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LEAGUE TABLES

DIV 1	P	W	D	L	PTS
LICHFIELD A	9	8	0	1	16
WALSALL KIPPING	8	6	1	1	13
BUSHBURY	8	4	2	2	10
KIDDERMINSTER	9	5	0	4	10
WEST BROMWICH	8	4	1	3	9
STAFFORD	8	3	1	4	7
LICHFIELD B	5	2	0	3	4
SHIFNAL/TELFORD	7	1	2	4	4
STOURBRIDGE	4	1	1	2	3
WOLVERHAMPTON	5	1	0	4	2
MERCIA	7	0	0	7	0

DIV 2	P	W	D	L	PTS
RUSHALL A	8	4	4	0	12
KIDDERMINSTER	7	3	4	0	10
RUSHALL B	7	2	4	1	8
WOLVERHAMPTON B	7	3	2	2	8
BREWOOD	7	2	3	2	7
LUCAS B.S.	7	2	3	2	7
WALSALL KIPPING	7	2	3	2	7
RUGELEY	7	2	2	4	6
STAFFORD	8	2	2	4	6
STOURBRIDGE	8	2	2	4	6
WOLVERHAMPTON C	8	2	1	5	5

DIVISION 3	P	W	D	L	PTS
LICHFIELD	7	6	1	0	13
WALSALL KIPPING	8	5	1	2	11
SHIFNAL/TELFORD	7	5	0	2	10
MERCIA	7	5	0	2	10
ST MARYS	6	3	1	2	7
BREWOOD	8	2	1	5	5
STAFFORD	6	2	0	4	4
RAF COSFORD	4	1	1	2	3
BUSHBURY	5	0	1	4	1
WOLVERHAMPTON	6	0	0	6	0

DIVISION 4	P	W	D	L	PTS
LICHFIELD	7	5	2	0	12
WALSALL KIPPING	8	4	2	2	10
RUGELEY	7	3	2	2	8
BREWOOD	8	2	2	4	6
RUSHALL	7	1	4	2	6
MERCIA	7	1	0	6	2

EDITORIAL NOTE

A further donation of £10 has been sent for the British Heart Foundation in memory of Ken Pittaway. many thanks.

League tables above include all matches that have been completed, defaulted, or only one card received. The champions of divisions 1 and 3 appear to be settled. The champions of division 2 look to be one of two teams, but the fight to stay up is going to be close. The winner of division 4 is a two horse race. Lichfield look as if they are going to be winners of 3 divisions.

Unfortunately I have to report the death of two members Theo Grove and Bill Cross (see final page)

LATE CARDS Wolverhampton have 2 more making 3 all together, (why is it such a problem sending cards in.

LEAGUE ANNUAL LIGHTENING TOURNAMENT

The event this year will be held on Wednesday the 1st May at Stourbridge Chess Club (Stourbridge Institute, Market Street) commencing at 7.30 p.m.. The league secretary will be sending details to club secretaries in the not too distant future. **ALL CLUBS ARE ASKED TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO THE EVENT.**

RESULTS

DIVISION 1

<u>Kidderminster</u> 2	<u>Lichfield A</u> 4
B.Sharpe 0	P.Wallace 1
J.Friar 0	P.Collins 1
M.Bissell 0	R.Allen 1
J.Wrench ½	John Smith ½
F.Pickett 1	A.D. Wilson 0
G.Link ½	B.Homewood ½

DIV 1 (CONTD)

<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3 ½	<u>Shifnal/Telford</u> 2 ½
D.Anderton 1	N.J.Rutter 0
D.Pritchard ½	D.W.Gostelow ½
D.Whitmore ½	P.J.Saxon ½
W.Rea 1	W.A.Peck 0
C.Pohribnyj 0	D.G.Edwards 1
D.Friend ½	R.G.Thompson ½

DIV 2 (CONTD)

<u>Wolverhampton C</u> 3	<u>Rushall B</u> 3
M.Holway ½	D.Bell ½
C.Adams 0	S.Allen 1
Steve Wilson ½	C.Perrygrove ½
Kevin Jones 0	G.Sanders 1
P.Hubbard 1	M.Staniforth 0
A.Hodges 1	Default 0

DIVISION 2

<u>Kidderminster</u> 2	<u>Bushbury</u> 4
B.Sharpe ½	L.Grinsell ½
J.Friar 0	P.Pinfold 1
M.Bissell ½	J.Staniforth ½
J.Wrench 0	P.Staley 1
D.Close ½	A.Schroeder ½
P.Thomas ½	R.Brodie ½

