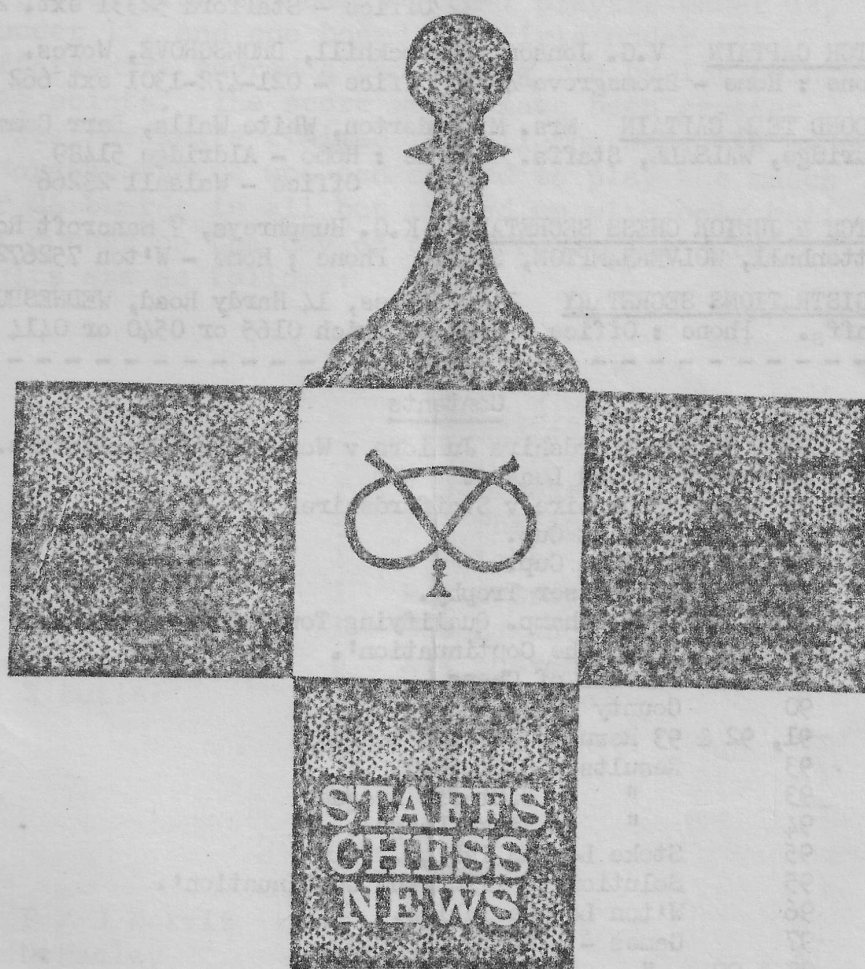


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CHESS JUNIORS

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Staffordshire Juniors played Worcestershire Juniors at John Thompsons on Saturday 17 January. The match was played over 18 boards with 7 players under 18, 10 under 15, and one board for girls under 18. Staffordshire scored a convincing win by $13\frac{1}{2}$ points to $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. The score would have been greater had Staffordshire claimed for all the defaults made by Worcestershire who had agreed to play the match over 36 boards in all but turned up with only half that number on the day of the match. The detailed results are as follows:

UNDER 18

<u>Staffordshire</u>		<u>Worcestershire</u>	
1.	P Langston	1	T J Brookes
2.	R Threlfall	$\frac{1}{2}$	A J Philips
3.	P Wojciechowski	1	J Wright
4.	C Stirling	1	R A C Gray
5.	M Tildesley	1	G D Baxandall
6.	J Hinsley	0	A R Hudson
7.	R Butler	1	D E S Price
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		$5\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$

UNDER 15

1.	P M J Norris	0	C L Proctor	1
2.	N Hadley	$\frac{1}{2}$	S H Turner	$\frac{1}{2}$
3.	W Brown	0	C J F Cassidy	1
4.	C Nash	1	D Magford	0

5.	D J Pritchard	1	C R Gordon	0
6.	D Dodge	$\frac{1}{2}$	J S Hill	$\frac{1}{2}$
7.	P Hallam	1	K P Lewsey	0
8.	M A Sheath	1	G Evans	0
9.	S D Hasketh	1	J K Myatt	0
10.	S H Dickens	1	J Bidy	0
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GIRLS UNDER 18

1.	Miss W Terry	1	Miss H Barber	0
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WEEKEND LEAGUE

In the Week End Chess League the Wolverhampton League played Birmingham Nomads at John Thompsons Social Centre Ettingshall on 17 January. The result of the match was a four all draw. The results are as follows:

<u>Wolverhampton League</u>			<u>Birmingham Nomads</u>		
1.	G Homer	0	P C Griffiths	1	
2.	J H Baines	0	M Dunn	1	
3.	M Fleury	1	W Ritson Morry	0	
4.	M Reynolds	0	G Stokes	1	
5.	R F Walker	1	R Farley	0	
6.	J Fellows	1	N Andrews	0	
7.	B Marshall	1	G Dale	0	
8.	J H Charles	0	M Bethel	1	
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The Wolverhampton League's adjudication results for two earlier matches have now been received. Against Leicestershire Sutton was awarded a draw on board 3 against L A Edwards and the result of the match is therefore a win for the Wolverhampton League by $7\frac{1}{2}$ points to $4\frac{1}{2}$. In the match against the Derby League, Marshall was awarded a win against Sissons and the result of the match is therefore a win for Wolverhampton League by 7 points to 5.

