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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many organisations have had to retrench to some extent, in the quiet period which followed the post-war boom. Few have tackled the job with such a combination of good-humoured give-and-take and sheer efficiency as I have observed in B.U.C.A. councils.

Stable finance, the regular appearance of this publication, delightful annual congresses and remarkable successes by students—or Old Students barely a year or so departed—bear testimony to the steady consolidation of the Association's position ; and if I have helped a little since you invited me to be your President in February, 1950, I have also learned a lot !

B. H. WOOD.

B.U.C.A. NEWS

The past season has again been most successful, both in the number of affiliated clubs and in the strength of these clubs. Furthermore, many University players have distinguished themselves greatly in outside tournaments.

It is regretted that our Dutch counterparts were unable to accept our invitation to send a team to play a short series of matches in this country. However we did get international competition ; a team was sent to the Second I.U.S. Congress in Brussels where we were narrowly beaten into second place by Norway.

The 1953 Leeds Congress had a smaller entry than previous Individual Championships, but the standard was as high as ever.

This year has been one of University successes both Individual and Team ; for the first time a University player, D. A. Yanofsky of Oxford, has won the British Championship. We congratulate him and wish him continued success. J. Penrose represented Great Britain in the World Junior Championship and finished 5th out of 8 in the final. A further success was that of L. W. Barden who won the first British Lightning Championship whilst it is pleasing to note the P. H. Clarke played at top board in the National Club Championship final. With such a wealth of strong players in our ranks, we confidently look forward to an even more successful season in 1953-4.

UNIVERSITIES LEAGUE

The 1953 Championship was won by Birmingham who beat Oxford by 6-2. Eighteen teams competed in the league, three less than last season.

In the South-West Bristol won easily, while Oxford repeated their performance of last season. Birmingham regained the Midland title, while Manchester once more took the Northern Championship ; the Scottish Zone was won by Glasgow.

In the quarter-finals Oxford and Manchester had byes and Durham beat Glasgow 5½-2½, while Birmingham beat Bristol 6-2. Only one semi-final was played in which Birmingham beat Oxford by 6-2. They become Champions by virtue of the fact that both Durham and Manchester decided to withdraw owing to team difficulties.

REGIONAL TABLES

SCOTTISH					G.	B.	A.	Pts.	
Glasgow	...	...	...	...	*	4½-3½	5-3	4
Queen's, Belfast	...	...	...	...	3½-4½	*	6½-1½	2
Aberdeen	...	...	...	...	3-5	1½-6½	*	0
NORTH					M.	Le.	Li.	Pts.	
Manchester	...	...	...	...	*	4½-3½, 5-3	5½-2½, 4½-3½	8
Leeds	...	...	3½-4½	3-5		*	5½-2½, 8-0	4
Liverpool	...	...	2½-5½	3½-4½		2½-5½, 0-8	*	0
MIDLAND					B.	L.	N.	Pts.	
Birmingham	*	6-2	6½-1½	7-1	6
Leicester	2-6	*	4½-3½	4½-3½	4
Nottingham	1½-6½	3½-4½	*	5½-2½	2
Sheffield	1-7	3½-4½	2½-5½	*	0
SOUTH-WEST					B.	R.	E.	Pts.	
Bristol	*	6-2	4½-3½	6-2	6
Reading	2-6	*	3½-4½	8-0	2
Exeter	3½-4½	4½-3½	*	3-5	2
Southampton	2-6	0-8	5-3	*	2
SOUTH-EAST					Ox.	C.	L.	Pts.	
Oxford	...	...	...	...	*	5-2	5½-1½	4
Cambridge	...	...	...	...	2-5	*	4½-2½	2
London	...	...	...	...	1½-5½	2½-4½	*	0

THE LEEDS CONGRESS

This year the B.U.C.A. Congress and Annual General Meeting was held at Devonshire Hall, the main Hall of Residence of Leeds University, from July 6th to 15th. There were only 13 participants, one competitor having to withdraw at the last moment owing to illness. The disappointingly small field necessitated a reduction in the number of rounds played. The tournament was run under the Swiss System, the uneven number of competitors causing some difficulty. Play was spread over nine days. On the first seven one person had a bye, while three people had a rest day on each of the last two days. The ultimate winner was T. K. Hemingway of Manchester who won comfortably, interest on the last day being centred on who would finish as runner-up. Eventually five players tied for second place.

A lightning tournament was held and won by J. T. Smith (Manchester) who finished by winning his last five games, with A. G. C. Paish and M. J. Heaton second equal half a point behind. Other activities included bridge, kriegspiel and all the weirder variants of chess. Encouraged by the successful (?) inauguration last year another "caterpillar" was held and it is interesting to note that the winning combination included three of those who played this "game" at Bristol last year. The preliminary work for the Congress was done by J. J. A. Handley and L. R. Hart, whilst C. A. G. Barnes acted as a very competent tournament controller.

GAMES AND COMMENTS

The tournament opened in an air of uncertainty for only twelve of the fourteen competitors were present when the time for the start of the first round arrived. One of them (Hemingway) arrived half an hour late and we soon learnt not to expect him for at least a quarter of an hour after he was due. The other absentee—H. Vickers of Leeds—we afterwards learnt was ill and unable to compete at all. The first round gave promise of some stern struggles to come, no game lasting less than thirty moves. Hemingway opened not too impressively, his opponent

going astray in the ending. One slip was enough to finish off Hart against Canahm. Heaton won his game by playing P—K4 on move 38, whilst Cannon became involved in a series of captures and never recovered. Patmore worked his knights hard against Malcolm, and when he lost them the end was near. In an all Manchester game Smith worked up a nice-looking queen-side attack but unwisely snatched at a pawn and lost a piece.

