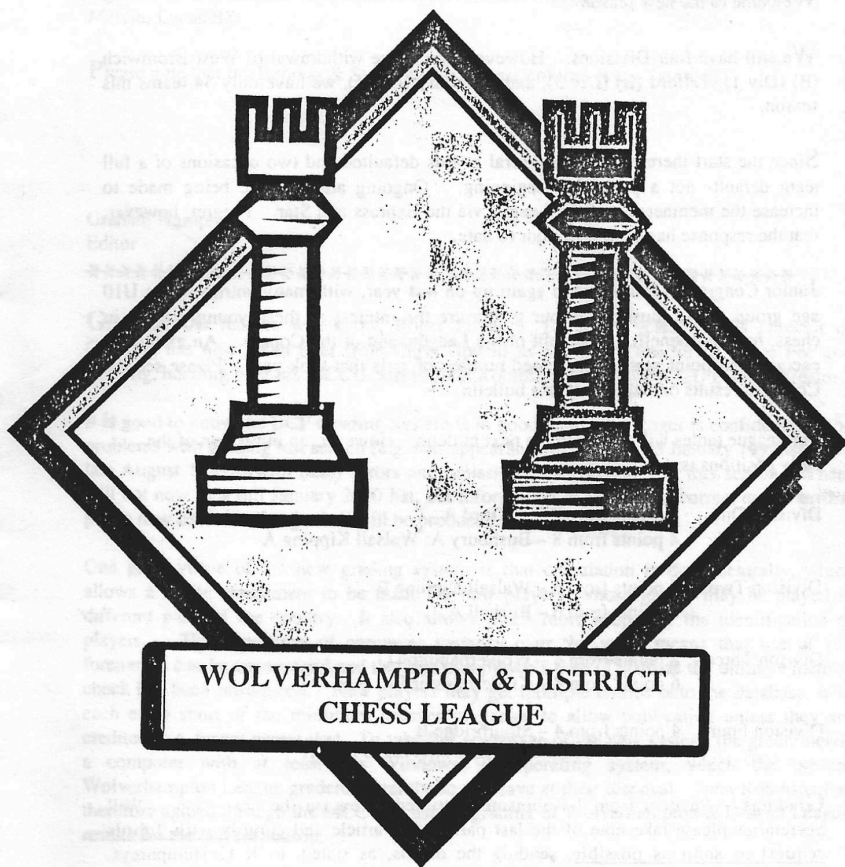


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WOLVERHAMPTON & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE
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Welcome to the new season

We still have four Divisions. However, due to the withdrawal of West Bromwich (B) (Div 1), Telford (B) (Div 3), and Bushbury (Div 4), we have only 34 teams this season.

Since the start there have been several boards defaulted and two occasions of a full team default- not a promising beginning. Ongoing attempts are being made to increase the membership of the League via the Express and Star. I regret, however, that the response has been very poor to date.

Junior Congress – Entries were again up on last year, with many entries in the U10 age group. We must endeavour to nurture the interest of these young players in chess, for their benefit, the benefit of the League, and of the County. An extremely encouraging point was the increased number of girls that took part. Please see the Congress results on Page 11 of this bulletin.

Full league tables will appear in the next bulletin. However, an indication of the early positions is:-

Division One 5 points from 8 – Stafford A
4 points from 8 – Bushbury A; Walsall Kipping A

Division Two 6 points from 6 – Walsall Kipping B
5 points from 6 – Rushall A

Division Three 8 points from 8 – Wolverhampton C
6 points from 8 – Kidderminster B

Division Four 4 points from 4 – Stourbridge B
N.B. ONLY FINISHED MATCHES GIVEN

Gradings – An item from J Robinson is printed below on the next page. Will Secretaries please take note of the last part of this article and comply with John's request as soon as possible, sending the details, as stated, to K G Humphreys. Provision of this information will enable gradings to be up-to-date and ensure all your games are credited to you.

Down to the Nitty-Gritty !

Lives lost with Late Cards- Wolverhampton A; Wolverhampton B; Telford B; West Bromwich A;

Registration -The following four clubs failed to comply with the new rule requiring them, when submitting their registrations, to indicate the name of the team captain together with a contact telephone number for the individual: -Bushbury; Telford; Mercia; Lucas BS.