STAFFORDSHIRE v SALOP

Staffordshire defeated Shropshire in the annual County match by $13\frac{1}{2}$ points to $5\frac{1}{2}$ with one game to be adjudicated, played at Adams Grammar School, Newport on Saturday 24 January. Staffordshire lost only one game over the whole twenty boards. The only outstanding game is that on board 9 in which J H Baines for Staffordshire is a pawn up in a bishop ending and looks to have a win. The detailed results are as follows:

<u>Shropshire</u>			<u>Staffordshire</u>		
1.	C G O'Reilly	$\frac{1}{2}$	R A Beach	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2.	D H Everington	0	D W Anderton	1	
3.	F J O'Reilly	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr V G Jenson	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4.	Dr H D Gemmell	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Lamb	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5.	R Kermeen	0	C S Barnard	1	
6.	A Knight	$\frac{1}{2}$	A J Sutton	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7.	J D Frew	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Homer	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8.	W Lewis	0	M Fleury	1	
9.	J Jeggo	A	J H Baines	A	
10.	W J Oliver	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Sadler	$\frac{1}{2}$	
11.	A Bartlett	0	R F Walker	1	
12.	D C Mease	$\frac{1}{2}$	R J Edwards	$\frac{1}{2}$	

13.	R Alley	0	J Fellows	1
14.	O Schalscha	0	R V H Batters	1
15.	D Thomas	0	M Reynolds	1
16.	Miss Murphy	0	P G Jackson	1
17.	P Rans	0	G Link	1
18.	Mrs Ingram	1	A M J Hutchings	0
19.	G Hewitt	$\frac{1}{2}$	K G Humphreys	$\frac{1}{2}$
20.	J Baldwin	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mrs M Anderton	$\frac{1}{2}$
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		5 $\frac{1}{2}$		13 $\frac{1}{2}$
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FORREST CUP

There were ten entries to the Staffordshire Section of the Forrest Cup of whom five could qualify for the West Midlands section. The results of the preliminary matches are as follows:

R F T Wood	1	Mrs M Anderton	0
A J Sutton	1	L G Hesbrook	0
D Lamb	1	G M Jones	0
J E Jones	1	D Backhouse	0
A C Finney	1	M Hancock	0

HICKMAN CUP

In the first round of the Hickman Cup GKN have defeated Bilston and Rubery Owen defeated Mercia. Hobsons had a walk-over against EEC who defaulted. The draw for the second round is as follows:

John Thompsons	v	Wolverhampton
Wolverhampton Kipping	v	Stafford
Victory Stoke	v	Bushbury
West Bromwich	v	Burton on Trent

GKN v
Stewarts & Lloyds v
Rugeley v
Hobsons v

Walsall Kipping
Willfield
Rugby Owen
Electra

The detailed results of the matches played are as follows:

<u>Bilston</u>			<u>GKN</u>		
1.	C T Farrell	0	A C Evans	1	
2.	B S Basra	0	C Szentmihaly	1	
3.	D Singh	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Tabner	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4.	R C K Baker	0	C V Hale	1	
5.	K G Attwood	0	R Johns	1	
6.	A Midda	0	J Doughty	1	
7.	K Singh	1	G Joynes	0	
8.	W R Brown	0	R Johnson	1	
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		1 $\frac{1}{2}$		6 $\frac{1}{2}$	

<u>Rugby Owen</u>			<u>Mercia</u>		
1.	C C Winmill	1	K Walters	0	
2.	B Nagle	1	Mrs M Lloyd	0	
3.	M Anderton	1	R Burton	0	
4.	A Gilbert	$\frac{1}{2}$	Mr Baker	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5.	B Jolly	1	Mr F Lloyd	0	
6.	H Lewis	1	B Smith	0	
7.	R Maullin	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Nicholls	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8.	Default	0	J Clarke	1	
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The draw for the first round of the Advertiser trophy is as follows:

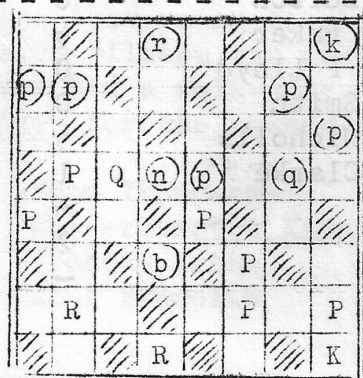
K A J Francis	v	M Anderton
A Archer	v	A C Finney

The draw for the second round is as follows:

D Backhouse	v	R A Beach
K A J Francis)	v	Roy Jones
M Anderton)		
A Archer)	v	J E Jones
A C Finney)		
L G Hesbrook	v	J H Baines

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPStaffordshire Qualifying Section

In the play off between R A Beach and P A Hutchinson Hutchinson won with the black pieces against Beach's English opening and so qualifies for the Midland Zone along with the other Staffordshire qualifiers A J Sutton and D W Anderton.