In the second round Black won five out of six games. By far the longest game was that in which Paish ground out a long win against Patmore. The round was further notable for a very deep sacrifice by Hemingway : White, Hemingway. Black, Nicolson. 1. P—Q4, P—Q4 ; 2. P—K4, P x P ; 3. Kt—QB3, P—KB4 ; 4. P—B3, Kt—KB3 ; 5. B—Kt5, B—K3 ; 6. Q—Q2, QKt—Q2 ; 7. O—O—O, P—B3 ; 8. Kt—R3, P—KR3 ; 9. P x P, P x B ; 10. Kt x P, B—Kt1 ; 11. P x P, P—KKt3 ; 12. P x P, B—R3 ; 13. B—Q3, Kt—B1 ; 14. KR—B1, Q—R4 ; 15. R—B5, Kt—Q4 ; 16. R—K1, Q—Kt5 ; 17. P—QR3, Q x QP ; 18. R(5)—K5, P—K3 ; 19. R x Kt, Q—B3 ; 20. QKt—K4, Q—Kt2 ; 21. Kt—Q6 ch., K—Q2 ; 22. Kt—B5 ch. Resigns.

Round 3 definitely went to Manchester, their players scoring 3 out of 3. Herewith Cannon's game with Canham : White, Canham. Black, Cannon. 1. P—K4, P—K4 ; 2. Kt—KB3, Kt—QB3 ; 3. B—B4, Kt—B3 ; 4. P—Q3, B—K2 ; 5. Kt—B3, P—Q3 ; 6. B—Kt3, Kt—QR4 ; 7. B—Kt3, Kt x B ; 8. RP x Kt, P—QR3 ; 9. Q—Q2, B—Kt5 ; 10. Q—K2, P—R3 ; 11. P—R3, B—R4 ; 12. P—KKt4, B—Kt3 ; 13. O—O—O, Q—Q2 ; 14. Kt—K1, P—Kt4 ; 15. P—B4, P x P ; 16. B x P, O—O ; 17. P—Kt5, Kt—R4 ; 18. B—R2, B x P ch. ; 19. K—Kt1, P—R4 ; 20. Kt—B3, B—K2 ; 21. Q—K3, P—R5 ; 22. QR—Kt1, P x P ; 23. P x P, P—QB4 ; 24. B—B4, Kt x B ; 25. Q x Kt, P—B5 ; 26. P—R4, P x KtP ; 27. P—R5, Q—R2 ; 28. K—B1, Q—B7 ; 29. R—R2, Q x R ch. ; 30. Kt x Q, B—Kt4 ; 31. Q x B, P x Q ; 32. P x B, R—R8 ch. ; 33. K—Q2, R x Kt ; 34. P x P ch., R x P ; 35. Kt x P, R—B3 ; 36. Kt—Q4, R—KR3 ; 37. R—B2, P—Kt5 ; 38. Kt—B5, R—B3 ; 39. Resigns.

Scores now were (No. of games in brackets) : Hemingway 3 (3) ; Malcolm 2 (2) ; Cannon, Heaton, Nicolson and Smith 2 (3) ; Paish 1 (2) ; Canham, Hart, Watts, Williams 1 (3) ; Patmore 0 (2) ; Botting 0 (3).

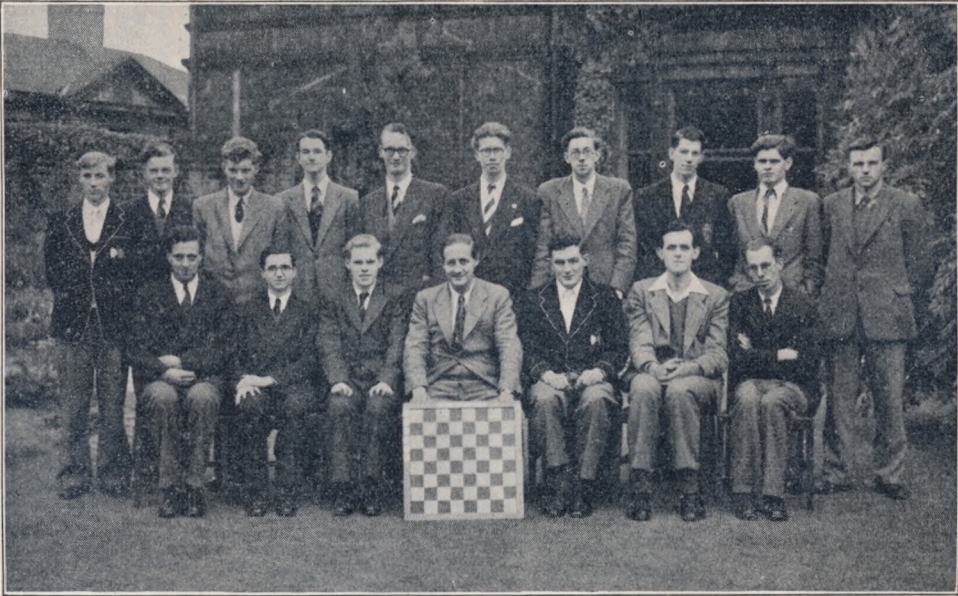
Round 4 saw the recording of the first draws and the failure of Black to win a single game, a striking reversal of the position in the earlier rounds. Hemingway beat his nearest rival Malcolm in a game which was afterwards awarded the Best Game Prize.

