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BCF AWARD FOR NEIL BEASLEY

It is a delight to announce that Neil Beasley is to be the recipient of the BFC Presidents Award for services to chess. Neil's roots are in Nuneaton Warwickshire, but he moved to Leicester to study maths at the University and stayed. He will be best known across the MCCU as the Inter-counties Controller, though a number of county players may not even know his name. Such is the mark of a post-holder who carries out his job so quietly and efficiently, that many do not even know he is there. BCF National Counties Controllers have always been confident that the MCCU qualifying event has been well run, with proper application of the rules. He also acted as the Midlands grading officer for several years. More recently the MCCU has benefited from Neil's long career as an IT specialist with Dunlop. A website initially ran courtesy of facilities provided by Neil, he later transferred the data to our own domain name site and continues to provide the valuable service of Webmaster.

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MCCU AGM SURPRISE

A report from your Editor

Chief Executive persuaded to stay on

The AGM held at the Birmingham University Guild of Students was better attended than recent MCCU meetings, despite the fact that on a day with baking temperatures, there were a number of activities that would have been preferable to sitting a hot room. It was pleasing to see that the majority of the counties were represented.

There were rather more motions for discussion than usual, but before these were considered there were officers reports, and the election of officials for the coming year to be dealt with.

The President Roy Woodock felt that it had been a good year. He was pleased to see the Newsletter up & running & our own domain website established & thanked those involved. He also thanked the other directors & meetings chairman for their work.

The Chief Executive Lee Collier was pleased to see a reasonable number of delegates at the meeting. It had been a difficult year personally for him for various reasons, so he had not been able to address as many of the policy and direction issues as he would have wished. He was pleased to see the Junior team event had taken place & the Newsletter being issued. The latter had come to the attention of the BCF.

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Outside Leicestershire people may not be aware of the considerable contribution Neil has made to chess administration within the county. He acted as League Secretary for 10 years, and grading officer for several years. More recently he started a second stint as Tournaments Committee Chairman, and has had several spells running the Summer Cup competitions and the Charity team event, a regular precursor to the league season. As with most County and Union officials, he has also been an officer at his local club Wigston for many years, currently as its secretary.

Neil is one of the last people who would look to be rewarded for his services to chess, but the reward is richly deserved.

MIDLANDS TEAM WINS NATIONAL CLUB RAPIDPLAY

This was played at Toller Church Kettering 28th April 2003 for the Geoff Kendall Cup and £500 prize money.

Finals scores after applying the handicap (gross scores in brackets)

1st Syston, 8½ (12½);
2nd Guildford 7½ (17½),
3rd Wanstead and Woodford II 7, (11),
4th=Wanstead and Woodford I and Northampton
6½ (13½).
6th Kettering 6 (7),
7th Cavendish II 5½ (12½),
8th Cavendish I 4 (10),
9th Crowthorne 3½ (16½),
10th = Bedford and Mushrooms ½ (13).

The Syston team consisted of Graham Sharpe, Gerald Botteley, Cyril Johnson & Peter Cresswell. Stewart Reuben was asked to stand in for the Director of Home Chess & present the trophy. Graham Sharpe was asked to accept the trophy on behalf of Syston. (Otherwise Cyril Johnson would have been faced with presenting the trophy to himself)

The event was controlled by Francis Bowers.

The Finance Director presented the audited accounts. Essentially whether the Union makes a profit or loss depends on whether the Congress side makes or loses money. The accounts presented did not take cognisance of a pledge to assist the Notts Congress (which incorporated the Midland Open) if it made a loss. The final figures for that Congress have not been arrived at, but it did make a loss. The MCCU run Congress at Kenilworth resulted in a modest deficit; thus the Union made a modest loss overall. As the accounts are mainly cash based, any subsidy to Notts will be reflected in the current year.

The Junior Director Graham Humphries was pleased that an U18 team event had taken place, but support had been poor. This despite the fact that the gradings list for last year indicated that all MCCU counties had sufficient players to run a team, and personal invitations had been sent to each county. Counties were also asked if they wished any other events to take place, but no interest was shown. Midland counties seem to be very active at Primary schools level, several Midlands teams had qualified for the U9 & U11 finals, but this does not translate to the same level of activity at Secondary schools level.

There was some lively discussion concerning junior chess. The idea of a Junior committee involving all active junior organisers in the MCCU was floated. Such a committee actually operated many years ago. The fact that many chess clubs meet in licensed premises was felt to deter youngsters joining them. Many clubs are not prepared to encourage youngsters and provide coaching; they are only interested in seasoned players. Whilst this attitude was deplored by many present at the meeting, it was felt that the Union could not enforce a change. It was felt that the Union should encourage proper vetting of organisers involved with junior chess.

The Gradings Director John Robinson reported that he had experienced some problems with Midland players not appearing as MCCU for various reasons. He expected the situation to

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improve with the next list, due to the intervention of Richard Haddrell.

The Events Director post is vacant. John Robinson reported on the Midland Individual run as part of the Notts Congress. The venue at Rushcliffe had not been found to be suitable and will not be used again.

There was no report available on the 2002 event at Kenilworth. Cyril Johnson presented some thoughts on the 2003 event also at Kenilworth. He felt that both venue & room hire for players are too expensive. The fact that Kenilworth does not have a railway station may put off some entrants, as does the fact that they cannot bring their own food & drink onto the premises. The current level of entries does not support 4 sections.

The Public Relations Director Julie Johnson thanked those who had provided IT advice in connection with the Newsletter, and those who had contributed items for publication. However, she was concerned that the number of contributions coming in was small. Distribution problems had arisen due to lack of up to date information regarding club secretaries, and changes in email addresses. This has wider implications, not least for players looking for a club. The current staff at the BCF office are keen to get their database up to date. Counties & clubs are encouraged to help in providing up to date information. She thanked Neil Beasley for his work in transferring data to the MCCU domain website and in acting as Webmaster.

Neil Beasley provided a report as Inter-Counties Controller. He felt that the tournaments had gone well. The only problem being a dispute regarding the use of board count to decide the third place in the BFC stages at U150 level. (This was reported in the March Newsletter). This had led to his proposing 2 rules changes. Notts won their first titles since 1998/9, taking the U125 & U150 sections. Shropshire won the U100 title for the first time.

There was some discussion about the Minor

counties teams. The nominations for the BCF stages are decided by the qualifying counties playing "semi-final" matches to decide the 2 places, but no actual MCCU minor title exists. A motion was put forward that a final is played for such a title in future & a trophy provided, this was endorsed unanimously.

John Robinson reported on the Individual Correspondence event details of which have already appeared in the Newsletter. Chris Lee who recently took over as Warks U100 captain has agreed to take on the Team Event next year. The final outcome of the 2002/3 team event is published elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Lee Collier & Cyril Johnson provided information on BCF matters; these have been covered in previous Newsletters.

There was no report from the Non-executive director.

It was agreed that the post of MCCU secretary be created. This will in essence be a supporting role to the Chief Executive, leaving that post-holder to concentrate on policy and direction.

Most of the existing Directors were re-elected. This included Lee Collier remaining as Chief Executive, despite his prior intention of stepping down. His domestic and work situation has eased and he was successfully prevailed upon to continue. There were no nominations for the new secretarial post, but it was hoped that someone might be found to be co-opted into the role now it had been formally created. The Events Director post was not filled. Cyril Johnson had expressed a willingness to fill the role, but disquiet from some quarters concerning someone holding 2 posts at the same time led him to withdraw.

There were no nominations for the 2 non-executive director posts. It is important that there is at least 1 such director to oversee the activities of the MCCU Board. It was agreed that volunteers would be sought in the Newsletter. So if there is anyone out there willing to fill this role please

contact Lee Collier or any of the other Director
The auditor was re-appointed and Neil Beasley officially confirmed as webmaster.

