



# Staffs Chess News

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Editorial:

Can I once again ask for the co-operation of all Staffordshire Club Officials in the provision of copy for future issues of Staffs Chess News.

As I have said before, any snippet of Chess information, Friendly matches, etc., will be appreciated plus any game scores which you think worthy of publication.

Please note that all news should be sent direct to me at the address shown on the cover and game scores must be forwarded to Mr. R.A. Beach Milton House, 24, Crewe Road. Alsager. Stoke-on-Trent for editing.

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THE FIRST LARA CHESS CONGRESS. (at Southwark College. London).

Held from Friday 1st November to Sunday, 3rd. November, 1974.  
The Open event counts 'Tripleoints' in the Cutty Sark Grand Prix.  
Details from W.L. Bush, 63, St. John's Rd., Newbury Park, Ilford. Essex. IG2 7 D.

THE BRITISH OPEN LIGHTNING CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.1974.

October 26th.	Staffs I	v	Warwick I	Home.
November 2nd.	Staffs II	v	Hereford.	Home.
November 30th.	Staffs II	v	Shrops II	Away.
December 7th.	Staffs I	v	Shrops I	Home.

1975.

January 25th.	Staffs I	v	Worcs I.	Away.
February 1st.	Staffs II	v	Worcs II	Home.
February 8th.	M.C.C.U.		Junior Jamboree.	
February 15th.	Staffs II	v	Warwick II	Away.
March 15th.	M.C.C.U.		Minor Final.	
March 22nd.	M.C.C.U.		Championship Semi-Finals.	
March - April.	Staffs II	v	Cheshire.	Alsager.
May 3rd.	B.C.F.		Quarter Finals.	
May 10th.	Minor Counties.		Semi-Finals.	
May 17th.	M.C.C.U.		Championship Final.	

ROCK CUP RESULTS. Semi-Final & Final.

J. Sadler.	1	J.C. Freeman.	0
G. Edwards.	1	K. Francis.	0
A. Sadler.	1	G. Edwards.	0

BIDGOOD TROPHY. Final.

T. Macfarlane.	1/1	D. Hammond.	1/0
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### KEN LITWALY K.O. TROPHY FINAL.

This match was played at the John Thompson Social Club and resulted in a win for the Stourbridge team by 5pts to 3 pts.

#### STOURBRIDGE.

G.F. Harris.	1	A. Stearn.	Def.
B.G. Dudley.	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Knight.	$\frac{1}{2}$
M.J. Edwards.	1	O. Schalscha.	0
E. Horwill.	1	J. Tunks.	0
J. Duckworth.	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Thornley.	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. Proctor.	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Bott.	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Williams.	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Darmanin.	$\frac{1}{2}$
F. Tatler.	0	S. Moss.	1
	<u>5</u>		<u>3</u>

### BIRMINGHAM TOST CUP.

R. McFarland (Nuncaton) won this trophy by defeating Dr. B. Dudley (Stourbridge) in the final.

It is the first time McFarland has won this event and thereby becomes the Central Counties champion, and Dr. Dudley is once again runner-up.

### EAST MIDLANDS v WEST MIDLANDS. Played at Shepshed near Loughborough.

The West lead by 15 pts to 12 with three games for adjudication. The final result is likely to be a win by 17 pts - 13 pts.

Two Staffs players took part:-

R.A. Beach.	v	R.J. Clunie.	(Adjudication).
R. Martin.	1	J.A. Sutton.	0

### MIDLANDS GRADING LIST.

The following local players are included in the Midlands Grading List:-

D.W. Anderton.	(W-ton Kipping)	205	R.A. Beach.	(Electra)	202
G. Harris.	(Stourbridge).	201	B. Hopewell.	"	201
J. Montgomery.	(Stafford).	196	C.S. Barnard.	"	194

### BEATTIES LIGHTNING TEAM TOURNAMENT.

The main Trophy section was won for the third consecutive year by the Electra A team from Stoke - on - Trent. Details as follows:-