With the leader recording his fifth successive victory, interest was beginning to turn rather to who was going to be runner-up, and to whether Botting would open his account. He did so in this round in an exciting drawn game with Williams. Herewith a hard fought draw : White, J. T. Smith. Black, A. G. C. Paish. 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, O—O ; 8. P—B3, P—Q4 ; 9. P x P, Kt x P ; 10. Kt x P, Kt x Kt ; 11. R x Kt, P—QB3 ; 12. P—Q4, B—Q3 ; 13. R—K2, Q—R5 ; 14. P—Kt3, Q—R4 ; 15. R—K4, Q—Kt3 ; 16. B—B2, P—KB4 ; 17. R—R4, B—K2 ; 18. R—R3, Q—B2 ; 19. Kt—Q2, P—Kt3 ; 20. Kt—B3, P—B5 ; 21. Kt—K5, Q—K1 ; 22. P—KKt4, B—Q3 ; 23. Q—B3, B x Kt ; 24. P x B, Q x P ; 25. B—Q2, Q—Kt5 ; 26. R—Kt3, P x R ; 27. Q x R ch., K x Q ; 28. B x Q, P x RP ch. ; 29. K x P, B x P ; 30. K—Kt3, B—K3 ; 31. B—K4, K—Kt2 ; 32. R—K1, P—R3 ; 33. B—Q2, B—B2 ; 34. B x Kt, P x B ; 35. R—K7, K—B3 ; 36. R—B7, P—Kt4 ; Draw Agreed.

Round 6 had much of interest. First of all Hemingway suffered his only defeat, at the hands of Paish by over-reaching himself (see games section). Then Malcolm beat Nicolson in the longest game of the tournament (79 moves), and later won the brilliancy prize for it ! Botting also collected another half point.

Scores now were Hemingway 5 (6) ; Malcolm and Paish $3\frac{1}{2}$ (5) ; Heaton, Nicolson, Smith and Williams $3\frac{1}{2}$ (6) ; Cannon $2\frac{1}{2}$ (5) ; Watts 2 (6) ; Canham, Hart and Patmore $1\frac{1}{2}$ (5) ; Botting 1 (6).

Round 7 saw Hemingway drop a further half point, this time to Smith, but his rivals could make no progress, Paish was held by Nicholson, while Malcolm unexpectedly dropped a full point to Hart. This round also saw the first and only loss on time.

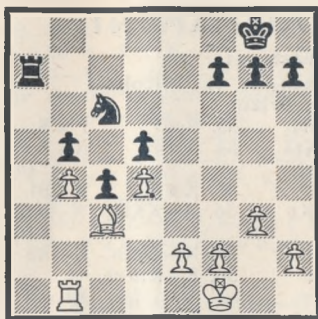


1953 BRITISH UNIVERSITIES CONGRESS AT LEEDS

Players and Officials

Standing, left to right : A. G. C. Paish (Cambridge), B. S. Patmore (Liverpool), D. Malcolm (Cambridge), J. Watts (Birmingham), B. N. Williams (Birmingham), T. J. Botting (Birmingham), M. J. Heaton (Edinburgh), L. J. Cannon (Durham), G. J. Canham (Birmingham), J. R. Nicolson (Manchester).

Sitting, left to right: C. A. G. Barnes (Leeds), T. K. Hemingway (Manchester), B. Cafferty (Birmingham), B. H. Wood (President), J. I. A. Handley (Cambridge), J. T. Smith (Manchester), L. R. Hart (Leeds).



We take up the Heaton v. Canham game at move 25. 25. P—K3, R—R7 ; 26. K—K1, P—B4 ; 27. B—Q2, K—B2 ; 28. K—Q1, K—B3 ; 29. K—B1, K—Kt4 ; 30. P—KR3, K—B3 ; 31. R—Kt2, R x R ; 32. K x R, P—KKt4 ; 33. K—B3, P—KR4 ; 34. P—B3, P—KKt5 ; 35. RP x P, BP x P ; 36. P x P, P x P ; 37. K—B2, K—B4 ; 38. K—Q1, K—K5 ; 39. K—K2, Kt—K2 ; 40. B—K1, Kt—B3 ; 41. B—Q2, Kt x QP ; 42. P x Kt, K x P ; 43. B—K3 ch., K—B6 ; 44. B—K2 ch., K—Kt6 ; 45. K—K3, P—B6 ; 46. B—K1, K—B5 ; 47. K—K2, P—Q5 ; 48. B—B2, P—Q6 ch. ; 49. K—K3, P—Q7 ; 50. K—K2, K x P ; 51. K—Q1, K—Kt6 ; 52. B—Q4, K—B5 ; 53. B—K5, K—Q6 ; 54. Resigns.

Round 8 was the hardest fought of the lot, all but one of the games lasting more than 50 moves. Hemingway won his last game to take the championship at his first attempt. With Paish beaten by Cannon the race for second place was now wide open. The position was that Cannon and Malcolm had $4\frac{1}{2}$ points whilst Nicolson, Paish and Smith were all on 4. Cannon and Malcolm were due to meet in the last round.