The Levy (the fee paid by each county to the MCCU based on its level of chess activity) was discussed. As it had been increased last year Andrew Leadbetter proposed it remain at the same level. This prompted some discussion regarding the 2003/4 budget. Some concern was expressed that a deficit budget was envisaged. Whilst the MCCU does have reserves to cover some lean years, it clearly could not do so on a regular basis. Congresses in general are not as profitable as they once were, so there is no guarantee that future MCCU events will provide surpluses. Following discussion it was agreed that various figures required amendment. A motion was passed that the Management Board examine the figures and seek to set a balanced budget.

Neil Beasley proposed that county team sections with less than 8 teams should be all play all, rather than zoned. There was some concern about the travelling implications, but it was pointed out that the county rules provide that where eastern & western teams play each other neutral venues are used. On the positive side it would allow more teams to play more games. At the moment teams not progressing beyond the zonal stage might only play 2 games. The motion was carried.

A further motion from both Neil Beasley & David Pardoe (G Man U150 Captain) proposed that where sections are zoned, and a 3rd BCF nomination is available, there should be a 3rd place playoff if board count in both matches is the same. This motion was lost.

The meeting agreed to a proposal that in zonal stages the home team provides drinks & biscuits rather than a buffet tea. Recent experience is that food is being increasingly wasted in matches involving modest travelling. It was also felt that a lesser catering requirement might make it easier to find new captains.

David Pardoe had made proposals regarding defaults but withdrew these prior to detailed discussion.

Peter Sherlock proposed that players be allowed to play on more than one board in the MCCU correspondence teams. An amended version of this was carried which will allow up to 2 players in a team to play up to 3 boards.

It was agreed that a clash between the Midland U18 team tournament and other county matches should be avoided. (Such a clash caused problems in 2002/3)

A letter from Greater Manchester regarding the 2003 finals, prompted by an email from a parent, was discussed. It was clear that the parent concerned was not aware of some of the circumstances, and had misunderstood some information. The meeting had already discussed the lack of support for MCCU junior events, indeed the original entry for 2003 looked like being only 3 teams. Clearly the entry of a small number of teams does not warrant the use of a large venue, both in terms of numbers and costs. However, a suitable school has expressed its' willingness to host next years event. This will address concerns expressed about the amount of space available this year.

A letter had been sent on behalf of the Leek Congress applying for one of the MCCU places for the British Championships. It was agreed that whilst the MCCU Individual event as a separate congress is suspended, the nomination could move around weekend events in the MCCU area. Leek Congress was awarded the place for next year.

The next MCCU meeting will be held on Sunday 16th November.

OPENING INNOVATION?

Played in a recent league match, 1e4 c6:2 d3 d5: 3 Nd2 dxe: 4 Nxe4 Bf5 : 5 Bf4 Nf6: 6 Qe2 Nbd7: 7 Nd6#. Black said afterwards, I thought I had found a good line in the Caro-Kann. He had... for white.

UK LAND CHALLENGE GIGAFINAL

Details courtesy of a Press Release from UK Chess Challenge

Keele University Leisure Centre was invaded by 1800 chess playing youngsters over the weekend of 12th & 13th July. This was because UK Chess Challenge Gigafinals were being held there. Youngsters ranging from 5 to 18, from all over the UK were competing for places in the Terafinal, the ultimate finals for the event. Play was spread over the 2 days with the younger age groups competing on the Saturday, and the older ones on the Sunday. There were 12 different ages groups split between boys & girls. However the number of qualifiers in some age groups meant they had to be sub-divided into sections. Both the U10 & U11 boys had no less than 5 sections with around 60 players in each. Most sections were played over 6 rounds. Each section winner received a cup, prize money & the title of Ultimo for the boys or Ultima for the girls. These winners will compete for the overall title in the Terafinal. Those who came 2nd or 3rd in their sections will compete in a Challengers competition at the same venue as the Terafinal.

Over 350 Midlands youngsters took part. It is therefore not feasible to mention them all by name. Full details of all players may be found on the website www.ukchesschallenge.com Those scoring 4 or more points are listed below.

U7 Boys –

George Russell – Staffs 4
Charlie March – Derbys 4

U7 Girls –

Ella Macloed – Notts 4

U8 Boys –

Craig Whitfield- Staffs 6 (1st)
Laurence Findley – Leics 4
Curtis Wakeman – Shrops 4
Joe White – Staffs 4
Rovan Sheridan - Here 4
Barnaby Thomas – Leics 4

U9 Boys

Toby Thurgood – Notts 5.5 (1st=)
Samuel Milson – Lincs 5 (2nd=)
Alex Leverson - 5 (3rd=)
Peter Mellor – Shrops 5 (3rd=)
Eamonn Lim – Notts 4
Maxwell Turner – Leics 4
Stephen Wright – Derbys 4

U9 Girls

Sarah Davies – Staffs 4
Anne Marie Moruzzi – Staffs 4

U10 Boys

Daniel Lim – Notts 5 (3rd=)
Paul Long – Warks 5 (3rd=)
Joshua Adams – Leics 4
Nathan Molnar – Warks 4
Emilio Schweughart-Gate – Warks 4
Eric Williamson – Notts 4
Stuart Bradley – Warks 4
Michael Asprou – Here 4
Raj Parmar - Leics 4
Ben Smith – Lincs 4
Oliver Exton – Notts 4
Hayden Fairburn – Derbys 4
Alex Pritchard – Leics 4
Henry Pynegar – Notts 4

U10 Girls

Anjali Lakhani – Notts 5 (2nd=)
Claire Blakeway – Worcs 4.5
Isabella Budge – Notts 4

U11 Boys

Kaiser Malik – Warks 5.5 (1st)
Lewis Turner – Leics 5 (2nd=)
Sam Austin – Notts 5 (2nd=)
Kishan Lakhani – Notts 5 (3rd=)
Aled Walker – Warks 4.5
Joel Lamy – Notts 4.5
Robert Cummins – Warks 4.5
Harry Brunton – Leics 4
Alastair Gemmill – Warks 4
Alexander Ling – Leic 4
Chris Heining – Notts 4
Rohan Sahdev – Notts 4
Christopher Warner – Derbys 4

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Ieuan Fenton – Shrops 4
Rico Gilbert – North 4
Chand Tailor – Warks 4

U11 Girls

Amisha Parmar – Notts 6 (1st)
Lateefah Messam-Sparks – Notts 5 (2nd)
Rebecca Seavers – Leics 4.5 (3rd)
Sophia Emanuel – Warks 4
Chloe Langsdale – Notts 4
Megan Moruzzi – Staffs 4

U12 Boys

Ankush Khandelwal – Notts 5.5 (1st)
Christopher Bellin – Staffs 5.5 (1st)
Adam Jones – Warks 4.5
Iain Davies – Warks 4
Alexander Taylor – Shrops 4
Michael Wood – Notts 4
Matthew Dodd – Warks 4
Joshua Baines – Lincs 4
Ted Pynegar – Notts 4
Theo Thaisi – Leics 4

U13 Boys

John Terry – Here 5
Ajay Parmar – Leic 4
Martin Gee – Staffs 4
Neil Hobson – Lincs 4

U13 Girls

Molly Moruzzi – Staffs 6 (1st)

U14 Boys

Yangshi Yu – Staffs 5 (2nd)
Gavyn Cooper – Shrops 5 (2nd)
Kamron Hussain – Warks 4
Joe Selik – Warks 4
Matthew Emery – Warks 4

U14 Girls

Yanshan Yu – Staffs 4

U15 Boys

Callum Gordon – Warks 5 (2nd=)
William Bennet – Rutland 5 (2nd=)
Ian Harris – Notts 4.5
Sam Smith – Derbys 4
Amarjit Mehton – Notts 4

Keiron Koasha – Warks 4
Jay Ganatra – Leics 4

U15 Girls

Susan Warren – Lincs 4

U16 Boys

Christopher Dorrington – Lincs 5 (2nd)
John Emmanuel – Warks 4
Matthew Evans – Staffs 4

U16 Girls

Sabrina Chevannes – Warks 7 (1st)
Emma Atkins – Staffs 6 (2nd)

U17 Boys

Amar Karim – Warks 4 (3rd)

The organisers were particularly pleased that just over 350 girls took part, and felt this was due to there being separate sections for them. Although the young ladies at the top end of the age range competed in combined gender sections.

