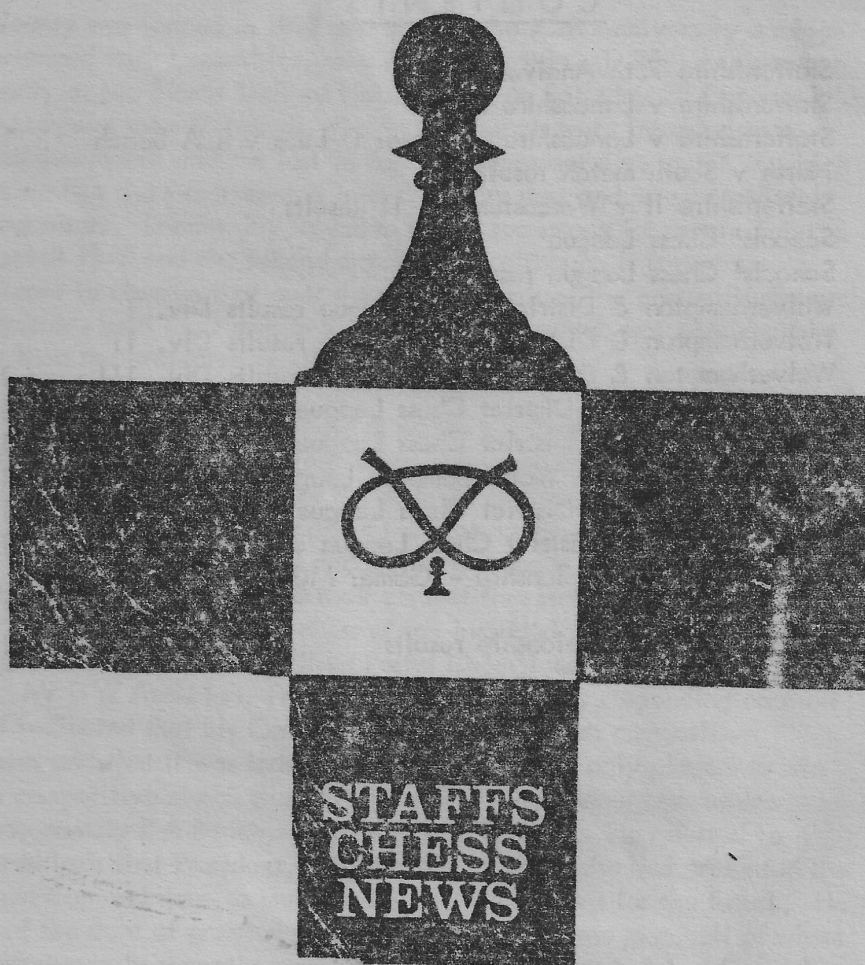


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STAFFORDSHIRE'S 75th ANNIVERSARY

The County was formed in 1897 and to mark the 75th Anniversary a match was arranged with Lancashire, who also celebrate their 75th Anniversary this year, at the North Stafford Hotel, Stoke on Saturday 28 October. The match was over 30 boards, the first 16 boards were intended to be a competitive match and the last 14 boards a representative match in which both Counties were represented in the main by past and present officials and organisers. Lancashire proved to be far too strong for us winning the first match 11-5 and the second match 11-3, although it is perhaps significant to observe that over the top 10 boards of the competitive match Staffordshire held their own 5-5, a performance which was considerably better than the projected grading result.

After the match a dinner was held at which the President of the British Chess Federation, Mr P S Milner-Barry, proposed the toast to Lancashire and Staffordshire. He spoke of the strength of County chess which was the nursery for the internationals of the past and the future.

Mr C G Hilton, President of Lancashire, responded on behalf of his County and made reference to their competitive successes both over the board and at correspondence chess which included winning the Counties Championship and the Ward Higgs Postal Championship outright 15 times each. Mr D W Anderton, President of Staffordshire, responding on their behalf indicated that his County could not claim such competitive successes and that it was indeed significant that the only players to win in the competitive match that afternoon had been former Lancashire players, namely R A Beach, G R Evans and D Lamb. He referred to Staffordshire's first President, Sir Alfred Hickman, who had presented the Hickman Cup and done so much to lay the foundations for the future. He spoke of the debt of gratitude which was owed to three men, all of whom had unfortunately recently passed away, L W Mercer, L A Landon and M O Bidgood, and he expressed the view that the County was fortunate to have men of the same mould in many of the posts held by organisers today. Staffordshire had two national champions - M A Stevenson, who was joint under 15 Champion at Leamington in 1958 and J M Quinn of Stafford who was present at the dinner, the 1972 under 21 Champion; (R A Beach, who won the under 18 championship in 1961, was a Lancashire player at that time) and the Staffordshire juniors had won the under 18 Counties Championship in 1970. He concluded by thanking the

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organisers of the dinner from Lancashire and Staffordshire for creating such an enjoyable function. Here is the match result.

