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PUSHKIN, THE RUSSIAN AUTHOR WAS VERY FOND OF CHESS AND REFERENCE TO IT CAN BE FOUND IN SEVERAL OF HIS WORKS.

THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM HIS NOVEL IN VERSE YEVGENI ONEGIN.

OR, FROM THE WORLD THEMSELVES

SECLUDING,
THE PAIR, ABOVE THE CHESS-BOARD
BENT,
WITH ELBOWS ON THE TABLE LEANT,
ARE SEATED, AND PROFOUNDLY
BROODING,
LENSKY, HIS ATTENTION FAR
WITHDRAWN,
TAKES - HIS OWN CASTLE, WITH A PAWN.

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Test your chess knowledge.

In this bulletin we present a few questions in the form of a quiz. All the questions will be associated with Chess in one way or another and we hope readers will try and answer them before turning to the answers printed at the end of this bulletin.

If this diversion is found to be popular, the quiz will continue in future editions.

QUESTIONS:-

- a) Which famous player wrote to the "TIMES" explaining that chess was so easy.?
- b) A famous player once mounted a table and shouted "Why must I loose to this idiot" after he had just lost in the last round of a Tournament.?
- c) Who said "Chess like love, like music, has the power to make men happy.?
- d) Who was said to be"the pride and shame of chess.?
- e) Who was said to be"the pride and sorrow of chess.
- f) Who said "The passed pawn is a criminal who should be kept under lock and key."?

HAVANA INCIDENT 1966

In the recent Chess Olympiad at Havana, Robert Fisher the U.S.A. Grandmaster proved just what a controversial person he can be.

When the U.S.A. were due to meet the U.S.S.R. in the final section, Fisher refused to play until the Jewish sabbath ended at dusk. The U.S. team duly asked for Fisher's game with Petrosian to be postponed until after sunset, a matter of two hours. The Russians refused on the grounds that the competition rules called for games to be played between certain hours. When the Russians refused the postponement the American team refused to play at all and conceeded the match by default.

A few days later the special arbitration committee upheld the American appeal against allowing a 4-0 win by the U.S.S.R. and the match was eventually played.

Readers conversant with the Fisher-Reshevsky match will recall that the match ended prematurely because Fisher insisted on playing on the Jewish sabbath but Reshevsky a strict orthodox Jew declined to do so.

The question now is, has Fisher decided to follow the Jewish faith or did he see this as a chance to try and unsettle the Russian players? Perhaps we shall get more light on this query in future Fisher attended tournaments.

HOLLAND V BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION.

Double round match will take place at Flushing on December 17th and 18th 1966. The B.C.F. team will be:-

DR. J. PENROSE, C. KOTTNAUER, W.R. HARTSON, N. LITTELWOOD, M.J. HAYGARTH, O.M. HINDLE, R. KEENE, S.HOLLIS, M.J.BASMAN and J.WHITLEY.

For the ladies match MRS. E.PRITCHARD is selected player.

JUNIOR TRAINING TOURNAMENTS 1967

Week-end tournaments with groups of four players each are suggested. Mr. R.G.Wade hopes to hold four of these events in the Midlands and North on the following dates - January 13-15, 20-22nd, 27-29 and February 3-5. Mr. O.M. Hindle will be in Cardiff on February 18th or 25th, and in Bristol March 4th or 11th. It is suggested that local clubs arrange to have these two National conches give simultaneous displays either the adjacent Friday or Monday or both. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this scheme should get in touch with P.E. Morrish, 3 Elmside, Stoneyields Lane, Mdx., immediately, who will furnish them with fuller particulars. It is stressed that if arrangements cannot be made on the dates suggested consideration will given to any offer of later dates.

SCHOOLS CHESS

The formation of an ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHESS ASSOCIATION is projected. One meeting having been held in Huddersfield, and another will take place in Birmingham on December 17th, 1966. Full particulars may be had from D. Johnson, 5 Freer Road, Birmingham 6, who is the Secretary. It is expected that this organisation will apply for membership of the Federation.

MI HAIL BOTVINNIK FOR HASTINGS CONGRESS 1967

It is understood that M. Botvinnik, the former world champion, will be playing at Hastings Congress and will be available after the Congress for simultaneous display. Anyone intending to secure his services dhould contact Mr. J.T. Keeble, Old Warden, Hook Hill, Sanderstead, Surrey, who is the B.C.F. Simultaneous Display (Foreign) Secretary.

Warvickshire v S.LOP & HEREFORD.

Warwickshire scored their customary vietory over Salop & Hereford in the recent county match, by 14½ to 5½. The top five boards, who all won, were P.C.GIBBS, J.M. FULLER, P.C.GRIFFITH C.G. HAM IRSLEY, W.R. MORRY.



