donnington, Telford. Salop.  
(Phone Lilleshall (954-84) 4133)  
Club: Penn British Legion. Penn Road. Penn. Wolverhampton.  
Nights:- Tuesday & Wednesday.
- R.A.F. Cosford. Mr. R.J.S. Rowe. 21, St. Cuthbert Crescent, Albrighton.  
Wolverhampton. (Phone: Albrighton 2393 (Days) or Albrighton  
2963 (Evenings)).  
Club: R.A.F. Station. Cosford. Wolverhampton.  
Night:- Thursday.
- Rock. Mr. G. Hancock. 111, Woodthorne Road South. Tettenhall.  
Wolverhampton. (Phone: W-ton 752580)  
Club: The Rock Hotel, Old Hill, Tettenhall.  
Night:- Wednesday.
- Rubery Owen. Mr. A. Gilbert. 10, Sandown Avenue, Cheslyn Hay. Walsall.  
WS6 7BJ. (Phone: Cheslyn Hay 413460 or 021-526-3131 Ex 8119  
(Works))  
Club: Rubery Owen Sports Pavilion, Bentley Road, Darlaston.  
Night:- Tuesday.
- Rugeley. Mr. G. Edwards, 38, Burton Old Road, Lichfield. Staffs.  
(Phone: Mr. D. Robinson. Rugeley 4488)  
Club: The British Legion, Bow Street, Rugeley.  
Night:- Wednesday.
- Springvale. Mr. J.H. Charles. 21, Church Green. Bilston. West Midlands.  
WV14 6HJ. (Phone Bilston 41171 Ex 102 (Days)).  
Club: Staff Canteen, British Steel Corp. Millfields Rd.,  
Bilston. Night:- Tuesday.
- Stafford. Mr. R.V. Butters. 27a, Crescent Road, Stafford.  
(Phone: Stafford 2374).  
Club: The Stafford Trades & Labour Club, North Wall. Stafford.  
Night:- Wednesday & Friday.
- Stourbridge. Mr. G.F. Harris. 16, Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge,  
Worcs.  
Club: The Institute, Market, Street, Stourbridge.  
Night:- Thursday.



Wolverhampton League Clubs etc.. . . cont..

- Telford. Mr. A.M. Darmanin! 40, Wildwood, Woodside, Telford. Salop.  
Club: Sutton Hill & District Community Centre, Sutton Hill  
Housing Estate. Madley. Telford.  
Night:- Wednesday.
- John Thompson. Mr. K. Pittaway. 111, Parkes Hall Road, Dudley, West Midlands.  
DY1 3RH. (Phone: Bilston 41121 (Days)).  
Club: John Thompson Sports & Social Club. Spring Road.  
Ettingshall. Wolverhampton.  
Night:- Thursday.
- Walsall Kipping. Mr. E.W. Lees, 25, Hillside Avenue, Bridgnorth. Shropshire.  
(Phone: Bridgnorth 3854)  
Club: Rushall Central Club. Rowley Place, Rushall. Walsall.  
Night:- Wednesday.
- West Bromwich. Mr. W. Partridge. 10, Cobham Road, Wednesbury.  
(Phone: 021-569-2288)  
Club: Dartmouth Cricket Club. Birmingham Road, West Bromwich.  
Night:- Monday.
- Wolverhampton. Mr. N.P. Cook. 27, Walford Avenue, Wolverhampton. WV3 7AZ.  
(Phone: W-ton 34832).  
Club: The Vine Inn. Stafford Street. Wolverhampton.  
Night:- Thursday.
- Wolverhampton Kipping. Mr. A.A. Roberts. 11, Bromley Gardens. Wolverhampton.  
WV8 1BE. (Phone: Codsall 3997. Days 021-236-7894).  
Club: Old Hall, St. Michaels Church, Coalway Road, W-ton.  
Night:- Friday.

STOKE & DISTRICT LEAGUE CLUBS, SECRETARIES, VENUE & CLUB NIGHTS.