The last round had not nearly as much tenseness as last year, a certain festival air being noticeable. All those who could reach 5 points did so. Malcolm and Cannon drew, whilst their three rivals all won. Herewith the most important game of the round. White, L. J. Cannon. Black, D. Malcolm. 1. P—K4, P—K3 ; 2. P—KKt3, P—Q4 ; 3. B—Kt2, P x P ; 4. B x P, Kt—KB3 ; 5. B—Kt2, P—K4 ; 6. P—Q3, P—B3 ; 7. Q—K2, B—Q3 ; 8. Kt—KB3, O—O ; 9. O—O, R—K1 ; 10. QKt—Q2, QKt—Q2 ; 11. Kt—Kt5, P—KR3 ; 12. Kt(5)—K4 ; B—B2, 13. Kt—B4, Kt x Kt ; 14. Q x Kt, Kt—B1 ; 15. Kt—K3, Kt—Kt3 ; 16. P—KR4, B—Q2 ; 17. Q—QKt4, Q—B1 ; 18. Kt—B4, R—Q1 ; 19. R—K1, B—R6 ; 20. B—Q2, B x B ; 21. K x B, Q—Kt5 ; 22. R—R1, Kt—B5 ch. ; 23. K—B1, Q—B6 ; 24. R—R2, Kt—K7 ; 25. R—Kt2, Kt—Q5 ; 26. Q x P, QR—B1 ; 27. B—K3, Kt x BP ; 28. R—B1, Kt—Q5 ; 29. B x Kt, Q x P ch. ; 30. K—Kt1, Q x B ; 31. K—R1, Q—K5 ; 32. Q x RP, R—Q5 ; 33. Q—Kt7, R(1)—Q1 ; 34. Q x B, R—Q8 ch. ; 35. R x R, R x R ch. ; 36. K—R2, Q—K8 ; 37. Q—B8 ch., K—R2 ; 38. Q—B5 ch., K—B7 ; 39. Q—B8 ch., Draw.

THE PLAYERS

The Northern contingent fancied the chances of Hemingway following the Huddersfield Congress and as the results show he won convincingly. He was in trouble in only two of his games. He is well versed in the book, and he played with imagination and splendid combinational ability in complicated positions.

Cannon following his first round loss to Williams (repetition of the Oxford Congress) played several good games though he was a little lucky with the draw. He finished well with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points in the last three rounds. Malcolm, now a seasoned campaigner, had several good wins and won the brilliancy prize for the second successive year, but his form was rather inconsistent. Nicolson surpassed himself, playing in a sound if slightly defensive style. He featured in both the longest and shortest games. Paish played well, especially against Hemingway. He adopted his usual attacking game. Smith distinguished himself playing strong opposition. His game was sound but he seemed to lack that little something to push home a positional advantage.

Heaton had a splendid first B.U.C.A. Championship but he seemed a little too eager to offer or accept the draw. He was always well placed. Williams played very erratically but finished well to tie for seventh place. Patmore seemed a little off form and it was not until the second half of the tournament that he picked up.

Canham playing in his first major tournament did not do too well but will benefit from the experience gained. Hart finished lower than expected as the result of several mistakes which cost him games and a tendency to experiment in the opening. Watts rather fell away but he was slightly unlucky in the draw. Botting in his first tournament spoilt several promising situations, but benefited from the experience gained.

GAMES FROM THE TOURNAMENT

Notes by the winner in each case.

Round 6. White—D. Malcolm. Black—J. R. Nicolson
Awarded the Brilliancy Prize

1. P—K4	P—K3	27. R(1)—KB1	R—KR1	53. B x P	P x B
2. P—Q4	P—Q4	28. P—B5	P—KKt4	54. R x P	R x R ch. (h)
3. Kt—QB3	B—Kt5	29. P x P	B x P	55. K x R	K—B1
4. P—K5	P—QB4	30. Kt—B5(f)	Kt x Kt	56. R—KKt1	K—Kt2 (i)
5. P—QR3	B x Kt ch.	31. P x Kt	B—B1	57. K—B4 ch.	K—R3
6. P x B	Q—R4	32. P—K6	P—B3	58. R—Kt6 ch. (j)	Kt x R
7. B—Q2	P—B5(a)	33. R—K3	Kt—K2	59. P x Kt	K x P
8. Q—Kt4	P—KKt3	34. R(3)—K1	B—Kt2	60. P—R5 ch.	K x P(k)
9. P—Kt3	Q—R5	35. R—R1	Q—R5	61. K—B5	K—R5
10. Q—Q1	Kt—QB3	36. Q—B1	Q—K1	62. K x P	K—Kt6
11. Kt—K2	KKt—K2	37. Q—K3	Q—B3	63. K—K5(l)	K—B6
12. B—R3	B—Q2	38. B—Kt2	P—KR4	64. K—Q6	B—K1
13. O—O	R—KKt1	39. P—KR4	P—Kt5	65. K x P	K—K6
14. Q—B1	P—Kt3	40. P—R4	Q—Q3	66. K—K5	K—Q7
15. Kt—B4	O—O—O	41. Q—B2	B—B3	67. P—Q5	K x P(B6)
16. Kt—Kt2	K—B2	42. KR—QKt1	R—KKt1	68. P—Q6	K x P
17. Kt—K3(b)	B—K1	43. P—R5	P—Kt4	69. P—Q7	B x P
18. Kt—Kt4	R—KR1	44. R—KB1(g)	P—R3		
19. B—Kt5	Kt—KKt1 (c)	45. Q—B4	Q x Q	70. P x B	K—Kt7
20. B x R ch.	Kt x B	46. R x Q	R—Kt2	71. P—Q8(Q)	P—B6
21. Kt—K3	Kt—K2	47. K—R2	K—Q3	72. Q—Q4	K—Kt6
22. P—B4(d)	Kt(1)—B3	48. K—Kt3	B—K1	73. K—Q5	P—B7
23. P—Kt4	B—Q2	49. KR—KB1	K—B2	74. Q—R1	P—Kt5
24. K—R1	Q—R4	50. K—B4	B—B3	75. K—B5	P—B8 (R) ch.
25. Q—Kt2	R—QKt1	51. R—KKt1	K—Q1	76. Q x R	K—R7
26. R—B3	P—KR3	52. B—B3	K—K1	77. K—B4	P—Kt6
				78. K—B3	P—Kt7
				79. Q x P	Mate

