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EDITORIAL

It's Decision Time

The EGM at which the League has to make its decision on the BCF's Game Fee scheme will be held shortly after this issue appears. Anyone who has been following the *Chess Times*' coverage should know what the issues are by now. Personally, I believe it would be disastrous for the League to stay out of the scheme. In the long run, Bristol would become a backwater of the game and many players will move to play in the Somerset League, or other leagues that do join. The EGM is probably the most important meeting the League has held in years (a two thirds majority is needed to change the rules). Please don't leave it to others; turn up and use your vote.

Two Bristol clubs in national semis

If asked to guess which two Bristol clubs have reached the semi-finals of national competitions this year, most people would have no difficulty in picking Clifton as one of them. Indeed, Clifton have reached the semis of the National Club Championship with an excellent victory over the powerful King's Head of London and the match is covered elsewhere in this issue. And the other club? No, it's not Horfield or Downend. Hands up all who said Sun Life, who have reached the semis of the National Minor. The Bristol Chess Times sends its congratulations to them and hopes they go through to the final.

Sun Life have shown that you do not need to be a big club to do well in the national competitions. At the moment, any Bristol club other than Clifton would be unlikely to get far in the top competition, but there are three other tournaments with grading limits in which almost any club could enter a team that would stand a chance. That being the case it is sad that so few Bristol League clubs bother to enter any of them at all (Thornbury and Horfield being notable exceptions). There were perhaps just five or six teams from the whole of the League entered this season. Hopefully, Sun Life's success will inspire a few more to enter next season.

Summer Hols

This season I have stuck to my plan of one issue every two months, and it's now time for a summer break. The next issue of the *Chess Times* will come out around 7th September, just before the new season. I hope you've enjoyed this season's issues. If you are thinking of writing an article for me, please send it in any time over the summer.

John Richards

Around the Clubs

The 1993 European University Championships were held at Lille University from 1st to 4th April. Bristol sent three players: Viv Cole, Jon James and Chris Simons. It was a nine round event of 20 minutes per game for all moves. This led to most games being won or lost simply in the ridiculous time scramble.

There were creditable performances from all the Bristol players: Chris and Viv on 5½/9 with Jon a point behind. Their combined scores put them half a point ahead of Southampton, leaving Brunel and Leeds trailing well behind, making Bristol (in the absence of any domestic competition) the British University champions.

It looks like Clifton A are on their way to retaining the league title, after fending off a strong challenge from Downend A. Elsewhere, some promotion and relegation issues have been resolved.

Division 2: Promoted: Grendel A (champions), Sun Life A. Relegated: Clifton C

Division 3: Promoted: South Bristol B (champions), Grendel B. Relegated: Sea Mills B, Downend C.

Division 4: Promoted: Hanham B (champions), Thornbury B. Relegated: Cabot, South Bristol C.

Division 5: Promoted: Sun Life B (champions). Relegated: Clifton E, Downend D.

Division 6: Promoted: Thornbury C (champions).

A new club has been formed in Yate. If you know anyone in the area who may be interested, they should contact Annette Oliver, whose work number is 0225 814573.

League Tables

Division 1

	Pld	DP	Pts
Clifton A	15	5	25
Downend A	16	5	23
Bath	14	-	19
Horfield A	16	-	18
University A	16	2	16
Clifton B	14	2	15
Sea Mills A	15	-	12
South Bristol A	13	-	8
Hanham A	15	-	8
Horfield B	14	5	4

Division 4

	Pld	DP	Pts
Hanham B	17	-	30
Thornbury B	18	-	28
Horfield D	17	1	18
Keynsham B	18	27	17
University C	18	3	17
Nailsea C	18	7	16
Grendel C	17	1	15
Harambee A	17	2	14
South Bristol C	17	3	8
Cabot	17	38	6

Division 2

	Pld	DP	Pts
Grendel A	18	-	30
Sun Life A	17	-	26
Thornbury A	16	1	20
Cossham A	17	-	19
Nailsea A	15	8	18
Downend B	17	-	16
Keynsham A	17	9	14
Clevedon A	17	-	10
University B	18	9	10
Clifton C	18	-	7

Division 5

	Pld	DP	Pts
Sun Life B	21	-	36
Hanham C	20	21	26
Civil Service	20	-	24
Grendel D	20	6	23
Clevedon C	20	7	18
University D	20	6	16
Downend D	20	18	6
Clifton E	19	42	4
All-Play-All 3 times			

Division 3

	Pld	DP	Pts
South Bristol B	16	3	26
Grendel B	18	4	25
Bristol Royals A	17	9	23
Cossham B	18	-	21
Horfield C	18	1	20
Nailsea B	17	-	18
Clevedon B	18	-	16
Clifton D	18	6	13
Downend C	16	10	7
Sea Mills B	16	1	2

Division 6

	Pld	DP	Pts
Thornbury C	20	2	31
Nailsea D	21	1	29
Hanham D	19	3	27
Bristol Royals B	19	-	25
Keynsham C	20	25	16
Downend E	20	28	11
Harambee B	20	10	9
Grendel E	21	2	7
All-Play-All 3 times			

DP = Default Penalty Points. One league point has been deducted for every ten DPs.

Adjudications - the Last Season?

Andrew Borkowski

This is my third season as Adjudications Secretary. I expect it to be my last. Given the closeness of the vote at the last AGM on the proposal to introduce quick-play finishes, there is every chance that the idea will be sanctioned next time.

"The result of a chess game should depend on nothing but the efforts of the two players involved"

My own view is that quick-play finishes are far preferable to adjudications. Why? Adjudications are contrary to the essence of chess which is a personal struggle between two players. The result of a chess game should depend on nothing but the efforts of the two players involved. Thus any artificial decision by some third party as to how the game would have ended is quite unacceptable in principle. However, it is not my intention here to rehearse the arguments about adjudications; rather to make some observations on the system as it currently operates.

In my first season as Adjudications Secretary I received 87 adjudications. I expected fewer last season because of the changes in the rates of play, but there was in fact a considerable increase - 104; why, I know not. Following the sensible practice of my predecessor, Richard Johnson, I consider all the positions sent to me other than those involving me or players from my own club. If I have the slightest doubt about the likely outcome, I send the position to an

adjudicator. In about 20% of cases I have no such doubts, and accordingly I adjudicate the position myself. In such cases the respective club secretaries are notified of the results within a few days of the game being played.

The adjudicators to whom I send positions are all experienced players, some of them amongst the strongest in the League; e.g. Dave Osborne, Jim Boyce, Steve Dilleigh, Alan Ashby and others. They do an excellent job out of their interest in the game. They are not paid. During my time as Secretary, there have been just three appeals, only one of which was successful. One wrong decision out of 191 is a fine record by any standards! As regards delays, I agree with those who regard it as a total turn-off to have to wait months for the result. On the other hand, quality of decision is more important than speed. I have done my best to speed up the system; certainly my adjudicators are invariably efficient. What I cannot control is the length of time taken by match captains to send me positions, or by club secretaries in notifying members of the result.