Competitive match

<u>Lancashire</u> 11			<u>Staffordshire</u> 5		
1.	D Lees	0	R A Beach	1	
2.	J E Littlewood	1	J Montgomery	0	
3.	M J Corden	$\frac{1}{2}$	D W Anderton	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4.	A J Mestel	$\frac{1}{2}$	C S Barnard	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5.	M Firth	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Martin	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6.	C G Hilton	1	J M Quinn	0	
7.	M J Conroy	0	G R Evans	1	
8.	D G Horseman	1	J H Baines	0	
9.	P Joyce	$\frac{1}{2}$	N Young	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10.	M J O'Hara	0	D Lamb	1	
11.	H Lamb	1	I C R MacGillivray	0	
12.	D G Ellison	1	P G Jackson	0	
13.	E A Little	1	D Pardoe	0	
14.	T J Beach	1	S L Wiggin	0	
15.	J Tennant-Smith	1	W Armstrong	0	
16.	A J Mort	1	R J Edwards	0	

Representative match

11			3		
1.	J R Nicholson	1	E F Ratcliffe	0	
2.	H Temkin	$\frac{1}{2}$	E W Lees	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3.	A G Ward	1	K Pittaway	0	
4.	M Bennett	$\frac{1}{2}$	F Rowley	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5.	J Howarth	1	A T Leadbetter	0	
6.	N P Hacking	1	W N Boydon	0	
7.	G A M Boswell	0	D G Edwards	1	
8.	H Koffman	0	R M Ewan	1	
9.	N T Robinson	1	M Anderton	0	
10.	F V Chorley	1	P M J Norris	0	
11.	T R Holt	1	R Groening	0	
12.	T Moth	1	C Bennion	0	
13.	M Srokosz	1	A P Guest	0	
14.	C Corden (Mrs)	1	W Terry (Miss)	0	

D Lees v R A Beach (Ruy Lopez - Keres Defence)

1. P-K4 P-K4; 2. N-KB3 N-QB3; 3. B-N5 P-QR3; 4. B-R4 N-B3; 5. O-O B-K2; 6. R-K1 P-QN4; 7. B-N3 P-Q3; 8. P-B3 O-O; 9. P-KR3 N-QR4; 10. B-B2 P-B4; 11. P-Q4 N-Q2; 12. QN-Q2 BPxP; 13. PxP N-QB3; 14. N-B1 PxP; 15. NxP NxN; 16. QxN N-K4; 17. N-K3? BxP!; 18. N-Q5 B-K3; 19. B-B4 B-B3; 20. Q-N4 R-B1; 21. QR-B1 RxB; 22. RxR N-Q6; 23. Q-Q2 NxR; 24. QxN BxN; 25. PxB R-K1; 26. R-K2 RxR; 27. QxR P-N3; 28. K-B1 Q-K2; 29. P-QN3 QxQch; 30. KxQ B-K4; 31. B-Q2 K-B1; 32. K-Q3 K-K2; 33. P-R4 P-KR4; 34. PxP PxP; 35. B-N5ch K-Q2; 36. B-Q2 B-B3; 37. K-K4 B-Q1; 38. P-B3 B-N3; 39. B-N5 B-Q1; 40. B-Q2 B-R5; 41. B-B4 K-B2; 42. B-K3 B-N6; 43. K-Q3 K-N2; 44. B-Q2 K-N3; 45. B-N4? P-B4; 46. K-K3 P-N4; 47. K-K2 P-N5; 48. PxP BPxP; 49. K-K3 P-R5; 50. K-K4 P-R6; 51. PxP PxP; 52. K-B3 P-R7; 53. K-N2 K-B2; 54. White resigns.

