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Date	South	Midland	North	British University Champions
1946	OXFORD	NOTTINGHAM	LIVERPOOL	—
1947	—	BIRMINGHAM	LEEDS	LEEDS
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BUXTON RESULTS.

In the 1950 British Championship, L. W. Barden (Oxford) led the field in the early rounds but fell away later, finishing with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points. However, he received a special prize for the best score against the prize winners. The Universities Champion, O. Penrose (Cambridge) failed to reach his best form; he scored $4\frac{1}{2}$.

P. J. Oakley (Birmingham) came fourth in the Major Open with $7\frac{1}{2}$ points, gaining a sparkling win over Znosko-Borovsky. R. L. Williamson (Manchester) also did well in scoring 6. In the Lightning Tournament Oakley was second to Sir George Thomas, ahead of a strong field.

B.U.C.A. NEWS

Much good work has been done recently for chess in the schools and the first fruits of this campaign are to be seen in the growing strength of University chess. The British Universities Chess Association was formed in 1945 and in the past nine months the number of affiliated clubs has doubled! This means that next year the team championship will be run in six sections instead of three as previously. The success of the Congress at Cambridge was most encouraging and it is intended to make this an annual event. If there is sufficient response an Individual Correspondence Championship will be started.

Contact is being established with similar bodies in other countries and a representative team is going to Holland in December. The Dutch Students visited us in 1946 and won all their matches—they will not find things so easy this time. The possibility of a Radio Match with the American Universities is being investigated but this may prove beyond our resources.

A Message from the President—"This Annual fittingly caps a season of magnificent progress in British University Chess. I appeal to every student chess player to help this year's officials to consolidate their predecessors' work."—B. H. Wood.

UNIVERSITIES TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

Oxford won the Champonship once more by beating Manchester and Nottingham in the Finals. Manchester had been clear winners of the Northern Section but Nottingham headed the Midland Section only by virtue of a better game average. In the South there was a triple tie between London, Oxford and Cambridge on points and game average! To get over this difficulty it was agreed that London should enter the final round, but they withdrew later owing to lack of funds and Oxford took their place.

The first match was played at Oxford on June 10th and the home team experienced little difficulty in beating Nottingham $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.—

Oxford				Nottingham			
1.	H. F. Moxon	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.	P. B. Dodson	...	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.	J. E. Pike	...	1	2.	N. Murcott	...	0
3.	A. R. Rivier	...	1	3.	K. Zeigler	...	0
4.	D. J. Youston	...	1	4.	K. Forman	...	0
5.	J. A. Wall	...	1	5.	M. Harris	...	0
6.	S. R. Hossell	...	0	6.	G. Grundy	...	1
7.	M. Lazenby	...	1	7.	G. Durojaize	...	0
8.	S. H. Wright	...	1	8.	A. Laurance	...	0
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$6\frac{1}{2}$				$1\frac{1}{2}$			
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For the match against Manchester in Birmingham on June 14th Oxford were strengthened by the inclusion of Truscott and Barden on the top boards. Lower down Manchester were able to hold their own and the match was at one time in the balance when a certain draw on board six was thrown away. However, Oxford won the bottom board to settle the match and Barden converted a draw into a win to widen the margin.

Oxford				Manchester			
1.	A. F. Truscott	...	1	1.	V. T. Buchwald	...	0
2.	L. W. Barden	...	1	2.	J. E. Scott	...	0
3.	D. J. Youston	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	3.	R. Williamson	...	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.	J. A. Wall	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	4.	G. Pritchard	...	$\frac{1}{2}$
5.	T. B. Ryves	...	1	5.	J. Braka	...	0
6.	E. G. Lewis	...	0	6.	J. Playfer	...	1
7.	J. Ling	...	0	7.	J. Perkins	...	1
8.	J. J. Hann	...	1	8.	N. Thomas	...	0
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With the issue settled, the remaining match on June 17th at Nottingham was of only academic interest but Manchester won convincingly to gain second place.

Manchester				Nottingham			
1.	J. E. Scott	...	1	1.	P. B. Dodson	...	0
2.	R. Williamson	...	0	2.	M. Harris	...	1
3.	V. T. Buchwald	...	1	3.	G. Grundy	...	0
4.	N. Moores	...	1	4.	F. Zeigler	...	0
5.	J. Playfer	...	1	5.	K. Forman	...	0
6.	J. Perkins	...	1	6.	A. E. Laurance	...	0
7.	A. Ottman	...	1	7.	C. B. Durojaize	...	0
8.	N. Thomas	...	0	8.	E. Spratt	...	1
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Thus Oxford become the first holders of the B.C.F. Presentation Board. Their victory was well-deserved but as the Cambridge Secretary so kindly remarked: "Any other result would have been sensational!"

Here is the top-board game from the second match. Truscott diverges from the usual 8 P—K4 line and this unsettles his opponent. After the pretty twentieth move the game is as good as over but a blunder shortens the agony.

White—A. F. Truscott, Black—T. V. Buchwald.

1 P—Q4, Kt—KB3; 2 P—QB4, P—KKt3; 3 Kt—QB3, B—Kt2; 4 P—KKt3, P—Q3; 5 B—Kt2, O—O; 6 Kt—B3, QKt—Q2; 7 O—O, P—K4; 8 P—K3, Kt—K1; 9 P—Kt3, P—KB4; 10 PxP, KtxP; 11 KtxKt, BXKt; 12 B—Kt2, Kt—Kt2; 13 Q—Q2, R—Kt1; 14 KR—Q1, B—K3; 15 QR—B1, Q—K2; 16 Kt—Kt5, BxB; 17 QxB, P—QR3; 18 Kt—Q4, P—B3; 19 Q—R3, KR—Q1; 20 BxP! P—B5; 21 KtxB, QxKt.

Black resigned before allowing White to play 22 B—Q5.

The following little game was sent in by Manchester—it was played in one of their matches.

White—Dr. W. Edge, Black—J. E. Scott.

1 P—QB4, Kt—KB3; 2 Kt—QB3, P—B3; 3 P—K4, P—K4; 4 P—Q4 P—Q3; 5 Kt—B3, QKt—Q2; 6 B—K2, B—K2; 7 O—O, O—O; 8 Kt—K1 R—K1; 9 P—B4, PxQP; 10 QxP, P—Q4! 11 K—R1, PxKP; 12 KtxP, KtxKt; 13 QxKt, B—B4; 14 Q—B2, Q—K2; 15 Resigns.

White must lose a piece!

**BRITISH UNIVERSITIES CHESS LEAGUE.
REGIONAL TABLES.**

SOUTH.

		v. C.	v. Ln.	v. O.	Pts.
Cambridge	4:6	4½:2½	2
London	...	6:4		6½:8½	2
Oxford	...	2½:4½	8½:6½		2

Result—TRIPLE TIE

MIDLANDS

	v. N't'gham	v. B'ham	v. Ex.	v. Br.	Pts.
Nottingham	...	2:4	5:1	5:1	4
Birmingham	...	4:2	3½:4½	6½:1½	4
Exeter	... 1:5	4½:3½		5:3	4
Bristol	... 1:5	1½:6½	3:5		0

MIDLAND CHAMPIONS—NOTTINGHAM

NORTH

	v. Mchtr.	v. Leeds	v. Sheff.	v. Liv'pool	Pts.
Manchester	...	5½:2½ 6½:1½	6:2 6:2	4:4 5:3	11
Leeds	1½:6½ 2½:5½		4½:3½ 3:5	5:3 4:4	5
Sheffield	... 2:6 2:6	5:3 3½:4½		— 5½:2½	4
Liverpool	... 3:5 4:4	4:4 3:5	2½:5½ —		2

(Home matches in first column)

NORTHERN CHAMPIONS—MANCHESTER

CAMBRIDGE WIN B.C.F. CHAMPIONSHIP

On Sunday, August 12th, 1950, at the Cora Hotel, London, the Cambridge University Chess Club became the first B.C.F. National Club Champions by beating Lud-Eagle in the Final. The result was especially gratifying since it indicated the strength of contemporary University chess

and provided cause for optimism for the future of British chess. The match culminated one of the most successful seasons enjoyed by Cambridge, including a decisive victory over Oxford.

Cambridge University		Lud-Eagle	
1. O. Penrose	0	Dr. J. M. Aitken	1 Ruy Lopez (39)
2. D. V. Mardle	$\frac{1}{2}$	I. Konig	$\frac{1}{2}$ Double Fianchetto (32)
3. E. R. Reifenberg	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Israel	$\frac{1}{2}$ Guioco Piano (30)
4. B. Tomlinson	1	H. Cole	0 English (32)
5. J. F. Barrett	1	Dr. Winterton	0 Dutch, Stonewall (38)
6. J. R. Coward	0	F. Fischer	1 Caro-Kann (30)
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Cambridge thus won on the application of the elimination rule.