#### Trophy Section. (Possible 28 points).

Electra 'A' 21½: Wolverhampton Kipping 19: Lichfield 'A' & Walsall Kipping 'A' 16: Stafford 'A' 15: Stourbridge 'A' 13: Walsall Kipping 'B' 6: Stourbridge 'B' 5½:

#### Major Section.

Sutton Hill 'A' 22: Lichfield 'B' 22: Walsall Kipping 'C' 19½:  
Wolverhampton 'A' 17½: Sutton Hill 'B' 17½: Stafford 'B' 17:  
Rugeley 'A' 16½: Electra B 16½: Springvale 16: Stourbridge 'C' 16:  
J. Thompson 16: Walsall Kipping 'D' 16: Mercia 'A' 15½: Lichfield 'C' 15:  
Rubery Owen 'B' 14½: Wolverhampton Kipping 'B' 14½: Bushbury 14: Dudley 14:  
Mercia 'B' 13½: Penn B.L. 13½: Rubery Owen 'A' 13½: West Bromwich 'A' 13:  
G.K.N. 'A' 12½: Lichfield 'D' 12½: G.K.N. 'B' 12: West Bromwich 'B' 11½:  
J. Thompson 'B' 11: Michelin 'B' 11: Rugeley 'B' 10½: Wolverhampton 'B' 10:  
Cosford 9: Harris & Sheldon 7½: Sutton Hill 'C' 7:

#### Individual Prizes.

##### Trophy Section.

B.H. Coop. (Stafford). G.F. Harris (Stourbridge) & D.R. Johnson (Lichfield)

##### Major Section.

Gary Wellings. (J. Thompson) & T. Macfarlane (Walsall Kipping).

### KILLING BOARD CHALLENGE MATCH.

The holders Walsall Kipping were narrowly beaten by a strong Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton Kipping.

D. Lamb.	1
A. Sadler.	0
M. Johnson.	$\frac{1}{2}$
E. Goodwin.	1
Dr. V. G. Jenson.	1
G. Edwards.	1
G. Humphreys.	0
R. Quinton.	1
A. Elliott.	0
F. Cherrington.	0
S. Johnson.	1
B. Tisdell.	0
	<u><math>6\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Walsall Kipping.

E. Lees.	0
J. Sturrock.	1
A. Willis.	$\frac{1}{2}$
M. Groombridge.	0
J. Freeman.	0
R. Jones.	0
S. Glebocki.	1
E. Jones.	0
R. Withnall.	1
C. Wakefield.	1
E. Thomas.	0
G.P. Tait.	1
	<u><math>5\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

TENTH STAFFORDSHIRE CHESS CONGRESS.

This event - which qualified as a double point event in the Cutty Sark Grand Prix - was held at Northcote School, Bushbury, and attracted a record entry of 234 competitors.

The last round of the senior event produced a mammoth seven hour battle between R.A. Beach (Stoke) and L.A. Edwards (Leicester) with a share of the Championship the prize for the winner, but despite strenuous efforts by both players the game finally ended as a draw, leaving P.C. Griffiths (Solihull) clear winner of the Trophy plus £100 in prize money.

Details as follows:-

PREMIER OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st. P.C. Griffiths. 5/6 pts.  
 2nd. eq. R.A. Beach. L.A. Edwards. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ /6 pts.  
 4th. eq. S. Berry. D. Cafferty. J.M. Gorman. D. Lamb. J.M. Quinn. 4/6 pts.  
 Grading Prizes :- W.N. Clayton. T.R.D. Grove. J. Fellows. A. Schroeder.

CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT.

1st - 3rd eq. E. Korhonen. A.J. Marsh. J. Mildenhall. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ /6 pts.

MAJOR.

1st. N. Pearce. 6/6 pts.  
 2nd. eq. F. Cherrington. G.M. Jackson. C.A. Bott. 5/6 pts.

WEEKEND SPECIAL OPEN.

1st. eq. J.M. James. C.B. Jones. K.M. Maer. A. Sadler. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5 pts.

UNDER 21.

1st. Gary Wellings.

UNDER 18.

1st. R. Withnall.  
 2nd. eq. N. Graham. M.D. Ticken.

UNDER 16.

