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BRITISH PLAYERS PUT UP FINE PERFORMANCE AT SOUTHSEA

PENROSE BEATS TARTAKOWER,BOGOLJUBOW & PRINS

The British Champion Retrieves Bad Start

The Easter Congress at Southsea proved to be one of the most thrilling contests ever staged and more than justified the organisers' effort to make this a regular yearly event.

Nothing daunted by the formidable list of foreign players,16 year-old Jonathan Penrose fought with all the skill and poise of an old hand and scored one of the greatest,if not the greatest,triumphs in the history of British chess.

Scoring 7 points out of a possible 10,and beating two grandmasters,Tartakower and Bogoljubow,in the process,the young London Champion brought joy and hope to the hearts of all British enthusiasts.

The congress opened on the 12th April in the ideal surroundings of the South Parade Pier with little to suggest the surprises which were to come,for in the first round Penrose drew with Derby and the foreign players were all paired with British. This was in accordance with the policy of the Committee of pairing British and foreign players together as much as possible.

Surprises Begin.

In the second round the tournament became interesting for Penrose beat A.R.B.Thomas in a fine game whilst another young British expert, L.W.Barden,notched a well deserved half-point against Bogoljubow. As Tartakower had dropped half a point to Newman in round 1,this left Bisguier,Schmid,Prins,Wade and Dr.K.Winterton(who is the former Birmingham junior) at the head of the score with 2 each.

In round 3,the chess world was electrified by the news of Bogoljubow's defeat at the hands of Penrose,the score of which game was printed in our last issue.

Golombek loses ground.

Round 4 saw Golombek unexpectedly beaten by Surrey player,F.F.L.Alexander,who pulled out his best form in this tournament,and with a draw between Penrose and Dr. Winterton it seemed as if a foreign victory must once again be the inevitable result.

It was then that Penrose brought the gallery to its feet,for he disposed of Newman,Prins and Tartakower in the next three rounds and as Bisguier could only draw with Tartakower and Schmid, Penrose led the field with 6 out of 7. For one so young he had already done enough to immortalise his name,for apart from his appearance in the British Championship at Felixstowe last August,this was his maiden effort in master-class chess.

Anti-climax.

It seemed,however,that this great effort must have exhausted him,for in the 8th round,he lost for the first time to Bisguier who thus gained the lead. Bisguier is,of course,only young,but has perhaps had rather more experience of high-grade chess than Penrose,but for the second time youth had to give way to experience,and Golombek avenged his fellow countryman in the very next round. Golombek was,by this time,piling on points and had recovered from his early lack of form,but the effect of his defeat of the young American was to put veteran Tartakower back at the head of the table with 7,closely followed by Penrose,Bisguier and himself with 6½.

Penrose could have been level with Tartakower,but very nearly lost to Alexander and had to play well in the ending to hold a draw.

It was generally expect- that Golombek would play Tartakower in the final round,since he was the nearest player the leader had not met,but owing to a misunderstanding he was paired with Penrose,whilst Tartakower met Bogoljubow.

Bisguier was the only leader who managed to win

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.C.

The Annual Meeting of the City of Birmingham C.C. was held at the Arden Hotel,New St.,on Monday,May 8th,the President,Mr.W.T.Bayliss being in the chair.

The Club has had quite a successful season,although the original intention to run a full programme of inter city matches could not be fully realised because of a late start.

The Swiss tournament for the Birmingham Championship attracted 37 entries,and Mr. B.H.Wood won it with a score of 10 out of 12,followed by P.J.Oakley 8½, W.Ritson Morry A.R.Chamberlain,F.Burton & C.Gill with 8 each.

It is intended to improve the programme next season in the light of experience.

Mr.Bayliss was re-elected President. Other officers are: Hon.Sec. J.V.Ovens,Hon. Treasurer,A.E.Thompson,Hon. Assistant Sec.,S.Watkins.

LONDON LEAGUE.

The Annual Meeting of the London League is to be held at St.Bride's Inst.,at 7.15 p.m. on Friday,May 19.

The Hon.Sec.,Mr.J.H.van Meurs reports a very successful season with close fights in all divisions. He also reports that the season was marred by one club's action in scouring London for new players in an effort to escape threatened relegation, and a new rule relating to registration of players is proposed by Ealing C.C. to deal with the matter.

Results in the League:-

Div.A. Hampstead and Clapham head the table with 9½ points each. Hampstead has won one game more.

Div.B. Croydon 7½,Lewisham 6½.

Div.Ca Eastcote 7,Ealing II 6½.

Div.Cb. Hendon 7,Hampstead III 6½.

The relegated clubs are Wimbledon & Leyton from A Div.,Metropolitan II & Streatham from B Div.

Clapham Common won the Eastman Cup from a small entry. N.McKelvie won the Budget Cup with 6½(7).

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A DIFFICULT DECISION

Readers will regret as much as we do the circumstances which have made it necessary for us to stop the printing of the "Bulletin" and return to the original form of duplicating which we adopted with success in the first year of the old "Warwickshire Chess Bulletin".