In spite of the fact that chess is often thought to be an individual game, the team spirit of the players has contributed much to the success of the Cambridge side. O. Penrose has given the team confidence with his repeated wins on top board; D. V. Mardle, the President, a rapidly improving player, has worked hard and E. R. Reifenberg is always adventurous. The lower boards have all been as solid as the proverbial rocks.

The competition trophy, a handsome board to be held for one year, was kindly presented by the chairman of the B.C.F. Executive, together with another board and chess clock as permanent prizes. The Cambridge University chess team would like to congratulate their opponents on the fine closely contested match, and to extend to the B.C.F. their thanks, especially to Mr. Chetwynd who organised the match.

THE GAMES.

On board one, against the Open Defence of the Ruy Lopez, Dr. Aitken (White) played the line he tried on J. Penrose at the recent Ilford tournament, Oliver was prepared for this and an interesting game developed. In the later stages Black was handicapped by severe time-trouble and did not find the best defence. This was the only game lost by Penrose throughout the competition. On the next board the Cambridge President held his redoubtable opponent by sound play to gain a valuable draw. A symmetrical opening led to a quiet draw on board three.

Against Tomlinson, Cole weakened his King position, allowing a devastating attack down the long diagonal which won Queen for Rook as the poor King evacuated. Barrett played his favourite Stonewall variation of the Dutch Defence. The position became blocked but he sacrificed a Knight for three pawns to break through for a fine finish. Coward played the Kt—QB3 line against the Caro-Kann but the positional subtleties which followed did not suit his aggressive style and he soon succumbed.

Board 1: White—Dr. J. M. Aitken. Black—Oliver Penrose.

1 P-K4	P-K4	14 Kt-B3	O-O6	27 Kt-K3	P-QR4
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	15 R-Q1	O-B7	28 P-B4	Kt-Kt5
3 B-Kt5	P—QR3	16 Kt-K1	Q-B4	29 KtxKt	BxKt
4 B-R4	Kt-B3	17 Kt-Q5	B-B4	30 P-KR3	B-K3
5 O-O	KtxP	18 QxQ	BxQ	31 Kt-Q3	P-R5
6 P-Q4	P-QKt4	19 B-B4	OR-Kt1	32 Kt-B5	PxP
7 B-Kt3	P-Q4	20 P-OKt3	B-QR6	33 PxP	B-Q4
8 PxP	B-K3	21 B-B1	BxB	34 P-QKt4	K-B1
9 Q-K2	B-K2	22 QRxB	B-K3	35 P-Kt5	R-R8ch
10 P-B4	KtPxP	23 RxP	KtxP	36 K-B2	R-QKt8
11 BxP	PxB	24 RxP	KR-Q1	37 P-Kt6	R-Kt7ch
12 QxKt	O-Q4	25 Kt-K3	RxR	38 K-K1	BxP
13 Q-B4	O-O	26 KtxR	R-R1	39 P-Kt7	Resigns

Board 5: White—Dr. Winterton, Black—J. F. Barrett.

1 P-Q4	P-K3	14 P-KB4	P-Kt5	27 Q-K3	KtxKtP!
2 Kt-KB3	P-KB4	15 P-QR4	P-R4	28 QxKt	QxP ch
3 P-KKt3	Kt-KB3	16 P-R3	Q-Kt3	29 Q-B2	QxQ ch
4 B-Kt2	B-K2	17 P-R4	Kt-Kt2	30 RxQ	KtxP
5 O-O	O-O	18 Kt-B5	Kt-R4	31 R-Q1	R-Q1
6 QKt-Q2	P-Q4	19 KtxB	KtxKt	32 K-R2	Kt-Q6
7 P-Kt3	QKt-Q2	20 Q-K1	KR-QB1	33R(2)-KB1	RxP
8 B-Kt2	Q-K1	21 P-B4	P-B3	34 K-Kt3	P-R4
9 Kt-K5	Q-R4	22 B-QR3	Q-K1	35 R-KKt1	P-K4
10 Kt-Q3	P-KKt4	23 B-Q6	BxB	36 PxP	P-B5 ch
11 P-KB3	Kt-Kt3	24 PxB	K-B2	and mates in two.	
12 P-K4	B-Q2	25 P-B5	P-Kt3		
13 P-K5	Kt-K1	26 QR-B1	Q-R1		

The following game between two well-known Cambridge players has a beautiful finish. It was played at Hastings.

White—P. Swinnerton-Dyer, Black—E. R. Reifenberg.

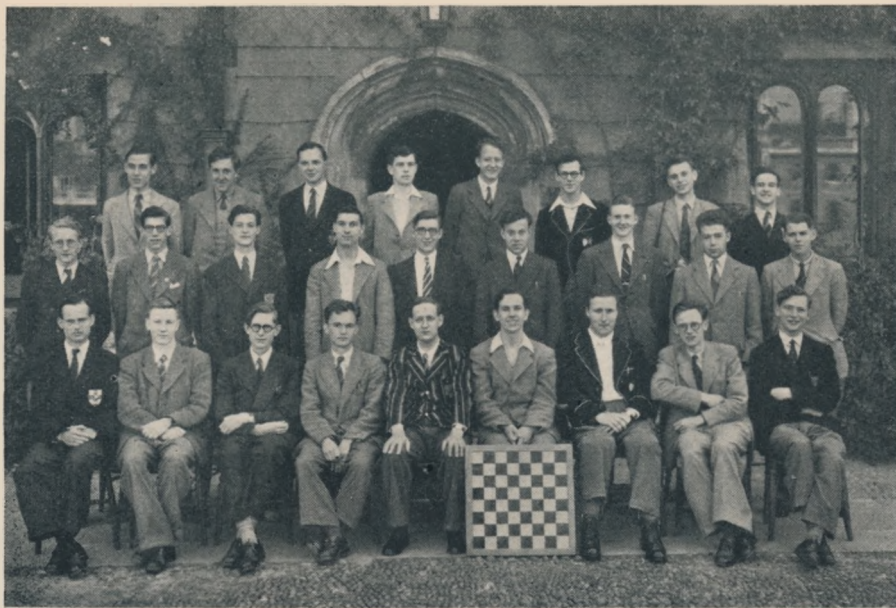
1 P-Q4	P-KB4	9 P-Q5	Kt-K4	17 B-Kt2	Q-Q2
2 P-KKt3	P-K3	10 P-QKt3	KtxKt	18 K-Kt2	R-B2
3 B-Kt2	Kt-KB3	11 QxKt	P-K4	19 P-QR3	QR-KB1
4 P-QB4	B-K2	12 P-K4	PxP	20 P-KB3	R-B3
5 Kt-QB3	O-O	13 KtxP	B-B4	21 P-KB4	R-R3
6 Kt-R3	P-Q3	14 O-O	KtxKt	22 P-KR4	RxRP
7 Kt-B4	K-R1	15 BxKt	BxB	23 R-KR1	QRxBP
8 Kt-Q3	Kt-QB3	16 QxB	B-Kt4	24 PxR(B4)	R-Kt5 ch
				25 Resigns	

THE CAMBRIDGE CONGRESS

The Inaugural B.U.C.A. Individual Championship was held at Trinity College, Cambridge, from July 17th—28th. In pleasant surroundings, twenty-four players from ten different Universities contested an 11-Round Swiss under the skilful direction of R. J. Tayler and B. H. Wood. As expected, L. W. Barden (Oxford) and O. Penrose (Cambridge) were the main contenders for the title and after a thrilling struggle they tied for first place with nine points. Penrose had won the vital game against Barden in the first round and this meant that his Sonneborn—Berger score was much the better so that Penrose is the 1950 Universities Champion. The Swiss System gave a very satisfactory result, the winner meeting the nine players immediately below him in the table.

There is not space to detail all the other activities of the fortnight; bridge, tennis and punting were the main attractions. For the enthusiasts there was a Lightning Tournament, won by P. J. Oakley with A. F. Truscott and J. E. Littlewood equal second. In a simultaneous Display the B.U.C.A. President, B. H. Wood, did well to score ten wins, three draws, seven losses against strong opposition. On the final day, a Combined Universities side, which lacked the prizewinners, beat Cambridgeshire by 9—5.

Most of the preliminary organizing was done by G. D. Parbrook, the retiring B.U.C.A. Secretary, and his successor, R. J. Tayler. Their efforts were well rewarded for the Congress was a great success and at the A.G.M. it was decided to hold another one next year at Oxford.



