

\* Including Paul Spencer obituary  
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**LEAGUE TABLES**

DIV 1	P	W	D	L	PTS
KIDDERMINSTER	5	5	0	0	10
LICHFIELD A	5	4	0	1	8
WALSALL KIPPING	5	4	0	1	8
WEST BROMWICH	6	3	1	2	7
STAFFORD	6	2	1	3	5
BUSHBURY	5	2	1	2	5
LICHFIELD B	4	2	0	2	4
STOURBRIDGE	4	1	1	2	3
WOLVERHAMPTON	4	1	0	3	2
SHIFNAL/TELFORD	5	0	2	3	2
MERCIA	5	0	0	5	0

DIV 2	P	W	D	L	PTS
KIDDERMINSTER	6	2	4	0	8
RUSHALL A	5	2	3	0	7
RUSHALL B	5	2	3	0	7
WOLVERHAMPTON B	5	2	2	1	6
WOLVERHAMPTON C	5	2	0	3	4
RUGELEY	4	2	0	2	4
WALSALL KIPPING	4	1	2	1	4
BREWOD	4	0	3	1	3
LUCAS B.S	4	0	3	1	3
STOURBRIDGE	4	0	2	2	2
STAFFORD	4	1	0	3	2

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	PTS
SHIFNAL/TELFORD	7	5	0	2	10
LICHFIELD	5	4	1	0	9
WALSALL KIPPING	5	4	1	0	9
MERCIA	6	4	0	2	8
COSFORD	3	1	1	1	3
ST.MARYS	4	1	1	2	2*
BREWOD	5	1	0	4	2
STAFFORD	4	1	0	3	2
BUSHBURY	3	1	0	2	2
WOLVERHAMPTON	4	0	0	4	0

DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	PTS
LICHFIELD	5	3	2	0	8
RUGELEY	4	2	2	0	6
WALSALL KIPPING	5	2	2	1	6
BREWOD	5	1	1	3	3
RUSHALL	5	0	3	2	3
MERCIA	4	1	0	3	2

\* 1 point deducted for late cards.

**EDITORIAL NOTE**

**DEFAULTED BOARDS:** This still seems to be problem with some teams.

**LEAGUE POSITIONS:** Things are hotting up in all divisions. It is likely that game average( competition rule 10b) may well decide the champions etc.

**LATE CARDS:** Brewood "B" have been added to the list of teams who have lost their life.

An obituary to the late Paul Spencer of Rushall Chess Club written by Steve Wilcox appears on page 4. On behalf of the league I would like to pass on our condolences to the Rushall Club, and Pauls family.

Congratulations to the Staffordshire under 125 team who by beating Warwickshire (see page 3 for details) become champions of the West Zone. Captain Rob Ward and Vice Captain Geoff Rosser are pleased with the result and now progress to the next stage of the competition.

It was reported in the last bulletin that Rob Ward had not been very well. I understand that he is quite well at present but is due to have further treatment, followed by an operation later in the year. *We wish him all the best.*

**PUBLISHERS NOTE**

The bulletin now appears on the "Midlands Chess Webb Site" which as you will know is maintained by Mike Rees. I can of course E-Mail the bulletin to clubs who have an E-Mail address, which would save on copying and postage for the league.

If any club is prepared to accept their bulletin in this way please E-mail me at the address shown above.

## RESULTS

### DIVISION 1

Lichfield "B" 3 ½ Shifnal/Telford 2 ½

A.Smith	0	N.Rutter	1
P.Griffiths	½	P.J.Saxon	½
A.Mielenewski	½	C.J.Roberts	½
D.Abell	½	W.W.Peck	½
A.Grant	1	R.G.Thompson	0
J.Lakin	1	S.Tarr	0

Shifnal/Telford 3 Bushbury 3

N.J.Rutter	½	L.Grinsell	½
P.J.Saxon	1	P.Pinfold	0
C.J.Roberts	0	J.Staniforth	1
W.W.Peck	½	P.Staley	½
R.G.Thompson	0	A.Schroeder	1
S.Tennant	1	A.B.C.Smith	0