- Cheddleton. Mrs. Whitehead, St Edwards Cottage, Church Lane, Leek.  
(Phone: 9238 2755).  
Club: West Street Methodist School, West Street, Leek. Staffs.  
Night:- Thursday.
- Victory. Mr. R.J. Edwards. 490, Chell Heath Road, Chell Heath., Stoke-  
on-Trent. ST6 6QD. (Phone: 29681 Ext 3369).  
Club: Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Hanley.  
Night:- Friday.
- Electra. Mr. R.A. Beach, Milton House, 24, Crewe Road, Alsager. Stoke-  
on-Trent. (Phone: 982 3535)  
Club: G.E.C. Social Centre, 22, Crewe Road, Alsager.  
Night:- Monday.
- Leek. Mr. E.G.. Harris. Mountside, East Street. Leek. Staffs.  
(Phone: 9238 3292).  
Club: Nicholson Institute, Stockwell Street. Leek.  
Night:- Monday.
- Penkhull. Mr. T. Swain. 16 Roseacre, Newcastle, Staffs. ST5 2LS.  
(Phone: 612244).  
Club: Penkhull Infants School, Princes Road, Penkhull. S.O.T.  
Night:- Monday.
- Kidsgrove. Mr. S.R.M. Elliott, 23, Peckforton View, Kidsgrove. S.O.T.  
Club: Masonic Institue, Kidsgrove.  
Night:- Wednesday.
- Sneyd Green. Mr. P. Rawlins, 12, Birch Road, Boonhill, Bignall End, S.O.T.  
(Phone: 720100).  
Club: Methodist Sunday School, Noblett Road, Sneyd Green. S.O.T.  
Night:- Friday.
- Michelin. Mr. J.S. Reader. 30, Dorset Place, Clayton, Newcastle. Staffs.  
(Phone: 621523).  
Club: Michelin Athletic Club, Campbell Road, Stoke.  
Night:- Wednesday.

Stoke & District League Clubs, etc.... cont..

- Smallthorne. Mr. R. Willis, 30, Williamson Avenue. Ball Green, S.O.T.  
Club: Smallthorne Pioneer W.M. Club, rear Chetwynd Street,  
Smallthorne. S.O.T.  
Night:- Monday.
- Blind. Mr. B. Foxall. 125, Sherwin Road, Stanfields, S.O.T. ST6 7BD.  
(Phone: 865004).  
Club: Blind Social Club, City Road, Fenton. S.O.T.  
Night:- Wednesday.
- Keele. Mr. A.J. Morley. Students Union, Keele University, Staffs.  
Club: Students Union, Keele University. Staffs.  
Night:- Tuesday.
- Sandbach. Mr. T. Jackson. 25, Queens Drive, Sandbach, Cheshire.  
(Phone: 983 4727)  
Club: Welles Street Sports Ground, Welles Street, off Town  
Centre, Sandbach.  
Night:- Monday.
- Meir. Mr. G. Marson. 77, Harvey Road, Meir. S.O.T. (Phone: 322514).  
Club: Meir Community Centre, Utttoxeter Road, Meir, S.O.T.  
Night:- Tuesday.
- Trentham. Mr. J. Burton. 11, Larchmount Close, Trentham. S.O.T.  
(Phone: 659083).  
Club: Trentham Youth & Adult Centre, Allerton Road, Trentham.  
Night:- Monday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Midland Counties Championship Matches.

October 25th.	Staffs I	v	Worcs I.	Home.
November 15th.	Warwick I	v	Staffs I.	Away.
January 24th.	Staffs I	v	Greater Manchester I	Home.
February 21st.	Salop I	v	Staffs I.	Away.
March 20th.	Semi - Final.			

Minor Counties Championship.

November 1st.	Staffs II	v	Warwick II	Home.
November 29th.	Hereford	v	Staffs II	Away.
January 10th.	Staffs II	v	Salop II	Home.
February 7th.	Staffs II	v	Greater Manchester II.	Home.
February 28th.	Worcs II	v	Staffs II.	Away.
March 27th.	Minor Counties Final.			

Other Fixtures.

Feb/March.	M.C.C.U.	Junior Jamboree.	
March/April.	Staffs II	v	Cheshire. Alsager.
May 29th - June 1st.	12th.	Staffordshire Chess Congress.	Wolverhampton.

STAFFORDSHIRE CHESS CONGRESS.

The Eleventh Staffs Chess Congress attracted a record entry of 290 competitors, exceeding the record entry of last year by more than 50.