BRITISH LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Tournament was held at Northicote Schools, Bushbury, Wolverhampton on November 12th and 13th and attracted 28 teams for the team event and 30 players for the Individual

The Team event held on the Saturday, was an exciting affair and was only decided on the last round, Nottingham "A" overhauling Leeds and winning with a score of 22 points to $21\frac{1}{2}$.

In the early rounds, West Bromwich got away to an excellent start but fell away gradually from half-way mark. Wolverhampton Kipping on the other hand ,had 9 points to the leaders 10 after 3 rounds, but lost $3\frac{1}{2}$ in the next two. and seemed well out of it, That they fought back to share fourth place with Oxford University and 20 points was

in itself a meritorious performance.

Detailed Team Results;

1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9	Nottingham "A" Leeds Liverpool Wolverhampton Kipping Oxford University Birmingham Sutton Coldfield "A" Islington North London Cheltenham	22 21½ 21 20 19½ 19 18½ 18	points
	Nottingham "B" Monmouth	17	
13 14	Manchester Leicester	$16\frac{1}{2}$	
	Shropshire "A" Coventry	16	
17	Cheshire innes Worcestershire Solihull	15	

20. Kynoch, 21 West Bromwich, Guildford, British Calenese 14

24 E.E.C.Kidsgrove 132.25 Metropolitan Police 13.

26 Sutton Coldfield "B" 12½. 27. Shropshire "B" 11½

28 Shawbury 1.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the individual competition B.CAFFERTY of Birmingham was the winner with 7 points a clear point ahead of another Midlands player, B. H. Wood of Sutton Coldfield. M. A. Stevenson of W-ton Kipping finished in . joint 8th position with a score of 5 points. For the game S.REUBEN V B. CAFFERTY annoted by Cafferty see games section.

Individual Results:-

7 points 1 B.Cafferty 2 B. H. Wood 3 P.C.Gibbs J. Syner J.A.Lawrence R, A. Beach R. A. Faint P.J. Meade 8 Dr.J.M. Aitken D. M. Adams M. A. Stevenson M. MacDonals-Ross 41 12

S.Reuben 14. P.H. Copeland, L.P. Collard- P.C. Robertson, J.S. Hart 4

- 19. P. Johnstone 3½ points
- 20 R.Miles, R.G. Taylor, J. Williams, J.G. Evans, R. Woodcock, r.Gray, D.P. Willmets, H.C. Burdock 3 points.
- 28 A. Woodland 2 points. 29 G. Kay 1 point 30.R. Rowe 0

DRAWN GAMES DIFFER BY A. KOTOV.

"Chess" is threatened with death through drawn games." daid Capablanca when he lost a match to Alekhine in 1927. Several players will soon appear in the world", he said "against whom it will be impossible to win a single game - so perfect their techniques will be. All games will be drawn!"

The idea was not a new one, for six years previously Emanuel Lasker felt similarly sad about the unhappy future of the game - following his failure, incidentally, to retain the world chess crown in a match against Capablanca.

Lasker was a professor of mathematics and he based his theory on mathematical calculations, asserting that the possibility of combinations in chess are limited and that all of them will soon be studied and exhausted.

Nowadays the myth that chess will die of drawn games has fallen into oblivion. Fans and connoisseurs are worried over the problem of games that end in draws as early as their tenth to 15th moves. IS THIS ACCIDENTAL OR NATURAL? What is the percentage of drawn games in modern tournaments? Moscow grand-masters undertook to make a study of these questions.

Grandmaster Averbakh said in his report that he had studied the major tournmanents of the past thirty years, during which 1,700 games were played. According to him 32% of all these games were won by White, 22% by Black and 46% ended in a draw. "The percentage is fairly high", Averbakh remarked. "But this does not suggest that chess is really threatened with death through drawn games! It is worth noting that, with the appearance of M. Tahl in the world arena, the percentage of drawn games has dropped considerably. "Other players are striving to emulate his example, resorting to bold attacks and risky sacrifices.

Petrosian said that the nature of the elimination rounds distinguishing tournaments today tended to increase the percentage of drawn games. When you are worrying about how to qualify for an interzonal tournament, you must willy-nilly be overcautious in play.

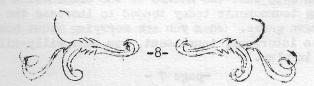
What is needed, he said, is some new form of preliminaries. It sometimes happen, of course, that grandmasters deliberately draw games between themselves - a strategy often explained by the desire for a respite before or after an important game.

Hoever, in most cases encounters between grandmasters are noted for tense struggle, full of combinations attacks and tactical ingenuity.