Notes on above game - Staffs v Lancs Board 1

17. N-K3?; overlooking Black's threat - or was this a deliberate pawn sacrifice? Anyway, whether this move is a blunder or a sacrifice, White fails to obtain sufficient compensation for the pawn.

18. N-Q5; naturally, the Bishop cannot be captured because of

18...N-B6ch. 18. P-B4 would be answered by 18...N-B3 and now

19. Q-Q3 N-N5 or 19. Q-B3 B-Q2.

19. B-B4; if 19. P-B4, then 19...N-B3?; 20. Q-Q3 would set Black some problems, but 19...B-R5! following by 20...N-N5 would be a much stronger reply.

20. Q-N4; Black threatened 20...N-B6ch. After 20. NxBch QxN, White cannot play 21. QxQP? because of 21...QxB. But White's queen is not well placed on QN4, and so 20. K-B1! may be best. Black would then have some difficulty in countering the pressure on his QP, but could maintain his advantage by 20...R-B1; 21. B-QN3 K-R1!; 22. KR-Q1 N-B3; 23. Q-Q2 B-K4.

21. QR-B1; 21. R-K2 would avoid the knight fork at Q6.

21...RxB; another tempting line was 21...BxN; 22. PxB R-B5; 23. Q-Q2 R-Q5!; 24. Q-K3 N-B5! (not 24...RxP?; 25. Q-K4); and now 25. Q-KR3 P-KN3; 26. B-R6? R-R5 or 25. Q-KN3 RxQP or 25. Q-KB3 NxNP. This line, winning a second pawn, may have been even stronger than the text, which was designed to simplify towards a won ending.

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NORTH v SOUTH MATCH

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER 1972

The North gave the South a trouncing in the annual county trial. Here are the results:

<u>North</u>		10	<u>South</u>		6
1.	J Montgomery	1	A Sadler		0
2.	J M Guinn	0	D Lamb		1
3.	G R Evans	1	W P Taylor		0
4.	M G Smith	0	I C R MacGillivray		1
5.	M C Wright	$\frac{1}{2}$	I Fleury		$\frac{1}{2}$
6.	W Armstrong	1	C Tomlinson		0
7.	R J Edwards (Stoke)	$\frac{1}{2}$	A A Roberts		$\frac{1}{2}$
8.	P Paskin	0	E W Lees		1
9.	A T Leadbetter	0	W N Clayton		1
10.	D Pardoe	1	K J Thompson		0
11.	J Hodgkinson	1	P M J Norris		0
12.	J M Fletcher	1	R Jones		0
13.	D J Ward	1	D G Edwards		0
14.	T E Swain	1	J C Freeman		0
15.	R M Ewan	0	Miss W Terry		1
16.	F Cooper	1	K G Humphreys		0

<u>Juniors - North</u>		5	<u>South</u>		6
1.	M W Leibeck	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Yates		$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	M Hancock	1	S D Hasketh		0
3.	R M Wren	$\frac{1}{2}$	S H Dickens		$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	G Woods	$\frac{1}{2}$	K Greening		$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	N P Daws	$\frac{1}{2}$	P W French		$\frac{1}{2}$
6.	J M Lovatt	0	P A Jefferson		1
7.	B C Connor	0	A R Powis		1
8.	R C Jones	0	P Terry		1
9.	P M Topley	0	N J Innocent		1
10.	J M Bland	1	M Horrigan		0
11.	R M Moss	1	I P Dale		0

STAFFORDSHIRE 11 v WORCESTERSHIRE 11

Saturday 4 November

Staffordshire 11 are losing 12-7 to Worcestershire 11 with the board 3 game for adjudication in which Staffordshire claim a win. Here are the results:

<u>Staffordshire</u>		7	<u>Worcestershire</u>		12
1.	B Marshall	1	R J Bullock		0
2.	P G Jackson	0	J Duckworth		1
3.	E W Lees	A	G C Link		A
4.	J W Withnall	1	J Clark		0
5.	W N Clayton	1	E R Cox		0
6.	R Jones	0	D Adshead		1
7.	C Tomlinson	1	J Johnson		0
8.	A T Leadbetter	0	C L Proctor		1
9.	B Nagle	$\frac{1}{2}$	D W Close		$\frac{1}{2}$
10.	K A J Francis	$\frac{1}{2}$	C Hart		$\frac{1}{2}$
11.	R M Ewan	0	J J Roe		1
12.	G Edwards	0	W J Pugh		1
13.	G De Visme	0	S M Harris		1
14.	L Hesbrook	1	I Manley		0
15.	G Stokes-Roberts	0	P Thomas		1
16.	M Lloyd	$\frac{1}{2}$	G Thomas		$\frac{1}{2}$
17.	R Briscoe	0	B J D Hughes		1
18.	J Briscoe	0	D W Peterson		1
19.	P M J Norris	$\frac{1}{2}$	W E Cox		$\frac{1}{2}$
20.	F Lloyd	0	C Siviter		1

SCHOOLS' CHESS LEAGUE

A Schools' Chess League to cover the whole of Staffordshire has been formed. Seven schools have joined the league, namely - Aldridge Grammar; Alleynes, Stone; Hageley Park, Rugeley; King Edward VI, Stafford; King Edward VI, Lichfield; Newcastle High; St Joseph's, Trent Vale. If anyone interested in junior chess would like to help this new league with the gift of a trophy, it would be most welcome. Please contact the Secretary, A T Leadbetter, King Edward VI School, Newport Road, Stafford.

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STAFFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS' CHESS LEAGUE RESULTS

<u>Senior Division</u>		4	2	5	1		
<u>K Edward VI Stafford</u>			<u>Alleyes Stone</u>	<u>K Edward VI Lich.</u>	<u>Hageley Pk, Rug.</u>		
C Shelbourn	1	J Sherwin	0	P M J Norris	1	D Pierpoint	0
R Wren	1	N Sullivan	0	A Yalis	1	A Jones	0
J M Bland	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Jefferson	1	L Bilons	0
P Hill	$\frac{1}{2}$	W Radford	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Greening	1	M Purfett	0
D Shelley	0	J Lewis	1	N Innocent	1	M Reed	0
P Crossley	1	M Pick	0	I Jefferson	0	S Mulrooney	1

				<u>Junior Division</u>			
<u>Newcastle High</u>	5	<u>St Joseph</u>	1	<u>K E Stafford</u>	6	<u>Alleyes</u>	0
Liebeck	1	Sweeney	0	Dale	1	S Latham	0
Paffard	0	Ryan	1	A Kawecki	1	S Hodge	0
Skitt	1	Burns	0	C Gant	1	A Jackson	0
Dawes	1	Clarke	0	S Galliers	1	I Morris	0
Nussbaum	1	Cooke	0	M Duckworth	1	N Connell	0
Lovatt	1	Watts	0	M Glover	1	Default	0

<u>K E Lichfield</u>	0	<u>Hageley Pk</u>	6	<u>Newcastle</u>	0	<u>St Josephs</u>	6
S Pretty	0	W Hulley	1	Green	0	John	1
P Keene	0	K Wilson	1	Cheney	0	Harris	1
G Oakes	0	G Heath	1	Mitchell	0	Quinn	1
N Griffin	0	William-Jones	1	Bagnall	0	Forrester	1
A Williamson	0	N Savic	1	Taylor	0	O'Neill	1
B Williams	0	P Ashley	1	Honey	0	Wallace	1

WOLVERHAMPTON & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE RESULTS Division I

<u>Stourbridge A</u>	5	<u>Mercia A</u>	1	<u>Mercia A</u>	1	<u>Stafford A</u>	4
B G Dudley	1	G S-Roberts	0	G S-Roberts	0	J Montgomery	1
J D Williams	1	K A J Francis	0	K A J Francis	A	J M Quinn	A
J D Duckworth	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	R V H Butters	$\frac{1}{2}$
C Proctor	1	M Lloyd	0	M Lloyd	0	D Pardoe	1
F Tatler	1	P Guest	0	F Lloyd	0	P G Jackson	1
N A M Sheehy	$\frac{1}{2}$	F Lloyd	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Khan	$\frac{1}{2}$	R M Ewan	$\frac{1}{2}$

West Brom A	4½	Stourbridge A	1½	W'ton Kipp.A	2½	Shrewsbury	3½
G Homer	0	G F Harris	1	A Sadler	½	A Millington	½
C Southall	1	Fernihough	0	W P Taylor	½	R Cox	½
R Tarkowski	½	J Duckworth	½	I Fleury	1	A Glaze	0
W Wiater	1	G J Burford	0	N Sims	0	D Mease	1
T Jones	1	C Proctor	0	A Roberts	½	Dr Gommell	½
C Roberts	1	F Tatler	0	F Bassett	0	S Hicks	1

