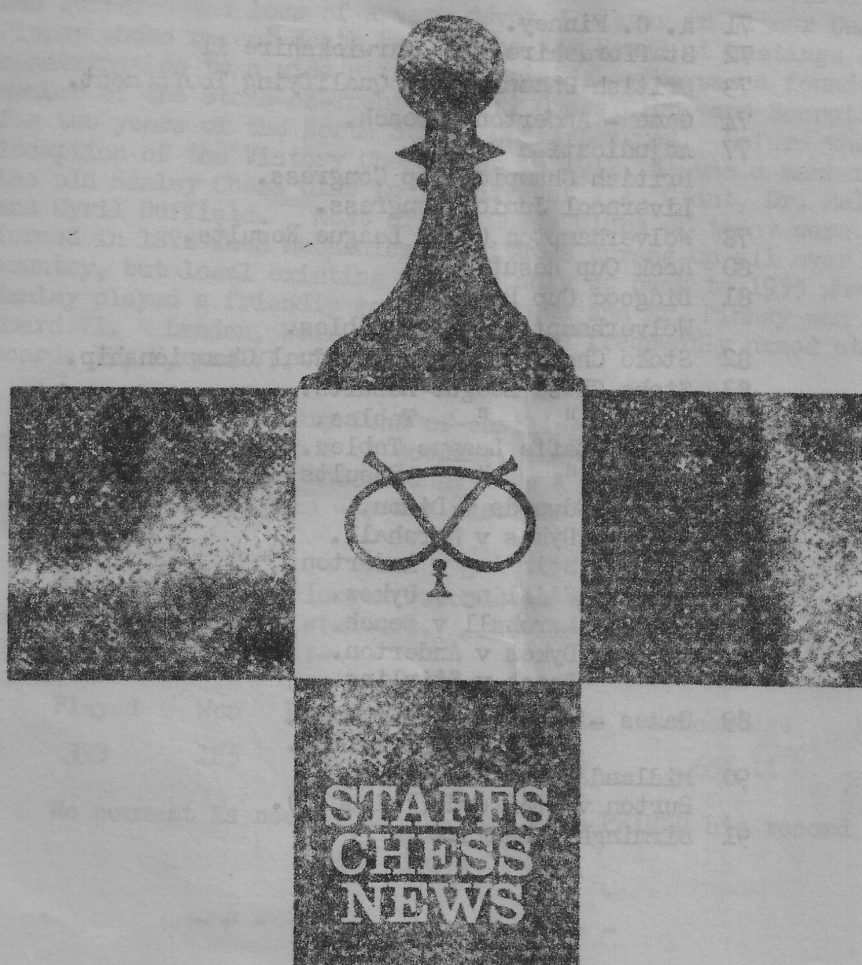


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A. C. FINNEY

North Staffs Chess and the Victory Chess Club in particular, has suffered the loss of a very devoted player in Arthur Cecil Finney whose recent death before the 2nd Round at Hastings caused consternation to a wide circle of friends. He was a founder member of the Stoke-on-Trent Victory Chess Club, and Secretary for two years of the North Staffs Chess League. Before the inception of the Victory Chess Club in 1942, he was a member of the old Hanley Chess Club in the days of T.A. Grant, Dr. Mellor and Cyril Duffield. Most of the Chess Clubs of today were formed in 1876 when Mechanics Institutes sprang up all over the country, but local existing records only go back to 1935 when Hanley played a friendly game with Crewe and Mr. Finney won at Board VI. Landon, Weir and Finney were frequently named at boards IV, V, and VI.

Our friend was very fond of castling long (0-0-0), had his own shorthand method of scoring, and seemed most reluctant to spend time over adjudications. As a club member he was always ready to help in any way possible and especially in preparation.

Few players have longer records in the V.C.C. books. We have indeed lost a stalwart. The figures over some 30 years read as follows :-

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Percentage
333	185	61	87	215½	65% !!

No comment is needed except that as a FRIEND his record was 100 %

STAFFORDSHIRE II v WARWICKSHIRE II

Staffordshire second team played Warwickshire second team at the Mutual Chess Club, Birmingham on Saturday 5 December 1970 in the Midland second teams championships. Staffordshire lost the match by $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $10\frac{1}{2}$ after unfortunately having to default a board. The result of games actually played was $9\frac{1}{2}$ each. Staffordshire showed a marked advantage over the top 12 boards but were able to glean only one point from the remaining 8 boards. At the close of play Warwickshire were leading by $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$ points with four games for adjudication. Although Staffordshire had a considerable advantage in a number of these games they were only able to obtain three points from the four boards.

The detailed results are as follows:

<u>Staffordshire</u>			<u>Warwickshire</u>		
1.	R J Edwards	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Wildig	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2.	J D Hughes	1	G Kaye	0	
3.	B Marshall	1	D Taylor	0	
4.	J W Withnall	$\frac{1}{2}$	A D Lloyd	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5.	W P Taylor	1	N Andrews	0	
6.	Default	0	C J Wilson	1	
7.	E W Lees	1	A J Stoker	0	
8.	M T Bacon	0	E Tipper	1	
9.	L D Williams	1	N Fagan	0	
10.	R Jones	1	T W Walker	0	
11.	A M J Hutchings	1	E J Weekes	0	
12.	B Nagle	$\frac{1}{2}$	P A Harris	$\frac{1}{2}$	
13.	A Leadbetter	0	L Arculus	1	
14.	B Jolly	0	D Price (Lucas)	1	
15.	J Holt	0	R Baker	1	
16.	G Stokes-Roberts	0	J Rowley	1	
17.	L C Hesbrook	1	F Batson	0	
18.	R M Ewan	0	N Ardin	1	
19.	M Anderton	0	A Pasztor	1	
20.	F S Walkins	0	R Sewell	1	
		$9\frac{1}{2}$			$10\frac{1}{2}$

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTStaffordshire County Stage

Only one place was allotted to Staffordshire for the Midlands Zonal stage of the competition this year, in contrast to the three places allotted last year. This resulted in an extremely hard fought competition in which none of the games were drawn. D W Anderton of Wolverhampton Kipping secured the qualifying place and goes forward to the Zonal.