Another important point was made during discussion. Far from every drawn game is drab!

There are games in which the peaceful outcome is a result of acute struggle, where the forces of the opponents are gradually expended in a prolonged clash of ideas. Who is going to object to games being drawn in this way. Let us look at the game between L. Stein and B. Spassky.

		L.STEIN - White	I	B. SPASSKY	- Black.
1.	P-K4	P-K4	19	RXP	P-KB4
2	N-KB3	N-QB3	20	Q-Bl	P-B5
3	B-N5	P-QR3	21	QXQ	BXQ
4	B-R4	N-KB3	22	RXP :	
5	0-0	B-K2			PXB
6	R-Kl	P-QN4	23	R(K)XP	RXR
7	B-N3	0-0	24	PXR	B-K2 !
8		일하다 보는 경기 열차 가장 그렇게 되었다. 그리고 하는 사람들이 없는 것이 없는 것이 없는데 없다.	25	RXP	B-N4
9	P-B3	P-Q4	26	BXN ch	K-R1
	PXP	NXP	27	B-N2 !	BXP ch
10	NXP	NXN	28	K-R1	BXB ch
11	RXN	P-QB3	29	KXB	BXN
12	P-Q4	B-Q3	30	P-QN4	P-N4.
13	R-Kl	Q-R5	31	P-N4	B-K8
14	P-N3	Q-R6	32	P-Q5	
15	B-K3	B-KN5	25	I-60	Drawn
16	2-23	R(R)-Kl			
17	N-Q2	R-K3			
. ,	7, 6	11 11			



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P-R4

PXP



According to latest reports, the Russian world chambion

Tigrian Petrosian, will not be coming to England to play at
the traditional Hastings Christmas Congress.

This must be a sad disappointment to the organisers in their jubilee year. It is their proud boast that every champion has played at Hastings during his tenure of the title since Lasker in 1895. So it seems that fans in this country will be denied a

So it seems that fans in this country will be denied a chamce of deciding from their own impressions just how good Petrosian is. There have been some very spirited polemics on this subject in the British obess Press recently.

The news that the Russians will be sending less experienced players looks to me very much like a downgrading in their eyes of our only big international tournament, which must give ground for concern.

The Beverwijk tournament, held a week after Hasitngs, seems to be stealing much of Hastings thunder.

The above is taken from Cafferty's column in the Saturdays edition in Birmingham Evening Mail, which also contains B-ham league results.

BRITISH CHESS PERSONALITIES.

I brief introduction to some leading British chess players.

CERALD ABRAHAMS was born in 1907. He is a barrister-atlaw, lives in Liverpool, and is one of the strongest players in the Northern Counties. He has written some twenty books-on chess, bridge, law, political thought, philosophy, and sociology, not to mentione several works of fiction.

C.H.O'D. ALEXANDER was born in 1909. He was British Boy Champion in 1927, British Champion in 1938 and 1956. He holds the rank of INTERNATIONAL MASTER By profession a Civil Servant(a high-ranking one, who has figured in the Honours List), his many interests include bridge and cricket. His publications include a hand-book for chess beginners, an edition of Alekhine's best games.

LECNARD BARDEN was bottn in 1929. He was joint British Champion in 1963, and received the title of BRITISH MASTER in the same year. He has represented England in four world team championships. Professionally he is a journalist and an investment consultant. An authority on chess openings, he has published several books on the game. His other interests include soccer, politics and cinema.

R.J.BROADBENT was born in Lancashire in 1906. He has won several North Country championships, and was Northern Counties Champion from 1934 to 1946, British Champion in 1948 and 1950. He is a British Master, and has many times represented England in international matches. A Civil Servant, his other interests include motoring and gardening.

ROWENA BRUCE is married to anothr shess player, Mr.R.N.

BRUCE.Born in 1919, Mrs Bruce was Girl

World Champion in 1935, and has eight times (between 1937 and 1963) been British Lady Champion. Mrs Bruce is also interested in bridge, and is principal cellist with the Plymouth Orchestral Society. -10-

PETER CLARKE was born in 1939. He was London Boy Champion in 1951, and has held many other championships In the British Championship itself, he has four times been runner up. A BRITISH MASTER since 1959, he has played in many international matches, including four World Champioship Zonal Tournaments. He has published many works on chess, and is a Director and Contributing Editor of the "British Chess Magazine

HARRY GOLOMBEK O.B.E. was born in London in 1911. He was London Boy Champion in 1929, British Champion in 1947,1949 and 1955 - and seldom fails to be in the prize list. He is an INTERNATIONAL MASTER, and is one of the Official Judges of the International Chess Federation. Famous as a chess analyst, he has more than twenty books to his credit, besides regular chess journalism. His many interests include languages, music and art. In the Queens Birthday List Golombek was awarded O.B.E. for services to chess.

