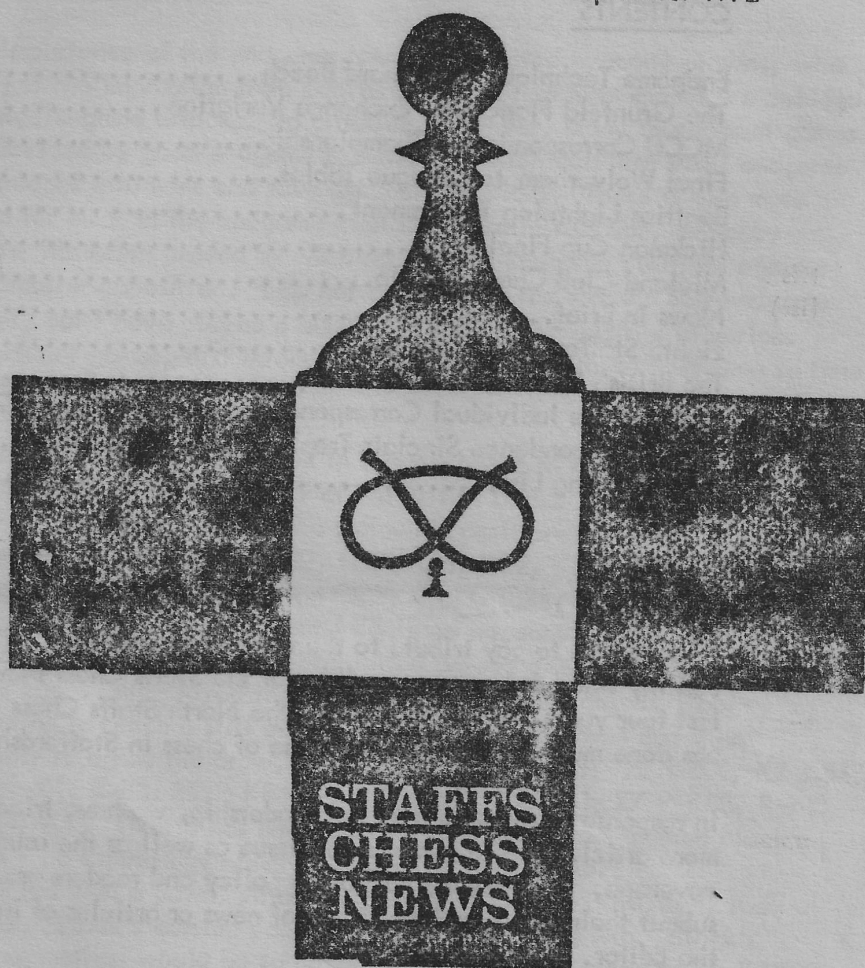


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EDITORIAL

I would like to pay tribute to the work of the retiring Editor, Percy Paskin, who has been responsible for the Staffs Chess News for the last four years and before that for the North Staffs Chess News. He has done much to promote the cause of chess in Staffordshire.

In response to requests from the readership, we have tried to include more articles on the game in this issue as well as the usual news coverage. This will be our future policy and readers are invited to submit their games and any items of news or articles of interest to the Editor.

The importance of the endgame is underestimated by many players, who may get the impression from published games that most games are decided by middle-game attacks. In practice, however, many tournament games are decided by good endgame technique, which can turn small endgame advantages into wins and save difficult positions. There is also more scope for error in the endgame than is generally realised, as Bobby Fischer has often proved by winning 'drawn' endgame positions against grandmaster opposition. I do not claim to be the world's best endgame player, but I have played a number of interesting endings in various tournament games, and intend to describe some of these from time to time in this magazine.