Please note that the Express & Star now has a chess column every Saturday.

Graham Humpreys
Editor

Grading -As readers will know, Roger Edwards, for many years MCCU Director of Grading, has now taken over from Chris Howell as the BCF Director of Game Fee and Grading, handing over his MCCU post to John Robinson, formerly MCCU Events Director.

It is good to know the BCF Grading System is in good hands and Roger is confident that the problems with grading last season (e.g. non-appearance of a promised January 1999 list and a late August 1999 list with many errors and omissions) can be put right this season. There will not now be a full January 2000 list, but information in January to correct earlier errors, plus a new list limited to juniors will be produced.

One great virtue of the new grading system is that calculation is done centrally, which allows a single assessment to be made for new players, whose games may be played in different parts of the country. It also allows much more scope for the identification of players. The expansion of computer memory over the years means that use of full forenames can be encouraged and the idea of a player's date of birth as the ultimate identity check has been introduced. New players may get multiple entries onto the database, with each entry short of the minimum number of games to allow publication unless they are credited to a distant namesake! To take full advantage of the new system, the grader needs a computer with at least the Windows 95 operating system, which the present Wolverhampton League graders currently do not have at their disposal. John Robinson has therefore agreed through the MCCU to handle grading of Wolverhampton & District League results for the current season.

Club secretaries can help by sending details of the full name and date of birth of each of their players to the editor, as soon as possible.

OBITUARY

Mike Reynolds

I regret to inform you all that during the summer break the death occurred of Mike Reynolds, aged 57, who played for West Bromwich.

Mike was a regular player for the club and will be sadly missed by them in both the Wolverhampton and Birmingham Leagues.

Sincere condolences are extended to his family, from myself who had Mike as a junior player in the Staffordshire Junior County side, and on behalf of all League members who were known to him.

Division One

| | | | | | |
|----------------|---------|-----------------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| Bushbury | 3 - 3 | Stafford | Stafford | 3½ - 2½ | Telford |
| L Grinnel | ½ - ½ | G Acey | L Cooper | ½ - ½ | N Rutter |
| R Parry | ½ - ½ | J Hayward | G Acey | ½ - ½ | A Footner |
| P Staley | 0 - 1 | A T Leadbetter | J Hayward | 0 - 1 | I Wilson |
| P Pinfold | 0 - 1 | J Carleton | R V H Butters | 1 - 0 | J Du Toit |
| R Brodie | 1 - 0 | P F Evans | A T Leadbetter | ½ - ½ | J Wilkinson |
| W Pinfold | 1 - 0 | DEFAULT | J Carleton | 1 - 0 | A Jones |
| Bushbury | 4½ - 1½ | West Brom B | Stafford | 3½ - 2½ | Kidderminster |
| L Grinnel | 1 - 0 | G Wesson | G Acey | ½ - ½ | M D Bissell |
| R Parry | 0 - 1 | M Gregg | J Hayward | 0 - 1 | J Wrench |
| P Staley | ½ - ½ | M Smith | R V H Butters | ½ - ½ | F Pickett |
| A B C Smith | 1 - DEF | D Backhouse | S Perez | 1 - 0 | G C Link |
| J Whitehead | 1 - DEF | J Smith | A T Leadbetter | 1 - 0 | M Riley |
| S Jones | 1 - DEF | C Bryant | J Carleton | ½ - ½ | P Thomas |
| Kidderminster | 1½ - 4½ | Walsall Kipping | Stourbridge | 5 - 1 | Stafford |
| M D Bissell | 0 - 1 | D W Anderton | D Dawes | 1 - DEF | G Acey |
| J Wrench | 0 - 1 | M Denny | B Dudley | ½ - ½ | J Hayward |
| F Pickett | 0 - 1 | R G Jones | E Horwill | 1 - 0 | R V H Butters |
| G C Link | ½ - ½ | N Young | I Howarth | 1 - 0 | A T Leadbetter |
| J Gittus | ½ - ½ | D Friend | J Wilson | ½ - ½ | S Pedder |
| P Thomas | ½ - ½ | P Jones | S Jukes | 1 - 0 | J Carleton |
| Kidderminster | 3½ - 2½ | West Brom. A | Walsall Klipp | 5 - 1 | Stourbridge |
| M Bissell | 0 - 1 | J E Crump | D W Anderton | 1 - 0 | D Downs |
| P Yates | 0 - 1 | J A Friar | M Denny | 1 - 0 | G Thomas |
| F Pickett | ½ - ½ | G Hill | D Pritchard | 1 - 0 | J Wilson |
| G Link | 1 - 0 | G Wesson | R G Jones | ½ - ½ | S Jukes |
| J Gittus | 1 - 0 | D M Davies | C Pohribnyj | 1 - 0 | R Branford |
| M Riley | 1 - 0 | M Smith | N Young | ½ - ½ | F Tatler |
| Kingstanding | 3 - 3 | Mercia | West Brom. A | 1½ - 4½ | Bushbury |
| A Hickey | 1 - 0 | D W Perks | J E Crump | 0 - 1 | L Grinnel |
| K Thomas | 0 - 1 | K A J Francis | J A Friar | 0 - 1 | J Staniforth |
| M Biddle | ½ - ½ | M Share | N A Walker | ½ - ½ | P Staley |
| D Brelsforth | ½ - ½ | B R Smith | G Hill | ½ - ½ | R Brodie |
| G Barron | ½ - ½ | T Dawes | P J Wilkes | DEF - 1 | J Whitehead |
| P Jones | ½ - ½ | J Phillips | D M Davies | ½ - ½ | D Keates |
| Mercia | 2 - 4 | Lichfield | | | |
| A P McCumiskey | ½ - ½ | P Collins | | | |
| D W Perks | 0 - 1 | R Allen | | | |
| K A J Francis | 0 - 1 | J Smith | | | |
| M Share | 1 - 0 | J Keaveney | | | |
| D Webb | ½ - ½ | A Grant | | | |
| J Phillips | 0 - 1 | P Griffiths | | | |