It will be recalled that we have several times warned readers that unless the circulation could be raised to a sufficiently high figure to cover the printing cost, there would be no alternative but to discontinue the newspaper format which has become so familiar in the past 18 months.

Although we have been the recipients of many words of appreciation from those who considered a chess newspaper essential to the progress of the game,we have had to face the fact that the chess public,as a whole, will not support the effort in sufficient numbers to make it pay,and the figure of 2000 per issue which we set as the minimum target has never been reached.

Even the offer of commission on sales to county chess funds has not brought the co-operation for which we had hoped,and the publishing company has had to face a continuous loss.

Rather than abandon the "Bulletin" completely,we are returning to duplicating in the hope that in time the losses may be recouped and circulation raised to a high enough level to permit a return to printing.

It is a great disappointto find that chess-players as a whole are not interested in the news of the chess world around them, but facts have to be faced.

To the faithful who have helped,we say,"Thank you", and hope to keep them up-to-date with the news without undue inconvenience to them and loss to ruselves.

THE EDITOR.

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J.PENROSE'S GREAT WIN FROM TARTAKOWER

in the last round,and by taking a point from Alexander, he prevented the Surrey veteran from winning a well deserved prize. With wins at the expense of Bogoljubow & Golombek and a draw against Penrose,Alexander gave the best display of his life.

According to all reports the standard of play in the congress was higher than in last year's event. This was no doubt due to the larger entry and the higher quality of many of the British players.

The title of S.C.C.U. Champion was awarded to J. Penrose,for although he was equalled on points by Golombek,his Sonneborn-Berger total was higher. This means that Penrose has already qualified for the British Championship at Buxton.

The following is the full score-table,the players being placed in Sonneborn-Berger order,although this was ignored in awarding prizes:

The following is the score of Penrose's win against Tartakower:-

GAME NO.108.

SICILIAN DEFENCE.

PENROSE(w) -v- TARTAKOWER(b).

1.P-K4,P-QB4;2.Kt-KB3,P-QR3;3.P-Q4,PxP;4.KtxP,P-K4;5.Kt-KB3,Kt-KB3;6.B-QB4,B-K2;7.0-0,P-Q3;8.Kt-B3,0-0;9.B-KKt5,QKt-Q2;10.R-K1,P-R3;11.B-R4,P-QKt4;12.B-QKt3,B-Kt2;13.Kt-Q2,P-Kt4;14.B-Kt3,Kt-B4;15.P-B3,R-B1;16.Kt-B1,P-QKt5;17.Kt-Q5,KtxB;18.Ktx Ktch,BxKt;19.RPxKt,Q-B2;20.Kt-K3,KR-Q1;21.B-B2,B-K2;22.R-K2,R-Kt1;23.R-Q2,K-B1;24.Kt-B5,P-KR4;25.Q-K2,B-B1;26.P-KB4,BxKt;27.QxKRP!,B-B3;28.PxB,KtPxP;29.B-R4,Q-Kt3 ch;30.K-R1,P-Q4;31.R-K1,Q-Q3;32.RxQP!,Q-Kt3;33.R(Q5)xP,BxR;34.RxB,P-B3;35.R-K6,P-B6;36.Q-R8ch,K-B2;37.QxPch,K-Kt1;38.Q-Kt6ch,K-B1;39.B-K7 mate.

The S.C.C.U.Boys' Championship was won by P-Clarke of Essex.

SOUTHSEA 1950.

Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Pts
S.Tartakower	D10	W39	W14	W5	W9	D2	L3	W7	W8	D6	7½
A.Bisguier	W36	W27	W12	D9	W31	D1	D5	W3	L4	W7	7½
J.Penrose	D22	W11	W6	D19	W10	W9	W1	L2	D7	D4	7
H.Golombek	W28	D14	W22	L7	D8	W31	W12	D5	W2	D3	7
L.Schmid	W15	W7	D19	L1	W14	W27	D2	D4	D6	W11	7
E.Bogoljubow	W18	D8	L3	W30	W12	W19	L7	W16	D5	D1	6½
F.F.Alexander	W21	L5	W20	W4	D19	W11	W6	L1	D3	L2	6
L.Barden	W16	D6	D10	D11	D4	W33	D14	W19	L1	D9	6
L.Prins	W32	W30	W31	D2	L1	L3	D11	W22	D10	D8	6
R.H.Newman	D1	W40	D8	W26	L3	L12	W18	W34	D9	D15	6
A.R.B.Thomas	W33	L3	W36	D8	W13	L7	D9	W31	W14	L5	6
R.G.Wade	W26	W23	L2	W34	L6	W10	L4	L14	W16	W27	6
H.V.Trevenen	L20	W35	W39	D22	L11	W28	L16	W27	W19	D14	6
J.M.Aitken	W25	D4	L1	W24	L5	W26	D8	W12	L11	D13	5½
E.Reifenberg	L5	L36	W17	D16	W30	W37	L19	D20	W26	D10	5½
- Trott	L8	L33	W42	D15	W29	W24	W13	L6	L12	W20	5½
L.Illingworth	L30	D18	L15	W21	D35	L22	W37	W39	W24	D23	5½
- Brown	L6	D17	W40	D28	D26	D23	L10	D32	W34	W31	5½
K.Winterton	W38	W20	D5	D3	D7	L6	W15	L8	L13	D21	5
H.H.Cole	W13	L19	L7	D36	W32	W34	L31	D15	W22	L16	5
R.Woodthorpe	L7	W29	L26	L17	W38	D32	L34	W35	W30	D19	5
L.Derby	D3	W42	L4	D13	L27	W17	W33	L9	L20	W32	5
F.S.Woolford	W41	L12	L33	D29	W25	D18	D27	D28	D31	D17	5
J.Poole	D39	D34	D27	L14	W36	L16	D28	W25	L17	W33	5
R.F.Wright	L14	L26	D35	W40	L23	W39	D29	L24	W38	W36	5
I.R.Napier	L12	W25	W21	L10	D18	L14	D30	W33	L15	D29	4½
J.J.O'Hanlon	W35	L2	D24	D32	W22	L5	D23	L13	W28	L12	4½
H.G.Wright	L4	W32	D30	D18	D34	L13	D24	D23	L27	W37	4½
A.H.Knight	L37	L21	W38	D23	L16	W36	D25	D30	D32	D26	4½
- Fry	W17	L9	D28	L6	L15	W40	D26	D29	L21	W41	4½
P.A.Ursell	W42	W37	L9	W33	L2	L4	W20	L11	D23	L18	4½
Mrs.Bruce	L9	L28	W37	D27	L20	D21	W35	D18	D29	L22	4
I.Duthilleul	L11	W16	W23	L31	W37	L8	L22	L26	W40	L24	4
A.T.Watson	D40	D24	W41	L12	D28	L20	W21	L10	L18	D42	4
A.Eva	L27	L13	D25	D39	D17	D38	L32	L21	W41	W40	4
- Leslie	L2	W15	L11	D20	L24	L29	W41	L38	W42	L25	3½
Miss Doulton	W29	L31	L32	W41	L33	L15	L17	D42	W39	L28	3½
Capt.Heneage	L19	L41	L29	W42	L21	D35	D40	W36	L25	D39	3½
G.Attenborough	D24	L1	L13	D35	W41	L25	D42	L17	L37	D38	3
D.Fawcett	D34	L10	L18	L25	W42	L30	D38	W41	L33	L35	3
Cmdr.Britton	L23	W38	L34	L37	L39	W42	L36	L40	L35	L30	2
A.S.Dance	L31	L22	L16	L38	L40	L41	D39	D37	L36	D34	1½

NORTH OVERWHELM MIDLANDS IN 50-BOARD "FRIENDLY"

HEAVY TOLL TAKEN ON TOP BOARDS

Substitute defeats Warwicks. Champion

An ambitious challenge to the might of the North ended in defeat for the Midlands at Sheffield on Saturday last when the home side proved too good to the tune of 27½-17½.

The chief cause of the defeat was an overwhelming lead which the North established on the top half of the score-table, for out of 23 games finished on the first 26 boards, the Midlanders managed to win but one and totalled only 6 points.

A sensation was caused by the defeat of B.H.Wood, the Warwickshire Champion at the hands of Yorkshire's W.C.Evans, who came up from Board 15 to substitute for the absent G. Abrahams.

Below our Special Correspondent, C.L.Green, sums up the match.

By C.L.Green.

Two years ago the Midland Counties travelled to London and played the South, consequently, there remained North to be tackled this year.

So at Sheffield on Saturday the Northerners put out a very strong 50 boards and beat up the Midlanders. Making no mistake in fielding a strong side, they bristled with stars, the only notable absentee being Gerald ("Teach Yourself Chess") Abrahams and his oranges. Yes, they were all there - Paffley, Gurnhill, Wolstenholme, Evans, Linacre and all.

True, the M.C.C.U. missed many of their best players and Oxford was the only county not represented, but the result was never in doubt.

Excellent arrangements were made at Sheffield University by Mr.Morton and his friends, and the team was generously provided by the N.C.C.U.

Chief interest was centered in B.H.Wood's game in which he went wrong in a well known variation of the Dragon Variation. Fighting a losing battle is always hard work, and Wood played as well as Evans allowed him to do, but the Yorkshireman kept his head in some tricky play and the Warwickshire Champion had to submit in the end. We give the score:

GAME NO.109.

SICILIAN DEFENCE.

W.C.EVANS(w) -v- B.H.Wood.