COMPETITORS IN THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES' CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP AT CAMBRIDGE, AND OFFICIALS
OF THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES' CHESS ASSOCIATION

Front row (left to right): R. O. Powis (Bristol), D. J. Youston (Oxford) M. J. Egginton (Birmingham) O. Penrose (Cambridge)
B. H. Wood (*President*), L. W. Barden (Oxford) D. V. Manille (Cambridge), G. D. Parbrook (Birmingham, *retiring Secy.*)
R. J. Tayler (Cambridge, 1950-51 *Secretary*).

Middle row (left to right): P. J. Oakley (B'ham), L. J. Cannon (Durham) H. A. Samuels (Cambridge) J. E. Littlewood (Sheffield)
J. H. Hancock (Exeter), J. F. Truscott (Oxford), J. H. Beaty (Leeds), O. H. Hardy (Sheffield), B. G. Dudley (B'ham).

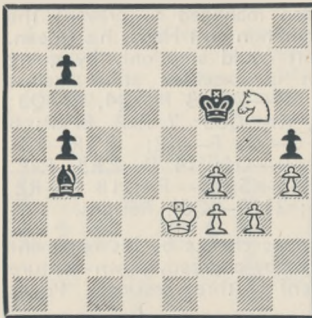
Back row (left to right): M. B. Harris (Nottingham), E. Spratt (Nottingham), R. O. Selby (Cambridge), P. B. Dodson
(Nottingham), S. Usher (Swansea), E. R. Reifenberg (Cambridge), L. C. Carpenter (Swansea), J. H. Kliskey (Bristol).

ROUND 1.

Penrose 1, Barden 0; Dodson $\frac{1}{2}$, Beaty $\frac{1}{2}$; Dudley 0, Cannon 1; Carpenter 0, Youston 1; Egginton 0, Moxon 1; Hancock 0, Truscott 1; Hardy 0, Littlewood 1; Samuels 1, Harris 0; Mardle 1, Kliskey 0; Oakley 1, Usher 0; Powis 0, Reifenberg 1; Selby 0, Spratt 1.

The first game to finish was that between Carpenter and Youston:—
1 P—K4, P—K4; 2 Kt—KB3, Kt—QB3; 3 B—Kt5, P—QR3; 4 B—R4, Kt—B3; 5 O—O, B—K2; 6 Q—K2, P—QKt4; 7 B—Kt3, O—O; 8 P—QR4, R—Kt1; 9 P—B3, P—Q4; 10 KPxP, KtxP; 11 KtxP, Kt—B5; 12 Q—K3, KtxKt; 13 QxKt(B4), Kt—Q6; 14 Q—K3, B—QB4; 15 Q—K2, B—Kt2; 16 B—B2, Q—Kt4; 17 P—KKt3, Q—Q4; 18 Resigns.

Black (Barden)



White (Penrose)

Barden played the Albin and never really recovered from a bad opening. After the adjournment he missed one drawing chance but thereafter Penrose played excellently and finished from the diagram position with 46 P—B5!, B—K8; 47 Kt—B4, P—Kt5; 48K—K2!, B—B6; 49 Kt—Q5 ch., KxP; 50 KtxB, PxKt; 51 K—Q3, Resigns.

Beaty's premature liquidation lost his opening advantage. Cannon fought off a strong attack and won a pawn and the game. Egginton blundered away a piece in an inferior position. Truscott broke through by a pretty sacrifice. A long game between the two Sheffield players was marked by errors on both sides.

Samuels exploited Harris' bad bishop. Kliskey defended stubbornly until he blundered in time pressure. Oakley won pawn after pawn. Passive play by Powis allowed Reifenberg a fierce attack. Selby mishandled a fine position.

ROUND 2.

Littlewood 0, Penrose 1; Truscott $\frac{1}{2}$, Samuels $\frac{1}{2}$; Youston $\frac{1}{2}$, Oakley $\frac{1}{2}$; Moxon 0, Mardle 1; Cannon 1, Spratt 0; Reifenberg 1, Dodson 0; Beaty 1, Carpenter 0; Kliskey $\frac{1}{2}$, Hancock $\frac{1}{2}$; Usher 1, Egginton 0; Barden 1, Selby 0; Harris 1, Hardy 0; Dudley 1, Powis 0.

Penrose gradually wore down Littlewood and finished with a mating attack. Truscott v. Samuels was a game full of incident and a draw was a fair result. Oakley's Q-side majority and bishop against knight in the ending were compensated by Youston's strong king. Moxon frittered away an overwhelming advantage and finally a pawn-snatch cost him a piece. Cannon v. Spratt was a wild game in which the former eventually won by a neat rook sacrifice. Dodson outplayed Reifenberg in the first session but went sadly astray after the adjournment. Carpenter early on lost much material. Kliskey and Hancock agreed a draw in 13 moves! Usher mated Egginton as follows:—1 Kt—KB3, Kt—KB3; 2 P—KKt3, P—KKt3; 3 B—Kt2, B—Kt2; 4 O—O, P—Q4; 5 P—B4, P—K3; 6 P—Q4, O—O; 7 R—K1, QKt—Q2; 8 PxP, PxP; 9 Kt—B3, P—B3; 10 B—B4, R—K1; 11 Kt—KKt5, Kt—B1; 12 Q—Kt3, Kt—R4; 13 P—K3, P—B3?; 14 KtxQP, PxKt (Kt4); 15 Kt—B6, d.ch., K—R1; 16 Q—Kt8, mate.

Selby was hopelessly cramped from the opening. Harris' persistent attack eventually netted material. Powis played too passively and allowed Dudley to win with a well-handled King-side attack.

ROUND 3.

Reifenberg $\frac{1}{2}$, Penrose $\frac{1}{2}$; Mardle $\frac{1}{2}$, Cannon $\frac{1}{2}$; Truscott $\frac{1}{2}$, Beaty $\frac{1}{2}$; Youston 1, Samuels 0; Oakley 1, Littlewood 0; Usher 0, Barden 1; Harris 0, Moxon 1; Spratt 0, Dudley 1; Dodson 1, Hancock 0; Hardy 0, Carpenter 1; Kliskey 1, Selby 0; Egginton 1, Powis 0.

The game between Reifenberg and Penrose would have done credit to a pair of tired grandmasters:— 1 P—K4, P—K4; 2 Kt—KB3, Kt—QB3; 3 Kt—B3, Kt—B3; 4 B—Kt5, B—Kt5; 5 O—O, O—O; 6 P—Q3, BxKt; 7 PxP, P—Q3; 8 BxKt, PxP; 9 P—KR3. Draw agreed.

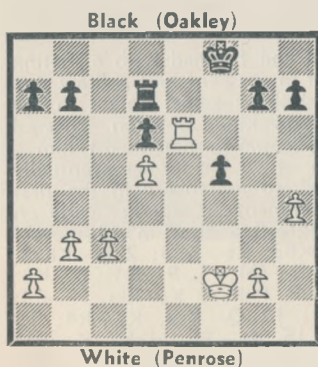
Mardle v. Cannon was evenly contested and unexciting. Truscott could make nothing of his end-game edge. Samuels fell into a trap. Oakley had only a slight advantage when Littlewood overlooked the loss of a pawn by a simple combination. Barden managed to prevent the development of Usher's Queen-side. A hallucination cost Harris his Queen. Dudley obtained a strong attack which Spratt could stop only by going into a lost ending. Dodson (White) won in excellent style against Hancock:— 1 P—K4, Kt—KB3; 2 P—K5, Kt—Q4; 3 P—Q4, P—Q3; 4 Kt—KB3, B—B4; 5 B—Q3, BxB; 6 QxB, Kt—QB3; 7 PxP, BPxP; 8 P—B4, Kt—Kt3; 9 Kt—B3, P—K3; 10 O—O, B—K2; 11 R—K1, Kt—Q2; 12 B—B4, Kt—B3; 13 QR—Q1, P—Q4; 14 P—QR3, PxP; 15 QxBP, Kt—Q4; 16 B—Kt3, O—O; 17 Kt—K5, Kt—R4; 18 Q—R2, KtxKt; 19 PxKt, R—B1; 20 P—Q5, P—B4; 21 P—Q6!, Resigns.

Hardy threatened mate in one but judicious checks by his opponent forced off the queens. Selby lost the exchange by a greedy pawn-capture but the game proved difficult to win and went to three sessions. Powis was uncomfortably strangled.

ROUND 4.

Penrose 1, Oakley 0; Cannon $\frac{1}{2}$, Youston $\frac{1}{2}$; Mardle $\frac{1}{2}$, Reifenberg $\frac{1}{2}$; Beaty 1, Dudley 0; Barden 1, Truscott 0; Moxon 1, Kliskey 0; Samuels $\frac{1}{2}$, Dodson $\frac{1}{2}$; Spratt 0, Egginton 1; Littlewood 1, Usher 0; Carpenter 0, Harris 1; Powis $\frac{1}{2}$, Hancock $\frac{1}{2}$; Selby 0, Hardy 1.

