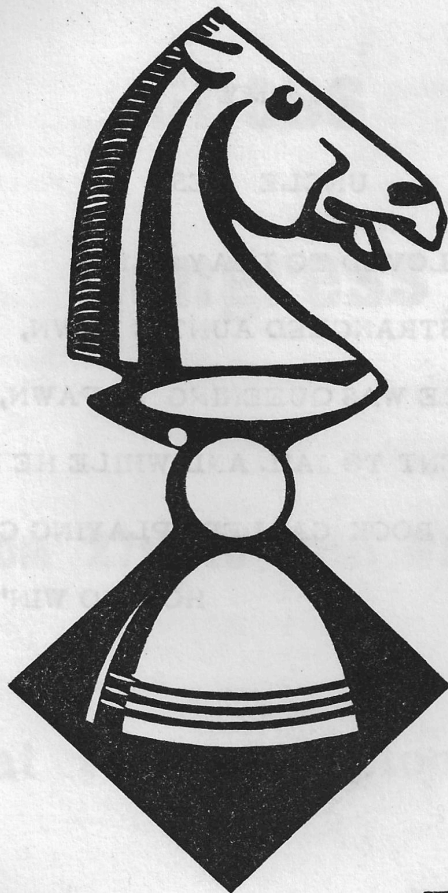


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PYRAMID POEM BY VIV. JONES

MY
UNCLE JESS
LOVED TO PLAY CHESS
HE STRANGLD AUNTIE DAWN,
AS SHE WAS QUEENING A PAWN,
HE WENT TO JAIL AND WHILE HE WAS IN,
WROTE A BOOK CALLED "PLAYING CHESS AND
HOW TO WIN".

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Part IV

As in the previous quiz you will find the answers printed at the end of this Magazine.

QUESTIONS.

- a) A famous American player first played a counter attack system in the Ruy Lopez opening in New York, 1918.
Do you know the player and who was his famous opponent.
- b) Who was reputed to be ' the stormy petrel of the chess world. ?
- d) What year was the first B.C.B. Congress held
- e) A British player had a pattern of Chessmen named after him. Who was he. ?
- f) What timing device was used prior to the introduction of the Chess clock. ?
- g) Which Chess player was known as the drawing Master. ?

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Dear Colleagues,

Once more we have reached our last edition for the current season. However, I intend to publish an additional copy with the final league tables and complete review of League Div. I - II and III.

I am hoping to produce the extra copy in time for the Beatties Annual Lightening Tournament and trust that the members of the League will donate a small payment, enabling the costs to be met.

I have been told by a number of readers that a great improvement has been made in this year's editions. This is some consolation for the enormous amount of time I have spent in preparing and producing the Magazine.

NEWS ITEMS - A small point I would like to mention, which concerns the Club Secretaries, whenever I meet the league players in County matches and Club matches, I have been asked "have you got a spare copy of the last edition?" This makes me wonder if the circulation cannot be increased through joint efforts. For instance, most clubs have between 20-30 members, they receive 6 copies per team, shall we say 2 teams in the league which amount to 12 copies. How about the other 18 members, I presume they do not have any opportunity of seeing a magazine, and I feel that some improvement should be made by the Club Secretaries towards this question.

May I suggest that club members who are not playing for a team regularly, could make a small donation to the League, and I would put them on my mailing list and send a copy every month. This in turn would help me to make various improvements.

I have spoken to many members and they have welcomed this idea. I hope that you will discuss this in your club's Annual General Meeting, and we can hold further discussions at the Annual General Meeting.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of

thanking David Anderton, Graham Humphreys, Bernard Cafferty, Harry Baines, Stewart Reuben, Ron Rushbrook, Raymond Keene, David Meadows, M.J. Haygarth, John Moore, Dr.V.G.Jenson, M.A. Stevenson and many more for their contributions of games and articles.

Most of all I would like to thank Mrs. Armstrong for the many hours she has spent typing the stencils and also a lady, who must remain anonymous, for the time she also has devoted to cutting stencils.

Not forgetting Ken Pittaway, the League Secretary, for his help, also the Tournament Secretary Ken Francis, and David Meadows the " NEWSLETTER " Editor.

Thank you,

Leo Armstrong.

ROCK CUP Round IV.

J.D.Hughes 1 - F.Lloyd 0 P.Hickman 1 - T.D.Groves 0 def.
C.Woodall 0 - J.E.Jones 1 N.W.Sims 0 - W.D.Clark 0

S E M I F I N A L S

J.D. HUGHES V P.J. HICKMAN.

J.E.JONES V W.D. CLARK.

BIDGOOD CUP - Round 3.

L.Armstrong 1 - Mrs. M.Lloyd 0 K.Francis 0 S.Simonovic 1
K.Pittaway 1 - R.Briscoe 0 G.Stokes -Roberts 1
R.Maullin 0

S E M I F I N A L S.

L. ARMSTRONG V S. SIMONOVIC

K.PITTAWAY V G. STOKES - ROBERTS

THE VENUE WILL TAKE PLACE AT JOHN THOMPSONS SOCIAL CENTRE
ON 20 th MARCH AT 7.17. p.m.

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your letter and magazine (I would still like to know your circulation and geographical extent). I would like to add a few comments of my own to Reuben's article and possibly clear up my own position in the "Ironside Case" which now seems to have developed into somewhat of a controversy, despite the innocence of my original intentions.

For Rueben to write: "It is little use bemoaning the public image of Chess when Hartston and Keene give interviews such as that with the Daily Mail exhorting people not to take up the game", argues a conscious refusal on his part to make any attempt to grasp my motives, for I cannot believe that anyone of Reuben's intelligence could conceive that I was merely warning the public against taking up Chess; I would have thought it obvious from the context of the interview that I was, in fact, stressing the vast attraction inherent in Chess - its power to seize one's whole attention and, as Tarrasch so eloquently put it; "Its power like love and like music to make men happy". My advice was intended for future Lenins (a great man whatever we may think of his politics,) and Benjamin Franklins who, on their own admission, had to make an enormous effort of will before they could give up Chess to concentrate on their missions in life.

As far as financial matters are concerned I find myself in agreement with Reuben. The B.C.F. has just had to decline an invitation to compete in this year's European Team Championship for lack of funds. If every Chessplayer in the country were prepared to contribute a little more to the empty coffers of the B.C.F. we would not be in such an embarrassing position. Several of the younger members of the English side (myself included) have offered to contribute the necessary sum to their own expenses - yet should an extra degree of talent in a specialized field automatically bring an extra financial burden in its wake? What about top footballers, top-boxers, top-golfers, do they have to lose money to play in invitation events where there are no financial prizes - as Chessplayers here do? If Henry Cooper defeated Cassius Clay what do your readers think would happen? Might he get the occasional front-page headline and possibly a little financial benefit? - you never know! I have just beaten Botvinnik (which represents, I feel, a reasonable comparison). I received a

very small mention at the bottom of the front page of one daily newspaper - certainly no financial reward apart from the statutory Hastings £2 per won game.