1.P-K4, P-QB4; 2.Kt-KB3, P-Q3; 3.P-Q4, PxP; 4.KtxP, Kt-KB3; 5. Kt-QB3, P-KKt3; 6.B-K2, B-Kt2; 7. B-K3, 0-0; 8.0-0, Kt-B3; 9.Kt-Kt3, B-K3; 10.P-B4, Kt-QR4; 11.P-B5, B-B5; 12.KtxKt, BxB; 13.KtxP, Bx Q; 14.KtxQ, BxP; 15.Kt-B6, KtxP; 16.KtxPch, K-R1; 17.KtxKt, BxKtB; 18.KtxQP, BxR; 19.RxB, K-Kt2; 20. PxP, BPxP; 21.B-Q4ch, K-R3; 22. Kt-B6, P-QR4; 23.R-QB1, B-R5; 24. Kt-K5, R-R3; 25.Kt(K5)-B7ch, K-R4; 26.R-B5ch, K-Kt5; 27.Kt-K5ch, K-R5; 28.P-Kt3ch, K-R6; 29.Kt-K4, R-B4; 30.Kt-B2ch, RxKt; 31.BxR, R-Q3; 32.R-B4, P-Kt4; 33.Kt-B7, R-Q8ch; 34.B-K1, RxBch; 35.K-B2, R-B8ch; 36.KxR, B-Kt4; 37.Kt-K5, BxRch; 38.KtxB, KxP; 39.K-B2, P-Kt5; 40.Kt-K3, P-R4; 41.Kt-B5, P-QR5; 42.P-QR3, K-R6; 43.K-Kt1, P-R5; 44.PxP, Resigns.

	N.C.C.U.		N.C.C.U.
1	R.Bonham	½	P.C.Hoad
2	B.H.Wood	0	W.C.Evans
3	Dr.Pawson	0	Wolstenholme
4	A.Phillips	½	C.Gurnhill
5	W.R.Morry	0	D.M.Andrew
6	P.N.Wallis	0	E.Vincent
7	V.J.Russ	½	Dr.K.Hirsch
8	L.Linacre	½	E.G.Berg
9	D.Gould	0	D.Paffley
10	R.D.Wormald	0	S.Milan
11	J.E.Jones	½	J.Pollitt
12	S.Gibbins	a	J.E.Povey
13	J.Love	a	G.Sutton
14	H.V.Lord	0	Dr.R.Nairn
15	J.Hunter	0	O.Pritchard
16	L.A.Chaplin	0	Dr.B.Neuman
17	L.Bristow	0	T.Wallace
18	A.Pickering	½	K.Beaumont
19	G.F.Harris	1	A.G.Midgley
20	P.E.Collier	0	J.A.West
21	Chamberlain	½	J.E.Scott
22	A.Farr	½	H.Pollard
23	D.Woldridge	½	Rev.H.Barry
24	G.Simmons	½	D.Harding
25	J.W.Mills	a	A.Rivlin
26	B.Vohralik	0	C.G.Hilton
27	A.Burbidge	1	J.Narcross
28	F.Beadles	a	N.Clissold
29	C.Bedford	0	S.Wilkinson
30	F.Burton	1	A.F.Stobo
31	E.Chapman	½	J.C.Frost
32	P.B.Dodson	½	H.Jenkins
33	R.J.Hooton	½	E.Williams
34	I.McRobbie	½	B.Wilkinson
35	A.Sutcliffe	0	E.Hamilton
36	J.V.Ovens	0	J.Littlewood
37	G.E.James	½	W.Beedham
38	J.Woodcock	1	T.Crawshaw
39	R.H.Tayler	1	J.Rushton
40	Rev.Blackett	0	E.Gardiner
41	C.Cordell	1	L.Cannon
42	J.Staples	1	S.Jackson
43	A.Castle	a	A.Yates
44	H.P.Huss	0	G.R.Lawson
45	J.McCreath	½	H.Clark
46	Dr.H.Barnes	½	W.Gregory
47	C.Thornton	1	J.E.Morton
48	W.Andrews	a	H.Felton
49	Saunderson	0	S.Leader
50	N.Foster	1	P.Crotty
51	L.W.Mercer	0	F.K.Evans
52	P.Sanderson	a	R.Beevers
		17½	

a - For adjudication.

The Midlands had the white pieces on odd-numbered boards

ERDINGTON C.C. HONOURS SEC.

At the Annual Meeting of the Erdington C.C. held on May 9th, tributes were paid to the hard work done by the Hon.Sec. W.Ritson Morry, both on behalf of the club and other chess organisations. It was unanimously decided to make him an Hon.Life Member.

Besides celebrating its Jubilee with one of the most ambitious undertakings ever conceived (the Junior International Tournament), the club also won the Warwickshire Club Championship for the second successive year.

The Club Championship was a 12-round Swiss of 30 players, the prize-winners being: W.Ritson Morry 10, J.A.Handley 9½, W.L.Kent 8. A.France(7) won the Class 2 prize, J.A.Whitehouse(7) the Class 3 prize & Mrs.Martin Cup and L.Bater(7) the Class 4 prize.

Match prizes were won by J.Fielden ("A" Team) and J.A. Whitehouse ("B" Team).

A summer programme of lectures, matches etc. is planned and there is to be a trip to London on June 17th for a match with Harrow C.C.

Invitations are also being issued to other neighbouring clubs which meet in the summer to join in a Summer League.

BIRMINGHAM JNR.LEAGUE.

Final Results.