<u>Rushall B</u> 2	<u>Wolverhampton B</u> 4
D.Bell 0	Martin May 1
S.Allen 0	G.Rosser 1
C.Perrygrove 0	P.Eastwood 1
G.Sanders 0	P.Broomhall 1
J.Strachen 1	C.Haughton 0
J.Hills 1	M.Leary 0

<u>Rugeley</u> 3	<u>Stafford</u> 3
W.Hulley ½	S.Pedder ½
C.Ashton 0	D.Carter 1
J.Montague ½	M.Goggarty ½
R.Fell 1	I.McTighe 0
M.Page 1	J.Winley? 0
E.Husband 0	G.Argent 1

<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3 ½	<u>Lichfield B</u> 2 ½
D.Anderton 1	Anthony Smith 0
D.Whitmore ½	A.Mieleniewski ½
W.Rea 1	P.Griffiths 0
C.Pohribnyj 0	A.Grant 1
D.Friend 0	J.Lakin 1
R.G.Jones 1	Yuri Slobodyuk 0

<u>Rushall A</u> 5	<u>Wolverhampton C</u> 1
A.Pready 1	M.Holway 0
S.Wilcox 1	C.Adams 0
S.Colwell 1	Steve Wilson 0
J.Sadler 1	L.Johnson 1
R.Hancox 0	M.Rees 1
N.Sims 1	R.Campbell ½
	P.Dyson ½

<u>Lucas B.S.</u> 3 ½	<u>Stourbridge</u> 2 ½
M.Tallis 1	R.Branford 0
Roy Gough ½	K.Durnell ½
L.Johnson 0	D.Scriven 1
P.Elkington 0	P.Trevis 1
Adrian Johnson 1	S.Dathan 0
P.Dyson 1	C.Mullinder def

<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 4	<u>Brewood</u> 2
M.Groombridge ½	R.Grainger ½
P.J.Jones 0	D.Laight ½
S.Beasley 1	P.Crozet ½
N.Young ½	C.Buxton ½
R.Wilkinson 1	B.Hall 1
P.Nixon 1	D.Buckley 1

<u>Wolverhampton C</u> 1	<u>Lucas B.S.</u> 5
M.Holway 0	M.Tallis 1
C.Adams 0	Roy Gough 1
Steve Wilson 0	L.Johnson 1
Kelvin Jones 0	M.Rees 1
P.Hubbard 1	R.Campbell ½
R.Whittingham 0	P.Dyson ½

<u>Wolverhampton C</u> 1	<u>Wolverhampton C</u> 1
C.Adams 0	C.Adams 0
Steve Wilson 0	Steve Wilson 0
Default 0	Default 0
Default 0	Default 0
A.Hodges ½	A.Hodges ½
P.Hubbard ½	P.Hubbard ½

<u>Mercia</u> 1 ½	<u>Lichfield A</u> 4 ½
M.Share 0	P.Wallace 1
K.Francis ½	P.Collins ½
D.Perks 0	R.Allen 1
J.Phillips ½	John Smith ½
R.Carrier 0	R.Crellin 1
Rod Price ½	Yuri Slobodynk ½

<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3	<u>Brewood</u> 4
D.Anderton 1	R.Grainger ½
D.Pritchard ½	D.Laight ½
D.Whitmore ½	P.Crozet ½
W.Rea 0	C.Buxton ½
C.Pohripnyj 1	B.Hall 1
P.J.Jones 0	D.Buckley 1

<u>Stafford</u> 3	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3
S.Pedder ½	M.Groombridge ½
J.Carleton ½	P.J.Jones ½
D.Carter ½	J.Payton ½
R.Gogerty 1	S.Beasley 0
M.Wells ½	N.Young ½
D.Nesbitt 0	R.Wilkinson 1

<u>Rugeley</u> 2	<u>Rushall A</u> 3
C.Ashton ½	A.Pready 1
J.Montague ½	S.Wilcox ½
R.Fell ½	J.Sadler 1
M.Page ½	R.Hancox 0
A.Meakin 0	C.Wilcox ½
S.Heath 0	N.Sims 0

<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 4	<u>Brewood</u> 2
M.Groombridge ½	R.Grainger ½
P.J.Jones 0	D.Laight 1
S.Beasley 1	B.Hall 0
N.Young ½	D.Buckley ½
R.Wilkinson 1	J.Fenby 0
P.Nixon 1	T.Colabella 0