1st. N. Cowley. 6/7 pts.  
 2nd. F.W. French. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /7 pts.  
 3rd. M.C. Hancock. 5/7 pts.

UNDER 14.

1st. R.M. Webb. 6/7 pts.  
 2nd. G. Heap. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /7 pts.  
 3rd. eq. D.E. Buxton. C.F. Webley. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ /7 pts.

UNDER 12.

1st. T. Ardin. 8/9 pts.  
 2nd. eq. C.A. Jones. A.R. Whithead. 7/9 pts.

STAFFS YOUTH TOURNAMENT.

1st. Stoke. 18/20 pts.  
 2nd. Uttoxeter. 12/20 pts.

STAFFS CONGRESS cont.....

LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT.

1st. L.A. Edwards! 6/6 pts.  
2nd. eq. R. Beach. I.C. Griffiths. J. Montgomery. A. Schroeder. 5/6 pts.

Junior Prizes.

1st. R. Webb. 4½/6 pts.                      2nd. T. Ardin. 3½/6 pts.

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CORRESPONDENCE CHESS.

1973/74 M.C.C.U. Postal Competition.

Mr. G. Farrell, the Staffordshire Postal Chess Conductor, has now received official confirmation of a Staffs win - 3 points ahead of Warwickshire - in this competition. Details:-

STAFFORDSHIRE.

M.C.C.U. Composite Team.

R.A. Beach. (Victory)	1	L. Linacre. (Notts).	0
A.J. Sutton. (Bury)	1	P.C. Gibbs. (Warks).	0
D.W. Anderton. (W-ton K)	1	J. Heath. (Worcs).	0
E.N. Hawkins. (Nantwich)	½	P.C. Robertson. (Worcs)	½
P.J. Gregory. (Watford).	0	A.J. Miles. (Warks)	1
D.W. Lead. (Cannock)	½	H. Ratcliffe. (Notts).	½
A. Schroeder. (W-ton)	1	C.T. Kent. (Notts)	0
N.G. Blackmore. (Tipton)	0	M.E. Davies. (Warks)	1
T. Paskin. (Victory).	1	M. Jovanovic. (Worcs).	0
S.L. Wiggan. (Tenkrige)	1	W.W. Watson. (Worcs).	0
M.C. Smith. (Newcastle)	1	K.R. Ingram. (Warks).	0
T.G. Farrell. (Bath).	1	T. Trowbridge. (Notts).	0
A.I. O'Kane. (Stafford)	1	C.B. Allen. (Notts).	0
L.A. Jefferson. (Lich'ld)	1	A.M. Macer. (Warks)	0
L.E. Norris. (Lichfield)	1	R.N. Woolley. (Worcs)	0
D. Reid. (Muneaton).	0	K.E. Jewell. (Worcs).	1

WARD HIGGS TROPHY.

The Staffs team have managed to stay in Division One for at least one more season finishing in 13th. place from 16 entrants. The Trophy was won by Lancashire with 19½ pts.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

B.C.F. Composite Team.

