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IN MY OPINION

Welcome to the 1988 Midland Chess. I hope that I can sustain the interest in the newsletter that Ed Stone generated with his witty and often hard hitting style. Sadly I don't travel in such high circles as Ed so for the moment I can't bring you the spicy plots on the Financial affairs of the Hastings congress or on the private life of Raymond Keene or Stuart Reuben. Still I hope that an opinion can be expressed on matters closer to hand and I fully intend to put 'a boot up a few backsides' when necessary to those in the Midland area who do (or rather don't do) important jobs.

My task will be made much easier if I'm told what is happening and about you opinions. So please write to me and pose any questions or make any remarks about chess in the area. I don't promise to publish the whole letter but I will do all I can to get the 'powers' of Midland Chess to give an answer and justify their actions. In the Next Issue I intend to look in depth at the scene for Midland Juniors so if you have anything to say please drop me a line.

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1987 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Held at Walsall in the West Midlands on July 4 Greater Manchester got to the final to represent the MCCU area but sadly fell at the final hurdle.

Greater Manchester v Middlesex

01	J	Horner	1-0	A	Whiteley	
02	P	Macklin	1-1	R	Wade	
03	0	Jackson	1-1	G	Lee	
04	В	Jones	0-1	K	Shovel	
05	J	Naujokas	1-1	R	Holmes	
06	V	Knox	1-1	G	Wall	
07	J	Smith	0-1	K	Vlahos	
08	N	Fox	0-1	S	Berry	
09	J	Powell	0-1	R	Willmoth	
10	H	Lamb	1-1	J	Sharp	
11	J	Sharp	0-1	B	Beake	
12	P	Siddall	1-0	D	Lee	
13	R	English	C-1	S	Rodericks	
14	J	Farrand	1-1	C	H111	
15	D	Knox	1-0	K	Norman	

16	М	Vidler	0-1	P	D'Mothe
17	G	Burton	1-0	R	McMichael
18	P	Adams	1-1	J	Quinn
19	E	Hawkins	0-1	J	Walton
20	D	James	1-1	Т	Kett

Total 8-12

An interesting little note on this game. The people at boards 18 & 19 of the London County are both officially graded at 199 What chance for us ordinary mortals ?

The Counties Second team final also included an MCCU side, Warwickshire, but the local side were beaten by Lancashire. The score was $12\frac{1}{2}-7\frac{1}{2}$.

Warwickshire completed a double by also getting to the final of the Third team Competition but here again they went down Lancashire. This time by a hefty 121-31 margin. Still at least all three finals had an MCCU representative. Perhaps this year one of the trophies might actually come to reside in the Midlands.