Division Two

| | | | | | |
|--------------|---------|-----------------|----------------|---------|-------------|
| Brewood | 2½ - 3½ | Lichfield | Lichfield | 2½ - 3½ | Rushall |
| R Grainger | ½ - ½ | J Lakin | G Monks | ½ - ½ | C Bell |
| D Laight | 0 - 1 | P Griffiths | A Mieleniewski | 1 - 0 | S R Wilcox |
| C Buxton | 0 - 1 | C Brown | J Lakin | ½ - ½ | K D Hadley |
| P Crozet | ½ - ½ | A Hall | P Griffiths | 0 - 1 | A R Powis |
| B Hall | 1 - 0 | I Smitton | M Hoare | ½ - ½ | N Parker |
| D Buckley | ½ - ½ | S Smitton | C Brown | 0 - 1 | S Colwell |
| Brewood | 1½ - 4½ | Walsall Kipp. B | Lucas & BS | 3½ - 2½ | Brewood |
| D Laight | ½ - ½ | N Young | L Collier | ½ - ½ | D Laight |
| P Crozet | 0 - 1 | S Dickens | D Stockhall | ½ - ½ | C Buxton |
| R Fletcher | 0 - 1 | D Friend | M Tallis | ½ - ½ | P Crozet |
| B Hall | ½ - ½ | M Groombridge | H Hughes | ½ - ½ | B Hall |
| C Buxton | 0 - 1 | D Whitmore | B Green | 1 - 0 | D Buckley |
| J Fenby | ½ - ½ | P Jones | G Clyde | ½ - ½ | R Fletcher |
| Goodyear | 2 - 4 | Lucas B S | Rushall | 3½ - 2½ | Lucas B S |
| Martin May | ½ - ½ | L Collier | M C Wragg | 0 - 1 | L E Collier |
| A Schroeder | 0 - 1 | D Stockhall | K D Hadley | 1 - 0 | M Tallis |
| G Cooper | 0 - 1 | H Hughes | J G T Sadler | 1 - 0 | M Hughes |
| C Eddies | ½ - ½ | G Clyde | A R Powis | 0 - 1 | M J Rees |
| A Colabella | 0 - 1 | B Green | R J Hancox | ½ - ½ | R A Cook |
| J Grugulis | 1 - DEF | L Johnson | N Parker | 1 - 0 | G Clyde |
| Goodyear | 2 - 4 | Walsall Kipp C | Rushall | 3 - 3 | Stafford |
| Martin May | ½ - ½ | J Martin | K D Hadley | ½ - ½ | S Pedder |
| A Schroeder | ½ - ½ | D Jarvis | J G T Sadler | ½ - ½ | R Goggerty |
| J Cooper | ½ - ½ | M Savin | R Parker | 0 - 1 | P Evans |
| C Eddies | 0 - 1 | B Davies | A Powis | ½ - ½ | D Nesbitt |
| P O'Donoghue | 0 - 1 | A Shrimpton | R J Hancox | ½ - ½ | O F Hill |
| A Colabella | ½ - ½ | K Moore | N Parker | 1 - 0 | DEFAULT |