B. Hopewell. (Stoke)	0	D.J. Walsh. (Berks)	1
R.A. Beach. ( " )	½	N.J. Corden. (Lancs).	½
A.J. Sutton. (Bury)	0	J.N. Walker. (Oxon)	1
D.W. Anderton. (W-ton Kip)	½	P.J. Meade. (Glos)	½
J.A. Quinn. (Stafford)	½	W. Cushing. (Suffolk)	½
J. Montgomery. "	1	Rev Canon Smith (Kent)	0
E.N. Hawkins. (Nantwich)	½	J.C. Frost. (Cheshire)	½
Dr. V. Jenson. (W-ton Kip)	0	Dr. G. Katz. (Mddx)	1
E.J. Harris. (Lock)	0	G. Allcock. (Notts)	1
J.G. Jackson. (Stafford)	1	E.G. Walker. (Somerset)	0
I.J. Gregory. (Watford).	0	J. Shepherd. (Hants)	1
A. Lickering. (Walsall K)	0	R.C. Beavers. (Yorks)	1
A. Schroeder. (W-ton)	0	R. Lancaster. (Surrey)	1
B.W. Lead. (Cannock)	0	N.L. Edwards. (Worcs)	1
A. Archer. (Tanworth)	0	K. Fickard. (Essex)	1
W.F. Guy. (Sherborne)	½	T.J. Bean. (Berks)	½
M.C. Smith. (Newcastle)	0	B.F. Babulawicz. (Lancs)	1
E. Jones. (Walsall K)	1	F. Wood. (Oxon)	0
A.R. Agg. (Hitchon)	1	I.J. Tollhurst. (Glos)	0
T.G. Farrell. (Bath).	0	A.J. Revell. (Suffolk)	1
N.A. Blackmore. (Tipton)	1	R.B. Parker. (Kent)	0
L.A. Green. (Walsall K)	0	D. Aldridge. (Cheshire)	1
S.L. Wiggan. (Tenkrige)	1	P.G. Bennett. (Mddx)	0
D. Cumberlidge. (Walsall)	1	A. Wignore. (Notts)	0
S.W. Schofield. (Burton).	½	J.A. Woch. (Somerset)	½
I. Paskin. (Stoke)	1	R. Willey. (Hants)	0
R.E. Duncanson. (W-ton K)	1	J. Peterbridge. (Yorks)	0
H. New. (Springvale)	0	G.C. Coombe. (Surrey)	1

GAMES SECTION.

White: D.G. Ellison. Black: R.A. Beach. (Two Knights Defence).

Manchester Open, 1974, Round One.

1. 1-K4 P-K4; 2. N-KB3 N-QB3; 3. B-B4 N-B3; 4. N-N5 P-Q4; 5. PXP P-QN4 (a);  
6. B-B1 N-Q5 (b); 7. 1-Q3 NxT; 8. N-K4 Q-R5 (c); 9. N-N3 N-KN5 (d); 10. P-B3  
N-B4; 11. BxPch K-Q1; 12. Q-N3 (e) N-B5; 13. P-Q4!(f)NxN; 14. BxN! NXR dis ch;  
15. P-N3 QxR1; 16. Q-Q5ch B-Q3!; 17. FxB!(g) R-QN1 (h); 18. PXP Q-B7ch;  
19. K-Q1 QxQNI; 20. PxB RxB; 21. PxF dbl ch K-B1; 22. QxN?(j) QxR; 23. Q-R8ch  
K-Q2; 24. QxR QxNch ?(k); 25. K-Q2 R-Q4ch; 26. K-K2 Q-B7 ch; 27. K-B3 R-Q6ch;  
28. B-K3 KxT; 29. QxNF QxP; 30. QxTch R-Q2; 31. Q-KB4ch K-N2; 32. P-N5  
Q-B3 ch; 33. K-N4 Q-K3 ch; 34. Q-B5 QxQ ch; 35. KxQ R-Q6; 36. B-B4 R-R6;  
37. K-B6 (l) RxRP; 38. K-N7 R-R7; 39. P-N6 (n) PXP; 40. KxP R-KN7; 41. K-B5  
P-R4; 42. P-N4 P-R5; 43. P-N5 P-R6; 44. B-K5 K-B3; 45. K-B6(n) K-Q4; 46. B-R1  
R-QR7; 47. B-B3 R-QB7; 48. B-R1 R-L8; 49. White resigns. (o)

NOTES.