"One wrong decision out of 191 is a fine record by any standards!"

I would urge match captains to take greater care in submitting positions. Adjudication forms are still occasionally illegible or incomplete, or both. Sometimes White pieces are ringed; or Black pieces written upside down; or White appears at the top of the diagram playing north-south. The most common failure is to forget to state whose move it is. Perhaps a system of fines would discourage such uncivilised behaviour. But then I am unlikely to propose any such thing as I am hoping to be out of a job soon.



Jerry Humphreys

"NO, there are no other players here", a senior club member assured me. Looking round Clevedon Community Centre I saw a few club players and a Division Two match. However, I was not convinced, and a search around the building soon revealed a room full of excited youngsters, playing a friendly match against University D. Some of them were already on their second game by eight o'clock.

Clevedon has one of the largest junior sections of any League club. The club has no formal junior officer but many players lend a hand when not playing a match. The juniors have a separate room, which allows players to discuss their games without causing disturbance. Four of them play in the League: Peter Chaplin (grade 138), who also plays for Weston, Paul Spiller, Matthew Brookes-Smith and Edwin Fletcher.

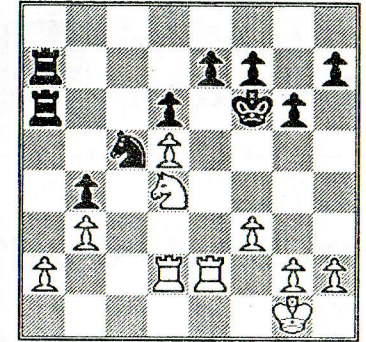
I found Clevedon a pleasant and well-equipped club, and the players were keen and friendly. Peter Chaplin sent me this month's game, which employs an unusual gambit.

Peter Chaplin (138) - JK Brown (151)
Clevedon A-Nailsea A, Board 3 1993

1.e4 c5 2.♔f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗xd4 ♕f6
5.♗b5+!? ♗d7 6.c4 a6

If 6...♗xe4 then 7.♗f3!? may have been White's idea (Ed.)

7.♗xd7+ ♗bx7 8.♗c3 g6 9.0-0 ♗g7
10.♗g5 0-0 11.♗d2 ♗e8 [to avoid ♗h6]
12.♗h1 ♗c8 13.b3 ♗a5 14.♗de2 ♗c5
15.♗e3 ♗cc8 16.f3 ♗c5 17.♗ab1 ♗e6
18.♗d5! ♗xd2 19.♗xd2 ♗xd5 20.exd5
♗c5 21.♗c3 b5 22.♗xg7 ♗xg7 23.cxb5
axb5 24.♗d4 b4 25.♗bd1 ♗a8 26.♗f2
♗a6 27.♗e2 ♗f6 28.♗g1 ♗ea8 29.♗dd2
♗8a7



30.♗c6 ♗b7 31.♗d4 e6 32.♗xb4 exd5
33.♗xb7 ♗xb7 34.♗b4 ♗a5 35.♗d2
♗e5??"

Keith makes an awful blunder perhaps caused by time-trouble? Peter comments that 35...♗e6 would have left White with a difficult win, but one that he thinks he could have managed.

36.♗c6+ ♗f4 37.♗xa5 ♗xa5 38.♗xd5
♗b7 39.b4 1-0

Recent Results

Oliver Bright (Keynsham) won the Hampshire Championship Under 10 section with 6½/7, and came second in the West of England Under 10. His sister, Sophie, became West of England Under 8 Girls Champion.

Alex Bale (Keynsham) was a member of the team from King Edward's School, Bath, which reached the semi-final of the Sunday Times Under 16 Championship, losing to Edgley Hall. Alex is also due to play in the semi-final of the Under 18 section.

Alex Dugdale (Thornbury) was captain of the Marlwood School team which performed the Bristol Junior League and Cup double.

Junior Survey

According to my survey, there are currently 36 players aged under 18 in Bristol League clubs. These players are concentrated in four clubs; Clevedon, Downend, Keynsham and Thornbury account for 24 juniors between them.

Letters to the Editor



Letters may be edited for the purposes of clarity and space.

Janet Street-Polgar!?

Dear John,

I thought you might be interested that in a recent quiz at Clerical Medical, 24 teams out of 29 correctly named Garry Kasparov as World Chess Champion [not correct any longer as FIDE have stripped him of his title - Ed.]. Others named Karpov and two patriotically went for Nigel Short. In the same event, 21 teams identified Nigel from his photograph - though there was a chessboard in the background. One of these thought he was called Andrew, while another went for Nigel Sharp. Rather puzzlingly, two other contestants thought he was Janet Street-Porter!

However, thanks to the current media interest in the game, name awareness has certainly increased. Yet I fear it will be some time before the average punter will be able to tell a Sicilian from a Ruy Lopez.

Steve Boniface, Lower Easton, Bristol

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Collier stops Beaumont's bid for a hat-trick

THE Bristol & District League Congress was held at the Students' Union, Queen's Road, Bristol from 23rd to 25th April 1993. Seventy nine players entered.

The winner of the top section for the past two years, Chris Beaumont (Hanham), looked like making it a hat-trick when he won the first four rounds and was a full point clear of the field. However, he was caught up in the last round when he was beaten by Dave Collier of Clifton. Collier shared first place and took the trophy and title of Bristol Champion on tie-break.

One of the youngest competitors, 15-year-old Paul Spiller, won Section 5. Paul goes to Bristol Grammar School and is a member of Clevedon Chess Club.

Section 1: 1st= D Collier (Clifton), C Beaumont (Hanham) 4 pts; 3rd A T Mordue (Downend) 3½. Grading prize (U-160): V Cole (University of Bristol) 3.

Section 2: 1st= D Summerill (Hanham), B Higgins (Nailsea) 4; 3rd= J Henty (Keynsham), R Morgan (University), R Radford (Bristol Royals) 3½.

Section 3: 1st= M Daniels (Grendel), T Marke (Cossham) 4; 3rd= S C Roberts (Cossham), M J Osborn (Downend) 3½.

Section 4: 1st A J Nicholls (Grendel) 4½; 2nd= A Camilleri (Horfield), N Peters (Nailsea) 3½.

Section 5: 1st P Spiller (Clevedon) 4½; 2nd R S Jones (Nailsea) 4; 3rd K Shah (University) 3½.

Team prize: University of Bristol.

Nailsea's House wins East Devon Major

Steve Boniface

THE 18th East Devon Chess Congress took place in Exeter on the first weekend of March 1993 with 196 competitors. This was a welcome increase on last year's entry, due to a new committee, good weather, and the extra interest generated by Nigel Short's recent success.