With entries coming from as far apart as Cumberland, Liverpool, London and Gloucester, it was fitting that the main event, the STAFFS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP should be won by the leading County player R.A. Beach. W-ton Kipping player Ed. Goodwin also had a good Tournament and finished equal second to fifth.

Details as follows:-

STAFFORDSHIRE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st. R.A. Beach.  
2nd. eq. B. Cafferty. J. Carleton. E. Goodwin. J. Herbert.  
Grading prizes:- N.A.P. McSheehy. K. Ingram. A. Woodland.



Staffs Congress.... cont..

CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT.

1st eq. R.G. Clark. W.N. Clayton. A. Willis.

MAJOR TOURNAMENT. (Section A).

1st. W.B. Wallace.

2nd. R. Webb.

3rd. eq. M.F. Driscoll. R.M. Ewan. B. Foster. K.A. Francis. E. Whelan.

MAJOR TOURNAMENT. (Section B).

1st eq. J. Bowley. S. Dickens.

3rd eq. J. Cox. S. Jukes.

WEEKEND SPECIAL OPEN TOURNAMENT.

1st. S. Finlayson.

2nd. eq. D. Bennion. J. Keen.

UNDER 21.

1st. S.P. Moss.

UNDER 18.

1st. G.M. Wellings.

2nd. eq. J. Benton. M. Costley. C.J. Mills. F. Savage.

UNDER 16.

1st. eq. C.V. Benyon. G. Heap. 3rd. eq. T.N. Ardin. N. Cowley.

UNDER 14.

1st. eq. C.A. Jones. K.A. Yeomans.

3rd. eq. R. Bowley. S. Sharma. A.R. Whitehead.

UNDER 12.

1st. D. Bradbury. 2nd. eq. W.D. Barks. B. Sloan.

STAFFS YOUTH TOURNAMENT.

Eight teams started the event but Uttoxeter withdrew after two rounds.

1st.	Stoke (South)	18½/20 pts.
2nd.	Stafford & Stone.	14½ "
3rd.	Burton on Trent.	11½ "
4th.	Seisdon.	11½ "
5th.	Newcastle.	10½ "
6th.	Leek & Cheadle.	9 "
7th.	North Trent.	5 "
8th.	Uttoxeter.	½ " (withdrew).

BEATTIES LIGHTNING TEAM TOURNAMENT.

When the last round in the main section began, Electra had a lead of half a point from W-ton Kipping and looked firm favourites for scoring their fourth consecutive win. Kipping however had other ideas and a 4-0 win against Lichfield 'A' meant that Electra, by dropping a point to Walsall Kipping, had to be content with second place.

Full details as follows:-

Trophy Section.

1. W-ton Kipping. 20 pts: 2. Electra. 19½ pts: 3. Stourbridge 'A' 18 pts:  
4. Stafford 17 pts: 5. Lichfield 'A' 16 pts: 6. Walsall Kipping & Telford  
10 pts: 8th. Lichfield 'B' 1½ pts:

Major Section.

1. Telford 'B' 21: 2. Stourbridge 'B' 18½ pts: 3. West Bromwich 'A' 18½ pts:.  
4. Stourbridge 'C'. 5. Bushbury, Penkhull & Wolverhampton. 8. John Thompson 'A',  
Springvale 'A', Rubery Owen & W-ton Kipping 'B', 12. Walsall Kipping 'C' &  
Penn B.L. 'A'. 14. Walsall Kipping 'B' & Dudley. 16. West Bromwich 'B'. 17.  
Stafford 'B' & Rugeley. 19. Lichfield 'C'. 20. Michelin 'A', Telford 'C'.

### Beatties Tournament cont...

27. Electra 'B'. 28. Michelin 'C'. Penn B.L. 'B' . 30. Harris & Sheldon 'A'.  
31. Springvale 'B'. Telford 'D'.

### Individual Prizes.

### Trophy Section.

G.F. Harris (Stourbridge). B.H. Coop (Stafford).

### Major Section.

A. Schroeder (Wolverhampton). L. Grdanovich (Penkhull).

### WOLVERHAMPTON LEAGUE LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT.

Although members of the W-ton League passed a resolution at the A.G.M. calling for continuation of the League Social Evening only six clubs bothered to send a team and the future of this function must surely be in jeopardy. Certainly Ken Pittaway & Harry Baines, as officials responsible for the organisation and running of the event, considered it a wasted evening.

