

MIDLAND COUNTIES  
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Midland Counties Chess Union  
Inter-County Matches 1993-94  
*Results from Neil Beasley*

Open (West Zone)

Shropshire	8	8	Worcestershire
Gr. Manchester	8	8	Warwickshire
Staffordshire	6½	9½	Gr. Manchester
Worcestershire	7½	10½	Warwickshire
Worcestershire	5½	12½	G. Manchester

Open (East Zone)

Derbyshire	10	6	Northamptonshire
Lincolnshire	4½	11½	Leicestershire
Leicestershire	10	5	Derbyshire
Northamptonshire	4½	11½	Nottinghamshire

Under 175

Warwickshire	7½	8½	Staffordshire
Leicestershire	6½	9½	Gr. Manchester
Gr. Manchester	9	7	Staffordshire
Staffordshire	6½	8½	Leicestershire
Nottinghamshire	9½	4½	Gr. Manchester

Under 150 (West)

Warwickshire	2½	13½	Gr. Manchester
Staffordshire	11½	5½	Shropshire
Worcestershire	10	6	Shropshire

Under 150 (West) (continued)

Gr. Manchester	11	5	Staffordshire
Worcestershire	7½	8½	Staffordshire
Shropshire	16	0	Warwickshire (D)

Under 150 (East)

Leicestershire B	5	9	Leicestershire A
Nottinghamshire	14	2	Leicestershire B
Nottinghamshire	7	9	Leicestershire A

Under 125 (West)

Gr. Manchester	3½	8½	Staffordshire
Warwickshire	7	5	Derbyshire North
Shropshire	4	8	Gr. Manchester
Warwickshire	7	5	Staffordshire
Derbyshire South	6	6	Derbyshire North
Staffordshire	9	3	Derbyshire South

Under 125 (East)

Nottinghamshire B	6	6	Leicestershire A
Nottinghamshire A	4½	7½	Lincolnshire
Leicestershire B	12	6	Leicestershire C
Nottinghamshire A	10	2	Nottinghamshire B
Lincolnshire	8½	3½	Leicestershire C
Leicestershire B	5	11	Leicestershire A
Leicestershire A	3	9	Lincolnshire

Midland Counties Chess Union Midland Club Championships

*Report from John Robinson*

Four clubs competed. An outstanding performance by Gambit, with a score of 11/12, conceding only two draws, took the honours. Belper (6½/12) were runners-up, Warley Quinborne were third with 4/12 and Sherwood House scored 2½/12.

Midland Under-125 Club Championship

There were seven teams of five in this new event, which provided a very much closer finish. At the

end of the first round Gambit had a clear one point lead with 4/5, but in the end were overtaken by Sherwood House, who ended with 7/12, and Rushall with 6½/12. Gambit's final tally was 6 points. They were followed by Oxclose (5½), Warley Quinborne (5), Amber Valley (3) and Sherwood House B (1½).

The Under-150 section of the Club Championships is to be at Nuneaton on May 22nd 1994.

### Northamptonshire Evening Telegraph Rapidplay

Corby, 19th September 1993

88 players competed in this six round event.

- 1st= Graham Lee (Oakham) and John Naylor (Rugby) 5½  
 3rd= Aron Cohen (Leicester), Glen Flear (Leicester), Robert Kane (Willesden) and Don Mason (Solihull) 5

### The 1993 Warwickshire "Silver Knight" Chess Championships

Held at the Etone Centre, Nuneaton, 29th - 31st October 1993

Report from Bruce Holland

The event ran very smoothly, and this year benefited from two sponsors. For the third year running *The Coventry Evening Telegraph* gave its support, and for the first time this year a local firm *Silver Knight Exhibitions Ltd* provided generous support. *Silver Knight* have a successful international dimension as well as contracts with the National Exhibition Centre. They also provided the stage set for the recently concluded match between Gary Kasparov and Nigel Short. There were six rounds in each section.

### Open Section and Closed Championship

- 1st= Aron Cohen (Wigston), Don Mason (Solihull Lodge) and Jonathan Nelson (Whoberley) 4½  
 4th= Lawrence Cooper (Bushbury), Harriet Hunt (Cowley) and Andrew Southall (Warley Quinborne) 4  
 Don Mason and Jonathan Nelson are jointly Warwickshire Champions; they will hold the Tucker Trophy for one year.

