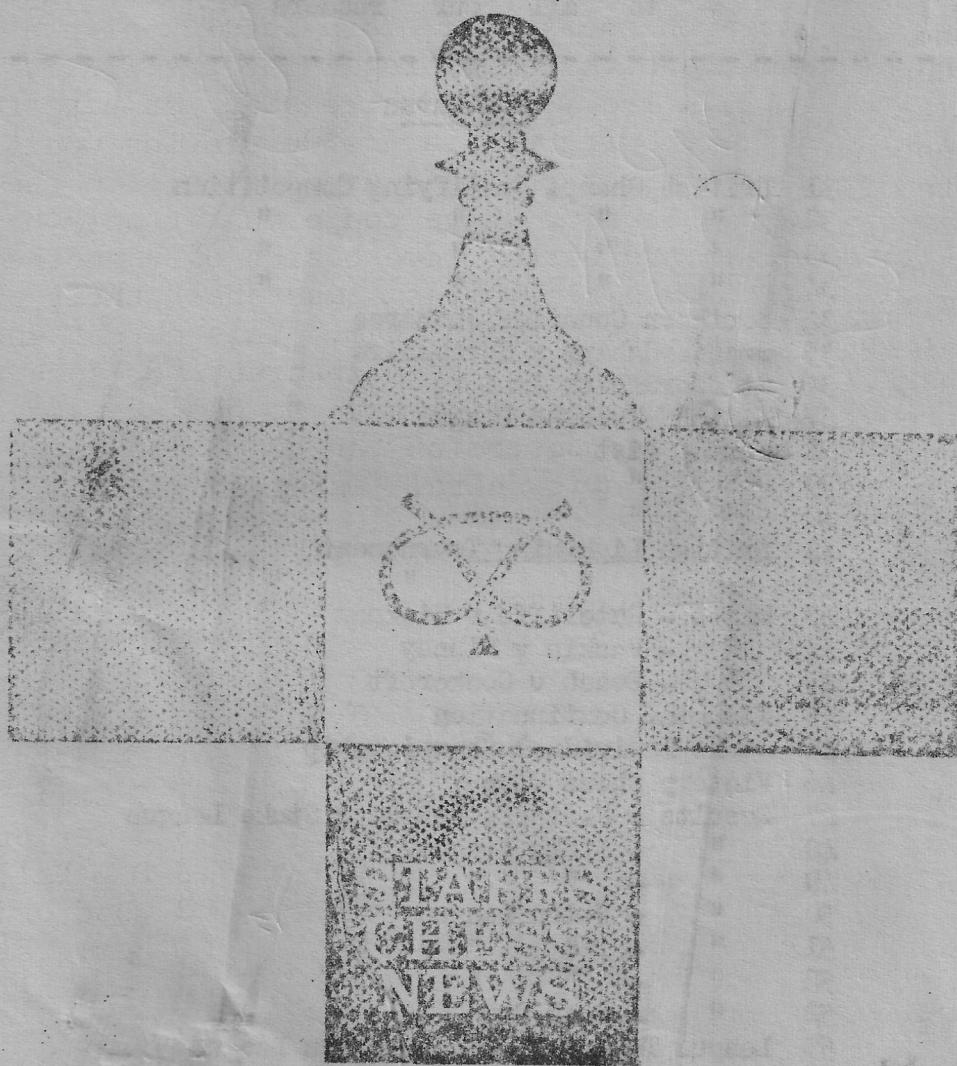


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British Championship Qualifying Competition
Staffordshire and Shropshire County Stage

The local county stage attracted a record of nine entries of whom two could qualify. The British Qualifying is always an American event and each player therefore had to complete a programme of eight games in nine rounds with one bye.

Round One

<u>White</u>		<u>Black</u>		<u>Opening</u>	<u>Moves</u>
R A Beach	1	D Lamb	0	Vienna	38
T M Deaville	$\frac{1}{2}$	D R Lewis	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sicilian	23
M C Wright	1	R J Edwards	0	Dutch	60
M A Stevenson	0	D W Anderton	1	French	28
C G O'Reilly had the bye					

Beach essayed Smyslov's system in the Vienna the novel feature of which is the Kings fianchetto. Lamb maintained the equilibrium throughout the early middle game. He collected a pawn but at the cost of conceding the bishop pair against his two knights. As the pressure mounted he blundered and lost material and the game.

If Deaville and Lewis had other than pacific intentions it was not evident from the game which petered out after a number of exchanges.

Despite the early exchange of queens Wright's intentions were anything but pacific. By a neat combination he won a pawn and by a temporary piece sacrifice he secured a won rook and pawn ending to force resignation on the fiftieth move.

Anderton played the MacCutcheon variation of the French against Stevenson. With the centre blocked the thematic play with White attacking on the Kingside and Black on the Queenside ensued. White's attack was stillborn and he switched to the Queenside sacrificing first a pawn and then the exchange. When it was evident that there was insufficient compensation for the material deficit Stevenson resigned.

Round Two

O'Reilly	(0*)	0	Beach	(1)	1	Ruy Lopez	29
Deaville	($\frac{1}{2}$)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Anderton	(1)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sicilian	33
Lamb	(0)	1	Wright	(1)	0	Sicilian	15
Edwards	(0)	0	Stevenson	(1)	1	Pirc	38
Lewis had the bye							

Beach emerged from the Black side of a Ruy Lopez opening with the initiative and domination of the Queen's bishop file in exchange for the weaker pawn structure. On the twenty ninth move O'Reilly blundered away a bishop and resigned at once.

Deaville played the closed variation a la Spassky against Anderton's Sicilian. Black had the edge out of the opening but in overpressing allowed White to mount a dangerous attack on the Kingside. By shedding a pawn the initiative was reclaimed, material equality restored and a level ending established which was promptly agreed drawn.

Wright played the popular Najdorf defence against Lamb who answered with 6. B-QB4. He continued with the 'vogue' method of playing Q-B3 in front of the

* Signifies that the bye has been taken

KB. pawn. Wright ventured upon the thematic P-K4 but found his position riddled with holes and succumbed to a sudden death. Here is the game.

	<u>Lamb</u>	<u>Wright</u>
1.	P - K4	P - QB4
2.	N - KB3	P - Q3
3.	P - Q4	P x P
4.	N x P	N - KB3
5.	N - QB3	P - QR3
6.	B - QB4	P - K3
7.	O - O	B - K2
8.	B - N3	P - QN4
9.	Q - B3	P - K4 ?
10.	N - B5	O - O
11.	N - Q5	N - B3
12.	N(B5) x B ch	QN x N
13.	N x N(B6) ch	P x N
14.	Q x P	N - N3
15.	B x P ch!	Resigns

Edwards castled Queenside against Stevenson's Pirc but it was Black who was attacking first. Both sides advanced pawn storms against the castled Kings but ironically the game was decided when Stevenson penetrated the weakened White pawn structure with his Queen to win material.

