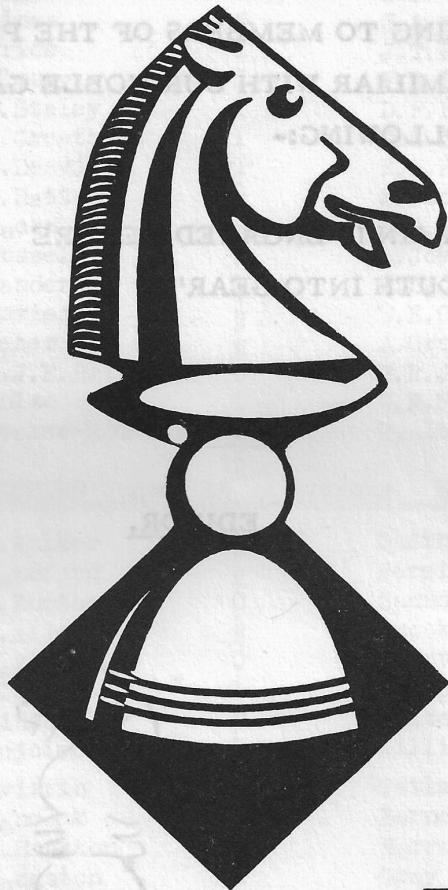


CWA COPY

II 4

**Wolverhampton & District Chess League**



**MONTHLY BULLETIN**

25 FEB 1967

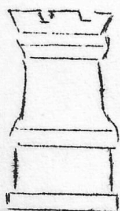
Wolverhampton & District Chess League

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

WHEN TALKING TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS,  
WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH OUR NOBLE GAME  
OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:-

"BE SURE BRAIN IS ENGAGED BEFORE  
PUTTING MOUTH INTO GEAR".

EDITOR.



---

Please note:- The following items have been added and do not  
appear under contents. Staffs II - Worcs II.  
Staffs under 15 v Worcs.M. C. C. U. Junior Jumboree at B-ham.  
Games section:- R. D. Keene - Dr. J. Penrose. J. Tromans - Mrs Briscoe

STAFFORDSHIRE II VERSUS WORCESTERSHIRE II  
At Stewarts & Lloyds Bilston, on 4th February 67.

1.	W.P.Taylor	0	M.L.Nicholson	1
2	S.G.Johnson	1	J.D.Ashfield	0
3	P.G.Jackson	1	D.Miller	0
4	E.V.Foulds	1	J.D.Williams	0
5	E.W.Lees	1	G.Elwell	0
6	G.Lines	0	S.M.Harris	1
7	D.Price	1	J.T.Roe	0
8	M.Fleury	1	F.L.Tatler	0
9	P.F.Staley	1	D.F.Fenhough	0
10	P.J.Greatbach	1	D.S.Dodd	0
11	T.M.Deaville	1	F.S.Bridgwater	0
12	J.S.Hatton	$\frac{1}{2}$	S.Wooley	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	M.Bacon	$\frac{1}{2}$	E.R.Cox	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	H.Russell	1	M.Jovanovic	0
15	B.Sanders	1	F.Sadler	0
16	D.Davies	$\frac{1}{2}$	W.E.Cox	$\frac{1}{2}$
17	H.Geher	$\frac{1}{2}$	A.Crosby	$\frac{1}{2}$
18	Mrs.J.E.Briscoe	0	P.R.Johnson	1
19	P.Hulse	1	W.R.Pugh	0
20	G.Stokes-Roberts	1	P.Alberts	0
		<u>15</u>		<u>5</u>

STAFFORDSHIRE under 15 versus WORCESTERSHIRE u 15

1	R.F.Walker	$\frac{1}{2}$	Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	P.Sandford	$\frac{1}{2}$	Pereira	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	A.D.Burton	0	Saunders	1
4	M.P.Allery	$\frac{1}{2}$	Brookes	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	A.Taylor	0	Mountford	1
6	J.Oliver	1	Phipps	0
7	M.Minchell	0	Pritchard	1
8	P.Wojciechowski	1	Williams	0
9	P.Griffin	1	Tatler	0
10	M.Hancock	0	Burnell	1
11	A.I.Houston	1	Harrold	1
12	P.Langston	1	Gray	0
13	A.C.Hammings	1	Thomas	0
14	R.Butler	1	Heath	0
15	B.MacDonough	1	Toy	0
16	R.Gregg	1	Greenlear	0

17	R. Bouckley	0	Edwards	1
18	J. Briscoe	1	Molloy	0
19	A. Bekeen	0	Gillian Saunders	1
20	G. Sower	1	Hillary Barder	0
		<u>12½</u>		<u>7½</u>

M.C.C.U. JUNIOR JUMBOREE FEBRUARY 11th 1967.

1.	S.G. Johnson	a	A.F. Warren - Leices	a
2	H. Russell	½	C.R. Cope - Notts.	1½
3	M. Fleury	1	S. Shardlow - Derby	0
4	I.C. MacGillivray	½	P.L. Morris - Warwicks	½
5	T.M. Deaville	1	C. Tringham - Heref.	0
6	A.E. Holdford	0	D.J. Heyes - Worcs	1
7	P. Hulse	1	R.B. Eyre - Salop	0
8	J. Hodhkinson	1	N.I. Rans - Salop	0
9	W. Clarke	0	A.N. Morris - Leices.	1
10	R.F. Walker	1	M. Lambert - Notts	0
11	C. Rix	1	N. Chambers - Derby	0
12	B. Keay	0	P.J. Riley - Warwicks.	1
		<u>7</u>		<u>4</u>

8 Teams played, there are 8 games to be sent for adjudication and the score below are as they stood at the end of play.

					<u>ADJ.</u>
1.	Staffordshire	7	from	11	1
2-3	Nottinghamshire	6½	"	9	3
3	Leicestershire	6½	"	9	3
4	Warwickshire	5½	"	8	4
5	Worcestershire	5	"	10	2
6	Shropshire	5	"	11	1
7	Derbyshire	4	"	10	2
8	Herefordshire	½	"	12	0

BON VOYAGE.

K. Chelvan of Dudley Chess Club is leaving this country for Canada. I first met him at last year's Congress and later in the League. It was always a pleasure to be in his company, he requested all our future editions to be sent to him in Toronto.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking to Raymond Keene, for his contribution to our Magazine.

I understand that Nigel Cook has recovered from his recent accident and we all welcome him back in League chess.



TEST YOUR CHESS KNOWLEDGE.

Part III.

As in the previous quiz you will find the answers printed at the end of this Magazine.

QUESTIONS:-

- a) Who said ' Give me a knight on K6 and I can go to sleep for the rest of the game ?
b) Of whom was it said ' Chess is his mother tongue '
c) Who is reputed to have said ' Place your adversary with the sun in his eyes ?
d) When was the first Hastings Tournament Held ?
e) Who said ' The pawn is the soul of chess ?
f) Who said ' Moral victories do not count '

Decorative separator line consisting of multiple rows of asterisks.

O B I T U A R Y.

Rev. H.M. BLACKETT. - Late of Notts.

We have learned with deep regret of the death of the Rev.H.M. Blackett. He was an old friend and stalwart in County chess and a great character. Mr.G.H. Simmons the B.C.F. Secretary paid the following tribute:- He was the first opponent I had when I attained County standard and a well loved friend.

Decorative separator line consisting of multiple rows of asterisks.

STAFFORDSHIRE CHESS CONGRESS - WOLVERHAMPTON 1967

Players are invited to the above Congress which will be held on Saturday 27th May to Tuesday 30th May 1967 at Northcote School, Wolverhampton.

# Staffordshire

## Chess

## Congress

**FROM 27th TO 30th MAY 1967**

**at Wolverhampton**

1. Staffordshire Open Championship.  
Limited to 16 invited players. The following automatic-ally qualify for this year's event: last year's prize winners; last year's runner-up; the winner and runner-up in the Staffordshire Open Championship and the winner of the previous year's Handicap Tournament. Entry fee £1. Prizes: first £10, second £5, third £2.10.0.

2. Candidates' Tournament.  
This five round event is open to the 16 strongest players after the Open Championship. The winner qualifies for next year's Championship Tournament. Entry fee 15/-.

3. Junior Tournament.  
This five round Swiss event is open to all players under 12 years of age. Entry fee 10/-.

4. Staffordshire Under 18 Championship.  
Open to all players under 18 on 1st September 1967. This 11 round Swiss event will comprise the Staffordshire Open and Closed Championships. The first three competitors will receive prizes and the highest placed eligible player (as defined below) will receive the Staffordshire Under 18 Trophy and will represent Staffordshire in the 1968 Bury Chess Congress.