Forty two players contested the Open section, headed by Philip Rossiter and David Parr. Parr dropped half a point to J. McDonnell in Round One, then won four in a row including beating budding superstar Jack Rudd and then Rossiter in the last round. Cornishman Jerry Menadue had an excellent tournament to share the first prize, thanks to a miraculous escape to mate in a lost position against McDonnell. Special mention must be made of W. Lowe of Guildford; not only did he finish on a superb 4/5 but he was the top-scoring veteran and won the grading prize!

The hot favourite in the Major Tournament was another young Cornwall representative, Andrew Greet. Unfortunately, he was held up on the way to the congress and started his first game 40 minutes late. His unexpected opponent, Ken Dan of Gloucester, proved a worthy winner in a game with everything - the clocks went wrong, both players promoted extra queens, then Greet lost on time. The section was won by Kevin House of Bristol. He gambled on a short draw with the Black pieces against Tony Swift in round 4, then won in the fifth. That four move draw was worth £165!

The Minor Tourney produced the only maximum-points winner, D. Edwards of Axminster. He seemed to have the worst of

his last-round game against M. Stubbs, who recently succeeded at Cardiff, but managed to force home a pawn in an exciting end-game.

Because of the large numbers, both the Major and Minor events were accelerated for one round, and this worked well. The team tournament was won jointly by Exeter and Totnes, and the best veterans (after Lowe) were Doug Hudson *Horfield*, E. Soper, G.J. Jenkins, A.R. Willis all *Exeter* and G. Nobbs *Plymouth*.

OPEN: 1= D Parr *Horsham*, J Menadue *St Austell* 4½/5; 3= P Rossiter *Denmead*, A Hill *South Bristol & King's Head* 4. Grading prize: W Lowe *Guildford* 4.

MAJOR: 1 K House *Nailsea* 4½; 2= I Annetts *Tiverton*, P Dupre *Addlestone*, A Greet *Truro*, A Swift *Palace*, R Towers *Exeter* 4. Grading prize: D Collins *Devizes*, C Kidd *Hounslow*, P Morgan *Teignmouth*, S Roberts *Cossham* 3½.

MINOR: 1 D Edwards *Axminster* 5; 2= R Wilby *Totnes*, A Wright *Gloucester* 4½; 4 J Kimber *Windsor* 4. Grading prize: B Radford *Bristol Royals* 4.

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to discuss the Game Fee
Wednesday 12th May

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Your chance to vote

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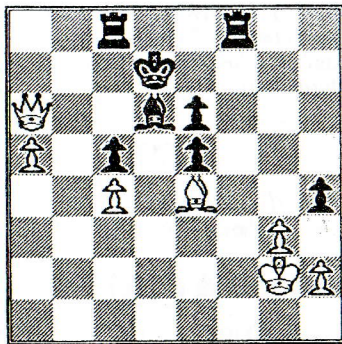
Michael Furmston

Clifton's Michael Furmston is a top correspondence player. Here are two of his favourite games.

Michael Furmston - A Milner

British Postal Chess Team Championship Board 7, 1991

1.e4 c5 2.f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.fxd4 f6
5.fxc3 a6 6.fg5 e6 7.f4 f6 8.fxd2
fxb2 9.f3 a3 10.f5 f6 11.fxe6 fxe6
12.fxc6 bxc6 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxf6 gxf6
15.f4 e7 16.f2 h5 17.f3 a4
18.fxf6+ fxf6 19.c4 h4+ 20.g3 e7
21.0-0 f7 22.f7 b7 c5 23.f1 f6
24.f3 f6 25.f2 c2 f4+ 26.f2 f8
27.fxd7 fxd7 28.f6+ d8 29.f1
f8 30.fxd7+ fxd7 31.f3 d3+ f6
32.f3 a3 f5 33.f4 e4 f8 34.fxa6 fbc8
35.a4 h4 36.a5 1-0



Adjudicated win for White. Although it is a pity that we could not play to a finish, the final position is, I think, a clear win for White whose bishop is so much stronger than Black's. The a pawn will advance & queen or win material.

Michael Furmston - S Poletaew

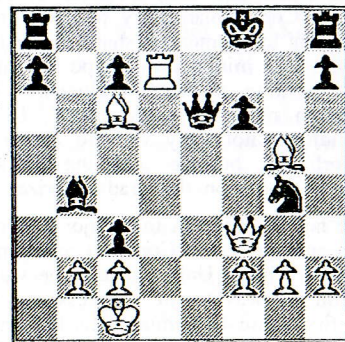
World Correspondence Chess semi-finals 1965-7

1.e4 e5 2.f3 f6 3.fxc3 f6 4.d4 exd4
5.fxd4 f6 6.fxc6 bxc6 7.f2 d5 8.e5
f4 9.f2 f4 d4

9...f6 10.h3 fxe5 11.fxe5 fxe5 12.fh5+
f8 13.fxe5 f7 14.fxc7+ f7
15.0-0 was Khmelnsky-Moroz, Ukraine
championship, Kherson, 1989. (Ed.)

10.f3 dxc3 11.0-0 f5 12.f4 fxa2
13.fxc6+ f8 14.f8+ f7 15.f5+ f6
16.fxf6+ gxf6 17.f1+ f6 18.fxe6+
f6 19.f7+ f8

Up to here this was book and was thought to be equal.



20.fg4!!

This must have been a big surprise!

20...cxb2+ 21.f3 b1 f3g4 22.f6+ f8

22...f8?? 23.f5+

23.f7+ f7 24.fxd7 f7 25.fxc7+
f7 26.fxa8 fxa8 27.f3 e6
28.fxa7 fxa7 29.f3 d6 30.h3 f5
31.f5 f5 32.f3 d4 33.f3 h5 34.fxb2
f2 35.g4 f4 36.f4g4 1-0.

Bristol & Clifton v Kings Head

National Club Championship Quarter Finals (17/04/93)

We approached this match with some trepidation as Kings Head have been one of the top clubs in the country for a long time. Chris Jones exercised the right of the away team to arrange an intermediate venue and made a good psychological choice in opting for a large comfortable room in an expensive Reading hotel - perhaps the scruffs of Kings Head were overawed by the plush surroundings and sartorial elegance of the Clifton Team. He followed this up with another psychological coup - losing the toss, so we did not need to decide whether to risk taking black on odds (which generally suited our board order) or go for the whites because of the board count tie-break.

Doubtless the lack of John Speelman also helped but even without him they out-graded us by about 12 points a board on average. Despite this things seemed to go well from the very beginning - Chris Beaumont equalised early on, Mike Truran developed a fantastic attack on the Black King and Peter Richmond played quickly and confidently on the Black side of a Pelikan and developed an advantage in space and time. Tim Headlong made no progress against his opponent's Hedgehog and Andrew Cooper had obtained rook, bishop and two pawns for his queen after a very dodgy opening. Richard Haydon seemed to have ceded the initiative to his opponent's irregular opening 1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Bg4.