<u>Rugeley</u> 3	<u>Rugeley</u> 3
C.Ashton 0	C.Ashton 0
J.Montague ½	J.Montague ½
R.Fell 0	R.Fell 0
M.Page 1	M.Page 1
A.Meakin ½	A.Meakin ½
S.Heath 1	S.Heath 1

<u>Bushbury</u> 3	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3
L.Grinsell 0	D.Anderton 1
P.Pinfold ½	D.Pritchard ½
R.Parry ½	D.Whitmore ½
J.Staniforth 1	W.Rea 0
P.Staley 0	C.Pohripnyj 1
A.Schroeder 1	P.J.Jones 0

<u>Stafford</u> 4	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3
N.J.Rutter 1	D.Anderton 1
D.W.Gostelow ½	D.Pritchard ½
P.J.Saxon 0	D.Whitmore ½
C.J.Roberts 1	W.Rea 0
W.A.Peck ½	C.Pohripnyj 1
R.G.Thompson 1	D.Close 0

<u>West Bromwich</u> 1	<u>Lichfield A</u> 5
N.Walker 0	P.Wallace 1
J.Crump ½	P.Collins ½
G.Hill 0	R.Allen 1
David Davies ½	J.Keaveney ½
K.Barnett 0	M.Maher 1
C.Bryant 0	Yuri Slobodynk 1

<u>Stourbridge</u> 2 ½	<u>Kidderminster</u> 3 ½
R.Branford ½	M.Riley ½
M.Podelsak ½	Bill Pugh ½
A.Moore 0	C.Billinge 1
D.Scriven 1	K.Brant 0
P.Treves ½	T.Pountney ½
S.dathan 0	M.Kitchen 1

<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3	<u>Kidderminster</u> 3
M.Groombridge ½	M.Riley ½
P.J.Jones ½	Bill Pugh 0
J.Payton ½	C.Billinge 1
S.Beasley 0	D.Digger 0
N.Young ½	T.Pountney ½
R.Wilkinson 1	M.Kitchen 1

<u>Wolverhampton B</u> 3	<u>Wolverhampton B</u> 3
Martin May ½	Martin May ½
G.Rosser 1	G.Rosser 1
PEastwood 0	PEastwood 0
P.Broomhall 1	P.Broomhall 1
C.Haughton ½	C.Haughton ½
L.Hesbrook 0	L.Hesbrook 0

<u>St Marys</u> 5	<u>St Marys</u> 5
R.Westwood 1	R.Westwood 1
R.Lewis 1	R.Lewis 1
M.Zubcaz 1	M.Zubcaz 1
D.Greaves 1	D.Greaves 1
B.Lynam 1	B.Lynam 1

DIVISION 3

<u>Bushbury</u> 0	<u>St Marys</u> 5
Default 0	R.Westwood 1
R.Brodie 0	R.Lewis 1
K.Booth 0	M.Zubcaz 1
D.Keates 0	D.Greaves 1
S.Jones 0	B.Lynam 1

<u>Bushbury</u> 3 ½	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> ½
L.Grinsell 1	M.Groombridge 0
R.Parry ½	P.J.Jones 0
J.Staniforth ½	S.Beasley 0
P.Staley ½	J.Payton ½
A.Schroeder 1	N.Young 0
R.Brodie 0	R.Wilkinson 0

<u>Wolverhampton</u> 1 ½	<u>Brewood</u> 3 ½
C.Holdcroft 1	S.Bird 0
B.Lewis 0	J.Fenby 1
L.Hesbrook ½	P.Allan ½
M.Leary 0	T.Collabella 1
Default 0	C.Spencer 1

<u>Rushall A</u> 5 ½	<u>Wolverhampton</u> 1 ½
A.Pready 1	C.Holdcroft 1
S.Wilcox 1	B.Lewis 0
R.G.Daniels 1	L.Hesbrook ½
S.Colwell ½	M.Leary 0
C.Styles 1	Default 0
Keith Butler 1	

<u>Brewood</u> 3 ½	<u>Brewood</u> 3 ½
S.Bird 0	S.Bird 0
J.Fenby 1	J.Fenby 1
P.Allan ½	P.Allan ½
T.Collabella 1	T.Collabella 1
C.Spencer 1	C.Spencer 1

<u>Wolverhampton</u> 1 ½	<u>Brewood</u> 3 ½
C.Holdcroft 1	S.Bird 0
B.Lewis 0	J.Fenby 1
L.Hesbrook ½	P.Allan ½
M.Leary 0	T.Collabella 1
Default 0	C.Spencer 1

DIVISION 3 (cont)