Round Three

Beach	(2)	1	Deaville	(1)	0	English	39
Stevenson	(1)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Wright	(1)	$\frac{1}{2}$	Caro Kann	36
Edwards	(0)	0	Lamb	(1)	1	Ruy Lopez	39
Lewis	($\frac{1}{2}$ *)	0	O'Reilly	(0*)	1	Danish	40
Anderton	(1 $\frac{1}{2}$)	had the bye					

Beach and Deaville systematically exchanged off down into a double rook and pawn ending by the twentieth move and a draw seemed the certain result. Deaville quite unjustifiably sought to open up the position and lost a pawn in the process. He then failed to find the best defence and resigned after giving away another pawn.

Stevenson blundered away a pawn against Wright's Caro Kann, for little or no compensation. He then raised his game and sacrificed a bishop and a further pawn to force a perpetual check.

Edwards played the exchange variation of the Ruy Lopez against Lamb and the Queens were exchanged on the sixth move. After 30 moves the game was adjourned with Lamb having the bishop pair and a slight advantage. Immediately after the adjournment Edwards blundered and allowed a quick finish.

O'Reilly's forte is defence, and against Lewis he braved the vicissitudes of the Danish to emerge unscathed into a double rook and pawn ending in which he had a pawn plus. His peripatetic King eventually found a haven and Lewis resigned.

(To be continued)

Southern Counties Jamboree

The Southern Counties Jamboree, held at the Royal Festival Hall, London on 16 November, was won by Cambridge with $9\frac{1}{2}$ points out of ten. Staffordshire were well down the table with four points. Individual results: 1. Dr V G Jenson $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. R A Beach (default) 3. R Keely $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. S Johnson $\frac{1}{2}$; 5. J Fellows $\frac{1}{2}$; 6. F J O'Reilly $\frac{1}{2}$; 7. M Reynolds $\frac{1}{2}$; 8. M Fleury 0; 9. J H Baines 0; 10. R F Walker 1.

Staffordshire and Shropshire

Staffordshire beat Shropshire by 12½-6½ with one game for adjudication in the County match held at English Electric Stafford on Saturday 30 November. The

Fourth board game for adjudication between D Lamb of Staffordshire and A Knight of Shropshire is

favourable to Staffordshire although no clear win was demonstrable at the close of play. Staffordshire had

the edge throughout the match but their advantage was particularly marked in the bottom half of the

team. It would have been even more evident but for

the tragedy which befell Margaret Anderton in overstepping the time limit on the last move before the

time control when she had a clearly won position.

The detailed results were as follows.

<u>Staffordshire</u>			<u>Shropshire</u>		
1.	D W Anderton	½	C G O'Reilly	½	
2.	Dr V G Jenson	½	D Everington	½	
3.	R A Beach	1	R W Kermeen	0	
4.	D Lamb	A	A Knight	A	
5.	A Sadler	½	Dr H D Gemmell	½	
6.	G Homer	0	J Oliver	1	
7.	F J O'Reilly	1	A A Samworth	0	
8.	J Fellows	1	O Schalscha	0	
9.	M Fleury	0	J Jeggo	1	
10.	R J Edwards	1	R Alley	0	
11.	J M Quinn	1	Miss Murphy	0	
12.	J H Baines	½	L Prescott	½	
13.	S G JohnsOn	½	A E Dearlove	½	
14.	D Backhouse	0	Mrs E Ingram	1	
15.	J M Turner	1	R S J Rowe	0	
16.	E V Foulds	1	A E Eagles	0	

17.	P G Jackson	1	R Porter	0
18.	R F Walker	1	S R Haynes	0
19.	C Rix	1	K C Jones	0
20.	Mrs M Anderton	0	J Gorvin	1
		12½		6½

Staffordshire Juniors

In the county junior chess matches at John Thompsons, Ettingshall on Saturday 23 November, Warwickshire inflicted two severe defeats on Staffordshire juniors.

The Under 18 match was won by Warwickshire by the overwhelming margin of 15-5. Despite two defaults on the top ten boards, Staffordshire scored 3½ points, but on the bottom ten they could muster only three draws.

In the under 15 match the margin in favour of Warwickshire was 9-5. Here the weakness was on the middle boards for boards 6-12 (inclusive) scored only one point between them. Details (Warwickshire first):

Under 18

1. R Woodford 0 M Fleury 1; 2. C C W Shepherd ½ J M Quinn ½; 3. G Hall 1 W Clarke (default) 0; 4. P L Morris ½ P Sandford ½; 5. R J Parry 1 P A Quinn 0; 6. M A Hunt 1 D Heathcote (default) 0; 7. N Skinner 0 L Williams 1; 8. A Rutherford 1 G Link 0; 9. H W Brockband ½ R T A MacGillivray ½; 10. M W Marlow 1 P Woziechowski 0; 11. T J Parfitt 1 R Threlfall 0; 12. P J Spriggs 1 J Lines 0;

13. C C Maltby $\frac{1}{2}$ P Langston $\frac{1}{2}$; 14. M Bethel $\frac{1}{2}$
 R Butler $\frac{1}{2}$; 15. M P Duffy 1 A Chamings 0; 16. S M
 Martin 1 B McDonald 0; 17. M P Winmill 1 M Gregg 0;
 18. G P Haddow 1 J Folet 0; 19. R J Barr $\frac{1}{2}$
 D K Austin $\frac{1}{2}$; 20 J M McClenaghan 1 Default 0.

Under 15

1. K Laidler $\frac{1}{2}$ P Griffin $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. D J Peakman 1 M Hancock
 0; 3. R S Goodacre $\frac{1}{2}$ R Lines $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. M Power 0 J Brown 1;
 5. P M Norton $\frac{1}{2}$ D J Pritchard $\frac{1}{2}$; 6. A P Driver 1
 M Rowledge 0; 7. N Voce 1 S Kiek 0; 8. N M Morton 0
 M A Hammer 1; 9. C H Owen 1 D J Dodge 0; 10. A J
 Stoker 1 P Hallam 0; 11. A N R Shepherd 1
 N J Hadley 0; 12 C J Aston 1 P Whyley 0; 13 J M
 Spencer $\frac{1}{2}$ S Whyley $\frac{1}{2}$; 14. P J Knibbs 0 T S Duffy 1.

Midlands Weekend League

A new weekend league has been formed covering the
 Midland area. The Wolverhampton league have entered
 a team, who have so far played two matches, a draw
 against Leicester and a loss to Nuneaton. Individual
 results (Wolverhampton first);

Wolverhampton v Leicester 2nd October

1. D W Anderton 0 W Tabaikiernak 1; 2. J H Baines $\frac{1}{2}$
 L A Edwards $\frac{1}{2}$; 3. S Johnson $\frac{1}{2}$ C Cordel $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. J Fellows
 1 A F Warren 0; 5. E Lees $\frac{1}{2}$ P Killick $\frac{1}{2}$; 6. M Fleury 0
 B G Wallis 1; 7. R Walker $\frac{1}{2}$ M J Burbridge $\frac{1}{8}$; 8. K
 Pittaway 1 P A Hogan 0.