It is interesting to note that the numbers in the teen age ranges were considerably lower than the younger groups. This would seem to echo the state of chess activity in Secondary Schools, and the lack of interest in juniors within many chess clubs. If we are not to lose the current crop of primary school youngsters to other activities we must seek to address both of these issues. Otherwise only very keenest of the participants in junior chess events will go on to play chess as teenagers and adults.

Well done to all who made it to the Gigafinal stages. The competition started with around 66,000 player, so those who made it to the Gigafinals should be proud of their achievement.

Congratulations those who have gone that stage further and made it through to the Terafinal & Challengers events. These are being held on August 23rd & 24th in Sheffield.

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The mistakes are all there, waiting to be made.

*Chess proverb*

# BCF NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP.

## MIDLANDS TEAM WINS THE TITLE!

The event began back in October 2002, with teams arranged in 15 zones. 2 zones covered most of the MCCU area, and were as follows: -

### **Zone 5:** W Midlands

Zone Conductor: David Matthews

#### *League Group*

1. St Edwards Middle School, Leek
2. Westwood High School, Leek
3. St Anselms School, Bakewell, Derbys

#### *Knockout Group*

1. Bishop Vesey Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield
2. King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys, Birmingham
3. King Edwards School, Edgbaston Park Rd, Birmingham
4. Nottingham High School (B team)
5. Queen Marys Grammar School, Walsall
6. Solihull School

The League winner will join the KO at the semi-final stage.

### **Zone 6:** E Midlands

Zone Conductor: Michael Burn

#### *League Group*

1. Northampton Prep School, Great Houghton Hall, Northampton
2. Our Ladys Convent School, Kettering, Northants:
3. Rushey Mead Secondary School, Leicester
4. Oakham School (B team)
5. Oundle School

#### *Knockout Group*

1. Kings School, Grantham
2. Nottingham High School (A team)
3. Oakham School (A team)
4. Spalding Grammar School
5. Stamford School, Stamford, Lincs
6. Uppingham School, Uppingham, Rutland

## THE FINALS

The competition reached its climax on Saturday 28th June at the Nottingham Moat House where eight teams, in Plate and Championship, contested the semi-finals and Finals.

In the PLATE competition Manchester Grammar School, former champions beat St Olaves GS Orpington in the semi-finals in a very close match despite the final score of 4½-1½. Nottingham High School's B beat City of London School 6-0, a score that was regarded as a surprise in some quarters. They are thought to be the first B team to reach the semi-final stage. Manchester Grammar proved too strong for them in the final, which they lost 4½-1½.

The CHAMPIONSHIP saw Oakham play Bluecoat Oldham. Oakham were regarded as clear favourites to win. They outgraded their opponents by around 25 points on each board, but found themselves staring defeat in the face, against opposition playing well above par. The match hung on the outcome of board 1, which looked like a lost cause for Oakham. However, Alex Yestrebov clawed his way back. His opponent offered a draw, but Alex was fully aware that his team needed a win. Time ebbed away for both players; Alex had turned the game around to a won position when the Oldham player's flag fell, leaving the Oakham player with 1 second showing on his clock. RGS Guildford, last year's runners-up, had a rather easier match against Southend High School, winning 6-0. The Final was not surprisingly, something of an anticlimax, in which Oakham beat RGS Guildford 4-2.

The match "score sheets" for the semi-finals, finals appear on the following page. Average ages are in brackets. The older team, to win, must beat its opponents by a number of points at least equal to the age difference in years (taken as a whole number by truncation). If it does not, it loses. Board count and elimination apply only when there is no age handicap.

Well done Oakham!!

# CHAMPIONSHIP

## FINAL

| <b>Oakham School</b> |                           | 29.6.03    | <b>RGS Guildford</b>      |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 1                    | Alexander Yastrebov 208   | 1 0        | Sam Williams 171 (B)      |
| 2                    | William Bennet 171        | 0 1        | Matthew Harborne 165      |
| 3                    | Adam Eckersley-Waites 149 | 1 0        | Christopher Rawlinson 158 |
| 4                    | Alexander Mapletoft 133   | ½ ½        | Andrew Bell 118           |
| 5                    | Andrew Foster-Yeow 125    | 1 0        | Nicholas Fordham 113      |
| 6                    | Daniel Burrows 120        | ½ ½        | Matthew Elstrop 106       |
| (16.3)               |                           | <b>4 2</b> | (16.11)                   |

## THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

| <b>Southend HS</b> |                      | 29.6.03    | <b>Bluecoat Oldham</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1                  | Michael Bridger 156  | 0 1        | Stephen Gordon 188 (B) |
| 2                  | Antony O'Toole 134   | 1 0        | Nathan Butterworth 125 |
| 3                  | Nicholas Jellett 128 | ½ ½        | Katie Martin 123       |
| 4                  | Matthew Jellett 126  | 1 0        | Jason Wright 104       |
| 5                  | Daniel Hedges 113    | ½ 0½       | Karen Bradley 102      |
| 6                  | Alex O'Toole 109     | 1 0        | Chris Martin 102       |
| (15.7)             |                      | <b>4 2</b> | (15.3)                 |

## SEMI-FINALS

| <b>RGS Guildford</b> |                           | 29.6.03    | <b>Southend HS</b>   |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| 1                    | Sam Williams 171          | 1 0        | Michael Bridger 156  |
| 2                    | Matthew Harborne 165      | 1 0        | Antony O'Toole 134   |
| 3                    | Christopher Rawlinson 158 | 1 0        | Nicholas Jellett 128 |
| 4                    | Andrew Bell 118           | 1 0        | Matthew Jellett 126  |
| 5                    | Nicholas Fordham 113      | 1 0        | Daniel Hedges 113    |
| 6                    | Matthew Elstrop 106       | 1 0        | Alex O'Toole 109     |
| (16.11)              |                           | <b>6 0</b> | (15.7)               |

| <b>Bluecoat Oldham</b> |                        | 29.6.03    | <b>Oakham School</b>      |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 1                      | Stephen Gordon 188 (B) | 0 1        | Alexander Yastrebov 208   |
| 2                      | Nathan Butterworth 125 | 1 0        | William Bennet 171        |
| 3                      | Katie Martin 123       | 0 1        | Adam Eckersley-Waites 149 |
| 4                      | Jason Wright 104       | 1 0        | Alexander Mapletoft 133   |
| 5                      | Karen Bradley 102      | ½ ½        | Andrew Foster-Yeow 125    |
| 6                      | Chris Martin 102       | ½ ½        | Matthew Moore 115         |
| (15.3)                 |                        | <b>3 3</b> | (16.0)                    |

Oakham won on Board count

## PLATE

### FINAL

|        |                     | <b>Manchester Grammar School</b> | 28.6.03            | <b>Nottingham High School B</b> |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1      | David Shaw 187 (W)  | 1 0                              | Alex Rossiter 100  |                                 |
| 2      | Jonathan Fish 184   | ½ ½                              | Dominic Heining 99 |                                 |
| 3      | Jonathan Perrin 111 | 1 0                              | Chris Rossiter 67  |                                 |
| 4      | Jamie Donaldson 96  | 1 0                              | Amar Mann 93       |                                 |
| 5      | Tim O'Connor        | 0 1                              | Kishan Lakhani 88  |                                 |
| 6      | Ben Topper *117     | 1 0                              | Ted Pynegar        |                                 |
| (16.3) |                     | <b>4½ 1½</b>                     | (14.4)             |                                 |

### THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

|        |                     | <b>City Of London School</b> | 28.6.03             | <b>St Olaves GS Orpington</b> |
|--------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1      | James Peet 124 (B)  | 1 0                          | Daniel Lee 140      |                               |
| 2      | Iain Dunkeld *75    | ½ ½                          | Michael Muttiah 136 |                               |
| 3      | William Sheldon 92r | 0 1                          | Michael Marrow 99   |                               |
| 4      | Jingda Hou 85       | 0 1                          | Zubin Siganporia 93 |                               |
| 5      | Ruvim Paunovic      | 1 0                          | Sam Siebert 75      |                               |
| 6      | Sunny Indjic        | 1 0                          | Chris Blanchard 84  |                               |
| (14.4) |                     | <b>3½ 2½</b>                 | (15.7)              |                               |

### SEMI-FINALS

|        |                    | <b>Nottingham High School B</b> | 28.6.03             | <b>City Of London School</b> |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 1      | Alex Rossiter 100  | 1 0                             | James Peet 124 (B)  |                              |
| 2      | Dominic Heining 99 | 1 0                             | Iain Dunkeld *75    |                              |
| 3      | Chris Rossiter 67  | 1 0                             | William Sheldon 92r |                              |
| 4      | Amar Mann 93       | 1 0                             | Jingda Hou 85       |                              |
| 5      | Kishan Lakhani 88  | 1 0                             | Ruvim Paunovic      |                              |
| 6      | Ted Pynegar        | 1 0                             | Sunny Indjic        |                              |
| (14.3) |                    | <b>6 0</b>                      | (14.4)              |                              |

|        |                     | <b>Manchester Grammar School</b> | 28.6.03             | <b>St Olaves GS</b> |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1      | David Shaw 187      | 1 0                              | Daniel Lee 140      |                     |
| 2      | Jonathan Fish 184   | 1 0                              | Michael Muttiah 136 |                     |
| 3      | Jonathan Perrin 111 | ½ ½                              | Michael Marrow 99   |                     |
| 4      | Jamie Donaldson 96  | 1 0                              | Zubin Siganporia 93 |                     |
| 5      | Tim O'Connor        | 1 0                              | Sam Siebert 75      |                     |
| 6      | Ben Topper *117     | 0 1                              | Chris Blanchard 84  |                     |
| (16.3) |                     | <b>4½ 1½</b>                     | (15.7)              |                     |

## Future Publications

Dates for 2003/4 -

Publication date 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003

Deadline for copy 18<sup>th</sup> September

Publication date 30<sup>th</sup> November 2003

Deadline for copy 18<sup>th</sup> November

Publication date 31<sup>st</sup> January 2004

Deadline for copy 18<sup>th</sup> January

The AGM agreed to continued bi-monthly publication of the Newsletter. However, there was some pressure to cease the publication & distribution of any hardcopies, or to charge a fee for them. I was able to resist this, but would urge any club secretary currently receiving a hard copy to make further enquiries amongst their members for anyone on email.

I would remind you that, in general the Newsletter is not now being sent as an attachment. A message is simply sent announcing that the latest edition is on the MCCU website.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### HEREFORD RAPIDPLAY

ZIMMERMAN MAIN HALL CATHEDRAL SCHOOL HEREFORD

24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2003

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### MANCHESTER CHESS FEDERATION AUTUMN CONGRESS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

5-7 SEPTEMBER 2003

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### 4<sup>TH</sup> LEEK CONGRESS

WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL LEEK

12-14 SEPTEMBER 2003

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I am pleased to hear that a new Congress team has been set up in Hereford. You will see from the calendar that they are starting off with a Rapidplay. However they are keen to revive the Hereford Weekend Congress. I wish them luck!

## EVENT RESULTS SECTION

### McDonald De Montfort Midland Open Championship

**Kenilworth 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> June 2003**

The event was held at the McDonald De Montfort Hotel in Kenilworth for the second year. Less than 36 hrs before the controlling team were due to start setting up, the hotel phoned the organisers with the sort of problem that all Congress teams dread. "I'm afraid we've double booked some of the area you are due to occupy". It took several earnest discussions and feverish activity before a workable, if not ideal, solution emerged. This allowed the congress to go ahead, albeit with the event split between the ground and top floors of the hotel, instead of entirely on the ground floor.

Results were as follows: -

#### Open Section. 29 Players

=1<sup>st</sup>. Lawrence Cooper, Stafford

Russell James, South Birmingham

Nicholas Thomas 4NCL Warwickshire

all on 4.5/6

Grading Prize (Under 190) Martin Mitchell, Shettleston on 4/6

Junior Prize Paul Lam (J) Kenilworth 3½/6

Nicholas Thomas and Rajko Vujatovic (Wrexham) 4/6, took the qualifying places in the 2003 British Championship in Edinburgh next month. Each will take £75 towards his Entry Fee.

**Major Section. 35 Players**

|                  |                                                |      |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Steve Knight, Peterborough                     | 5/6  |
| =2 <sup>nd</sup> | Anne-Marie Ashby (F) Birmingham                |      |
|                  | Anthony Aherne, Galway                         |      |
|                  | John K Robinson, Leicester                     | 4½/6 |
|                  | John Waterfield, Hereford                      |      |
|                  | Grading Prize (U150) Derek Jarvis, West Hallam | 4½/6 |

**Minor Section. 49 Players**

|                  |                                |      |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Steve Williams, Cwmbran        | 4½/6 |
| =2 <sup>nd</sup> | Arnold Kirkland, (S) Droitwich |      |
|                  | Anthony Robinson, Leicester    | 4½/6 |
|                  | Alan Ruffle, Linton            |      |
|                  | John Sawiak, (S) Corby         |      |

Grading Prize (U110) Daniel Wells (J) 4½/6

**Julius Silverman Section. 25 Players**

|                  |                          |              |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Ben Curry, (J)           | 5½/6         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Gunars Bankavas, (S)     | Coventry 5/6 |
| =3 <sup>rd</sup> | Laurie Jones, Petts Wood |              |
|                  | John Eyre (S), London    | 4/6          |
|                  | Nigel Marshall, Derby    |              |

Grading Prize (U70) Reginald Warnes, Leamington 3½/6

Best Ungraded Paul Kerby (J) Bishops Stortford 3/6

No decisions have yet been made concerning next years event. The days when the event attracts well over 300 entries and well in excess of £1000 is paid for a venue appear to be over.

If anyone is aware of a suitable venue please contact an MCCU officer with details. Ideally the venue needs to cope with around 200 chess players. Good public transport, including on Sundays, is preferable, and there must be reasonably priced accommodation in the area.

**Manchester Summer Congress, 27-29 June 2003**

73 competed at the Manchester Chess Federation summer congress, held at Allen Hall, Manchester University. All players competed in the one section, with accelerated pairings used.

Graham Burton (Peoples chess club) was the only player on maximum 4pts/4, entering the final round. A draw in the final round ensured him first place in the tournament. This however allowed Chris Doran (Chester YMCA), who won this final game, to share first place.

**Leading scores and prizewinners.**

|      |               |                 |      |
|------|---------------|-----------------|------|
| 1st= | Graham Burton | Peoples         |      |
|      | Chris Doran   | Chester YMCA    | 4½/5 |
| 3rd= | Mike Surtees  | Bolton          | 4/5  |
|      | Mark Hann     | Manchester area | 4/5  |
|      | Neil Moss     | Manchester area | 4/5  |

**125-154 Grading Prize winners**

|                  |                  |      |
|------------------|------------------|------|
| David Ireland    | Whoberly         | 3½/5 |
| Stephen Knight   | Peterborough     | 3½/5 |
| Michael Crowther | Stockport        | 3½/5 |
| Ubebe Osaretin   | Manchester Univ. | 3½/5 |

**90-124 Grading Prize winners**

|                 |            |      |
|-----------------|------------|------|
| Marcial Flores  | Eccles     | 3½/5 |
| Daniel Sullivan | Altrincham | 3½/5 |
| George Hall     | Peoples    | 3½/5 |
| Adan Scouler    | Swinton    | 3½/5 |

**U90 Grading prizes**

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Christopher Edwards | Halifax    |
| Ronnie Cohen        | ISH London |