- (a) Better Kt—K2, which avoids weakening on Black squares caused by the next move.
- (b) White has attained his first strategical object, and threatens either Kt—Kt4, as in the game, or Kt—Q1—Kt2 followed by P—QR4, opening the diagonal from QR3—KB8 for the bishop to exert further pressure on the black squares.
- (c) Black does not have to give up the exchange but the alternatives are either to weaken still further his pawns by P—KR4 or to play B—Q2 which would be followed by 20. B—B6, R—K1 ; 21. Kt—R6 with a certain win for White.
- (d) White now prepares for a break-through with P—B5, in order to open up the game, while Black endeavours to blockade the position so that White's rooks have no scope.
- (e) Logical, Black carries out his plan of blockage.
- (f) Not the best. Unfortunately Q—B1 loses a pawn by Q x BP, as if then Kt x P ch., B x Kt ! and the rook is pinned. Best was 30. R x P !, B x R ; 31. R x B, when Black has no prospects. White threatens Kt—B5 and since he is a pawn up with a protected passed pawn he can afford to go at once into an end game.
- (g) The beginning of the winning plan. It is difficult to see any way for Black to prevent it, since his knight is virtually tied to K2, and if both the bishop and the king come to the king side then White can infiltrate on the queen's side.
- (h) Possibly better R—R2, which leads to rather dubious complications difficult to assess.

- (i) Black has no time to play B—K1, for if 56. . . . B—K1 ; 57. K—B4, B—R4 ; 58. R—Kt2, B—Q8 ; 59. P—R5, B x P ; 60. R—R2, B—Q8 ; 61. R—R8 ch., K—Kt2 ; 62. R—K8, Kt—Kt1 ; 63. R—R8 and wins.
- (j) A surprise sacrifice based on the possibility of obtaining two connected passed pawns in the centre.
- (k) Correct was K—Kt2 ; 61. K—B5, B—K1 ; 62. P—R6 ch., K x P ; 63. K x P, B—Kt3 ; 64. P—K7, B—K1 ! (I overlooked this in the game) ; 65. K—K5, K—Kt2 ; 66. K x P, K—B2 ; 67. K—Q6, P—Kt5 ; 68. P x P, B—Kt4 and Black draws.
- (l) Not 63. K—B7 ? , K—B6 ; 64. P—K7, K—K6 ; 65. P—K8(Q) ch., B x Q ch. ; 66. K x B, K—Q7 and Black wins. After the move played Black has no defence.

Round 4. White—T. K. Hemingway. Black—D. Malcolm

Awarded Best Game Prize

1. P—K4	P—K3	12. O—O	B—B4	22. R x B	Kt—B1
2. P—Q4	P—Q4	13. P—B4	P x P	23. P—R6	Kt—Kt3
3. P—K5	P—QB4	14. B x P	O—O	24. P x P	K x P
4. Kt—KB3	Kt—QB3	15. QKt—Q2	P—R5	25. Q—B3	R—KB1
5. B—Q3	P x P	16. Kt—K4	P—Kt3	26. Kt—B6(g)	R—R2
6. P—QR3(a)	Q—B2	17. P—R4(c)	KR—Q1	27. Kt—R5 ch.	K—R3
7. B—KB4	KKt—K2(b)	18. P—R5	Kt—B1	28. Kt—K4(h)	P—KB4(i)
8. Q—K2	Kt—Kt3	19. Kt(3)— Kt5	B—K1	29. P x P e.p.	Q—Q2(j)
9. B—Kt3	B—Q2	20. Q—Kt4	B x KtP(d)	30. B—B4 ch.	Kt x B
10. P—Kt4	P—QR4	21. QR—B1	B x B(e)	31. Kt x Kt	Resigns.
11. P—Kt5	Kt—R2				

- (a) Necessary. White must answer KKt—K2 with B—KB4 and Kt—Kt3 by B—Kt3 maintaining defence of the KP.
- (b) If P—KB3. 8. B—Kt3, P x P ; 9. Kt x P, Kt x Kt ; 10. Q—R5 ch., P—Kt3 ; 11. Q x Kt, Q—Kt2 ; 12. B—Kt5 ch. and wins.
- (c) Nothing can be done against this as . . . P—KB3 is impossible and if 17. . . . P—KR4 ; 18. Kt(3)—Kt5 leads to mate.
- (d) Not Kt x KtP ; 21. Kt—B6 ch., K—R1 ; 22. Kt x B winning a piece.
- (e) Black can try 21. . . . B x P. But the reply 22. P—R6 sets very great problems, e.g. 23. P—KKt3, 24. Q—B3, Q—K2 (forced) ; 25. Q—B6 and mate in two. or 23. . . . B x R ; 24. Kt—B6 ch., P x Kt ; 25. Kt x KP ch., Kt—Kt3 ; 26. Kt x QP, B x B ; 27. R x B, P—Kt4 ; 28. Q—B5, QR—B1 ; 29. Q x P, K—B1 ; 30. P—K6, etc.
- (f) P—KKt3 loses immediately to 24. Q—B3, Q—K2 forced ; 25. Q—B6 and mate in two.
- (g) Even stronger the 26. Kt x B, P x Kt ; 27. Q x R, Kt—Kt3 ; 28. Q—R5, etc.
- (h) Threatening 29. B—B4 ch., Kt x B ; 30. Q x Kt ch., K x Kt ; 31. Q—Kt5 mate. Or 29. Q—B6.
- (i) If Q—K2. 29. B—B4 ch., Kt x B ; 30. Q x Kt ch.
- (j) If 29. . . . P—K4 ; 30. Q—B5 and mate next move.