- (a) The Ulvestad Variation. If 6. PxN PxB or 6. BxNF QxT; 7. N-QB3 QxNF;
- (b) Transposing to the Fritz Variation. (If 6... NxP; 7. BxNF or 6... QxP;  
7. N-QB3 Q-Q3; 8. BxNI.
- (c) An extremely sharp line. 8... N-K3; 9. BxTch B-Q2 is less wild.
- (d) Radchenko's piece sacrifice. 9... B-N2!?!; 10. PxN O-O-O gives Black a  
very dangerous attack.
- (e) 12. PxB is of course answered by 12... NxN; But best, according to  
Estrin, is 12. O-O! B-B4 ch; 13. P-Q4 PXP; 14. N-K4! which slightly  
favours White.
- (f) 13. O-O is now simply answered by 13... NxN; 14. PxN QxNI;
- (g) White cannot accept the double rook sacrifice 17. QxRch? K-K2; 18. QxR  
because of 18... Q-B7 ch; 19. K-Q1 BxT ch; 20. K-B1 Q-K8ch; 21. K-B2  
Q-Q8 mate;
- (h) I considered offering the double rook sacrifice again by 17... PxB;  
18. QxR ch K-K2; 19. QxR PXP; but eventually rejected it because of  
20. Q-K8ch K-B3; 21. Q-Q8ch K-N3; 22. B-Q3ch K-R3; 23. P-N5ch K-R4;  
24. B-K2ch K-R5; 25. P-N6dis ch P-B3; 26. PXP (Black could improve on  
this line by 22... 1-B4!; 23. BxT ch K-R3; 24. P-N5 ch K-R4; 25. B-K4  
B-B5; 26. B-B3ch K-R5; 27. P-N6dis ch B-N4; 28. PXP, and Black must  
take the draw by perpetual check. White could also improve even  
earlier by 21. B-B6) The only alternative 17... R-QN1 also looked  
very risky, but I eventually noticed that White's 21. PXP dbl ch was  
not as overwhelming as it appeared at first sight.
- (j) White rejected the stronger 22. Q-R8 ch K-Q2; 23. QxR because of  
23... N-B7ch with a draw by perpetual check. 23... R-Q4ch; 24. N-Q2  
RxN ch; 25. BxR QxR ch; 26. K-K2 KxP would not be an improvement for  
Black. In playing for a win by 22. QxN?, White overestimates the  
strength of his pawn on Q7.
- (k) 24... RxNch leads to a forced mate, e.g. 25. K-K2 (else 25... QxRfch),  
R-K8ch; 26. K-B2 R-B8ch; 27. K-N2 R-N8ch; 28. K-B3 Q-Q8ch; 29. K-K4  
Q-B7 ch; 30. K-Q4 R-Q8ch; 31. K-B4 Q-R5ch; 32. K-B5 Q-B3ch; 33. K-N4  
R-N8ch; 34. K-R3 Q-R3 mate.
- (l) 37. P-N6? would be answered by 37... R-R4ch; 38. K-B6 R-R3ch;
- (n) 39. P-N4! would set Black greater problems, but would also lose.  
39... R-R5; and now 40. P-Q2 K-B3; 41. P-N6 PXP; 42. P-N5 R-Q5;  
43. B-B3 (or 43. B-K3 R-B3; 44. BxT R-Q2ch; 45. KxP RxB; 46. K-B6  
K-Q2!; 47. P-N6 K-K1; 48. P-N7 R-R3 ch), 43... R-Q3; 44. B-K5 R-K3;  
45. B-B6 K-Q4!; 46. KxT K-K5; 47. K-B7 K-B4 or better 40. B-B1 P-QR4;  
41. P-N6 PXP; 42. P-N5 R-QB5; 43. B-N2 R-B3; 44. P-B6 P-R5; 45. KxT  
P-R6; 46. K-N7 K-T1! (46... 1-R7? only draws because the king is just  
too far from the KNF); 47. B-Q4 R-B5; 48. B-B6 R-KF5; 49. K-K7 P-R7;  
50. B-B3 R-B6; 51. P-Q4 R-KN6; 52. K-T6 K-Q2; 53. P-N6 R-B6ch; 54.  
K-N7 K-K1; 55. K-R7 R-R6ch; 56. K-N8 R-R8; 57. P-N7 P-Q; 58. PxQ  
RxB; 59. K-R7 R-R8ch; 60. K-N6 R-N8ch; 61. K-R7 K-B2;
- (n) Better, but also losing is 45. P-N6 K-Q2; 46. K-B6 R-T7ch; 47. K-N7  
K-K1; 48. K-R7 R-KN7; 49. B-Q6 P-R7; 50. B-K5 R-N8; 51. P-N7 K-T2;

Games Section cont....

In the following game the reader is asked to bear in mind that White had less than one minute in which to make his last ten moves.

White: N.W. Johnson. Black: D.G. Edwards.

Wolverhampton League match. Queens Pawn. Nimzo-Indian Defence.