This month's position occurred in a game between M A Stevenson (White) and myself (Black) in Round 9 of the British Under 21 Championship 1964. After 22 moves we reached the following position: White K on KN1, Rs on QR1 and K1, Ps on QR2, QB2, Q3, KB2, KN2, KR2; Black K on K2, Rs on QR1 and KR1, Ps on QR3, QN3, QB2, K3, KN4, KR3. White now offered a draw, but I declined because the '30 move rule' which was then in operation prohibited agreed draws in less than 30 moves each. We played the next few moves fairly quickly, both expecting to reach a still equal position after 30 moves and then probably to agree the draw. So the game continued: 23.R-K4, KR-KB1, 24.QR-K1, R-B3; 25.P-KR4, PxP; 26.RxP, QR-KB1; 27.P-KB3, R-N3; 28.R(4)-K4? (White has been playing too quickly and missed Black's threat - he should have played 28.K-R2). 28...RxBP!
 (Black has won a pawn, since after 29.RxPch, RxR; 30.RxRch, KxR; 31.PxR, Black's outside passed pawn on KR3 would win. Black's winning method would be to advance his K to KB5; advance his KRP until White's king captures it, and then to capture White's KBP; and then to gobble up more White pawns with his King.)
 29.R(1)-K2, R-B4; 30. P-Q4, P-B4; 31.P-B3, PxP; 32.PxP, K-Q3; 33.R-N2, K-Q4 (33...P-N4 immediately would be more accurate.)
 34.R-R4, P-N4; 35.R-QB2, K-Q3; 36.R-R3, P-QR4; 37.R(3)-QB3, K-Q4; 38.R-Q2, P-N5; 39.R-B5ch, K-K5; 40.P-Q5(?)
 (Black has consolidated his position and carefully kept his pawns protected. He has started to advance his queen-side pawn majority,

and is using his King actively to put pressure on White's isolated QP. White now exchanges off his isolated QP, but this gives Black a strong passed QP and a strongly placed King. 40.R-B1 might set Black greater problems.)

40...RxQP; 41.R(2)xR, PxR; 42.RxRP, K-Q5; 43.K-B1(?)
 (43.K-B2, to prevent Black's next move, is stronger)
 43...R-N6; 44.R-R6, R-QR6; 45.RxP, RxP; 46.R-QN6, K-B5;
 47.R-B6ch, K-N4; 48.R-B1, P-N6; 49.R-N1, P-N7; 50.K-K2, K-B5;
 51.K-Q2, K-N6; 52. resigns.

(There is no defence to the threat of 52...R-R0)

The leading positions in this tournament might be of interest to readers: 1st, C F Woodcock; 2nd, R A Beach; 3rd, A Whiteley; 4th equal, M A Stevenson and W R Hartston and B N Green.

Stevenson had played excellent chess to lead the tournament at the half-way stage, but then tired and fell back. Whiteley, Hartston and Woodcock were all about 4 years younger than their rivals, and two of them have since become England internationals.

THE GRÜNfeld FIANCHETTO EXCHANGE VARIATION

There is a certain tide in the popularity of Openings and at the present time the Grünfeld is in vogue. If you think you are avoiding it by playing a fianchetto variation against Black's Kings Indian formation, you often find that you are enmeshed in the above line.

The key opening moves are:

1.P-Q4, N-KB3; 2.P-QB4, P-KN3; 3.P-KN3 B-N2; 4.B-N2, P-Q4;
 5.PxP, NxP; 6.P-K4

At this point Black can try the 'slow' 6...N-N3 or the 'aggressive' 6...N-N5. White obtains good prospects of an initiative in the slow line. Here is an example, Anderton - Horton, Staffs v Notts 1972 -