5. Staffordshire Under 16 Championship.  
Open to all players under 16 on 1st September 1967.

STAFFORDSHIRE CHESS CONGRESS -WHITSUN 1967.

Entries are invited to the above Congress which will be held on Saturday 27th May to Tuesday 30th May 1967 at Northcote School, Bushbury, Wolverhampton.

DETAILS OF EVENTS.

1. Staffordshire Open Championship.

Limited to 16 invited players. The following automatically qualify for this five round Swiss event; last year's prize winners; last year's under 21 champion; the winner and runner up in the Staffordshire Closed Championship and the winner of the previous year's Candidates' Tournament. Entry fee £ 1. Prizes - first £10; second £5; third £2.10.0.

2. Candidates' Tournament.

This five round Swiss event is limited to the 16 strongest players after the Open Championship. The winner qualifies for next year's Championship Tournament. Entry fee 15/-

3. Major Tournament.

This five round Swiss event is open to all players. Entry fee 12/6.

4. Staffordshire under 21 Championship.

Open to all players under 21 on 1st September 1967. This five round Swiss event will comprise the Staffordshire Open and Closed Championships. The first three competitors will receive prizes and the highest placed eligible player (as defined below) will receive the Staffordshire Closed Trophy and will qualify as the Staffordshire representative for the West Midland under 21 Championships in 1968. Entry fee 10/-

5. Staffordshire under 18 Championship.

Open to all players under 18 on 1st September 1967.

This five round Swiss event will comprise the Staffordshire Open and Closed Championships. The first three competitors will receive prizes and the highest placed eligible player (as defined below) will receive the Staffordshire Closed Trophy and will qualify as the Staffordshire representative for the West Midland under 18 Championships in 1968 together with a financial subsidy. Entry fee 7/6

6. Staffordshire under 16 Championship.

Open to all players under 16 On 1st September 1967. This seven round Swiss event will comprise the Staffordshire Open and Closed Championships. The first three competitors will receive prizes and the highest placed eligible player (as defined below) will receive the Staffordshire Closed Trophy and will qualify as the Staffordshire representative for the West Midland under 16 Championships in 1968 together with financial subsidy. Entry fee 5/-.

7. Staffordshire under 14 Championship.

Open to all players under 14 on 1st September 1967. This seven round Swiss event will comprise the Staffordshire Open and Closed Championships. The first three competitors will receive prizes and the highest placed player (as defined below) will receive the Staffordshire Closed Trophy and will qualify as the Staffordshire representative for the West Midland under 14 Championships in 1968 together with a financial subsidy. Entry fee 5/-.

8. Staffordshire under 12 Championship.

Open to all players under 12 on 1st September 1967. This nine round Swiss event will comprise the Staffordshire Open and Closed Championships. The first three competitors will receive the Staffordshire Closed Trophy and will qualify as the Staffordshire representative for the West Midland under 12 Championships in 1968 together with a financial subsidy. Entry fee 5/-

E l i g i b i l i t y .

To be eligible to play in the Staffordshire Closed Championships a player must reside, have resided, study or be a member of an affiliated chess club in Staffordshire.

Time Limits.

Events 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be 40 moves in two hours and 20 moves per hour thereafter. Events 6 and 7 will be 36 moves in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours and 24 moves per hour thereafter. Event 8 will be 30 moves per hour.

P r i z e s .

Prizes in events 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will be as follows:

First prize .. ..	50%	of entry fees
Second prize .. ..	30%	of entry fees
Third prize .. ..	20%	of entry fees

A c c o m m o d a t i o n .

Anyone requiring accommodation should write to the Accommodation Officer, K. Pittaway of 111 Parkes Hall Road, Woodsetton, Dudley. You are advised to apply of local juniors to stay at the homes of local juniors if desired.

T i m e t a b l e s o f E v e n t s .

S a t u r d a y 27th May.

Round 1	All events	.. ..	9.30 a.m.
Round 2	Event 8	.. ..	2.00 p.m.
Round 2	Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7	.. ..	3.30 p.m.
Round 3	Event 8	.. ..	4.30 p.m.

S u n d a y 28th May.

Round 3	Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7	.. ..	2.30 p.m.
Round 4	Event 8	.. ..	2.30 p.m.
	Adjourned games - all events.	.. ..	7.30 p.m.
			to
			9.30 p.m.

M O N D A Y 29th May

Round 4	Events 6 and 7	.. ..	9.30 a.m.
Round 5	Event 8	.. ..	9.30 a.m.
	Adjourned games - events 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	.. ..	10.00 to
			12.00 noon

Round 6	Event 8	..	..	..	2.00 p.m.
Round 4	Events 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	..	..	..	2.30 p.m.
Round 5	Events 6 and 7	..	..	..	2.30 p.m.
Round 7	Event 8	..	..	..	4.30 p.m.
Adjourned games - all events					7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

T U E S D A Y 30th May.

Round 5	Events 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	..	..	..	9.30 a.m.
Round 6	Events 6 and 7	..	..	..	9.30 a.m.
Round 8	Event 8	..	..	..	9.30 a.m.
Round 9	Event 8	..	..	..	2.00 p.m.
Round 7	Events 6 and 7	..	..	..	2.30 p.m.

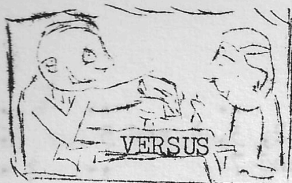
Adjourned games ---all events 1, 2, 3 and 4					2.30 p.m.
Prizegiving Ceremony					6.00 p.m.
Lightning Tournament - open to all players					6.30 p.m.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

~~~~~  
 All details relating to the Congress  
 can be obtained from the Congress Secretary:  
 Miss M.Sedgley,  
 19 Churchfield Road,  
 WEDNESBURY,  
 Staffs.  
 ~~~~~

NATIONAL CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Birmingham beat Nuneaton  $4\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .  
 Birmingham are the only West Midlands side left in the  
 competition, and providing they do not meet Oxford or  
 Cambridge in the next round, there is a good possibility in  
 winning the championship



STAFFORDSHIRE  
JUNIORS

WARWICKSHIRE  
JUNIORS.

Venue : Central Grammer School, Marston Green,  
Birmingham, on 21st January 1967.

1.	S.G. Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}$	G.E. Swartridge	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	M. Fleury	1	P.L. Morris	0
3.	H. Russell	1	R. Woodford	0
4.	I.C. MacGillivray	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Hall	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	T.M. Deaville	$\frac{1}{2}$	C.C. Shephard	$\frac{1}{2}$
6.	A.E. Holford	1	I.C. Cotterill	0
7.	C. Rix.	0	C.T. Parry	1
8.	W. Clarke	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$
9.	R. Walker	$\frac{1}{2}$	R.S. Thompson	$\frac{1}{2}$
10.	S. Dutton	0	A.B. Roberts	1
11.	K.J. Thompson	$\frac{1}{2}$	P.J. Riley	$\frac{1}{2}$
12.	B. Key	1	P.K. Mason	0
13.	N. Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$	V.E. Minnis	$\frac{1}{2}$
14.	G.R. Link	0	N. Walker	1
15.	S. Gilliver	1	S.J. Horseman	0
16.	P. Griffin	0	A.J. Pearshouse	1
17.	J. Dutton	0	M. Ryan	1
18.	M. Handcock	0	R. Baker	1
19.	D. Brindley	1	R.E. Cole	0
20.	A. Houston	0	C.H. Owen	1

$9\frac{1}{2}$

$10\frac{1}{2}$

=====

JOHN THOMPSONS "B" 2 ----- W-TON KIPPING "C" 4

DIVISION II.

The start of this match was slightly delayed, because the visiting team Captain was held up between the entrance and the canteen. After the formalities had been completed the match started, less Peter Porter for J. Thompsons who eventually did appear and within the next half hour settled for a draw with his opponent A. Houston.

As for myself on board 1, I received a present - one Rook from

my opponent R, Jones, after this he really fought hard but the odds were to great.

The highlights of the evening were board 2, after a friendly "chat" between Ron Farmer & Charles Hemming, the game eventually got under way. Suddenly Charles announced " sorry Ron, I hate to do this" ( he managed to fork Ron's Queen & Rook with his Knight) On seeing this I tried to persuade Charles not to be hasty and settle for Ron's Rook. In the meantime Ron tried to offer his opponent a cigarette, but no use, Farmer's Queen was gently removed and the match stood  $1\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ .

I reminded the club secretary, Ken Pittaway, that it was time for tea. He was playing his "BIGGOOD CUP" game on the next table against S.S. Rait. Finally he managed to spare a few minutes to get the "Samovar" going.

On board 3 young Link also managed to fork Maurice Dixon's Queen and Rook. (I wonder if he copied his Captain in order to get a place in the team permanently.) Now things looked bad for the home side, therefore tea was served at once in order to relieve the pressure and it was anticipated that after the break the home side would show some improvement.

After the break young Paul, on board 5, from W. Kipping produced a real grandmaster's Rook and Pawn ending. His opponent Evans examined the position very closely and said sadly "there is nothing I can do" and capitulated. So the match was lost for the home side  $1\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ .

On board 4 young John Briscoe was having a great game against G. Mohr and intended to fight to the bitter end. However, I reminded him that we had lost the match and his chances of winning were remote, so he should try and settle for a draw. John with his King and Mohr with his Queen had covered most of the squares on the board. (A guided Cook's tour) Check was called at least 25 times and they finally decided to call it a draw.

In the meantime Ken had produced a brilliant win over S. Rait and in the excitement forgot to turn off the "Samovar" the water was dripping on the polished floor and I wonder what kind words the Canteen Manager whispered to him the next morning.

In conclusion I would like to say that the chess did not reach International standard, but the tea was good (some of us had more than one cup) and we all had a good evening. Just one small point, I had to toss up with Hemming who would take young Paul home. Can you beat that?

L. Armstrong.

ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOL' CHESS ASSOCIATION.

A founder meeting was held in Huddersfield on May 14th 1966 where representatives from Birmingham, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Manchester and Wallasey formed the above Association. As a result an inaugural meeting was held in Birmingham on December 17th 1966 at which the constitution was adopted.

It was agreed to make the annual subscription £ 1.0.0. per association. This should be forwarded to Mr. N. Waugh the Treasurer as soon as possible if your association wish to become members. This fee will be for the year Sep. 1966 to Aug. 1967. Naturally any further financial assistance would greatly help the Association in its early stages.

The Inter Association Team Championship will be held this year on Saturday 13th May at Lingham Primary School, Town-meadow Lane, Moreton Wirral, Cheshire. Arrangements for this competition will be made by Mr. Waugh. The number of players per team will be decided when it is known how many teams will be competing. Member associations wishing to partake in the Championship should notify Mr. Waugh before February 15th 67.

We have corresponded with the British Chess Federation and it is agreed to apply for affiliation to this body. A Publicity Officer has been appointed and any interesting information from associations should be sent to:-

P. STALEY, WOODFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL, WOODFIELD AVE, PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON. Tel. 36552

The other officers are as follows:-

TREASURER. N. Waugh, 69 Kestrel Road, Moreton, Wirral, Cheshire.

CHAIRMAN. J. J. Whitfield, 120 Goldington Ave, Oakes, Huddersfield, Yorks.

SECRETARY. D. W. Johnson, 5 Freer Road, Birmingham. 6 1  
Tel. Northern 7709.

If you have any queries please contact me, my new school address is BLOOMSBURY J. I. SCHOOL, LINGARD STREET, BIRMINGHAM 7.  
David W Johnson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THOSE ABOUT TO TAKE UP CHESS : DONT.

We have received the following comments from Bernard Cafferty regarding the above article by Virginia Ironside in our last months issue and this is what B. Cafferty wrote:-

"I was a little surprised, however, and a little sad to see reproduced on pages 11-12 the article from the "Daily Mail" by Virginia Ironside, because in my humble opinion it was the worst one of the many I saw about Hastings and is an object lesson to editors not to send chess ignoramuses to cover congresses, and to players to be a little more careful in speaking to the less well informed members of the press.

When I taxed Keene and Hartston later as to whether they had really been correctly quoted, they had to admit they had not seen a copy of the article, so they could not really say. Hartston did admit he had done a bit of "spoofing" in his comments, but had presumably expected the reporter to realise this or **was it** just that the questions were of the "When did you stop beating your wife" type?

The point at issue is what should be our attitude to these reporters who know nothing about the game and come along looking for a "human interest" story or for an "angle"?

I discussed this point with several players and got many interesting answers. Golombek for example recommended taking the initiative with T.V. people by immediately asking them why chess did not appear on T.V., a medium ideally suited to it. (One discounts the very old and somehow misleading "Brilliant Games of the Past" which sometimes appears late on).

Miss Eileen Tranmer related that she was asked by a woman reporter at Hastings point blank "Why do you like chess". She replied that she was returning to her board where her opponent had just moved, and would need more time to give a considered reply. "Oh just tell me while we walk back together" was the answer. However, Eileen, a little more canny than some, replied "And how would you like to tell me in the next ten seconds

why do you like eating?" I think the reporter got the point. Perhaps she had only wanted an answer on the intellectual level of "It's fab"!

As Keene was to admit to me later in the tournament, he failed to profit from his first lesson, and was very angry about the second incident that occurred because of press carelessness. A reporter asked Keene if he could lay on an interview with Botvinnik at 10 a.m. in the Congress Hall on the rest day, when the reporter would also have a photographic team with him to "shoot" the ex-World Champion. Keene agreed, went to some trouble over it, and walked up with Botvinnik from their hotel (no mean distance) to arrive promptly at 10.0 a.m. nobody was there! The reporter turned up at 10.15 a.m., said he did not really want any photos, and on seeing Keene's feelings, struck an airy pose, gazed at the ceiling and said "All right then let's think about it, let's get an angle for this". No photos were taken however and Keene had to apologise profusely to Botvinnik.

Such conduct towards a distinguished foreign visitor is intolerable in my opinion. I can only hope the VIP treatment given to Botvinnik on his simul' tour by local councils, business firms and so on, will seem to him more typical of us than the incident at Hastings.

British Chess may well have need of a good press relations officer. It certainly can do without articles like those of Virginia Ironside.

Bernard Cafferty.

#### EDITORS COMMENTS.

We wish to thank Mr. B. Cafferty for his contribution to our Magazine and for his views on the Virginia Ironside article.

The prime reason for printing this "Daily Mail" article was to bring to the notice of our readers the way some members of the press regard the "royal game".

Mr. Cafferty has spent considerable time in writing this letter and the additional information he gives as regards the attitude of reporters to famous players, illustrates the way in which "bad publicity" can be obtained due to lack of knowledge and, perhaps, too light hearted interviews.

Publicity for "Chess" has always been a crying need, but this sort of publicity can only do harm and I hope the chess devotees who saw this "unfair" article will give it very scant attention.

"BIRMINGHAM POST " CHESS COLUMN.

A lot of people have asked me do I know why the column which has been running in the "POST" for the last 70 odd years! has suddenly stopped after a promise to publish it every fortnight.

Many people obviously think that it may have stopped in connection with the starting of a column in the " BIRMINGHAM EVENING MAIL " about the same time. I can assure them that this is not so, as this was something which I myself asked about when discussing the prospect of starting a column in the Mail"

When people ask me about it I reply by asking them if they have written to the " POST " Editor. The invariable answer is no, which merely confirms the point made by your own Editor Leo Armstrong, that chess players are a little apathetic and do not realise that a well timed letter to the powers that be is better than a private grumble amongst friends!

Bernard Cafferty.

Editors comments.

To clarify the position I have written to The " B-Ham Post" Editor Mr. D. H. Hopkinson and received the following answer:-

Dear Mr. Armstrong,  
Thank you for your letter of 30th January 1967. Mr. Wood, who has covered Chess for the " POST" admirably for a long number of years, has relinquished his duties and we are shortly to appoint another Chess writer to succeed him.

Yours sincerely.

D. H. Hopkinson.  
Editor.

G. H. SIMMONS'S COLUMN.

Chess columnists are often those who not only report to their readers chess activities but are also very often involved in the organisation of events. They are therefore the essential heart of all that is best in the game. To them is owed a debt by the others who simply play chess and enjoy the facilities without even thinking of the work involved to make this possible. This debt is seldom paid but the work goes on unremittingly.

What we need however is more such workers to enable us to extend the scope of our activities, so that in turn a finer set of players able to face up to any one in the world in strength and determination will emerge. We want those who are prepared to work to help the up and coming youngsters who will bring credit to us when at a later stage they emerge from the beginners' class to become eventually in the master class.

British Chess must go ahead: there must be no turning back. Let there be no doubt on our objective - the top! It only needs us to fire the enthusiasm in ourselves and others to make this a certainty. Invite your friends to lend a hand and tell them of the pleasure they will derive from doing it, coax the lethargic ones to attend regularly at their clubs, give a welcome to all who wish to play, assist the beginners and make them feel at home amongst the better exponents of the game, and if all else fails, bully them into doing something for the game. Make organisation in chess count to them, whether it be at local, county, Union or national level, and our future is assured.