Solution to puzzlers' corner:-

- 1) R8 x c5!
- 2) Dxc5 Qxc5, giving black a winning position+

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Stafford | 1 - 5 | Rugeley | Walsall Kipp C | 1½ - 3½ | Walsall Kipp. B |
| S Peddar | ½ - ½ | R Crellin | S Beasley | 0 - 1 | S Dickens |
| R Goggerty | 0 - 1 | R Fell | M Savin | ½ - ½ | D Friend |
| P Evans | ½ - ½ | M Page | J Martin | ½ - ½ | M Groombridge |
| D Nesbitt | 0 - 1 | J Montague | D Jarvis | 0 - 1 | J Payton |
| J Tuckley | 0 - 1 | P Marklove | B Davis | ½ - ½ | P Gavin |
| K Dwight | 0 - 1 | J Westwood | R Dolan | Def - Def | P Jones |
| Stafford | 3 - 3 | WolverhamptonB | WolverhamptonA | 2½ - 3½ | Stafford |
| S Pedder | 0 - 1 | P Eastwood | P Porter | 1 - 0 | S Pedder |
| P Ganeri | ½ - ½ | R Wilkinson | M Griffiths | 0 - 1 | R Goggerty |
| R Goggerty | 0 - 1 | R Ward | M Wootton | 1 - 0 | P Evans |
| R Whitehouse | 1 - 0 | G Rosser | P J Hanscomb | ½ - ½ | D Carter |
| D Carter | ½ - ½ | P Broomhall | M Fitzwilliam | 0 - 1 | O F Hill |
| K Dwight | 1 - 0 | A Hodges | M Casey | DEF - 1 | J Tuckley |
| Walsall Kipp. B | 4 - 2 | Goodyear | WolverhamptonB* | ½ - 5½ | WolverhamptonA |
| N Young | ½ - ½ | Martin May | D Bird | 0 - 1 | M Townsend |
| S Dickens | 1 - 0 | A Schroeder | G Rosser | 0 - 1 | D Daniels |
| D Friend | 0 - 1 | J Cooper | R Wilkinson | 0 - 1 | M Griffiths |
| M Groombridge | 1 - 0 | C Eddies | M Kirby | 0 - 1 | F Wood |
| P Jones | 1 - 0 | P O'Donoghue | J Button | ½ - ½ | M Wootton |
| J Payton | ½ - ½ | A Colabella | P Atkiss | 0 - 1 | P J Hanscomb |
| Walsall Kipp C | 2½ - 3½ | Brewood | | | |
| J Martin | ½ - ½ | R Grainger | | | |
| S Beasley | ½ - ½ | D Laight | | | |
| D Jarvis | 0 - 1 | P Crozet | | | |
| M Savin | ½ - ½ | C Buxton | | | |
| A Shrimpton | 1 - 0 | B Hall | | | |
| R Dolan | 0 - 1 | D Buckley | | | |