<u>Brewood</u>	3	<u>Stafford</u>	2
S.Bird	1	I.McTighe	0
J.Fenby	1	J.Tuckley	0
P.Allan	0	D.Nesbitt	1
T.Collabella	½	K.Dwight	½
C.Spencer	½	R.Tricker	½

<u>St. Marys</u>	4 ½	<u>Wolverhampton</u>	½
R.Westwood	½	L.J.Holdcroft	½
R.Lewis	1	B.Lewis	0
R.Dolan	1	M.Steed	0
D.Lynk	1	Default	0
M.Zubacz	1	Default	0

<u>Walsall Kipping</u>	2	<u>Lichfield</u>	3
B.Davies	0	R.Crellin	1
M.Savin	0	D.Fone	1
A.Shrimpton	½	I.Smitton	½
D.McIntosh	½	A.Hall	½
P.Gavin	1	Default	0

<u>Cosford</u>	1 ½	<u>Walsall Kipping</u>	3 ½
C.Emminns	½	B.Davies	½
P.Denner	½	M.Savin	½
R.O.Harney	0	A.Shrimpton	1
P.Tosney	½	D.McIntosh	½
K.trotter	0	K.J.Moore	1

<u>Stafford</u>	3	<u>St. Marvs</u>	2
G.de Visme	0	R.Westwood	1
I.McTighe	1	R.Lewis	0
J.Tuckley	1	M.Zubacz	0
D.Nesbitt	1	B.Lynam	0
K.Dwight	0	L.Greaves	1

<u>Lichfield</u>	3	<u>Brewood</u>	2
R.Crellin	½	S.Bird	½
B.Homewood	1	J.Fenby	0
G.Monks	½	P.Allan	½
Charlie Brown	½	T.Collabella	½
A.Hall	½	S.Wagg	½

DIVISION 4

<u>Rushall</u>	2	<u>Brewood</u>	2
P.Turner	0	J.Grugalis	1
S.Cooksey	1	Andrew Davies	0
K.Butler	1	S.Wagg	0
J.Hennion	0	J.Irons	1

<u>Rugeley</u>	1	<u>Lichfield</u>	3
S.Heath	1	M.Cooper	0
E.Husband	0	I.Smitton	1
J.Westwood	0	C.Brown	1
F.falkingham	0	M.Hall	1

<u>Walsall Kipping</u>	2 ½	<u>Mercia</u>	1 ½
C.Billings	½	C.Heathcock	½
P.Nixon	0	A.Jancis	1
K.J.Moore	1	S.Pallant	0
W.Gordon	1	P.Nicholls	0

DIVISION 4(con)

<u>Brewood</u>	1	<u>Mercia</u>	½
J.Grugalis	0	C.Heathcock	½
A.Davis	0	A.Jancis	0
J.W.Irons	1	S.Pallant	0
S.Wagg	0	P.W.Nicholls	0

<u>Rushall</u>	3 ½	<u>Lichfield</u>	2 ½
P.Turner	½	M.Cooper	0
S.Cooksey	1	Ian Smitton	1
J.Hennion	1	Charlie Brown	1
M.Staniforth	1	S.Smitton	½

<u>Walsall Kipping</u>	1 ½	<u>Rugeley</u>	1
C.Billings	1	A.Meakin	½
P.Nixon	0	S.Heath	0
K.J.Moore	0	J.Westwood	½
L.Hayes	½	F.Falkingham	0

<u>Walsall Kipping</u>	3	<u>Brewood</u>	3
C.Billings	½	J.Grugalis	0
P.Nixon	1	ADavies	1
K.J.Moore	½	J.Irons	1
L.Hayes	1	S.Wagg	1

<u>Mercia</u>	1	<u>PITTAWAY SEMI-</u>	
C.Heathcock	1	<u>Stafford</u>	5
L.Garrott	0	G.Acey	1
A.Jancis	0	M.Armstrong	1
S.Pallant	0	R.Butters	1

<u>FINALS</u>		<u>Stafford</u>	5
<u>Kidderminster</u>	3	G.Acey	1
J.Friar	0	M.Armstrong	1
M.Bisse:l	0	R.Butters	1
J.Wrench	0	D.Morris	½

<u>Brewood</u>	2 1/8	<u>Shifnal/Telford</u>	7
R.Grainger	0	N.Rutter	1
D.Laight	0	P.Saxon	1
B.Hall	0	C.Roberts	1
D.Buckley	0	R.Thompson	1