Saltley G.S.1½, K.Norton G.S. 4½; Solihull Schl.4, Geo.Dixon G.S. 2.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Solihull Schl.	8	7	0	1	14
K.E.S. II	8	6	0	2	12
K.Norton G.S.	8	6	0	2	12
B'shp.Vesey	8	6	0	2	12
Geo.Dixon G.S.	8	4	0	4	8
Saltley G.S.	8	3	0	5	6
K.E.S.Aston	8	2	0	6	4
K.E.S.5 Ways	8	1	1	6	3
K.E.S.Camp Hill	8	0	1	7	1

K.E.S. II and Kings Norton G.S. are equal on game average and will play a deciding match for the runners-up trophy.

COVENTRY LEAGUE

Results.

Div.1. Standard 3, Bell Green 2; Y.M.C.A.(B) 2½, Bablake O.B. 2½.

Div.2. Bell Green 2½, Standard 2½; Rootes 4, Courtaulds 1.

Div.3. Brico ½, Bablake O.B. 3½; C'taulds 4, Chain 0; Dunlop 4, Sphinx 0; Wickmans 2, Alvis 2.

Div.4. Alvis 1, Standard 2; Empire 2, C'taulds 1; Wickmans ½, Stoke O.B. 2½.

Dunlop has won Div.3 without losing a match.

BRITISH CHESS NEWS IN BRIEF

Worcestershire encountered stiff opposition at Cheltenham when they played Gloucestershire in the Braine-Hartnell Cup match. At call of time the home side led 24-22 and expect a narrow win as a result of the 4 adjudications. Later news was that Gloucester had won 25½-24½.

N.Wales found Cheshire too much for them in a friendly at Chester, and were beaten 15½-10½ with 4 for adjudication.

Tees-side Junior Champion is 16-year-old John Harper of Stockton. P.Starling, aged 13, was runner-up.

Scottish Championship has been won by F.B.Anderson of Glasgow Bohemians C.C.

Suffolk Ladies' Championship has been won by Mrs.J.Stick of Felixstowe. Mrs.Caine, the holder went out in the semi-finals.

Latvian emigre, E.Beaumanis is Cheshire Champion and also won the Easter Congress at Wallasey.

Bolton player E.B.Lewis has won the Manchester League Individual Championship. He beat J.Wolstenholme in the semi-final.

Northampton beat Peterboro' 5-2 to win Northants.Champ.

Edinburgh A1 team has won the Championship of Edinburgh League.

Bolton County G.S.has won the Senior Schools Div.in the Lancs Schools League. Bury G.S. has won the Junior Sec.

Wimbledon C.C.is to have a summer season from May to July at the Y.M.C.A.

Windsor is to have a chess club next season. In the meantime meetings are being held on Mondays. Hon.Sec. is W.L.A.Brown, Wistaria, Spinners Walk, Windsor.

Manchester C.C. which opens daily has moved to Pegg's Cafe, Todd St.

Muswell Hill C.C. honoured F.A.Richardson, a member for 40 years by making him an Hon.Life Member at the club's 49th A.G.M.

Bradford C.C.is to have a social chess evening. It will be arranged so that even those who arrive an hour late may play!

Walsall Kipping club took 3 games out of I.Konig in a recent display. A.Schroeder, J.H.Baines and C.Manton were the lucky ones.

Wolverhampton Kipping took 2 wins and 2 draws from Konig in an effort to surpass Walsalls performance.

Harrow C.C. will meet fortnightly in the summer. They have a Kriegspiel tourney, a Lightning Match with Ealing winn entertain Erdington C.C. and visit Hastings in company with Wembley and Greenford. There is also a Summer Knock-out, open to all. Hon.Sec.is Mr.J.Poole, 68 Woodlands, Nth. Harrow. Club membership is 56.

London Com.League A.G.M.is on Jun.1 at Ry.Clearg.House, N.W.1.

INSURANCE C.C.

Inter-Office Results

Div.1.

N.Brit.& Merc. 5, Bowrings 3; Eagle 4½, Lond.& Lancs.3½.

Div.2.

Rotragen 3½, Liverpool Vic. 2½; Rotragen 4, Phoenix 2; Pearl 5, Alliance 1.

Div.3.

St.Katherine's 3, Northern 3.

Div.4.

Lond.& Lancs III 3½, Rotragen II 2½; Liverpool Vic.II 3, Rotragen II 3; Lond.& Lancs. III 4½, Pearl III 1½, Alliance II 3, N.Brit.& Merc.III 3.

Temple Bar are to be congratulated on winning Div.1 for the first time. According to the records it is the first time a team has made a clean score. Apart from Ibis(6½pts) no other team made more than 4½ out of the 8 possible.

Pearl also did well in Div. 2 with 7(8). In Div.3 there was a close fight between Ibis III and Northern and 7½ & 7 out of 8 were the respective scores.

London & Lancs III took Div. 4 Championship with a clear lead of 1½ points in 8 matches.

UNIVERSITY CHESS

The British Universities C.A. is to hold a congress at Cambridge this year.

There will be an 11-round Swiss Tourney for the University Championship, a British University Match, a Lightning Tournament. July 15-29 is the projected period.

A visit by 8 or 10 players to Holland in the Autumn is also planned.

Nottingham U.are Midland Univ.Champions. They won on game average from Birmingham and Exeter.