ResultsRound 1

<u>White</u>		<u>Black</u>		<u>Opening</u>	<u>Moves</u>
G J Dykes	0	B Marshall	1	Dutch Defence	19
W Stirling	0	D W Anderton	1	French Defence	31
R A Beach	had the bye				

Round 2

Stirling	1	Dykes	0	English Opening	25
Marshall	0	Beach	1	Sicilian Defence	33
Anderton	had the bye				

Round 3

Dykes	0	Anderton	1	Irregular	13
Beach	0	Stirling	1	Polish	49
Marshall	had the bye				

Round 4

Beach	1	Dykes	0	Default	-
Anderton	1	Marshall	0	Kings Indian	48
Stirling	had the bye				

Round 5

Anderton	1	Beach	0	Kings Indian	33
Marshall	0	Stirling	1	Nimzovitch Opening	32
Dykes	had the bye				

Table

	A	S	B	M	D	Total
Anderton	-	1	1	1	1	4
Stirling	0	-	1	1	1	3
Beach	0	0	-	1	1(d)	2
Marshall	0	0	0	-	1	1
Dukes	0	0	0(d)	0	-	0

(d) = default

Here is one of the games:

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
	D W Anderton	R A Beach
	Opening: Kings Indian Defence	
1.	P-Q4	N-KB3
2.	P-QB4	P-KN3
3.	P-KN3	B-N2
4.	B-N2	O-O
5.	N-KB3	P-Q3
6.	O-O	N-B3
7.	N-B3	P-QR3
8.	P-KR3	R-N1
9.	E-K3	

The normal move is 9.P-K4. The text has been played on a number of occasions by Korchnoi in the last three years.

		9...	P-QN4
10.	N-Q2		B-Q2
11.	R-B1		P-K4
12.	PxKF		NxP
13.	P-N3		R-K1!

Up to this point the game followed Korchnoi-Lee Lugano 1968! Lee played 13...B-K3 and Korchnoi established a clear advantage with 14. P-B4 N(4)-Q2; 15. B-R7 R-R1; 16. B-B2 R-N1; 17. P-K4.

The text prevents an immediate P-B4 because of 14...N-Q6!

14. B-R7 R-R1
15. B-Q4

Not 15. BxR QxB 16. B-Q4 BxP (the same theme as in Korchnoi-Lee)

15... PxP!

Black needed a win and therefore spurns the repetition of moves following 15...R-N1. The main alternative is 15...R-B1 but then a pawn is lost after 16. P-B4 N-B3 17. BxN BxB 18. PxP PxP 19. NxP.

16. NxP

If 16. BxR QxB 17. K-R2 PxP 18. NxP Q-B1 with a tremendous attack. It is difficult to choose between the text and 16. PxP. The decisive factor in favour of the move played at the time was that it created a hanging pawn situation. On reflection, however, PxP seems more dynamic and may well be better.

16... N-B3

Correctly deciding that the White bishop should be dislodged from Q4. If 16...NxN 17. PxN R-N1 18. P-B5 and White has a fine game.

17. B-K3 Q-K2
18. B-N5 Q-K3
19. N-K3?

Simply, Q-Q2 preserves White's advantage. The text initiates a faulty plan.

19... QR-B1

20. R-K1

The intended 20. N(B3)-Q5 does not work. White had spent much time in analysing 20...NxN 21.BxN QxP 22.BxN BxB 23.RxB P-KR3 24.B-B4 P-KN4 25.BxP FxB 26.RxR RxR 27.QxP with a won ending. All of this is however refuted by 20...N-K5.

20... F-KR3

21. BxN QxB

21...BxB runs into difficulties against 22.N(B3)-Q5 followed by 23.N-KB4 with simultaneous threats against the Queen and Knight.

22. N(B3)-Q5 Q-Q3
23. Q-Q3 N-Q5!

Play to this stage has consumed a lot of time for both players and there was now less than a minute a move each to the time control at the 40th move. The immediate capture 24.QxRP is met by 24...B-N4. Positionally the game seems to be running Black's way. The ill advised 19.N-K3 has led to the loss of the minor exchange and there is no possibility of exploiting the hanging pawns for the present.

24. P-QR4 F-QB3
25. N-KB4 R-N1
26. R-N1 P-Q4
27. QxRP!

Both players now had less than five minutes each for their last fourteen moves. White, by the text move, initiates what was intended to be a drawing combination.

27... NxNp

28. N(3)xQP PxN
29. BxP R-N3?

This loses. In chronic time trouble Black instinctively feels he must defend KN6 but the way to the draw was 29...N-B4! 30.QxP B-K3 31.BxB NxB 32.NxN RxN 33.Q-B2 and White should be able to hold the ending without too much difficulty.

30. Q-R7 B-B6?

This only serves to develop White's last piece not already in the fray.

31. R-Q1 P-KN4
32. BxN PxN
33. RxB Resigns

Staffordshire I v Worcestershire I

The adjudication result in the above match has now been received and Edwards for Staffordshire beat Cox of Worcestershire.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP CONGRESS - August 9th to 21st 1971 - Blackpool

Entry Forms are now available from G.H. Simmons, 75 Ferry Rd., Scunthorpe. This year's Congress will include all the usual Championships, plus the Blind Players' Championship, and the customary supporting tournaments and has a new event for Ladies.

It is also announced that the 1972 Congress will take place in Brighton from August 14th to 26th.

LIVERPOOL JUNIOR CONGRESS - Every effort is being made to make this 1971 a record in all ways in view of the retirement after 20 years of Mr. T.J. Beach as Congress Director. Visitors are very welcome but those intending to be present at the prize-giving ceremony on the Saturday afternoon are asked to intimate this to the organisers, when Mr. B.H. Wood will be guest of honour.

W-ton Chess League. Results DIV I.