Wonderful support has been given to me since taking over the duties of Federation Secretary, but I am greedy for more help. There are still some few places where I have no contacts in the country, so if you can help spread the gospel of chess I should be most grateful. There must be some chess columnists who are not yet on my mailing list - if you think you may know of anyone of them please tell me. We need 100% support in the country.

The Federation are holding a series of meetings in the near future in their efforts to bring chess to the fore and I hope to give plenty of interesting news of innovations and improvements.

G. H. Simmons, B. C. F. Secretary.



### REIGATE'S BATTLE ENDS.

It was a chilly day in January 1963 that two Grandmasters our chess editor, Alexander Kotov and ex-world champion Vasily Smyslov - journeyed into deepest Surrey to meet the boys of Reigate School.....

Grandmaster Kotov received a challenge and accepted it. The challenge came from the boys of Reigate School. More precisely, from the Schools chess club.

And so, in January 1963 Kotov travelled to meet his challengers and to make the opening move of a correspondence game which was to take three years to complete.

Kotov v Reigate School may not have been a game for the text-books, but all the same it was a thoughtful and interesting encounter. The boys took the Grandmaster to 48 moves and made him work very hard for his ultimate victory.

With Kotov in January 1963 was a friend - Grandmaster Vasily Smyslov, ex-world champion.

Smyslov watched that first move and made the boys a promise: "When the game is over, I shall prepare a commentary on it", this he did and his annotated version appeared in February edition.

He recalled his trip to meet the Reigate schoolboys in "Soviet Weekly"

"They were keen inquisitive lads, very like Moscow chaps of their age," he said.

"I remember being given a book in Russian and asked to read it aloud while they switched on a tape recorder. I seemed to pass the test all right!

"My reward was a cup of tea. After this softening up, I was asked to provide a commentary when they finished their game with Kotov, and I am doing this now with the greatest of pleasure.

"I would like to send my best wishes to Reigate and I am sure we shall hear from them again.

"I look forward to preparing a commentary on a game when they beat Kotov. In any case, I am sure many of them will develop into very good players in the near future.

From "Soviet Weekly" Kotovs Chess col.  
on February 5th 1967

I gratefully acknowledge kind permission of the Editor Mr. D. Michaelson to reprint the above article.

I shall endeavour to print the actual game in our next edition

TOPICAL NEWS.

M. Tal the ex-world champion was in tremendous form in the International tournament at Palma, Majorca and finished a comfortable first with 12 points, followed by grandmaster Parma with 11 points. Wade finished last but one with 5 pts.

=====

PAUL KERES.

Keres scored a convincing victory in an International tournament at Stockholm, Sweden, with 8 points, followed by Johansson with  $5\frac{1}{2}$ . The Danish grandmaster Bent Larsen was in rather poor form and managed to scrape  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points.

=====

BOBBY FISCHER.

Once again Bobby Fischer became the undisputed U.S.A. Champion without losing a single game.

All the leading U.S.A. players took part in this year's championships and were regarded in chess circles as a very strong contingent.

Fischer scored  $9\frac{1}{2}$  points, his nearest rival Larry Evans scored  $7\frac{1}{2}$ . Reshevsky, Byrne and Rossolimo had to be content in sharing 8th - 10th place, I should say a performance well below grandmaster standard.

=====

LEONID STEIN - SOVIET CHESS CHAMPION.

In the last round of the National championships at Tbilisi he drew his game against grandmaster Suetin and scored 13 points -  $8 + \frac{1}{2} = 10, - 2$ .

Efim Geller was second with  $12\frac{1}{2}$  points and then came Korchnoi, Gipslis and Taimanov with 12 points.

Two participants in the inter-zonal tournament for the world championship have been decided - STEIN and GELLER.

But the two others are not yet known and this will need an additional match between Korchnoi, Gipslis and Taimanov. The date and place will be named by the USSR Chess Federation.

Condensed from the "SOVIET WEEKLY" chess column.

HOOGOVENS CHESS TOURNAMENT AT  
BEVERWEJIK, NETHERLANDS

by - STEWART REUBEN

This took place from 11th January, to 29th. 5 of us from the Islington Chess Club participated in the sections of ten which started on the 19th. It was very pleasant playing against all complete strangers instead of the same old faces.

Spassky won the Grandmaster section  $\frac{1}{2}$  point ahead of Lutikov another Russian., 9 other grandmasters also competed. The master section was won by Karaklaic, 9 other masters also competing.

The social events were particularly well organised. There was a Smorgasbord with free everything. A formal mayoral reception. At the prize - giving there was a Pea-Soup (traditional Dutch) dinner. Also a social evening for which tickets were going on the black market at £5 each, this is the social event of the Beverwejik year. Accommodation was provided free by local people and thus we had a much better opportunity than on most holidays to meet the inhabitants. I can heartily recommend this congress as a holiday. But be prepared for a lot of boozing and eating.

The money for the event, which must amount to £10,000 all comes from the Hoogovens Steel Works. It has now completely overshadowed Hastings in status as an international tournament, in fact of recent years it has usually only been the presence of the Russians at our congress which has given importance to the tournament.

It is little use bemoaning the public image of chess when Hartston and Keene give interviews such as that with the Daily Mail (quoted in your January issue) exhorting people not to take up the game. Nor is it any use decrying the lack of monetary support for the game whilst most players are unwilling to spend even that required by B.C.F. registration. Let us face it £1 a year from all regularly competing players would result in more than £10,000. Admittedly however, many people give freely and unstintingly of their time to organisation, but is league chess really worth spending all that effort on? It is not retrograde that in 1963 we had 4 tournaments to which foreign grandmasters were invited and now there are only two? We must be thankful to Fishlock - Lomax who single - handed virtually keeps Bognor going. All praise to Folkestone for a sensible prize fund. But why doesn't this magazine cost anything, if people are not willing to pay, ultimately it means that they are not interested. Do not such magazines reduce the circulation of the professional magazines and thus ultimately the income of the stronger players? For this is what it is all about you know. In a capitalist society such as ours stimulus must be provided by pay for a professional and only be professionalism can we obtain good chess players and then a good public image as in Holland.

Editors comments:-

I would like to answer three points raised by Stewart Reuben, in his article:

First: All materials and postage for this magazine are provided by the Wolverhampton & District Chess League Members, the production of same, I then do gratis, after having finished my days work ( some days 10 hours)

Second: Regarding the question that this magazine is reducing the circulation of professional magazines, I dismiss <sup>this</sup> as utter nonsense, no more need to be said.

Third.

Regarding Reuben's suggestion on the raising of £ 10,000, which is to be provided by the ordinary competing League Member. This is contradictory to his statement "is League chess worth spending all that effort on"

In conclusion I would like to emphasise that this Magazine has no intention of competing with any professional periodicals. If anyone is willing to help CHESS without any money involved, we shall welcome them.

Readers comments are invited.

Leo Armstrong.

CLIVE HENRY COOK.

By David Anderton.

The death of Clive Cook has left us all numb with shock. He was extremely well known throughout Wolverhampton League as a strong player and a genial opponent.

I knew him in his schooldays and then later in the local chess area. He invariably had a witty comment on his lips and to be in his company was always a pleasure.

He played for both the County first and second teams on occasion. He was a massive and solid player who reminded me of the Russian Smyslov both for his style and his build.

He will be sadly missed at all the Chess gatherings he used to grace by his presence.

STAFFORDSHIRE versus WARWICKSHIRE.

Des pite yet another close struggle Staffordshire again failed to beat Warwickshire in the County match on 28th January. They lost by the close margin of 11-9. None of the members of the Staffordshire side have ever been in a winning side against Warwickshire. The last time anyone can remember Staffordshire winning was in the 1938/9 season. In 1960 at Stafford there was a 10-10 draw, but then Warwickshire won by the application of the elimination rule.

The unusual feature of this years match was the failure of the top five boards to score more than one point. The bottom fifteen boards scored eight points to Warwickshire seven which is a considerable improvement on former years.

Staffordshire have never been able to match Warwickshire's strength over the top few boards but have usually been able to pull something out of the bag to make a level score. For example last year the top five scored 2½ points and the team was let down on the lower boards. This year the Warwickshire top five were all British Championship contenders and included one British Master.