Wolverhampton v Macclesfield 23 November

1. M A Stevenson $\frac{1}{2}$ R S McFarland $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. M Reynolds 0
 G Kaye 1; 3. J. H Baines $\frac{1}{2}$ G Chesters $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. S G
 Johnson $\frac{1}{2}$ R H Tracy $\frac{1}{2}$; 5. J Fellows 0 J Murray 1;
 6. R F Walker 1 T H Yearley 0; 7. C Rix $\frac{1}{2}$ R Woodcock
 $\frac{1}{2}$; 8. R Jones 0 L A Check 1.

GRADING LIST

The Grading List for Grades 5a - 12a has now been published and the following Staffordshire players are included:

<u>Grade 5a (184-177)</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Last years Grade (if any)</u>
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E N Hawkins	English Electric Kidsgrove	-
A Sadler	Wolverhampton Kipping	6a
A Schroeder	Wolverhampton	-
A J Sutton	Walsall Kipping	-
N Young	Walsall Kipping	5b

Grade 5b (176-169)

J Fellows	Wolverhampton	-
M Fleury	Wolverhampton Kipping	7a
P J Gregory	Victory Stoke	-
T R D Grove	Dudley	5b
G Homer	West Bromwich	5a
D Lister	Keele University	6a
P Morrey	Penkhull	6b
F J O'Reilly	Stafford	5b
N B Ramsey	burton	6b
M Reynolds	West Bromwich	6a

Grade 6a (168-161)ClubLast years
Grade (if any)

J H Baines	West Bromwich	6a
A J Butcher	Wolverhampton	-
R V H Butters	Stafford	6a
J D Hughes	Wolverhampton	6b
S Johnson	Walsall Kipping	-
A V Kent	Dudley	7a
C G O'Reilly	Bushbury	7a
P Porter	Bushbury	6a

Grade 6b (160-153)

D Backhouse	West Bromwich	6a
B N Beasley	Wolverhampton Kipping	7b
J H Charles	Stewarts & Lloyds	-
M R Christie	Walsall Kipping	6b
S R Curry	Keele University	6b
T M Deaville	Victory Stoke	7a
E V Foulds	Stafford	-
A E Holford	Victory Stoke	8a
P G Jackson	Stafford	6a
E F Ratcliffe	Stafford	-
P R Smith	West Bromwich	-
P F Staley	Bushbury	6b
J C Sturrock	Walsall Kipping	6b
C Tomlinson	Walsall Kipping	7a
R Walker	Wolverhampton Kipping	-
S L Wiggin	Walsall Kipping	6b
E Wood	English Electric	-

Grade 7a (152-145)

A Archer	Kids Grove	7b
L Armstrong	Bushbury	7b
W Clarke	Wes: Bromwich Central	7b

<u>Grade 7a (cont)</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Last Years Grade (if any)</u>
J R Day	Victory Stoke	-
A C Finney	Victory Stoke	9a
T Galla	Leek	-
S Gothard	Burton	-
P Greatbach	Stafford	-
E G Harris	Leek	-
J S Hatton	West Bromwich	7b
J Holloway	Stewarts & Lloyds	8a
E W Lees	Walsall Kipping	7a
P Malban	Kidsgrove	-
J Oliver	English Electric	-
K Pittaway	John Thompsons	8a
C Rix	Bushbury	-
C Southall	West Bromwich	8a

Grade 7b (144-137)

D G Allen	English Electric	-
M Bacon	Stewarts & Lloyds	8a
J E Broome	Penkhull	-
F T Burgess	Wolverhampton	-
F Cooper	Victory	7b
P Hulse	Victory	9a
G Lines	John Thompsons	7b
D C Morris	MESC	-
P Paskin	Kidsgrove	7b
B Sanders	Walsall Kipping	8a
N W Simms	Wolverhampton Kipping	8a
J W Withnall	Walsall Kipping	-

(to be continued)

The British Lightning Championships

The eighth championships were held at Leicester University over the week end of 9-10 November. In the team championship Leeds, who were so narrowly pipped at the post in the last two championships, squeezed out winners by a last round acceleration to emerge half a point ahead of Ilford and Islington and North London. The Untouchables, an amalgam of Birmingham League players, were fifth, two points behind the winners while Wolverhampton Kipping finished equal sixth another point away. Last years winners Cheltenham and the powerful Birmingham side finished surprisingly low in ninth place. Stafford were thirteenth and Shropshire fifteenth. The detailed results were as follows.

Team Championship

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
1st	Leeds	21
2nd	Ilford	20½
2nd	Islington and North London	20½
4th	Manchester	19½
5th	The Untouchables	19
6th	Wolverhampton Kipping	18
6th	Leicestershire Chess Club	18
6th	British Celanese	18
9th	Monmouthshire	17½
9th	Cheltenham	17½
9th	Birmingham	17½
9th	Liverpool	17½
13th	Stafford	17
14th	Downend and Fishponds	16½
15th	Shropshire	16
16th	Coventry	15½

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
16th	Wigston	15½
18th	Highcross	14½
19th	Leicester University	13½
20th	Leicester Gabbit	13
21st	Friends of St David's (Lampeter)	6

The individual championship was won for the third year in succession by Bernard Cafferty a clear 1½ points ahead of L A Edwards and I A Friedlander who shared second and third prizes. Detailed results were as follows:

Individual Championship

1. B Cafferty	7½	12. W Oakfield	4
2. L A Edwards	6	12. R Hedges	4
2. I A Friedlander	6	17. I R Pickup	3½
4. P LeMoir	5½	17. R M Rowe	3½
4. W A Tabakiernik	5½	17. A J Morley	3½
6. P N Wallis	5	17. P Bocock	3½
6. Cowley P	5	17. B T H Smith	3½
8. A Barton	4½	22. H M Jones	3
8. P Killick	4½	22. R Woodcock	3
8. P C Robertson	4½	24. R J Passmore	2½
8. R W O'Brien	4½	25. C Johnson	1½
12. G Kaye	4	26. R W Eddington	1
12. G Hill	4	26. Miss M Wilson	1
12. D Pearson	4		

Played in Staffs Chess Council v Bushtury 1A 18/10/67.

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White : E.F. Ratcliffe.

Black : Hickman

1 P-K4	P-Q4	20 P-Q4	P-B5	39 N-K5	B-A1
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	21 Q-B4	Q-Q1	40 Q-B4	P-N6
3 B-K2	B-Q3	22 Q-B3	Q-R2	41 P-B3	P-K2
4 N-B3	N-B3	23 P-KB4	K-R1	42 P-BP3	P-QN4
5 P-Q3	P-QB3	24 P-B5	R-B1	43 P-Q4	Q-B3
6 Q-Q	B-B2	25 Q-B3	R-KN1	44 N-Q7	Q-B4
7 P-KB3	Q-Q	26 P-R6	B-KB1	45 Q-K5ch	K-N1
8 N-B2	N-Q5	27 P-B5 ?	NPxP	46 QxPch	K-R1
9 P-B4	B-Q2	28 Q-R5	R-N3 ?	47 RxP ?	BxN
10 N-Q5	N-K1	29 B-N5	Q-K1	48 QxQB	R-Q1
11 P-B3	N-Rch	30 N-R4	RxB	49 RxQ	RxQ
12 QxN	P-K3	31 QxR	Q-K2	50 R-N7	N-N1
13 N-K3	P-QN4	32 Q-B4	Q-Q1	51 R-B3 !	B-Q3
14 P-QR3	P-QR4	33 R-B3	B-K2	52 R(B3)-B7	RxR
15 N-B3	Q-N3	34 R-R3	B-N4	53 RxR	K-N1 !
16 P-K5	P-Q4	35 Q-B2	Q-KB1	54 R-B5	N-Q2
17 N-B2	N-B2	36 N-B3	P-B3	55 RxP	B-B5
18 B-K3	KR-B1	37 PxP	BxP	56 NxP	N-B3 ?
19 Q-B2	N-R3	38 R-K1	P-N5	57 R-KB5	Resigns

(Notes marked (EFR) are by the winner).