Maybe there was a bit of a hiccup after Mike notched up the first point as it became unclear whether Chalky's active King was an asset or a liability, doubts started to creep in as to whether Peter actually had enough to win, Tim Headlong had allowed his queenside pawns to become isolated, Andrew had blundered away two pawns and Richard's position was on the brink. In fact we went one behind when, in time trouble, Chalky's active king allowed itself to be forked (along with a rook) by a white Knight and Richard toppled over that brink.

The good news was that Peter was soon clearly winning and so one point from boards 4 & 5 would see us home on board count. The even better news was that Tim's opponent had blundered the exchange for a pawn and in some strange way the loss of two pawns had made Andrew's position easier to play (his plan being made more obvious), so at this stage we were home and dry, barring accidents. The new West of England Champion duly bagged the full point on board 4 which left Andrew free to explore the winning potential of his position at no risk to the team. In the end he had to settle for a draw in a hectic quickplay finish.

Bristol & Clifton

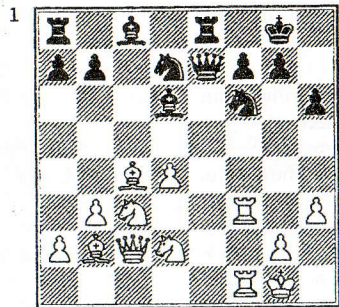
Kings Head

1	C R Beaumont (b)	209	0 - 1	S Berry (w)	222
2	M C Truran	197	1 - 0	A Whiteley	214
3	P Richmond	208	1 - 0	M Forster	212
4	T Headlong	188	1 - 0	F Rayner	203
5	A Cooper	184	½-½	F Kwiatkowski	205
6	R Haydon	193	0-1	R McMichael	193
				3½-2½	

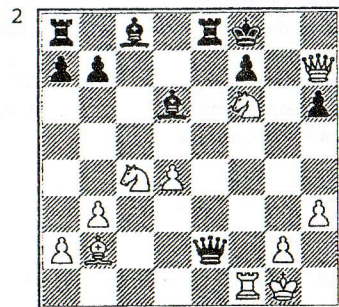
This was probably our best performance in the National Club so far. Roll on the semis, with Barbican already out of the competition who is there to fear apart from Wood Green, Dundee with their two Grandmasters, Maidstone etc.?

Michael Truran - Andrew Whiteley
Bristol & Clifton v Kings Head,
1993

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♂f3 ♀f6 4.♂c3
e6 5.e3 ♀bd7 6.♂c2 ♀d6 7.♂e2 0-0
8.0-0 dxc4 9.♂xc4 e5 10.h3 h6
11.b3 ♀e8 12.♂b2 e4?
[Unbelievably, this may be the
losing move!] 13.♂d2 ♀e7 14.f3!
exf3 15.♂xf3 c5 16.♂af1 cxd4 17.
exd4



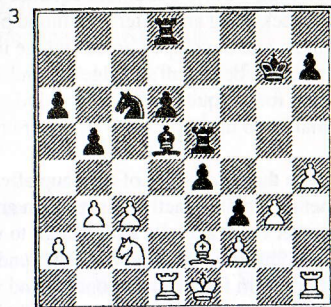
17...♂b6 [17...b6 18.♂d5 ♀d8 19.
♂xf6+ ♂xf6 20.♂xf6 gxf6 21.♂g6+
♂h8 22.♂xf7+-; 17...♂h8 18.♂d5
♂xd5 19.♂xd5 ♀f6 20.♂xf6 gxf6
21.♂e4 f5 22.♂xd6 ♀xd6 23.♂xf7
♂e4 24.d5+ ♂h7 25.♂c3+-] 18.♂xf6
♂xc4 19.♂xc4 gxf6 20.♂d5 ♀e2 21.
♂xf6+ ♂f8 22.♂h7



22...♂xh3 [22...♂h2+ 23.♂xh2
♂xf1 24.♂a3+ ♂e7 25.♂xh6#; 22...
♂e6 23.♂xd6 ♂xb2 24.♂fxe8+-] 23.
♂xh6+ ♂e7 24.♂xh3 ♂ed8 25.♂c3
[♂e1] 25...♂xa2 26.♂d5+ ♂e8 27.
♂e1+ 1-0

M Forster - Peter Richmond
Board 2, 1993

1.e4 c5 2.♂f3 ♂c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.
♂xd4 ♀f6 5.♂c3 e5 6.♂db5 d6 7.
♂g5 a6 8.♂xf6 gxf6 9.♂a3 b5 10.
♂d5 f5 [Peter says that he has
never lost a Pelikan with either
colour] 11.♂d3 ♂e6 12.♂h5 ♂g7
13.c3 0-0 14.exf5 ♂xd5 15.f6
[♂xh7#] 15...e4 16.fxg7 ♂e8 17.
♂e2 ♂e5 18.♂h3 [♂h6 is
apparently standard, when Black
exchanges ♂s by ♂g5] 18...♂g5
19.♂c2 f5 20.♂d1 ♂d8 21.♂g3 [Now
White decides to exchange ♂s but
he has lost time] 21...f4 22.
♂xg5 ♂xg5 23.h4 ♂e5 24.b3 ♂xg7
25.g3 f3



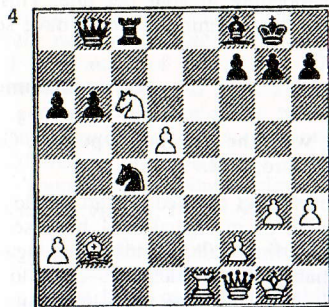
26.♂e3 ♂e6 27.♂f1 d5 28.♂c2 ♂g4
29.♂h3 ♂xh3 30.♂xh3 b4 31.♂d4
[31.♂xb4 ♂xb4 32.cxb4 d4] 31...
♂xd4 32.cxd4 ♂e6 33.♂c1 e3 34.
g4?! ♂f8 35.fxe3 ♂xe3+ 36.♂f1
♂e4 37.♂d1 ♂xg4 38.♂d3 ♂g6 39.
♂hxf3 ♂xf3+ 40.♂xf3 ♂xd4 41.h5+
[After ♂h3 ♂h5 would pick up the
pawn anyway] 41...♂xh5 42.♂f6
♂g5 43.♂xa6 h5 44.a4 bxa3 45.
♂xa3 ♂f4 46.♂e2 h4 47.♂a8 h3 48.
♂f2 ♂d2+ 49.♂g1 ♂b2 50.♂a3 d4
51.b4 h2+ 52.♂h1 ♂e4 53.b5 d3
54.b6 d2 55.♂a1 ♂d3 0-1

Tim Headlong - Francis Rayner
Board 4, 1993

1.♂f3 c5 2.c4 ♀f6 3.♂c3 b6 4.g3
♂b7 5.♂g2 e6 6.0-0 ♂e7 7.d4 cxd4
8.♂xd4 d6 9.♂d1 a6 10.b3 ♂bd7
11.e4 0-0 12.♂e3 ♂c7 13.♂b2 ♂fe8
14.♂ac1 ♂ac8 15.♂d4 ♂f8 16.♂d2
♂b8 17.♂e1 ♂ed8 18.♂cd1 ♂c5 19.
♂e2 ♂e8 20.h3?! [White has spent