The top board game between Gibbs and Stevenson was a real cliffhanger. Stevenson had tried the opening variation of the Ruy Lopez at the recent Hastings Tournament, and Gibbs had obviously observed this. He came well booked up and emerged from the opening with a real edge. Stevenson ran into severe time trouble and was unable to avoid a fire finish which was economically executed by Gibbs.

Here is the game:-

Board 1

P.C. Gibbs - White M.A. Stevenson - Black

RUY LOPEZ.

1	P-K4	P-K4
2	N-KB3	N-QB3
3	B-N5	P-QR3
4	B-R4	N-B3
5	O-O	NXP
6	P-Q4	P-QN4
7	B-N3	P-Q4
8	PXP	B-K3
9	Q-K2	

A more modern line against Black open defence than older P-B3

9..... B-K2. 10 R-Q1, N-B4. 11 BXP, BXB.  
 12 N-B3, B-B5. 13. RXQ ch, RXR. 14 Q-K3 ( Not Q-K1, N-N5.  
 White has to allow the back rank check.)  
 14..... P-N5. 15 P-QN3, B-K3 (not PXN, B-R3) 16. N-K4, R-Q8 ch  
 17 N-K1, N-Q5, B-N2, NXBP. 19. Q-K2, RXR. 20. BXR, NXB.  
 21 NKN, BXN. 22. N-Q3 ( There is no hurry to capture the  
 trapped knight. After 22 Q-Q1, NXP. 0-0 Black stands well)  
 22..... B-N3. 23. NXP, 0-0. 24. N-B6, P-B3. 25 P-KR4, PXP.  
 26. QX KP, R-B3. 27. N-Q8, BXP ch. ( The B-ham mail' reports  
 Gibbs as having said that 27.... B-B1 is best with the likely  
 sequel 28. N-B6, B-K3. 29. P- KR5 with a King's side pawn  
 advance when White has pressure. Shahmatey Bulletin gives  
 27..... B-B1. 28. N-B6, B-K3 with a draw. But after 27....  
 B-B1 White should win by 28. Q-Q8 ch. for if:-  
 a) ..28. K-R1, N-B7 ch. 29. K-N1, N-R6 ch. 30 K-B1, Q-N8 ch  
 wins  
 and if:-  
 b) 28... Q-B1. then 29. N-B6 threatens to win the White  
 squared Bishop by 30. Q-Q8 ch and if Black tries to  
 salvage the Bishop he will either be mated by 29 B-K3  
 30 Q-Q8 ch, K-B2. 31 N-K5 mate, or will at the least  
 be subjected to a King's hunt which will leave material  
 scattered around the board in an uncoordinated way  
 which will render it liable to be picked up with a check  
 from the White Queen then if 29... B-K4. 30. Q-Q8 ch,  
 K-B2. 31. Q-K7 ch, K-N3. 32. N-K5 ch, K-R3. 33 P-KN4 wins.  
 28. K-R2, N-B7 29. NXB, N-K6. 30. Q-K4 ( once he has  
 11. avoided the knight fork it is all plain  
 sailing, especially as his opponent was short of time)  
 30..... R-R3. 31. P-N3, R-B3. 32. N-N5, N-B8 ch. 33. K-R3,  
 P-N3. 34 Q-K8 ch, R-B1. 35 Q-K7, Resigns.

=====

WOLVERHAMPTON & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE.

Late Registrations.

D. Goodwin, 25.1.67-Bushbury. R. Thorpe 31.1.67 S & Lloyds  
 J. Normand & S. Wager- West Brom .Central.

STAFFORDSHIRE I. versus WARWICKSHIRE I.

Venue: John Thompsons Social centre, Wolverhampton,  
on 28th January 1967.

1.	M.A. Stevenson	0	P.C. Gibbs	1
2	D.W. Anderton	1	J.A. Fuller	0
3	A.J. Sutton	0	B. Cafferty	1
4	P.G. Jackson	0	P.C. Griffith	1
5	Dr. N. Young	0	W.R. Morry	1
6	J.E. Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Stokes	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	Dr. V.G. Jenson	0	L.J. Carlton	1
8	R.J. Clunie	$\frac{1}{2}$	S.J. Wallis	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	W. Callaway	1	T. Harman	0
10	E.N. Hawkins	$\frac{1}{2}$	J.L. Warren	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	G. Homer	1	D.J. Robertson	0
12	A. Sadler	0	T. Lee	1
13	M. Reynolds	0	D.W. Bell	1
14	J. Fellows	$\frac{1}{2}$	J.R. Crampton	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	R.V. Butters	1	K.R. Ingram	0
16	A. Shroeder	1	J. Farley	0
17	J.H. Baines	0	J.A. Tomlinson	1
18	S.G. Johnson	1	C.E. Packwood	0
19	W.F. Taylor	0	R. Hardy	1
20	E.W. Lees	1	N.E. Parry	0
		9		11

' STAFFORDSHIRE ADVERTISER ' TROPHY

Results so far received:-

A. Sadler beat G.M. Jones. L.H. Hesbrook lost to G. Lines

D.W. Anderton bet B. Sanders. D.J. Woodman lost to J.D. Hughes

N.W. Sims bet G. Stokes-Roberts. J.H. Baines beat T.J. Hollington

HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL CHESS CONGRESS 1967.

My old friend R.E. Rushbrook came equal first in the OPEN AFTERNOON TOURNAMENT with  $7\frac{1}{2}$  out of 9, well done Ron!

The following is an extract from his letter:-

When 'chatting' to Botvinnik I asked him what sort of characteristics it needed for a man to become a World Champion. His reply 'The first, and most important thing Mr. Rushbrook is that one must have the implacable will to win!

The remark made a deep impression on me at the time. Two rounds later he agreed to a quick draw. I challenged him on this. With a twinkle in his eye he retorted 'I am 55 years old Mr. Rushbrook. To-day I wanted a rest ....! He further confided that his best chess was played in a four hour session but that he tired in the fifth hour.

In conclusion I enclose a brevity, no credit to me, but as you know there has never been a brevity played or published without some mistakes by the opponent. Otherwise there would not be any brevities. This one achieved the record of being the shortest game in the Congress, so Frank Rhoden popped it in the 'Hastings Observer'

R. E. Rushbrook

Round 8.

R. E. Rushbrook - White

A. N. Other - Black

Opening : A3 Attack.

1	P - QR3	P - K4	7.	Q - R4	P - KN3 ??
2	P - QB4	N - QB3	8	N - Q5	Q - Q2 ??
3	N - QB3	KN - K2	9	N - B6 ch	Resigns
4	N - KB3	P - Q3			
5	P - KN3	P - QN3			
6	B - N2	B - N2			

8..... B-N2 best  
9 NXN QXN  
10 NXKP BXN  
11 BXN ch and a win for White.





STAFFORDSHIRE versus NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
UNDER 15.

Venue : Albert Hall Institute Nottingham on 28th Jan. 1967

1.	W.Clark	1	A.Charlton	0
2	R.F.Walker	1	D.Bloor	0
3	S.Sandford	1	R.Stevens	0
4	A.D.Burton	0	D.Milroy	1
5	M.P.Allery	$\frac{1}{2}$	P.Perry	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	S.Oliver	0	S.Bak	1
7	M.Minchell	0	C.Miller	1
8	Taylor	1	P.Gascogne	0
9	P.Griffin	$\frac{1}{2}$	M.Farthing	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	M.Hancock	0	A.Crowther	1
11	P.Wojciechowski	1	P.Joyce	0
12	P.Langston	1	C.Horchend	0
13	A.Chammings	0	D.Witzow	1
14	McDonough	0	b.Birrie	1
15	Gregg	0	P.Kamaitis	1
		<u>7</u>		<u>8</u>

UNDER 18.

1	H.Russell	0	M.H.Horton	1
2	M.Fleury	$\frac{1}{2}$	P.R.Cope	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	T.M.Deaville	1	B.Mackcormack	0
4	A.E.Holdford	$\frac{1}{2}$	R.Lees	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	P.Hulse	$\frac{1}{2}$	O. Stinson	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	R.Hodgkinson	0	P.Cooksey	1
7	C.Rix	0	K.Standell	1
8	S.Dutton	0	R.Keeling	1
9	K.G.Thompson	0	P.Kiszal	1
10	Humphreys	a	G.Rickard	a
11	G.Link	$\frac{1}{2}$	M.Lambert	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	B.Callow	0	A.Giles	1
13	M.Birch	0	N.Graham	1
14	A.I.Houston	0	M.Smith	1

3

10

HICKMAN CUP RESULTS.

BUSHBURY 0 (DEF) WALSALL KIPPING 8  
 WEST BROMWICH 8 BRADLEY & FOSTER 0 (DEF)

ROCK CUP Results.