3.B-K2; Why divert men to the queen's flank when a king's side attack is planned ? (EFR)

10...N-K1; 10...NxN!; 11.PxN,NxBch; 12.QxN,P-K3 favours black.

19...N-R3; Black puts everything into his queen's side attack, but this weakens his king's defence. (EFR)

23...K-R1; Better to open a file by 23...P-N5. The king is no safer on R1.

24...R-B1; Another wasted move.

25...R-KN1; Black has two pieces away from king's defence and cannot easily manoeuvre. (EFR)

27...NPxP; If 27...KPxP; 28.B-N5 ! (EFR)

28...R-N3; This loses the exchange, and 28...P-B3 ?; 29.PxP, QxBP; 30.B-B4 ! is even worse. Also, 28...B-K1 loses to 29.B-N5,P-B3 ?!; 30.PxP !, Q-KB2; 31.Q-R2 ! (threatening 32.N-K5,Q moves; 33.P-B7,BxBP; 34.E-B6ch), Q moves; 32.P-B7 !, followed by B-B6ch or Q-K5ch. The best defence is 28...Q-K1 !; 29.B-N5,B-K2, but Black's position after 30.B-B6ch,BxB; 31.PxB,Q-KB1; 32.N-K5,B-K1 is not very inviting.

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31...Q-K2; 31...Q-Q1 immediately is more accurate.

35...Q-K1; 35...BxP is answered by 36.NxP!

36...P-F3; Now...BxP? is answered by 37.Q-R4

39...B-K1; Black's sealed move (EFR)

40...P-N6; 40...B-QR5; 41.N-K3, PxP; 42.PxP, QxQRP wins a pawn but is defeated by 43.N(3)-N4!
e.g. 43...B-Q1; 44.N-B7ch, K-N1; 45.NxB, RxN; 46.Q-N5ch or 43...B-K2; 44.NxP1, QPxN; 45.Q-K5ch or 43...Q-K2; 44.NxB, QxN; 45.N-N4!, Q-K2; 46.Q-K5ch, K-N1; 47.N-B6ch, K-B2; 48.NxQP!

43...Q-N1; If 43...PxP; 44.N-B7ch (EFR)

44.N-Q7; Threatening mate in 3 (EFR)

44...Q-N4; Loses the KP with check, and 44...Q-B2; 45.Q-K5ch, K-N1; 46.PxP, BxN; 47.B-N3ch is no improvement. But 44...Q-N3!; 45.Q-K5ch, K-N1; 46.NxQP!, B-Q1!; 47.N(5)-B6ch, K-B2; 48.QxB, BxN; 49.NxB, KxN seems a lesser evil.

47.RxP; 47.Q-K5ch, K-N1; 48.QxPch, K-R1; 49.QxRch is the most accurate finish.

51.R-B3; Answers the threat of 51...BxP; 52.PxB, P-N7 and queens (EFR)

Played in Stoke K.O. Sneyd Green 'A' v Victory 'B' 11/10/68.

White : I. Paskin

Black : A.C. Finney

Ruy Lopez (Classical Defence)

1 P-K4	P-K4	7 PxP	B-N3	13 N-N5	B-B4
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	8 R-K1	KN-K2	14 P-K6	B-N3?
3 B-N5	B-B4	9 N-B3	P-R3	15 BxNch	PxB
4 O-O	P-Q3	10 B-R4	B-R4	16 B-R3	O-O
5 P-B3	B-Q2	11 P-K5	BxN	17 BxN	and White wins

12...P-Q4; 12...PxP; 13.NxP, NxN seems better.

13...B-B4; Alternatives such as 13...P-R3; 14.P-K6! do not get Black out of his difficulties either.

14...B-N3?; 14...PxP; 15.NxKP, BxN; 16.RxB, K-B2 appears to be the only way to avoid immediate loss of material.

16...O-O; 16...P-B3 is answered by 17.N-B7!

17.BxN; If 17...QxB; 18.PxPch, RxP; 19.RxQ

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Played in M.C.C.U. Correspondence Chess, 1967-8, Board 2.

White : R.A. Beach (Staffs) Black : A. Cockcroft (Lincolnshire)

Robatsch Defence

1 P-K4	P-KN3	12 P-K3	N-Q5??	23 K-N1!	Q-N4
2 P-Q4	B-N2	13 BxN	PxL	24 Q-B3	E-N5
3 P-KB4	P-Q3	14 O-O-O	Q-R4	25 Q-Q3	Q-N3
4 N-QB3	N-KB3	15 P-QR3	E-R3	26 P-Q6	P-QR4
5 N-B3	O-O	16 P-KN3	R-Q1	27 N-N5	P-R5
6 B-Q3	P-B4	17 P-KR3	B-K3	28 Q-B4	R-Q2
7 Pxp	Pxp	18 Q-B2	P-Q4	29 P-K6!	Rxp
8 P-K5	N-Q4	19 Qxp	P-K3	30 Pxpch	K-N2
9 NxN	QxN	20 BxB	B-B1?!	31 RxR	QxR
10 Q-K2	N-B3	21 P-B4	PxB	32 N-K6ch	K-R1
11 B-K4	Q-Q1	22 Pxp	Bxp!	33 R-QB1	Resigns

12...N-Q5?!; An interesting but apparently unsound pawn sacrifice.

12...Q-R4ch; 13.P-B3,R-Q2; 14.N-Q2!,B-K3; 15.BxN
also favours White slightly.

17.P-KR3; Preventing...B-N5. Not 17.NxP?,QxP!

20...B-B1?!; Or 20...RxB; 21.Q-N4!, or 20...PxB; 21.P-KR4!

22...Q-B4; Threat : 24...RXP!

20...B-B2; 30...K-R1; 31.P=Qch!,RxQ; 32.N-B7ch

31...QxR; If 31...BxR; 32.Q-B3ch,K-R3; 33.N-K6,B-B1; 34.Q-KB6,
Q-R4; 35.P-KN4 and 36.Q-R4ch

33...Resigns; Black, faced with the conditional continuation :

33...P-R4; 34.Q-K4,K-R2; 35.P=Q,RxQ; 36.NxRch,
QxN; 37.QxNPch,K-R3; 38.R-B7,P-N4; 39.R-B6ch,
B-Q3; 40.Q-Q7, resigned.