'Find the Continuation'

Black to move.

White plays up the board.

Solution on Page 95.

Although the British Chess Federation spends a large proportion of its income on international chess, the amounts fall very far short of those necessary to enable the country to regain its former pre-eminence. Many countries - not only large ones such as the United States and the Soviet Union, but also small ones such as Holland and Switzerland - spend far more than we on their chess effort, even to the point of holding several major international tournaments each year; as a result, their players steadily improve in strength and gain international titles, whereas our players have so few similar opportunities that they do not attain the successes (and titles) which, on talent, are well within their reach. And yet, as the standard at the top improves, so will the standard throughout the country; as our top players gain distinctions at international level, so will support for and interest in chess as a whole increase.

The Society called the "Friends of Chess" was formed in June 1969, as a means by which chess lovers throughout the country could, by becoming a Friend of Chess, directly contribute to Britain's effort to regain its international chess prestige. The Society is affiliated to the British Chess Federation but operates independently of it. The officers and committee of the Friends are elected by the Patrons.

Among the first aims of the Society are : to raise part of the cost of holding the Clare-Benedict (six nation) Team Tournament in this country in 1970; to finance English Teams to take part in the European Team Tournament; and to raise a substantial contribution towards the cost of holding a major international tournament in Britain in 1971 (the first since 1951). These are only three of many of the ways in which the country can begin to recover its place as a major chess nation. The greater the funds of the Friends, the more they can do to help.

Anyone who wishes to support Britain's international chess effort may become a member of the Friends of Chess on payment of the annual subscription (£20 for a Patron, £5 for a Friend - these are minimum figures) to the Treasurer, Friends of Chess, Westham, Orchehill Avenue, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Chairman SIR RICHARD CLARKE

Secretary DAVID ANDERTON
Treasurer RALPH HOPTON

COUNTY TIE and TEAM COLOURS

At a recent meeting, the County Executive Committee approved plans for the introduction of a Staffordshire Chess Tie. The design consists of a single motif of a castle surmounting a knot printed on a dark blue tie. These ties will be available for sale to any affiliated member of the Association at an approximate price of £1.

It was also decided that suitably qualified members of the county first and second teams should be entitled to purchase ties, at the same price, but with distinctive background colours; bottle green for the second team and maroon for the first team. The required qualifications, which apply to both teams, are in two parts.

- i) The member must have played at least 5 times for the appropriate team in championship matches.
- ii) In any one series of 5 consecutive appearances for that team in championship matches the member must have achieved a minimum score of:-

either 3 points including 1 point against Warwickshire,

or $3\frac{1}{2}$ " " $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "

or 4 " " 0 " " "

For the purposes of part ii, any further matches played as a result of the county winning the West Midland Zone will be treated as if they were against Warwickshire.

It is hoped to compile lists of current members who have met the above qualifications during the last decade for publication in the next issue.

In addition, it is the intention of the Executive Committee to award Honorary First Team Colours to individuals in recognition of outstanding service to the County. Nominations for such awards should be submitted to the secretary, Mr. P.G. Jackson.

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W-ton League Results. Div I.

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<u>S & L A 4</u>	<u>W-ton Kip B 5½</u>	<u>W-ton A 3½</u>	<u>Dudley B 2½</u>
B.Marsh 0	A.Sadler 1	J.Fellows 1	H.Morgan Def
M.Bacon 0	Wojchowski 1	H.Jones 0	C.Woodall 1
J.Holloway ½	R.Maskell ½	L.Williams 1	J.Johnson Def
H.New 0	R.Duncanson 1	N.Boydon 0	J.Tromans 1
D.Gadd 0	J.Bargery 1	J.Holt 1	J.Moss Def
D.Martin Def	F.Bassett 1	D.Caddy ½	W.Cox ½

<u>Walsall K B 1</u>	<u>W-ton K A 5</u>	<u>Bushbury A 4½</u>	<u>W-ton A 1½</u>
Cumberlidge 0	D.Lamb 1	R.Kermeen 0	J.Fellows 1
C.Tomlinson 0	M.Fleury 1	J.Hughes 1	H.Jones 0
T.Withnall 0	Dr Jenson 1	A.Boxley 1	N.Boydon 0
W.Cooper 0	R.Walker 1	G.Hicks 1	J.Holt 0
T.Hollington 1	I.Fleury 0	P.Staley 1	P.Walkins 0
A.Shrimpton 0	D.Pritchard 1	J.Kenwrick ½	C.Laughter ½

Stafford 6 Dudley A 0

Stafford win
by Default.

The Matches Stafford v
W-ton Kip A & Sutton Corp
v W-ton Kip A are not yet
completed due to adjourned
& re-adjourned games.