Having got that off my chest I will conclude by adding my voice to your condemnation of Reuben's misguided attack on non-commercial magazines. Anything that will publicize Chess is of immense help whether one pays for it or not - but I would suggest that recipients of your excellent magazine might donate the odd extra sixpence towards B.C.F. funds this year,

Thank you.

R.D. KEENE.

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RETI OPENING - BY R.D. KEENE

A collection of 50 or more games covering everything that could possibly be described in the RETI. Each game will have opening analysis (up to 1967) and typical middle and end game positions will be described.

It should be published by December, 1967.

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THE BEN - ONI DEFENCE.

by Dr. E. Gelenczei.

This book has been published very recently and is a thorough analysis of the above defence.

It certainly is the best book to date on this defence and is recommended to all club players who wish to include this defence in their repertoire.

The second book which can be recommended is 'Modern Chess Opening Theory' by Suetin

Both books can be obtained from British Chess Magazine, 9 Market St., St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex, or "Chess Sutton Coldfield.

LOCAL NEWS.

A NIGHT OF CHESS.

A League match for a nice quiet game of chess !!!.
We were the visitors and the place was a bedlam. In the room above there was a judo class in action - heavyweights by the sound of it.

After a few moves I looked right and left at the other members of my team they showed no sign of being perturbed by the noise. How mistaken I was, as I settled to play.

Number one board down, number four board down, number two board down, and the comment from board five was not a very promising one. It looked like the brush off for our team since I was not very happy about my game, another half dozen moves or so and I thought that would be that.

My opponent said " would you care for a cup of coffee" ? I almost said I will not be bothered it is hardly worth it, but I said yes and we adjourned to the coffee bar.

Returning to the match I looked at my board, the earlier worry had gone. I must have looked at my board in a new light because in the next half a dozen moves or so the tables were turned and I had won my game.

Quote from a player.

JOHN THOMPSONS.

In Birmingham & District Chess League Division IV. J. Thompsons have had an excellent season, and are now the leaders.

Very recently they defeated Birmingham University 4-2 and drew with Warley 3 - 3. With two matches left to play - Mutual and Tubes, they hope to secure the Division IV championship.

Adjourned games.

D. Clephen 0 (Bushbury "A") J. Myer. 1 Wolverhampton "B"
Final result Bushbury "A" 3 W-ton "B" 3

MIDLAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.- Round II.

KIDDERMINSTER VERSUS BRITISH CELANESE.

by David Pearson.

On Board 1, White opened with Colle System and Black replied with the Queen's Indian formation, but neither players was able to gain any advantage. The game petered out into a draw.

The opening on Board 2 was a normal Caro-Kann defence. White castled on the Queen's side, but Black refrained from castling to obtain a Queen's side attack, and this was eventually successful.

Black's play in reply to the Ruy Lopez was very vigorous on Board 3, but White's play was very accurate, and he won the exchange for a pawn, but later decided upon a draw to secure the match.

Board 4 - Queen's Gambit Declined. For some time the game was fairly equal, but White's position deteriorated and Black, taking full advantage, won first a pawn and then the exchange.

Black sacrificed a Pawn in the Tchigorin Defence for a lead in development on Board 5 and soon obtained a strong attack. White appeared to have weathered the storm with a Pawn advantage, but he blundered away a Rook.

The Winawer Variation of the French Defence led to a game on Board 6 in which both players attacked vigorously and Black obtained an apparent advantage, but allowed a Knight fork which cost a piece and hence the game.

The full results are as follows:-

<u>KIDDERMINSTER</u>			<u>BRITISH CELANESE.</u>		
1	D.M.Horne	$\frac{1}{2}$	R.J.Gamble	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	L.S.Blackstock	0	D.Pearson	1	
3	H.R.Launchbury	$\frac{1}{2}$	P.M.Bocock	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	E.A.Copeman	0	T.Johnson	1	
5	H.G.Billinge	1	K.Eccles	0	
6	J.Woodcock	<u>1</u>	G.H.Keeping	<u>0</u>	
		3		3	

Celanese, who had White on the odd boards, win the match on Board count.

EXCELLENT RESULTS FROM STAFFS JUNIORS.

The adjudicator has now given his decision upon the outstanding games in the Midland under - 18 championships.

Staffordshire juniors had only one game outstanding and have been awarded a draw. The game was between S.G. Johnson (Walsall Kipping) and A.F. Warren (Leicestershire) on board one.

The final result is that Nottinghamshire win with $9\frac{1}{2}$ points, Leicestershire second with 8 points and Staffordshire and Warwickshire tying for third place with $7\frac{1}{2}$ points, ahead of Shropshire with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points, Worcestershire with 5 points, Derbyshire with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points and Herefordshire with $\frac{1}{2}$ point.

FINE RESULTS

The result must be counted a fine one by the Staffordshire juniors, particularly when it is borne in mind that all their rivals collected a free point in consequence of Herefordshire defaulting on six boards.

BUSHBURY CHESS CLUB.

The 'knock out' competition for the club trophy in continuing and the results for round II. are as follows.

D.GODWIN 0 A.BOXLEY 1, D.EDWARDS 0- D.Clephen 1
J. MOORE 0 C.Rix 1 after a draw in first game.

DRAW FOR SEMI FINAL

P. STALEY V D. CLEPHEN. C. RIX V A. BOXLEY.

The semi final should have been played on 15th of March 1967.

MONEY TALKS - THE HARSH TRUTH.

It was reported after the Hastings International Congress at Xmas that the organisers were faced with financial difficulties, and some reports indicated that it might be the last Congress there. Later this was denied in the press and it was assured that Hastings will continue in future.

Very recently the B.C.F. had to decline an invitation to play in the European Team Championship in Denmark due to lack of funds.

In view of this I wonder if we can have a look at two questions. Firstly, has chess lost its appeal ?. Secondly, are the active chess players giving enough financial support ?

Let us examine the first question. Personally I feel that we shall never be able to match the standard of chess in the U.S.S.R., Holland or U.S.A. A great deal of our troubles are due to shortage of time and to not being able to devote enough time to providing for the younger generation.

Some work is done for them by the B.C.F., but an enormous proportion is done by a few individuals such as A.F. STAMM WITZ and K.G. HUMPHREYS. Considerable interest is generated in the schools by for example the 'SUNDAY TIMES' knockout event. However, when leaving school, many players also become lost to chess. Various reasons are put forward which amount to lack of time due to either competing and more attractive interests or the demand of future education.