W-ton Kip A 3	Mercia A 3	Rubery Owen 1½	Stafford 4½
Dr Jenson 1	F.Lloyd 0	B.Nagle 0	R.Butters 1
Wojciechowski 1	G.S-Roberts 0	C.Winmill ½	J.Watson ½
A.Taylor 1	A.Khan 0	B.Jolly ½	R.Daly ½
G.Link Def Mrs Lloyd 1		M.Anderton ½	V.Vohralik ½
D.Pritchard 0	K.Francis 1	A.Gilbert 0	A.Leadbetter 1
R.Stokes Def B.Smith 1		H.Lewis 0	A.Lee 1

Walsall K B 2½	W-ton A 3½	Bushbury A 4	BSC "A" 2
Cunberlidge ½	L.Williams ½	J.Hughes 1	M.Bacon 0
G.Dykes 0	H.Jones 1	P.Staley 1	H.New 0
J.Withnall 1	N.Boydon 0	M.Swash 1	H.Payne 0
T.Hollington 1	D.Caddy Def	J.Moore 0	J.Holloway 1
W.Cooper 0	J.Holt 1	L.Armstrong 1	A.Turner 0
R.Webb 0	G.Haynes 1	J.Kenwrick 0	A.Joyce 1

W-ton A 2	W-ton Kip A 4	Walsall K A 3	W-ton Kip B 2
A.Schroeder 0	Dr Jenson 1	H.Baines 0	A.Sadler 1
L.Williams 0	D.Lamb 1	S.Johnson ½	I.Fleury ½
J.Fellows 0	Wojciechowski 1	Dr Young 1	N.Sims 0
N.Boydon 1	D.Pritchard 0	J.Sturrock ½	P.Taylor ½
H.Jones 1	R.Stokes Def	E.Lees 1	F.Bassett 0
J.Holt 0	R.Quinton 1	C.Tomlinson A	J.Elliott A

Stafford 1½	Bushbury A 2½	Mercia A 4	Rubery Owen 2
J.Quinn A	J.Hughes A	K.Francis ½	B.Nagle ½
R.Butters 0	C.Rix 1	B.Smith 1	C.Winmill 0
R.Edwards A	G.Hicks A	F.Lloyd ½	Mrs Anderton ½
R.Picken ½	A.Boxley ½	Mrs Lloyd 1	B.Jolly 0
A.Leadbetter 1	P.French 0	G.S-Roberts 1	A.Gilbert 0
P.Vohralik 0	P.Staley 1	A.Khan 0	H.Lewis 1

ADJOURNED GAMES.

Stafford 1½	W-ton K A 4½	W-ton Kip A 4	W-ton Kip B 2
R.Butters ½	Dr Jenson ½	Wojciechowski 1	G?Humphreys 0
J.Watson 0	D.Lamb 1	B.S.C. A 4½	Rubery Owen 1½
A.Leadbetter 0	D.Pritchard 1	A.Turner 0	B.Jolly 1

Walsall K A 2½	W-ton K A 3½
B.Marshall 0	D.Lamb 1
E.Lees 0	G.Humphreys 1

W-ton League Results. DIV II.

West Brom 2	Cosford 4	W-ton B 24	W-ton Kip C 34
R.Tarkowski 1/2	R.Porter 1/2	B.Priest 1	W.Taylor 0
D.Woodman 0	R.Rowe 1	C.Bennett 0	G.Humphreys 1
J.Tewson 1/2	G.Hecksher 1/2	L.Hesbrook 1/2	R.Stokes 1/2
P.Gregory 0	M.Walker 1	P.Walkins 0	J.Bargery 1
C.Roberts 1	B.Doherty 0	J.Wyer 0	R.Quinton 1
N.Morcroft 0	J.Thomas 1	S.Chahal 1	C.Hemmings 0
W-ton Kip C 5	Mercia B 1	West Brom 14	Hobsons A 24
W.Taylor 1	K.Walton 0	J.Hatton A	H.Terry A
D.Edwards 1/2	H.Callow 1/2	T.Jones 1/2	G.Robb 1/2
R.Stokes 1/2	R.Burton 1/2	D.Woodman 1/2	K.Phillips 1/2
J.Bargery 1	D.Millard 0	P.Gregory 1/2	F.Whitehouse 1/2
R.Quinton 1	P.Guest 0	C.Roberts A	P.Terry A
C.Hemmings 1	B.Callow 0	M.Donald 0	D.Smith 1
J.Thompson A 34	Cosford 14	Rugeley 2	G.K.N. A 4
R.Jones A	R.Porter A	R.Ewan 0	K.Tabner 1
K.Pittaway 1	R.Rowe 0	J.Shaw 0	R.Johns 1
R.Briscoe 0	M.Walker 1	T.Weldon 0	B.Hammond 1
Mrs Briscoe 1/2	B.Doherty 1/2	R.Hughes 0	M.Reese 1
R.Farmer 1	J.Thomas 0	M.Hoare 1	S.Atkinson 0
R.Evans 1	P.Willetts 0	D.Larden 1	J.Doughty 0
Bushbury B 44	Mercia B 14	Stourbridge 3	Dudley B 3
C.Rix 1	J.Bates Def	J.Williams 1	R.Colston 0
M.Swash 1	K.Walton 0	D.Fernihough 0	W.Cox 1
L.Armstrong 1/2	R.Burton 1/2	G.Burford 0	J.Flatley 1
J.French 1	J.Clarke 0	C.Homer 0	A.Cox 1
W.French 1	P.Guest 0	C.Proctor 1	B.Shelton 0
D.Carter 0	D.Millard 1	A.Phillips 1	M.Hipwell 0

DIVISION III.

Mercia C 1	Thompson B 4	Hobson B 2	G.K.N. B 2
H.Callow 1	R.Farmer 0	Miss Terry 0	R.Bestwick 1
B.Callow 0	J.Briscoe 1	G.Carless 0	Szentmihaly 1
P.Guest Def	J.Gower 1	G.Robb A	G.Joynes A
C.Callow Def	S.Davies 1	P.Terry 1	R.Johnson 0
Miss Atkinson 0	M.Jones 1	D.Smith 1	S.Atkinson 0

W-ton League Results. Div III.

Walsall K C 2	B.S.C. B 1	G.K.N. 2½	Mercia C 2½
Groombridge 0	R.Grainger 1	Szentmihaly 1	P.Guest 0
J.Freeman A	A.Turner A	H.Hartshorne 0	H.Callow 1
S.Glebocki 1	H.Payne 0	R.Bestwick ½	B.Callow ½
M.Chester 1	L.Scarrott 0	G.Joynes 0	K.Nicholls 1
W.Poxton A	A.Joyce A	S.Atkinson 1	DEFAULT 0

ADJUDICATED GAMES.