Lichfield "B" 2 ½ Kidderminster 3 ½

A.Smith	½	J.Friar	½
A.Mieleniewski	½	M.Bissell	½
P.Griffiths	½	J.Wrench	½
D.Abell	0	F.Pickett	1
A.Grant	½	G.Link	½
J.Lakin	½	P.Thomas	½

Bushbury 3 ½ Stourbridge 2 ½

L.Grinsell	1	G.Thomas	0
P.Pinfold	½	B.G.Dudley	½
R.Parry	½	I.Howarth	½
J.Staniforth	½	S.Jukes	½
P.Staley	0	Julie Wilson	1
A.Schroeder	1	M.Podleslak	0

Lichfield "A" 5 Walsall Kipping 1

P.Wallace	1	D.Anderton	0
P.Collins	½	D.Whitmore	½
R.Allen	1	C.Pohribnyj	0
J.Smith	1	W.Rea	0
R.Farmery	1	M.Groombridge	0
M.Maher	½	P.J.Jones	½

Stafford 3 ½ Mercia 2 ½

G.Acey	def	M.Share	1
M.Armstrong	½	K.Francis	½
R.Butters	1	D.Perks	0
D.Morris	def	Barry Smith	1
A.Hankey	1	J.Phillips	0
A.Leadbetter	1	R.Price	0

Walsall Kipping 4 Stafford 2

D.Anderton	1	G.Acey	0
D.Whitmore	½	M.Armstrong	½
W.Rea	0	D.Morris	1
C.Pohribnij	1	A.Leadbetter	0
R.G.Jones	½	S.Pedder	½
D.Friend	1	default	0

### DIVISION 2

Wolverhampton "C" 3 ½ Stafford 2 ½

M.Holway	1	S.Pedder	0
C.Adams	½	J.Carleton	½
Steve Wilson	0	D.Carter	1
Kelvin Jones	0	R.Gogerty	1
P.Hubbard	1	G.DeVisme	0
A.Hodges	1	I.McTighe	0

Stourbridge 1 ½ Rushall "B" 4 ½

R.Branford	0	D.Bell	1
M.Podelsak	½	S.Allen	½
Andrew Moore	½	G.Sanders	½
D.Scriven	0	C.Perrygrove	1
P.Trevis	0	S.Cooksey	1
S.Dathan	½	J.Hills	½

Wolverhampton "B" 2 Rushall "A" 4

Martin May	0	S.Wilcox	1
G.Rosser	0	S.Colwell	1
P.Broomhall	½	J.Sadler	½
P.Eastwood	0	P.Spencer	1
C.Haughton	½	J.Hills	½
B.Lewis	1	default	0

Kidderminster 3 Lucas B.S 3

J.Varilone	0	M.Tallis	1
C.Billinge	1	R.Gough	0
D.Digger	0	L.Johnson	1
K.Brant	½	P.Elkington	½
T.Pountney	1	M.Rees	0
P.Kitchen	½	Rob Cook	½

Rushall "B" 3 Kidderminster 3

D.Bell	0	M.Riley	1
S.Allen	0	J.Varilone	1
G.Sanders	1	C.Billinge	0
C.Perrygrove	1	K.Brant	0
P.Turner	½	T.Pountney	½
J.Hills	½	M.Kitchen	½

Brewood 2 ½ Wolverhampton "C" 3 ½

D.Laight	½	M.Holway	½
P.Crozet	0	C.Adams	1
C.Buxton	0	K.Jones	1
B.Hall	1	P.Hubbard	0
D.Buckley	0	B.Lewis	1
J.Fenby	1	A.Hodges	0

### DIVISION 3

Shifnal/Telford 2 Cosford 3

B.Jenrick	½	P.Denner	½
J.Wilkinson	½	N.Payne	½
M.Flavell	1	P.Tosney	0
Default	0	C.Murray	1
Default	0	Peter Denner	1