## Ritson Morry Trophy 2003

(MCCU Counties' Correspondence Championship)

| Board                 | 1   | 2 | 3   | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7   | 8   | 9 | 10  | 11 | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16 Total |
|-----------------------|-----|---|-----|---|---|---|-----|-----|---|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| <b>Gr. Manchester</b> | 1   | 1 | 1.5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2   | 1.5 | 2 | 1.5 | 2  | 1.5 | 0   | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2 21     |
| <b>Warwicks</b>       | 0.5 | 1 | 0.5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0   | 2   | 0 | 2   | 2  | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 0.5 20   |
| <b>Lincs</b>          | 0   | 0 | 1   | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2 | 0.5 | 2  | 2   | 1   | 0.5 | 0   | 1.5 18   |
| <b>Notts</b>          | 1.5 | 2 | 2   | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2   | 0.5 | 0 | 1.5 | 0  | 0   | 1.5 | 2   | 0.5 | 0 18     |
| <b>Worcester</b>      | 2   | 1 | 0   | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2 | 0   | 0  | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0   | 0   | 1 11     |
| <b>Staffs</b>         | 1   | 1 | 1   | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0   | 0   | 0 | 0.5 | 0  | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1 7.5    |

Board 15 Staffs v Worcs - both games scored 0 - 0

## BCF National Club Minor Championship

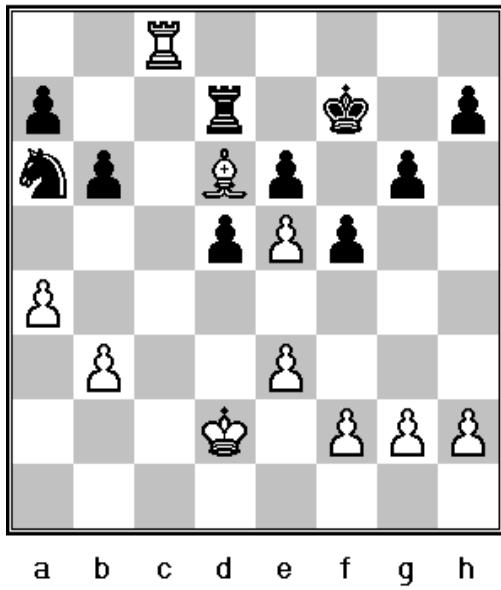
|       |        | NEWARK            |       |       | COSHAM           |       |       |
|-------|--------|-------------------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|
| Board | Colour |                   | Grade | Score |                  | Grade | Score |
| 1     | W      | Kevin Shutt       | 156   | 1     | D Gibson         | 149   | 0     |
| 2     | B      | Graham Ladds      | 145   | 0     | Stuart Dean      | 137   | 1     |
| 3     | W      | Keith Aiton       | 132   | 1     | Stephen Le Fevre | 128   | 0     |
| 4     | B      | Grenvil Wollerton | 130   | 0     | Peter Dallas     | 114   | 1     |
| 5     | W      | Richard Myers     | 61    | 1     | Luke Stubbs      | 95    | 0     |
|       |        | TOTAL             |       | 3     | TOTAL            |       | 2     |

All five games were won by the player with the White pieces, rendering Newark's winning the toss of crucial significance. Coshams won the first two games to finish but were then pegged back. The match was decided on board 1, where after a scramble leading up to the first time control, Kevin Shutt brought home the point in a rook and pawn ending.

Kevin Shutt - D Gibson

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 d5 4.b3 Bg7 5.Bb2 0-0  
 6.Be2 Ne4 7.0-0 Nd7 8.c4 c6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nc3  
 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 b6 12.Rc1 Bb7 13.Qd3 Rc8  
 14.Bb4 Re8 15.Ba3 Nb8 16.Rxc8 Bxc8 17.Ne5  
 Ba6 18.Qd2 Bxe2 19.Qxe2 Bxe5 20.dxe5 e6  
 21.Rc1 Qd7 22.Qc2 Na6 23.Bd6 f5 24.a4 Kf7  
 25.Kf1 Rd8 26.Ke2 Kg8 (aimless king moves  
 allowing White to gain an advantage) 27.Kd2 Kf7  
 28.Qd3 Qb7 29.Qc2 Rd7 30.Qc8 Qxc8 31.Rxc8  
 Nc5 (the losing move but hard to see how Black  
 can improve his position) 32.Bxc5 bxc5 33.Rxc5  
 d4 34.exd4 Rxd4+ 35.Kc3 Rd7 36.b4 f4 37.b5 g5  
 38.a5 Rb7 39.Kc4 Kg6 40.Rc6 Kf5 41.b6 axb6  
 42.axb6 Kxe5 43.Kc5 Rd7 44.Rc7 Rd5+ 45.Kc6  
 Rd6+ 46.Kb7 Rd2 47.Kc8 Rxf2 48.b7 Rb2  
 49.Rxh7 Rc2+ 50.Rc7 Rb2 51.b8Q Rxb8+  
 52.Kxb8 g4 53.Rf7 Ke4 54.Kc7 e5 55.Kd6 Kd4  
 56.Rf5 1-0

Shutt v Gibson



# **RULES OF ENGAGEMENT by Jim Marsland**

## **Sportsmanship and Ethics Code of the Chess Club**

I would like to applaud all of the considerable efforts that have been marshalled to form this new chess body. It augurs good things.

I am formally recognised as Vice President of Sportsmanship, and I am pleased to have been so recognised. I do not demand a lot from those who will attend, and I do not expect to have to police anyone while the chess activities are underway; in fact I do not expect to have to watch after anyone at any point during their lives, but I would like to establish -- going forward! to use the contemporary business jargon -- a basic criteria for what I expect of those who represent Penn chess. And the goddess of chess would expect no less either!

First I ask that everyone use as much chicanery and trickery as possible when they play; there are many forms that trickery, and its lesser but no less devious forms, may take. I will adamantly enforce that everyone learn how to play what I recognise as solid chess, and make sure to play as many forks, skewers, and en prise tactics as possible -- to do less would really not be sportsman-like!

Secondly I refuse as sportsmanlike all sound basic positional play; it is absolutely forbidden to play moves that conform to the basic strategic needs of the position; it would, and I only use this word in exceptional cases, constitute heresy to do otherwise, and might be grounds for expulsion.

Third the motto should thus be cheap tactics are the best tactics. Slow positional play is an outrage. This constitutes the basic chess framework for the club, and I hope we can all work together to iron out the rest of the chess principles. Keep on truckin' dudes!

## **The Game is Over**

Poems hide in my chess set  
They enchant the sixty-four squares  
Then they bring the pieces to life  
And disappear when the game is over

by Alexander Cellum

# **NEW RULES FOR BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY**

FROM CYRIL JOHNSON

The increasing numbers, over the last few years, from the Commonwealth, into sections of the British Championship, without reciprocal arrangements being made to enter other Championships for British players, has caused much disquiet. The Management Board of the BCF having been made aware of this, carried out discussions with the other UK chess playing nations as represented on the British Isles Chess Committee. It has been agreed by all, except Guernsey, that only those who are qualified to represent the countries on the BICC or certain UK dependent territories will be eligible for British Championships as from 2004 in Scarborough. Some of the "CHESS PRESS" have reported that the BCF was slow to act on this matter. The problem was caused by the need to consult with so many different bodies, and to produce a legally sound document which all could sign up to.

*The full text of the BICC agreement can be viewed on the BCF website [www.bcf.org.uk](http://www.bcf.org.uk)*

# **BCF MANAGEMENT BOARD**

FROM CYRIL JOHNSON

The latest MB meeting was held at the same venue as the finals of the Schools Team Championship, and several members of the board took the opportunity to have a quick look at the play.

As with more recent meetings, the Agenda was fully covered, and the atmosphere relaxed.

Two very important items of business were the appointment of a new CEO, Roy Heppinstall of Essex, and a new Finance Director, Robert Richmond of Bucks, formerly of Leicestershire. A paper outlining the responsibilities of each director, and the various committees, was discussed. A finalised version will be presented at the next meeting.

The proposed meeting between the President Gerry Walsh and Minister Charles Clarke has not taken place, but a new date has been organised for September. The various President's Awards, Club of the Year etc. were announced, including that given to Neil Beasley.