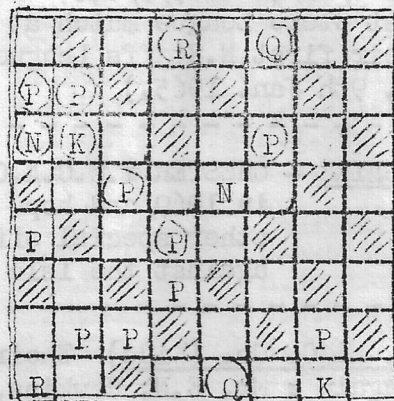
FIND THE CONTINUATION!

White to play and mate
in five.

White plays up the board.

Black pieces are ringed.

(Solution on Page 51.)



Stoke-on-Trent Chess League Individual Championship, 1968-9

The Championship this year consists of 2 All-play-all Sections of approximately equal strength. In each Section, the player with the highest score will receive a prize. The two section winners will then have a play-off match of two games, the winner of which will become the new League Individual Champion.

Section 'A' P. Griffin, W.J. Foley, A.E. Holdford, F. Rowley, M.C. Wright & J. Pawlowski.

Section 'B' T.M. Deaville, D.E.L. Crawley, J.A. Scott, M. Hancock, C.J. Atkinson, R. Edwards & P. Paskin.

Results so far :-

Section 'A' A.E. Holdford 1 F. Rowley 0

Section 'B' D.E.L. Crawley 0 P. Paskin 1
J.A. Scott 0 R. Edwards 1
M. Hancock 1 C.J. Atkinson 0
T.M. Deaville bye

Victory Chess Club

The Victory Chess Club has now ceased to meet at Hartshill and is now meeting at the Trinity Church Hall, (Opposite ODEON), Hanley. Victory's first official meeting at St Matthews, Hartshill was on 3/7/42 and their last was on 15/11/63. (26 years) The Tabernacle, Town Rd., Hanley was used by Victory for 22 years from 7/11/42 to 9/5/64. Now Victory enters a new era with their first Stoke League match at Trinity Church Hall on 22 Nov. 1963. (Their first N.Staffs League Match at Trinity Church Hall was on Sat. 9th Jan. 1965.)

CHESHIRE - CHESTER Y.M.C.A.C.C. celebrates its 50th anniversary in 1969 and hope to hold a week-end Congress amongst other special efforts. A recent two-round match against the Isle of Man resulted $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ & 5 - 5

ENG. ELEC. Co. (Kids) Their 'A' Team Captain and Match Secretary is again : Mr. E.N. Hawkins, same address as last year in Clough Hall Road, Kidsgrove. Their 'B' Team Captain and Match Secretary is : Mr. S. Elliott, The Old Parsonage, Station Road, Scholar Green.

North Staffs Chess League -- Results

Stafford 2½	Penkull 4½	Alsager ½
E.V. Foulkes 1	J. Allcock 1	P. Clarke 0
J.M. Quinn 1	J. Allcock 1	B. Anderson 0
R.V. Britters 0	R. Whiteside 1	C. Andrew 0
R.H. Walsh 1	D.J. Ward 1	J. Austin 0
P.A. Quinn 0	default ½	default ½
Crewe 3½	Alsager ½	Crewe 4½
M.N. Walsh ½	P. Clarke ½	M. McCrath ½
G. Chesters 1	F. Yung 0	A.S. Horrocks 1
C.J. Wheatley 1	K. Edmondson 0	M. Siewarga 1
D. Waud ½	J. Austin 0	D. Hargreaves 1
M. McGrath ½	W.D. Jenkins 0	H. Nottingham 1

Stoke & Newcastle League Results -- Division One

Penkull 'A' 3	Kidsgrove 2	Victory 'A' 2½	Victory 'B' 2½
J.E. Broome 1	A. Archer 0	T.M. Deaville ½	F. Cooper ½
D.J. Ward 1	P.V. Walton 0	A.E. Holdford 1	A.C. Finney 0
P. Engel 0	W. Dale 1	M.C. Wright 1	K. Greathach 0
T.E. Swain 0	G.H. Birch 1	R. Edwards 0	D.E. Crawley 1
I.B. Dean 1	A. Lippai 0	R.A. Mason 0	P. Donohoe 1
Leek 1½	Victory 'B' 3½	Sneyd Grn 'A' 0	Keele 'A' 5
Dr. T. Galla 1	F. Cooper 0	F. Saunders 0	M. March 1
S.H. Knott 0	D.E. Crawley 1	P. Paskin 0	D.I. Lister 1
E.G. Harris ½	A.C. Finney ½	J.S. Reader 0	A. Chaikin 1
A. Wood 0	K. Greathach 1	P. Rawlins 0	S.R. Curry 1
J. Nicholas 0	L.A. Landon 1	F. Rowley 0	J. Bowers 1
Victory 'B' 1	Victory 'A' 4	Leek 3½	Victory 'A' 1½
F. Cooper 0	T.M. Deaville 1	Dr. T. Galla 1	T.M. Deaville 0
A.C. Finney 0	A.E. Holdford 1	Dr. Hutchinson 0	A.E. Holdford 1
D.E. Crawley 0	M.C. Wright 1	E.G. Harris 1	M.C. Wright 0
J.W. Sherry 1	R.J. Edwards 0	A. Wood ½	R.J. Edwards ½
L.A. Landon 0	R.A. Mason 1	J. Nicholas 1	R.A. Mason 0
Victory 'B' 1½	Penkull 'A' 3½	Keele 'A' 3	E.E.C. Kids 'A' 2
A.C. Finney ½	M. Willder ½	M. March 0	R.A. Beach 1
D.E. Crawley 0	R. Whiteside 1	D.I. Lister 0	B. Hopewell 1
F. Cooper 0	D.J. Ward 1	A. Chaikin 1	E.N. Hawkins 0
J.W. Sherry 1	P. Engel 0	S.R. Curry 1	A. Hutchings 0
P. Donohoe 0	I.B. Dean 1	J. Bowers 1	D. Pilsworth 0

Stoke & Newcastle League Results - Division One

Kidsgrove 3½	Penkhull 'A' 1½	Penkhull 'A' 2½	E.E.C.Kids 'A' 2½
A.Archer 1	R.Whiteside 0	J.R.Day 0	R.A.Beach 1
P.V.Malbon ½	J.E.Broome ½	R.Whiteside 1	A.Hutchings 0
A.Lippai 0	D.J.Ward 1	J.E.Broome 0	M.Buck 1
A.R.Sandbach 1	default 0	D.J.Ward ½	P.Bowker ½
J.Chadwick 1	default 0	P.Engel 1	A.Mozley 0
Kidsgrove 0	Leek 5	Sneyd Grn 'A' 2½	Leek 2½
A.Archer 0	Dr.T.Galla 1	F.Saunders ½	Dr.T.Galla ½
default 0	Dr.Hutchinson 1	P.Paskin 1	E.G.Harris 0
A.R.Sandbach 0	E.G.Harris 1	G.Toft ½	A.Wood ½
G.H.Birch 0	A.Wood 1	J.S.Reader 0	J.Nicholas 1
F.Armitt 0	J.Nicholas 1	P.Rawlins ½	L.T.Stewart ½