MICHAEL HAYGARTH is a Yorkshire accountant, and was 29 years old when (in 1966) he unseated Penrose a British Champion. Before this, he has three times been Yorkshire Champion and once Northern Counties Champion He has several times played for England, and his other interests include horse racing.

CHENNEK KOTTNAUER was born in Prague in 1910.He has had a brilliant record in Czech and international tournaments, and became an INTERNATIONAL MASTER in 1946.He is now a British subject, and plays equally brilliant for this country. Besides being a versatile (international) journalist, he is organization and method consultant to a large group of London companies. He is a remarkable linguist, and keenly interested in sociology, philosophy, and all forms of sport - especially swimming.

JONATHAN PENROSE was born in 1934. He was British Champion six years running - until 1964 also is the present British Champion. At the age of fifteen was already defeating grandmasters; and but for the demands of his profession would almost certainly have himself joined their ranks. He is an INTERNATIONAL MASTER.

JOHN LITTLEWOOD was born in 1931.— one of a family of eleven(including his formidable brother Norman) all of whom play chess. He was twice champion. of Sheffield, has been Lincolnshire Champion seven years running, and was Midland Counties Champion in 1961. He has frequently played for England, and became a BRITISH MASTER in 1964. He teaches French, and his other interests include bridge, acting and singing.

DAVID PRITCHARD was born in 1919. He was Malayan Champion in 1959. His interests include travel, flying, and philately.

ETLAINE PRITCHARD As Elaine Saunders, Mrs Pritchard was the International Federation Girl Champion (under 21) in 1930 - at the age of ten.

She has been British Lady Champion four times, in 1939, 1946, 1956 and 1965. In 1957 she became one of the very few International Lady Masters in this country. By profession she is a teacher

FRANK RHODEN was born in 1906.A strong club and county player he has for more than 12 years been Director of the International Chess Congress held annually at Hastings, where he is a schoolmaster. He is also a freelance journalist ,and says that he finds this occupation goes well with drinking beer and talking (he is famous for both!)

A.J.ROYCROFT was born in 1929, and published his first endgame study in 1949. Since then, he has won several prizes in international competitions. He is one of the International Chess Federation Judges for end-game studies. By profession a specialist in the use of electronic computers

R.E.RUSHBROOK was born in London in 1908. He was London Stock Exchange Champion in 1959 and from 1962 to 1964. He has played for no fewer than three of the Home Counties, and is also keenly interested in Scouting.

To be continued in next months issue.

ROCK CUP RESULTS

ROUNDI

L	S.Simonovic Def.	0	E. Underhill	1	
2	L.Hesbrook	1	R.Briscoe	0	
3	A.Onion	0	W.E.Cox	1	
	K.Chelvan	1	J. Southall	0	
	L.Armstrong	0	J.E.Jones	1	
6	B.Lote	0	P. Hickman	1	
7	N. P. Cook	1	P.S. Walkins	0	
8	H. New	0	G.Elwell	1	
9	G. Mohr	0	F. Lloyd	1	
10	J. Bargery	1	MissM.Sedgley	0	
11	A. Moore	0	G.Lines	1	
12	R.Duncanson	0	J, Charles	1	
13	A.Sadler	1	Mrs.J.Briscoe	0	
14	D.Conway	0	B. Nagle	1	
15	J. Holloway Disq	.0	J.Wyer	0	Disqalified
16	P.A. Greenland Dis	q.	K.Wlwell	1	
17	S.Rait	0	J, D, Hughes	1	
18	Mrs.M.Lloyd	0	R.Jukes	1	
19	T.R.Groves	1	K.Pittaway	0	
20	G. Stokes-Roberts	0	R.D. Nicholls	1	
21	F.D. Field Hyde	1	C.C.Winmill	0	
22	W.Clark	1	R. Maullin	0	
23	K.Francis	0	R.J.Rowe	1	
24	C. Woodall	1	F.T.Burgess	0	Def.
25	L.G. Palethorpe	1	M. Bacon	D	
	D.G.Edwards	0	N. Sims	1	
27	M. Nicol	1	C. F. Bennett	0	

DRAW FOR ROCK CUP ROUND II

1	R.D. Nicholls		- BYE	
2	R.J.Rowe	V	G.Lines	
3	A.Sadler	V	J.D. Hughes	
4	L.G. Hesbrook	V	J.Charles	
5	F.Lloyd	-	BYE	
6	G. Elwell	V	T.R.Grove	
7	C. Woodall		BYe	
8	J.E.Jones	V	K.Elwell	
9	B.Nagle	V	N. Sims	
		-13-	Continued on page 1	.6

B.C.F. GRADING SYSTEM.