To me it seems that chess nowadays is regarded as purely recreation. Players want to enjoy the game but do not want to get involved in organising or administration and adopt a rather apathetic attitude to this nevertheless essential facet.

This is a dangerous policy and can ultimately result in the loss of the few willing hands, for overwork leads to loss of enthusiasm, and finally resignation.

Secondly, is there enough financial support ? I regard chess as the cheapest (financially) form of entertainment or recreation, compared with the fees involved in other forms of sport.

It is no use asking ' Why cannot we find a rich sponsor for the Hastings or the B.C.F. ? ' which would solve our problems.

I believe that we chess players are proud and independent people and we do not need to seek charity; all financial

problems should and can be solved by ourselves. A useful suggestion on this theme was made by Stewart Reuben in his article last month, and - let us make no mistake - unless the active, ordinary club players are willing to contribute financially we cannot expect our chess to flourish.

It is no secret that the B.C.F. financial affairs are not very healthy, because the Federation is not receiving the financial support they should from the average players in the country.

Much to my surprise, even in the Midlands, there are three counties who have not registered a single player to date, and two other counties have sent in very few fees, with a result of 400 - 500 players less than last year. Two Unions are slightly up on last year and two others are only slightly less.

To send a team to the European Team event in Denmark this year would have meant a cost of upwards of £ 300. to the B.C.F. for ten players plus a reserve and a non-playing captain. The BCF could not afford this, and had to decline the invitation.

This is sad and I wonder if we are coming to the end of the road ? Are we going to stand idly by and watch our best players be unable to represent Britain abroad. ?

Dear chess colleagues please note - unless we are going to reach some useful decision very soon, and help to provide support to the B.C.F. , we might as well forget about seeing some of our top players in the International Ranking Lists.

I trust that the ordinary club member will give some consideration to these points raised here, which may prove constructive and lead all of us to think seriously of possible means of providing the financial support urgently needed.

Thank you,

Leo Armstrong.

OXFORD VERSUS CAMBRIDGE.

The annual match between the universities of OXFORD and CAMBRIDGE took place on March 18th at London Students Union.

O X F O R D			C A M B R I D G E		
1.	A.J.Whiteley	$\frac{1}{2}$	W.R.Hartston	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	C.F. Woodcock	0	M. Davie	1	
3	P.Joyce	$\frac{1}{2}$	B.Hopewell	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	R.de L.Holmes	0	A.N.Brilliant	1	
5	G.Elements	0	A.T.Ludgate	1	
6	P.Kendall	0	N.J.Kalton	1	
7	J.Ripp	$\frac{1}{2}$	P.Almond	$\frac{1}{2}$	
		$1\frac{1}{2}$		$5\frac{1}{2}$	

Board 6

N.J.Kalton - White
Cambridge.

P.Kendall - Black
Oxford.

1.	P-Q4	P-Q4	14.	NXP	N-K4
2	P-QB4	P-K3	15	B-N3	P-R3
3	N-QB3	N-KB3	16	P-B4 !	N(K4)-N5
4	N-KB3	P-B3	17	PXN	BXNP
5	P-K3	B-Q3	18	N-B3	N-R4
6	B-Q3	QN-Q2	19	P-K5	B-B4 ch
7	P-K4	PXBP	20	B-B2	BXB ch
8	BXBP	P-K4	21	RXB	R-Q1
9	B-KN5	O-O	22	Q-B2	NXBP
10	O-O	Q-B2	23	N-K4	Resigns
11	P-KR3	P-KR3			
12	B-R4	P-KN4 ??			
13	B-KN3	PXP			

I would like to thank Raymond Keene for contributing the above report and game.

Editor.

TOPICAL NEWS.

'The ENCYCLOPAEDIA of CHESS ' is at present being compiled by Miss Anne Sunnucks, the well known lady- player and ex-British Ladies Champion, for publication by Messrs Robert Hale.

Ideas, advice or information for inclusion, will be welcomed very much by her. Please send your letters addressed to Major P.A. Sunnucks. W.R.A.C. , H.Q., Western Command, Chester.

EUROPEAN ZONAL TOURNAMENT No 3

at Vrnjacka Banja, Yugoslavia from 11th Jan - 5th Feb. 67

IVKOV of Yugoslavia emerged a comfortable winner with 12 points, followed by his countryman MANTANOVIC and BARCZAY of Hungary. The first three qualify for the Inter-zonal to be held in Tunis.

NORMAN LITTLEWOOD.

the fourth AGIO tournament was held at Earsel in North Brabant from 2nd- 8th Jan. 67. The tournament was won by the young Belgian Champion F. Cornelis with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. Norman Littlewood scored only $2\frac{1}{2}$ points, and was well below his normal form. His score consisted of five draws and one loss to Orbaan.

BOTVINNIK'S TOUR.

The world ex-champion BOTVINNIK can regard his tour as a great triumph. The result in figures is as under :- opponents 407, won 319, drew 73, lost 15. One small point I would like to mention, our young player's success against the ex- world champion in these displays has been outstanding, especially at Nottingham.

PETER AND PEGGY CLARK.

Congratulations on the birth of a daughter on 18th December 1966.

EXPERIENCE VERSUS YOUTH.

by Grandmaster Alexander Kotov.

The year 1966 gave chessdom several novelties. I am referring primarily to three chess players who've been awarded the masters title at the age of about 14.

Chess devotees, used to the most unexpected happenings haven't seen anything like it for a long time. Especially interesting is that these masters appeared in two countries; The Soviet Union and Brazil.

Anyone at all familiar with the development of chess in our country won't find anything unusual in the appearance of young masters.

After all Botvinnik, Bronstein and Spassky become masters at an early age, about 16.

But the fact that such an outstanding chess player appeared in Brazil, which has never given the world a single noted name in chess, is unquestionably something to wonder at.

No wonder Enrico Meking is now called the "chess Pele".

I shall discuss the two Soviet prodigies - Misha Steinberg and Tolya Karpov of Tula - on a future occasion.

Now I would like to relate an interesting encounter that took place recently in Hastings.

Last year brought Meking the Master's title for his excellent play in the zonal tournament. Really, Meking's result is astounding.

At the age of 14 he tied for first place in a zonal tournament and he is about to do battle with a score of the world's foremost players for the right to challenge Tigran Petrosian for the world title.

Inspired by this record, the Brazilian patrons of the young talent decided to try Meking out at the traditional Christmas Congress in Hastings.

On the very first day Meking justified the hopes placed in him by winning from Soviet master Balashov, but then he began to suffer defeat after defeat.

As a result he took seventh place, which is not bad for a youngster.