Stoke & Newcastle League Results - Division Two

Blind S.C. 2	M.E.S.C. 3	Willfield 'A' 3½	Penkhull 'B' 1½
J.A.Scott 1	W.G.Booth 0	H.Langley ½	I.B.Dean ½
B.Foxall 0	J.E.Adkins 1	W.J.Foley 0	M.Willder 1
W.Rees 0	D.Walton 1	C.Atkinson 1	default 0
J.Pickford 0	R.Hodgkinson 1	J.Pawlowski 1	default 0
P.Griffin 1	K.Coates 0	R.Heaton 1	default 0
Sneyd Grn 'B' 3½	Penkhull 'B' 1½	E.E.C.Kids 'B' 3	Blind S.C. 2
F.Rowley ½	M.Williams ½	P.Brackner ½	J.Scott ½
R.Edge ½	I.B.Dean ½	M.Buck 1	B.Foxall 0
G.Hemmings ½	M.Willder ½	G.Wood 0	W.Rees 1
G.Key 1	S.R.Steele 0	S.Elliott ½	S.Lindop ½
T.Betts 1	R.J.Steele 0	T.Doust 1	J.Pickford 0
Blind S.C. 3	Penkhull 'B' 2	M.E.S.C. 2	Willfield 'B' 3
J.A.Scott 0	M.Williams 1	D.Morris 0	H.Deaville 1
W.Rees 0	I.E.Dean 1	D.Walton ½	P.Griffin ½
S.Lindop 1	M.Willder 0	F.Jackson 0	M.Hancock 1
J.H.Foley 1	S.R.Steele 0	G.Mills ½	S.Griffin ½
P.Griffin 1	T.E.Swain 0	K.Coates 1	W.Perry 0
Keele 'B' 2	M.E.S.C. 3	Willfield 'B' 5	Penkhull 'B' 0
J.Hoggart 1	W.G.Booth 0	P.Griffin 1	I.B.Dean 0
J.Wilde 0	J.E.Adkins 1	M.Hancock 1	M.Willder 0
R.Dutton 0	R.Hodgkinson 1	H.Deaville 1	M.Rowe 0
M.S.Linchis 1	A.Fodson 0	S.Griffin 1	R.J.Steele 0
default 0	G.Mills 1	W.Perry 1	default 0

Stoke & Newcastle League Results Division Two

E.E.C.Kids 'B' 3½	Penkull 'B' 1½	Willfield 'B' 2½	Blind S.C. 2½
S.Elliott 0	M.Williams 1	M.Hancock ½	J.A.Scott ½
M.Buck ½	I.B.Dean ½	P.Griffin 1	B.Foxall 0
Mrs.Hofer 1	M.Willder 0	H.Deaville 0	W.Rees 1
A.Doust 1	R.J.Steele 0	S.Griffin 1	S.Lindop 0
J.Hofer 1	M.Rowe 0	E.Hancock 0	J.Pickford 1
Willfield 'B' 4½	M.E.S.C. ½	Penkull 'B' 4	Sneyd Grn 'B' 1
P.Griffin 1	J.B.Adkins 0	I.B.Dean 1	F.Rowley 0
M.Hancock 1	D.Walton 0	M.Willder ½	R.Edge ½
S.Griffin ½	R.Hodgkinson ½	T.E.Swain 1	G.Hemmings 0
E.Hancock 1	A.Hodson 0	M.Rowe ½	G.Key ½
D.Salt 1	K.Coates 0	G.A.Lewis 1	P.Ball 0
Penkull 'B' 2	Willfield 'B' 3	Keele 'B' 2½	E.E.C.Kids 'B' 2½
M.Williams 0	M.Hancock 1	J.Hoggart 1	M.Buck 0
I.B.Dean 0	P.Griffin 1	R.Dutton ½	P.Brackner ½
M.Willder 1	S.Griffin 0	M.S.Linchis 1	J.Hofer 0
S.R.Steele 0	E.Hancock 1	D.Petch 0	G.Woad 1
R.Griffiths 1	default 0	D.Morgan 0	Mrs.J.Hofer 1

Stoke K.O. Round One

Willfield 'B' 2½	M.E.S.C. 2½	E.E.C.Kids 5	Willfield 'A' 0
P.Griffin 0	D.Morris 1	R.A.Beach 1	J.Pawlowski 0
M.Hancock 1	J.B.Adkins 0	B.Hopewell 1	W.J.Foley 0
S.Griffin 0	F.Jackson 1	H.F.Harte 1	C.Atkinson 0
H.Deaville 1	G.Mills 0	A.Hutchings 1	R.Heaton 0
W.Perry ½	A.Hodson ½	P.Brackner 1	E.Hancock 0
Kidsgrove 2	Victory 'A' 3	Leek 1	Keele 'A' 4
G.G.Booth 0	T.M.Deaville 1	Dr.T.Galla 0	D.I.Lister 1
P.Malbon 1	M.C.Wright 0	J.Nicholas 0	M.March 1
W.Dale 0	A.E.Holdford 1	G.Price 0	S.R.Curry 1
J.Chadwick 0	R.J.Edwards 1	M.Broome 0	A.Chaikin 1
A.R.Sandbach 1	D.E.Crawley 0	S.H.Knott 1	J.Bowers 0

Stoke K.O. Rd.1 (Replay)

M.E.S.C. 1½	Willfield 'B' 3½
D.Morris ½	P.Griffin ½
W.G.Booth 0	M.Hancock 1
J.B.Adkins ½	S.Griffin ½
D.Walton ½	W.Perry ½
F.Jackson 0	H.Deaville 1

Stoke K.O. Subs 1st Rd.

Penkull 'B' 2	Sneyd Grn 'A' 3
I.B.Dean 1	F.Saunders 0
M.Willder 1	J.S.Reader 0
M.Rowe 0	P.Rawlins 1
default 0	G.Toft 1
default 0	F.Daniels 1

W-ton League Results. Div I.

<u>Walsall 14</u>	<u>W-ton K. 'B' 14</u>	<u>W-ton 'A' 4</u>	<u>Bushbury 'B' 2</u>
H. Baines 1/2	R. Walker 1/2	J. Fellows 1	S. Stacey 0
S. Johnson a	N. Sims a	B. Priest 1/2	L. Armstrong 1/2
B. Marshall a	G. Humphries a	L. Williams 1	Shuttleworth 0
J. Sturrock a	R. G. Stokes a	N. Boydon 1/2	G. Link 1/2
C. Tomlinson 0	F. Bassett 1	B. Lead 1	J. Kenwick 0
F. Lees 1	J. Elliott 0	L. Hesbrook 0	J. Moore 1

<u>West Brom Cen 0</u>	<u>Stafford 6</u>	<u>S & L 'A' 2</u>	<u>Walsall 4</u>
V. Clark 0	F. O'Reilly 1	J. Charles 0	H. Baines 1
K. Elwell 0	R. Butters 1	H. New 1/2	S. Johnson 1/2
B. Lloyds 0	J. Quinn 1	M. Bacon 1	J. Sturrock Def
D. Heathcote 0	P. Jackson 1	B. Marsh 1/2	B. Marshall 1/2
K. Francis 0	E. Ratcliffe 1	J. Holloway 0	E. Lees 1
R. Burton 0	P. Greatbach 1	S. Simonovic 0	W. Clayton 1