Round III.

R. D. Nicholls	0	J. D. Hughes	1
F. Lloyd	1	G. Lines	0
L. G. Hesbrook		T. D. R. Groves	( Awaiting Res. )
R. Jukes	0	P. J. Hickman	1
C. Woodall	1	M. Nicol	0
J. E. Jones	1	J. V. Bargery	0
N. W. Sims	1	C. T. Chelvan	0 ( Chelvan withdrew after one draw )
M. A. Stevenson	0	Def. W. Clark	1

Draw for Round IV.

F. Lloyd v J. D. Hughes. L. Hesbrook } V P. J. Hickman  
T. R. D. Grove }

C. Woodall V J. E. Jones. N. W. Sims V W. Clark.

@@  
@BIDGOOD CUP Results.@  
@@

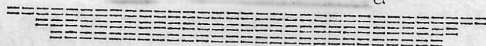
A. Onions	0	L. Armstrong	1
G. Mohr	0	Mrs. M. Lloyd	1
J. Southall	0	K. Francis	1 (After 2
S. Simonovic	1	J. Hollodway	0 Draws )
K. Pittaway	1	S. S. Rait	0
B Y E			
Miss M. Sedgley	0	R. Briscoe	
R. Maullin	1	G. Stokes-Roberts	1
		A. Moore	0

Draw for Round III.

L. Armstrong V Mrs. M. Lloyd. K. Francis V S. Simonovic

K. Pittaway V R. Briscoe. G. Stokes-Roberts

V  
R. Maullin.



LEAGUE RESULTS DIVISION I

JOHN THOMPSONS "A"

1	M.Reynolds	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	G.Lines	1
3	J.S.Hatton	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	L.Armstrong	1
5	K.Pittaway	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	R.Briscoe	0
		<hr/>
		$3\frac{1}{2}$

STEWARTS & LLOYDS "A"

J.H.Charles	$\frac{1}{2}$
H.New	0
M <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Bacon	$\frac{1}{2}$
J.Holloway	0
D.Beddard	$\frac{1}{2}$
H.Payne	1
	<hr/>
	$2\frac{1}{2}$

W-TON KIPPING "A"

1	M.A.Stevenson	1
2	Dr.V.G.Jenson	0
3	A.Sadler	1
4	L.G.Paethorpe	0
5	R.EF.Duncanson	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	L.Hesbrook	0
		<hr/>
		$2\frac{1}{2}$

STAFFORD CHESS COUNCIL

R.V.H.Butters	0
R.Beach	1
P.G.Jackson	0
V.Foulds	1
R.Walsh	$\frac{1}{2}$
D.Price	0
	<hr/>
	$3\frac{1}{2}$

W-TON KIPPING "B"

1	M.Fleury	1
2	N.Sims	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	J.A.Elliott	1
4	G.H.Edwards	0
5	J.Bargery	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	R.Walker	1
		<hr/>
		4

DUDLEY "A"

H.G.Billinge	0
G.Ellwell	$\frac{1}{2}$
W.Cox	0
J.Johnson	1
J.Moss	$\frac{1}{2}$
J.Tromans	0
	<hr/>
	2

WOLVERHAMPTON "A"

J.Fellows	1
A.Schroeder	$\frac{1}{2}$
B.Priest	$\frac{1}{2}$
W.N.Boydon	1
F.T.Burgess	1
J.Criddle	$\frac{1}{2}$
	<hr/>
	5

BUSHBURY "A"

A.Boxley	0
P.Staley	$\frac{1}{4}$
C.Rix	$\frac{1}{2}$
D.Clephen	0
D.Goodwin	0
D.Rhodes	$\frac{1}{2}$
	<hr/>
	1

Adjourned Games

J. Moss 1 J. Wyer 0 No confirmation of the result received from Dudley Captain or Secretary.

WOLVERHAMPTON "B"		DUDLEY "B"		
1.	J.D. Hughes	1	E. Underhill	0
2	P.J. Hickman	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Morgan	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	F.D. Field-Hyde	0	M. Nicol	1
4	P.S. Walkins	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Woodall	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	N.P. Cook	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Mansell	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	J. Wyer	1	A. Legg	0
		<u><math>3\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u><math>2\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
DUDLEY "B"		W-TON KIPPING "B"		
1	T.R. Grove	1	M. Fleury	0
2	E. Horwill	1	N. Sims	0
3	M. Nicol	1	J.A. Elliott	0
4	J. Mansell	$\frac{1}{2}$	G.E. Edwards	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	C. Woodall	0	J. Bargery	1
6	K. Chelvan	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Bassett	$\frac{1}{2}$
		<u>4</u>		<u>2</u>
DUDLEY "A"		JOHN THOMPSONS "A"		
1	G. Elwell	0	M. Reynolds	1
2	J. Moss	0	J.S. Hatton	1
3	J. Johnston	0	G. Lines	1
4	W. Cox	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. Armstrong	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	J. Tromans	0	Mrs. J.E. Briscoe	1
6	A. Moore	0	R. Briscoe	1
		<u><math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u><math>5\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

WALSALL KIPPING V W-TON KIPPING POSTPONED.

STAFFORD CHESS COUNCIL		WOLVERHAMPTON "A"		
1	R.V. Butters	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Fellows	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	P.G. Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$	B. Priest	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	E.V. Foulds	$\frac{1}{2}$	W.N. Boydon	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	R. Daly	1	P.S. Walkins	0
5	R.H. Walsh	1	S.J. Criddle	0
6	E.F. Ratcliffe	1	C.F. Bennett	0
		<u><math>4\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u><math>1\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

LEAGUE POSITION UP AND INCLUDING 17th Feb. 1967

	P	W	L	D	A	PTS.
1 Stafford Chess Council	8	7	-	1	-	15
2 Wolverhampton Kipping "A"	8	6	1	1	-	13
3 Walsall Kipping "A"	7	6	1	-	-	12
4 Wolverhampton "A"	8	5	2	1	-	11
5 John Thompsons "A"	8	3	4	1	-	7
6 Wolverhampton Kipping "B"	8	2	2	3	-	7
7 Stewarts & Lloyds "A"	8	2	4	2	-	6
8 Dudley "A"	9	2	5	2	-	6

continued on last page

D I V I S I O N II

JOHN THOMPSONS "B"

1	L. Armstrong	1
2	R. Farmer	0
3	M. Dixon	0
4	T. Evans	0
5	J. Briscoe	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	P. Porter	$\frac{1}{2}$
		2

WOLVERHAMPTON KIPPING "C"

G. Jones	0
C. Hemmings	1
C. Link	1
P. Wojciechowski	1
G. Mohr	$\frac{1}{2}$
I. Houston	$\frac{1}{2}$
	4

STEWARTS & LLOYDS "B"

1	D. Conway	1
2	B. Lote	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	D. Martin	0
4	W. Kerr	0
5	M. Twardy	0
6	A. Onions	0
		$1\frac{1}{2}$

WEST BROM. CENTRAL "A"

K. Elwell	0
D. Sedgley	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Southall	1
R. Jukes	1
W. Clark	1
K. Francis	1
	$4\frac{1}{2}$

BUSHBURY "B"

1	R. Rowe	0
2	D. Rhodes	1
3	P. Edwards	1
4	J. Moore	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	B. Shuttelworth	1
6	J. Kenwick	1
		$4\frac{1}{2}$

STEWARTS & LLOYDS "B"

B. Lote	1
S. Simonovic	0
W. Kerr	0
R. Thorpe	$\frac{1}{2}$
A. Onions	0
D. Gadd	0
	$1\frac{1}{2}$

Please note ; John Thompsons v West Brom. Central has been postponed, also Stewarts & Lloyds v Wolverhampton Kipping "C".