Division II

<u>West Brom 4½</u>	<u>Bushbury B 1½</u>	<u>Rugeley A 5½</u>	<u>Hobson A ½</u>
C.Southall 1	M.Swash 0	R.Ewan ½	B.Rooney ½
T.Jones ½	L.Armstrong ½	D.Heilbron 1	G.Robb Def
D.Woodman 1	R.Rowe Def	A.Richardson 1	H.Terry Def
R.Tarkowski ½	J.Moore ½	D.Larden 1	J.Grugulis 0
P.Gregory ½	D.Carter ½	D.Robinson 1	G.Careless 0
S.Smith 1	Shuttleworth Def	S.Shaw 1	R.Evans 0

<u>Thompsons A 4</u>	<u>G.K.N. 2</u>	<u>W-ton B 4½</u>	<u>Mercia B ½</u>
R.Jones ½	A.Evans ½	B.Priest ½	R.Burton ½
Mrs Briscoe 1	J.Doughty 0	L.Hesbrook 1	K.Walton 0
G.Lines 0	R.Johns 1	G.Haynes 1	J.Clark 0
K.Pittaway 1	C.Wilkinson 0	N.Cook 1	J.Bates 0
R.Briscoe ½	A.Hartshorne ½	J.Wyer 0	K.Nicholls 1
R.Page 1	Szentmihaly 0	R.Cook ½	P.Guest ½ X

X Signifies ineligible player. Rule 5 h applies.

W-ton League Results. Div II cont.

<u>Mercia A 3</u>	<u>Rub Owen 3</u>	<u>Rugeley A 2</u>	<u>Mercia A 4</u>
G.S-Roberts 0	B.Nagle 1	R.Ewan 0	B.Smith 1
K.Francis 1	B.Jolly 0	D.Heilbron 0	G.S-Roberts 1
B.Smith 0	A.Gilbert 1	D.Larden 1	K.Francis 0
R.Baker 1	H.Lewis 0	A.Richardson 0	F.Lloyd 1
J.Lloyd 1	W.Staite 0	D.Robinson 1	R.Baker 0
Mrs Lloyd 0	R.Maullin 1	J.Shaw 0	Mrs Lloyd 1

<u>W-ton Kip C 5</u>	<u>S & L B 1</u>	<u>Rub Owen 4</u>	<u>W-ton K C 2</u>
G.Humpries 1	H.Paynes Def	Mrs Anderton 0	G.Link 1
G.Link 1	D.Martin 0	B.Nagle 1	B.McDonough 0
D.Edwards 0	A.Turner 1	B.Jolly 1	C.Nash 0
C.Nash 1	L.Scarrott 0	A.Gilbert 1	D.John 0
D.John 1	A.Joyce 0	H.Lewis 1	D.Guest Def
C.Hemming 1	K.Watkinson Def	W.Staite 0	C.Hemming 1

<u>G.K.N. 3</u>	<u>Mercia A 3</u>
J.Doughty 1	G.S-Roberts 0
H.Hartshorne 0	K.Francis 1
A.Evans 0	B.Smith 1
K.Tabner 1	R.Baker 0
R.Bestwick 0	F.Lloyd 1
R.Johns 1	Mrs Lloyd 0

Division III

<u>Thompson B 4</u>	<u>Walsall K C 1</u>
J.Briscoe 1	W.Poxton 0
R.Evans 1	N.Brittle 0
R.Farmer 1	Groombridge 0
J.Gower 1	A.Irons 0
B.Walters 0	D.Thomas 1

<u>Stourbridge 3</u>	<u>Thompson B 2</u>	<u>Bilston Col 4</u>	<u>Hobson B 4 1/2</u>
D.Fernihaugh 1	J.Briscoe 0	Basra B. 0	K.Phillips 1
G.Burford 1	J.Gower 0	D.Singh 0	W.Nixon 1
C.Proctor 1	R.Page 0	K.Singh 1/2	F.Whitehouse 1/2
A.Phillips 0	R.Farmer 1	K.Attwood 0	L.Watts 1
G.Hull 0	R.Evans 1	R.Baker 0	F.Lovell 1

<u>Thompson B 3</u>	<u>W-ton C 2</u>	<u>Rugeley B 2</u>	<u>Stourbridge 3</u>
J.Briscoe 0	F.Findlater 1	G.Kent 1	T.Chataway 0
J.Gower 1	K.Perry 0	K.Morris 0	D.Fernihaugh 1
R.Farmer 0	S.Chahal 1	B.Baird 1	M.Purcell Def
R.Evans 1	F.Woodcock 0	A.Hyson 0	G.Burford 1
M.Dixon 1	W.Wright 0	R.Darling 0	T.Aldworth 1

W-ton League Results. Div III cont.