1. 1-Q4 N-K3; 2. 1-Q4 P-K3; 3. N-Q3 P-N5; 4. 1-QR3 PxN ch; 5. 1xL P-E4;
6. 1-K3 N-K5; 7. 1-Q3 P-Q4; 8. Q-T2 Q-R4; 9. N-K2 EPxP; 10. K1xP N-Q3;
11. 1xP QxQ; 12. O-O N-E3; 13. P-Q4 Q-QR4; 14. P-Q4 P-K4; 15. 1xP NxKP;
16. P-E5 NxP; 17. 1xN P-E4; 18. N-Q4 P-N3; 19. Q-K2 ch K-Q1; 20. N-N5 R-K1;
21. P-E7ch QxP; 22. QxRch KxQ; 23. NxQch K-Q2; 24. NxR NxP; 25. QR-Q1ch K-E1;
26. KR-K1 N6K3; 27. R-K3 K-N1; 28. R-Q3 1-QN3; 29. N-E7 NxN; 30. R-Q8 ch Resigns.

STOKE-ON-TRENT SPORTS FESTIVAL WEEK.

The Simultaneous Display was given by Mr. C. Kottnauer who took on 27 opponents, winning against 20, drawing 5 and losing 2.

Winners were:- M.T. Deaville (Victory)  
W. Lawton. (Penkhull).

Draws obtained by G. Rutter (Penkhull), P. Taskin (Sneyd), H. Cotten (Smallthorne), F.T. Hitchens (Smallthorne) & A. Merrill (Electra).

16 Teams competed in the Lightning Competition with results as follows:-

1st. Electra A 21½pts; 2nd. Stafford A 17pts; eq 3rd. Penkhull & Victory A 15½pts; 5th. Victory B 14pts; 6th. Victory C 12½pts; 7th. Kidsgrove A 12 pts; 8th. Penkhull A 11½pts; eq 9th. Electra B & Michelin A 10½pts; 11th. Cheddleton B 10pts; 12th. Madley 9½ pts; eq 13th. Smallthorne A & Cheddleton A 9pts;

CHALLENGE MATCH. ELECTRA. v REST OF STOKE LEAGUE.

Electra won this match for the third time in four years (last year's match being drawn).

<u>ELECTRA.</u>	<u>REST.</u>	<u>ELECTRA.</u>	<u>REST.</u>
R.A. Peach. 1	A.J. Morley. (Keele) 0	C.S. Farnard. 1	R.Greenall (Keele) 0
M.G. Smith. ½	P. Taskin (Sneyd) ½	G.R. Evans. 1	A. Neatherway. " 0
D. Messgan. 0	M. Williams (Penk) 1	G. Jackson. 1	F. Saunders (Snayd) 0
J. Fatcher. 1	J. Nicholas. (Leek) 0	J. Holden. 1	F. Hitchens. (Small) 0
9. R. Lakin. 0	S.R. Elliott. (Kids) 1	J. Hodgkinson. 1	W. Dale. (Kidsgrove) 0
I. Adams. 1	J.S. Reader. (Mich) 0	C.N. Ferry 1	G. Gibson. (Keele) 0
A. Doust. ½	A. Wilshaw. (Penk) ½	R. Worsnup. ½	R. Willis. (Small) ½
N. Wardhaugh. ½	P. Bradstreet. (Sneyd) ½		
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STOKE LEAGUE.

The League will consist of three Divisions this season made up with the following teams:-

Division I. Victory A. Michelin A. Electra A. Electra B. Electra C. Penkhull A. Keele Univ A. Sneyd Green A. Smallthorne A.

Division II. Victory B. Michelin B. Cheddleton A. Oenkhull B. Penkhull C. Meir A. Keele Univ B. Sneyd Green B. Leek Arts Club. Kidsgrove.

Division III. Blind S.C. Cheddleton B. Cheddleton C. Penkhull D. Penkhull E. Meir B. Keele Univ C. Michelin C. Smallthorne B. Sandbach.

WOLVERHAMPTON & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE.

The League will consist of five Division with a total of fifty four competing teams.