<u>Bushbury A 5 1/2</u>	<u>W-ton A 4</u>	<u>Stafford 4 1/2</u>	<u>Dudley B 1 1/2</u>
R. Kermeen 1	J. Fellows 0	R. Butters 1	C. Woodhall 0
C. Rix 1	B. Priest 0	F. O'Reilly 1	J. Johnson 0
A. Boxley 1/2	N. Boydon 1/2	J. Quinn 1	W. Cox 0
P. Staley 1	L. Williams 0	P. Jackson 1	J. Moss 0
G. Link 1	P. Walkins 0	E. Ratcliffe 0	J. Tromans 1
G. Hicks 1	J. Holt 0	R. Walsh 1/2	J. Horne 1/2

<u>W-ton K. 'B' 2</u>	<u>West Brom Cen 4</u>	<u>Dudley B 4 1/2</u>	<u>W-ton K. B. 1 1/2</u>
R. Walker 0	W. Clark 1	C. Woodhall 1	R. Walker 0
N. Sims 1	B. Lloyd 0	J. Johnson 0	J. Beasley 1
G. Edwards 1	K. Francis 0	W. Cox 1	J. Bargery 0
W. Stokes 0	R. Jukes 1	J. Moss 1/2	W. Stokes 1/2
J. Elliott 0	K. Elwell 1	J. Tromans 1	F. Bassett 0
F. Bassett 0	R. Burton 1	J. Horne 1	J. Elliott 0

<u>West Brom C 1</u>	<u>S & L 'A' 5</u>
W. Clark. 1	D. J. Charles 1
D. Sedgley 1	D. H. New 1
K. Francis 1/2	D. Beddard 1/2
B. Lloyd 0	M. Bacon 1
K. Elwell 1/2	B. Marsh 1/2
D. Heathcote 1	J. Holloway 1

ADJOURNED GAMES.

<u>Dudley A. 3</u>	<u>Dudley B. 3</u>
G. Elwell 0	J. Johnson 1
<u>Dudley A. 5</u>	<u>West Brom Cen 1</u>
G. Elwell 1	K. Francis 0
<u>Stafford 4</u>	<u>Walsall 2</u>
R. Beach 1	H. Baines 0
J. Quinn 1/2	S. Johnson 1/2
P. Jackson 1/2	J. Sturrock 1/2

W-ton League Results, Div II.

West Brom 2	W-ton 'B' 2	Thompson A 1½	Walsall B 4½
C.Southall a	L.Hesbrook a	G.Lines 0	B.Marshall 1
D.Woodman 0	P.Garner 1	Mrs Briscoe 0	J.Withnall 1
T.Jones 1	Wyane-Jones D	R.Jones ½	W.Clayton ½
N.Ferringtona	R.Cook a	K.Pittaway 1	M.Elsdon 0
C.Roberts 1	A.Turner D	R.Briscoe 0	R.Webb 1
S.Smith 0	J.Holt 1	J.Gower 0	C.Sanders 1
Hobson A. 2	Rub. Owen 4	Rub. Owen 5	Bushbury C 1
Rooney.B 0	C.Winmill 1	B.Nagle 1	R.Morris 0
K.Phillips. ½	B.Nagle ½	C.Winmill 1	P.Trevor 0
F.Whitehouse 0	H.Lewis 1	Mrs Anderton 1	D.Carter 0
H.Terry 0	Mrs Anderton 1	H.Lewis 1	S.Thompson 0
Watts.L 1	D.Wall 0	D.Wall 0	D.Purcell 1
G.Robb ½	R.Maullin ½	W.Staite 1	S.Carter 0
S & L. B 0	West Brom 6	Stafford B 4½	Hobsons A. 1½
K.Matthews D	W.Wiater 1	E.Foulds 0	B.Rooney 1
S.Simonovic 0	D.Woodman 1	J.Quinn 1	K.Phillips 0
W.Kerr 0	T.Jones 1	W.Hodgkins 1	G.Robb 0
D.Martin 0	N.Ritchie 1	P.Quinn 1	I.Cartwright 0
D.Gadd 0	N.Ferrington 1	A.Loughhead 1	H.Terry 0
J.Brookes 0	C.Roberts 1	G.Robinson ½	Whitehouse. ½
W-ton K. C 3½	Thompson A 2½	Thompson A 4	W-ton B 2.
J.Beasley 1	G.Lines 0	R.Jones 1	P.Walkins 0
I.Fleury ½	K.Pittaway ½	G.Lines 1	L.Hesbrook 0
Wajeichowskil	Mrs Briscoe 0	R.Briscoe 0	H.Jones 1
C.Hemming 0	R.Briscoe 1	K.Pittaway 1	P.Garner 0
B.McDonough 1	J.Gower 0	A.Wadhawan 0	J.Holt 1
M.Hammer 0	J.Briscoe 1	Mrs Briscoe 1	A.Turner 0
West Brom 3½	Rub.Owen 2½	Bushbury C. 0	Stafford B 6
C.Southall 1	C.Winmill 0	D.Carter 0	E.Foulds 1
W.Wiater 1	B.Nagle 0	Shuttleworth 0	J.Quinn 1
D.Woodman ½	Mrs Anderton ½	J.Kenwick 0	P.Jackson 1
T.Jones 1	B.Jolly 0	A.Black 0	P.Quinn 1
N.Ferrington 0	R.Maullin 1	S.Thompson 0	A.Loughhead 1
C.Roberts 0	W.Staite 1	A.Blower 0	G.Sproston 1

Find the Continuation (see page 45) - Solution.

This position is from actual play, but is more like a problem than a game ending :-

1.Q-R5ch KxQ
2.N-B4ch K-N5

3.R-R3 !! any
4.P-B3ch PxP

5.PxP mate.

W-ton League Results. Div III

S & L 'C'	0	Dudley 'C'	5	Hobson B	2	G.K.N. (Lab)	3
W.Kerr	0	G.S-Roberts	1	L.Watts	0	A.Evans	1
L.Scarrott	0	J.Horne	1	H.Terry	0	C.Wilkinson	1
K.Watkinson	0	A.Moore	1	G.Robb	0	H.Hartshornel	1
J.Brookes	0	F.Lloyd	1	D.Powell	1	C.Hale	0
S.Rait	0	Mrs Lloyd	1	C.Evans	1	K.Sachs	0
E.C.C.	3	Hobson 'C'	2	Thompson B	3½	Walsall C	1½
G.Rose	1	J.Grugulis	0	R.Farmer	0	J.Withnall	1
W.Phipps	1	R.Evans	0	J.Gower	½	R.Webb	½
P.McAvilley	0	G.Peake	1	J.Briscoe	1	D.Thomas	0
T.Tonks	1	R.Lewis	0	R.Evans	1	A.Irons	0
L.Saunders	0	Miss Terry	1	A.Wadhawan	1	N.Meredith	0
Dudley C	4	Thompson B	1	G.K.N(Lab)	5	Bushbury D	0
G.S-Roberts	0	J.Gower	1	A.Evans	1	D.Purcell	0
F.Lloyd	1	R.Farmer	0	R.Johns	1	P.Trevor	0
A.Moore	1	A.Wadhawan	0	H.Hartshornel	1	A.Jones	0
B.Smith	1	J.Briscoe	0	R.Johnson	1	S.Thompson	0
Mrs Lloyd	1	B.Walters	0	N.McBroom	1	C.Hulme	0
Hobson C	5	S & L. C	0	Hobson 'B'	5	Hobson 'C'	0
J.Grugulis	1	D.Gadd	D	W.Nixon	1	J.Grugulis	0
G.Peake	1	L.Scarrott	D	L.Watts	1	W.Wright	0
R.Evans	1	A.Onions	0	G.Robb	1	G.Peake	0
W.Terry	1	J.Brookes	0	D.Powell	1	W.Terry	0
R.Lewis	1	K.Watkinson	D	C.Evans	1	P.Terry	0