Division Three

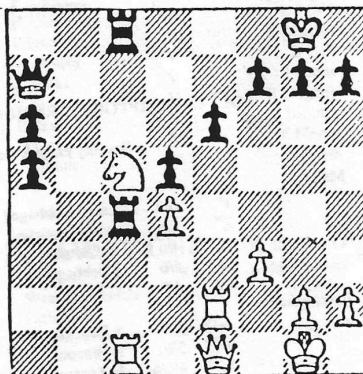
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|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Brewood | 1 - 4 | Kidderminster | Rugeley | 2 - 3 | Kidderminster |
| J Fenby | 0 - 1 | T Pountney | P Marklove | 0 - 1 | T Pountney |
| S Bird | ½ - ½ | I Deakin | A Meakin | 1 - 0 | I Deakin |
| P Allan | ½ - ½ | P Kitchen | S Heath | ½ - ½ | P Kitchen |
| A Hickey | 0 - 1 | K Brant | J Westwood | ½ - ½ | K Brant |
| L David | 0 - 1 | M Kitchen | M Ireson | 0 - 1 | M Kitchen |
| Bushbury | 4 - 1 | Stafford | Rugeley | 1 - 4 | Telford |
| R Brodie | 0 - 1 | F Hill | A Meakin | 0 - 1 | D Shepherd |
| B Pinfold | 1 - 0 | G deVisme | P Marklove | 0 - 1 | J DuToit |
| P Scott | 1 - 0 | D Nesbitt | J Westwood | 0 - 1 | S Tarr |
| K Booth | 1 - 0 | G Argent | S Heath | 1 - 0 | D Roberts |
| S Jones | 1 - 0 | K Dwight | DEFAULT | 0 - 1 | A Jones |
| Bushbury | ½ - 4½ | WolverhamptonD | Stafford | 1½ - 3½ | Mercia |
| P Scott | ½ - ½ | J Wakelam | F Hill | 1 - 0 | R Carrier |
| J Whitehead | 0 - 1 | J Button | G deVisme | 0 - 1 | J Phillips |
| D Keates | 0 - 1 | G Sands | D Nesbitt | 0 - 1 | R Price |
| A Staniforth | 0 - 1 | S Wilson | G Argent | ½ - ½ | J Rich |
| P Woodhall | 0 - 1 | P Hubbard | K Dwight | 0 - 1 | C Lane |
| Kidderminster | 4 - 1 | Walsall Kipp | Stafford | 4 - 1 | Rugeley |
| J Varilone | ½ - ½ | R Dolan | D Nesbitt | 1 - 0 | P Marklove |
| T Pountney | ½ - ½ | C Billings | F Hill | ½ - ½ | A Meakin |
| I Deakin | 1 - 0 | K J Moore | J Tuckley | 1 - 0 | J Westwood |
| K Brant | 1 - 0 | DEFAULT | K Dwight | ½ - ½ | S Heath |
| M Kitchen | 1 - 0 | DEFAULT | G Argent | 1 - 0 | DEFAULT |
| Mercia | 2½ - 2½ | Rushall | Telford | 3 - 2 | Walsall Kipp D |
| R Carrier | ½ - ½ | G Sanders | J DuToit | 1 - 0 | C Y Billings |
| J Phillips | ½ - ½ | P Spencer | J Wilkinson | 1 - 0 | A Perry |
| R Price | 1 - 0 | K Butler | C Pooler | Def-1 | P Nixon |
| J Rich | 0 - 1 | S Allen | G Matthews | Def-1 | K Moore |
| P Lane | ½ - ½ | J Hills | A Jones | 1 - 0 | Mrs D McIntosh |