Penrose's win, which gave him a clear half-point lead, was typical of his style: a small opening advantage, increased during the middle game, and then a transposition to a favourable ending.



From the diagram position play went: 30P—R4, P—QKt3; 31K—B3, P—Kt3; 32 K—B4, K—Kt2; 33 P—KR5, K—R3; 34 PxP, PxP; 35 P—KKt4, PxP; 36 KxP, K—Kt2; 37 K—Kt5, K—B2; 38 RxKtP, K—B1; 39 K—B5, K—B2; 40 R—R6, K—Kt2; 41 K—K6!, R—Q1; 42 K—K7, R—QB1; 43 R—R3, K—Kt3 44 KxP, R—Q1 ch.; 45 K—K6, Resigns.

Cannon v. Youston was also an interesting ending which the Durham player, who is so far proving the surprise of the tournament, defended excellently. The game between Mardle and Reifenberg, the longest so far (72 moves) was a tragedy of missed chances. Beaty, who is also proving a surprise, won a good game against Dudley. Truscott got into a mess from the opening and had to give up a piece to save his Queen from being trapped. Moxon had a Queen-side pawn majority and made it effective by emphasis on simplifi-

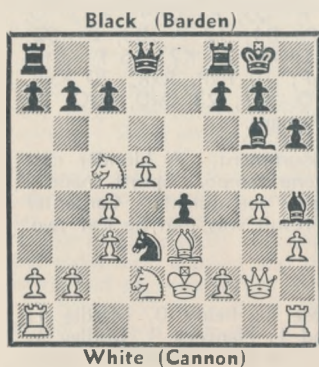
cation. Dodson found a neat equalising manoeuvre to eliminate a weak pawn. Spratt trapped his own queen. Usher played badly. Harris won a pawn with a nice combination. Powis v. Hancock was short and dull. Selby defended weakly against Hardy's Marshall Attack.

Scores: Penrose $3\frac{1}{2}$; Barden, Beaty, Cannon, Mardle, Moxon, Reifenberg and Youston 3; Oakley $2\frac{1}{2}$; Dodson, Dudley, Egginton, Harris, Littlewood, Samuels and Truscott 2; Kliskey $1\frac{1}{2}$; Carpenter, Hancock, Hardy, Spratt and Usher 1; Powis $\frac{1}{2}$; Selby 0.

ROUND 5.

Penrose $\frac{1}{2}$, Mardle $\frac{1}{2}$; Cannon 0, Barden 1; Youston $\frac{1}{2}$, Moxon $\frac{1}{2}$; Reifenberg 0, Beaty 1; Oakley 1, Dodson 0; Truscott 1, Harris 0; Dudley $\frac{1}{2}$, Egginton $\frac{1}{2}$; Littlewood 1, Samuels 0; Hancock 1, Usher 0; Carpenter 0, Spratt 1; Kliskey 0, Hardy 1; Selby 1, Powis 0.

Mardle played the Marshall Attack and Penrose retained the pawn by careful play. However, Mardle kept his initiative and found a draw in a difficult knight ending after Penrose had missed the best line. Cannon played an inferior opening variation which left his king in the centre.



From the diagram Barden concluded forcefully: 20— BxP!; 21 Kt(5)xKP, BxB; 22 KxKt, B—Kt3; 23 K—B2, P—QB3; 24 PxP, PxP; 25 P—Kt3, R—K1; 26 K—Kt2, Q—Q6; 27 KR—K1, B—K6; 28 Q—B3, RxKt!, 29 Resigns.

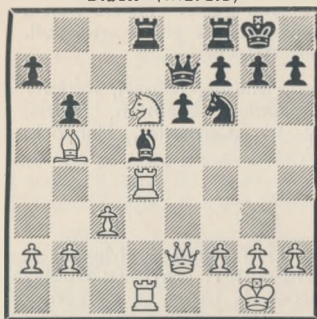
After some intricate fighting for possession of the centre Youston and Moxon reached a blocked, drawn position. Reifenberg had the better of the opening, but thereafter failed to formulate an effective plan and Beaty from cool defence went over to energetic and successful counter-attack—an excellent performance. Dodson made a wild sacrifice in an only slightly disadvantageous position. Truscott asphyxiated Harris. Egginton, with the better game, agreed a premature draw. Littlewood's King-side attack persisted into the ending. Usher tried to occupy the centre with his knights before moving his pawns, with unfortunate consequences. Carpenter lost a piece in effervescent complications. Hardy played considerably better than his score might indicate. Selby's passed pawn was a decisive weapon.

ROUND 6.

Beaty 0, Penrose 1; Barden 1, Youston 0; Moxon 0, Oakley 1; Littlewood $\frac{1}{2}$, Mardle $\frac{1}{2}$; Reifenberg 1, Cannon 0; Egginton 0, Truscott 1; Dodson 0, Dudley 1; Harris 0, Hancock 1; Samuels 1, Hardy 0; Spratt 0, Kliskey 1; Usher 0, Selby 1; Powis 1, Carpenter 0.

Beaty played a pawn sacrifice tried by Bronstein against Keres in the recent Budapest tournament. However, a premature advance cost a second pawn and thereafter Penrose gave him no chance. Youston failed to realise the dangerous consequences of allowing Barden to pin his K Kt. Moxon played an interesting attack against the Alekhine's Defence but handled it wrongly. A pawn down in the ending, he collapsed quickly.

Black (Mardle)



White (Littlewood)

excellent positional game:

White—Egginton, Black—Truscott. 1 P—Q4, Kt—KB3; 2 P—QB4, P—Q3; 3 Kt—QB3, QKt—Q2; 4 P—K4, P—K4; 5 KKt—K2, P—KKt3; 6 P—KKt3, B—Kt2; 7 B—Kt2, O—O; 8 P—Q5, P—QR4; 9 O—O, Kt—B4; 10 P—Kt3, Kt—K1; 11 B—K3, P—B4; 12 P—B3, B—Q2; 13 P—QR3, P—R5; 14 BxKt, PxP; 15 P—QKt4, Q—K2; 16 P—Kt5, Kt—Q3; 17 Q—Q3, P—R4; 18 R—B2, PxP; 19 PxP, RxR; 20 KxR, B—R3; 21 R—KB1, Q—Kt4; 22 Kt—Q1, Q—Q7; 23 QxQ, BxQ; 24 Kt(2)—B3, KtxBP; 25 K—K2, B—Kt4; 26 Resigns.

Dodson went badly astray after the adjournment. A blunder cost Harris a piece. Samuels won an ending by one tempo. Spratt made a simple oversight. Usher pushed his passed pawn too quickly. Carpenter tried to retain the Queen's Gambit pawn; the result was that he lost two.

ROUND 7.

Oakley $\frac{1}{2}$, Barden $\frac{1}{2}$; Truscott 0, Penrose 1; Beatty 0, Mardle 1; Ycuston 1, Reifenberg 0; Moxon 0, Littlewood 1; Hancock $\frac{1}{2}$, Dudley $\frac{1}{2}$; Samuels 1, Cannon 0; Kliskey $\frac{1}{2}$, Egginton $\frac{1}{2}$; Hardy 0, Dodson 1; Selby 1, Harris 0; Powis 1, Spratt 0; Carpenter $\frac{1}{2}$, Usher $\frac{1}{2}$.

Barden had a good opening but went seriously wrong in the early middle-game. He had to give up a pawn but Oakley faltered and Black obtained some attack. In time-trouble the players were seized by mutual panic and agreed a draw when much play remained. Penrose was in some difficulties in the early stages and used up much time. However, in great clock-trouble he found resource after resource and it was Truscott who finally went astray. The Oxford player fought back well and missed a possible draw just before the second adjournment. Eventually, Penrose won with Queen against Rook in 92 moves. Beatty made nothing of the opening, then over-reached himself and lost a pawn. Youston won by a well-played attack: White—Youston, Black—Reifenberg. 1 P—K4, P—QB4; 2 Kt—KB3, Kt—QB3; 3 P—Q4, PxP; 4 KtxP, Kt—KB3; 5 Kt—QB3, P—Q3; 6 B—K2, P—KKt3; 7 B—K3, B—Kt2; 8 O—O, O—O; 9 Kt—Kt3, B—K3; 10 P—B4, Q—B1; 11 B—B3, R—Q1; 12 Kt—Q5 BxKt; 13 PxP, Kt—QKt5; 14 P—B3, Kt—R3; 15 R—K1, Q—B2; 16 Kt—Q4, Kt—B4; 17 R—QB1, R—K1; 18 P—QKt4, QKt—Q2; 19 P—B4, P—QR4; 20 Kt—Kt5, Q—Kt1; 21 P—QB5, RPxP; 22 P—B6!, Kt—B4; 23 P—B7, Q—B1; 24 BxKt, PxP; 25 RxBP, Kt—Q2; 26 R—B2, B—B6; 27 KtxB, PxKt; 28 RxBP, R—R3; 29 P—Q6!, RxP; 30 QxR, Resigns.