The Open Championship is shared between Don Mason, Jonathan Nelson and Aron Cohen. Anne-Marie Ashby (Nottingham University) scored 3 points and is the Warwickshire Under-21 Champion.

### Major Section

- 1st Gregory Smith (Duston) 5  
 2nd= David Burton (Birmingham University), Ian Clarke (Malvern), Andrew Price (Leamington) and Andrew Wiggins (Headless Cross) 4½

### Minor Section

- 1st= Gabor Csepregi (Solihull Lodge), Caro Hunt (Cowley) and Richard Wilkinson (Walsall Kipping) 5  
 4th Avinash Pala (Nuneaton) 4½  
 5th= Maureen Clark (Warley Quinborne), Edward Small (Malvern), Reginald Thomas (St. Johns Worcestershire) 4½

### The President plays Chess

The following games were played in the Birmingham Congress of 1937. One of Julius Silverman's opponents was Erich Eliskases, who had been joint Austrian Champion in 1934, Hungarian Champion in 1934, and won the German Championship in 1938 and 1939, and went on to gain Grandmaster title. The other was Eugene Znosko-Borowsky, author of numerous popular books, some of which are still in print.

#### J.Silverman v E.Eliskases

1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 Nc3 c6 5 Nf3 d5 6 exd5 cxd5 7 Bb3 Bd6 8 0-0 0-0 9 d4 Be6 10 Ne5 Bxe5 11 dxe5 Qxb6+ 12 Kh1 Ng4

13 Qe2 d4 14 Nd5 Bxd5 15 Bxd5 Ne3 16 Bxe3 dxe3 17 Rxf4 Nc6 18 Qh5 Qxb2 19 Bxf7+ Kh8 20 Qxh7+ 1-0.

#### E.Znosko-Borowsky v J.Silverman

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba5 Nf6 5 0-0 b5 6 Bb3 Nxe4 7 d4 d5 8 dxe5 Be6 9 c3 Be7 10 Be3 0-0 11 Re1 Na5 12 Bc2 Nc4 13 Bc1 Bc5 14 Rf1 f6 15 Nd4 Qe7 16 Bxe4 dxe4 17 exf6 Qxf6 18 b3 Ne5 19 Nxe6 Bxf2+ 20 Kh1 Qxe6 21 Ba3 Rf6 22 Qe2 e3 23 Nd2 Qf5 24 Bc5 Ng4 25 Bd4 Rh6 26 Nf3 Qxf3 27 Rxf2 Nxf2+ 28 Kg1 Qxe2 0-1.

**Obituary: Stephen Joseph**

Stephen died on 16th December. He was 17 years old and suffered from cystic fibrosis.

**Obituary: William Ritson Morry**

Ritson Morry has died, at the age of eighty-three. He died in hospital in Birmingham on 8th January after a brief illness following a fall at home. His involvement in chess stretched back over more than sixty years.

He was very much a Midlands man, and it must have pleased him greatly that Britain's first modern Grandmaster, Tony Miles, came from Birmingham. One of Tony Miles' achievements was to win the World Junior Championship in 1974, and again this must have given great pleasure to Ritson, for he had created this competition and managed its first staging, in Birmingham in 1951. One of Ritson's earlier creations was the establishment of the Birmingham Junior League, in 1930. Seven years later he established the Birmingham Congress and organised it for decades. In 1973 on receipt of a windfall he contributed £5,000 to a trust fund whose aim was to main-

tain a substantial prize fund for the Birmingham Congress.

A year later, in 1974, his generosity helped to rescue the Hastings Congress, when one of the sponsors had to reduce his contribution at a late stage. Ritson's involvement with the Hastings Congress dated back to 1931. He became a member of the Hastings Congress Committee in 1974, and for several years was chief controller of the event. He had been a FIDE judge since 1951.

His best results in the British Championship were equal second in 1931 and equal third in 1951. The following game is from the Hastings Premier Reserves.1936-37.

**W.R.Morry v J.Sapira**

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Qb3 c5 5 dxc5 Nc6 6 Nf3 Bxc5 7 Bg5 Nd4 8 Nxd4 Bxd4 9 e3 Qa5 10 exd4 Qxg5 11 g3 0-0 12 Bg2 d5 13 0-0 dxc4 14 Qxc4 Rd8 15 Rad1 Ne8 16 Ne4 Qe7 17 Qc5 Qd7 18 d5 exd5 19 Rfe1 Qc7 20 Nf6+ 1-0.