Cosford 3½	G.K.N. A 2½	G.K.N. B 1½	Walsall K C 3½
M.Bush 1	Szentmihaly 0	Szentmihaly 0	Groombridge 1
J.Thompson B 2½	G.K.N. B 2½	H.Hartshorne ½	S.Glebocki ½
R.Farner ½	H.Hartshorne ½		

ROCK CUP RESULTS. Round One.

K.Tabner 1 Mrs Lloyd O. M.Bacon 1 P.Walkins O. J.Wyer 1
 R.Farner 0: K.Pittaway 1 G.S-Roberts 0 after 2 draws.
 B.Hammond 1 B.Smith 0: M.Sims 1 R.Burton 0: K.Francis 1
 Szentmihaly 0: S.Atkinson 1 R.Jones 0: A.Khan 1 Mrs Briscoe 0:
 M.Rees 1 R.Evans 0: Mrs Anderton 1 J.Holt 0: P.Guest 1
 L.Hesbrook 0:

In the following games:- R.Bestwick v D.Conway. A.Evans v
 S.Barr. F.Whitehouse v C.Winnill. K.Phillips v B.McDonough.
 G.Carless v R.Maullin. S.Chahal v J.Doughty. H.Callow v
 F.Findlater. F.Lloyd v B.Jolly. J.Bargery v B.Callow.
 B.Nagle v R.Stokes. the first-named won BY DEFAULT.

Round Two.

M.Bacon 1 H.Callow 0: Mrs M.Anderton 1 S.Atkinson 0:
 F.Whitehouse 1 R.Bestwick 0: K.Pittaway 1 J.Bargery 0:
 M.Sims 1 B.Hammond 0 after 1 drawn: F.Lloyd won by
 Default from K.Phillips. REMAINDER HAD BYES.

Draw for Round Three.

M.Bacon	v B.Nagle.	G.Carless	v Mrs M.Anderton 0
A.Evans	v P.Guest	J.Wyer	v F.Whitehouse
A.Khan	v S.Chahal.	K.Francis	v F.Lloyd
M.Rees	v K.Pittaway.	K.Tabner	v M.Sims.

BIDGOOD CUP. Round One.

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Mrs M.Lloyd 1 R.Evans 0: G.Stokes-Roberts 1 R.Farmer 0:
R.Jones 1 B.Smith 0: R.Burton 1 Mrs Briscoe 0 by Default.
C. Szentmihaly. L.Hesbrook. P.Walkins & J.Holt BYES.

DRAW FOR Round Two.

Mrs. M.Lloyd v C.Szentmihaly. L.Hesbrook v G.S-Roberts.
R.Jones v P.Walkins. R.Burton v J.Holt.

LEAGUE RESULTS & TABLES. DIVISION ONE.

Team.	P	W	D	L	A	Pts.
W-ton Kipping A	6	5	1	0	0	11
Stafford C.C.	6	3	1	1	1	7
Walsall Kipping A.	5	3	0	1	1	6
W-ton Kipping B.	5	3	0	1	1	6
B.S.C. (Bilston)	5	2	1	2	0	5
Wolverhampton C.C.	5	2	1	2	0	5
Mercia A.	5	1	2	2	0	4
Dudley A.	4	1	1	2	0	3
Bushbury A.	4	1	0	2	1	2
Walsall Kipping B.	5	0	2	3	0	2
Rubery Owen.	6	0	1	5	0	1

DIVISION TWO.

Stourbridge.	6	4	2	0	0	10
W-ton Kipping C.	6	4	2	0	0	10
G.K.N. (Lab) A	6	4	1	1	0	9
R.A.F. Cosford.	6	4	0	2	0	8
Hobsons A.	6	3	1	1	1	7
Bushbury B.	6	2	2	2	0	6
J.Thompson A.	5	2	1	2	0	5
Wolverhampton B.	6	2	1	3	0	5
Dudley B.	5	1	2	2	0	4
Rugeley.	6	1	0	5	0	2
West Bromwich.	6	1	0	4	1	2
Mercia B.	6	0	0	6	0	0

WOLVERHAMPTON LEAGUE. DIVISION THREE.

<u>Team.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Walsall Kipping C.	6	5	0	0	1	10
Hobson B.	6	4	0	1	1	8
B.S.C. (Bilston) B	5	2	0	2	1	4
G.K.N. (Lab) B	5	1	2	1	1	4
J.Thompson B.	4	1	1	2	1	3
Mercia C.	6	1	1	4	0	3
Wolverhampton C.	4	0	0	4	0	0

Stoke-on-Trent Chess League Individual Championship

The eleven entrants this season have been divided into two sections, as follows :-

Section A

A. Doust (Electra)
 T.E. Swain (Penkhull)
 J. Hodgkinson (M.E.S.C.)
 G. Romanski (Electra)
 H. Deaville (Willfield)
 R.J. Edwards (Victory)

Section B

J.S. Sandhu (Electra)
 J.A. Scott (Blind)
 A.J. Wilshaw (Victory)
 A.C. Finney (Victory)
 J.M. Futchter (Electra)

Results so far, are :-

Section A :- J.Hodgkinson 1, G.Romanski 0 0
 H.Deaville 0, J.Hodgkinson 1

Section B :- J.S.Sandhu 1, A.C.Finney 0
 J.A.Scott 0, A.J.Wilshaw 1
 J.M.Futchter 1, J.S.Sandhu 0

After Mr. Finney's unfortunate death at Hastings,
 Section B will continue with just four players.