Details as follows:-

1. Walsall Kipping 17 pts: 2. Wolverhampton 14 pts: 3. John Thomspon 12 pts: 4. Springvale 7½ pts: 5. Rubery Owen 6½ pts: 6. Rugeley 3 pts.

### CORRESPONDENCE CHESS.

### WARD HIGGS TROPHY.

#### STAFFORDSHIRE.

#### B.C.F. COMPOSITE TEAM.

#### Board.

1.	R.A. Beach. (Electra).	1	H.H. Horton. (Notts).	0
2.	D.W. Anderton. (W-ton Kipp)	1	Dr. M.G. Duke. (Hants).	0
3.	A.J. Sutton. (Bury Hunts)	0	R.A. Fuller. (Middx).	1
4.	J.N. Quinn. (Stafford).	½	M. Bramer. (Northants)	½
5.	J. Montgomery ( " )	½	R.J. Bird. (Worcs).	½
6.	R.H. Coop. ( " )	½	B.A. Jones. (Yorks).	½
7.	E.N. Hawkins. (Bramhall)	0	J. Horner. (Lancs)	1
8.	P.G. Jackson. (Stafford)	½	T.D. Harding. (Oxon).	½
9.	R. Martin. (Burton )	1	W. Oddy. (Somerset)	0
10.	E.J. Harris. (Leek).	½	A. Sine. (Cheshire)	½
11.	A.R. Agg. (Hitchin)	1	M.E. Davies. (Warwick)	0
12.	W.F. Guy. (Sherborne)	0	B.J. Little. (Glos).	1
13.	N.G. Blackmore (Tipton).	½	R.A. Riley. (Berks).	½
14.	B.W. Lead. (Cannock)	0	P. Taylor. (Surrey)	1
15.	S.L. Wiggan. (Penkridge)	0	D. Besso. (Middx).	1
16.	A. Pickering. (Walsall )	½	E.J. Simpson. (Notts).	½
17.	A. Archer. (Tamworth)	1	K.H. Heron. (Hants).	0
18.	E. Jones. (Walsall)	1	A. Robertson. (Middx).	0
19.	M.C. Smith. (Newcastle)	1	A. Blott. (Northants)	0
20.	P. Paskin. (Victory)	0	E. Rasmussin. (Worcs).	1
21.	M. Corrigan. (Cheadle)	0	R.J. Roberts. (Yorks).	1
22.	T.G.A. Farrell. (Bath).	0	M.A. Smith. (Lancs).	1
23.	R.E.F. Duncanson. (W-ton K)	0	R. Bridgewater. (Oxon)	1
24.	R.V.H. Butters. (Stafford)	0	A. Ash. (Somerset)	1
25.	S.W. Schofield. (Burton).	½	W.H. Jones. (Cheshire).	½
26.	K. Pittaway. (J. Thompson)	½	P.C. Packwood. (Warwick)	½
27.	B. Nagle. (Rubery Owen)	1	M. Heasman. (Glos)	0
28.	H. New. (Springvale)	1	H. Litchman. (Berks).	0
29.	Dr. G.F. de Visme. (Staff)	½	J.J. Towell. (Surrey).	½
30.	W.D. Hewitt. (Stone).	0	S.M. Hancock. (Middx)	1

Gordon Farrell, retiring after 30 years as conductor of Postal chess for Staffordshire, reports that Staffs finished 10th and rates this as the best performance for some time. Lancashire again won the competition with 20 points, ½ point ahead of Yorkshire.



## GAMES SECTION.

Richard Beach submitted the following game of Andy Morley's. He says "It was played at the Hereford Congress, which I can strongly recommend for its excellent organisation and friendliness. The Controller, as at many other Congress, was Harry Baines: Staffordshire can be proud of him! The joint winners of the Hereford Open were Birmingham's Tony Miles and Welsh International John Cooper."