ROCK CUP RESULTS. Rd. I

G.Lines	1	L.Hesbrook	0	F.Lloyd	1	K.Matthews	0
H.Jones	1	J.Kenwick	0	R.Maullin	0	K.Phillips	1
K.Pittaway	1	D.Powell	0	A.Sadler	1	P.Staley	0
R.Jones	1	J.Grugulis	0	R.Jukes	1	M.Bacon	Def
G.Robb	0	Mrs Anderton	1	W.Clark	1	Mrs Lloyd	0
W.Boydon	1	L.Watts	0	F.Whitepusel	1	D.Edwards	0
B.Smith	0	B.Lloyd	1	B.Nagle	1	K.Francis	0
W.Cox	1	D.Conway	Def	B.McDonough	1	C.Laughter	0
B.Shuttleworth	1	D.Lowe	Def	B.Lead	1	R.Burton	0
B.Sanders	BYE.						

WOLVERHAMPTON LEAGUE.DIVISION ONE.

<u>Team.</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Stafford C.C.	3	3	0	0	0	6
W-ton Kipping 'A'	3	3	0	0	0	6
Walsall Kipping 'A'	4	3	0	1	0	6
Wolverhampton 'A'	3	2	0	1	0	4
Dudley 'A'	2	1	1	0	0	3
Dudley 'B'	3	1	1	1	0	3
Bushbury 'A'	2	1	0	1	0	2
Bushbury 'B'	4	1	0	3	0	2
Stewarts & Lloyds A	4	1	0	3	0	2
West Brom Central.	4	1	0	3	0	2
W-ton Kipping 'B'	4	0	0	4	0	0

DIVISION TWO.

Stafford 'B'	3	3	0	0	0	6
West Bromwich.	4	3	0	1	0	6
W-ton Kipping 'C'	3	2	0	0	1	4
Rubery Owen.	4	2	0	2	0	4
Walsall Kipping 'B'	2	1	0	0	1	2
Stewarts & Lloyds 'B'	2	1	0	1	0	2
J.Thompson 'A'	3	1	0	2	0	2
Wolverhampton 'B'	3	1	0	2	0	2
Bushbury 'C'	3	0	0	3	0	0
Hobson 'A'	3	0	0	3	0	0

DIVISION THREE.

G.K.N. (Lab)	4	4	0	0	0	8
Dudley 'C'	3	3	0	0	0	6
Hobson 'B'	4	3	0	1	0	6
E.C.C.	3	2	0	1	0	4
Hobson 'C'	3	1	0	2	0	2
J.Thompson 'B'	3	1	0	2	0	2
Walsall Kipping 'C'	3	1	0	2	0	2
Bushbury 'D'	3	0	0	3	0	0
Stewarts & Lloyds 'C'	4	0	0	4	0	0

Stoke & Newcastle District Chess League Tables

<u>DIVISION ONE</u>	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>PTS.</u>
Leek Arts Club	5	3	1	1	7
Penkhull Church 'A'	5	3	1	1	7
Eng. Elec. Co. (Kids) 'A'	4	2	1	1	5
Keele University 'A'	2	2	0	0	4
Kidsgrove	6	2	4	0	4
Victory 'A'	3	1	1	1	3
Victory 'B'	5	1	3	1	3
Sneyd Green 'A'	4	0	3	1	1

DIVISION TWO

Willfield Y.A. 'B'	7	5	0	2	12
Eng. Elec. Co. (Kids) 'B'	4	2	0	2	6
Blind Social Centre	5	2	2	1	5
M.E.S.C.	4	2	2	0	4
Sneyd Green 'B'	3	1	1	1	3
Willfield Y.A. 'A'	3	1	1	1	3
Penkhull Church 'B'	8	1	7	0	2
Keele University 'B'	2	0	1	1	1

Adjudications The following four matches are standing at 2 - 2 and are each awaiting decisive adjudications :-

Div. 1 Penkhull 'A' v Sneyd Grn 'A' Keele 'A' v Kidsgrove

Div. 2 E.E.C.Kids 'B' v Willfield 'A' Sneyd Grn 'B' v M.E.S.C.

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North Staffs & District Chess League

	<u>P.</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>PTS.</u>
Crewe	2	2	0	0	4
Penkhull	1	1	0	0	2
Willfield	1	0	0	1	1
Stafford	1	0	0	1	1
Victory	1	0	1	0	0
Alsager	2	0	2	0	0

Staffordshire v Warwickshire

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In the first County Championship match of the season held at John Thompson on Saturday 19 October, Warwickshire avenged their defeat of last season by crushing Staffordshire 15-5. The Warwickshire side was at full strength and on this form Warwickshire stand an excellent chance of regaining the English Counties title. The Staffordshire side was not at its strongest but even with the full side playing would not have been a match for this opposition. On the top five boards Staffordshire could muster only half a point and on the bottom five boards only another half point. The middle ten boards almost held their own scoring four points between them. This defeat underlines a weakness that has been apparent for some years, and urgent measures will have to be taken to strengthen the top and bottom of the team before the next match against Warwickshire. Detailed results as follows:

<u>Staffordshire</u>			<u>Warwickshire</u>		
1.	D W Anderton	$\frac{1}{2}$	W R Morry	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2.	Default	0	B Cafferty	1	
3.	V G Jenson	0	J A Fuller	1	
4.	R A Beach	0	J A Lawrence	1	
5.	R Keely	0	P C Gibbs	1	
6.	G Homer	$\frac{1}{2}$	P C Griffiths	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7.	D Backhouse	0	J J Carleton	1	
8.	S G Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}$	J D L Ball	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9.	J Fellows	0	R Woodford	1	
10.	F J O'Reilly	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Hammersley	$\frac{1}{2}$	
11.	M Reynolds	$\frac{1}{2}$	R V M Hall	$\frac{1}{2}$	
12.	M C Wright	1	G N Stokes	0	
13.	M Fleury	0	C C W Shepherd	1	
14.	J D Hughes	0	R J M Farley	1	
15.	D Lamb	1	S J Wallace	0	
16.	R J Edwards	0	W J Gordan	1	

17.	J H Baines	$\frac{1}{2}$	D W Bell	$\frac{1}{2}$
18.	E W Lees	0	J F Green	1
19.	G M Jones	0	J L Warren	1
20.	R F Walker	0	A J Miles	1
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