V.G. JENSON (Staffordshire Grading Officer)

There are many kinds of grading method but they all have the common aim of classifying competitors according to their past performance. The scheme adopted by the B.C.F. about 20 years ago is simple to apply but is inaccurate when players of widely different abilities meet each other. Since these occasions are relatively few (because players prefer to compete at their own standard) the advantage of simplicity is more important. The 25 grades are labelled from la down to 13a for publication purposes but for detailed calculations each grade is further sub-divided into 8 parts giving 200 distinct levels which are numbered consecuetively. The properties of the grading list are as rollows:-

- 1) If a competitor achieves a 50% record, then his performance equals that of his average opponent and his grade is the same as his average opponent's grade.
- 2) For each 8, above (or below) 50, he rises (or falls) one grade above (or below) the grade of his average opponent.

 Example. A player meets 10 opponents: 1 @ 4b, 3 @ 6a,

 4 @ 6b, and 1 @ 7b (average opponent is 6a) If he scores 5 out of 10 his grade is also 6a,; 6/10 would merit 5b; 8/10 would merit 4a; etc...

Another way of looking at the system is to consider that you are in {rade 7b, and play a series of 6 games against an opponent in each of the other grades in turn. Your results should be as follows:-

Opponent's grade 4b (and up) 5a 5b 6a 6b 7a 7b 8a 8b 9a 9b

Your score $0 \frac{1}{2} 1 1 \frac{1}{2} 2 2 \frac{1}{2} 3 3 \frac{1}{2} 4 4 \frac{1}{2} 5$

Opponent's grade 10a 10b(and down)

our score $5\frac{1}{2}$ 6 -14-

This table shows that you are expected to draw half of your games against players 3 grades higher than yourself, and that your opponent must be 6 grades below you before you can be confident of winning.

Clearly six games are not enough to determine a players grade since a new player playing 6 games against opponents whose average is 7b (your opponent in the previous table is the new player) could score $2\frac{1}{2}$ or $3\frac{1}{2}$ depending on a single blunder in one game. This would result in his grade being estimated as 8a or 7a; quite a big difference. A single blunder in 10 games only makes one grade difference and new players are fully admitted to the system on completion of 10 games. To be reasonably sure of a player's grade however, the results of 30 games need to be taken into account so that 2 blunders are needed to make one grade difference; this frequency is considered to be a habit. Because all 30 games are given equal importance the resulting grade is the average performance over the period of these games, and unless this period is shorter than 2 years the grade will be more than one year out of date and does not qualify for official publication.

It is thus necessary to play at least 15 matches each season in competitions which are included in the grading system for your name to be published officially. This is a tall order for club members who only play in one league. The competitions at present available to Staffordshire players for grading purposes are:— The Leagues of Birmingham, Wolverhampton Stoke & Newcastle, North Staffs., including their knock-out and Individual competitions; Hickman Cup, Advertiser Trophy, Forrest Cup, all County matches, all Congresses, Representative matches, and International matches.

However, as mentioned earlier, players with only 10 recorded results possess an unpublished approximate grade and I am willing to let any club secretary in Staffordshire have a list of these grades of his own club's members since I believe that this is a service which the County Organisation can and should offer to its clubs. The official list is published each September and I receive the full details a little later so that these lists should always be available soon after the start of each new season.

-15-

10	W.Clark	V	E. Underhill
11	P. Hickman	V	N.P.Cook
12	C.Chelvan	V	F.D. Field-Hyde
13	W.E.Cox	V	M. A. Stevenson
14	M. Nicol	V	L.G. Palethorpe
15	J.Bargery		BYE
16	R.Jukes		BYE

DRAW FOR BIDGOOD CUP ROUND I

1	A. Onion		BYE
2	L. Armstrong	Λ	P.S. Walkins
3	H.New	Λ	G. Mohr
4	R.E. Duncanson	V	Mrs.M.Lloyd
5	J. Southall	Λ	BYE
6	Mrs.J.Briscoe	Λ	K. Fransis
7	S.S.Rait	V	BYE
8	Miss M. Sedgley		BYE
9	F.T. Byrgess	Λ	S. Simonovic
10	D.G.Edwards	Λ	J. Holloway
11	C.F. Rennett	Λ	K.Pittaway
12	R.Briscoe		BYE
13	C.C. Winmill	V	G. Stokes-Roberts
14	A. Moore		BYE
15	D. Conway	Λ	P.A. Greenland
16	J.Wyer	Λ	R. Maullin.

Dear Colleagues,

May I remind you once more that we are `desperately short of games and local news for publication in our monthly Magazine.