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Walsall C 2	Bilston Col 3	Bushbury C 2	Thompson B 3
A.Irons 1	Default. 0	S.Carter 1	R.Page 1
Groombridge 1	B.Basra. 0	A.Black 1	R.Farmer 0
D.Thomas. 0	D.Singh. 1	P.Trevor 0	B.Walters 1
W.Poxton. 0	R.Baker. 1	J.Jones 0	S.Davies 1
N.Brittle. 0	A.Midda. 1	S.Thompson 1	J.Gower Def.

Bilston Col 3	Rugeley B 2	Bushbury C 2 1/2	Bilston Col 2 1/2
B.Basra. 1/2	R.Hughes. 1/2	S.Carter 1	Default 0
D.Singh. 0	K.Morris 1	W.Birch 1/2	B.Basra 1/2
K.Singh 1	D.Beasley 0	P.Trevor 0	D.Singh 1
R.Brown 1/2	R.Darling 1/2	J.Jones 1	R.Baker 0
R.Baker 1	A.Hyson 0	S.Thompson 0	K.Singh 1

Some Clubs are very lax in forwarding Match Results and this can cause confusion with players who are free to play in more than one division. It is important that results be forwarded promptly and if you know to any match missing from the Chess News - overdue for reporting - please give your Secretary or Team Captain a reminder, he probably forgot to post it.

Stoke K.O. Semi-Final

Sneyd Grn 'A' 0	Electra 'A' 5
P.Paskin 0	C.S.Barnard 1
F.Saunders 0	R.A.Beach 1
P.Rawlins 0	B.Hopewell 1
G.Toft 0	M.W.Buck 1
default 0	A.Doust 1

Stoke Subs. K.O. Semi-Final

Sneyd Grn 'B' 2	Electra 'B' 3
R.Edge 1/2	P.Brackner 1/2
F.Rowley 0	K.Topalian 1
W.Landon 1/2	Mrs.R.Hofer 1/2
G.Key 1	J.Beasley 0
R.Saddler 0	B.Lancelott 1

N.Staffs League

Crewe 'B' 2 1/2	Willfield 2 1/2
M.McGrath 1/2	P.Paskin 1/2
I.Cornes 0	M.Hancock 1
A.Millington 1	W.Foley 0
D.Bourne 1/2	H.Deaville 1/2
B.Johnson 1/2	J.Scott 1/2

Stoke & Newcastle League Results - Division One

Penkhull $1\frac{1}{2}$	Leek $2\frac{1}{2}$	Victory 4	Electra 'B' 1
R. Whiteside $\frac{1}{2}$	A.J. Wood $\frac{1}{2}$	A.E. Holdford 1	M. Buck 0
D.J. Ward $\frac{1}{2}$	J. Nicholas $\frac{1}{2}$	J. Ridgeway $\frac{1}{2}$	P. Brackner $\frac{1}{2}$
M. Willder $\frac{1}{2}$	E.G. Harris $\frac{1}{2}$	A.C. Finney $\frac{1}{2}$	S.R. Elliott $\frac{1}{2}$
T.E. Swain 0	Dr. T. Galla 1	R.J. Edwards 1	Mrs. R. Hofer 0
I.B. Dean 0	W. Isbell 1	F. Cooper 1	J. Sandhu 0
Electra 'A' 4	Sneyd Grn 'A' 1	Leek 1	Electra 'A' 4
C.S. Barnard 1	P. Paskin 0	A.J. Wood 0	C.S. Barnard 1
R.A. Beach 1	F. Saunders 0	J. Nicholas 0	R.A. Beach 1
B. Hopewell 1	R. Edge 0	E.G. Harris $\frac{1}{2}$	M.G. Smith $\frac{1}{2}$
M.G. Smith 0	P. Rawlins 1	Dr. T. Galla $\frac{1}{2}$	P. Brackner $\frac{1}{2}$
A. Hutchings 1	default 0	W. Isbell 0	M.W. Buck 1
Sneyd Grn 'A' $\frac{1}{2}$	Electra 'A' $4\frac{1}{2}$	Electra 'B' $3\frac{1}{2}$	Sneyd Grn 'A' $1\frac{1}{2}$
P. Paskin 0	C.S. Barnard 1	P. Brackner $\frac{1}{2}$	P. Paskin $\frac{1}{2}$
G.O. Kane 0	R.A. Beach 1	M. Buck 1	F. Saunders 0
F. Saunders 0	B. Hopewell 1	S. Elliott 1	R. Edge 0
R. Edge 0	M.G. Smith 1	K. Topalian 0	P. Rawlins 1
P. Rawlins $\frac{1}{2}$	A. Hutchings $\frac{1}{2}$	D. Senior 1	F. Daniels 0