W'ton A	3½	Springvale	2½
J Fellows	1	J Charles	0
L D Williams	1	M T Bacon	0
W N Boydon	0	K R Grainger	1
N P Cook	½	J Holloway	½
B Priest	1	D Conway	0
L G Hesbrook	0	H New	1

Division II

Dudley	1	Penn B-L	5	W'ton B	2½	Stafford B	3½
C Siviter	0	A Boxley	1	L Hesbrook	0	D Pardoe	1
I Tudor-Williams	0	D Smith	1	G Stokes	½	A Leadbetter	½
M Garbett	1	G Carless	0	G Evans	0	G De Visme	1
M Halliday	0	F Marson	1	S Macdonald	1	R Wren	0
G Sims	0	H Terry	1	R Cook	0	E Shad	1
S Jukes	0	D Cunningham	1	R Smith	1	P Champion	0

W'sall C	1	Rugeley	5	J Thomp.A	2	Walsall C	4
M Groombridge	½	J Shaw	½	R Jones	1	E Jones	0
S Glebocki	0	D Robinson	1	R Evans	½	M Groombridge	½
R Jones	0	E Heap	1	G Lines	0	R Jones	1
S Dickens	0	M Page	1	R Farmer	0	S Dickens	1
A Powis	½	G Edwards	½	A Arthell	½	S Glebocki	½
W Poxton	0	A Walker	1	J Gower	0	A Powis	1

Stafford B	4	Dudley B	1	W'ton K B	2½	Penn BL B	3½
A Leadbetter	0	C Siviter	1	G Humphreys	½	D Cunningham	½
R M Ewan	A	M Garbett	A	D G Edwards	1	Miss W Terry	0
G De Visme	1	W E Cox	0	R J Quinton	1	S Klymko	0
R Wren	1	A Cox	0	J V Bargery	0	W French	1
E Shad	1	W Cross	0	J Baker	0	J French	1
P J Champion	1	I T Williams	0	B Tisdell	0	P Terry	1

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Stourbridge B	3	J Thomp. A	3	Dudley B	2	Penn BL B	4
F Tatler	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Colston	1	S Klymka	0
G Moss	0	K Pittaway	1	C Siviter	$\frac{1}{2}$	Miss W Terry	$\frac{1}{2}$
J Soley	0	Mrs Briscoe	1	I T-Williams	0	D Cunningham	1
I Manley	1	R Arthrell	0	M Musty	0	W French	1
T E Aldworth	1	J Blewitt	0	A Cox	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Terry	$\frac{1}{2}$
R J Wray	$\frac{1}{2}$	M Dixon	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Jukes	0	J French	1

Division III

Penn BL D	3	West Brom B	2	Penn BL C	2	Penn BL D	3
M Horrigan	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Woodman	$\frac{1}{2}$	J Grugulis	0	M Horrigan	1
A Ash	0	P Gregory	1	A Black	0	R Evans	1
R Evans	1	P Walker	0	D Edwards	1	G Taggart	0
D Safe	1	M Fisher	0	G Robb	1	M Peedle	0
A Terry	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Withey	$\frac{1}{2}$	E Ireland	0	P Bowdler	1

Springvale B	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	J Thomp. B	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Rugeley B	5	Mercia B	0
H Payne	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Farmer	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Walker	1	G Sanders	0
L Singh	0	A Easton	1	J Masters	1	K Nicholls	0
A Turner	1	B Walter	0	T Hubery	1	N Salt	0
L Scarrott	0	G Ralph	1	G Leese	1	J Rowley	0
R Phillips	1	W Owen	0	T Hyde	1	S Rodgers	0

W'ton C	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bushbury	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dudley Coll.	0	Springvale B	5
S J McDonald	$\frac{1}{2}$	P Staley	$\frac{1}{2}$	D Carroll	0	D Conway	1
M Jarocki	1	B Shuttleworth	0	P Jackson	0	A Turner	1
A McDonald	1	J Kenwick	0	P Davies	0	H Payne	1
R Smith	1	B Farr	0	C Powell	0	L Singh	1
D Yeomans	1	R Atkinson	0	P Blakeney	0	L Scarrott	1