6...N-N3, 7.N-K2, P-K4; 8.P-Q5, P-QB3; 9.QN-B3, PxP;
 10.PxP, O-O; 11.O-O, B-B4 (In his book on the Grünfeld Defence,
 Hartston gives as the alternative 11...N-B5; 12.N-K4 B-B4;
 13.N(2)-B3, BxN; 14.NxB, N-Q3; 15.B-N5, P-B3; 16.NxN, QxN;
 17.B-K3 with advantage to White - Stahlberg-Smyslov Candidates 1950.)
 12.P-KR3 (Hartston mentions 12.P-N3 (Boleslavsky) only, but this could
 be met by 12...Q-Q2) 12...N-R3 (Possible was 12...P-KR4 and if
 13.P-B3, P-R5; 14.P-N4, B-Q2 or B-B1 with an unclear position)
 13.P-KN4, B-Q2; 14.P-N3, P-K5; 15.B-R3 (Black would have more
 than enough compensation for the pawn after 15.BxP, R-K1) 15...R-K1;
 16.NxP (White has to be prepared to sacrifice for Black threatens to
 seize the initiative with P-K6 and R-QB1. The immediate offer of the
 exchange cannot be accepted for after 16...BxR; 17.QxB, NxP;
 18.R-Q1, N(3)-B2; 19.N-B4, B-B3; 20.NxN, NxN; 21.RxN, BxR;
 22.N-B6ch White wins) 16...B-N4; 17.R-K1 (forced, for Black
 threatened BxN and if QxB, P-KB4 winning a piece) 17...NxP;
 18.N-Q6, RxN; 19. BxN (19.QxN would have lost to 19...Q-B3)
 19...Q-B3; 20.RxR, BxR; 21.QxB, QxRch; 22.K-N2, Q-K4 (This was
 the critical position and it is hard to find a defence for Black eg
 22...R-Q1; 23.NxBP, RxB; 24.Q-K8ch or 22...R-KB1; 23.NxBP, RxN;
 24.Q-K8ch) 23.Q-B3, Q-B3; 24.QxQ, BxQ; 25.BxNP, R-Q1 (Black
 could try 25...N-B2 26.BxR, NxB but the pawn deficit should prove
 fatal) 26.BxN, B-N7; 27.NxP, KxN; 28.B-B4ch K-K1; 29.BxB R-Q7;
 30.B-K5, RxP; 31.K-N3, K-Q2; 32.B-Q4, K-B3; 33.K-R4, P-QR4;
 34.B-N8, P-R5; 35.PxP, RxP; 36.BxP, RxB; 37.BxP, R-B5; 38.K-N3,
 R-B3; 39.B-B5, K-Q3; 40.P-R4, R-B1 and Black resigned.

In the aggressive line 6...N-N5 (otherwise known locally as the
 Alsager defence!) White has the choice of playing either 7.P-QR3 or
 7.P-Q5. The latter is to be preferred. Here is a game in the former
 line with notes (in the main) by Richard Beach: Anderton-Beach,
 Hickman Cup Final 1972 - 6...N-N5; 7.P-QR3, N(5)-B3; 8.P-Q5
 N-Q5; 9.B-K3, P-QB4; 10.N-QB3, O-O; 11.P-R3, Q-R4; 12.R-B1,
 (In an earlier game Anderton-Evans BCQC 1971/2 Black now played
 12...P-K3 and the game continued 13.KN-K2, PxP; 14.PxP, NxN;
 15.QxN, N-Q2; 16.O-O, R-K1; 17.N-N5, Q-N3; 18.P-Q6, R-N1;
 19.KR-Q1, B-Q5; 20.N-B7, R-K4; 21.Q-Q2, BxB; 22.PxB, P-B5;

23. RxP, QxPch; 24. QxQ, RxQ; 25. N-Q5, R-K1; 26. R(1)-QB1, K-B1; 27. R-B7, N-K4; 28. N-B6, R-Q1; 29. NxPch K-N2; 30. N-N5 and Black resigned) Beach varied with 12... P-K4 (This establishes Black's Knight on Q5 since Black is unable to dislodge it without sacrificing or exchanging and leaving Black with a strong passed pawn) 13. KN-K2 P-QN4! 14. O-O, B-QR3 (The threat of 15... P-N5 is now almost unanswerable. White gets an inferior game after 15. BxN, KPxB; 16. N-N1, N-Q2 and so he decides to sacrifice a pawn instead. Black's pieces are working together very effectively.) 15. P-QN4, PxP; 16. PxP, QxP; 17. P-B4, N-Q2; 18. P-B5, QR-B1; 19. R-R1, Q-Q3 20. P-B6 (A desperate sacrifice in a bad position 20... P-N5 was again threatened) 20... BxP; 21. KRxB, QxR; 22. NxN, RxN! 23. N-B6, RxB; 24. RxB, RxNP; 25. RxP, Q-N4; 26. Q-K2, N-B3; 27. R-K7, N-R4; 28. RxKP, N-B5 and Black won.