This month I have written to a good many players asking for games and have received the same answer, the game was not a good one, or I did not keep the score.

May we please have as many games as possible for the next issue and let us be the judges as to whether it is a good or bad game.

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COUNTY MATCH.

	STAFFORDSHIRE I	V	WORCESTERSHIRE I
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	M.A. Stevenson D.W. Anderton R.A. Beach Dr.V.G. Jenson Dr.N. Young R. J. Clunie G. Homer A. Sadler K. Pittaway M. Reynolds J. H. Greenhalgh	8 띄니 러니아니이니 니니아니이니	Dr.B.A.Dudley a B.Homer a D.M.Horne O T.E.Waites a T.R.Grove 1/2 F.W.Miller 1/2 L.Blackstock O B.Rasmussen O A.C.May S.H.Willets 1/2
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	J.Fellows S.G.Johnson W.P.Taylor R.J.Edwards A.Shroeder J.H.Baines G.M.Jones P.G.J.ckson J.D.Hughes	1 0 a 0 1 1 2 a a	A.V.Kent O C.L.Heathcock D D.W.Woolridge a J.Williams 1 H.G.Billinge O D.J.Strode ½ J.D.Ashfield a B.Whitehouse a E.Copeman 1
		81/2	5 1

Staffordshire leads Worcestershire $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ with 6 games for adjudication. In five of the six games Staffordshire have a marked advantage and they should emerge comfortable winners. Their supremacy was evident on the top 12 boards.

Particulary noteworthy was the performance of K.Pittaway who travelled as a reserve and was called upon to fill a vacancy on board 9 after many valuable minutes had been lost on the clock.

He managed to achieve a steady draw, despite their handicap, the weakness of the team lay with the lower bords as it has done on so many occasions in the past.

	STAFFORDSHIRE	II	LEICESTE	RSHIRE II
1	M.Reynolds	1	J.Alster	0
	H, Bishop	1 1	K. Vickers	0
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	W.Taylor	1	L.Edwards	0
4	R.Edwards	1	B.Norton	0 1 2 2 1
5	S.Gothard	1/2	B.Foreman	\$
6	P.G. Jackson	1 1 2 1 2 0	C.Knight	1/2
7	E.V. Foulds		J.Ralph	
8	E.Lees	1	M. Davidson	0
9	G.Lines	0	R.Oakfield	1 1 2 0
10	D.Price	1/2	E.Sharpe	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	E.Ratcliffe	0 ½ 1 1	D.Oliver	
12	T.Deaville	1	S.Buedett	0
13	I. MacGillivary	1	R.Shipman	0
14	K.Pittaway	1/2	P. Johnson	0
15	M.Bacon	1 1 2 1	Mrs.D.Taylor	0
16	L.Luszowicz		E.Benton	0
17	R.Williams	1	F.Baldwin	0
18	H.Russell	1	R.Taylor	0
19	E.Toldford	1	J.Smith	0
20	B.Sanders	1	P.Wollington	0
21	J.Withnall	1	K.Thompson	0
22	Mrs.J.Briscoe	0	W. Mobbs	1`
23	H. Geher	0	C, Hutchinson	1
24	P.Hulse	1	C.Elliot	0
25	C.Southall	LIT W	S.Gilliver	0
26	N. P. Cook	1	S.Bass	0
27	G.Stokes-Roberts	1	A.Gias	0
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2	J. Hatton	0	C. H. Cook	1
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3 G.Geher
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4 N. Cook
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5 F.D. Field-Hyde 0
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6 J.Wyer
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                           M. Reynolds a
2 N.W.Sims
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3 J.Bargery
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3 P.Edwards	1	G. Stokes Roberts	0
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2 M.Staite	1	K.Francis	0
3 D.Price	0	G.Normand	1
4 B.Holland		J.Waters	1
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2 P.N.Porter
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3 K. Nicholls
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4 T.Elwell
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BRITISH LIGHTNING CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT.

S. REUBEN -LONDON

B.CAFFERTY- BIRMINGHAM

			Ragozin	Defence.			
	Whit	е	Black		Wh	nite	Black
1.	P-04		N-KB3		15	N-K5	B-Q3
2	P-QB4		P-K3		16	P-B4	N-N5
3	N-QB3		B-N5		17	P-K4 a) BXN
4	B-N5		P-KR3		18	BPXB	P-B3
5	B-R4		P-Q4		19	PXRP c) Q-R4
6	P-K3		0-0		20	B-K4 d	
7	PXP		PXP		21	B-B3	Q-R7 ch
8	Q-B2		P-B3		22	K-Bl	RXB ch
9	B-Q3		QN-Q2		23	PXR	QXQ
10	N-B3		Q-Kl		24	PXN	BXP
11	0-0		P-KN4		25	K-N1	R-B6
12	B-N3		N-R4		26	Resign	S
13	KR-Kl	a)	N-B1				
14	RPXN		N-B3				

- a) B-B7 looks better, White has played well so far, but a series of inaccuracies now follows which weakens his Kings side.
- b) He underestimates the strength of Blacks Knight, which he should have exchanged.
- c) 19. B-K2 to remove the Knight was essential.
- d) 20. P-K6, keeping the Kings Bishop file closed, was his last chance. Now he loses a standard combination.