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time shuffling his ♂s and now
allows the d5 break because his
♂ is opposed by the black ♀] 20...
d5 21.exd5 exd5 22.♂f1 ♂xe1
23.♂xe1 dxc4 24.♂xb7 ♂xb7 [By
capturing this way he forces
white to re-capture with the ♂] 25.
bxc4 ♂d6 26.♂d5 ♂xd5?! [The ♂
on d5 is much better than on c4
and most importantly supports
the ♂ on c6] 27.cxd5 ♂c4? [This
blunders the exchange] 28.♂c6



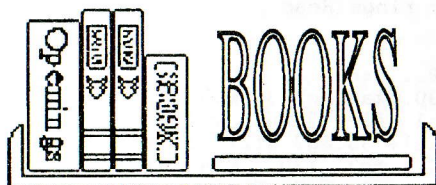
28...♂xc6 29.dxc6 ♂xb2 30.♂e2
[30.♂xa6 ♂c5 31.♂b5? ♂xg3+ 32.
♂h1 ♂f3+ 33.♂h2 ♂xf2+-+ 34.♂h1
♂xe1+ 35.♂g2 ♂f2+ 36.♂h1 ♂g1#]
30...♂c7 [30...♂a4 31.♂e5 ♂c8
(31...♂xe5 32.♂xe5 (and the ♀
queens)) 32.♂e8 ♂c7 33.♂d7+-]
31.♂xb2 ♂xc6 32.♂e2 a5 33.♂e8
♂c4 34.a4 g6 35.♂e4 ♂d5 36.h4 h5
37.♂e5 ♂d1+ 38.♂e1 ♂d4 39.♂c1
♂g7 40.♂c8 ♂b4 41.♂e5+ ♂h7 42.
♂e8 ♂g7 43.♂b8 ♂c5 44.♂d8 ♂b4
[Black is largely tied down as
the ♀ can not move due to ♂h8#
and the ♂ can not leave the
diagonal. Also the ♂ wants to
keep on white a♂ so that she can
take it if white relieves the
double attack on the ♀ by taking
the b♂] 45.♂h2! [Avoiding the
check and making black find a
move] 45...♂g8 [45...♂c5 46.
♂xb6+-; 45...♂a3 46.♂xb6 ♂xa4
47.♂a8 ♂b4 48.♂d8+-] 46.♂xb6
♂xa4 47.♂c5 1-0

Sun Life come shining through

CLIFTON are not the only Bristol
League club to be enjoying national
success this season. Sun Life have
reached the semi-finals of the National
Minor after beating Abercynon by 5-0. In
the earlier rounds they disposed of West
Warwickshire (2½-2½, won on board
count), Stroud (3½-1½), and Walsall Kip-
ping (2½-2½, another win on board count).
The team that won in the quarter-finals was
Gordon Cameron, Martin Ashford, Colin
Marriner, Gerald Mobbs, and Andy Tonkin.

John Paines has also appeared for the team
during their run.

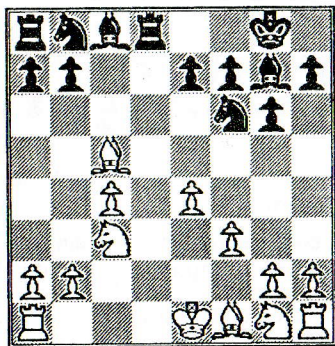
At least one member of the team is not
totally happy at the prospect of reaching the
final. Top board Gordon Cameron was
distracted when told what date in late June
the final will be held. "Oh, bloody hell!
That's Glastonbury Festival weekend. The
best weekend of the year!", he said. The rest
of the team are hoping they can persuade
Gordon he would rather play chess than sit
in a muddy field for two days.



The King's Indian for the Attacking Player, Graham Burgess, Batsford, £12.99.

Bristol's very own Graham Burgess has written a cracking book, and any King's Indian or d4 player must obtain a copy of this. One of the most interesting openings battles has been raging over the past decade, with the King's Indian rejuvenating and constantly evolving new ideas to the dismay of d4 players. I should know! Led by Kasparov, a host of Russian GMs have infused the K.I.D. with ever increasing flexibility and original ideas. The player who is aware of these exciting discoveries should score well if he can come to terms with these 'hot' new systems.

A large part of the book deals with ...♖a6 in various positions, a move which seems to work against most White systems. But perhaps the most exciting development is the c5 pawn sac against the Samisch: 1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♕g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.♗e3 c5!? 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.♗d8 ♗d8 9.♗xc5.



When I saw this for the first time I couldn't believe that Black had any compensation. It was the same bafflement I felt when I first saw the Benko Gambit. How can Black get away with it? Graham answers this with a

detailed account of Black's compensation and the latest sparkling games.

This is a complete answer to d4/c4, and contains superb games and a depth of analysis good enough for a GM. Graham is a K.I.D. player himself and begins each chapter by outlining the key ideas and positions. I like the approach very much as the reader is constantly guided to the most crucial moments of the defence.

If you are a K.I.D. player you should already have a copy of this. If you are a d4 player, you had better grab a copy and see what's happening in your pet line. This is simply the best opening survey I have seen for years.

Chris Beaumont

Winning with the Bishop's Opening, Gary Lane, Batsford, £12.99.

A few years ago I decided to start employing 1.e4 as well as my usual 1.d4 because my play was getting stale. I chose lines against the Sicilian, French, etc., but what to do against 1...e5? I did not want to pursue 20 moves of theory in the Ruy Lopez, and the thought of facing the Petroff left me cold. I wanted a positional opening where the ideas, at club level, were more important than memory of lines.

The modern treatment of the Bishop's Opening fitted the bill, and armed just with two of Nunn's games with excellent notes from *Secrets of Grandmaster Play* I sallied forth. I found my opponent's face would betray his/her disappointment as I played 2.♗c4, and they would settle into a longish think. I also found it proved a good way of beating weaker players (who had difficulty negotiating the opening on level terms) and a good way of drawing with stronger players (e.g. I used it to draw with WIM Sheila Jackson).

Now Gary Lane is threatening to spoil the party with a new book that explains the ideas of the Bishop's Opening to other club players with a series of illustrative games. I enjoyed it; I'll just have to hope that not too many of my opponents buy it.

John Richards

World Chess Championship 1937, A Alekhine, Batsford, £13.99

Batsford's latest reprint of a chess classic (first published in 1938) is Alekhine's classic account of his match with Euwe. Having lost the World Championship 2 years earlier, perhaps due to overconfidence on the part of Alekhine, the two met again in Holland, giving Alekhine the chance to become the first person to regain the title. The annotations for the match come from both players and, as far as I am aware, this is unique amongst World Championship matches.