White therefore has to look for something better and this seems to be available in the alternative line. Finally, here is another Anderton-Beach game from the Birmingham Post Cup Semi Final 1972:

6... N-N5; 7. P-Q5, P-QB3; 8. P-QR3, Q-R4; 9. N-QB3, PxP; 10. B-B4 (Hartston gives only 10. B-K3, P-Q5; 11. PxN, Q-Q1; 12. BxP, BxB; 13. KN-K2, BxNch; 14. NxB, QxQch; 15. RxQ, N-B3= Lehmann-Nei Beverwijk 1966) 10. N(5)-B3; 11. PxP, N-Q5; 12. N-B3, B-N5; 13. O-O, O-O; 14. R-K1, R-K1 (Anderton-Evans, Advertiser Semi Final 1972 varied with 14... P-K3; 15. B-K5, NxNch; 16. BxN, BxKB; 17. QxB, BxB; 18. RxB, N-Q2; 19. R-K3, P-K4; 20. P-QN4, Q-Q1; 21. P-Q6, P-N3; 22. N-Q5, P-B4 (giving up the exchange for a little freedom) 23. N-B7, P-K5; 24. Q-Q1, R-B1; 25. N-K6, Q-B3; 26. NxR, KxN; 27. R-B1, RxR; 28. QxR, QxP; 29. R-QB3 and White won) 15. B-K5, BxB; 16. RxB, NxNch; 17. BxN, BxB; 18. QxB, N-Q2; 19. R-K3, Q-B2; 20. QR-K1, N-B3; 21. P-KN4, QR-Q1; 22. P-KR3, K-B1; 23. N-N5, Q-B4; 24. P-Q6 (by now a familiar move) N-Q4; 25. PxPch, NxP; 26. R-K5, Q-N3; 27. Q-B3, N-N1; 28. Q-N4ch, K-N2; 29. RxR and Black resigned.

MCCU CORRESPONDENCE CHAMPIONSHIP 1971/2

Warwickshire took the title for the fourth successive year with 11 points. Staffordshire were fourth taking $2\frac{1}{2}/3$ from the winners. Individual results:

<u>Staffordshire</u>		<u>MCCU Opponents</u>	
1. R A Beach	1	A Cockcroft (Salop)	0
2. A J Sutton	1	D Elkerington (Worcs)	0
3. A Schroeder	0	C J Heathcock (Lincs)	1
4. E N Hawkins	1	A R Ingram (Warwicks)	0
5. A R Agg	0	E T Kent (Notts)	1
6. S L Wiggin	0	J Hearne (Hunts)	1
7. B W Lead	1	P Roans (Salop)	0
8. N G Blackmore	1	J Palmer (Lincs)	0
9. P G Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$	A V Butler (Warwicks)	$\frac{1}{2}$
10. E C Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	E A Copeman (Worcs)	$\frac{1}{2}$
11. P G Gregory	0	P Blount (Hunts)	1
12. A R Copeland	$\frac{1}{2}$	L Wright (Notts)	$\frac{1}{2}$
13. C P O'Kane	$\frac{1}{2}$	T Archer (Lincs)	$\frac{1}{2}$
14. P Paskin	1	D Smith (Salop)	0
15. G C Booth	0	J Heath (Worcs)	1
16. G Benton	1	N Parry (Warwicks)	0
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PUBLICITY FOR CHESS

The World Championship Match has created a tremendous amount of interest in the game. There has been intensive coverage in the National Press and on Television and Radio. If you want to see a regular programme on the BBC now is the time to make your voice heard. Following the lead of the Hastings Chess Club and the British Chess Federation many chess players are writing to the BBC to express their appreciation of past coverage and to ask for more. To lend your support please write NOW to Mr Richard Toner, Room 2072, BBC, Kensington House, Richmond Way, London W.14.

FINAL WOLVERHAMPTON LEAGUE TABLES 1972

DIVISION I		P	W	D	A	L	P
1.	Stafford	11	10	1	0	0	21
2.	Walsall Kipping A	11	9	1	0	1	19
3.	Dudley A	11	6	1	0	4	13
4.	Wolverhampton Kipping A	11	6	1	0	4	13
5.	Wolverhampton A	11	4	4	0	3	12
6.	Stourbridge A	11	4	2	0	5	10
7.	Walsall Kipping B	11	3	4	0	4	10
8.	Wolverhampton Kipping B	11	3	3	0	5	9
9.	Mercia A	11	2	2	0	7	6
10.	Rubery Owen A	11	2	2	0	7	6
11.	Springvale A	11	2	2	0	7	6
12.	Bushbury A	11	1	3	0	7	5