Notes by: B. Cafferty.

M. STEINBERGER. USSR.

Pretty soon the boys will be qualifying in the cradle" one chest expert noted with suprise, but such is the case of 14 year old Schoolboy M. Steinberger from Kharkov, USSR.

In the recent USSR championship he reached the semi-final and very narrowly missed qualifying for the final, but he earned his Masters degree. This makes him the youngest ever in the USSR to achieve such an homour.

Let us have a look at the game played in the USSR championship semi-final at Orel.

M. STEINBERGER	-	White		LEVIT	-	Black.
		English	Opening.			

1	P-QB4	P-K3	13	0-0	N(QB)XP
2	N-QB3	N-KB3	14	NXN	RXN
3	P-K4	P-24	15	Q-KB3	B-Q5 ??
4	P(QB)XP	PXP	16	BXN : c)	BXB
5	P-K5	N(KB)-Q2	17	QXP	R-Ql
6	P-Q4	P-QB4	18	B-KB4 !	R-QB4
7	N-KB3	N-QB3	19	R(QR)-Q1	d) B-KN5
8	PXP	BXP	. 20	P-QN4	Q-QR6
9	QXP	Q-QN3	21	PXR	QXN
10	N-K4	Q-QR4 ch !	22	Q-K7	BXP ch
11	N-QB3	0-0 a)	23	KXB	Black Resigns
12	B-QN5!! b)	R-Kl			

- a) Master Levit believes that he is obliged to play for a win over his youngeropponent, otherwise he could have silently offered to call it a draw by a repetition of moves through 11 ... Q-QN3
 - b) From this moment on the young Steinberger confidently cashes in on his small advantage.
 - c) This is both a simple and convincing move, where Black not only loses a Pawn, but is also compelled to deploy his pieces to unfavourable places.
 - d) White could also win with an immediate 19 P-QN4, but the young master prefers to bring his Rook into action as well.
 - 25 Notes by: Grandmaster A. Kotov.

IN MEMORIAM.

Msgr. Joseph Perrier was born in France in 1840, and died at Los Angeles, December 31,1917.

He was visiting Prelate of the Diocese of Concordia, Ks. and temporary Chaplain of St. Mary's Academy, L.A.

During the entire summer of 1917, he spent the greater part of every Sunday at Wellmuth's ranch in Hawthorne, California playing chess.

After the following game, thevenerable prelate was asked whether he thought that there would be chess in Heaven. "NO, no my son! Nothing of a combatative nature can exist in the realms above.

"In that case, said the tormentor," I am afraid I'd be terribly bored, and would ask St.Peter for a raincheck, that I might tarry awhile longer on this good old earth."

I believe that chess is the shining path to happiness, and, therefore, should not terminate in heaveh."

MSGR. JOSEPH PERRIER - White F.J. WELLMUTH -Black CENTRE COUNTER.

1 P-K4 P-Q4 15 0-0 N-Q5 2 PXP N-KB3 White calls mate in seven. 4 B-B4 N-N3 16 QR-K1 ch N-K7 ch 5 B-N3 N-B3 17 RXN ch KXR 7 P-Q3 B-KN5 18 B-R5 ch K-K6 8 P-KR3 B-R4 20 B-B7 N-Q4 9 NXP!!! BXQ 21 P-B3 ch NXP				White	Black
2 PXP N-KB3 White calls mate in N-Q5 3 N-QB3 NXP seven. 4 B-B4 N-N3 16 QR-K1 ch N-K7 ch 5 B-N3 N-B3 17 RXN ch KXR 6 N-B3 P-K4 18 B-R5 ch K-K6 7 P-Q3 B-KN5 19 B-B3 ch K-Q5 8 P-KR3 B-R4 20 B-B7 N-Q4 9 NXP!!! BXQ 21 P-B3 ch NXP				MITTOC	DIGOR
11 B-N5 ch K-Q3 12 N-K4 ch KXN 13 P-B4 ch K-Q5 14 RXB K-K6	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	PXP N-QB3 B-B4 B-N3 N-B3 P-Q3 P-KR3 NXP!!! BXP ch B-N5 ch N-K4 ch P-B4 ch	P-Q4 N-KB3 NXP N-N3 N-B3 P-K4 B-KN5 B-R4 BXQ K-K2 K-Q3 KXN	White calls seven. 16 QR-Kl ch 17 RXN ch 18 B-R5 ch 19 B-B3 ch 20 B-B7 21 P-B3 ch	N-K7 ch KXR K-K6 K-Q5 N-Q4

DIVISION I.