*** REQUEST ***

COUNTY CAPTAINS are asked by the tournament controller Neil Beasley to make sure that they send him <u>BOTH</u> copies of the County Match Scoresheet at 21 Tilton Drive, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 SWW.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1986/87	MIDLAND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIES
The 1986/7 competition final was not played on the due date last season the final result was:-	 Held at the Assemble "Rooms in Derby this Competition acted a record entry topping the 200 mark for the first time. The event was a real credit to Controller
GREATER MANCHESTER 11 STAFFORDSHIRE 9	Robert Milner and his willing helpers.
MANCHESTER AUTUMN CONGRESS	1 M Hebden (Leicester Transport) 2 G Flear (Leicester)
Held at the University Of Manchester in Mid September Winners as Follows OPEN : 1/44 N H Bradbury (London)	=3 G Buckley (Bushbury) C Dunworth (Sherwood) J Emms (Nottingham Univ)
MAJOR: 1/55 K Hurst (Manchester)	MAJOR:
MINOR: 1/83 J Smart (Yorkshire) The local International Master D R Norwood took part in the open competition but found this opponent too hot.	1 M Litherland (Worksop) =2 R Eames (Islington) D Ledger (Nottingham Univ) MINOR:
White G Lilley Black D Norwood	=1 P McCarron (Wansted) T Ardin (Tamworth) Total entries 227
01 d4 Nf6 02 c4 c5	PETERBOROUGH SOFTWARE NATIONAL CLUB FINAL
03 d5 e6	TELEADOROUGH SOFTWARE WATCOME CLUB FINAL
04 Nc3 ed	Plenty of Midlands interest in the
05 cd d6	Major final with Lichfield running
06 NE3 g6	out 31-11 winners over Oxford University
07 e4 Bg7	
08 Bg5 h6	Ol R Allen i-i N Crabb
09 Bh4 g5	02 P Collins 1-0 A Wallace
10 Bg3 Nh5	03 K Thompson 1-0 M Hall
11 Bb5 Kf8	04 L Tarbuck 1-1 R Banbury
12 e5 Ng3	05 M Horrigan 1-1 N Davies
13 fg a6	
14 Bd3 de	Also interest in the Plate competitie
15 0-0 b5	won by Notts side Sutton who were 4-1
16 Nd2 Ra7	winners over Hackney.
17 Qh5 . b4	
18 Nce4 f5	01 S Burke 1-0 C Rose
19 Bc4 Kg8	02 N Graham 1-0 R Brown
20 Qg6 Rh7	03 G Wagenbach 1-0 K Jackson
21 Nd6 Bd7	04 P Morgan 0-1 T Donnerley
22 Nf5 Be8	05 J Crockett 1-0 D Green
23 d6 Kh8	
24 Ne7 Resigns	Sutton completed an excellent double
	when they also won the Minor Plate
SEE COMPETITION	competition with a 4-1 victory in the
MCCII ACM June 1997 JIN the Unergoed 2	final over Slough.
MCCU AGM June 1987 What Happened ?	01 J Cundey $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ D Webb
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fold.	05 A Capon 1-1 M Bool
2. MCCU had a surplus income over expenditure	
of £ 319.32 last year.	There was further Midlands interes
3. All Counties were requested to take more	the Open Plate when Kings Head beat
interest in MCCU competitions and to	Birmingham on board count after a 3-3 dr
encourage participation.	The details of this game have not been
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A number of small alterations were made to the methods of qualifying for the British Championships with the aim of making it easier for Juniors to Qualify. The 1990 competition will be held at Eastbourne. The resignation of Graham Lee as BCF secretary was considered and tenmporary arrangements for running the BCF office made. The BCF will consider various methods of helping the newly formed Association of British Chess Masters.

A complaint from Tony Miles with reference to Raymond Keene's role as a second at the Tunis interzonal in 1985 was discussed at length. An independant enquiry was set up and Mr Keene was suspended from his BCF posts pending the results of this enquiry. BCF gradings are in turmoil due to difficulties with the computer and the intransigence of the NCCU in furnishing information. It was agreed that the BCF magazine Newsflash would continue to appear as a fortnightly publication.

Championships FIXTURES & RESULTS

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1st Teams West Zone	East Zone
Staffordshire 91 - 101 Greater Manchester	* Leicestershire 111 - 81 Derbyshire
Worcestershire 9½ - 10½ Warwickshire	Nottinghamshire 12 - 8 Northants
Shropshire v Staffordshire	Northants v Leicestershire
Worcestershire 16+ v 3+ Greater Manchester	Nottinghamshire v Lincolnshire }
Staffordshire v Worcestershire	Leicestershire v . Nottinghamshire
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STAFFORD 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	LINCS 1 0 0 1 4 11 0
MANCHESTER 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	* Subject to Adjudication
3rd Teams One Competition	
Warwickshire v Staffordshire	Warwickshire v Greater Manchester
Derbyshire 81 - 111 Nottinghamshire	Leicestershire v Derbyshire
Warwickshire v Derbyshire	Staffordshire v Nottinghamshire
Leicestershire v Greater Manchester	Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Greater Manchester v Staffordshire	
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Nottinghamshire COMPETITION

Derbyshire

Nottinghamshire

 A Prize of a Travelling Chess Set will be awarded to the best annotation of the chess between Lilley and Norwood given earlier.
 For fun Try the position on the right Three Questions: When did this happen ?
 Which Tournament did it conclude ?
 Name the players
 CLUE Black came second.
 Answers in the next issue which will be out on 1st January. Future issues bi monthly.

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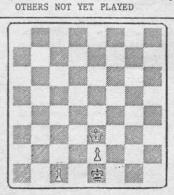
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