In the Southern sec.a triple tie between London U., Oxford U. and Cambridge U., could not be settled on game average, and it was agreed London should be Southern finalists.

The Northern University trophy was given by Sir Robt.Robinson, not Robertson as wrongly reported in our last issue.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS HAVE HAD TO BE HELD OVER THROUGH LACK OF SPACE UNTIL OUR NEXT ISSUE.

ESSEX COUNTY CHESS LEAGUE

Div.1.

Romford 5, E.Ham 5; Southend 5, E.Ham 5; E.Ham 5½, Wanstead 4½; Southend 5½, Loughton 4½; Loughton 1½, Ilford 8½.

Ilford are Champions with 15 points from 8 matches.

Div.2.

Ford 4½, Briggs 3½; Brentwood 2, Leyton 6; Southend 3, Leyton 5; Ford 3, Walthamstow 5; E.Ham 3, Leyton 5; Brentwood 1½, Southend 6½; Leyton 4, Ilford 4; Brentwood 4½, Briggs 3½; Ilford 4, Old Parkonians 4; Upminster 3, Walthamstow 5.

Leyton leads with 15 pts. from 9 matches, Old Parkonians having 14 pts. also from 9.

Div.3.

Romford 3½, E.Ham 2½; Southend 2, Wanstead 4; W.Ham 3, Old Parkonians 3; Old Parkns.5, Ford 1; Walthamstow 3½, Briggs 2½; Walthamstow 3½, W.Ham 2½; Upminster 2½, W.Ham 3½; Dagenham 2½, Old Parkns.3½; Southend 2½, Briggs 3½; E.Ham 5½, Leyton ½; Upminster 3½, Chadwell Hth.2½; E.Ham 4, Briggs 2.

Southend are Champions with 21 points from 13 matches.

Commercial Section.

Ford 5, Briggs 1; Briggs 4, London Transpt. 2.

Fords are Champions with a clean score of 12 pts.

CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCN.

Div.1.

Supply 8, Pat.Off. 7½, G.P.O.6, L.C.C. 5½, Nat.Phys.Lab.5, Inland Rev.4½, UNATS 3½; Admiralty 2, Ryl.Arsenal & Hlth 1½ each. Health lost the play-off to avoid relegation.

Div.2.

Met.Wtr.Bd. 9, Transpt. & Cus.& Excise 6 each, Paymstr. Gen. 5½, Labour 5, P.O.Svgs. & L.C.C. II 3½ each, Fuel & Pwr. & Staty.Office 2½, Pat. Office 1½

Div.3.

G.P.O.II & Air Min. 7 each, L.C.C. III 6½, Supply II, Trade & Works 4½ each, Crn. Agents 4, P.O.Factory & Customs II 3 each, Labour II 1. In play-off for Championshp. and promotion G.P.O. won 5½-4½.

Div.4.

G.P.O III & UNATS II 7½ea., P.O.Svgs.5½, Works II 5, Hlth II & Amrlty II 4½, Air Min II L.C.C.IV & Trnspt.II 3 each, Pat.Off III 0. G.P.O won play-off.

Div.5.

UNATS III 7½, Supply III 7, Inland Rev.II 6½, R.Arsenal 5½, P.O.Supply 5, G.P.O.IV 4½, P.O.Facty.II 3, Trade II 2½, E-in-C.Test.2, Fuel & Pwr. 1½.

Bonor Law Tphy. - Pat.Off. Post Ann.K.O. - Crown Agts. Indiv.Champ.-N.A.Perkins. Jnr.Champ. - E.A.Taylor.

MIDDLESEX WINS COUNTY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

NORTHERN COUNTY OUTCLASSED AT FIRST ATTEMPT ON TITLE

Warwickshire Player Retains British Individual Champ'ship

April is nowadays the month of the year for boys' chess, and this year it was particularly so, for in addition to the Junior International the Birmingham Congress, on its final day, was the scene of the first contest for the English Junior County Championship.

After a keen struggle between Middlesex and Warwickshire in which the Cheshire boys were completely outclassed, the Metropolitan county triumphed with 9 points out of a possible 12.

In the following week, Malcolm Barker decisively retained his British Boys' Championship title at Hastings in a forty-player Swiss.

The girls are beginning to take more interest in the game also. 28 of them entered for the British Girls' Championship in London at Easter. Jean Craker also retained her title.

Junior County Champions

The new Junior County competition was started this season by the Chess Education Society to replace the previous Schools' League Championship and the trophy was transferred from that competition.

The system of inter-pairing employed in the Postal Championship was used to enable the representatives of the three Unions to meet at the same time. Each team consequently played six of of the players in each of the other teams.

That there could be little doubt of the superiority of Middlesex can be seen quite readily from the fact that both Cheshire and Warwickshire were beaten 4½-1½, the Midlanders' score being improved by a 5½-½ victory over the Cheshire players.