Honours List of Stoke Individual Championship

1966-7: 20 competitors, Champion: H. Russell.
 1967-8: 20 " , " R.A. Beach.
 1968-9: 13 " , " M.C. Wright.
 1969-70: 15 " , " G.R. Evans.
 1970-1: 11 " , "

Stoke & Newcastle League Results - Division One

<u>Victory 2½</u>	<u>M.E.S.C. 2½</u>	<u>Electra 'B' 2</u>	<u>Keele Univ. 2</u>
F.Cooper ½	J.Hodgkinson ½	B.Hopewell 1	J.Bowers 0
R.J.Edwards 1	J.B.Adkins 0	M.Smith 1	G.Turvey 0
A.C.Finney 0	R.Hodgkinson 1	J.M.Futcher 0	J.Youdell 1
L.A.Landon 0	A.Hodson 1	A.Harris 0	C.Drinkwater 1
M.Liebec 1	G.Mills 0	J.J.Wood 1	default 0
<u>Keele Univ. 2½</u>	<u>Willfield 'A' 2½</u>	<u>Leek 3</u>	<u>Electra 'A' 2</u>
J.Logue 1	P.Griffin 0	W.F.Isbell 0	R.A.Beach 1
G.Turvey 0	M.Hancock 1	A.Wood 0	C.S.Barnard 1
J.Bowers 1	W.Armstrong 0	E.G.Harris 1	P.Brackner 0
J.Youdell ½	G.Morse ½	G.Price 1	D.Lancelott 0
A.Gent 0	S.Griffin 1	J.Nicholas 1	S.Elliott 0
<u>Victory 4</u>	<u>Keele Univ. 1</u>	<u>Willfield 'A' 1½</u>	<u>Leek 3½</u>
F.Cooper 1	J.Logue 0	P.Griffin 1	default 0
R.J.Edwards ½	J.Bowers ½	M.Hancock 0	W.Isbell 1
A.C.Finney 1	A.Rees 0	W.Armstrong ½	E.G.Harris ½
M.Liebec ½	N.Baggott ½	G.Morse 0	J.Nicholas 1
L.A.Landon 1	default 0	S.Griffin 0	G.Price 1
<u>M.E.S.C. 0</u>	<u>Electra 'B' 5</u>	<u>Victory 4½</u>	<u>Penkull ½</u>
D.Walton 0	B.Hopewell 1	A.Holdford 1	D.J.Ward(Def) 0
K.Coates 0	M.G.Smith 1	T.Galla 1	M.Willder 0
G.Mills 0	D.Senior 1	A.C.Finney ½	T.E.Swain ½
S.Kay 0	P.Leslie-Reed 1	F.Cooper 1	W.G.Boulton 0
P.Scriven 0	L.Durity 1	M.Paffard 1	I.North 0
<u>Electra 'A' 3½</u>	<u>M.E.S.C. 1½</u>	<u>M.E.S.C. 3</u>	<u>Penkull 2</u>
R.A.Beach ½	J.Hodgkinson ½	J.Hodgkinson 1	T.E.Swain 0
C.S.Barnard ½	D.Walton ½	J.B.Adkins ½	M.Willder ½
P.Brackner 1	R.Hodgkinson 0	R.Hodgkinson 1	B.Wagstaff 0
D.Lancelott ½	A.Hodson ½	K.Coates 0	I.North 1
A.Hutchings 1	P.Scrivens 0	A.Hodson ½	W.G.Boulton ½

Stoke & Newcastle League Results - Division Two

<u>Sm'thorne 'B' 1½</u>	<u>Electra 'C' 3½</u>	<u>Willfield 'C' 2½</u>	<u>Electra 'D' 2½</u>
A.Mayer 0	S.Elliott 1	E.Hancock 0	A.Harris 1
F.Mountford 1	G.Romanski 0	H.Deaville 1	R.Kimmersley 0
T.Harp ½	P.Dasgupta ½	P.Woodward 1	R.Mountford 0
R.Clowes 0	A.Doust 1	J.Woodward ½	P.Warsop ½
E.Vernon 0	L.Durity 1	F.Spicer 0	T.Cotton 1

Stoke & Newcastle League Results - Division Two

Kidsgrove 4	Sm'thorne 'A' 1	Sneyd Grn 'B' 4½	Electra 'C' ½
P.Malbon 1	F.Armitt 0	P.Paskin 1	A.Doust 0
A.Archer 0	B.Hitchens 1	F.Saunders 1	P.Das Gupta 0
W.Dale 1	H.Cotton 0	R.Edge 1	T.Mills 0
J.Chadwick 1	S.Newman 0	P.Rawlins ½	T.Cotton ½
A.Lippai 1	R.Mayer 0	G.Toft 1	W.Duffam 0
Sm'thorne 'B' 0	Sneyd Grn 'B' 5	Kidsgrove 4½	Sm'thorne 'D' ½
R.Lewis 0	P.Paskin 1	P.Malbon 1	F.Mountford 0
T.Harp 0	F.Saunders 1	W.Dale 1	A.Mayer 0
R.Clowes 0	P.Rawlins 1	J.Chadwick 1	T.Harp 0
W.Bailey 0	G.Toft 1	A.Lippai 1	W.Bailey 0
G.Whale 0	A.Humphreys 1	D.Hurley ½	E.Vernon ½

Stoke K.O. Round Two

Electra 'B' 4½	M.E.S.C. ½	Electra 'A' 4½	Victory ½
B.Hopewell 1	J.Hodgkinson 0	R.A.Beach 1	F.Cooper 0
M.Smith ½	D.Walton ½	C.S.Barnard 1	R.J.Edwards 0
J.M.Futcher 1	R.Hodgkinson 0	H.F.Harte 1	D.C.Lowe 0
D.Senior 1	P.Scriven 0	P.Brackner 1	L.A.Landon 0
P.Leslie-Reed 1	K.Coates 0	A.Hutchings ½	A.C.Finney ½

Stoke K.O. Semi-Final

Electra 'B' 3	Willfield 'A' 2
B.Hopewell 1	P.Griffin 0
J.M.Futcher 0	M.Hancock 1
S.Ellis 0	W.Armstrong 1
A.Doust 1	S.Griffin 0
P.Rhodes 1	E.Hancock 0

Stoke Subsidiary K.O. Round One

Sm'thorne 'A' 2	Kidsgrove 3
B.Hitchens 0	P.V.Malbon 1
F.Armitt 0	W.Dale 1
H.Cotton 1	A.Lippai 0
S.Newman 0	A.Sandbach 1
R.Mayer 1	F.Beveridge 0