John Thom.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	GKN B	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Rubery Owen B	4	W'ton C	1
A Easton	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Hammond	$\frac{1}{2}$	C F Groves	1	M Jarocki	Def
J Blewitt	0	W Hammond	1	W Staite	1	S McDonald	0
M Dixon	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Atkinson	$\frac{1}{2}$	W Askey	1	A McDonald	0
W Owen	0	G Joynes	1	L Terry	0	R Smith	1
C Gower	$\frac{1}{2}$	I Robinson	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Staite	1	D Yeomans	0

STOKE & NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE RESULTS Division I

Electra A	3	Electra B	2	Electra B	2	Electra	3
R A Beach	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Hopewell	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Hopewell	$\frac{1}{2}$	R A Beach	$\frac{1}{2}$
C S Barnard	1	M G Smith	0	M G Smith	0	C S Barnard	1
G R Evans	$\frac{1}{2}$	M C Wright	$\frac{1}{2}$	J M Fitcher	$\frac{1}{2}$	G R Evans	$\frac{1}{2}$
J Hodgkinson	1	J M Fitcher	0	R J Kiff	1	J Hodgkinson	0
D K Messham	0	J R Ludlam	1	J Holden	0	D K Messham	1
Kidsgrove	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Meir A	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Leek	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Michelin A	$1\frac{1}{2}$
W Dale	0	P Griffin	1	W F Isbell	$\frac{1}{2}$	L Gedanovich	$\frac{1}{2}$
S Elliott	1	M Hancock	0	J Nicholas	1	J S Reader	0
A Lippai	$\frac{1}{2}$	W Armstrong	$\frac{1}{2}$	E Harris	1	W C Jones	0
C Fothergill	0	G Morse	1	I Edge	1	A Morley	0
T Campbell	0	F Spicer	1	J Ash	0	F Rose	1
Meir A	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Kidsgrove	$\frac{1}{2}$	Michelin A	2	Penkhull A	3
M Hancock	1	A Archer	0	L Grdanovich	1	B Wagstaffe	0
W Armstrong	1	W Dale	0	J S Reader	0	M Williams	1
S Griffin	1	S Elliott	0	M Sowdon	0	M Willder	1
G Morse	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Lippai	$\frac{1}{2}$	W C Jones	0	G Boulton	1
P Woodward	1	R Moss	0	F Rose	1	A Hodson	0
Penkhull A	2	Michelin A	2	Sneyd Green A	1	Victory	4
D J Ward	A	L Grdanovich	A	P Paskin	0	Dr T Galla	1
M Willder	1	A Morley	0	F Saunders	0	R J Edwards	1
T E Swain	0	J S Reader	1	R Edge	0	F Cooper	1
G Boulton	1	W C Jones	0	F Rowley	1	M W Liebeck	0
A Hodson	0	F Rose	1	P Rawlins	0	N Bell	1
Victory	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Sneyd Green A	$\frac{1}{2}$	Division II			
Dr T Galla	1	P Paskin	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sneyd Gn B	0	Meir B	5
R J Edwards	1	F Saunders	0	W Landon	0	G Fowell	1
F Cooper	1	F Rowley	0	F Daniels	0	H Deaville	1
M W Liebeck	1	P Rawlins	0	G Key	0	E Hancock	1
N Bell	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Edge	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Humphrys	0	P Woodward	1
				S Key	0	F Spicer	1