	White.		Black.	
1	G.Barker(W)	½	N.Honan(M)	½
X	M.Fox(M)	1	J.Jeffrey(C)	0
2	D.Boak (C)	0	M.Barker(W)	1
3	A.Willson(W)	1	R.Kewley(C)	0
X	Pennington(C)	0	A.Paish(M)	1
4	A.Hiron(M)	1	W.Marshall(W)	0
5	G.Lowe (W)	1	C.Berry(M)	0
X	J.Risby(M)	1	R.Phillips(C)	0
6	J.Maxwell(C)	½	N.Rodkin(W)	½
7	R.Legge(W)	1	L.Hubbard(C)	0
X	J.Letchford(C)	1	Petterson(M)	0
8	T.Landry(M)	1	K.Gardner(W)	0
9	D.Lloyd(W)	0	G.White(M)	1
X	G.Jessup(M)	1	E.Taylor(C)	0
10	D.Fraser(C)	0	A.Macnab(W)	1
11	K.Lloyd(W)	1	D.Holding(C)	0
X	I.Auld(C)	½	J.Wicks(M)	½
12	FEllingham(M)	1	J.Phipps(W)	0
	White Tot.	12½	Blk.Tot.	5½

The numbers in the margins indicate board numbers. "X" indicates boards whose numbers did not coincide. In such cases the lower numbered is always white. Letters after player's names indicate the counties respectively mentioned in the report.

No Surprises at Hastings

"Not a vintage year", was how one eminent authority summed up the Boys' Championship at Hastings.

Whilst Malcolm Barker won a well deserved victory, few new names appeared with any promise of outstanding ability.

With J.Penrose playing at Southsea, any hope of his participation disappeared, and Barker had an easy passage. He conceded only three draws in the nine rounds finishing a clear point ahead of I.R. Bradley (Doncaster), N.Honan (Kensington) and H.Morton (Liverpool)

P.Clarke, the S.C.C.U.Boy Champion, came in a tie for 7th-10th places, and the Midland Champion, A.J.Willson, was half a point behind him with 5.

Girl Champion's Feat

Jean Craker, who was just inside the age-limit this year, won the Girls' with a clean score of 7. Lesley Fletcher was again runner-up and her sister Toni was also runner-up to Constance Stenning for the Junior Trophy which was awarded to the player under 15 who made the best score.

WEST OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

The West of England Assn. held its Congress in Weymouth this year, over 50 players entering for the various sections.

The Championship was run on Swiss lines with 16 players, two of the rounds being played regionally before the Congress. It was won by H.V. Trevenen with 6, followed by M.E.Poolake 5, R.M.Bruce & A.R.B.Thomas 4½.

The Junior Championship was won from a field of 9 by D.J.P.Gray of Exeter, who is only 14.

Four open sections of 6 players each were arranged.

NEW CENTRAL COUNTIES' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP PLANNED.

Proposals by the Erdington C.C., this year's Warwickshire Champions, for the inauguration of a Central Counties' Club Championship, have been enthusiastically taken up by the Victory C.C. of Stoke, which has accepted the Warickshire club's challenge and arranged home and away fixtures. These matches will decide this year's contest unless Worcester City C.C. also takes up the challenge and makes it a three-cornered fight.

The Staffs C.A. has given its support to the proposal and attempts are being made to provide a suitable trophy.

Victory C.C. are this year's Staffs. Champions by virtue of the victory over Wolverhampton Kipping C.C. at Stafford on Apl.28th to the tune of 5-3.

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT C. LEAGUE.

The end of the season is now in sight, and the following is a summary of results:

Div.1. Champions: West Brom.B. 16 (18). Wolverhampton follow with 15.

Div.2. Solihull beat Smethwick 5-1 to decide the championship as between the North & South secs. Solihull made 100% in all their 2nd Div. matches.

Div.3. West Brom. won a 3-cornered match with Walsall K. and Mutual to resolve the tie for the North sec. They were subsequently beaten by University 5-1 for the divisional title.

Div.4. Mutual beat G.E.C. 4-2 in the North sec. tie but lost 4-2 to Bournville for the title.

In the Terrill Trophy final Wolverhampton I have 1½ from 2 finished games against West Brom I B with 4 for adjudication.

Individual Tourneys

Div.1. Pickering bt Jones in the semi-final after 5 draws(!) and plays B.S. Walker(Mutual) in final.

Div.2. P.J.Oakley bt.M.J. Egginton in final. Both players from University.

Div.3. G.Parkes bt.J.B. Phipps in final. Both of Mutual.

Div.4. J.Holmberg(W.Brom.) bt.N.Sparks(Mutual) in final

The Annual General Meeting of the League is to be held at Digbeth Institute, B'ham, on Thursday, May 18th next.

ANOTHER LANCASHIRE - MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
RED ROSE COUNTY WELL PLACED AGAINST OXON.

Middlesex Southern Champions.

By beating the Midland Champions, Oxfordshire, in the semi-final of the English County Championship, Lancashire has once again reached the last stage of the competition and will be making a bid to gain the title for the tenth time.

Middlesex, fifteen times champions and present holders, by a decisive win over Cambridgeshire on May 6th gained the right to defend their title against the Red Rose challenge.

These two counties have virtually shared the honours between them since the competition started in 1908 for the only other counties ever to have been champions are Surrey (4 times), Kent (once) and Yorkshire (once).