WHITE: A.J. Morley.v BLACK: S. Finlayson. (Opening: FRENCH DEFENCE)

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|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. P-K4 P-K3:   | 7. Q-N4 N-K2 :          | 13. P-KB4 PxN (e): | 19. RxN! PxR:       |
| 2. P-Q4 P-Q4.   | 8. N-N5 (a) B-B2 :      | 14. PxN R-B1(f):   | 20. P-K6 Q-K2 :     |
| 3. N-QB3 B-N5 : | 9. N-KB3 (b) QN-B3 (c): | 15. BxPch B-Q2 :   | 21. BxBch K-Q1 :    |
| 4. P-K5 P-QB4:  | 10. QxNP R-KN1 :        | 16. NxKP!! PxN :   | 22. B-KN5 B-N6ch:   |
| 5. P-QR3 B-R4 : | 11. QxRP NxKP (d):      | 17. Q-R5ch R-B2 :  | 23. pxB R-B3 :      |
| 6. P-QN4 PxQP : | 12. N-N5 P-R3 :         | 18. R-B1 N-B4(g):  | 24. Q-R8ch Resigns. |

### NOTES:

- (a) More usual is 8. PxB PxN; 9. QxNP R-N1; 10. QxRP N-Q2; with a sharp game and roughly equal chances.
- (b) An innovation (I think!). Theory gives 9. QxNP R-N1; 10. QxRP P-R3; 11. NxB ch QxN; 12. N-K2 B-Q2;
- (c) This seems natural enough, but in view of what occurs, Black might seek to improve here. However, (i) 9.... P-QR3; 10. QxNP!? (or 10. QNxQP) R-N1; 11. QxRP PxN; 12. B-KN5 R-B1; 13. P-KR4, or (ii) 9.... O-O; 10. B-KN5 looks good for White.
- (d) Not 11.... BxKP; 12. NxB NxN; 13. B-KB4!
- (e) 13... RxN here looks to be a playable alternative, but White still seems to come out on top: 14. PxR PxN; 15. BxP ch N(2)-B3; 16. O-O and Black is passively placed, eg 16.... Q-K2; 17. B-KB4 (threatening Q-R8 ch followed by QBxN), 17... N-N3; 18. Q-N8 ch N-B1; 19. BxB QxB; 20. P-N6.
- (f) The exchange sacrifice 14... RxN is no longer any good.
- (g) Positively Black's last chance lies here in 18... BxB, after which White does not play the obvious 19. QxRch K-Q2; 20. R-B6 because of 20... Q-KN1! Instead he plays 19. RxR K-Q2; 20. B-N5, retaining material and positional advantage. After the game continuation, Black is swept away by a few swift strokes.

WHITE: D. Tarbuck. v BLACK: G.M. Wellings. (Birds Opening).

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|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. P-KB4 P-QB4: | 11. P-KN4 N-Q2 :   | 21. N-N4 B-KB1 :     | 31. N-R7 Q-KN1(e):  |
| 2. N-KB3 N-KB3: | 12. P-N5 NxN :     | 22. R-R3 PxP(c):     | 32. QxR BxP :       |
| 3. P-K3 N-QB3:  | 13. BxN B-Q3 :     | 23. RPxP B-B1 :      | 33. QxR BxP ch:     |
| 4. B-N5 P-QR3:  | 14. B-N2 P-K4 :    | 24. R-R5 P-Q5 :      | 34. K-N3 BxP :      |
| 5. BxN NPxB :   | 15. P-B5 P-B3(a):  | 25. P-K4 P-Q6 :      | 35. NxB BxR :       |
| 6. O-O P-Q4 :   | 16. P-N6 P-R3 :    | 26. P-QB3 Q-N3ch:    | 36. R-KB1 Q-B5 :    |
| 7. P-QN3 P-K3 : | 17. N-B3(b)P-QR4 : | 27. K-N2 QxP :       | 37. Q-B8 P-N4 :     |
| 8. B-N2 B-K2 :  | 18. N-Q1 B-R3 :    | 28. B-R3!! BxB :     | 38. N-N6ch K-N2 :   |
| 9. Q-K1 O-O :   | 19. R-B3 P-B5 :    | 29. NxBPch K-R1?(d): | 39. Q-R8ch Resigns. |
| 10. N-K5 Q-B2 : | 20. N-B2 KR-Q1 :   | 30. Q-R4 B-B1 :      |                     |