Round 2. White—B. S. Patmore. Black—J. T. Smith

1. P—Q4	Kt—KB3	11. B x P	P x P	21. Kt—B4	P—K4
2. P—K3	P—Q4	12. Kt—B3	P—B3(c)	22. Kt x R	P x R
3. B—Q3	QKt—Q2	13. P x QP(d)	P x P	23. Kt—B4	Kt—K5(h)
4. P—KB4	P—B4(a)	14. Q—Kt3 ch.	K—R1	24. Kt x P	P—Q6
5. P—B3	P—KKt3 (b)	15. O—O	Kt—B3	25. Kt x B	R x Kt
6. Kt—Q2	B—Kt2	16. B—B2(e)	P x P	26. B x P	B—Q5 ch.
7. KKt—B3,	O—O	17. Kt—K5(f)	Q—Kt3	27. K—R1	Kt—B7 ch.
8. Kt—K5	Kt x Kt	18. Q x Q(g)	P x Q	28. K—Kt1	Kt—R6ch.
9. BP x Kt	Kt—K1	19. B—Kt3	P—K3	29. Resigns.	
10. P—K4	P x KP	20. R—B4	R—R4		

- (a) Kt—K5 comes into consideration but gives a dull game after e.g. 5. QKt—Q2, P—KB4
- (b) The King's Fianchetto is good in this position as it guarantees Black play on the long black diagonal whenever White moves his king's pawn.
- (c) Confident of holding any attack against his KB2, Black keeps threatening to win a pawn on the long diagonal.
- (d) If 13. P x BP, Kt x P ; 14. B x QKtP, B x B ; 15. Q—Kt3 ch., K—R1 ; 16. Q x B, Black has a wonderful game. But 13. O—O retains more options.
- (e) A good try is 16. Kt—Kt5, when Black would have difficulty in winning after 16. . . . Q—Kt3 ; 17. Q x Q, P x Q ; 18. P x P, Kt x B ; 19. R x R ch., B x R ; 20. Kt x Kt, B—Kt2 ; 21. B—B4, R—R4 ; 22. Kt—Kt5, etc., whilst he hardly dare try 16. . . . Q x P ch. ; 17. B—K3, Q—Q1 or 16. . . . P x P ; 17. B—Q3, Q—K1. Apparently White mistakenly hoped for more than a draw, which Black can obviously get in this line by 16. . . . Kt x B ; 17. R x R ch., Q x R ; 18. Kt—B7 ch., etc.
- (f) If 17. Kt—Kt5, Q—Kt3(Q—Q4 ? ; 18. R x Kt) ; 18. Q x Q, P x Q ; 19. B—Kt3, P—R3 suffices instead of 19. . . . P—K3 in the actual game.
- (g) Apparently the best drawing chance, there being nothing in 18. Kt—B7 ch., R x Kt ; 19. Q x R, P—Q6 ch. ; 20. K—R1, P x B ; since 21. R x Kt can be answered by 21. . . . Q x R.
- (h) If 24. . . . Kt—Q4 ; 25. Kt—Q6 causes difficulty. The text introduces a multitude of threats centring round P—Q6.

Round 8. White—L. J. Cannon. Black—A. G. C. Paish

1. P—K4	P—K4	23. B x B	P x B	44. R—B2(d)	R—R6 ch.
2. Kt—KB3	Kt—QB3	24. Kt—K3	B—K3	45. K—K4	R—R2
3. B—Kt5	Kt—Q5	25. P—QKt3(c)		46. P—KR4	R—K2 ch.
4. B—R4(a)	Kt x Kt		K—B1	47. K—B5	R—K3
5. Q x Kt	Kt—B3	26. QR—Q1	R—Q7	48. P—R5	R—B3 ch.
6. O—O	P—B3	27. K—B1	R(1)—Q2	49. K—Kt5	R—K3
7. P—Q4	P x P(b)	28. R x R	R x R	50. P—Kt4	P—R3 ch.
8. P—K5	Kt—Q4	29. R—K2	R—Q6	51. K—R4	R—K2
9. B—Kt3	P—Q3	30. P—QB4	P—QR4	52. K—Kt3	R—K3
10. B x Kt	P x B	31. R—B2	K—K2	53. P—B4	R—K2
11. Q x QP	P x P	32. K—K2	R—Q2	54. K—B3	R—Q2
12. Q x P ch.	B—K3	33. R—Q2	R—R2	55. P—Kt5	P x P (e)
13. R—Q1	Q—Q3	34. Kt—Q5ch.	K—K1	56. P x P	R—Q8
14. Q x P	Q x Q	35. Kt—B3	K—K2	57. R—R2(f)	K x P
15. R x Q	B—QB4	36. K—K3	R—R1	58. P—R6	R—Q6 ch.
16. R—Q1	O—O	37. Kt—Q5 ch.	B x Kt	59. K—K2	P x P
17. B—B4	QR—B1	38. R x B	R—QB1	60. P x P	K—B6
18. P—QB3	B—KKt5	39. K—Q3	P—R5	61. R—R1	R—Q1
19. R—K1	QR—Q1	40. P x P	R—QR1	62. P—R7	R—KR1
20. Kt—Q2	R—Q2	41. R x P	R x P	63. R—R4	P—B4
21. Kt—B1	P—QKt3	42. R—K5 ch.	K—Q3	64. P—R4	P—B5
22. B—K3	KR—Q1	43. R—K2	K—B4	65. P—R5	Resigns.