Littlewood v. Mardle was an exciting combinative game. From the diagram play went: 18 Kt—B5, Q—B2; 19 P—QB4, BxKtP!; 20 KtxP!?, RxR; 21 RxR, Q—B4!; 22 KtxP! (the best chance), PxKt; 23 QxP ch, K—R1? (K—Kt2 wins); 24 R—QB1, Kt—K5; 25 RxR ch, QxR; 26 Q—K5 ch, K—Kt1; 27 Q—K6 ch, K—R1 and a draw was agreed. Both sides were exhausted by the complications but White should have seen 27 Q—Q5 ch, K—R1; 28 Q—Q4 ch (guarding KB2), K—Kt1; 29 KxB and wins.

Reifenberg took classic advantage of Cannon's cramped opening and won by a brilliant attack. Truscott played an

Moxon missed a clear win against Littlewood's over-sharp opening and after that the latter's raking bishops were tremendously powerful. Hancock's oversight in a winning position cost half a point. Samuels won a neat ending against Cannon, now fallen away from his earlier good form. Kliskey and Hardy failed to refute unsound combinations. Harris played passively. Powis won a good game by persistent concentration on enemy pawn weaknesses. Carpenter and Usher soon agreed a draw—they wanted to watch the television.

ROUND 8.

Penrose 1, Youston 0; Mardle $\frac{1}{2}$, Barden $\frac{1}{2}$; Truscott $\frac{1}{2}$, Oakley $\frac{1}{2}$; Dudley 0, Littlewood 1; Samuels 1, Beaty 0; Hancock 0, Reifenberg 1; Dodson 0, Moxon 1; Egginton 1, Carpenter 0; Cannon 0, Selby 1; Harris 0, Kliskey 1; Hardy 0, Powis 1; Usher $\frac{1}{2}$, Spratt $\frac{1}{2}$.

In this round Penrose increased his lead over Barden to a clear point and now seemed certain of first prize. Although Penrose won, Youston put up a tremendous resistance. Playing the Marshall Attack he improved on Mardle's play and a game of great complications developed in which Youston's pressure finally forced Penrose to give up the exchange in return for a second pawn. Unfortunately Youston blundered shortly after the beginning of the second session. Mardle gained an opening advantage against Barden but tied up his pieces and should have lost quickly. Barden inexplicably missed the best line and allowed Mardle to free his game completely. Truscott and Oakley manoeuvred ineffectively. Littlewood played an innovation in the Two Knights' Defence previously ventured by Moxon against Harris and won by a persistent attack. Beaty seems to have gone into an uncontrollable nose-dive and today lost his third game running. Some unfortunate knight pirouettes cost him a pawn. Hancock never got rid of a weak KBP. A weak pawn-structure also caused Dodson's defeat. Poor defensive play by Carpenter cost a vital pawn. Cannon tied himself up and eventually lost a piece. His opponent, Selby, has visibly improved and this was his fourth successive win. Kliskey's terrible knight on KB5 tied down Harris' pieces. Powis is gaining confidence and today won a pawn and the resulting ending against Hardy. Usher—Spratt had no peculiarities to excite the commentator's attention.

Scores: Penrose 7; Barden 6; Littlewood, Mardle and Oakley $5\frac{1}{2}$; Reifenberg and Samuels 5; Moxon, Truscott and Youston $4\frac{1}{2}$; Beaty, Dudley, Egginton, Kliskey and Selby 4; Hancock and Powis $3\frac{1}{2}$; Cannon and Dodson 3; Spratt $2\frac{1}{2}$; Hardy, Harris and Usher 2; Carpenter $1\frac{1}{2}$.

ROUND 9.

Penrose 1, Samuels 0; Barden 1, Littlewood 0; Oakley 0, Mardle 1; Moxon 1; Reifenberg 0; Youston 0, Truscott 1; Dudley 1, Kliskey 0; Egginton 1, Beaty 0; Hancock $\frac{1}{2}$, Selby $\frac{1}{2}$; Dodson 1, Powis 0; Spratt $\frac{1}{2}$, Harris $\frac{1}{2}$; Hardy 1, Usher 0; Carpenter 0, Cannon 1.

Penrose won a sparkling game from Samuels: 1 P—K4, P—QB4; 2 Kt—KB3, Kt—QB3; 3 P—Q4, PxP; 4 KtxP, Kt—KB3; 5 Kt—QB3, P—Q3; 6 B—K2, P—KKt3; 7 O—O, B—Kt2; 8 B—K3, O—O; 9 Kt—Kt3, B—K3; 10 P—B4, Kt—QR4; 11 P—B5, B—B5; 12 P—Kt4, P—Q4; 13 KtxKt, QxKt; 14 BxB, PxB; 15 P—Kt5, QR—Q1; 16 Q—B3, Kt—Q2; 17 Kt—Q5, BxP; 18 KtxP ch, K—R1; 19 Q—R3, Kt—K4; 20 QR—Kt1, Q—R6; 21 R—B4, B—Q5; 22 QxP ch!! Resigns.

Barden beat Littlewood by exploiting two bishops against two knights in the ending despite a resourceful defence. Oakley had the better opening but allowed Mardle to take the advantage. From then on Mardle played with deadly accuracy and handled his heavy pieces with considerable skill. Moxon introduced an important opening improvement which gave him a good game. Reifenberg then made a serious positional error which lost quickly. For the second day running, Youston blundered just as the position was becoming critical:

White—Youston, Black—Truscott. 1 P—Q4, Kt—KB3; 2 P—QB4, P—Q3; 3 Kt—QB3, QKt—Q2; 4 P—K4, P—K4; 5 P—Q5, Kt—B4; 6 P—B3, P—QR4; 7 B—K3, B—Q2; 8 P—KKt4, B—K2; 9 P—KR4, Kt—Kt1; 10 B—B2, P—R4; 11 PxP, P—B4; 12 B—R3, BxP; 13 BxP, BxB ch; 14 KxB, BxB; 15 PxB, Q—Kt4; 16 Kt—K4, KtxKt ch; 17 PxKt, Kt—B3; 18 Kt—B3?, KtxP ch; 19 Resigns.

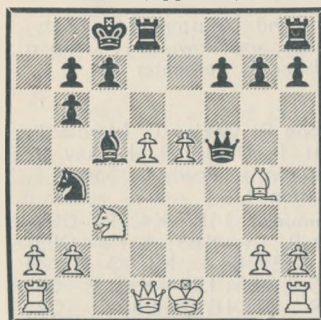
Dudley won a pawn and the game by a neat little combination. Beaty lost a pawn by an oversight and afterwards seemed demoralised. It is a pity he has collapsed so badly after his fine play in the first week. Hancock and Selby just swapped pieces. Dodson played a good game with a nice finish. Harris agreed a draw in a winning position. A surprise move by Hardy forced the better ending which Usher handled weakly. Carpenter played well in the opening and belied his low position, but then lost a piece by an oversight.

ROUND 10.

Moxon 1, Penrose 0; Barden 1, Dudley 0; Mardle 0, Truscott 1; Samuels $\frac{1}{2}$, Oakley $\frac{1}{2}$; Littlewood 1, Egginton 0; Selby 0, Reifenberg 1; Beaty 0, Youston 1; Kliskey 1, Carpenter 0; Cannon 1, Hancock 0; Harris 0, Dodson 1; Usher 0, Powis 1; Spratt 1, Hardy 0.

In this round. Penrose and Mardle were beaten for the first time, leaving no-one undefeated. Penrose had the better position against Moxon when a tremendous oversight lost at once. The sensation of the tournament went as follows: White—Moxon, Black—Penrose. 1 P—K4, P—K4; 2 Kt—KB3, Kt—QB3; 3 B—Kt5, P—QR3; 4 B—R4, Kt—B3; 5 O—O, B—K2; 6 R—K1, P—QKt4; 7 B—Kt3, P—Q3; 8 P—B3, O—O; 9 P—KR3, Kt—Q2; 10 P—Q4, B—B3; 11 P—QR4, B—Kt2; 12 Q—Q3, Kt—R4; 13 B—B2, P—B4; 14 QKt—Q2, Q—B2; 15 RPxP, RPxP; 16 PxKP, PxP; 17 Kt—B1, P—B5; 18 Q—K2, Kt—B4; 19 Kt—K3, BxP??; 20 BxB, Resigns.