Division II continued

Blind SC	1½	Penkhull B	3½	Meir B	5	Smallthorne B	0
J Scott	½	J Rogers	½	G Fowell	1	E Vernon	0
R G Hammersley	1	B Wagstaff	0	H Deaville	1	F Henson	0
B Foxall	0	K Swain	1	E Hancock	1	W Bawden	0
P Arrowsmith	0	J Twigg	1	P Woodward	1	G Bawden	0
Default	0	S Humphreys	1	F Spicer	1	K Bailey	0
Meir B	4	Sneyd Gn B	1	Michelin B	1½	Michelin C	3½
G Fowell	1	W Landon	0	R Sander-Davies	0	C Hurley	1
H Deaville	1	F Daniels	0	R Bell	0	K Hull	1
E Hancock	1	G Key	0	J Hellier	0	S Hull	1
P Woodward	0	A Humphreys	1	R Willshire	1	C Armstrong	0
F Spicer	1	S Key	0	T Haywood	½	J Erlah	½
Michelin C	4	Michelin B	1	Penkhull B	3	Michelin C	2
P Knipe	1	R Sanger-Davies	0	J Rogers	0	J Erlah	1
J Erlah	0	M Dowden	1	B Wagstaffe	1	C Hurley	0
K Hull	1	T Haywood	0	D Pollard	1	D Roberts	0
S Hull	1	J Hellier	0	S Humphries	1	S Hull	0
D Jenkins	1	J Wood	0	J Trigg	0	K Hull	1
Smallthorne A	3	Michelin B	2	Smallthorne A	4	Smallthorne B	1
B Hitchens	1	R Sanger-Davies	0	B Hitchens	1	R Horne	0
F Armitt	0	M Dowden	1	F Armitt	0	K Bailey	1
R Willis	1	T Haywood	0	R Willis	1	F Henson	0
R Mayer	1	R Willshire	0	R Mayer	1	D Glaze	0
D Hulse	0	N Davies	1	D Hulse	1	B Borden	0
Smallthorne B	0	Smallthorne A	5	Sneyd Gn B	½	Electra C	4½
W Bailey	0	R Willis	1	W Landon	0	D Senior	1
R Hancock	0	F Armitt	1	G Toft	0	J Holden	1
W Bawden	0	R Mayer	1	G Key	½	R Lakin	½
R Brock	0	D Hulse	1	W Simcock	0	A Doust	1
J Bates	0	R Horne	1	A Humphreys	0	R Irvine	1

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P W D L Pts						P W D L Pts						
1. Victory	2	2	0	0	4	1. Meir B	3	3	0	0	6	
2. Meir A	2	2	0	0	4	2. Smallthorne A	3	3	0	0	6	
3. Electra A	2	2	0	0	4	3. Michelin C	3	2	0	1	4	
4. Leek	1	1	0	0	2	4. Penkhull B	2	2	0	0	4	
5. Penkhull	1	1	0	0	2	5. Electra C	1	1	0	0	2	
6. Electra B	2	0	0	2	0	6. Michelin B	3	0	0	3	0	
7. Michelin A	2	0	0	2	0	7. Blind SC	1	0	0	1	0	
8. Kidsgrove	2	0	0	2	0	8. Sneyd Gn B	3	0	0	3	0	
9. Sneyd Gn A	2	0	0	2	0	9. Smallthorne B	3	0	0	3	0	
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22.RxR: not 22.NxBch? QxN; 23.BxN? QxPch; 24.K-R1 QxP mate.

35.B-N5ch; or 35.B-B3? BxB; 36.KxB P-KN4; 37.K-N4 P-R5 and

Black's KRP queens long before White's QNP. Therefore White's king must keep an eye on Black's king-side pawns, and cannot afford to wander too far to the queen-side.

38.P-B3; this weakens White's KN3, and Black's bishop soon establishes itself strongly there. But White will eventually be forced to either make a (weakening) pawn move or to allow Black to advance his pawns to KN4 and KB4 anyway, though it is a difficult and slow process. eg 38.B-K3 B-R4; 39.K-B4 B-N5; 40.K-B8 B-B4; 41.B-Q2 B-Q5; 42.B-K1 K-K2; 43.K-K4 B-K4; 44.B-Q2 K-B3; 45.B-K3 P-KN4. In this sequence of moves, Black gained a tempo by attacking White's KBP in order to force White to either move it or to retreat his king and/or bishop, after which Black could play ...K-B3, and only then was he ready to play ...P-KN4 without White replying K-B5.

41.B-B4; Black could answer this with 41...P-B4ch; 42.K-Q3 B-B3 and 43...P-KN4. But the alternative 41.K-B4 would also allow Black to force the advance of his pawns by 41...P-B3; 42.K-K4 B-N4; 43.B-B3 P-B4ch; 44.K-Q3 B-B5 and 45...P-KN4.

45.B-N4?; after this, White's bishop is tied down preventing Black's king entering on the queen-side, and he has no defence against the advance of Black's king-side pawns. 45.B-K3ch was necessary, after which Black would have to attempt to win by the line given in the previous note.