Four arbiters were elected to the rank of BCF Arbitrator, all from the NCCU. The Arbitrators' Association had been asked some time ago to review the various BCF competition rules, but has still had not presented its thoughts.

A discussion was held as to the future of the Glorney and Faber Cups, which relate to U18 teams. It was agreed that they should continue to be based in the UK, not given to the ECU to organise.

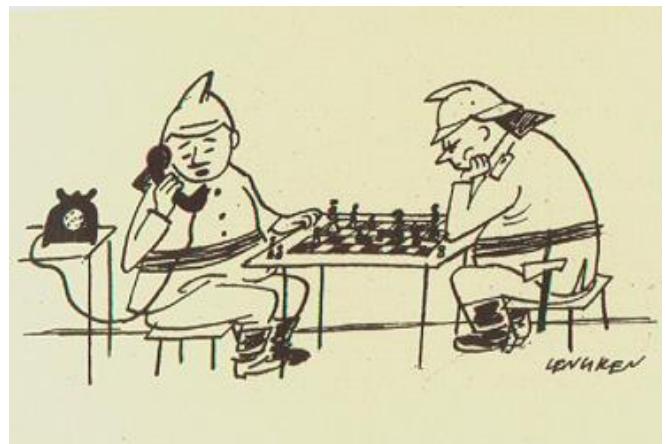
The future name of the BCF was discussed. It was pointed out that all countries in the UK were now independent members of FIDE. The question was raised as to whether the "British" Chess Federation was still an appropriate title. It was agreed to hold a vote at Council in September to ascertain the way forward.

The Director of Home Chess was tasked to ascertain how the Disabled Discrimination Act would affect the BCF.

The Director for Information Technology and Membership informed the meeting that he would create a team to assist him in his work.

BCF members would be informed in the near future of their new gradings, and the printout showing how it was calculated would be sent out shortly with CHESSMOVES.

Various ideas were discussed as to how to celebrate the centenary of the BCF; some of these will be looked at and more detailed proposals put forward at the next meeting.



*No, we can't come now Sargent; we are in the middle of something very important!*

### Pawn to Queen Four

P-Q4

There I go again, pushing Pawn to Queen 4.  
I uncross my legs and put both feet on the floor.  
My subconscious move when playing this game,  
A repetitious move, it's always the same.  
I throw him my Gambit, yes he jumps at the chance.  
He slammed down his piece,  
But it's my turn to dance.  
Hand on my forehead, I get in my groove,  
Swallowing his spit, he makes his next move.  
With his rook open wide. I spring out my trap.  
I bring my queen out, now my hands on my lap.  
With my queen standing tall and his rook soon to fall,  
His chest sinks to his stomach.  
Winning this game, he sees he's unable,  
Lying his king down flat on the table.  
We extend out our hands,  
Cause we two are the same,  
Nodding our heads, and we both say,  
"Good Game!"

*Dean Reinglas  
2003*

# BCF COUNTY RESULTS

| COUNTY MATCH RESULT SHEET |     |                           |       |       |                 |       |       |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| TOURNAMENT OPEN           |     | SEMI-FINAL                |       |       |                 |       |       |
| DATE 14th June 2003       |     | Greater Manchester v Kent |       |       |                 |       |       |
| BD                        | COL | GR MANCHESTER             | GRADE | SCORE | KENT            | GRADE | SCORE |
| 1                         | W   | Robert Taylor             | 187   | 0     | Danny Gormally  | 240   | 1     |
| 2                         | B   | Mike Surtees              | 184   | 0     | Neil McDonald   | 218   | 1     |
| 3                         | W   | Adam Ashton               | 190   | 1/2   | Martin Taylor   | 212   | 1/2   |
| 4                         | B   | Dale James                | 191   | 1     | Alan Hanreck    | 206   | 0     |
| 5                         | W   | Alan Smith                | 202   | 1     | Cliff Chandler  | 205   | 0     |
| 6                         | B   | David Holmes              | 192   | 1/2   | Peter Taylor    | 202   | 1/2   |
| 7                         | W   | Stephen Pickles           | u/q   | 1     | John Naylor     | 201   | 0     |
| 8                         | B   | Ali Jaunooby              | u/q   | 1/2   | Ian Watson      | 200   | 1/2   |
| 9                         | W   | Default                   |       | 0     | Andy Mack       | 196   | 1     |
| 10                        | B   | Alex Longston             | 187   | 1/2   | Gordon Bellley  | 191   | 1/2   |
| 11                        | W   | Philip Adams              | 182   | 1/2   | Ian Snape       | 187   | 1/2   |
| 12                        | B   | David Shaw                | 187   | 1/2   | Mark Rich       | 185   | 1/2   |
| 13                        | W   | Richard Beach             | 182   | 1/2   | John Sugden     | 183   | 1/2   |
| 14                        | B   | Alan Walton               | 180   | 1     | Stuart Williams | 183   | 0     |
| 15                        | W   | Graham Burton             | 182   | 1/2   | David Tucker    | 179   | 1/2   |
| 16                        | B   | Harry Lamb                | 174   | 0     | Alexis Harakis  | 161   | 1     |
|                           |     |                           |       | 8     |                 |       | 8     |

Kent won on Board count

| COUNTY MATCH RESULT SHEET |                  |                      |       |                   |       |       |       |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| TOURNAMENT U175           |                  | SEMI-FINAL           |       |                   |       |       |       |
| DATE 15TH June 2003       |                  | Warwickshire v Essex |       |                   |       |       |       |
| BD                        | COL              | WARWICKSHIRE         | GRADE | SCORE             | ESSEX | GRADE | SCORE |
| 1B                        | ANDREW TALBOT    | 172                  | 1     | TIM HEBBES        | 173   | 0     |       |
| 2W                        | KEITH ESCOTT     | 171                  | 1/2   | ROBERT PARKER     | 174   | 1/2   |       |
| 3B                        | BOB WILDIG       | 169                  | 1/2   | PAUL WILLIAMSON   | 172   | 1/2   |       |
| 4W                        | TONY (AJ) BROWN  | 168                  | 1/2   | IVORSMITH         | 172   | 1/2   |       |
| 5B                        | MARTYN SMYTH     | 165                  | 1     | JULIAN WINKWORTH  | 170   | 0     |       |
| 6W                        | PAUL LAM         | 154                  | 0     | CHRIS FEGAN       | 169   | 1     |       |
| 7B                        | ANNE-MARIE ASHBY |                      | 1/2   | DIAN REYNOLDS     | 166   | 1/2   |       |
| 8W                        | COLIN GREEN      | 162                  | 1     | GEORGE McNALLY    | 164   | 0     |       |
| 9B                        | MATTHEW FLETCHER | 161                  | 0     | JOHN MOORE        | 163   | 1     |       |
| 10W                       | COLIN SEARLE     | 160                  | 1/2   | MARK WEIGHELL     | 160   | 1/2   |       |
| 11B                       | TRISTAN COX      | 144                  | 1/2   | E JOSHUA LUTTON   | 158   | 1/2   |       |
| 12W                       | BOB (R) WALKER   | 158                  | 0     | COLIN RAMMAGE     | 160   | 1     |       |
| 13B                       | NICK ROBERTS     | 158                  | 1     | DAVID MILLWARD    | 158   | 0     |       |
| 14W                       | ALAN ROGERTON    | 159                  | 1     | IAN HUNNABLE      | 156   | 0     |       |
| 15B                       | A PRICE          | 154                  | 0     | NEVILLE TWITCHELL | 160   | 1     |       |
| 16W                       | ED GOODWIN       | 131                  | 0     | RAY PURSE         | 150   | 1     |       |
|                           |                  |                      | 8     |                   |       |       | 8     |