Stoke & Newcastle District Chess League Tables

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DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Willfield Y.A. 'A'	7	5	1	1	11
Victory C.C.	6	4	1	1	9
Electra 'A'	7	4	2	1	9
Electra 'B'	7	4	2	1	9
Leek Arts Club	10	4	5	1	9
Sneyd Green 'A'	6	3	1	2	8
M.E.S.C.	8	2	4	2	6
Keele University	10	1	6	3	5
Penkhull Church	7	1	6	0	2

DIVISION TWO

Kidsgrove	8	7	0	1	15
Sneyd Green 'B'	7	6	0	1	13
Electra 'C'	7	4	2	1	9
Smallthorne Pioneer 'A'	6	2	4	0	4
Electra 'D'	6	1	3	2	4
Willfield Y.A. 'C'	4	1	2	1	3
Blind S.C.	3	0	3	0	0
Smallthorne Pioneer 'B'	7	0	7	0	0

NorthStaffs & District Chess League Tables

Stafford 'B'	2	1	0	1	3
Stafford 'A'	2	1	0	1	3
Willfield Y.A.	2	1	1	0	2
Crewe 'A'	2	1	1	0	2
Crewe 'B'	1	0	1	0	0
Victory C.C.	1	0	1	0	0

North Staffs League Results

Crewe 'A'	3	Crewe 'B'	2
J.Dixon	1	D.J.Bourne	0
G.Nicholson	1	M.McGrath	0
M.Siewarga	0	B.Johnson	1
O.Horrocks	0	H.Nottingham	1
D.Hargreaves	1	T.Jackson	0

Played in the North Staffs League match,

CREWE 'A' v STAFFORD 'A'

White : R.J. Edwards (Stafford)

Black : J. Dixon (Crewe)

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1 P-QB4	N-KB3	16 PxN	N-Q5	31 R-Q2	B-K5
2 N-QB3	P-K3	17 N-K4	R-Q1	32 P-QN3	P-B4
3 N-KB3	P-Q4	18 B-K3	N-B7	33 P-KR3	K-N2
4 P-Q4	PxP	19 QR-B1	NxB	34 K-R2	R-N1
5 P-K3	P-QR3	20 PxN	B-KN5	35 P-KN4	PxP
6 P-QR4	P-QB4	21 R-B1	B-R4	36 PxP	R(1)-Q1
7 BxP	PxP	22 R-B5	B-N3	37 R-B5	R-KB3
8 QxP	QxQ	23 RxBP	B-B3 ?	38 R-Q4	B-N3
9 NxQ	P-K4	24 NxBeh	PxN	39 B-Q3	BxB
10 N-B3	N-B3	25 R-K7	QR-N1	40 RxB	R(1)-Q3
11 N-KN5	N-Q1	26 R-Q1	R-Q3	41 K-N3	R-KN3
12 O-O	B-K2	27 R-B7	B-E7	42 R-Q4	P-KR4
13 R-Q1	O-O	28 R-Q4	B-N3		Adjudicated
14 P-K4	N-B3	29 P-R5	P-N4		a win for White
15 N-Q5	NxN	30 PxPe.p.	QRxP		

7....PxP;

This should release the tension in the centre to White's advantage. 7....N-B3 is stronger.

8.QxP;

QxP gives White a slightly advantageous middle-game, since White's semi-open K-file and newly opened QB1-KR6 diagonal lead to attacking chances which should outweigh the isolation of his QP.

9....P-K4;

This move creates weaknesses in Black's position which make his development difficult, and so should not be hurried. 9....B-QB4 is stronger.

15....NxN;

Giving White a strongly supported passed pawn.

20....B-KN5;

15....B-Q1 followed byP-KR3 is preferable. 20....B-KB4 is better, after which 21.P-Q6!? does not quite succeed: 21....BxN; 22.PxB, R-K1; 23.R-Q7, B-B3; 24.R-B7, QR-QB1; 25.RxR, RxR; 26.R-Q1, R-K1; 27.R-Q8, P-KN3.

21....B-R4;

This now seems necessary to defend against White's threat of 22.P-Q6. Although Black loses his KP, White's rook will be poorly placed on K5.

- 23....B-B3?; After 23....K-B1! (threatening both 24....P-B3; 25.R-K6,B-KB4; 26.R-N6,BxN; and 24....B-B3), White will find it very difficult to extricate his rook from K5 without giving back his extra pawn. e.g. 24.R-KB1,QR-N1; 25.R-K6?,K-K1; 26.R-K5,P-B3; 27.R-K6,B-B2; 28.R-N6,BxQP.
- 26....R-Q3; 26....B-B7 could be answered by 27.R-Q4,BxP; 28.P-Q6,R-KB1; 29.R-N4ch,K-R1; 30.BxDP.
- 27.R-B7; 27.R-Q2 is better.
- 28....B-N3; 28....BxP now seems playable, e.g. 29.R-N4ch,K-B1; 30.B-Q3,B-Q2, or 29.R-K4,B-K1; 30.R(4)-K7,P-N4.
- 33.P-KR3; A good way to transpose into a won bishop and pawns ending is by 33.R-B5,K-N2; 34.R-R2,K-B3; 35.R(5)-R5,K-K4; 36.RxRP,RxR; 37.RxR,RxR; 38.BxR,BxQP; 39.P-QN4.
- 42....P-KR4; Adjudicated a win for White, who has a won rook and pawns ending after 43.K-R4,PxP; 44.RxP,RxRch; 45.KxR,K-B3; 46.K-B4.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION GAMES (no annotation)

G. Dykes v B. Marshall

1 N-KB3	P-KB4	8 B-B4	N-B3	15 Q-Q3	Q-B2
2 P-KN3	P-K3	9 T-K1	N-KR4	16 R-K2	P-N5
3 P-Q4	N-KB3	10 B-N5	P-KR3	17 N-KR4	P-B6
4 B-N2	B-K2	11 BxB	NxB	18 R-K4	N-KB3
5 P-B4	P-Q3	12 P-K4	P-B5	19 BxP	NxR
6 O-O	O-O	13 P-K5	P-KN4	20 Resigns.	
7 N-B3	Q-K1	14 PxP	PxP		