### NOTES:

- (a) A better defence is 15... P-K5 followed by ... B-K4.
- (b) White should play 17. P-K4 to prevent ... P-K5, which should be Black's reply
- (c) Better 22.... P-R5.
- (d) 29... PxN? also loses after 30. RxP K-B1 (or 30... B-B1; 31. R-R8ch! or 30... Q-N2; 31. Q-R4 Q-KN2; 32. RxB and R-R7); 31. Q-R4 K-K1; 32. QxP and now 32... B-K2; 33. QxBPch B-Q2; 34. R-R8ch B-B1; 35. Q-KB6 B-N4; 36. Q-N7! or 32... B-B1; 33. R-R8 K-Q2; 34. R-R7ch K-K1; 35. P-N7 B-K2; 36. QxBch! KxQ; 37. P=Qch. The correct defence, however, is 29... K-B1; which should draw, e.g. 30. Q-R4 K-K2! and now 31. N-Q5 dbl ch K-Q2; 32. RxB QxR; 33. N-N6 ch K-K1; 34. NxR Q-K2 or 31. RxP PxR; 32. QxP KxN; 33. Q-R4ch K-N2; 34. Q-R7ch with perpetual check (better than 34 QxR Q-N2!)

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M.W. Johnson. 0 R.A. Beach. 1 E. Goodwin. 10 A.J. Morley. 11

The Final will be R.A. Beach v A.J. Morley.

#### HICKMAN CUP. (Semi Final).

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R.A. Beach. 1	E.H. Goodwin. 0	B. Hopewell. 1	M.W. Johnson. 0
C.S. Barnard. 1	Dr. V. Jenson. 1	G.R. Evans. 1	A.A. Roberts. 0
D.J. Barnett. 1	J.H. Charles. 1	D.J. Farrall. 0	J.A. Elliott. 1
P. Adams. 1	B. Smith. 0	J.T. Pitcher. 1	Ian Charles. 0

#### STOKE LEAGUE. Individual Championship. Final Positions.

1. W. Armstrong. (Meir) 6/6	26. P. Bradstreet. Sneyd Green. 21/6
2. G.R. Evans. Electra. 5/6	D. Bourne. Sandbach. 21/6
3. A.J. Wilshaw. Penkhull. 41/6	F. Spicer. Meir. 21/6
D.J. Farrall. Electra. 41/6	29. J. Pitcher. Electra. 2/6
P. McGinty. Michelin. 41/6	S. Hull. Michelin. 2/6
6. T.E. Swain. Penkhull. 4/6	J. Hicks. Sandbach. 2/6
P. Paskin. Sneyd Gr. 4/6	J.A. Scott. Blind. 2/6
J. Hodgkinson. Electra. 4/6	F.D. Bruce. Leek. 2/6
P.T. Burnett. Penkhull. 4/6	D. Rogers. Sandbach. 2/6
10. G.A. Rutter. " 31/6	35. D. Pollard. Penkhull. 11/6
I. McMillan. " 31/6	T. Jackson. Sandbach. 11/6
J. Holden. Electra. 31/6	37. R. Pitcher. Electra. 1/6
J. Wright. Penkhull. 31/6	38. D. Jones. Penkhull. 0/6
M. Williams. " 31/6	<u>Non-Finishers.</u>
W. Lawton. " 31/6	J. Shemilt. Victory. 3/5
A. Egerton. " 31/6	M. Edge. " 21/4
17. R. Hammersley. Blind. 3/6	A. Doust. Electra. 2/3
L. Hogarth. Penkhull. 3/6	R. Willis. Smallthorne. 2/3
D. Mancell. " 3/6	L. Grdanovich. Penkhull. 11/3
G.M. Jackson. Cheddleton. 3/6	W. Park. " 1/3
A. A.J. Wood. " 3/6	J. Van Dorp. Sneyd Green. 0/1
A. Steventon. Sneyd Gr. 3/6	E. Bloor. " " 0/1
A.T. Mayer. Smallthor. 3/6	J.E. Mayer. Michelin. 0/1
H. Cotton. " 3/6	
E.H. Cox. Electra. 3/6	

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A. Walker. 1	J. Shirley. 0	G. Edwards. 1	K. Windle. 1	
D. Lee. 0	A. Swann. 1	H. Watkiss. 1	K. Warkulewicz. 0	
G. Leese. 0	M. Reynolds. 1	A. Styles. 1	D. Burgoyne. 0	

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