In one round Meking came up against the famous Soviet grandmaster, ex- champion of the world Mikhail Botvinnik. This encounter was significant in many respects.

This was experience versus youth, the grand past of chess versus its possible future. In any case, it turned out to be a game of rare interest.

Meking showed himself at his best and put up a very stiff resistance to the dean of our grandmasters.

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MURAD GAPRINDASHVILI.

Brother of Nona who is women's world chess champion, stood in for her at the annual women's lightning tournament in Tblisi, to celebrate International Womens Day.

Demonstrating their disbelief in male superiority, the ladies pushed Murad into third place.

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I gratefully acknowledge kind permission of the Editor of "SOVIET WEEKLY" Mr. D.Michealson to reprint the following articles, Experience versus youth, by A.Kotov, The Tournament is over- the fight continues by T. Petrosian, and Reigate v Kotov game, Murad Gaprindashvili.

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B.C.F. QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT.

West Midlands competitors in this event are D.Adams, J.A. J.A.Fuller and B.Cafferty (Warwicks) A.Sadler and M.Stevenson. (Staffs) Results so far:
Adams 1 -- A.Sadler 0. Stevenson 1 - A.Sadler 0
Tabakiernik $\frac{1}{2}$ - B.Cafferty $\frac{1}{2}$. Robonson (Leic) $\frac{1}{2}$ - Adams $\frac{1}{2}$

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"BIRMINGHAM POST " CUP.

SEMI FINALIST in the 1966 event are J.A.Fuller, and P.C.Gibbs, M.L.Nicholson (Worcs) P.C.Robertson (Warw) and B.H.Wood (Sutton Coldfield).

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THE TOURNAMENT IS OVER - THE FIGHT CONTINUES.

by Tigran Petrosian, world chess champion.

The world champion, Tigran Petrosian, made some sharp points in Pravda, commenting on the championships tournament. Here are some extracts.

A thorough analysis of the games played will serve as valuable material for chess devotees. Unfortunately, there is a sad tradition that the games are not published in detail in book form.

The results show all too clearly the weak performance of Moscow's representatives.

One or two places at the tail end of the top ten is really too little for Moscow, which has a large group of Grandmasters, experienced trainers and the country's central chess club.

Where if not in Moscow should the new chess generation appear?

The average age of participants in the championship was 35. Most of the leading chess players have already crossed, or are approaching the critical chess age of 40. We can talk openly about the existence of the peculiar vacuum that has to be filled.

By whom? Not so long ago such a problem did not exist. The process of the change of generations, which has been painful for many sports, was not felt in chess.

Now the situation has been changed. It is true that there is no shortage of decisions and good intentions to discover and to develop young chess talents.

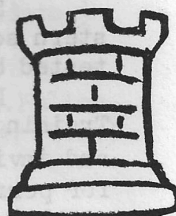
However, we do not see an influx of young, strong chess players, capable of taking their place in the ranks with our leading grandmasters and ready to replace them.

Some ten years ago, gifted youngsters passed through the stern school of "natural selection" and their mastery was tested by points in the score table.

Now capable young people are given too much attention. Training sessions, special tournaments under master's conditions and invitations to talent competitions all damp down the drive for perfection and self-criticism and prevent youngsters from steeling their chess character in difficult battle. In the end the natural growth of the young chess shoots suffer.



D. W. ANDERTON



Personalities behind the scenes

To extend recognition to the people behind the scenes, who we all must admit are mainly responsible for our enjoyment of chess in League and County activities by relieving us of all the organisation and administration worries.

As everyone is aware, these people devote a tremendous amount of their own free time to the well being of chess, which we take for granted, so it is hoped that these few words will compensate in a small way for the efforts they expend on our behalf.

The first personality chosen is David Anderton, the Staffordshire Chess Association Secretary.

David first came into the Chess World when he joined Wolverhampton Kipping as a junior in 1956. Before long he began to show his ability to grasp the finer points of the game. In no time at all he was chosen to play for one of the Club teams and soon made his way into the senior team, where in 1966, in his second season as skipper he led Kipping A to the Championship of the Wolverhampton League.

During the past eleven years David has entered many competitions, both Local and National and whilst he has not won many of these competitions, he has, I am sure, enjoyed playing in them - win or lose. If it has been the latter, I am sure that David has spent many hours working out where he went wrong. If one could see his Chess Library then you would realise how keen David took his Chess and how fatal it was if you were paired with him in any competition.

In 1960 David was persuaded to take on the post of Secretary to the Local National Chess Week Committee, after holding the office for 2 years, he was forced to resign owing to the fact he had to study for his exams. During his term of office it became obvious to all in the Chess world, that his ability to organise etc., was first class, and a mental note was made, to rope him back into office as soon as possible.

The chance came in 1963, when a committee was formed to look into the possibility of holding a Chess Congress in Wolverhampton, during Whitsun 1965. The Congress was a great success and I feel that this was due in no small way, to the efforts put in by David, who gave much help in drawing up the rules etc, by which, the Congress should be run, and by giving lectures and displays at local schools to help stimulate interest.

In 1964 the County Secretary left the area, this meant we required a replacement and when asked if he would take on the job David very modestly remarked (I do not feel I could cope with the job) he was elected to the office in 1965 and since then has put in many hours, bringing County matters up to date, drafting a new constitution, and explaining to Club secretaries how the B.C.F. registration scheme works, plus many other jobs too numerous mention.

Many people fail to realise what work David does in the local Chess world, and many more fail to appreciate it.

When asked if I would write a few remarks about David, I had my doubts as to what sort of job I would make of it. I sincerely trust that my first attempt at writing in the 'LOCAL CHESS RAG' does not produce too many brick-bats.

In closing I wish to say that I have found David a great help and do appreciate the work he is doing and trust he will continue in office for many years to come. Because believe you me, good workers are few and far between.

GRAHAM HUMPHREYS.

EDITORS NOTE.

I wish to acknowledge the kind co-operation of Mr & Mrs Anderton and Graham Humphreys for making this article possible.

Further, I wish to add my appreciation to David for his help in making this Magazine possible, also I feel sure that the M.C.C.U. and David Meadows the Editor of the "NEWSLETTER" have appreciated David's help in keeping the "NEWSLETTER" in circulation.

LEO ARMSTRONG.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

After defeating Liverpool in the previous round, Birmingham have been drawn against Bradford in the quarter-finals of the National Club Championship.

Bradford have been strengthened this season by the inclusion of P.N.LEE, the 1965 British Champion, and M.BASMAN, the leading British player in the last Hastings Premier.

On current form these two must be reckoned among the top five in the country, and a supreme effort is called for if the Midlanders are to stay in the competition.

WARWICKSHIRE BEAT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Warwickshire's convincing $13\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ victory over Nottinghamshire in the Midland Counties Final is a note worthy performance.