Walsall Kipping 4 ½ Wolverhampton ½

B.Davies	1	B.Lewis	0
M.Savin	½	L.Hesbrook	½
A.Shrimpton	1	R.Whittingham	0
D.McIntosh	1	M.Steed	0
P.Gavin	1	M.Leary	0

Shifnal/Telford 3 ½ Brewood 1 ½

S.Tarr	0	S.Bird	1
G.Shepherd	1	J.Fenby	0
J.Wilkinson	½	P.Allan	½
J.Copley	1	T.Colabella	0
M.Flavell	1	C.Spencer	0

Brewood 2 ½ Bushbury 2 ½

S.Bird	½	W.Pinfold	½
J.Fenby	0	B.Brodie	1
P.Allan	½	J.Whitehaed	½
T.Colabella	1	S.Jones	0
C.Spencer	½	P.Woodhall	½

Lichfield 4 ½ Mercia ½

Alex Wilson	1	R.Price	0
D.Fone	1	C.Lane	0
B.Homewood	½	J.Rich	½
G.Monks	1	C.Bateson	0
I.McLaughlin	1	D.Worthington	0

**COUNTY RESULT M.C.C.U. (OPEN)**

Staffordshire 6 ½    Warwickshire 9 ½

1. L.Cooper	1	T.Hynes	0
2. D.Anderton	½	D.Mason	½
3 Jonathan Blackburn	1	Alan Lloyd	0
4. Ralph Allan	½	Nick Thomas	½
5. G.Acey	½	S.Fishburne	½
6. C.Hibbard	0	A.McCumiskey	1
7. Peter Collins	0	Paul Webster	1
8. Lee Grinsell	½	Li Wu	½
9. M.Armstrong	0	Bob Wildig	1
10. P.Pinford	0	Richard Millward	1
11. Mike Gregg	½	A.Baruch	½
12. Chris Simpson	0	K.Escott	1
13. Bill Armstrong	0	Malcolm Hunt	1
14. C.Westmorland	½	M.Fletcher	½
15. J.Staniforth	½	David Cooper	½
16. Richard Westwood	1	A.Rogerson	0

**ROCK CUP ROUND 1 RESULTS**

L.E.Collier(LBS)	½	1	P.Allan (BWD)	½	0
A.Meakin (RUG)	0	D.Pritchard(WSK)	1		
W.Hulley (RUG)	1	Miss C.Wilcox(RSH)	0		
D.Buckley(BWD)	0	S.Wilcox (RSH)	1		
K.Francis (MER)	1	K.Moore (WSK)	0		
S.Heath (RUG)	1	R.Westwood (ST.M)	0		
D.Perks (MER)	1	S.Beasley (WSK)	0		
G.Rosser (WOL)	0	R.Gogerty (STFD)	1		
C.Adams (WOL)	0	R.Lewis ( ST.M)	1		
J.Montague (RUG)	1	P.Eastwood (WOL)	0		
R.Carter (STFD)	0	F.Wood (WOL)	1		

BYE J.Lakin (LCH)

**ROCK CUP ROUND 2 DRAW**

R.Gogerty	v	S.Heath
F.Wood	v	J.Montague
J.Lakin	v	W.Hulley
L.Collier	v	D.Pritchard

BYES: D.Perks, R.Lewis, S.Wilcox, K.Francis,

**BIDGOOD CUP ROUND 1 DRAW**

R.Westwood	v	G.Rosser
C.Adams	v	P.Eastwood
K.Moore	v	D.Buckley

BYES: P.Allan, C.Wilcox, S.Beasley, A.Meakin,  
D.Carter.**PITTAWAY CUP ROUND 1**