Lancashire -v- Oxfordshire

The Northern and Midland Champions met for convenience at Birmingham on April 29th. 12 boards were played and both sides put strong teams into the field, although it is reported that Lancashire were not as strong as they had hoped to be.

At the call of time the score was 5½-4½ in favour of the northerners, and Oxfordshire's hopes were by that time limited to gaining a draw on Board 5 and a win on Board 9.

We have been advised, however that the final result is 6½-5½ in Lancashire's favour, although the details are still to come.

Oxfordshire's star players, Tyler and Barden, gave them a fine start with two wins but the rest of the team unfortunately failed to follow thir inspiring example as the score shows:

Oxfordshire.		Lancashire.	
1.T.H.Tylor	1	G.Abrahams	0
2.L.W.Barden	1	H.Jenkins	0
3.Sir Robt. Robinson	0	P.C.Head	1
4.H.G.Schenk	½	J.Pollitt	½
5.A.R.Cross	a	T.J.Beach	a
6.H.F.Moxon	0	Dr.Neumann	1
7.J.E.Pike	0	C.Hilton	1
8.E.Brocklesby	0	H.W.Corden	1
9.A.Rivier	a	H.H.Watts	a
10.D.J.Youston	½	B.Wilkinson	½
11.J.A.Wall	1	C.Pollitt	0
12.H.Booth	½	G.W.Deakin	½
	4½		5½

It will, of course, be noted that even had Oxford realised their adjudication claim, they would still have lost by the elimination rule.

Middlesex -v- Cambridge.

The S.C.C.U. Final took place on May 6th at Cambridge.

As usual in away matches, Middlesex were without some of their leading players, but such is their wide choice of strength that they mustered a side which proved far too good for their opponents, who have less reserves of first-class players at their disposal.

With but one game unfinished at the call of time, Middlesex had a two to one superiority:

Cambs.		Middlesex.	
1.Milner-Barry	1	E.Brown	0
2.Swinnerton-Dyer	0	H.Israel	1
3.E.Reifenberg	0	M.Blaine	1
4.E.Goulding-Brown		J.Cornforth	a
5.D.Mardle	0	E.Sergeant	1
6.J.Harwood	½	S.Crockett	½
7.Illingworth	0	E.Saunders	1
8.J.Barrett	1	J.M.Bee	0
9.B.Tomlinson	0	J.Gilchrist	1
10.J.Coward	0	F.Davy	1
11.H.Scarlett	1	D.Pritchard	0
12.P.A.Cocke	0	A.Philpott	1
13.H.Coulson	0	R.Speirs	1
14.A.R.Coole	0	A.Paish	1
15.C.Hattersly	½	J.Stewart	½
16.J.W.Cash	1	A.Stammwitz	0
	5		10

Stevenson Trophy won by Monmouthshire.

Monmouthshire put up a fine performance on May 6th to beat Herts(holders) in the Stevenson Trophy final.

Not only was this the first time a chess trophy had come to S.Wales or Mon., it was also the first time the young Monmouth Association had encountered a Metropolitan county.

Twenty boards were played and by the call of time all games were completed, the score being 11-9.

FINAL STAGES OF NATIONAL CLUB.CHAMP.EXCITING.

Good progress is being made with the final stages of the B.C.F. National Club Championship and the last 8 are now all known.

Liverpool beat Bradford by 4-2, and the same margin was recorded by Cambs.Univ. over Leicester and by Worcester City over Exeter. Even closer was Sutton Coldfield's victory over the fancied Oxford Unv., for after a stern struggle the West Midland club just ran out by 3½-2½.

In the Southern Zone, Hastings has scratched to Hampstead Omega, but the other matches again produced close tussles. Lud Eagle beat Mandrake 4-2, Lewisham beat Croydon 3½-2½ and Athenaeum beat Colchester 4½-1½.

The semi-final pairings in each zone are:-

N.E.W.& M.ZONE.

Worcester City - Liverpool
Cambridge Univ - Sutton C.

SOUTHERN ZONE.

Lewisham - Athenaeum
Hampstead O - Lud Eagle

The British Championship.

Zonal competitions are also making good progress, results to hand being:-

Zone A. Paffley bt.Rhodes. T.J.Beach bt.Walstenholme, and T.H.Wise bt. D.M.Andrew. The winners go to Buxton.

Zone C. Ritson Morry bt.Way and D.T.H.Wragg.

Zone D. V.Berger and Elaine Saunders lead with 2 pts.each out of 3.

Zone E. A.R.B.Thomas has qualified by beating Sifton, Callard & A.W.Busby.

Zone F. Sec.a. Davidson bt. Hamilton, Hamilton drew Colman.
Sec.b. Scott 2½(4), Gawlik & Stevenson 1½ (3). Gawlik bt.Winter.

Zone G. Bowen 4(5), Klein & Hunter 3½(4), Speirs 2 (3), Hughes & Blaine 1 (3), Crockett & Cook ½.

Zone H. O.Penrose 1½, Wagstaff 1, van d.Natten ½, all cut of 3.

No results yet in Zone B.

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