Dudley allowed his King-side to be broken up and was forthwith subjected to a mating attack. Truscott quite outplayed Mardle and won convincingly. Samuels and Oakley played a steady draw. Egginton resigned in the diagram position but Kt—B7 ch would have won for him! Reifenberg swindled Selby in the ending. Beaty played the same pawn sacrifice as against Penrose and was doing quite well until he lost a second pawn by a miscalculation. Once more a blunder ended Carpenter's promising game. Hancock fell into a stock trap. The Exeter player seems completely out of form in this tournament. Dodson beat off Harris's dangerous attack and won the ending. Usher had a good game but lost a pawn after which the improving Powis made sure of the point. Spratt beat Hardy by a well-played attack.



White (Littlewood)

ROUND 11.

Kliskey 0, Penrose 1; Barden 1, Moxon 0; Truscott 1, Littlewood 0; Youston $\frac{1}{2}$, Mardle $\frac{1}{2}$; Reifenberg $\frac{1}{2}$, Oakley $\frac{1}{2}$; Dudley $\frac{1}{2}$, Samuels $\frac{1}{2}$; Selby 1, Egginton 0; Powis $\frac{1}{2}$, Cannon $\frac{1}{2}$; Hardy 0, Beaty 1; Carpenter 0, Hancock 1; Usher 0, Harris 1; Spratt 0, Dodson 1.

Penrose outplayed Kliskey and had a win ending when his opponent overstepped the time limit. Moxon gave up the exchange for a dangerous attack but mishandled it. Truscott won an excellent game against Little-

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Ttl.
1. O. Penrose (Cam.) ...	*	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1					1		1								9
2. L. W. Barden (Ox.) ...	0	*	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		1	1	1			1	1	1										1	9
3. A. F. Truscott (Ox.)	0	0	*	1	$\frac{1}{2}$			1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$					$\frac{1}{2}$	1		1			1				7 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. D. V. Mardle (Cam.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	*	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$				$\frac{1}{2}$		1		1								7
5. P. J. Oakley (B'ham)	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1												1		6 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. E. R. Reifenberg (Ca.)	$\frac{1}{2}$			$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	0		0		1		1	1	0			1	1						6 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. H. F. Moxon (Ox.) ...	1	0		0	0	1	*	0	$\frac{1}{2}$		1					1	1					1			6 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. J. E. Littlewood (Sh.)	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0		1	*		1		1				1						1	1		6 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. D. J. Youston (Ox.)	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$		*	1			$\frac{1}{2}$		1									1	6
10. H. A. Samuels (Cam.)	0		$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$			0	0	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1		1						1	1			6
11. P. B. Dodson (Notts.)					0	0	0			$\frac{1}{2}$	*	0			$\frac{1}{2}$			1	1	1	1	1			6
12. B. G. Dudley (B'ham.)		0						0		$\frac{1}{2}$	1	*	0		0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1					5 $\frac{1}{2}$
13. L. J. Cannon (Dm.) ...		0		$\frac{1}{2}$		0			$\frac{1}{2}$	0		1	*	0				1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1				1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
14. R. O. Selby (Cam.) ...		0				0						1	*		1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	0	1			5 $\frac{1}{2}$
15. J. H. Beaty (Leeds) ...	0		$\frac{1}{2}$	0		1			0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1			*	0						1		1	5
16. M. J. Egginton (B.)			0				0	0				$\frac{1}{2}$		0	1	*	$\frac{1}{2}$		1	1			0	1	5
17. J. H. Kliskey (Bristol)	0			0			0					0		1		$\frac{1}{2}$	*	$\frac{1}{2}$		1	1	0		1	5
18. J. M. Hancock (Ex.)			0			0					0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$			$\frac{1}{2}$	*	$\frac{1}{2}$		1		1	1	5
19. R. O. Powis (Bristol)						0					0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0		0		$\frac{1}{2}$	*	1		1	1	1	5
20. E. Spratt (Notts.) ...											0	0	0	1		0	0		0	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4
21. M. G. Harris (Notts.)			0				0			0	0			0			0	0		$\frac{1}{2}$	*	1	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
22. O. H. Hardy (Sh.) ...								0		0	0			1	0		1		0	0	0	*	1	0	3
23. S. Usher (Swansea) ...		0			0			0						0		1		0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	2
24. C. Carpenter (Swan.)									0				0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

wood. Youston held Mardle to a draw. Oakley, after a good opening, overlooked the loss of a pawn but drew by resourceful defence. Samuels improved on his play against Penrose and an exciting game was drawn by perpetual check. Selby won a difficult ending against Egginton. Powis v. Cannon was a sporting last round game in which Cannon gave up a piece for perpetual check. Hardy blundered. Hancock arrived an hour late but Carpenter was still no match for him. Harris developed a crushing attack. Spratt lost piece after piece

Final Scores (Tied players in Sonneborn order): Penrose 9 (first prize); Barden 9 (second prize); Truscott 7½ (third prize); Mardle 7; Oakley, Reifenberg, Moxon and Littlewood 6½; Youston, Samuels and Dodson 6; Dudley, Cannon and Selby 5½; Beaty, Egginton, Kliskey, Hancock and Powis 5; Spratt 4; Harris 3½; Hardy 3; Usher 2; Carpenter 1½.

GAMES FROM THE TOURNAMENT

Notes are by the winner in each case.

Round 4. White—J. H. Beaty, Black—B. G. Dudley.

1 P-K4	P-K4	12 BxB	KxB	23 Q-Kt3	PxP(d)
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	13 QR-Q1	B-Kt5	24 KtxP	Q-B4
3 B-Kt5	P-QR3	14 P-KR3	BxKt	25 QR-K1	Kt-Q4
4 B-R4	P-Q3	15 PxB	R-QKt1	26 P-B4	Kt-K2(e)
5 BxKtch	PxB	16 P-Kt3	Q-B1	27 Q-B3ch	K-R3(f)
6 P-Q4	P-B3	17 K-R2(c)	R-Q1	28 Kt-Kt5	R-Q2
7 B-K3	Kt-K2	18 P-B4	P-KB4	29 Kt-K6	Q-B2(g)
8 Kt-B3	P-Kt3	19 BPxP	QPxP	30 P-KB5!	KtxP(h)
9 Q-Q2	B-Kt2	20 Q-Kt5	Q-K3	31 Q-B1ch	K-R4
10 O-O(a)	O-O	21 QxP	QxP ch	32 Q-Kt5	
11 B-R6	B-Q2(b)	22 P-B4	Q-B3	mate	

(a) A game Bogolyubov v. Sir George Thomas continued 10 B—R6, O—O; 11 O—O—O. Also 10 P—KR3 seems worthy of consideration.

(b) A waste of a move as White's 13th move, with its threat to the KP, shows.

(c) White has some initiative on the King's side, but after the correct reply 17 . . . P—KB4, there would be little in it.

(d) As the sequel shows it is dangerous to allow the Kt to use K4. Black must resign himself to allowing P—K5 which would give him an inferior but far from hopeless game.

(e) Kt—B3 is met by 27 Q—QB3 (threatens 28 KtxKt, QxKt; 29 R—K7 ch), R—K1; 28 Kt—Kt3, Q—Q2; 29 P—KB5!

(f) Other King moves also lead to defeat.

(g) R—Kt1 was better but the exposed King must fall soon.

(h) If PxP then 31 Q—B1 ch, P—B5; 32 RxP! wins. On 30 . . . P—Kt4; would follow 31 KtxKtP! If now 31 . . . KxKt; 32 R—Kt1 ch, or 31 . . . Q moves; 32 R—K6 ch.

Hardy was awarded the Best Game Prize for his play against Kliskey.

Round 5. White—J. H. Kliskey, Black—O. H. Hardy.

1 P-Q4	P-Q3	11 O-O-O	Kt-K6	21 P-KR4	B-B3
2 P-QB4	P-K4	12 BxKt	QxB ch	22 PxP	PxP (b)
3 P-Q5	P-KB4	13 Q-Q2!(a)	Q-Kt3	23 RxP	P-Kt1
4 Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	14 B-K2	P-KR3	24 P-Kt3?(c)	BxP!! (d)
5 P-B3	B-K2	15 K-Kt1	BxKt	25 QxB	KtxKtP!(e)
6 Q-B2	O-O	16 PxB	B-Kt4	26 B-K6ch	K-R1
7 B-Q2	P-B3	17 Q-Q3	R-B3	27 QxPch	PxQ
8 P-K4	PxKP	18 Q-Kt3	Kt-Q2	28 R-Kt6	Kt-Q5 dis.ch
9 PxKP	Kt-Kt5	19 KR-Kt1	R-B5	29 K-B1	Q-Kt7 ch
10 Kt-R3	Q-Kt3	20 B-Kt4	Kt-B4	30 K-Q1	R-B8 mate

(a) I like White's move. The exchange of Queens would not be to my advantage.