Warwickshire would not take any chances in this important match and fielded a very strong team and the top four boards gained full points, P.C.Gibbs, J.A.Fuller, J.Lawrence, and B.Wood.

I have learned from R.D. Keene that our old friend Bojan Kurajica will take part in the Churchill Memorial Tournament at Bognor Regis from 29th March - 8th April. I am sure we all wish him great success.

WOLVERHAMPTON & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE REVIEW

DIVISION I

It appears that Stafford Chess Council are continuing their victory march towards League Championship.

Their latest victims being Wolverhampton "B", and with one more match left to play against Wolverhampton Kipping "B", I cannot see any danger of them even dropping a point.

The final League position will not be available until the 20th April, owing to the Walsall Kipping "A" versus Wolverhampton Kipping "A".

There is little change in the middle position, Thompsons "A" have moved up, but I have not received the results of the adjourned games of 3 clubs.

Wolverhampton "B" is still occupying the bottom position and there seems to be very little hope of gaining any more points, as the last match is against Walsall Kipping "A".

DIVISION II

West Brom. Central "A" have completed their fixtures and emerge the new Division II Champions with 14 points.

Bushbury "B" have had a rather disappointing season, after leading the Division II they lost the return match against West Brom. Central and on the 23rd March only managed a draw against John Thompsons "B", this has put them right out of the League Championship.

John Thompsons "B" remain at the bottom with 2 points only.

DIVISION III

Without doubt Walsall Kipping "B" are sure to gain a well deserved promotion to Division II.

I feel they deserve to play in a higher Division, as they have a number of young players showing great promise.

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BLINDFOLD CHESS EXHIBITION.

I have received a letter from a reader in Sedgley asking the following :

PLEASE TELL ME , IS IT TRUE THAT BLINDFOLD CHESS EXHIBITIONS ARE FORBIDDEN IN THE U.S.S.R , AND WHY ?.

Dear reader,

I am not sure if the phrase you used ' forbidden' is correct. I should say ' not encouraged '.

However, I have made some inquiries and so far have gathered the following information.

Such exhibitions were certainly not practised in the late 40's and early 50's, but it is not certain if this is so to- day.

Blindfold displays are a terrible mental strain on the player concerned and liable to produce complications (mentally).

The U.S.S.R. Chess Federation are very particular about the physical and mental welfare of their players, and the risk of a mental black-out is too great to run.

To make sure of the complete facts regarding your question I have consulted the Editor of the " SOVIET WEEKLY" and he has promised to look into your question thoroughly, and I am hoping to print his answer shortly.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO GORDON FARRELL

Gordon has won the N.C.C.C 'All play all' tournament with 4 points out of 4 and qualified in the final for the Natcor's Brown-Pond Trophy.

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TWO INTERNATIONAL LADIES ' TOURNAMENTS.

The first will take place at HAVERING from 25th Aug. to 1st Sept. The second will be held in conjunction with the FAIRMION Congress from 3rd Sept. to 9th Sept.

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HICKMAN CUP.
23rd February 1967.

JOHN THOMPSONS

V WEST BROM. CENTRAL.

1	L.Armstrong	1	K.Elwell	0
2	G.Lines	$\frac{1}{2}$	W.Clark	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	K.Pittaway	1	G.Normand	0
4	Mrs. J.Briscoe	$\frac{1}{2}$	J.Southall	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	J.Gower	1	R.Jukes	0
6	G.Stokes-Roberts	1	K.Francis	0
7	R.Briscoe	0	J.Waters	1
8	J.Briscoe	1	J.Normand	0
		<u>6</u>		<u>2</u>

WOLVERHAMPTON KIPPING

JOHN THOMPSONS

1	Dr.V.G. Jenson	0	K.Pittaway	1
2	A.Sadler	$\frac{1}{2}$	W.Callaway	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	K.G.Humphreys	0	G.Lines	1
4	R.E.F.Duncanson	0	L.Armstrong	1
5	L.Hesbrook	1	J.Gower	0
6	R.E.Walker	$\frac{1}{2}$	G.Stokes Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	J.Sadler	1	J.Briscoe	0
8	D.Guest	1	M.Dixon	0
		<u>4</u>		<u>4</u>

JOHN THOMPSONS

WOLVERHAMPTON KIPPING

1.	W.Callaway	a	Dr.V.G. Jenson	a
2	G.Lines	$\frac{1}{2}$	A.Sadler	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	K.Pittaway	0	M.Fleury	1
4	Mrs.J.Briscoe	0	K.G.Humphreys	1
5	G.Stokes-Roberts	0	R.E.F.Duncanson	1
6	J.Gower	0	R.Walker	1
7	J.Briscoe	0	L.Hesbrook	1
8	K.Nicholls	0	G.Link	1
		<u>$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>$6\frac{1}{2}$</u>

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ROCK AND BIDGOOD CUP SEMI - FINALS ON 20th MARCH 1967.

at John Thompsons Social Centre.

J.E.Jones played his game against W.Clark on March 16th. I understand that Jones did not have it all his own way, young Clark put up some stubborn resistance and made Jones work hard to achieve a victory.

With a little more experience I feel that Clark will develop into a player that West Bromwich Central will be proud of.

J.D.Hughes played a sound game, Peter Hickman could not match Hughes clever play, and made a n error on move 14.QR-Q1 and after few more moves the game was over.

Personally I would like John Hughes to win the ROCK CUP. He has made rapid progress in chess and should he win this trophy it would no doubt compensate him for the time he has spent studying.

ROCK CUP FINAL- J.E.JONES VERSUS J.D. HUGHES.

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BIDGOOD TROPHY SEMI FINALS.

As anticipated Ken Pittaway secured a place in the final by defeating G.Stokes - Roberts (both are members of John Thompsons Chess Club)

Pittaway set a neat mating trap which Stokes-Roberts completely overlooked.

I secured my place in the final by defeating S.SIMONOVIC from Stewarts & Lloyds Chess Club.

My opponent blundered on move 11 ... NXP, he said after the game that he completely overlooked my Bishop being on QN2, although he tried very hard to get on equal terms in the middle game and almost succeeded.

sacrificed my Bishop for three pawns on move 33 and after the exchange of Queens the outcome was never in doubt.

As I am also a member of John Thompsons Chess Club the trophy will remain in John Thompsons, the final is

Ken Pittaway versus L. Armstrong.

STAFFORDSHIRE II versus HEREFORDSHIRE.

Venue at Integral Works, Wolverhampton on 11th March 67.