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|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Walsall Kipp D | 2 - 3 | Stafford | Wolverhampton | 4 - 1 | Mercia |
| A Perry | 0 - 1 | F Hill | P Atkiss | 1 - 0 | R Carter |
| C Billings | 1 - 0 | G deVisne | J Button | 1 - 0 | R Price |
| Mrs D McIntosh | 0 - 1 | D Nesbitt | P Sanphera | 1 - 0 | J Rich |
| P Nixon | 0 - 1 | J Tuckley | A Hodges | 1 - 0 | D Baker |
| K Moore | 1 - 0 | G Argent | S Wilson | 0 - 1 | C Lane |
| Rushall | 2½ - 2½ | Brewood | Wolverhampton | 4 - 1 | Rugeley |
| D Bell | 1 - 0 | R Fletcher | J Button | 1 - 0 | A Meakin |
| D Lamb | ½ - ½ | J Fenby | P Atkiss | 1 - 0 | P Everill |
| J Strachan | 0 - 1 | S Bird | A Hodges | 1 - 0 | M Ireson |
| J Hills | ½ - ½ | P Allan | P Sanphera | 1 - 0 | G Painter |
| S Cooksey | ½ - ½ | L David | S Wilson | 0 - 1 | J Westwood |
| Walsall Kipp D | 2½ - 2½ | Brewood | Wolverhampton | 2½ - 1½ | Rushall |
| J Evans | 0 - 1 | J Fenby | J Button | 0 - 1 | G Sanders |
| P Gavin | ½ - ½ | S Bird | A Hodges | 1 - 0 | S Allen |
| C Billings | 0 - 1 | P Allan | P Sanphera | ½ - ½ | P Spencer |
| K Moore | 1 - 0 | J Irons | S Wilson | 1 - 0 | J Hemmion |
| P Nixon | 1 - 0 | M Beech | DEFAULT | 0 - 0 | DEFAULT |

Puzzlers Corner

Another puzzle for you this month:
Black to play. How does overcome the threat of the white's knight on C5 and establish a winning position?

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Division Four

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| Mercia | 4 - 1 | Rushall | Stourbridge | 3½ - 1½ | St. Marys Cnk |
| L Scarrott | 1 - 0 | K Butler | R Branford | 1 - 0 | R Lewis |
| A Jancis | ½ - ½ | J Hennion | C Caldwell | ½ - ½ | M Job |
| C Heathcock | 1 - 0 | C Wilcox | P :Lamont | 1 - 0 | B Lynam |
| W Fletcher | 1 - 0 | W Ellis | M Wood | 0 - 1 | R Westwood |
| P W Nicholls | ½ - ½ | R Parker | A Moore | 1 - 0 | R Greaves |
| Rushall | 2 - 3 | St.Marys, Cnk | Wolverhampton | 2½ - 2½ | Mercia |
| P Turner | 0 - 1 | R Lewis | R Price | 1 - 0 | L Scarrott |
| K Butler | ½ - ½ | M Job | B Lewis | 0 - 1 | A Jancis |
| J Hennion | 0 - 1 | B Lynam | L Hesbrook | ½ - ½ | C Heathcock |
| R Turner | 1 - 0 | R Westwood | R Whittingham | 1 - 0 | P W Nicholls |
| A Knight | ½ - ½ | L Greaves | M Steed | 0 - 1 | S Pallant |
| Rushall | 2 - 3 | Stourbridge | Wolverhampton | 2 - 3 | Rushall |
| P Turner | 0 - 1 | R Branford | P Hubbard | 0 - 1 | K Butler |
| J Hennion | 0 - 1 | C Caldwell | P Price | 1 - 0 | P Turner |
| A Parker | 0 - 1 | M Wood | R Whittingham | 0 - 1 | R Turner |
| R Turner | 1 - 0 | K O'Grady | L Hessbrook | 1 - 0 | C Butler |
| Charlotte Wilcox | 1 - 0 | DEFAULT | M Casey | 0 - 1 | L Wilcox |
| St.Marys, Cnk | 4 - 1 | Mercia | | | |
| R Lewis | 1 - 0 | A Broadsword | | | |
| M Job | 0 - 1 | A Jancis | | | |
| B Lynam | 1 - 0 | C Heathcock | | | |
| R Mayne | 1 - 0 | P W Nicholls | | | |
| L Greaves | 1 - 0 | DEFAULT | | | |

WOLVERHAMPTON CC RAPIDPLAY - SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 1999

Seventy players took part in three sections

| | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|------|------------------------|------------------|---|
| Major | 1 st | 6/6 | Leigh Debbage (Age 12) | Swindon | |
| | 2 nd | 5/6 | A McCumiskey | Solihull | |
| | =3 rd | 4/6 | M Culmore | London | |
| | =3 rd | 4/6 | I Debbage | Swindon | |
| | =3 rd | 4/6 | C Tayar | Lichfield | |
| Intermediate | =1 st | 5/6 | S Edwards | Handsworth Wood | (Steve Edwards took the trophy on a tie -break) |
| | =1 st | 5/6 | L Fancourt | Burton | |
| | =3 rd | 4½/6 | M Soszynski | Sutton Coldfield | |
| | =3 rd | 4½/6 | P Kent | Widnes | |
| | =3 rd | 4½/6 | C Evans | Mutual Circle | |
| | =3 rd | 4½/6 | P Broomhall | Wolverhampton | |
| Minor | 1 st | 5½/6 | O Mowatt | Kynoch | |
| | 2 nd | 5/6 | L Fancourt | Burton | |
| | 3 rd | 4½/6 | L Boynton | Mutual Circle | |