DIVISION II		P	W	D	A	L	P
1.	West Bromwich	11	8	3	0	0	19
2.	Walsall Kipping C	11	8	1	0	2	17
3.	Cosford A	11	5	4	0	2	14
4.	Dudley A	11	5	3	0	3	13
5.	Penn A	11	6	1	0	4	13
6.	John Thompson A	11	6	1	0	4	13
7.	GKN A	11	5	2	0	4	12
8.	Rugeley A	11	5	2	0	4	12
9.	Wolverhampton B	11	4	3	0	4	11
10.	Wolverhampton Kipping C	11	3	0	0	8	0
11.	Bushbury B	11	1	0	0	10	2
12.	Mercia B	11	0	0	0	11	0

DIVISION III		P	W	D	L	P
1.	Stourbridge B	11	10	0	1	20
2.	Rubery Owen B	11	9	0	2	18
3.	Dudley C	11	7	2	2	16
4.	Wolverhampton C	11	7	1	3	15

DIVISION III Continued		P	W	D	L	P
5.	Rugeley B	11	6	1	4	13
6.	Penn B	11	5	1	5	11
7.	Springvale B	11	5	1	5	11
8.	GKN B	11	4	0	7	8
9.	John Thompson B	11	3	1	7	7
10.	Cosford B	11	3	0	8	6
11.	Dudley College	11	2	0	9	4
12.	Penn C	11	1	1	7	3

BEATTIES LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT

This annual event was held at John Thompsons on 8 May 1972. Electra won the team title in the Trophy section with $20\frac{1}{2}$ ahead of Stourbridge $18\frac{1}{2}$ and Wolverhampton Kipping 10. In the Major section the prize-winners were Stourbridge C with 20 points and Stafford B with $19\frac{1}{2}$. The highest individual scores (other than by members of the first two teams in each section) were won by B H Coope (Stafford) 6 and P Wojciechowski (Wolverhampton Kipping) and G Homer (West Bromwich) 5 in the Trophy section and by R Jones (John Thompson) P Staley (Old Fallings) and E Jones (Walsall Kipping) 7 in the Major section.

HICKMAN CUP FINAL 1972

Electra added to their laurels this season by easily defeating Wolverhampton Kipping in the final held at Stafford on 13 June. They add the County title to their Stoke League, Beatties Lightning and Stoke Festival titles. Individual results:

<u>Electra</u>		<u>Wolverhampton Kipping-</u>		
1.	R A Beach	1	D W Anderton	0
2.	B Hopewell	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Sadler	$\frac{1}{2}$
3.	C S Barnard	1	D Lamb	0
4.	G R Evans	1	E H Goodwin	0

5. M G Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	V G Jenson	$\frac{1}{2}$
6. M C Wright	1	Default	0
7. J Hodgkinson	1	I Fleury	0
8. J M Fletcher	$\frac{1}{2}$	K G Humphreys	$\frac{1}{2}$
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	$6\frac{1}{2}$		$1\frac{1}{2}$

MIDLAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Electra have qualified for the final of the Midland Club Championship for the first time by defeating Warboys of Huntingdonshire $3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ in the semi final held at Leicester on 17 June. They will meet Birmingham Nomads in the final in late September. This will be the fourth meeting between these clubs in the past three seasons. In earlier matches Electra won once and Nomads twice. Individual results in the semi final:

<u>Electra</u>		<u>Warboys</u>	
1. R A Beach	0	A J Sutton	1
2. B Hopewell	1	J Slusar	0
3. C S Barnard	1	N Greenwood	0
4. G R Evans	$\frac{1}{2}$	H McArthur	$\frac{1}{2}$
5. M G Smith	1	M Augstein	0
6. M C Wright	0	C Pickard	1
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	$3\frac{1}{2}$		$2\frac{1}{2}$

NEWS IN BRIEF

Advertiser Trophy In the third round in the South, D W Anderton beat R Jones and A Sadler beat B Marshall. In the semi finals R A Beach, the defending champion, beat A Sadler to qualify for his sixth successive final, and D W Anderton beat G R Evans. The final will be played in October.

Rock Cup In the final A Sadler beat G Edwards.

Bidgood Cup In the final R Colston beat K A J Francis.

Birmingham Post Cup In the semi finals D W Anderton beat R A Beach and B Cafferty beat R S MacFarland. In the final Cafferty defeated Anderton.