1.	M.Reynolds	$\frac{1}{2}$	L.P.Collard	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	W.P.Taylor	1	M.J. Proctor	0
3	S.G.Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}$	P.Johnston	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	R.J.Edwards	1	E.A.Barton	0
5	N.B.Ramsey	1	M.Pawlowicz	0
6	P.G.Jackson	1	C.R.Davies	0
7	E.V.Foulds	1	M.D.Hands	0
8	E.W.Lees	1	G.Evans	0
9	P.J.Greatbach	1	G.Moss	0
10	D.Price	1	C.Bishop	0
11	M.Fleury	1	G.Horton	0
12	P.F.Staley	1	A.J.Rawlings	0
13	G.Lines	$\frac{1}{2}$	P.Winter	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	J.S.Hatton	1	S.W.Hughes	0
15	H.Russell	1	G.Tringham	0
16	I.C. McGillivray	1	A. Bright	0
		$14\frac{1}{2}$		$1\frac{1}{2}$

At first glance this seem a devastating result, perhaps the highest score to date for Staffordshire II.

The Staffs II. can be regarded as an exceptionally strong team, and let us hope that we shall see such a team in the future matches.

In the past Herefordshire played jointly with Shropshire, perhaps they are finding the going rather tough on their own, but from what I saw in the actual match, they are all young and keen players and no doubt this will pay a dividend in years to come.

However, I feel that the Staffordshire board order does not do justice to some of the team members, and hope that this will be rectified on future occasions.

LEAGUE RESULTS DIVISION I.

BUSHBURY "A"

1.	A.Boxley	1
2	B.Staley	0
3	C.Rix	0
4	W.Homer	1
5	D.Clephen	0
6.	G.Hicks	1
		<u>3</u>

WOLVERHAMPTON "B"

P. J. Hickman	0
J. Hughes	1
N. P. Cook	1
F. D. Field-Hyde	0
J. Wyer	1
P. S. Walkins	0
	<u>3</u>

WOLVERHAMPTON "A"

1.	J.Fellows	a
2	A.Schroeder	1
3	B.Priest	0
4	W.N.Boydon	1
5	F.T.Burgess	0
6	N.Shuttelworth	a
		<u>2</u>

WALSALL KIPPING "A"

J.H.Baines	a
C.Tomlinson	0
E.Lees	1
S.Johnson	0
B.Sanders	1
R.Nicholls	a
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WOLVERHAMPTON KIPPING "B"

1	M.Fleury	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	N.Sims	a
3	J.Bargery	a
4	G.Edwards	1
5	J.A.Elliott	0
6	F.Bassett	a
		<u>$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

BUSHBURY "A"

P. Staley	$\frac{1}{2}$
A. Boxley	a
C. Rix	a
D. Goodwin	0
G. Hicks	1
D. Clephen	a
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	$1\frac{1}{2}$

JOHN THOMPSONS "A"

1	M.Reynolds	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	G.Lines	1
3	J.S.Hatton	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	K.Pittaway	1
5	G.Stokes-Roberts	1
6	Mrs. J.Briscoe	1

DUDLEY "B"

H.Morgan	$\frac{1}{2}$
C.Woodall	0
M.Nicol	$\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs.M.Lloyd	0
F.Lloyd	0
E.Wilkes	0

Walsall Kipping "A" versus Wolverhampton Kipping "A" will be played on 13th April 1967, and I wish to thank Graham Humpreys, the W-Ton Kipping Secretary for letting me know that the fixture was re-arranged, as I have not received any notification from the home side.

Records Secretary.

WOLVERHAMPTON "B"

STAFFS, CHESS COUNCIL

1.	J.D. Hughes	0	R.V. Butters	1
2	P. Hickman	0	E.V. Foulds	1
3	P.D. Field -Hyde	0	R. Daly	1
4	N.P. Cook	1	E. Ratcliffe	0
5	P.S. Walkins	0	P. Greatbach	1
6	J. Wyer	0	D. Price	1
		<u>1</u>		<u>5</u>

D I V I S I O N II

WEST BROM. CENTRAL "A"

J. THOMPSONS "B"

1.	Phillips	0	J. Gower	1
2.	W. Clark	0	G. Stokes-Roberts	1
3	D.F. Sedgley	1	R. Evans	0
4	J. Southall	1	R. Farmer	0
5	K. Francis	1	J. Briscoe	0
6	K. Ellwell	1	K. Nicholls	0
		<u>4</u>		<u>2</u>

JOHN THOMPSONS "B"

BUSHBURY "B"

1	G. Stokes-Roberts	1	R. Rowe	0
2	R. Farmer	0	P. Edwards	1
3	M. Dixon	1	D. Rhodes	0
4	J. Briscoe	1	B. Shuttelworth	0
5	R. Evans	Default	J. Moore	1
6	P. Porter	0	J. Kenwrick	1
		<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>

WOLVERHAMPTON KIPP. "C"

WEST BROM. CENTRAL "A"

1	I. Houston	1	K. Ellwell	0
2	R. Jones	0	D. Sedgley	1
3	G. Link	1	J. Southall	0
4	P. Wojciechowski ++	0	K. Francis	1 ++
5	C. Hemmings	0	W. Clark	1
6	B. McDonough	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Jukes	$\frac{1}{2}$
		<u>$2\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>$3\frac{1}{2}$</u>

++ The game on board 4 was adjudicated.

DIVISION III

WEST BROM. CENTRAL "B"

BRADLEY & FOSTER

1	J.Normand	0	A.Turner	1
2	G.Normand	0	A.Staite	1
3	S.Wager	1	J.Andritt	0
4	J.Waters	1	B.Holland	0
5	I.Phillips	1	N.King	0

WALSALL KIPPING "B"

JOHN THOMPSONS "C"

1	B.Sanders	1	
2	J.W.Withnall	1	
3	S.Dutton	1	<u>DEFAULTED.</u>
4	J.Dutton	1	
5	W.Oakley	1	

ADJOURNED GAMES.

DIVISION I.

No results received from the following matches,

WOLVERHAMPTON KIPPING "B" V BUSHBURY "A"

N. SIMS	V	A. BOXLEY
J.BARGERY	V	C.RIX
F.BASSETT	V	D. CLEPHEN

The above match was played on 11th March 1967.

WOLVERHAMPTON "A" V WALSALL KIPPING.

J.FELLOWS	V	J.H. BAINES
N. SHUTTELWORTH	V	R.D.NICHOLLS.

The actual match was played on 7th March 1967.

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UFIMTSEV DEFENCE!

White - Reigate

Black Kotov.

1. P-K4, P-KN3. 2. P-Q4, B-KN2. 3. N-QB3, P-Q3. 4. P-KB4....

The opening moves provide evidence right away of the militant mood of both sides. Grandmaster Kotov avoids symmetrical patterns and takes the course of a problematical and complicated struggle. But the Reigate youngsters also reveal good knowledge of opening systems.