Grading prizes were won by Tristan Cox (Sutton Coldfield), L White(Kynoch), and Miss C Wilcox (Rushall)

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WARWICKSHIRE V STAFFORDSHIRE

| | | |
|--------------|-------|--------------|
| 1 D Mason | 1 - 0 | L Cooper |
| 2 P Briggs | ½ - ½ | D Wheeler |
| 3 K Escott | 0 - 1 | P Wallace |
| 4 R Wildig | 0 - 1 | D W Anderton |
| 5 A Lloyd | 1 - 0 | J Bourne |
| 6 A Hynes | ½ - ½ | G Acey |
| 7 M Hunt | ½ - ½ | L Grinsell |
| 8 K Ingram | ½ - ½ | R Allen |
| 9 A Burugh | ½ - ½ | C Hibbard |
| 10 R Walker | 1 - 0 | J Blackburn |
| 11 W Hayward | 0 - 1 | J Haywood |
| 12 M Smyth | 1 - 0 | G Hughes |
| 13 I Fisher | ½ - ½ | Chon Lee |
| 14 D Kearney | 1 - 0 | W Rea |
| 15 E Goodwin | ½ - ½ | R Jones |
| 16 M Fox | 1 - 0 | A Grant |

U100

| North | V | South |
|---------------|-------|---------------|
| Staffordshire | 5 - 7 | Staffordshire |
| 1 R Gogerty | ½ - ½ | R Dolan |
| 2 G Valentine | 1 - 0 | D Buckley |
| 3 P Evans | 1 - 0 | P Gavin |
| 4 S Bruce | 1 - 0 | R K Booth |
| 5 DEFAULT | 0 - 1 | R Lewis |
| 6 J Hall | 0 - 1 | K Moore |
| 7 P Tideswell | ½ - ½ | D Keates |
| 8 M Hankey | 0 - 1 | P Allen |
| 9 M Ford | 1 - 0 | B Lynam |
| 10 M Emadi | 0 - 1 | R Mayne |
| 11 W Tooth | 0 - 1 | M Zubacz |
| 12 K Coofin | 0 - 1 | L Greaves |

U125

| South | V | North |
|----------------|--------|---------------|
| Staffordshire | 12 - 4 | Staffordshire |
| 1 M Wootton | 1 - 0 | S Peddar |
| 2 B Payne | 0 - 1 | G Valentine |
| 3 R Brodie | ½ - ½ | T Galla |
| 4 G Rosser | 0 - 1 | S Bruce |
| 5 R Wilkinson | 1 - 0 | M Baines |
| 6 P Crozet | 1 - 0 | P Tideswell |
| 7 J Button | 1 - 0 | M Hankey |
| 8 D Bell | 1 - 0 | M Ford |
| 9 B Hall | 1 - 0 | J Lee |
| 10 A Hodgesa | 0 - 1 | P Evans |
| 11 P Spencer | 1 - 0 | Yaneshi Yu |
| 12 R Ward | 1 - 0 | Yangshan Yu |
| 13 P Atkiss | ½ - ½ | L Edge |
| 14 R Lewis | 1 - 0 | P Bruce |
| 15 P Broomhall | Wwl | R Westwood |
| 16 P Price | 1 - 0 | S Westwood |

ROCK CUP - Round One

| | | |
|------------|---|---------------|
| B Lewis | V | L Collier |
| M Savin | V | F Wood |
| J Montague | V | M Groombridge |
| D Buckley | V | M Wootton |
| P Atkiss | V | J Lakin |
| P Allen | V | R Ward |
| P Price | V | S Beasley |
| W Holley | V | B Hall |
| D Perks | V | J Fenby |
| K Francis | V | R Gogerty |
| P Eastwood | V | C Billings |
| G Rosser | V | K Moore |
| J Button | V | S Heath |