W.J. Stirling v D.W. Anderton

1 P-K4	P-K3	12 QxRP	RxB	23 P-KR4	N-R2
2 P-Q4	P-Q4	13 QxR	N-B3	24 Q-Q2	P-N3
3 N-QB3	B-N5	14 N-B3	P-B5	25 P-QR4	B-R3
4 B-Q2	N-KB3	15 O-O	PxB	26 KR-B1	R-QB1
5 P-K5	BxN	16 Q-R8ch	K-Q2	27 P-QR5	NxP
6 PxR	N-K5	17 N-N5	Q-Q1	28 RxR	BxR
7 Q-N4	P-KN3	18 Q-R6	PxP	29 Q-B3	N-B3
8 B-R6	P-QB4	19 NxP	Q-K2	30 Q-K3	B-R2
9 B-Q3	NxP	20 Q-Q2	N-K5	31 Q-N3	Q-B5
10 Q-R3	Q-R4	21 QxP	QxN	32 Resigns.	
11 B-N7	R-N1	22 P-B3	N-N4		

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION GAMES (no annotation)

W.J. Stirling v G.J. Dykes

1 N-KB3	N-KB3	10 P-P	P-QN4	19 N-Q2	P-B5
2 P-KN3	P-KN3	11 P-R7?	P-QB4!	20 P-Q6	B-R3
3 B-N2	B-N2	12 B-N2	P-B5?	21 N-Q5	Q-N4??
4 O-O	O-O	13 P-R4	N-R4	22 N/2-B3	Q-N5
5 P-QB4	P-QB4	14 P-R4	P-K4	23 N-KP	Q-K3
6 N-QB3	N-QB3	15 P-Q5	N-K2	24 B-N2	B-N2
7 R-QN1	R-QN1	16 Q-Q3	B-R3??	25 N-B7	Resigns.
8 P-QR3	P-QR3	17 N-RP	N-B1		
9 P-QN4	P-P	18 N-B3	P-KB4		

L. Marshall v R.A. Beach

1 P-K4	P-Q3	13 P-P	B-N4	25 Q-Q2	NxR
2 N-QB3	P-KN3	14 BxN	P-B	26 RxN	PxP
3 P-KN3	B-N2	15 P-QR4	B-QR3	27 N/2xBP	Q-Q2
4 B-N2	P-QB4	16 R-B3	P-K4	28 P-R4	Q-Q3
5 1-Q3	N-QB3	17 N-B2	P-B1	29 B-R3	QR-K1
6 1-B4	P-B4	18 N-Q3	K-R1	30 Q-R5	BxN
7 1-N-K2	N-R3	19 K-R2	P-Q4	31 NxR	R-K6
8 C-O	O-O	20 KR-B1	Q-PxP	32 N-B4	RxN
9 1-KR3	B-Q2	21 BxP	N-Q3	33 PxR	QxPch
10 1-K3	N-Q5	22 B-N2	N-D5	34 Resigns.	
11 C-Q2	N-B2	23 Q-N4	N-K6		
12 N-Q1	PxP	24 KR-B1	NxP		

G.J. Dykes v D.W. Anderton

1 N-KB3	P-Q4	6 B-B4	P-K3	11 P-QN3	B-QN5
2 P-K4	PxP	7 Q-K2	Q-Q5	12 B-N2	Q-R4
3 N-N5	N-KB3	8 P-B3	PxP	13 Q-Q2	P-QN4
4 N-QB3	B-KB4	9 NxP	Q-N3	14 Resigns.	
5 B-N5ch	P-B3	10 P-Q3	QN-Q2		

R.A. Beach v W.J. Stirling

1 b4!?, a5!?, 2 b5 Nf6, 3 Bb2 d6, 4 f4 c5, 5 Nf3 g6, 6 e3 Bg7,
 7 Be2 N8d7, 8 O-O O-O, 9 c4 a4!?, 10 a3 Nb6, 11 Qc2 h6(?)
 12 h3 Be6, 13 Nc3!?, Nc4:, 14 Na4: Ra4:, 15 Bf6: Bf6:,
 16 Qa4: Ba1:, 17 Ra1: Qa5!, 18 Qa5: Na5:, 19 a4 Ra8?, 20 d3 b6,
 21 Bd1 Rc8(!), 22 Kf2 c4!, 23 c4: Rc4:, 24 Be2 Rc3, 25 Nd4 Dd5,
 26 Bf3 Bf3:, 27 f3: Nc4, 28 e4 Kg7, 29 Ra2 e5, 30 e5: e5:,
 31 Nc6 Kf6, 32 a5? a5:!, 33 Na5: Na5:, 34 Ra5: Rb3!,
 35 Ra6+ Kg5, 36 Rb6 f5, 37 f5: f5:, 38 Kg3 e4!, 39 Rb8 Rf3:+,
 40 Kg2 Kf4, 41 b6 Rb3, 42 b7 e3, 43 h4 Rb2+, 44 Kg1 Rb1+,
 45 Kg2 Rb2+, 46 Kg1 Kf3!?, 47 Rf3 e2!, 48 Rf4: Kg3, 49 Re5 Rb1++

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION Games (no annotation)

D.J. Anderson v B. Marshall

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	17 PxP	PxP	33 K-B3	P-Q7
2 P-QB4	P-KN3	18 N(2)-K4	B-Q1	34 P-K4	P-R3
3 P-KN3	B-M2	19 Q-B4	N-Q3	35 R-B7	B-K4
4 B-N2	P-Q3	20 NxP	P-K5	36 P-R4	K-Q1
5 N-KB3	O-O	21 N(5)XP	NxN	37 L-Q5ch	P-M1
6 O-O	QN-Q2	22 NxN	BxNP	38 RxP	R-K6ch
7 N-B3	P-K4	23 QR-Q1	B-Q5	39 K-N4	R-L6
8 P-K4	P-B3	24 Q-N3	P-B4	40 R-B5ch	K-K2
9 P-KR3	Q-B2	25 K-R1	BxN	41 P-B5	R-R5ch
10 P-Q5	P-QR4	26 BxB	RxP	42 K-B5	R-B5ch
11 B-K3	N-K1	27 RxR	DxR	43 K-K5	RxP
12 P-KN4	N-B4	28 B-Q5ch	K-R1	44 R-B7ch	K-Q1
13 N-Q2	P-KB4	29 R-KB1	Q-N6	45 R-QR7	R-N5
14 NPxP	PxP	30 QxQ	BxQ	46 B-K6	B-B6ch
15 PxP	BxP	31 R-B7	R-K1	47 K-Q6	R-Q5ch
16 BxN	PxB	32 K-N2	B-K8	48 B-Q5	Resigns.