**Staffs County--
Gothard**

<u>Lichfield</u>	3	<u>Knockouts</u>	
A.Smith	1	<u>Rushall</u>	2
A.Mieleniewski	1	J.Staniforth	0
A.Grant	1	A.Pready	0
J.Lakin	0	S.Wilcox	0

Jackson Trophy

<u>Walsall Kipping</u>	2 ½	<u>Walsall Kipping</u>	2 ½
S.Beasley	1	S.Beasley	1
R.Wilkinson	1	R.Wilkinson	1
A.Perry	½	A.Perry	½
M.Savin	0	M.Savin	0
A.Shrimpton	0	A.Shrimpton	0

<u>Walsall win on</u>		<u>Wolverhampton</u>	3
<u>Wolverhampton</u>	3	P.Broomhall	1
P.Broomhall	1	C.Adams	1
C.Adams	1	S.Wilson	0
S.Wilson	0	K.Jones	0
K.Jones	0	P.Hubbard	1

Withnall Trophy

<u>Brewood</u>	5	<u>Wolverhampton</u>	0
B.Hall	1	C.Holdcroft	0
D.Buckley	1	K.Jones	0
J.Fenby	1	P.Hubbard	0
P.Allan	1	B.Lewis	0
A.Colabella	1	Default	0

<u>Crede</u>	4 ½	<u>Angell Inn</u>	½
S.Gregory	1	J.Reader	0
P.Woodward	1	A.Jones	0
R.Rhodes	½	P.Tideswell	½
D.Hackney	1	Mark Witton	0
R.Perry	1	J.Hall	0

<u>Rushall</u>	3	<u>Walsall Kipping</u>	2
DBell	½	C.Billings	½
S.Allen	0	D.Mcintosh	1
S.Cooksey	1	P.Nixon	0
G.Sanders	1	P.Gavin	0
K.Butler	½	K.J.Moore	½

<u>Stafford</u>	4	<u>St Marvs</u>	1
G.de Visme	½	D.Lyne	½
I.Tuckley	1	M.Zubacz	0
I.McTighe	1	B.Lynam	0
G.Argent	1	L.Greaves	0
K.Dwight	½	A.Lynk	½

Rock Cup

<u>Round 2</u>		<u>Round 2</u>	
R.Gogerty	½ 1	S.Heath	½ 0
F.Wood	1	J.Montague	0
J.Lakin	0	W.Hulley	1
L.Collier	1	D.Pritchard	0

<u>Round 3</u>		<u>Round 3</u>	
K.Francis	0	L.Collier	1
D.Perks	½ 1	R.Lewis	½ 0
S.Wilcox	1	F.Wood	0
W.Hulley	1	R.Gogerty	0

Bidgood Cup

<u>Round 2</u>		<u>Round 2</u>	
R.Westwood	0	G.Rosser	1
C.Adams	0	P.Eastwood	1
K.J.Moore	0	D.Buckley	1

<u>Round 3</u>		<u>Round 3</u>	
G.Rosser	0	Miss C.Wilcox	1
P.Eastwood	0	A.Meakin	1
D.Buckley	1	S.Beasley	0
P.Allan	0	D.Carter	1

OBITUARIES

THEO GROVE

Following several years of poor health, West Midlands Chess recently lost one of its best known players. Theo was 69 years old.

He first came to prominence during the late 1940s playing top board for Dudley Grammar School. Supported by his headmaster the late Dr. Temple he progressed to become a junior international, playing in a number of major tournaments. It was during this era that he beat the Belgian star Boey with a brilliant rook sacrifice.

Theo played for a while with the Lye Club before joining Dudley soon after it was formed in 1958. He was the leading Dudley player throughout his competitive career. He also played regularly for Worcestershire. He held many offices with the Dudley club and was vice president of the Worcestershire Association.

Along with Alan Ruffle, the late John Raybould and the late Jess Flatley, Theo was a founder member of the Dudley and District Chess league.

He qualified to become a teacher at Dudley Training College. Theo taught mainly P.E. and mathematics at several local primary and secondary schools. Throughout his teaching career he introduced many youngsters to chess, particularly in the northern area. Later he taught English at Halesowen College. After retiring Theo attempted to teach chess to inmates at Winson Green prison!

Theo's other main interest was amateur dramatics. He was a talented actor and for many years was fully involved in the activities of Dudley Little Theatre.

A man with a dry sense of humour, in Theo Grove the Black Country has lost one of its true sons.

BILL CROSS

Dudley chess suffered another sad loss when Bill Cross, another long serving member died recently.

A "Chess for Fun" player, Bill tried hard to help to keep the Dudley club going despite his poor health.