PITTAWAY CUP - ROUND TWO

| | | |
|-----------------|---|---------------|
| Telford | V | Kidderminster |
| West Bromwich | V | Rugeley |
| Lichfield | V | Mercia |
| Walsall Kipping | V | Stafford |

Results of the Staffordshire Junior Chess Congress Tournament, held 9 October 1999 at Weston Road High School, Stafford: -

| Place | Name | Club | Score | Place | Name | Club | Score |
|-------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
|-------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|

U18: 2 Players competed - 6 Rounds

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| 1 st | Paul Plant | Rochdale CC | 6 |
| 2 nd | John Palmer | Tamworth CC | 3 |

U16: 8 Players competed - 6 Rounds

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----|
| 1 st | Glen Valentine | Pavilion CC | 4 |
| 2 nd | Tom Calder | Cheddleton CC | 3½ |
| Jt 3 rd | Simon Dathan | Stourbridge CC | 3 |
| Jt 3 rd | Andrew Moore | Stourbridge CC | 3 |
| Jt 3 rd | Michael Staniforth | Bushbury | 3 |
| 1 st Girl | Melanie Corbishley (Cheddleton CC) | 1½ | |

U14: 11 Players competed - 6 Rounds

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|----|
| 1 st | Simon Morrell | Grappenhall | 5½ |
| 2 nd | Emma Atkins | Cheddleton CC | 4½ |
| 3 rd | Richard Westwood | St. Mary's | 4 |
| 1 st Girl | Heather Corbishley | Cheddleton CC | 2 |

U12: 12 Players competed - 6 Rounds

| | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------|---|
| Jt1 st | Charlotte Wilcox | Rushall CC | 5 |
| Jt1 st | Thomas Pym | Oswestry CC | 5 |
| Jt1 st | Simon Fowler | Coddon CC | 5 |

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Number of entries | 85 from 36 Schools |
| U18, U16, U14 | Run as one section |
| U12, U11, & U10 | Run as Separate sections |
| U9 & U8 | Run as one Section |

It was very pleasing to see the number of girls taking part, with several finishing in the prize list. The County has a trophy for the highest placed girl in each age group not in the prize list.

There are between 20 and 30 girls in Staffordshire who have played in this congress or other organised chess events. No doubt quite a few more are around. Regrettably, however, a number of schools to whom entry forms were forwarded in respect of this event do not appear to have passed on the forms to their pupils. I can only assume that the pupils within the schools who merely responded nil were not made aware of the event.

U11: 15 Players competed - 6 Rounds

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|----|
| Jt1 st | Robbie Bellin | Walsall CC | 5 |
| Jt1 st | Miss Yangshan Yu | Pavilion CC | 5 |
| 3 rd | Martin Wheller | Grappenhall CC | 4½ |
| 1 st Girl | Gemma Goodwin | Stoke on Trent | 2 |

U10: 15 Players competed - 6 Rounds

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| 1 st | Molly Moruzzi | Cheddleton CC | 6 |
| 2 nd | Rachel Clarke | Solihull Youth CC | 5 |
| Jt3 rd | Eric Painter | Telford | 4 |
| Jt3 rd | Peter Wheller | Grappenhall CC | 4 |
| 1 st Girl | Sarah Westwood | St Mary's | 3½ |

U9: 16 Players competed - 6 Rounds

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| 1 st | Christopher Bellin | Walsall | 6 |
| Jt2 nd | Samuel Walker | Cheddleton CC | 4 |
| Jt2 nd | Harry Burnham | Cheddleton CC | 4 |
| Jt2 nd | Victoria Crompton | Preston CC | 4 |
| 1 st Girl | Kate Smith | Cheddleton CC | 3½ |

U8: 6 Players competed - 6 Rounds

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| 1 st | Louis Graham | Telford | 5 |
| 2 nd | Megan Moruzzi | Cheddleton CC | 4 |
| 1 st Girl | Anne Maric Moruzzi (5 years Old) | Cheddleton CC | 3½ |

The next event will take place
7th October 2000

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