D I V I S I O N III

WEST BROM. CENTRAL "B"

1	K. Francis	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	S. Wager	0
3	J. Waters	0
4	G. Normand	0
5	I. Phillips	0
		$\frac{1}{2}$

RUBERY OWEN

C. C. Winmill	$\frac{1}{2}$
B. Nagle	1
W. Staite	1
R. Maullin	1
R. Burton	1
	$4\frac{1}{2}$

=====

continued on last page

RUBERY OWEN

1	B. Nagle	1
2	C. C. Winnill	1
3	W. Staite	1
4	R. Maullin	0
5	A. Russell.	1
		<u>4</u>

BRADLEY & FOSTER

A. Turner	0
T. Holland	0
T. Bickley	0
A. Staite	1
K. Tonks	0
	<u>1</u>

Walsall Kipping "B"

1	B. Sanders	1
2	S. Dutton	1
3	J. Dutton	1
4	W. Oakley	1
5	T. HOLMINGTON	1
		<u>5</u>

West Brom Central

J. Wager	Def.	0
J. Normand		0
G. Normand		0
J. Waters		0
I. Phillips		0
		<u>0</u>

J. Thompsons v Rubery Owen

1	J. Gower	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Burton	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	P. Porter	0	B. Nagel	1
3	K. Nicholls	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. Winnill	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	S. Parker	0	R. Maullin	1
5	M. Mason	<u>0</u>	W. Staite	<u>1</u>
		1		4

BRADLEY & FOSTER		WALSALL KIPP.		
1	A. Staite	0	B. Sanders	1
2	A. Turner	1	J. Dutton	0
3	D. Price	0	S. Dutton	1
4	B. Holland	0	G. Rees	1
5	N. King	<u>0</u>	W. Oakley	<u>4</u>
		1		4

LEAGUE POSITION FOR DIVISION II & III

		P	W	L	D	A	PTS
1-2	Bushbury "B"	6	5	1	-	-	10
	West Brom Central "A"	6	5	1	-	-	10
3	W-Ton Kipping "C"	5	1	2	2	-	4
4	Stewarts & Lloyds "B"	6	1	4	1	-	3
5	John Thompsons "B"	5	-	4	1	-	1

DIVISION III

1	WALSALL KIPPING "B"	6	6	-	-	12
2	RUBERY OWEN	7	6	1	-	12
3	Bradley & Foster	7	1	5	1	3
4	John Thompsons "C"	6	1	4	1	3
5	West Brom. Central "B"	6	-	4	2	2

=====

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT CRESS LEAGUE.

John Thompsons have secured the top position in Division IV. by defeating LUCAS 5-1,

SIMULTANEOUS DISPLAY.

JOHN THOMPSON'S 9th January 1967.

White;- BOJAN KURAJICA

Black:-D. M. H. Evrington.

Opening:- Ruy Lopez.

1	P-K4	P-K4	13	PXP	NXP
2	N-KB3	N-QB3	14	BXN ! c)	QXB
3	B-N5	P-QR3	15	N-B3	Q-B4 d)
4	B-R4	N-B3	16	B-K3	Q-N5
5	O-O	B-K2	17	N-Q5	QXP
6	R-K1	P-QN4	18	NXB ch !	NXN
7	B-N3	O-O	19	B-B5	R-K1
8	P-QR4	B-N2	20	NXP	N-N3
9	P-Q3	P-Q3	21	N-B4 !	Resigns.
10	B-Q2 a)	P-Q4 ???b)			
11	RPXP	RPXP			
12	RXR	BXR			

- a) An interesting deviation from the "book" ( 10.N-B3) which thwarts Black's intended ... N-QR4.
- b) A very risky counter on the lines of Marshall and prompted by the apparent . slowness of White's 10th move. Probably much better was 10... P-N5
- c) Much stronger than accepting the pawn when there might follow, after 14.NXP,NXN.15.RXN,.15..B-Q3 16. R-K1,Q-R5 with far more play than in the actual game.
- d) And from this point Black seem to be sunk !

Notes by D. M. H. Evrington.

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION V NETHERLANDS

Board 5.

M.J. Haygarth.- White

T.D. Van Sheltinga.-Black.

White	Black		White	Black
		18.	RXR	RXR
1. P-QB4	N-KB3	19	R-BL	P-R4
2 N-QB3	P-K3	20	RXR ch	QXR
3 N-B3	P-Q4	21	Q-B2	QXQ
4 P-Q4	P-B3	22	BXQ	B-R3
5 P-K3	P-QR3	23	P-B3	P-KR5
6 Q-B2	QN-Q2	24	N-R1	N-Q2
7 B-Q2	B-K2	25	N-B2	P-B3
8 R-Q1	P-QN4	26	P-QR3	N-N3
9 PXP	BPXP	27	PXP	N-B5
10 B-Q3	B-N2	28	B-BL	BXP
11 O-O	R-QB1	29	N-QB3	B-Q3
12 Q-N1	O-O	30	N-B5	BXN
13 N-K5	P-N5	31	PXB	B-N4
14 N-K2	P-KR3	32	P-QN3	N-K4
15 NXN	QXN	33	B-Q2	N-B3
16 N-N3	P-QR4	34	P-B4	K-B2
17 R-BL	B-Q3	35	K-B2	P-K4
		36	B-B5	PXP
		37	B-Q7	PXP et.
		38	KXP	P-R5
		39	PXP	BXP
		40	B-K1	P-N4
		41	P-N3	Drawn.

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION V NETHERLANDS.

Board 5.

T. D. VAN SHELTINGS - White

M. J. Haygarth B. C. F. Black.

1.	P-Q4	N-KB3	19	R-R3	K-N2
2	N-KB3	P-QN3	20	R-KB3	Q-K2
3	B-N5	B-N2	21	R-N3	N-Q2
4	QN-Q2	P-K3	22	N(R2)-B3	N-B1
5	P-K4	P-KR3	23	N-R4	K-R2
6	BXN	QXB	24	N(Q2)-B3	Q-B2
7	B-Q3	P-Q3	25	Q-B6	R-QN1
8	Q-K2	P-K4	26	Q-K8	QXQ
9	P-Q5	B-K2	27	BXQ	R-NL
10	B-N5 ch	K-B1	28	N-Q2	R-KN2
11	P-QR4	P-QR3	29	N-NL	B-R3
12	B-Q3	P-QR4	30	B-N5	BXB
13	B-N5	P-KN3	31	PXB	BXN
14	P-KR4	B-B1	32	RXB	P-N4
15	P-R5	B-N5		Draw.	
16	Q-B4	B-Q1			
17	PXP	PXP			
18	N-R2	B-B1			

FOREST CUP.

WHITE

D.W.Anderton

BLACK.

J.E.Jones.

Opening : Queens Gambit Declined.

- |         |       |
|---------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2 P-QB4 | P-K3  |
| 3 N-QB3 | P-Q4  |
| 4 B-N5  | B-K2  |
| 5 P-K3  | P-KR3 |
| 6 B-R4  | O-O   |
| 7 PXP   | NXP   |
- Black avoids the Exchange variation ensuing from 7..PXP
- |        |     |
|--------|-----|
| 8 BXB  | QXB |
| 9 B-Q3 | NXN |
- Black wisely rejects 9 ..QXN
- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 10. N-B3 QXNP. | 11 R-N1 with a strong attack for White. |
| 10 PXN         | P-B4                                    |
| 11 N-K2        | P-QN3                                   |
| 12 O-O         | B-N2                                    |
| 13 P-B3        | N-B3                                    |
- 13.. N-Q2 might have been slightly better with the possibility of playing KB3 later strengthening the Kings side.
- |         |       |
|---------|-------|
| 14 R-B1 | KR-Q1 |
| 15 B-N1 |       |

So as to meet 15.. P-K4 with 16 P-Q5

15..... PXP ? It is a mistake to release the tension in the centre so soon. Better was 15... QR-B1 at once

16 KPXP

Willingly accepting the hanging pawns in return for an attack They are not immediately vulnerable and in any event the alternative 16 BPXP give Black the better chances on the Q side whilst Whites K side attack is stillborn.

- |         |       |
|---------|-------|
| 16..... | QR-B1 |
|---------|-------|
- It might have been more advisable to play 16.. P-N3 at once so as to answer 17 Q-Q3 with 17... N-K4
- |         |      |
|---------|------|
| 17 Q-Q3 | P-N3 |
|---------|------|
- Interesting was 17.. Q-N4 and if 18 P-QB4, Q-N5 19 P-KR3, Q-R3. 20 Q-R7ch, K-B1. 21 Q-R8 ch, K-K2. 22. QXNP, R-KN1 and it is black who is attacking. White's best answer to 17.. Q-N4 is 18 N-N3 but then Black has 18... N-N5 ! with a level struggle.
- |          |      |
|----------|------|
| 18 P-KB4 | N-R4 |
| 19 Q-R3  | R-Q4 |
- Black rejects 19..K-R2 or 19..K-N2 as too slow. White certainly has all the making of a strong attack. With sacrifices on KB5 in the air, but a clear win is not demonstrable. 19.. Q-B1 seems the safest and best move after which it might be possible to hold the position.
- =====

20. P-B5            KXP  
 21. N-B4            R-Q3  
 22. QXR !

White must embark on this sacrificial line otherwise Black will consolidate and retain his material advantage.

22. .... P-KN4  
 23. Q-R5        PXN  
 24. BXP         Q-K6 ch ?