B. Marshall v W.J. Stirling

1 P-K4	N-QB3	12 O-O-O	P-KR4	23 P-N5	PxP
2 P-Q4	P-K4	13 B-R4	N-N3	24 QxP	Q-Q3
3 P-Q5	N-K2	14 BxN	QxB(!)	25 N-R4	QxQ
4 P-QB4	P-Q3	15 P-QN4	N-R5!	26 NxQ	B-K6!
5 N-QB3	P-KN3	16 N-N1	B-Q2?!	27 NxNP??	R-R2!
6 B-K3	B-N2	17 Q-B2	B-R3	28 P-R5	N-R1!
7 Q-Q2	P-KB4	18 K-N1	R-QN1	29 B-B4?	RxN!
8 P-B3	P-B5	19 PxP	PxP	30 P-Q6	BxNP!!
9 B-B2	N-B3	20 P-N3	N-N3	31 Resigns.	
10 B-Q3	P-KN4	21 P-R4	P-B6		
11 KN-K2	P-N5	22 P-B5?	P-QR4!		

MIDLAND CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP Round 1 19.12.70

<u>Bd.</u>	<u>Stafford</u>		<u>Birmingham Nomads</u>	
1	J.M. Quinn	A	P.C. Griffiths (W)	A
2	R.V.H. Butters	1	W.R. Morry	0
3	R.J. Edwards	0	G.N. Stokes	1
4	P.G. Jackson	A	M.S. Dunn	A
5	R.D. Picken	1	G.F. Howard	0
6	A.T. Leadbetter	1	default.	0
		<u>3</u>		<u>1</u>

Two losses by Stafford would lead to Nomads winning on Board count. However, although Stafford are equivalent of a pawn down on each board, the presence of Queens on Board 1 and a tactical resource on Board 4, they would be very unlucky not to get at least one draw. The winners play Electra in Round 2.

Butters has now won his last three games against Ritson-Morry and in the current one had the initiative throughout.

FRIENDLY 12.12.70

<u>Bd.</u>	<u>Burton</u>		<u>Stafford</u>	
1	T.J. Bould	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Watson (W)	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	C. Kirk	$\frac{1}{2}$	R.D. Picken	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	G. Ward	$\frac{1}{2}$	P.G. Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	S. Schofield	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. Vohralik	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	D. Pickering	0	A.G. Lee	1
		<u>2</u>		<u>3</u>

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE

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With half of the season gone Wolverhampton Kipping have established a clear lead in the Birmingham League with maximum points from the six matches they have played so far. They have played all of the leading clubs with the exception of Birmingham B whom they play next on 8 January. The struggle to avoid relegation will be a fierce one with six clubs at present in danger including Walsall Kipping and West Bromwich. Here is the latest table.

Birmingham League Division I

<u>Club</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1. Wolverhampton Kipping	6	6	0	0	12
2. Kynoch	6	4	2	0	8
3. Hodge Hill	4	3	1	0	6
4. Solihull	4	3	1	0	6
5. Birmingham B	4	3	1	0	6
6. Sutton Coldfield	4	2	1	1	5
7. Stourbridge	5	2	2	1	5
8. West Bromwich	2	1	1	0	2
9. Mutual	3	1	2	0	2
10. Birmingham A	4	0	3	1	1
11. Birmingham C	4	0	3	1	1
12. Dudley	4	0	4	0	0
13. Walsall Kipping	4	0	4	0	0

The results of the last two matches played by Wolverhampton Kipping are as follows:

<u>Wolverhampton Kipping</u>			<u>Kynoch</u>		
1.	D W Anderton	1	L Ingram		0
2.	V G Jenson	0	R Farley		1
3.	D Lamb	1	C Linnell		0
4.	P Wojciechowski	$\frac{1}{2}$	B Milner		$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	A Sadler	1	A Burbidge		0
6.	I Fleury	1	N Linnell		0
		<u>4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>			<u>1$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Wolverhampton LippingBirmingham A

1.	D W Anderton	$\frac{1}{2}$	A Woodland	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	M Fleury	1	M Squires	0
3.	V G Jenson	0	K Waddler	1
4.	D Lamb	$\frac{1}{2}$	R Waddler	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	F Wojciechowski	1	M O'Connell	0
6.	I Fleury	$\frac{1}{2}$	S Whitacre	$\frac{1}{2}$
		$3\frac{1}{2}$		$2\frac{1}{2}$

The results of all the other matches not so far given are:

Kynoch	4	v	Birmingham B	2
Kynoch	$2\frac{1}{2}$	v	Stourbridge	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Kynoch	4	v	Mutual	2
Kynoch	5	v	Birmingham C	1
Kynoch	$3\frac{1}{2}$	v	Walsall	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Birmingham B	4	v	Stourbridge	1 (1 adj)
Birmingham B	$4\frac{1}{2}$	v	Birmingham A	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Birmingham B	4	v	Birmingham C	2
Hodge Hill	$4\frac{1}{2}$	v	Stourbridge	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Hodge Hill	4	v	Dudley	2
Hodge Hill	$3\frac{1}{2}$	v	Walsall	$1\frac{1}{2}$ (1 adj)
Solihull	$3\frac{1}{2}$	v	Mutual	$1\frac{1}{2}$ (1 adj)
Solihull	$3\frac{1}{2}$	v	Dudley	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Solihull	$3\frac{1}{2}$	v	Walsall	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Sutton Coldfield	3	v	Stourbridge	3
Sutton Coldfield	4	v	Birmingham C	2
Sutton Coldfield	4	v	Walsall	1 (1 adj)
Stourbridge	4	v	Birmingham A	2
West Bromwich	2	v	Mutual	3 (1 adj)
West Bromwich	4	v	Dudley	2
Mutual	4	v	Dudley	2
Birmingham A	3	v	Birmingham C	3
Birmingham A	$1\frac{1}{2}$	v	Walsall	$2\frac{1}{2}$ (2 adj)