I thought that this match would be completely new to me, but I was surprised to find how many of the games I had seen before. Not only is this book a 'classic' but the games are too. For a title match, this is a surprisingly error-free encounter, and could well be one of the best matches ever for 'sound' chess. Nevertheless, Alekhine cruised to victory 15½ - 9½.

This is a straight reprint and the reader will find descriptive notation, and even an advert for a chess book costing four shillings, to add to the quaintness of the book. For collectors of World Championship matches, or for the connoisseur of 'classics' this must be a compulsory purchase.

Chris Beaumont

How to Play the King's Indian Attack, Angus Dunnington, Batsford, £10.99.

Last year at the East Devon Open, I reached Saturday night on a reasonable score but was worried about my likely pairing in the fourth round. I worked out I should have White against Smith (not his real name) who I knew to be an expert on the French. Over a pint, I expressed my concerns to my clubmate, Martyn Sellars, "Whatever am I going to do against Smith's French?" "How about the King's Indian Attack?" he replied. "Well, for one thing, I don't know anything about it." I said. Martyn dismissed my fears, "It's easy and I know exactly what he'll do; he'll castle long and push the g and h pawns, but it's nothing to worry about. I'll show you." So we adjourned to Martyn's hotel room and spent half an hour going

through some lines. I was soon convinced and we went back to the pub, with my confidence boosted for the next day.

The following morning I looked for Smith. He was sitting behind the Black pieces as expected, but he already had someone sitting opposite him. Disaster - I had White on the neighbouring board! But I was then surprised as my neighbour proceeded to play the KIA against Smith. After fourteen moves, they had reached a position Martyn and I had reached on Martyn's board the night before. I felt tempted to lean over and give Smith's opponent some advice on how to play the next bit! Smith eventually lost.

Since then, I have had some affection for the KIA, so I was pleased to see Angus Dunnington's book appear. With such a flexible opening it is often difficult for the club player to get to grips with it. The approach of Batsford's "How to Play ..." series works extremely well here, dividing the opening up into themes and illustrating each with a number of illustrative games. There are chapters on the KIA versus the Sicilian, French and Caro-Kann. Other chapters cover the lines where Black plays ...d5 and ...♗g4 or ...♗f5. Since having the book, I have had the chance to play the KIA twice, and scored a win and a draw with it. If you are looking for a flexible system for White, then this book could be an excellent investment.

John Richards

Don't forget to enter the...

Bristol & District League

Summer Lightning

Last year's inaugural competition for the Kingston Trophy was won by Grendel. Don't be left out this time. Entries must be with Chris Carter by 8pm on Friday 28th May (at the AGM).

League Management Committee Motions for the 1993 EGM and AGM

These are the draft motions that the League Management Committee is considering proposing at the Extraordinary General Meeting (Wednesday 12th May) and the Annual General Meeting (Friday 28th May). Both meetings will be held at the Students' Union, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol, starting at 7.20pm. All league players may attend and vote. The EGM will be concerned with the Game Fee issue only.

You should note that these are draft motions. They may be amended, or even withdrawn, by the LMC before the meeting. The definitive text will be sent to club secretaries before the meetings. In what follows, some brief explanation of each motion has been included in italics.



EGM - 12th May

This EGM motion is a rule change, requiring a two thirds majority, which will commit the League to take part in the Pilot Game Fee Scheme for the initial year only. Another motion will be required next year to confirm our joining the full scheme. Joining the scheme will ensure games are graded and will cost 12½p per game per player.

Participate in the Pilot Game Fee Scheme

Add new rule 57:

57 BCF Game Fee

The League will support and participate in the BCF Game Fee pilot scheme from May 1993 to April 1994. All games played in all divisions of the League, the Team Knockout, the Minor Club Knockout, the Individual Knockout and the League Congress will be subject to Game Fee. The Game Fee charged by the League will be that charged by the BCF to the League, 12½p per game per player for the pilot year.

57.1 Club Dues

Game Fees for the Team Championships and Knockouts will be treated as a club due on the basis of an estimate of games to be played in the season. Clubs will be notified in September of the due for the season, which will be payable by 31st December. Early payment will attract a discount equal to any early payment discount received by the League from the BCF. Clubs dues for the following season will be adjusted to reflect any difference between the original estimate and Game Fees actually incurred during the season.

57.2 Individual Dues

Game Fee for the Individual Knockout and the League Congress will be collected as part of the entry fee.

57.3 Defaulted Games

No Game Fee will be due to the BCF on defaulted games, but the team(s) or player(s) defaulting will still be charged the Game Fee by the League. Any surplus on the year's Game Fee transactions as a result of this will be donated to the Bristol Chess Educational Trust.

57.4 Internal Club Games

Games played in internal club competitions are not liable to Game Fee. So long as they conform to the regulations regarding minimum playing times, such games can be submitted to the League Grading Officer for grading.



AGM - 28th May

Set League Charges for 93-94

The LMC is not proposing any rise in team registration fees for next year. This motion is a routine adjustment of the rules to permit the fees to be collected.

In rule 4 (Annual Subscription), replace "September 1992 to August 1993" by "September 1993 to August 1994".

Add Junior Organiser to the list of Other Officers

There has been a Junior Officer this year, but as a non-committee post. The LMC considers the encouragement of junior chess to be a high priority and believes this will be helped by having the Junior Organiser on the LMC.

In rule 11 (Other Officers), add "Junior Organiser" after "Grading Officer".

Change Period of Grace before Forfeit

The LMC consider the current default time of 15 minutes to be too short and often waived, so wish to move to a more practical and enforceable time of 30 minutes. As teams sometimes try to delay the start of a game if players are missing, the LMC think it would be better to make 8pm the deadline (matches are supposed to start at 7:30 according to the rules), except for Rule 28, which it was difficult to rephrase in this way.

In rule 28, replace "Fifteen minutes grace shall be allowed before each such forfeiture." by "Thirty minutes grace shall be allowed before each such forfeiture."

In both rules 40 and 45, replace "Fifteen minutes shall be allowed previous to any forfeiture of the game" by "A period of grace until 8.00pm shall be allowed prior to any forfeiture of the game."

Play quickplay finishes

The LMC made a commitment to last year's AGM to bring forward a motion on quickplay finishes. Rather than trying to decide which divisions should have quickplay finishes, it was decided to propose to make them optional.

Add to the end of both rules 40 and 45: "By prior mutual agreement, all games in any given match may be played under the quickplay finish rules given in rule 58."

We need rules for quickplay finishes. The following are based on the BCF's own rules for such events.

Add new rule 58:

58 Quickplay Finishes

By agreement of both captains prior to the start of the playing session, all games in any given Team Championship, Team Knockout or Minor Club Knockout match may be played with quickplay finishes. Such matches will be played without an arbiter.