White	
M. REYNOLDS	(J. THOMPSONS)
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Black P.HICKMAN (W-TON "B"

	White	Black.	White	Black
12345678911123456789021223	P-K4 N-Kb3 P-QB3 a) P-K5 P-Q4 PXQP PXKP PXP N-B3 B-Q3 P-KR3 O-O N-QR4 P-R3 R-K1 P-QN4 B-N2 B-N5 b) BXN RXB K-R2 Q-Q2 R-K5	P-QB4 N-QB3 N-B3 N-KN1 P-Q3 BPXP BXP BXP B-K3 N-B3 O-O N-Q4 Q-N3 Q-Q1 P-E4 Q-B1 P-QU3 N-B5 B-Q4 QXB NXP ch c) NXP Q-Q3 ch N-N5 ch	27 RXQ 28 R(4)-Bl 29 KR-Bl 30 B-B3 31 B-Q2 32 RXR 33 R-QBl 34 K-B2 35 N-B3 36 RXN 37 R-Q3 38 P-R4 39 K-B3 40 K-K4 41 B-Kl 42 R-QB3 43 PXP 44 B-N3 45 R-B6 ch 46 RXP 47 RXP 48 R-R8 ch	K-K <u>1</u> R-R2 K-B2
24	K-N1	BXN !	49 R-R7 ch	and White won.
25	Q-B4	B-K5 ??? d)		TO METER TO
26	RXB	QXQ ?		

- a) White's 3 P-QB3 aims to avoid standard Sicilian position.
- b) 18 B-KBl would have been better
- c) An excellent move to weich White cannot find satisfactory answer.
- d) Blunder under time pressure.

B.B.C. CONSULTATION GAME. 1964

AMATEURS F.A.RHODEN & R. White	V E.RUSHBROOK	INTERNATIONALS. L.W.BARDEN & J.LITTLEWOOD Blask.	
1. P - QR3? 2 P - QB4 3 P X P 4 N - QB3 5 P - Q6 P - Q4 7 Q X P 8 Q - KR4 9 B - N5 10 0-0-0 11 P - K4 12 B X N 13 B - N5 ch 14 P - B4	a) P - K4 P - Q4 N - KB3 b) P - Q83 B X P c) P X P P - Q84 N - Q83 N - Q5 B - K84 B - N3 P X B K - B1 P - QR3	15 B - B4 P - QN4 16 B - Q5 P - N5 d) 17 B X R P X N 18 P X P Q - R4 e) 19 K - Q2 K - N2 20 N - K2 R X B 21 P - B5 R - QN1 22 R - QN1 Q X RP f) 23 N X N P X N 24 R X R Q X P ch 25 K - Q1 P - Q6 26 R - QB8 g) Q X R 27 P X B Q - B7 ch 28 Resigns h)	

- a) The A3 Attack. The London Stock Exchange Champion R.E. Rushbrook popularised this insidious attack on the centre from left wing at Blackpool 1957. He claims that his record with this unusual opening proved more successful against stronger players well versed in book lore than if he had opened 1.P-K4.
- b) Rushbrook generally played 4.P-K4 when this position occurred In a County game versus Kent in 1960 this evoked the response 4... NXKP? with 5.Q-R4 ch and Rushbrook recorded his quickest win in his chess career.Rhoden pointed out that Barden and Little wood would hardly be likely to oblidge!
 - c) Not a Rushbrook move which does not fit with the quieter".3" development. Rhoden preferred a dynamic game.
 - d) If.17 N-R4, BXP ch.18. QXB, QXB.19.PXQ, N-N6 mate.
 e) Far stronger than Q X B. Commences a winning attack.
 - f) International stuff. Leaving a knight en prise, a bishop en prise, and a Rook en prise.
 - g) Delaying the obvious. A typical "Nosher" manocuvre.
 - h) Rhoden found consolation in the fact that they had a mate in two on the board against the International mate in ONE!

P.S. R.G. Wade used similar opening Notes by R.E. Rushbrook 1957 British Championship.

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Andrew J. Whiteley, Oxford, will represent the Federation in the Junior Tournament at Groningen, Holland, later this month.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ.

a) R.Capablanca.b)A.Nimzovitch c)Dr.Tarrash d) A.Alekhine e) Paul Morphy f) A.Nimzovitch - 29-

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