(b) The QP has to be abandoned as 22 . . . , QxP; is answered by 23 Kt—Q5.

(c) 24 R—Kt2 was correct.

(d) A sacrifice with the double purpose of hindering the attack on the KKt file and removing the protection of the Kt and R, a necessary prelude to the next move.

(e) If now 26 PxKt, QxPch; 27 K—B1, QxKt ch; 28 K—Q1, R—Kt8 ch; 29 K—K2, R—Kt7 ch; 30 K—Q1, Q—B7 ch; 31 K—K1, RxB! followed by mate. The best defence is 26 B—K6 ch, K—R1; 27 Q—Kt3. A possible continuation is 27 . . . , Kt—Q7 ch; 28 K—B2, Q—Kt7 ch; 29 K—Q1, R—B8 ch; 30 RxR, KtxR; 31 Q—Q3(best), Q—R8 ch; 32 K—K2, R—Kt7 ch; 33 K—B3, KtxP ch; 34 K—Kt3, Q—Kt8 ch; 35 K—R4, Kt—B6ch!; 36 QxKt, R—R7 ch; 37 B—R3, Q—Kt4 mate. In time trouble White gets desperate and gives up his Queen.

Round 6. White—E. R. Reifenberg, Black—L. J. Cannon.

1 P-K4	P-K4	11 QxP	O-O	21 R-Kt3	P-B4 (e)
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	12 P-QKt3	P-QKt3	22 PxP e.p.	BxP
3 B-Kt5	P—QR3	13 B-Kt2	Kt-K1(b)	23 KtxB ch	KtxKt
4 B-R4	P-Q3	14 P-KB4	Q-Q1	24 Q-K6 ch	K-R1
5 P-B4	B-Q2	15 QR-Q1(c)	B-B3	25 R-Q6	K-Kt2
6 Kt-B3	Kt-B3	16 P-K5	PxP	26 KRxP!	RxR (f)
7 O-O	B-K2	17 Q-K3	Q-Kt1 (d)	27 BxKt	RxB
8 P-Q4	KtxQP	18 PxP	B-K2	28 QxR	Q-K1
9 BxB ch	QxB? (a)	19 Kt-K4	P-QB4	29 R-Q8	Resigns
10 KtxKt	PxKt	20 R-B3	R-R2		

(a) Much better is 9 . . . , KtxB; 10 KtxKt, PxKt; 11 QxP, B—B3.

(b) Too passive.

(c) Much stronger than 15 Kt—Q5.

(d) Again too passive. Q—K2 seems better though the Queen would be exposed to attack from the rooks and knight.

(e) If 21 . . . , Kt—B2 intending Kt—K3 then 22 RxP ch!, KxR; 23 P—K6 dis. ch., P—B3; 24 Q—Kt5 ch., K—R1; 25 KtxP, BxKt; 26 BxB ch, RxB; 27 Qx Rch, K—Kt1; 28 R—Q8 ch wins.

(f) If 26 . . . , QxR; 27 R—Kt8 ch!

Round 9. White—P. J. Oakley, Black—D. V. Mardle.

1 Kt-KB3	P-Q4	12 Q-B2	P-R3	23 K-R1	P-Q5
2 P-B4	P-QB3	13 P-QKt4	B-Q2 (b)	24 B-B1	KR-Q1
3 P-Q4	Kt-B3	14 Kt-QR4	R-K1	25 R-B3	Kt-K6!
4 Kt-B3	B-B4?	15 Kt-K5	KtxKt	26 BxKt	PxB
5 PxP	PxP	16 PxKt	BxKt	27 RxP (e)	R-B6
6 Q-Kt3	B-B1 (a)	17 QxB	P-QKt4	28 R-Kt3	RxP
7 P-K3	P-K3	18 Q-Q1	Kt-Q2(c)	29 Q-Kt4(f)	B-B1
8 B-Q3	Kt-B3	19 P-B4	Kt-Kt3	30 P-B5	Q-B7!!
9 B-Q2	B-K2	20 Q-K2	QR-B1	31 Q-K2(g)	R(1)xB!(h)
10 O-O	O-O	21 P-K4	Kt-B5 (d)	32 QxR	RxQ
11 P-QR3	P-QR3	22 QR-Q1	Q-Kt3 ch	33 R(3)xR	BxP
				34 Resigns	

(a) I played this instead of the normal Q—Kt3, thinking that my opponent was in a peaceful mood. Dangerous, but here a successful policy.

(b) Threatening to block the Q-side with P—QKt4.

(c) Heading for the excellent square QB5. White's advantage has disappeared.

(d) It would have been better to play P—Q5 first as now White could play 22 KPxP, QxP; 23 B—B3.

(e) If 27 QxP, QxQ; 28 RxQ, R—B6; and wins.

(f) If 29 Q—R5, B—B1; 30 QxP, P—Kt3; 31 Q—R4, Q—Q5; 32 R—R3, B—Kt2; 33 Q—R7 ch, K—B1; and Black wins.

(g) If 31 P—KR3, R(6)xB. If 31 R—B3, R(6)xB. If 31 Q—B3, R(6)xB. If 31 B—B1, R(6)xR; 32 PxR, RxR; 33 QxR, BxP; followed by B—B4. If 31 B—B2, QxB. If 31 PxP, R(6)xB; 32 PxP ch, QxP. In each case Black wins.

(h) Better than 31 . . . , R(6)xB; 32 R(3)xR, QxQ; 33 RxR.

Round 10. White—D. V. Mardle, Black—A. F. Truscott.

1 P-Q4	Kt-KB3	9 P-B4	P-KB4	17 BxKt	QxR ch
2 P-QB4	P-Q3	10 QPxP	PxP	18 K-Kt2	B-Q5
3 Kt-QB3	QKt-Q2	11 PxP (c)	Q-K2 !	19 P-B5 ch	K-R1
4 P-KKt3	P-K4	12 P-K4	KtPxP	20 B-K3	QxB
5 P-K3(a)	P-KKt3	13 PxP	BxP !(d)	21 R-KB1	BxKt
6 B-Kt2	B-Kt2	14 Kt-B4	P-B3 (e)	22 PxR	R-Q7 ch
7 KKt-K2	O-O	15 R-K1	R-Q1 (f)	23 K-R1	R-B7
8 O-O	Kt-K1 (b)	16 Q-Kt3?	Kt-B6 ch	24 Resigns	

(a) This quiet move maintains the tension in the centre longer than usual and keeps the long diagonal open for White's KB.

(b) Aiming as usual at P—KB4.

(c) White hopes to take tactical advantage of the awkward position of Black's men. If now 11 . . . , BxP; 12 P—K4! and Black is in a bad way.

(d) Black has suddenly achieved a much better development. If now 14 BxP?, R—Q1; with a strong attack e.g. 15 Q—Kt3, Q—B4 ch; 16 K—R1, B—K5 ch! or 16 K—Kt2, B—R6 ch!

(e) White's QBP is untouchable. Black wants to play R—Q1 but Kt(4)—Q5 is strong in reply. This explains the last move.

(f) The White Queen has no move! If 16 Q—K2, B—Kt5; then Q—B1 or B2 are answered by P—KKt4 and if 17 Q—K3, Kt—B6 ch !!; 18 K—R1!, QxQ; 19 RxQ, BxKt; 20 BxKt, BxB ch; 21 RxR, R—Q8 ch; 22 K—Kt2, B—Q7; 23 R—B1, RxR; 24 KxR, BxB; 25 RxR, P—KKt4. A 10-move variation, all forced! White's best is 16 B—Q2 when Kt—B3 gives Black the better game although there is nothing decisive.

THE UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUBS

SOUTH-EAST REGION.

CAMBRIDGE.

Under the Presidency of G. Spencer Brown and with J. F. Barrett as Secretary, Cambridge has enjoyed a most successful season, having over 70 members. The Club has engaged with success in several well-contested matches with prominent London clubs such as Civil Service, Metropolitan and Insurance; assisted the County to the final of the Montague-Jones Cup; won the B.C.F. Club Championship; and maintained its reputation in the Combined Universities London Week which culminated in a decisive victory over Oxford. An excellent performance was shown at Hastings by the Cambridge contingent which included O. Penrose, P. Swinnerton-Dyer, E. R. Reifenberg, D. V. Mardle, J. F. Barrett, J. Coward and H. A. Samuels. Features of the year's programme have included a telephone match against Warwickshire, and displays and lectures by eminent masters such as C. H. O'D. Alexander, R. W. Bonham, and R. G. Wade. Cambridge looks forward to new fields to conquer.

LONDON.

Chess in the University has again been very much alive throughout the season. The departure of O. Penrose weakened us on the top boards but, despite this, good wins were obtained against Athenaeum (7—5) and Cambridge University (6—4). We lost to Oxford University (6½—8½) and to a strong Civil Service team (6—19). We were declared Southern Champions of B.U.C.A. but were unfortunately obliged to withdraw from the Finals.