They have selected a vigorous system, inviting Black to resist a strong Pawn middle. This continuation has been made repeatedly in past tournament practice and is justly regarded as one of the best in the given variant.

4.... N-QB3 5. B-K3, N-KB3. 6. B-K2, O-O. 7. P-K5.....

This is a practical approach to solving the problem. If Black doesn't want to pull his Knight back he has to reconcile himself to opening the Queen's file and an inevitable simplification of the game, which would reduce his chance of a counterattack.

7... PXP. 8. P(Q)XP, QXQ ch. 9. RXQ, N-KN5.

Despite this early Queen exchange, the situation on the board remains acute.

In the event of 10. B-QB5.... then the continuation 10... P-QN3 11. B-KB3, PXB. 12. BXN(QB), R-QN1 13. P-QN3, N-K6. 14. R-Q2, P-KB3 leaves Black holding the initiative.

10. B-QB1, N-QN5

This Knight thrust endangers the White Pawn on QB2. It is a disadvantage to protect this Pawn by replying with 11. R-Q2 ... in view of 11... N-K6 12. P-QR3, NXP ch. 13. K-KB1. P-KB3 with the Black Knight operating together effectively in enemy territory.

11. B-QB4 ! ...

This is a splendid defensive move. The Reigate boys reveal resourcefulness and subtle understanding of positional play. They decide to surrender the Pawn, in order to obtain an active position.

11. NXP ch, 12. K-K2, P-QB4. 13. N-KB3, N-KR3. 14 B-QN3,
N-QN5. 15. P-QR3, N-QB3. 16. B-Q5, N-KB4. 17. N-QR4....

White is carrying out a most logical scheme. The Black Pawn on QB4 is now under attack and cannot be saved, The time has come for the grandmaster to think of a way of preventing White from balancing the forces.

17... N(KB)-Q5 ch. 18. K-KB2, NXN. 19 PXN, P-QB5 ! 20 N-QB5, B-KB4.

These last few moves enable Black to finish developing his forces and prepare vigorous operations on the Queen's wing.

White has the choice of capturing the Pawn on either QN2 or QB5, but in both cases the files will be exposed for an invasion by the Black Rooks. For instance; 21. NXP, R(KB)-QB1 22. B-K3, R(QR)-Q1 and so on.

21. B-K3...

The continuation should be 21BXN ! ,PXB. 22 R-Q4, P-QB6 ! 23. PXP, R(QR)-QN1. 24. R(KR)-Q1, and White enjoying equally good chances.

21..... R(KB)-QB1. 22. BXP, P-QN3. 23. N-Q3.....

This is a forced retreat in order to reply to 23.... NXP with 24. NXN, BXN. 25. BXP ch, KXB. 26 PXB, thus allowing White to put up a successful defence,

23.. N-QR4. 24. B-QB5, R-QB7 ch. 25. N-KN3, R(QR)-QB1. 26 B-Q4

..... The Pawn on QN2 must once more be defended. White has repulsed the first attack, but the main difficulties lie ahead, because the Black pieces are most active.

26 ... P-K3. 27. B-QR2, N-QB3. 28. B-QB3, N-K2. 29. B-QN1....

The Black Rook is trapped, because the reply to 29... R-K7 is 30. N-QB1, R-K6. 31. B-Q4. However, this dangerous situation has not caught the grandmaster napping. He has a ready reply, which opens favourable perspectives for Black.

29... R(QB7)XB ! 30. PXR, RXP.

Out of this sacrifice of the exchange, Black has acquired a Pawn and a very promising position. In the event of 31..N-Q4. 32. N-KB2, BXB. 33. RXB, B-KR3. 34. N-KR3, R-QB5 and White cannot hold on to the weak Pawns on the fourth rank

31. N-KB2, BXB. 32. R-Q8 ch, B-KB1. 33 RXB, N-KB4 ch. 34. K-KN2, N-KR5 ch 35. K-KN3, N-KB4 ch, 36. K-KN2, K-KN2.

Rejecting a repetition of the move, Kotov decides to continue striking out for a win.

He has every ground for this, because his pieces are active, where as his rival's Pawns are very weak. The capture of at least one of them would give Black a decisive material advantage.

37. R-Q3, R-QB7. 38. R(QN)-Q1, B-QB4 39. R(Q1)-Q2, R-QB8.
40 R-K2, N-K2.

The danger now arises of the Knight moving over to the Q4 spot.

41. R-Q1, RXR. 42 NXR, N-Q4. 43. R-QR2, NXP ch. 44. N-KN3,
P-KN4. 45. P-KR4, K-N3. 46. PXP, KXP. 47. N-QN2, P-KR4.
48. N-QB4 ?

White fails to see his rival's hidden threat, and the King suddenly finds itself in a checkmate web.

White could continue resisting, after replying with 48, K-KR2, but following 48... P-QN4. 49. P-QR4, P-QN5.
50. N-QB4, N-Q4. 51. N-Q6, K-KB5. 52 NXP, B-Q5 the passed QN pawn decides the outcome of this tense struggle.

48..... B-KN8 !

White resigns in view of the threat of
49.... P-KR5, which means surrendering the Rook on KR2.

In this highly interesting game, Kotov had to work very hard to overcome his young opponents.

Analysis by Ex-world champion
Vasily Smyslov. This game was printed in the
" Soviet Weekly " on February 4th 1967.

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EXCLUSIVE TO OUR MAGAZINE.

This game was played in the semi-finals of the 1967
Cuban Championship, in January of this year.

White - Miguel Aldez

Black- Juan Fernandez

1. P-K4

P-QB4

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P-Q4

PXP

2 N-KB3

N-QB3

4

NXP

P-K3

5 N-QB3 P-Q3
 6 B-K3 N-B3
 7 B-K2 B-K2
 8 O-O O-O
 9 P-B4 B-Q2
 10 Q-K1 NXN
 11 BXN B-B3
 12 B-B3 P-QN4
 13 P-QR3 P-QR4
 14 N-R2 ?

Removing a vital piece ..
 for the protection of his centre.
 14..... P-K4

A vigorous pawn sacrifice
 which disrupts Whites centre.

15 PXP PXP
 16 BXP B-B4 ch
 17 K-R1 R-K1
 18 Q-B3 NXP
 19 BXN BXB

20 QXB Q-IV4 !
 Regains the sacrificed
 piece.

21 Q-B2 QXB
 22 QXP ch K-R1
 23 QR-K1 Q-QB4 !

The point of Black's
 sacrifice becomes apparent.
 Black's Bishop is far supe-
 rior to White's wooden-legged
 Knight, and Whites Queen side
 pawns are vulnerable to
 attack.