58.1 Time limits

The first time limit for such games will be 35 moves in 1¼ hours (or 30 moves in 1 hour in divisions 5 and 6). When Black has completed his 35th (or 30th) move, both clocks will be set back 15 minutes from their current setting. The rest of the moves of the game must then be completed before the next time control on the hour.

58.2 Rules of Play

The normal rules of chess apply unless stated otherwise. In particular:

- no-one must interfere with the game in any way or at any time;
- an illegal move does not lead to automatic loss, and must be retracted;
- touch-move applies;
- a player must continue to record the moves one by one until less than five minutes remain on that player's clock;
- the opponent's move must be written down before the reply move is made;
- a player cannot use a third party to keep score. Only one hand shall be used to move the pieces and the same hand must be used to press the clock button. The clock must not be picked up by either player. A player may not use undue force on the clock. The clock must not be stopped except to claim a win or draw as given below.

In the next section "cannot possibly checkmate" means there is no mating possibility at all, even with the help of the opponent, e.g. bishop against a rook.

58.3 Claiming a Win

A player can win on time only if he can stop the clocks showing that his opponent's flag has fallen and his own has not, unless the player claiming the win cannot possibly checkmate, in which case the game is drawn. If both flags are down, the game is drawn irrespective of which flag fell first.

In the next section, you need to know what is meant by "by normal means". Any claim that the game cannot be won by normal means is not an adjudication, and any benefit of the doubt will be given to the opponent. A player with king and rook against king and knight would be able to claim a draw under this clause, but a player with a bare king against a king and a solitary central pawn would lose such a claim. In the latter case, the player would instead have to prove that his opponent was making no effort to win by normal means and this would require proof by an up-to-date scoresheet.

58.4 Claiming a Draw

A player can claim a draw at any time under the normal rules of chess for repetition or 50 moves, but only if this can be verified with an up-to-date scoresheet. The scoresheet may not be completed after play has ceased. When a player has less than two minutes on the clock but before his flag falls, he may stop the clocks and claim a draw on the grounds that (a) the position cannot be won by normal means, and/or (b) his opponent has been making no effort to win by normal means. In either case, he must write down the final position and, in case (b), submit an up-to-date scoresheet, which may not be completed after play has ceased. After the opponent has verified these, the claim should be discussed by the players. If unresolved, the claim should be referred to the captains. If still unresolved, the claim, together with the position and scoresheet, should be submitted with the match result sheet by the Home Captain to the Match Secretary, who will refer the position to the Management Committee, whose decision will be final. If at any stage the draw claim is withdrawn or rejected, the claimant will lose the game; if rejected by the Management Committee, the claimant's club will also be fined £1.

In a friendly spirit

Colin Axon

The University was fortunate this last October to have a big influx of players. All well and good, but what on earth does one do with them all? We had only four teams entered in the League, but could easily have filled six.

We had hoped that a seventh division would take off but, alas, this was not to be. So I set about finding friendly clubs which could field a one-off team to give our 'E' team a match or two. Given the restrictions of existing fixtures, I managed to arrange six matches: Grendel (twice), Clevedon, Keynsham, Hanham and Downend.

These matches gave a chance for thirteen University players, many of whom had played little or no 'serious' chess before, to have a game or two. As for results - well - they convincingly mashed Grendel E both times (5-3, 6-2). Clevedon Juniors gave them a couple of extra players to balance the numbers. I think University won, but I'm not sure! (Not that it matters at all!) They lost to Keynsham C, 3½-2½, and were crushed by Hanham D 4-1. Unfortunately, due to a minibus cock-up, the game against Downend Juniors failed to take place.

The E team all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and I, on behalf of the players, would like to thank those clubs for their hospitality.

Club secs turn deaf ear to grading plea

LEAGUE Grading Officer, Ray Studer, has been frustrated in his attempts to make sure players are credited to the correct clubs in the grading list. "It's very disappointing," he said, "Only six clubs responded to my request for information. I appeal to the other club secretaries to respond as soon as possible so I can make changes in time for the next grading list."

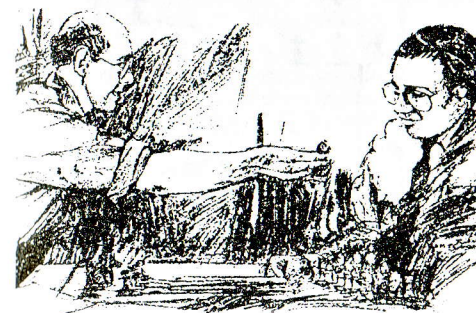
Five pass BCF Arbiters' Exam

Steve Boniface

BRISTOL Chess Times editor John Richards scored the highest mark of 95 per cent in passing the BCF Arbiters' exam on Sunday 21st March at Hanham. Tyson Mordue also achieved the requisite score and will join John on the second part of full qualification: that of practical experience over the next year or two. In all, nine candidates from all over the South West sat the examination, and five made the necessary 80 per cent, or higher. In addition to the Bristol players, one each passed from Frome, Exeter, and Torbay.

The test was particularly difficult on this occasion as it was a newly-written paper which had not been sat before. It was a thorough trial of knowledge of the Laws, pairing rules, recording techniques and dealing with situations in actual play. Senior Arbitrer Peter Purland paid tribute to the quality of the answers, though some of the students suffered from the fact that they had not taken a written examination for many years, and consequently ran short of time to provide complete responses.

Steve Boniface hopes to organise similar schedules over the coming years. So if you are prepared to attend a couple of training sessions, some practical exercises, and do a lot of home study, please let him know as soon as possible (telephone 0272 515869).



Bristol KO Cup Results

Bristol KO Semi-Finals:

Clifton	5 - 3	Downend
Bath	6½ - ½	Thornbury

Bristol KO Final:

Clifton	v	Bath (6th May)
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Minor Clubs KO Semi-Finals:

Sun Life	3 - 5	Bristol Royals
Nailsea	4 - 4	Thornbury

Nailsea win on board count.

Minor Clubs KO Final:

Nailsea	v	Bristol Royals
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Bristol Individual KO Round 2: S C

Roberts 0-1 A T Mordue; D C Pugh 1-0 T Chinnick; J E Richards 1-0 J K Fawcett; R Phillips v J Snell.

Bristol Individual KO Semi-Finals:

D C Pugh	v	R Phillips / J Snell
J E Richards	v	A T Mordue

Is your club covered?

IT'S GETTING NEAR when some clubs hold their AGMs, so now is a good time to check if your club is properly insured. And, if so, could you get a policy with lower premiums? The BCF have organised a special policy for clubs with General Accident plc. The premium is low because most of the administrative donkey work is done by BCF.

Cover is on a replacement as new basis for loss or damage to playing equipment and trophies. There is a £25 excess on any claim. The basic policy covers equipment up to £500, members' personal effects upto £250 and public liability indemnity upto £250,000, for an annual premium of £17.95. if you think that £500 is a bit low for the equipment cover, (and it does seem low to me) you can increase it for an extra £1.55 per £100 of additional cover.