Eighteen teams competed for the League Challenge Cup and they were divided into two divisions. The first division was won by King's College, with Imperial College second, after University College, who won all their matches, had been disqualified. In the second division, Imperial College II and Sir John Coss College headed the two sections. The Individual Championship was eventually halved between P. A. Taylor (Queen Mary's College) and T. N. Cetinkale (Imperial College) after two drawn games.

OXFORD.

At the present time the Club is not particularly strong in numbers but the playing strength is demonstrated by the results for 1949—50:—Played 19, Won 14, Drawn 3, Lost 2. This includes victories over Civil Service (twice), Metropolitan, and Insurance—a fine record. In addition, considerable assistance has been given to Oxfordshire in winning the Midland Counties Championship. The usual accessories are included in the programme for the year—Lightning Tournaments, Simultaneous Displays, Lectures and Discussions. There are also Individual and Inter-College Championships. The latter will be run on the Swiss System next season instead of the usual Knock-Out—an interesting experiment. Cambridge beat us this year for the first time since the war but we hope to gain our revenge next season.

SOUTH-WEST REGION.

BRISTOL.

The 1949—50 season was less successful for Bristol than had been anticipated. In University matches our best performance was against Exeter when, although losing 3—5, we scored 2½ on the top three boards. Several friendly matches have been played and we obtained a good win against Bristol Y.M.C.A. In explanation of our poor record we point an accusing finger at the Rugger and Soccer teams who often took away our best players. The Club has twenty members and the Championship was won by J. H. Kliskey with 7½ points out of 8. Our application for admission to the Bristol League was too late to be considered for next season but we hope to arrange several fixtures with Bristol teams and thereby raise our standard of play.

EXETER.

Last season Exeter staged a spectacular revival, due mainly to the drive of the Secretary, B. T. Huntley Jones. The record of Won 9, Lost 6, Drawn 2 fails to do justice to the standard of play as the victims included Exeter City (Devon Club Champions), Bristol University, and the hitherto invincible Birmingham University. The players fell into two categories; the hall mark of the first was consistency and to it belonged J. M. Hancock (whose successes included a draw with F.E.A. Kitto), R. J. Ball, R. J. Berry, B. Rees and G. Barker. The other school was characterised by the most unsound gambits. Huntley Jones was never happy unless handicapped by two pawns and N. Pavey won all his games. J. Wyatt and A. Wenham made up a quartet which drew but one of their 33 games. As all these players will be available, Exeter expects 1950—51 to be its best-ever year.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Since the war, the Club has grown from a small group to a membership of twenty. Two teams have engaged in the local league and though the 'A' team has not excelled, the 'B' team came top of its division. At one time it looked as though the 'A' team would be relegated and the 'B' team promoted to its place! Because of these commitments, involving members in matches almost every week, internal activities are limited. Nevertheless, the Club meets regularly and there is strong competition on the Chess Ladder. There is an occasional Lightning Championship and the President, Dr. E. E. Zepper, kindly gives end-game exhibitions and simultaneous displays when his work permits.

SWANSEA.

The Chess Club has been in active existence for about five years. Its membership has at no time been large, never numbering more than twenty, but we could probably give a good account of ourselves against any University of our own size—there are at present about a thousand students here. Two of our members played for Wales in the 1949 Junior International at Birmingham and another has played for Monmouthshire. Hitherto, our fixtures have been restricted to the nearer Universities and Clubs such as Cardiff, Bristol and Aberystwyth, Cardiff Technical College and Carmarthen Training College. Against this opposition we have been beaten only three times in the last three years. We hope to continue in this vein next season.

MIDLAND REGION.

BIRMINGHAM.

As the climax to a brilliantly successful year, with no fewer than 38 won matches, we reached a membership of 50 last season. Though convincing wins were obtained over Sheffield, Nottingham and Bristol in University matches, the "bread and butter" for our match players lies in the Birmingham and District League where four "University" teams each have their weekly match. This year the First team were runners-up, and the Second team champions, in their Divisions, both gaining promotion.

The Club runs several competitions: H. W. Rayson, a Nottinghamshire player, won the Club Championship, with P. J. Oakley of Buckinghamshire second. Oakley won the Knock-Out. A record attendance turned up for a simultaneous display by the British Champion in February. The Club maintains a library and next year will award "colours" and run a Departmental Championship.

NOTTINGHAM.

As the University is but two years' old, the Chess Club is at the beginning of its career. Miss Elaine Saunders gave it an auspicious beginning for she held the British Ladies' Championship while still at College. This year, the Club maintained its second place in the Nottinghamshire Chess League and won the Midland Universities Championship. This latter achievement was due to a determined though somewhat lucky effort in an exciting match with Exeter. In the Individual Championship, a freshman, E. Spratt, nearly beat last year's winner, P. B. Dodson, in the Final but experience told once more. To mark his services to the Club, notably in donating a cup and many medals, Professor H. T. H. Piaggio, the Hon. President, was presented with an inlaid chess board on the occasion of his retirement.

NORTHERN REGION.

HULL.

The University College Club has only been in existence for two years and in that time has had to build up its strength slowly. The enthusiasm of the original members has evolved a thriving small club but match practice has been lacking in previous years and affiliation to B.U.C.A. is aimed at filling this need. Only one match was played last year when Leeds entertained Hull to a friendly match which we won $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$.

LEEDS.

The 1949—50 season has been disappointing for the Club. The root cause of misfortune has undoubtedly been our inability to enter a second team and, as had been contemplated, a third team in the City League owing to the latter's administrative difficulties. Looking back on three years of the Club's activity brings out clearly the truism that playing strength, and above all steadiness, thrive more on the pierced hearts of match play than on the cheerful guiles of the clubroom.

Certainly this has been reflected in our Inter-University matches. Though two were won, we have throughout felt the lack of a reserve of experienced players. Nevertheless, with the full resumption of normal activities next season, the Club will be strongly competing once more for its accustomed place at the head of the Northern Section.

MANCHESTER.

This season, Manchester retained both the Northern Championship and the Robinson Trophy for a second year. This trophy was presented by Sir Robert Robinson for competition between Manchester, Liverpool and Leeds but next season Sheffield will also compete. The first and second teams lost only one match each during the season, the latter playing mainly against local schools. As the Club has not had a team participating in the Manchester and District League, first team players turn out for other clubs. Five members have played for their county and R. L. Williamson reached the final of the Derbyshire Championship. The Stopford Trophy for the Club Knock-Out was won by G. M. Mills who beat the holder J. Perkins in the Semi-Final and T. Buchwald in the Final. Two simultaneous displays were staged during the season and the Club membership is about forty.

KING'S COLLEGE, DURHAM.

The past season has been the most successful in the history of the Club. We won the Northumberland Chess League for the first time, winning all eight matches. There was a close struggle for the Club Championship, which was won by L. J. Cannon with L. B. Wilson runner-up. We are sorry to say goodbye to our match captain, W. S. Smerdon who, for the past three years, has had much to do with the success of the team. However, with most of last season's players available, we hope to do well again next season.

SCOTTISH REGION.

B.U.C.A.'s representative is W. Jenkins of Aberdeen University. Fresh from his anvil comes this brand-new product—the Scottish Region of three Universities: Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

ABERDEEN.

Formed on October 31st, 1949, the Club has already been getting good practice in a series of matches against a strong City of Aberdeen team. The President is Mr. Marriott, a former Cambridge University player, and under his leadership Aberdeen are determined to become Scottish Champions.

GLASGOW.

Glasgow can claim to be the youngest member of B.U.C.A. for the Club will be formally constituted in October 1950, after a lapse of thirty years. Nevertheless, the Club anticipates a very active season, participating in the Glasgow League as well as in the Universities Championship.

EDINBURGH.

Though Chess is followed with less vigour at Edinburgh we are certain that a team will be produced to meet the challenge of Glasgow and Aberdeen.

IRISH UNIVERSITIES CHESS UNION

The I.U.C.U. was founded in 1947 and comprises five University Colleges: Queen's University, Belfast; University College, Cork; Trinity College, Dublin; University College, Dublin; and University College, Galway. The main event of the Union is the Congress held at Dublin each Easter for the Team and Individual Championship. The former is for teams of six and two representatives from each College compete in the Individual, the all-play-all system being used in each case. This year University College, Dublin, retained their championship for a third year. J. Casey (U.C.C.) and T. Bewdley (T.C.D.) tied in the Individual with V. Maher (U.C.D.), the Match Captain, third. The prize for the Champions is a return ticket to Hastings! In July Maher won the Irish Championship with the fine score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ out of 8.

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