- (a) 4. Kt x Kt or 4. B—B4 are more usual.
- (b) 7. . . . P—Q3 is much better.
- (c) If 25. P—QR3, . . . B—Kt6 !
- (d) The game would be drawn if there were no king-side pawns. These must be broken up without becoming blocked if white is to win.
- (e) White can now force a past KRP and win. If Black refrains from this capture he maintains drawing chances. i.e. 55. . . . R—Q3 ; 56. P x P, R x P ! ; 57. K—Kt5, R—K3 ; 58. P—B5, R—Q3 ; 59. K—B4 (threatening to win with R—KKt2), P—B3 !
- (f) Black could resign now.

Round 3. White—J. R. Nicolson. Black—L. R. Hart

1. P—K4	P—QB4	11. B—B3	Q—Q2(a)	20. B x B	P x B
2. Kt—KB3	Kt—QB3	12. Kt x Kt	P x Kt	21. Q—Kt5	KR—QKt1
3. P—Q4	P x P	13. Q—K2	B x P(b)	22. Q—B5 (e)	K—B3
4. Kt x P	Kt—B3	14. QR—Q1	Q—K3	23. P—KB4	KR—QB1
5. Kt—QB3	P—Q3	15. KR—K1	B—Q2	24. P x P ch.	K—B2
6. B—K2	P—KKt3	16. Q—R6(c)	B—K4	25. R—B1 ch.	K—Kt1
7. B—K3	B—Kt2	17. B—B4	P—B3	26. Q—Q5	R x B
8. O—O	P—Q4	18. R x B	K—B2(d)	27. R—Q8 ch.	K—Kt2
9. P x P	Kt x P	19. B x P	K—Kt2	28. Q x Q	Resigns.
10. QKt x Kt	Q x Kt				

- (a) Relatively best was 11. . . . Q—B5 ; 12. Kt x Kt, P x Kt ; 13. P—QKt3, Q—B6 ; 14. Q—Q3, !Q x Q ; 15. P x Q, R x R ; 16. B x P ch. +
- (b) This capture leads Black into difficulties. Better was 13. . . . O—O.
- (c) With manifold threats, chief of which are Q—Kt7 or B—Q4 or B5.
- (d) Acceptance of the rook leads to heavy loss of material. 18. . . . K x R ; 19. Q—Kt7 ch. ++ or 18. . . . Q x R, B x P ++
- (e) 22. Q x P ch. ? !, Q x Q ; 23. R x Q, R—Kt8 ch. with mate in two.

Round 6. White—T. K. Hemmingway Black—A. G. C. Paish

1. Kt—KB3	Kt—KB3	12. P—QR3	P x P	23. P—K4	Kt—K1
2. P—B4	P—KKt3	13. B—Q4	Q—B2(c)	24. B—K3	Kt—B2
3. P—QKt4(a)	B—Kt2	14. P x P	R x R ch.	25. P—Q4	Kt—Kt4
4. B—Kt2	O—O	15. B x R	Kt—R3	26. P—K5(f)	P—K3
5. P—Kt3	P—B3	16. O—O	Q—Kt3	27. P—R4	P—R4
6. P—Q3	P—Q4	17. R—Kt1	Kt—B2	28. B—B3	R—R5(g)
7. QKt—Q2	B—K3	18. Q—B5	Q x Q(d)	29. R x Kt(h)	P x R
8. B—Kt2	Q—Kt3	19. P x Q	R—R1(e)	30. B x KtP	P—Kt5(i)
9. Q—Kt3	P x P	20. B—K5	Kt—Kt4	31. P—B6	P—Kt6(j)
10. Kt x P(b)	B x Kt	21. Kt—Q4	Kt x Kt	32. B—B1	R—R8
11. Q x B	P—QR4	22. B x Kt	R—R2	33. Resigns.	

- (a) An unusual move, played for its surprise value.
- (b) Probably stronger was 10. P x P, e.g. 10. . . . R—Q1 ; 11. O—O, QKt—Q2 ; 12. Kt—Kt5, Kt—B1 ; when White has a marked space advantage.
- (c) No better is 13. . . . Q—Kt4 as after 14. Q x Q, P x Q ; 15. P x P Black's queen-side pawns are very vulnerable.
- (d) Unpleasant necessity since 18. . . . KKt—Q4 is met by 19. B x B, K x B ; 20. P—K4, Kt—R3 ; 21. Q x Q, Kt x Q ; 22. P—Kt5 with advantage.
- (e) Black's only good counterplay. If now 20. B x Kt B x B ; 21. R x P, R—R8 ch. ; 22. B—B1, Kt—Q4 ; with compensation for the lost pawn in the mobility of his pieces. Nevertheless, this was probably White's best.
- (f) 26. P—Q5 gives more winning chances but after 26. . . . B—Q5 ; 27. B x B, Kt x B ; Black appears able to hold the game, e.g. 28. P—Q6, P x P ; 29. P x P, P—QKt4 ; 30. B—R3, R—R1 ; 31. P—Q7, R—Q1 and White can achieve nothing.
- (g) Counter-attacking on White's weak point, and threatening a drastic simplification.
- (h) An attempt to win a now clearly drawn position, which fails by one tempo.
- (i) Not 30. . . . R—B5 ? ; 31. B—QR6 with winning game.
- (j) The point ! If now 32. P—B7, R—B5 ; 33. P—B8(Q) ch., R x Q ; 34. B x R, P—Kt7 and wins.