Stoke & Newcastle League Results - Division Two

Sneyd Grn 'B' $3\frac{1}{2}$	Willfield 'B' $1\frac{1}{2}$	Smallthorne 0	M.E.S.C. 5
A. Humphries $\frac{1}{2}$	R. Hammersley $\frac{1}{2}$	B. Hitchins 0	W.G. Booth 1
W. Landon 1	G. Morse 0	A. Mayer 0	J.B. Adkins 1
J.S. Reader 1	K. Wheatley 0	J. Glaze 0	R. Hodgkinson 1
F. Rowley 1	F. Spicer 0	F. Armitt 0	K. Coates 1
default 0	P. Woodward 1	F. Mountford 0	G. Mills 1
M.E.S.C. 2	Electra 'C' 3	Sneyd Grn 'B' $1\frac{1}{2}$	Blind S.C. $1\frac{1}{2}$
D. Morris 0	T. Ratcliffe 1	G. Key $\frac{1}{2}$	J. Scott $\frac{1}{2}$
W.G. Booth 1	J. Sandhu 0	R. Saddler 1	W. Rees 0
K. Coates 0	A. Doust 1	default 0	B. Foxall 1
F. Jackson 1	A.R. Harris 0	default 0	default 0
P. Hannan 0	R. Mountford 1	default 0	default 0
Blind S.C. 1	Sneyd Grn 'C' 4	Sneyd Grn 'B' 3	Smallthorne 2
J. Scott $\frac{1}{2}$	F. Rowley $\frac{1}{2}$	W. Landon 0	T. Harp 1
B. Foxall 0	F. Daniels 1	G. Key 1	F. Armitt 0
B. Rees 0	J.S. Reader 1	A. Humphreys 0	R. Mayer 1
default 0	G. Toft 1	W. Simcock 1	S. Newman 0
R. Hammersley $\frac{1}{2}$	S.O. Kane $\frac{1}{2}$	R. Saddler 1	R. Lewis 0

Stoke & Newcastle District Chess League Tables

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DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Electra 'A'	9	9	0	0	18
Willfield Y.A. 'A'	10	6	3	1	13
Keele University 'A'	8	5	3	0	10
Leek Arts Club	10	5	5	0	10
Victory C.C.	6	3	2	1	7
Electra 'B'	9	2	6	1	5
Penkhull Church	8	2	5	1	5
Sneyd Green 'A'	8	0	8	0	0

DIVISION TWO

Sneyd Green 'C'	10	9	1	0	18
M.E.S.C.	8	5	2	1	11
Sneyd Green 'B'	11	4	4	3	11
Electra 'C'	9	4	4	1	9
Keele University 'B'	6	3	3	0	6
Willfield Y.A. 'B'	6	2	2	2	6
Smallthorne Pioneer	10	1	9	0	2
Blind S.C.	4	0	3	1	1

North Staffs & District Chess League Tables

Crewe 'A'	3	2	0	1	5
Penkhull Church	3	2	1	0	4
Stafford	2	1	0	1	3
Victory C.C.	2	1	1	0	2
Willfield Y.A.	3	0	2	1	1
Crewe 'B'	3	0	2	1	1

Solution to 'Find the Continuation'

Black's first move is obvious; not so his second.

1 N - B5
2 R-KN1 B x P

This wins in all variations, for example

- (a) 3. FxB QxRch (b) 3. RxQ BxPch & (c) 3. R-N3 BxPch &
4. KxQ R-Q8 mate mate next move. mate next move.

W-ton & District Chess League Tables.DIVISION ONE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
W-ton Kipping 'A'	5	5	0	0	10
Bushbury 'A'	6	4	1	1	9
Sutton Corp.	3	3	0	0	6
Walsall Kipping 'A'	5	3	0	2	6
W-ton Kipping 'B'	6	2	2	2	6
Stafford C.C.	4	2	1	1	5
W-ton 'A'	6	2	1	3	5
Dudley 'A'	6	1	2	3	4
Dudley 'B'	5	1	1	3	3
Walsall Kipping 'B'	5	1	1	3	3
S & L 'A'	7	0	1	6	1

DIVISION TWO.

Mercia 'A'	7	5	2	0	12
Rubery Owen.	7	4	3	0	11
West Bromwich.	7	4	2	1	10
Bushbury 'B'	6	4	1	1	9
J.Thompson 'A'	6	3	2	1	8
Rugeley 'A'	6	3	1	2	7
W-ton Kipping 'C'	7	3	0	4	6
Hobson 'A'	6	2	0	4	4
W-ton 'B'	6	1	2	3	4
S & L 'B'	6	1	1	4	3
G.K.N.	7	0	2	5	2
Mercia 'B'	7	1	0	6	2

DIVISION THREE.

J.Thompson 'B'	10	7	1	2	15
Stourbridge C.C.	8	6	0	2	12
Bilston College.	9	4	2	3	10
Hobson 'B'	6	4	1	1	9
Hobson 'C'	7	4	0	3	8
W-ton 'C'	8	3	1	4	7
Walsall Kipping 'C'	7	1	2	4	4
Rugeley 'B'	6	1	0	5	2
Bushbury 'C'	7	0	1	6	1

Played in the match Staffordshire I v Warwickshire I

White : C.S. Barnard

Black : R. Farley

Ruy Lopez - Archangelak variation(?)