24 N-B3 B-N3
 25 Q-Q7 RXR
 26 RXR P-N5
 27 PXP PXP
 28 Q-Q5 Q-KB1
 29 N-R2 ??? A blunder
 but after N-N5, R-Q1 30
 Q-B3, Q-QB4 White is in a
 bad way

29..... B-B2
 30 Resigns

I wish to thank R.D. Keene for this game.

===== WOLVERHAMPTON & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE. =====

Black		League Match Division I.		White	
		Board 2			
A. Schroeder- Wolverhampton "A"				C.Tomlinson Walsall	
				Kipping "A"	
C.Tomlinson	A.Schroeder				
1. P-K4	P-K4	9	P-K5	PXP	
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	10	Q-N3	BXN	
3 B-B4	N-B3	11	BXP ch	K-B1	
4 O-O	B-B4	12	PXB	NXP	
5 P-B3	P-Q3	13	Q-B3	N-K7 ch	
6 P-Q4	PXP	14	Resigns		
7 PXP	B-N3				
8 B-KN5	B-N5				

N.P. COOK - WOLVERHAMPTON 'B'

E.F. RATCLIFFE
STAFFS CHESS COUNCIL
BLACK.

WHITE

1. P-K4 P-QB4
2 N-KB3 P-K3
3 B-K2 P-QN3
4 P-Q4 B-N2
5 O-O B-K2
6 N-B3 N-KB3
7 N-K5 O-O
8 P-B4 P-Q4
9 PXP NXP
10 N-K4 N-Q2
11 N-KB3 N(Q2)-B3
12 N(B3)-N5 NXN
13 NXN Q-B2
14 N-N5 QR-Q1
15 B-N4 BXN
16 PXB Q-K2
17 Q-K1 B-B1
18 Q-R4 P-K4
19 BXB RXB
20 R-B3 Q-K3
21 R-R3 Q-N3
22 B-Q2 P-B3

24 P-N6 ! PXP
25 Q-KR4 Q-K1
26 Q-R7 ch a) K-B2
27 B-R6 R-N1
28 R-N3 N-K2
29 R-KB1 Q-B1
30 R-K3 b) R-KR1
31 QXP(N2)ch QXQ
32 BXQ KXB
33 R(K3)-B3 P-B4
34 P-KN4 R(B1)-B1
35 PXP RXP
36 RXR NXR
37 R-K1 N-Q5!
38 K-N2 RXP ch
39 K-N3
Resigns

a) Black now appears to be in real trouble.

b) This move seems weak but analysis prove that White has nothing better, he must loose a piece. If 30 R(N3)-B3, P-B4., if 30 B-N5, K-K1. 31 Q-R3, N-B4. 32 R-B3, R-R1. 33 Q-N4, PXB. 34 QXP, Q-Q3.

Notes by N.P. Cook.

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I wonder how many players knows this : 1 P-K4, P-K4
2. N-KB3, N-KB3. 3. NXP, NXP. 4. Q-K2, N-KB3 5. N-B6 dis.ch
and wins the Queen. PETROVS DEFENCE.

ROCK CUP SEMI-FINAL

J.D. HUGHES - WHITE

P.J. HICKMAN - BLACK.

1.	P-K4	P-K3	12.	B-R4	B-N2
2	P-Q4	P-Q4	13	Q-K2	KR-K1
3	N-QB3	PXP	14	N-K5	QR-Q1 ???
4	NXP	N-Q2	15	NXKBP	R-QB1
5	N-KB3	B-K2	16	QXP	N-KB1
6	P-QB4	P-QB3	17	NXP dis.ch	K-R1
7	B-Q3	KN-B3	18	Q-N8 ch	Resigns.
8	N-B3	O-O			
9	O-O	Q-B2			
10	R-K1	P-QN3			
11	B-N5	P-KR3			

BIDGOOD TROPHY SEMI-FINAL

L. ARMSTRONG - White

S. SIMONOVIC - BLACK.

1	P-QB4	P-K4	21.	O-O	BXN
2	N-QB3	N-QB3	22	QXP	Q-B2
3	P-KN3	N-KB3	23	P-K3	N-Q2
4	B-N2	B-QB4	24	Q-Q2	P-KB3
5	N-QR4	B-QN5	25	N-K2	N-K4
6	P-QR3	B-K2	26	R-R1	RXR ch
7	P-QN4	P-QR3	27	BXR	Q-B1
8	B-N2	P-Q3	28	BXN	PX3
9	N-KB3	P-QN4	29	Q-R2	B-N5
10	PXP	PXP	30	N-QB3	B-KB6
11	N-B3	NXP ???	31	NXKP	BXN ??
12	PXN	RXR	32	NXB	P-KN3
13	QXR	P-QB3	33	BXP ch	PXB
14	P-Q4	P-K5	34	QXP ch	K-B1
15	N-Q2	P-Q4	35	QXKP	K-B2
16	N-R2	B-K3	36	Q-Q6	P-R4
17	N-QN3	O-O	37	P-B6	K-K1
18	Q-QB1	Q-N3	38	QXP ch	K-K2
19	N-QB5	R-QR1	39	Q-KN7 ch	K-Q3
20	N-QB3	B-KB4	40	Q-Q7 ch	QXQ

versus

S.Simonovic.

43 P-KB4 K-K3

44	K-KB2	Resigns.
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versus K.Pittaway.
Black.

17.	N-N3	Q-N3
18	Q-B4	P-QN3
19	QR-N1	B-N4
20	R-KB1	P-QB4
21	QR-K1	R-Q6
22	P-B3	B-K6 ch
23	K-R1	Q-N6
24	N-B1	B-B5
25	K-N1	Q-R7 ch
26	K-B2	B-N6 ch
27	K-K2	QXP ch
28	Resigns.	

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KORCHNOI - Black

1.	P-K4	P-QB4	9.	QR-N1	Q-R6	17.	R-N3	Q-R5
2	N-KB3	P-Q3	10	P-B5 !	N-B3	18	P-B4!	K-R1
3	P-Q4	PXP	11	PXP	PXP	19	O-O、	R-R2
4	NXP	N-KB3	12	NNN	PXN	20	Q-R6	P-KB4
5	QN-B3	P-QR3	13	P-K5!!	PXP	21	R-N3	B-N5
6	B-N5	P-K3	14	BKN!	PXB	22	N-B6!	Black
7	P-B4	Q-N3	15	N-K4	B-K2			Resigns.
8	Q-Q2	QXP	16	B-K2	O-O			
							Deadly is 23.	
=====							QXR ch.24R-N8	

mate.

- a) F.Marshall against R.Capablanca b) Nimzowitch. c) 1904
d) Staunton. e) The sand- glass. f) Carl Schlechter.