British Championship Qualifying The zonal qualifiers were B Cafferty, M J Corden and R S MacFarland. In the Championship at Brighton, Corden scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ and MacFarland scored $4\frac{1}{2}$. Cafferty withdrew to play in an international tournament in Spain.

Stoke Sports Festival Electra retained their lightning team title with 22/24 (B Hopewell $6/6$; C S Bernard $5\frac{1}{2}$; G R Evans 6 and J M Fletcher $4\frac{1}{2}$). P H Clarke gave a simultaneous display $+20 =2 -0$. B Hopewell also gave a display $+11 =0 -1$ (to Frank Rowley).

THE EIGHTH STAFFORDSHIRE CONGRESS

With its prize list of £200 for the Open the Eighth Congress held at Northcote over the Spring Bank Holiday attracted a record entry of 145 competitors. The Open was won by John Carleton of Birmingham with 5 points ahead of a strong field which included a number of players of international reputation.

The full prizelist was as follows:

Open

1. J J Carleton 5 (£80)
- 2-4. T D Harding, N J Holloway and J Horner $4\frac{1}{2}$ (£30 each)
- 5-7. R S MacFarland, A J Miles and K B Richardson 4
- 8-16. M J Basman, R Bellin, P H Clarke, B H Coop (Grading prize £5), P C Griffiths, J V Innes-Reid (Grading prize £15), D Lamb (Grading prize £5), H Lamb and A J Sutton $3\frac{1}{2}$

Candidates

- 1-2. N V Edwards and P A Harris 5
- 3-4. D A Risley and C Southall $4\frac{1}{2}$

Under 21

1. R W Tarkowski 5
2. P S Terry $3\frac{1}{2}$

Major

1. R J A Cox $5\frac{1}{2}$
2. A C Southall 5
3. R Butler $4\frac{1}{2}$

Under 16 and Under 14

- 1-2. P Walldridge and G Baker (Under 16) 6
3. M Ardin (Under 14) 5
4. J E Crump (Under 14) $4\frac{1}{2}$

Under 12

1. C C U Benton $7\frac{1}{2}$
- 2-3. T Ardin and J J Cox 7

THE BRITISH UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

John Quinn of Stafford is the new Under 21 Champion. He scored a magnificent 10/11 in the Championship finishing $1\frac{1}{2}$ points clear of a field of 42. Second was N E Povah of London with $8\frac{1}{2}$ and equal third were D Le Moir of London, J G Nicholson of London and D Wise of Middlesbrough. Quinn began with 2/3 and then finished with a run of eight successive wins. This is only the second time a Staffordshire player has captured a national title, the first being when Michael Stevenson tied for the Under 15 title at Leamington in 1958. Here is one of Quinn's victories with notes by the winner.

J M Quinn v A J Morley - Round 4 - Slav: 1. P-Q4 P-Q4 2. P-QB4 P-K3 3. N-QB3 P-QB3 4. N-B3 N-B3 5. P-K3 QN-Q2 6. B-Q3 P x P 7. B x BP P-QN4 8. B-Q3 P-QR3 9. P-K4 P-QB4 10. P-K5 P x P 11. N x NP N-N5 12. Q-R4 R-N1 (Black cannot take the KP) 13. N(5) x P (N-Q6ch is stronger) 13... R-N5 14. Q-B2 N-B4 15. B-KN5 Q-N3 (This position is rather unclear.) 16. 0-0! (White need not guard the NP and it would be wrong to do so by playing R-QN1 because it is strategically

better to bring out his undeveloped pieces.) 16...B-N2 17.QR-Q1 RxNP ? (This allows a combination. Best is B-K2 18.BxB KxB 19.Q-Q2! Threat Q-N5ch and White stands better.) 18.B-N5ch! PxB (If RxB 19.NxR PxN 20.R-Q6ch QxR 21.BxQ KxB 22.Q-Q2ch and although Black has 3 pieces for the Queen, his King is exposed and his pieces scattered about the board so White should win.) 19.QxR P-B3 20.NxNP N-R5 (The start of a forced sequence leading to a won ending for White - any deviation by White allows Black to escape.) 21.N-Q6ch BxN 22.QxQ NxQ 23.RxB N-B1 24.R-Q4 BxN 25.PxP! PxP 26.PxB NxB 27.BxP NxPch 28.K-R1 NxR 29.BxR N-B3 (White has reached a won ending if he can keep his pawns on.) 30.B-B3 N-Q3 31.K-N2 N-N4 32.R-QB1 K-Q2 (To swap the Knight for the Bishop could only ease White's task.) 33.P-R4 N-B2 34.R-KR1 N-Q4 35.RxPch K-Q3 36.D-Q2 K-B4 37.R-R4 N-K4 38.B-K3ch K-B3 39.R-K4 K-Q3 40.B-B4 NxPch 41.RxN(4) & White wins.