1 P-K4	P-K4	17 BxB	RxR	33 BxNP!	PxB
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	18 P-KR3	KR-R1	34 Q-Q7ch	K-R3
3 B-N5	P-QR3	19 B-K3	N-R2	35 RxQ	RxR
4 B-R4	P-QN4	20 N-R2	P-KB3	36 N-K7!	P-KN5
5 B-N3	B-B4	21 Q-K2	K-N2	37 N-B5ch!	K-N4
6 P-QB3	Q-K2	22 B-Q1	N-B1	38 PxPch	K-B5
7 O-O	N-B3	23 N-N4	BxN	39 Q-KN7	R-N8
8 P-Q4	B-R2?	24 QxB	R-R7	40 Q-R6ch	KxP
9 B-N5	P-Q3	25 P-QN3	N-N3	41 Q-K3ch	KxN
10 P-QR4!	B-Q2?	26 P-N3	R-R1	42 Q-Q3ch	P-K5
11 PxNP	PxNP	27 Q-B5	P-R4	43 PxPch	K-B5
12 QN-Q2	P-KR3	28 N-B3!	R-KB1	44 QxR	NxP
13 B-KR4	P-N4	29 N-K1	R-KR1	45 Q-B1ch	P-K6
14 B-N3	O-O	30 N-Q3	P-R5?	46 B-K2	R-KR1
15 P-Q5	N-QR4	31 N-N4	R-N7	47 Q-B1ch	K-N4
16 RxN	BxPch	32 N-B6	Q-B1	48 Q-B7	resigns

Black should play N-KB3 as early as possible in this line.

8....B-R2?; 8....B-N3 is best.

10....B-Q2?; Black's QB should go to N2

12.QN-Q2; Threatens P-Q5 & B-K3 winning at least the exchange, sooner or later. This failed before on account ofBxPch &RxR

19....N-R2; White threatened NxNP, PxN; BxP, when he will win the Black Knight.

28.N-B3!; This threatens NxNP!

30....P-R5?; 30....QR-R1! should be played as this rook is needed to defend the KB file - as will be seen.

33.BxNP!; This was the real object of White's 28th & subsequent N moves.

36.N-K7!; This is the only winning move, Black's other replies, although more forceful, all fail.

(Notes by the winner.)

C.S. Barnard is showing great promise on Board 1 of Electra 'A' team, (leading team in Division One of the Stoke League), with 9 wins out of 9 results and in addition 3 wins out of 3 results in the Stoke K.O.

Played in the British Chess Championship Qualifying Competition

(Zone 'C' - County Stage)

White : R.A. Beach

Black : P.A. Hutchinson

Pirc-Robatsch Defence

1 P-K4	P-Q3	14 K-R2	QxB	27 BxP	N-R5
2 P-Q4	N-KB3	15 KR-Q1	N-K4	28 Q-B1	R-KN1
3 N-QB3	P-KN3	16 Q-B1	P-B6?!	29 R-Q6	N-N5ch
4 P-KB4	B-N2	17 PxP	Q-R3	30 BfxN	QxR
5 N-KB3	O-O	18 N-K2	B-K6	31 B-B3	R-Q1
6 B-Q3	N-QB3	19 Q-N2	K-R1	32 K-R1	Q-Q7
7 O-O	B-N5	20 P-QB3	P-KB4	33 P-N3	Q-B7
8 B-K3	P-K4	21 B-B2	R-KB1	34 P-B4	R-Q7
9 QPxP	PxP	22 PxP	PxP	35 R-B1	Q-Q6
10 P-KR3	BxN	23 B-N3	P-QB4	36 N-B3	Q-Q5
11 QxB	PxP	24 B-Q5	N-KB3	37 N-Q5?	R-KB7
12 B-B5	N-KR4?!	25 Q-N3	P-KB5	38 Q-K1	NxB
13 BxR	B-Q5ch	26 Q-N2	N-N3	39 White lost on time.	

12.B-B5; Hoping for 12....R-K1; 13.QxP, when 13....N-KR4 is not possible. But 12.QxP immediately is both safer and stronger.

12....N-KR4?!; A speculative exchange sacrifice, intending to exploit White's weaknesses on the black squares.

16....P-B6?!; 16....Q-R3 would threaten 17....N-N5ch; 18.PxN, N-N6 mate, but after 17.B-K2, N-N6; 18.Q-K1, White should survive. Instead, Black sacrifices a further pawn to open up lines of attack against White's king.

22.PxP; 22.R-KB1 may be better than opening the KN file.

23.B-N3; Preventing 23....R-KN1, but not for long.

25.Q-N3; If 25.BxNP, then Black wins by 25....R-KN1; 26.Q-B1, B-B5ch; 27.K-R1, (or 27.NxB, QxNch; 28.K-R1, N-R4; 29.Q-K1, N-N6ch; 30.K-N2, N-K5dis ch; 31.K-B1, QxPch), 27....N-R4; 28.Q-B2, N-N6ch; 29.NxN, RxN; 30.R-Q8ch, K-N2; 31.R-KN1, QxPch; 32.Q-R2, RxRch; 33.KxR, QxQch.