54.resigns; White can do nothing while Black's king marches round and captures White's QP in about seven more moves. White's bishop will be forced to give itself up for Black's QP, and Black will then promote his QNP.

It is possible that White may have missed a draw somewhere in the ending, which was difficult for both sides. However, Black could afford to take his time while trying to make progress by various different methods whereas White had to keep finding the best defence against each Black manoeuvre. It did not do Black much harm if he did not always play the theoretically best winning attempt at the earliest possible opportunity. (This is not true in all endings, though.)

MIDLAND CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

19.

Here is a game from the semi final between Electra v Warboys.

M G Smith v M Augstein

1. P-K4 P-K4; 2. N-KB3 N-KB3; 3. P-Q3 (This should given Black equality, but takes him out of a book opening which he knows) 3... N-B3; 4. P-KN3 P-QN3; 5. B-N2 B-N2; 6. O-O P-N3; 7. P-QN4?!. (This is probably best ignored. Because White has weakened his pawns, the threat to the Black KP can be countered by 7... B-N2 with pressure on the long diagonal) 7... BxP; (Or 7... NxNP; 8. NxKP is good for White) 8. P-B3 B-R4; (this proves to be a very silly square) 9. P-Q4 (the moral of this game is: don't develop, and give away pawns; when the White pieces do come out, they will go straight into action!) 9... NxKP; (presumably intending the lopez-like ... P-Q4 to hold the position. Better may be 9... PxP; 10. PxP, but the threat of P-Q5 looks good) 10. P-Q5 N-K2; 11. NxP BxQP (better looks 11... N-Q3 when White has difficulty in maintaining the momentum of his attack eg 12. B-KR3 P-KB4 or 12. B-R6 N(O)-B4. But 12. N-N4 maintains the pressure) 12. BxN BxB; 13. Q-Q4 P-KB3; (probably best) 14. N-N4 BxN; 15. QxBP R-KB1; 16. Q-N7 B-B4; 17. B-R6 P-Q3; (17... P-Q4 may be slightly better) 18. QxRch K-Q2; 19. N-K5ch K-K3?? (this allows mate in three. Better is 19... K-B1, when a long endgame starts) 20. Q-B7ch resigns. (Notes by the winner)

Here are the results of the Midland Clubs Final which was played on 15 October 1972 at Alsager between Electra and Birmingham Nomads.

	Electra	2	Birmingham Nomads	2
1.	R A Beach	0	J J Carleton	1
2.	B Hopewell	A	P C Griffiths	A
3.	G R Evans	1	M E Davis	0
4.	H F Harte	A	W Ritson Morry	A
5.	M G Smith	1	R J M Farley	0
6.	M C Wright	0	M S Dunn	1

Nomads, the holders, had White on the odd boards. Electra are claiming a win on board 2 and a draw on board 4; Nomads claim a draw on board 2 and a win on board 4. So the match depends entirely on the board 2 adjudication: Electra win either outright or on board count if board 2 wins, but Nomads win either outright or on board count if board 2 only gets a draw.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

East v West Midlands 15-15

This match was played at Bottesford Community Centre, Leicester and the Staffordshire players results were as follows:

<u>Board</u>	<u>West Midlands</u>		<u>East Midlands</u>	
2.	R A Beach	$\frac{1}{2}$	A J Sutton	$\frac{1}{2}$
3.	J Montgomery	$\frac{1}{2}$	A J Morley	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	J M Quinn	1	P G Killick	0
8.	J M Turner	1	E W Nottingham	0
17.	M C Wright	1	F D Rogers	0

Spalding Open Championship 1972

The entry in this tournament was not as strong as usual this year, presumably because of the competition from Barnstaple, which offered larger prizes in another tournament held on the same week end. The 90 competitors included the new British Champion and three other players graded over 200, but these four only scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ or 5 points each. The joint winners, with $5\frac{1}{2}/6$, were Tony Sutton (for the second year in succession!) and Charles de Villiers (who is taking a year off from studying at a South African University in order to play chess). The third prize was shared by B Eley (Rotherham), L A Edwards (Leicester) and J E Horner (Manchester) with 5 points. R A Beach (Electra) and A T Ludgate (Manchester) and others shares 6th place with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Crewe Chess League Congress

This was won by Barry Hopewell (Electra) with $4\frac{1}{2}/5$.