Works won on board count - Essex had a QPF draw claim which was unsuccessful

| COUNTY MATCH RESULT SHEET |     |                        |       |       |                |       |       |
|---------------------------|-----|------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|
| TOURNAMENT MINOR          |     | SEMI-FINAL             |       |       |                |       |       |
| DATE 14th June 2003       |     | Staffordshire v Surrey |       |       |                |       |       |
| BD                        | COL | STAFFS                 | GRADE | SCORE | SURREY         | GRADE | SCORE |
| 1                         | W   | L Cooper               | 216   | 0     | S Berry        | 209   | 1     |
| 2                         | B   | JLB Blackburn          | 199   | 1/2   | P Sowray       | 213   | 1/2   |
| 3                         | W   | D Anderton             | 194   | 1/2   | R Granat       | 203   | 1/2   |
| 4                         | B   | J Bellin               | 188   | 1/2   | P Kemp         | 196   | 1/2   |
| 5                         | W   | D Wheeler              | 186   | 1/2   | C Briscoe      | 183   | 1/2   |
| 6                         | B   | J Mangwongwende        | 186   | 1     | A Punnett      | 180   | 0     |
| 7                         | W   | R Allen                | 179   | 1/2   | P Mercer       | 180   | 1/2   |
| 8                         | B   | A Richardson           | 178   | 1     | J Shepley      | 176   | 0     |
| 9                         | W   | G Acoy                 | 178   | 1     | D Hill         | 171   | 0     |
| 10                        | B   | L Grinsell             | 172   | 1/2   | P Stimpson     | 168   | 1/2   |
| 11                        | W   | C Hibbard              | 168   | 1/2   | D Sedgwick     | 165   | 1/2   |
| 12                        | B   | M Armstrong            | 165   | 1/2   | D Malcolm      | 163   | 1/2   |
| 13                        | W   | D Pritchard            | 146   | 0     | C Clegg        | 161   | 1     |
| 14                        | B   | R Westwood             | 142   | 1     | P Barnard      | 155   | 0     |
| 15                        | W   | D Gibson               | 132   | 1     | H Trevor-Jones | 147   | 0     |
| 16                        | B   | S Blackburn            | 140   | 1     | F Fields       | 138   | 0     |
|                           |     |                        | 6     |       |                |       | 2     |

Average Grading = 172  
STAFFS WON ON BOARD COUNT

| COUNTY MATCH RESULT SHEET |              |                             |       |                   |       |       |       |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| TOURNAMENT U150           |              | SEMI-FINAL                  |       |                   |       |       |       |
| DATE 14th June 2003       |              | Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire |       |                   |       |       |       |
| BD                        | COL          | NOTTS                       | GRADE | SCORE             | YORKS | GRADE | SCORE |
| 1B                        | A J WRIGHT   | 141                         | 1/2   | GEOFF M. SMITH    | 149   | 1/2   |       |
| 2W                        | D SAENZ      | u/q                         | 1/2   | CLIVE W. DAVIES   | 146   | 1/2   |       |
| 3B                        | H R EDWARDS  | 145                         | 1     | GEORGE BAK        | 145   | 0     |       |
| 4W                        | W F RAY      | 149                         | 1/2   | STEVE FIRTH       | 143   | 1/2   |       |
| 5B                        | D SUDAR      | 142                         | 0     | GRAHAM N. REDMOND | 143   | 1     |       |
| 6W                        | S CRANMER    | 139                         | 1/2   | DAVE PATRICK      | 143   | 1/2   |       |
| 7B                        | N GRAHAM     | 136                         | 0     | RUPERT W. JONES   | 141   | 1     |       |
| 8W                        | J TASSI      | 130                         | 1/2   | TONY PAWSON       | 138   | 1/2   |       |
| 9B                        | R P TAYLOR   | 132                         | 1/2   | PAUL G. DAY       | 137   | 1/2   |       |
| 10W                       | A CARLTON    | 129                         | 0     | DAVER. PARTON     | 137   | 1     |       |
| 11B                       | R M SAYERS   | 129                         | 1/2   | ROBERT A. DEAN    | 134   | 1/2   |       |
| 12W                       | A S ROBINSON | 119                         | 1     | JIM LOBLEY        | 135   | 0     |       |
| 13B                       | O GRAHAM     | 126                         | 0     | ROB LETTON        | 132   | 1     |       |
| 14W                       | M V TAYLOR   | 122                         | 1     | TIM J.R. HILL     | 124   | 0     |       |
| 15B                       | D INCE       | 115                         | 1/2   | P SALISBURY       | 106   | 1/2   |       |
| 16W                       | M JACKSON    | 124                         | 0     | RICHARD RAINBOW   | 94    | 1     |       |
|                           |              |                             | 7     |                   |       |       | 9     |

## OTHER SEMI-FINAL RESULTS

OPEN - Lancs 9 Essex 7      U125 - Lancs 6.5 Norfolk 9.5  
 MINOR - Norfolk 12 Gloucester 4      Merseyside 9 1/2 Devon 6 1/2  
 U175 - Sussex 9 Devon 7      U100 - Kent 5 1/2 Somerset 6 1/2  
 U150 - Lancs 9 1/2 Hants 6 1/2      Essex 1 1/2 Lancs 10 1/2

| COUNTY MATCH RESULT SHEET |      |                   |       |                        |                  |       |       |
|---------------------------|------|-------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|
| TOURNAMENT OPEN           |      |                   |       | VENUE UPPINGHAM SCHOOL |                  |       |       |
| DATE 5TH JULY 2003        |      | KENT v LANCASHIRE |       |                        |                  |       |       |
| ID                        | COL. | KENT              | GRADE | SCORE                  | LANCASHIRE       | GRADE | SCORE |
| 1                         | w    | Danny Gommally    | 240   | 1                      | P. E. Littlewood | 218   | 0     |
| 2                         | b    | Hell McDonald     | 218   | 12                     | C. Kenraugh      | 204   | 12    |
| 3                         | w    | Martin Taylor     | 212   | 0                      | D. B. Lund       | 206   | 1     |
| 4                         | b    | Alan Hanrock      | 206   | 12                     | J. Horner        | 215   | 12    |
| 5                         | w    | Peter Taylor      | 202   | 12                     | J. E. Littlewood | 189   | 12    |
| 6                         | b    | John Naylor       | 201   | 12                     | N. W. Ivel       | 210   | 12    |
| 7                         | w    | Ian Watson        | 200   | 1                      | B. Hague         | 202   | 0     |
| 8                         | b    | Andy Mack         | 196   | 1                      | H. R. Hughes     | 184   | 0     |
| 9                         | w    | Ian Snape         | 187   | 12                     | J. Escobedo      |       | 12    |
| 10                        | b    | Mark Rich         | 185   | 12                     | H. J. O'Hara     | 180   | 12    |
| 11                        | w    | John Sugden       | 183   | 1                      | P. Almond        | 176   | 0     |
| 12                        | b    | Stuart Williams   | 183   | 12                     | P. Jewett        | 177   | 12    |
| 13                        | w    | David Horton      | 179   | 12                     | L. Kay           | 171   | 12    |
| 14                        | b    | David Smith       | 174   | 0                      | R. Newton        | 169   | 1     |
| 15                        | w    | Mark Robertson    | 168   | 0                      | M. Peacock       | 177   | 1     |
| 16                        | b    | Alexis Harakis    | 161   | 1                      | J. Lyth          | 171   | 0     |
|                           |      |                   | 9     |                        |                  | 7     |       |

Close game prize won by Ian Watson for win against B Hague.