27.BxP; Abandonning the QR2-KN8 diagonal, but White cannot maintain his bishop there indefinitely anyway e.g. 27.B-K6, N-R5; 28.Q-R1, Q-R4; 29.R-KB1, Q-K1; 30.B-N3, P-QN4 and 31....P-B5

29.R-Q6; Black threatened 29....Q-N2; 30.B-R6, N-R4; 31.B-B4, N-N6; 32.NxN, PxNch; 33.K-R1, P-N7ch. So, since

other moves seem unsatisfactory (e.g. 29.B-Q5, R-N7ch; 30.K-R1, R-B7; 31.Q-K1, Q-N3; 32.Q-N1, RxN or 29.B-Q5, R-N7ch; 30.QxR, NxQ; 31.KxN, Q-N4ch; 32.K moves, NxB), White decides to give black the exchange.

37.N-Q5?; In serious time trouble, White overlooks Black's threat, but he is lost anyway. e.g. 37.N-N5, Q-N7 and 38.... R-R7mate. Or 37.N-K2, RxN!; 38.BxR, BxR; 39.QxB, Q-K5ch Or 37.N-K2, RxN; 38.QxR, NxB!; 39.R-Q1, N-Q7 and 40....P-B6. Or 37.B-K2, P-B6!; 38.BxP, R-KB7. Or 37.B-K2, P-B6; 38.P-QR3, Q-B5; 39.N-Q5, RxN; 40.PxR, BxR

 Played in the British Chess Championship Qualifying Competition

(Zone 'C' - County Stage)
 (Group 2 - Play-Off)

White : R.A. Beach

Black : P.A. Hutchinson

English Opening

1 P-QB4	P-K4	14 K-N1	P-QR4	27 KR-B1	P-QN4!
2 N-QB3	N-QB3	15 Q-B2	P-Q4	28 Pxp	Qxp
3 P-KN3	P-KN3	16 R-Q1	P-Q5	29 B-B1	R-B6
4 B-N2	B-N2	17 B-Q2	PxF	30 QxR	RxQ
5 P-Q3	P-Q3	18 BxP	B-N5	31 KxR	Q-B3ch
6 P-K4	B-K3	19 B-K1	B-B6	32 K-K2	P-B5
7 KN-K2	Q-Q2	20 BxB	RxB	33 P-B3	PxPch
8 N-Q5	QN-K2	21 K-N2	QR-KB1	34 RxP	P-K5
9 B-K3	P-QB3	22 N-N1	R(6)-B2	35 R(3)-Q1	P-K6
10 NxN	NxN	23 Q-K2	P-QB4	36 N-B4	Q-B7ch
11 P-KR4	P-KR3	24 N-R3	N-B4	37 K-K1	N-B4
12 Q-R4	O-O	25 P-QN3	P-R5	38 Resigns.	
13 K-B1	P-KB4	26 B-Q2	N-Q3		

9.B-K3; 9.P-QN4 appears to be more forceful.

13.K-B1; This move gives White a cramped position.

18....B-N5; Exchanges White's good bishop and weakens the White King's position.

27....P-QN4!; Opens up the QN file, putting pressure on White's QNP and QP. Better than P-K5 and Q-K3.

29....R-B6; If 29....P-K5 then 30.Q-N4

30.QxR; If 30.N-N1, P-K5; 31.PxP, QxQ; 32.NxQ, NxP; 33.N-B4, R-N6; 34.NxP, R(B1)-N1 followed by RxQNP and the two pawns are too strong.

34.RxP; If 34.K-B2, N-B5; 35.RxP, NxQNP; 36.R-Q2, N-B5; 37.R-B2, Q-B4; 38.K-N2, N-K6ch

37....N-B4; 37....P-N4 wins also. (Notes by the winner).

Stoke League Individual Championship - Results

Section 'A' S.G.Newman 0 D.B.Lancelott 1;
 A.C.Finney 1 J.E.Glaze 0; D.B.Lancelott 1 R.Mayer 0;
 S.G.Newman 0 A.C.Finney 1; A.C.Finney 1 D.B.Lancelott 0

Scores so far : A.C.Finney 3/4; H.Deaville 2/2; G.R.Evans &
 D.B.Lancelott 2/3; J.E.Glaze 1½/4; S.G.Newman ½/3; R.Mayer 0/3

Section 'B' R.Lewis 0 (def.) D.E.L.Crawley 1 (w.o.);
 A.T.Mayer 0 W.J.Foley 1; D.E.L.Crawley 1 F.Mountford 0;
 W.J.Foley 1 J.A.Scott 0; R.Lewis 0 (def.) A.Mayer 0 (def.)
 A.Mayer 0 D.E.L.Crawley 1; F.Mountford 1 F.Rowley 0;
 J.A.Scott 1 R.Lewis 0; F.Rowley 0 D.E.L.Crawley 1

Scores so far : D.E.L.Crawley 5/5; W.J.Foley 4/4; J.A.Scott 3/4;
 R.A.Mason 2/3; F.Mountford & F.Rowley 1/5; R.Lewis & A.T. Mayer 0/4

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