STAFFORDSHIRE INDIVIDUAL CORRESPONDENCE CHAMPIONSHIP 1972

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	P
1. D W Anderton	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. A J Sutton	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	6
3. M Corrigan	0	0	X	1	0	1	1	1	4
4. R Martin	0	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	4
5. S L Wiggin	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	X	1	0	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. S W Schofield	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	2
7. D Reid	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	0	1
8. D W Hewitt	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th October	North v South
29th October	Staffordshire v Lancashire
4th November	Staffordshire II v Worcestershire II
2nd December	Staffordshire II v Hereford
9th December	Staffordshire I v Worcestershire I

BCF CORRESPONDENCE
 SINCLAIR TROPHY (DIVISION II) 1971/2

Suffolk won the Division. Staffordshire were ninth compared with sixth last year.

	<u>Staffordshire</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	
1.	B Hopewell	1/2	D B Sweetman, Surrey 1/2
2.	R A Beach	0	C M Cook, Cheshire 1
3.	A J Sutton	1	C M Cornforth, Cheshire 0
4.	D W Anderton	1	B Kershaw, Cumberland 0
5.	E J Harris	1	H Green, Herts 0
6.	P J Gregory	0	W Cooke, Northants 1
7.	A Schroeder	0	F D Kingdon, Dorset 1
8.	E N Hawkins	1	R G Knowles, Durham 0
9.	P G Jackson	1	C P Dutt, Kent II 0
10.	W B Lead	1/2	F Morrell, Northumberland 1/2
11.	R A Copeland	1	E Jackson, Glos. II 0
12.	W F Guy	0	R J Manfield, Sussex 1
13.	G Harkey	0	G Parsonage, Lancs II 1
14.	A R Agg	0	H Cookson, Bucks 1
15.	L A Green	0	E Prideaux, Cornwall 1
16.	N Blackmore	0	A E Coates, Surrey II 1
17.	R V H Butters	0	A J Revell, Suffolk 1
18.	M G Smith	1	E Gleave, Cheshire 0
19.	S W Schofield	1	E W Gilmour, Cumberland 0
20.	G Benton	1	V J Harvey, Herts 0
21.	S L Wiggan	1/2	N Ridout, Northants 1/2
22.	R E F Duncanson	1	D F Burt, Dorset 0
23.	H New	1/2	R Ridley, Durham 1/2
24.	M Corrigan	0	R J Bean, Kent II 1
25.	P Paskin	1	L Lewin, Northumberland 0
26.	W D Hewitt	1/2	E N Sollarn, Glos II 1/2
27.	P A Jefferson	1/2	J Lambert-Gorwyn, Sussex 1/2
28.	K Pittaway	0	C Doran, Lancs II 1
29.	J H Charles	0	T Dyer, Bucks 1
30.	P M Morris	1	P F Jones, Cornwall 0
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1972 GRADING LIST

The National List has just been published and the following Staffordshire players appear. The full Midlands list will be given in a future issue as soon as it is published.

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COMPETITION NEWS

The new season is upon us. Now is the time to enter individual competitions. Details as follows:

1. Midland Championship - The Forrest Cup. Entry fee 50p. By 28th September to K G Humphreys, 7 Mancroft Road, Wolverhampton.
2. Staffordshire Championship - The Advertiser Trophy. Entry fee 15p. By 30 September to K G Humphreys.
3. Staffordshire Correspondence Championship. Entry fee 25p. By 23rd September to T G A Farrell, 111 Hansford Square, Bath.
4. Birmingham Post Cup. Entry fee 15p. By 1st November to P C Gibbs, 19 Heath Croft, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.
5. Wolverhampton League Championships - Rock and Bidgood Cups. Entry fee 15p. By 28 October to K G Humphreys.