| COUNTY MATCH RESULT SHEET |      |                              |       |                        |                   |       |       |
|---------------------------|------|------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| TOURNAMENT U150           |      |                              |       | VENUE UPPINGHAM SCHOOL |                   |       |       |
| DATE 5TH JULY 2003        |      | MATCH LANCASHIRE v YORKSHIRE |       |                        |                   |       |       |
| ID                        | COL. | Lancashire                   | GRADE | SCORE                  | Yorkshire         | GRADE | SCORE |
| 1                         | b    | Hanley, James L.             | 148   | 1                      | GEOFF M. SMITH    | 149   | 0     |
| 2                         | w    | Lamb, Stephen J.             | 147   | 1/2                    | CLIVE W. DAMES    | 146   | 12    |
| 3                         | b    | Riley, Scott                 | 147   | 1/2                    | PETER J. KIRBY    | 145   | 1/2   |
| 4                         | w    | Horrocks, Steve              | 146   | 1/2                    | GEORGE BAK        | 145   | 1/2   |
| 5                         | b    | Tennant-Smith, James         | 147   | 1                      | STEVE FIRTH       | 145   | 0     |
| 6                         | w    | Chapman, P Roger             | 126   | 1/2                    | GRAHAM N. REDMOND | 145   | 1/2   |
| 7                         | b    | Horton, Denis                | 139   | 0                      | DAVE PATRICK      | 143   | 1     |
| 8                         | w    | Tokoley, Rob                 | 139   | 1/2                    | RUPERT W. JONES   | 141   | 1/2   |
| 9                         | b    | Gillespie, David             | 139   | 0                      | TONY PAWSON       | 138   | 1     |
| 10                        | w    | Fawcett, Andrew              | 137   | 1                      | PAUL G. DAY       | 137   | 0     |
| 11                        | b    | Wilson, Adam                 | 136   | 1                      | DAVE R. PARTON    | 137   | 0     |
| 12                        | w    | Whitfield, John              | 135   | 1                      | ROBERT A. DEAN    | 134   | 0     |
| 13                        | b    | Hart, David                  | 134   | 1/2                    | JIM LOBLEY        | 133   | 1/2   |
| 14                        | w    | Gaston, Dave                 | 133   | 1                      | ROB LETTON        | 132   | 0     |
| 15                        | b    | Dobson, EDG                  | 130   | 1                      | TIM J.R. HILL     | 124   | 0     |
| 16                        | w    | Rushworth, Frank S.          | 131   | 0                      | RICHARD RAINBOW   | 94    | 1     |
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| DATE 5TH JULY 2003        |      | NORFOLK v STAFFORDSHIRE |       |                        |                |       |       |
| ID                        | COL. | NORFOLK                 | GRADE | SCORE                  | STAFFORDSHIRE  | GRADE | SCORE |
| 1                         | w    | Zulfkar Sali            | 207   | 0                      | L Cooper       | 216   | 1     |
| 2                         | b    | Mike Gough              | 206   | 12                     | J.B Blackburn  | 199   | 12    |
| 3                         | w    | David Leffler           | 196   | 12                     | D Anderton     | 194   | 12    |
| 4                         | b    | Stephen Pullinger       | 177   | 0                      | J Bollin       | 188   | 1     |
| 5                         | w    | Ken McEwan              | 176   | 12                     | D Wheeler      | 186   | 12    |
| 6                         | b    | Jonathan Wells          | 176   | 12                     | J Mangangwende | 186   | 12    |
| 7                         | w    | Paul Smith              | 174   | 0                      | R Allon        | 179   | 1     |
| 8                         | b    | David Hall              | 171   | 12                     | A Richardson   | 178   | 12    |
| 9                         | w    | Richard McMaster        | 168   | 0                      | G Acey         | 178   | 1     |
| 10                        | b    | Terrance Turner         | 168   | 12                     | L Grinsell     | 172   | 12    |
| 11                        | w    | James Happel            | 163   | 1                      | P Bennett      | 171   | 0     |
| 12                        | b    | John Allison            | 160   | 12                     | C Hibbard      | 168   | 12    |
| 13                        | w    | Roy Hughes              | 158   | 12                     | H Armstrong    | 165   | 12    |
| 14                        | b    | Trevor Ansell           | 155   | 1                      | R Westwood     | 142   | 0     |
| 15                        | w    | Steven Moore            | 151   | 1                      | D Gibson       | 132   | 0     |
| 16                        | b    | Nick Gorvin             | 147   | 1                      | S Blackburn    | 140   | 0     |
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| TOURNAMENT U125           |      |                      |       | VENUE UPPINGHAM SCHOOL |                 |       |       |
| DATE 5TH JULY 2003        |      | MERSEYSIDE v NORFOLK |       |                        |                 |       |       |
| ID                        | COL. | Merseyside           | GRADE | SCORE                  | Norfolk         | GRADE | SCORE |
| 1                         | b    | Otsito Mmidli        | e120  | 0                      | Chris Russell   |       | 1     |
| 2                         | w    | S Potter             | 124   | 1/2                    | Colin Payne     | 121   | 1/2   |
| 3                         | b    | T Morley             | 124   | 1/2                    | Johnny Danger   | 123   | 1/2   |
| 4                         | w    | I Magee              | 124   | 0                      | John Wickham    | 120   | 1     |
| 5                         | b    | D Welch              | 122   | 0                      | Charlie Fry     | 118   | 1     |
| 6                         | w    | C Doran              | 117   | 0                      | Roy Hell        | 119   | 1     |
| 7                         | b    | E Taylor             | 114   | 1                      | David Owen      | 116   | 0     |
| 8                         | w    | R. Murphy            | 109   | 1/2                    | Tom Robinson    | 111   | 1/2   |
| 9                         | b    | M Spriggs            | 109   | 0                      | Joseph Bell     | 108   | 1     |
| 10                        | w    | S Dogwood            | 108   | 1/2                    | Charles Happell | 108   | 1/2   |
| 11                        | b    | P Evans              | e106  | 1                      | Harry Fischl    | 107   | 0     |
| 12                        | w    | T Webb               | 101   | 0                      | Gerry Clayton   | 106   | 1     |
| 13                        | b    | J Wiseman            | 100   | 0                      | Andrew Donnelly | 105   | 1     |
| 14                        | w    | Simba Tanyantwa      | e100  | 1                      | Vic Morris      | 102   | 0     |
| 15                        | b    | S Burge              | 97    | 1/2                    | Paul Happell    | 100   | 1/2   |
| 16                        | w    | M. Worrall           | 88    | 1                      | Roger Smith     | 100   | 0     |
|                           |      |                      | 6 1/2 |                        |                 | 9 1/2 |       |

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| TOURNAMENT U100           |      |                       |       | VENUE UPPINGHAM SCHOOL |                  |       |       |
| DATE 5TH JULY 2003        |      | LANCASHIRE v SOMERSET |       |                        |                  |       |       |
| ID                        | COL. | Lancashire            | GRADE | SCORE                  | Somerset         | GRADE | SCORE |
| 1                         | b    | Dave Hartley          | 98    | 1                      | Allastair Hill   | 94    | 0     |
| 2                         | w    | Mark Stollery         | 98    | 1/2                    | Keith Sherlock   | 93    | 1/2   |
| 3                         | b    | William Hart          | 59    | 0                      | Ivor Grist       | 93    | 1     |
| 4                         | w    | Ian McNall            | 97    | 1                      | Simon Gray       | 93    | 0     |
| 5                         | b    | Rob Hart              | 93    | 0                      | Roger Waters     | 91    | 1     |
| 6                         | w    | Michael Rabitte       | 59    | 1/2                    | Katie Hale       | 79    | 1/2   |
| 7                         | b    | Stephene Duckworth    | 59    | 1                      | Peter Carrick    | 88    | 0     |
| 8                         | w    | Joseph Joyce          | 57    | 1                      | Hugo King-Dailey | 77    | 0     |
| 9                         | b    | Peter Dirs            | 53    | 1                      | Anthony Alsop    | 79    | 0     |
| 10                        | w    | Stephen Diggle        | 36    | 1                      | Michael Hale     | 66    | 0     |
| 11                        | b    | Liam Rabitte          | 57    | 0                      | Lucas Korvin     | 70    | 1     |
| 12                        | w    | LIAM O'ROURKE         |       | 1/2                    | Edward Preston   | 50    | 1/2   |
| 13                        | b    |                       |       |                        |                  |       |       |
| 14                        | w    |                       |       |                        |                  |       |       |
| 15                        | b    |                       |       |                        |                  |       |       |
| 16                        | w    |                       |       |                        |                  |       |       |
|                           |      |                       | 7 1/2 |                        |                  | 4 1/2 |       |