For details, contact the BCF Office at 9a Grand Parade, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN38 0DD. Tel: 0424 442500.

Obituary

Eric Welch

IT is with great sadness that I inform you of the sudden death of Eric Welch. Eric had been a regular player for Sea Mills for many years, and for Clifton for some time before that. His solid play and wide experience were a great asset for both clubs. He was also a frequent competitor in weekend events, both locally and further afield, and many Bristol chess players will remember him as both a worthy opponent and a fair one.

Eric had been absent from the Bristol chess scene since Christmas due to a minor operation, but had recovered from this and was looking forward to retaking his place in the Sea Mills B side. However, on 3rd March he suffered a sudden heart attack, from which he died. Ironically, he was playing a friendly game of chess at the time. Perhaps it was in some perverse way fitting that he should go playing the game he loved.

Eric will be missed by all at Sea Mills, and by many others on the local chess scene who knew him. Our thoughts are with him, and also of course with his close friends and family.

Robin Hill, *Sea Mills*

Doug Hudson, *Horfield*, adds...

"I was playing chess with Eric on March 3rd at his home when he had his heart attack and died so suddenly; and as his friend I would like to add a few words to what Robin Hill has already written.

"It was in 1981, when I joined Bristol & Clifton Chess Club, that I first met Eric, who was the organiser of the lower echelons there. He always welcomed and gave great encouragement to newcomers and he did quite a lot of ferrying of teammates to and from matches. In no small measure due to his enthusiasm, the membership increased to such an extent that Bristol & Clifton were in their heyday able to field 10 teams in the

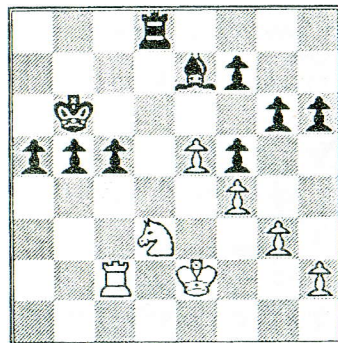
League. Another nice quality of Eric's was that he never minded playing himself in a lower team than his ability really warranted.

"A few years ago, Eric joined Sea Mills Chess Club where his keenness to assist and to play in no way diminished. He was a wide reader on all aspects of the game, and a very keen and sporting competitor who will be sadly missed from the Bristol chess scene."

One of his last games in Division 3 is given here.

Len Fry - Eric Welch
Grendel B-Sea Mills B 1992

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♘b4 4.e5 b6 5.a3
6.♘f8 7.♘d3 ♘a6 7.♗f3 ♘xd3 8.♗xd3
9.0-0 ♗e7 10.♘d2 a6 11.♗e2 ♗bc6
12.♗h4 h6 13.f4 ♗f5 14.♗xf5 exf5 15.c4
g6 16.cxd5 ♗xd5 17.♗c3 ♗xd4+
18.♗xd4 ♗xd4 19.♗d5 0-0-0 20.♗c3
♗b3 21.♗ad1 ♗xd2 22.♗xd2 ♗xd2
23.♗d1 ♗c5+ 24.♗h1 ♗d8 25.g3 ♗b3
26.♗e1 ♗d4 27.♗g2 c6 28.b4 ♗c2
29.♗e2 ♗xb4 30.axb4 ♗xb4 31.♗c2
♗b7 32.♗f3 b5 33.♗e2 a5 34.♗a2 ♗e7
35.♗c1 e5 36.♗d3 ♗b6 0-1



The BCF Game Fee ...

An important meeting takes place on the 12th May when the League Management Committee will propose that the League supports and joins the BCF's pilot Game Fee scheme. These are some of the issues the Committee has considered.

What is the Game Fee?

The Game Fee is a new way to fund the BCF national chess organisation which is being run for a pilot year from May 1993 to April 1994. The need for a new funding method has been created by the long-term decline and now imminent collapse of the old Registration scheme run by the Counties. The Game Fee scheme seeks to replace the funding from that Registration scheme.

The scheme is a considerably simpler and more secure way to raise funds. For each game played under the scheme, each player is charged 12½p in the pilot year, rising to 20p in the second year.

As with all good taxation schemes, payment of Game Fee entitles the payer to representation in the decision-making process. As a large contributor, the League would have direct representation on the BCF Council.

Assuming the Game Fee is introduced, what options does the League then have?**The League takes part**

All League games will be graded.

Internal club games will not attract Game Fee, but will be still be graded.

The League will help shape and manage the BCF.

A typical League player will have to pay the equivalent of about two pints of beer in the first year, rising to about three pints in subsequent years. There will be no need to pay for Registration.

Clubs will be required to pay Game Fee dues by the end of the calendar year. Your club will need to consider how to raise and collect these dues.

What would happen if the Game Fee were not introduced nationally?

- The Registration Fee would rise sharply, and more people would refuse to pay it.
- The County system would probably collapse, and the BCF would run out of money.
- There would then be no national promotion of chess. A game without a national organisation is going backwards; for instance:
 - there would be no National Championships or Grading List;
 - there would be no national coaching schemes - perhaps no more Nigel Short or Michael Adamses;
 - there would be no national team winning Olympiad medals;
 - British chess would miss its big opportunity to become more popular.

The League does not take part

No League games will be graded.

Bristol players will have no recognised grading, published or unpublished.

The League will not be supporting national chess in any way.

Many players will not want to play in a League that is officially ungraded, or that is cut off from the opportunity to develop chess as a popular pastime.

There is a danger that such players will form their own League, further diminishing our own League and leaving it in a backwater.

... sensible national funding for our game
... a chance for the League to help chess grow

Be there on the 12th May (7.20, Winston Theatre, Students' Union) and have your say.

Diary

Use this column to advertise your events. It's free, but please send your entries in plenty of time to the Editor.

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May 5. Full League Management Committee meeting.

May 12. League EGM to discuss Game Fee. Students' Union, Queens Rd. 7:20.

May 14-16. FROME Congress. Contact: G Jepps, 27 Lockey Rd, Shepton Mallett, Somerset, BA4 5RQ. Tel: 0749 344191.

May 28. League AGM, Students' Union, Queen's Rd. 7:20.

May 29-31. 26th COTSWOLD Congress. Subscription Rooms, Stroud. Open, U-160, U-130, U-100. Contact: L J Wood, 55 Blenheim Drive, Bredon, Tewkesbury, GL20 7LY. Sorry, no phone number supplied.

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Success for Bristol Juniors

Anna Jones of Horfield was in the Somerset girls team that won the National Under-18 Minor competition. The Somerset boys were runners-up in their competition. In the team were Jack Rudd (South Bristol), Peter Chaplin (Clevedon), and Matthew Look (Keynsham).

Thomas Bourne (Clifton) has won the Welsh Under-9 Championship.



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