Wolverhampton 3    Stafford 5

M.Townsend	0	G.Acey	1
Jeff Fox	0	M.Armstong	1
M.Wootton	0	R.Butters	1
Martin May	1	D.Morris	0
G.Rosser	0	A.Leadbetter	1
P.Eastwood	0	S.Peddar	1
C.Adams	1	D.Carter	0
P.Broomhall	1	G.de Visme	0
<b>Kidderminster 6    Walsall Kipping 2</b>			
B.Sharp	1	D.Anderton	0
J.Friar	0	D.Pritchard	1
M.Bissell	½	D.Whitmore	½
J.Wrench	1	W.Rea	0
F.Pickett	1	C.Pohrobnyj	0
G.Link	½	D.Friend	½
D.Close	1	A.Shrimpton	0
P.Thomas	1	default	0

Cosford 2    Brewood 6

M.Morrison	0	R.Grainger	1
Phil Denner	½	D.Laight	½
R.O.Harvey	0	P.Crozet	1
C.Murray	1	B.Hall	0
P.Tosney	½	S.Bird	½
P.Mundon	0	J.Fenby	1
J.Murphy	0	A.Colabella	1
Peter Denner	0	P.Allen	1

*Note Cosford board 1 ineligible registered  
For Wolverhampton not for Cosford.  
See rule 5A*

Shifnal/Telford 8    Lichfield 0 default

**COUNTY RESULT M.C.C.U  
(UNDER 125)**

Warwickshire 7    Staffordshire 9

1. K.Warren	0	D.Perks	1
2. G.Hope	0	R.Lewis	1
3. J.Asbury	½	S.Peddar	½
4. W.Peck	0	F.Wood	1
5. C.Leeson	0	G.Rosser	1
6. C.Evans	½	J.Sadler	½
7. N.Malka	0	Mark May	1
8. A.Burnett	1	D.Carter	0
9. D.S.Stockhall	0	R.Fell	1
10. D.Horsley	½	R.Gogerty	½
11. J.Llewellyn	1	R.Wilkinson	0
12. K.Gilbert	0	M.Page	1
13. M.Walker	1	P.Broomhall	0
14. J.Cole	½	D.Bell	½
15. L.Rawson	1	B.Hall	0
16. P.Woodward	1	R.Dolan	0

**PAUL SPENCER            1952-2001**

I have the sad duty to report the death of Paul Spencer. He had been with his neighbours on Christmas Day but had not looked well and was found passed away on Boxing Day when the police were asked to break into his flat. It is thought his death was connected to his long standing kidney problems, he had dialysis three times a week and was on the waiting list for a transplant for a second time.

Paul had been a member of Rushall Chess Club since February 1985 and had played in 356 matches, the sixth highest number of appearances by a Rushall member. He once played 30 league games in one season, 1990/1991. Paul had a break from the club on two occasions firstly to work in the middle east for a couple of years. The second time was to marry and start a business in Devon, but unfortunately for Paul these two ventures were not to last long, but at least Rushall were to regain him.

Paul's most successful season was in the summer league of 1991 when he achieved 90% from his 5 games. This is surprising because he always preferred the longer time limits of the winter seasons. Paul liked to take his time and enjoy his chess. This season he was having dialysis on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays but was always available for matches on Tuesdays and Thursdays and was scoring above 50% from his seven games, a tribute to someone playing in physical adversity.

Paul was captain of one of our Birmingham league teams from 1988 to 1994. He won the most improved player of the year award in 1991 and won the clubs Les Wilcox knockout in 1990 and 1999. His grades reached a high of 116 in 1997. Paul played 17 times for Staffordshire county teams.

His love of chess and team loyalty was demonstrated in March 2000 when he discharged himself from hospital on a Saturday lunchtime, drove to Syston to play and win for Staffordshire on board one against Leicestershire then drove straight back to hospital in Birmingham after the match.

I will always remember Paul for his cheerful and happy approach to life, often sharing a joke. He seemed to never lose his temper or have any enemies. Apparently he was in pain a lot of the time but never let on to others about this. His last game for Rushall was just a week before his death, at Stafford, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. He had driven there as always with his faithful dog Oscar and had been in his usual good spirits.

S.R. Wilcox secretary Rushall Chess Club