The most critical line is 24... R-N3. 25. BXR (forced), PxB  
 26. Q-N4 ! ( not 26 QXP, Q-N2. 27. Q-K6 ch , K-R1. 28. Q-R3 ch,  
 Q-R2 with advantage to Black.)

26.... R-B1 27. QR-K1, Q-N2 28. R-K6, R-B3. 29 R(1)-K1, N-B3.  
 30. R-K8 ch, R-B1 31. R(1)-K6, P-KN4. 32. Q-R5 winning. The  
 position is too complex for precise analysis but White has  
 all the chances.

25. K-R1        RXBP  
 26. Q-R7 ch    K-B1  
 27. Q-R8 ch    K-K2  
 28. QR-K1       N-B5  
 29. P-5         Black lost on time.

White threatens 30. QXR and has blocked the threats on the  
 long diagonal which which follow after 29 R-XQ ch, NXR.  
 Black is therefore in any event now lost.

Notes by :- D.W. Anderton.

=====

BIDGOOD CUP - Round II.

=====

A. Moore - White			R. Maullin-Black		
1.	P-K4	P-K4	16.	N(K3)-KN4	B-KN2 30 RXRch RXR
2.	N-KB3	N-QB3	17.	B-K3	P-QN3 31 P-QB5, P-KR4
3.	B-QB4	P-KR3	18.	NXN	BXN 32 N-KR2, R-K7
4.	P-Q4	P-Q3	19.	Q-QR4	B-K4 33 N-N4, PXN
5.	O-O	B-QN5	20.	KN-N4	B-KN6 34 R-B2, RXR
6.	PXP	NXP	21.	Q-N3	P-Q4 35 K-N1, Q-R7
7.	BXKBP ch	NXB	22.	PXP	Q-Q3 Mate.
8.	N-QB3	Q-Q2	23.	P-QB4	B-R7 ch !
9.	N-Q5	P-KN4	24.	NXB ?	Q-N6 ch
10.	N-K3	N-KB3	25.	K-R1	N-K4
11.	P-KR3	BXP	26.	B-Q4	KR-B1
12.	PXB	QXP	27.	BXN	QXB
13.	N-KR2	Q-K3	28.	N-N4	Q-B5
14.	P-KB3	O-O-O	29.	QR-K1	QR-K1
15.	Q-Q4	K-QN1			

LONDON LEAGUE - FEBRUARY 1967.

R. D. KEENE - White

Dr. J. Penrose - Black.

1.	P-- Q4	N- KB3	32	R - B6	B - B1
2	P - QB4	P- KN3	33	R(Q1)-QB1 e)	Q - N4
3	P - KN3	B- N2	34	Q X Q	P X Q
4	R - N2	O-O	35	B - N4	B - K2
5	N - KB3	P- Q3	36	R(B1)-B2	K - B1
6	O - O	QN- Q2	37	B - R5	R - K1
7	Q - B2	P - B3	38	B -B7	R - N2
8	N - B3	Q - B2	39	B X P	B X B
9	P - N3	P - QN4 a)	40	R X B	R- QR1
10	N - Q2	B - N2	41	R(Q6)-QB6 f)	R - R5
11	B - N2	QR - B1	42	P -B3	R - R6.
12	QR - B1	P - QR3	43	R(B6)-B3	R(N2)-R2
13	P- K3	Q - N1	44	R X R	R X R
14	KR - Q1	KR - Q1	45	K - B2	K - K2
15	Q - N1 b)	P - K3	46	P - N4	P - N4
16	N(B3)-K4	NXN	47	K - N3	K - Q2
17	N X N	N - B3	48	R - B5	R - R4
18	N - N5	P - R3	49	P - QR4	R X P
19	N - R3	N - Q2	50	R X P	R - R3
20	N - B4	P - K4	51	R - N7 ch	K - K1
21	N - Q3	P - QB4	52	R - B7	R -KB3
22	P - Q5 c)	R - KB1	53	R - R7	K - B1
23	P - K4	R(QB1)-K1	54	P - R3	K - K1
24	B - KR3	Q - Q1	55	R - R3	K - K2
25	P - QN4 d)	NPXP	56	P - R4	P X P ch
26	NPXP	PXN	57	K X P	K -Q2
27	B X N	Q X B	58	R-R7 ch	K - K1
28	P - B6	Q-K2	59	K - N3	K - Q1
29	PXB	R-N1	60	R - N7	K - K1
30	Q X P	Q X P	61	R - B7	Resigns g)
31	B-R3	KR - Q1			

- a) Penrose takes a leaf <sup>from</sup> Botvinnik's book. He used a similar line against me at Hastings.
- b) This slightly weakens Black's Q3 and KB3 squares.
- c) White's Knight manoeuvre has tempted Black into stabilising the ~~central situation~~ to his own disadvantage.

- d) A small combination which saddles Black with permanent pawn weaknesses.
- e) More accurate than capturing the pawn at once.
- f) The rest is a matter of technique.
- r) 61... K-Q1. 62 R-B6,RXR. 63. PXR,K-B2 64.K-R4 and wins easily.

Notes by :- R.D.Keene.

WOLVERHAMPTON & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE. DIVISION I.

J.TROMANS -White(Dudley)

Mrs.J.E.Briscoe -Black.J.Thompsons

1	P-KB4	P-QN3			
2	P-Q3	B-N2	20	B-R3	B-B1
3	N-Q2	P-Q4	21	BXB	RXB
4	N-KB3	N-QB3	22	N-R3	QR-QB1
5	P-QN3	Q-Q3	23	P-QN4	Q-Q2
6	B-N2	O-O-O	24	N-B2	R-B2
7	P-K3	P-KB3	25	B-N5	QR-KB1
8	Q-K2	P-K4	26	K-K2	P-QR4
9	PXP	PXP	27	P-N5	N-K2
10	N-R4	P-N3	28	P-R4	Q-Q3
11	P-N3	N-N5	29	QR-QN1	P-R3
12	N(Q2)-KB3	B-N2	30	BXN	QXB
13	N-N5	Q-K2	31	N-N4	Q-N4 ch
14	N(N)-B3	P-Q5	32	K-Q1	P-R4
15	P-K4	Q-B4	33	NXP	BXN
16	K-Q1	K-N1	34	P-B3	R-B7
17	P-QR3	N-QB3	35	Q-K1	PXP
18	LB-B1	N-B3	36	Q-K2	RXQ
19	N-N5	Q-K2	37	KXR	Q-Q7 ch
					Mate.

FORREST CUP

The Forrest Cup has now reached the quarter-final. W.Tabakiernik (Leics) has won his game and will meet the winner of M.Horton (Notts) and J.Rogers (Hunts) for a place in the final. In the West D.W.Anderton (W-ton) is through to the last four. He will be joined by the winners of R.Clunie (West Brom) v D.M.Evrington (Salop), P.C.Griffith v B.Cafferty and J.A.Fuller v D.G.Ballard (Aston University)

LATE NEWS.

BIDGOOD TROPHY Round III

L.Armstrong 1 Mrs.M.Lloyd 0

ROCK CUP. Round IV. F.Lloyd 0 J.D.Hughes 1  
' ADVERSISER TROPHY' ROUND II

J.D.Hughes 0 D.W.Anderton 1. G.Lines - N.W.Sims  
G.Homer - M.A.Stevenson. J.H.Baines - A.Sadler.

HICKMAN CUP.

John Thompsons - West Brom. Central.  
Walsall Kipping - West Bromwich  
Stewarts & Lloyds - Wolverhampton Kipping.  
Rubery Owen - Wolverhampton.

Both competition to be played by 28th Feb.1967

=====

MIDLAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Kidderminster won their first round against Sankey's of Wellington, and are now drawn to play at home against British Celanese ( Derbys) in the second round. Celanese won  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  at Wigston ( Leices) in the first round.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.  
LIVERPOOL VERSUS BIRMINGHAM.

This will certainly be a keen contest. Liverpool has secured the services of John Littelwood, which no doubt will make them the favourites,

=====

<u>LEAGUE POSITION (continued)</u>		P	W	L	D	Pts
9	Dudley "B"	8	2	6	-	4
10	Bushbury "A"	7	1	5	1	3
11	Wolverhampton "B"	7	1	6	-	2

Late Registration

R.Thorpe. 31.1.67 for Stewarts & Lloyds.

Answers to quiz. a) W.Steinitz b) Of Capablanca by Reti.  
c-) Ruy Lopez d) 1895. e) Philidor  
f) Tartakover.

I wish to thank you M.Reynolds for his services rendered.