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T. K. Hemingway (Manchester)	*	1	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1			1			6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1
L. J. Cannon (Durham) ...	0	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$		0		1		1	1	5	2—6
D. Malcolm (Cambridge) ...	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$			1		0	1		5	2—6
J. R. Nicolson (Manchester) ...	0	0	0	*	1	$\frac{1}{2}$			1	1	1			5	2—6
A. G. C. Paish (Cambridge) ...	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	$\frac{1}{2}$				1		1	1	5	2—6
J. T. Smith (Manchester) ...	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		0	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1		1			5	2—6
M. J. Heaton (Edinburgh) ...	0		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	*	1	1		0	1			4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7—8
B. N. Williams (Birmingham)	0	1				0	0	*	1	1		1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7—8
B. S. Patmore (Liverpool) ...			0	0		0	0	*	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9
E. J. Canham (Birmingham) ...		0		0	0		1	0	0	*	1		$\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10—11
L. R. Hart (Leeds) ...			1	0		0	0		$\frac{1}{2}$	0	*	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10—11
J. Watts (Birmingham) ...	0	0	0		0		0	0	0		1	*	1	2	12
T. J. Botting (Birmingham) ...		0			0		0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	*	1	13

A SIMPLE ENDING

By D. J. YOUSTON

One of the most interesting departments of the game is the King and Pawn ending, whether it be the steady exploitation of a Passed Pawn's "lust to expand" or a hectic race by both sides to Queen. New examples of the infinite beauty and variety of this end-game keep turning up and the following position occurred in an Oxford inter-College match: White: King at K3, Pawns at KB3 and KR3; Black: King at K2, Pawn at KR2. This was the state of the game at the adjournment and the result of the match depended on finding a win for White.

At first glance, the game can be decided by pushing the bishop's pawn through but, providing Black keeps his pawn at R2 until the end, he can hold the position e.g. 1. K—B4, K—B3; 2. P—R4, K—K3; 3. K—Kt5, K—B2; 4. K—B5, K—K2; 5. K—K5, K—B2; 6. P—B4, K—K2; 7. P—B5, K—B2; 8. P—B6, K—B1; 9. P—R5, K—B2; 10. K—B5, K—Kt1!; 11. K—K6, K—B1; 12. P—B7, P—R3! There are numerous similar variations all leading to a draw.

White can try another plan however by diverging from the above with 7. P—R5, K—B2; 8. K—Q6!, K—B3; 9. P—R6! This is the vital position—with Black to move, White wins in all cases:

- (i) 9. . . . K—B4; 10. K—K7, K x P; 11. K—B6, K—Kt5; 12. K—Kt7, K—Kt4; 13. K x P.
- (ii) 9. . . . K—Kt3; 10. K—K7, K x P; 11. P—B5.
- (iii) 9. . . . K—B2; 10. K—Q7, K—B1; 11. K—K6, K—K1; 12. K—B6, K—B1; 13. P—B5, K—Kt1; 14. K—K7.
- (iv) 9. . . . K—B2; 10. K—Q7, K—B3; 11. K—K8, K—K3; 12. K—B8, K—B3; 13. K—Kt8, K—Kt3; 14. P—B5 ch.!

But if White has the move in the vital position, then the game is drawn as Black has the opposition. This Black ensures by playing at the start 1. K—B4, K—K3! White must then play 2. K—Kt5, K—B2; 3. K—R6, K—Kt1; 4. P—R4, K—R1; 5. K—R5!, K—Kt1; (Black must not let White take the opposition); 6. K—Kt4!, K—B1 (a move to the second rank invites disaster); 7. K—B4! and now 7. . . . K—K1; 8. K—Kt5, K—B1; 9. K—B6 or 7. . . . K—Kt1; 8. K—K5, K—Kt2; 9. K—K6 and the BP goes through. If Black at any stage in this variation allows White the opposition, we can transpose to the winning position e.g. 1. K—B4, K—K3; 2. K—Kt5, K—B2; 3. K—R6, K—Kt1; 4. P—R4, K—R1; 5. K—R5, K—Kt1; 6. K—Kt4, K—B2; 7. K—B5, K—K2; 8. P—R5, K—B2; 9. P—B4, K—K2; 10. K—K5, K—B2; 11. K—Q6, K—B3; 12. P—R6.

Luckily perhaps, White was not put to the test of remembering this analysis over the board, as his opponent resigned without resuming, the position being "obviously lost." Little did Black realise how "obvious" the win was!

HASTINGS, 1953

By P. H. CLARKE

It was unfortunate that the Congress was split between the Town Hall and the Chess Club through lack of space at the Town Hall.

T. K. Hemingway, the new B.U.C.A. Champion, replaced B. H. Wood and thoroughly merited his inclusion. In the third round he met the holder, R. G. Wade, whom he had earlier defeated in a small tournament at Huddersfield. This time Wade gained his revenge.

Which is better, a First at Hastings or a First at Oxford? Yanofsky got them both. His loss to Horne in the first round seemed to inspire him. Thereafter he played with a determination that scarcely flagged. I believe that if he had won or drawn in the first round he would not have scored so many in the end, although I am sure he would still have won.

Barden made his best showing in the Championship to date, ensuring his place next year. He beat Alexander in Round 2, but he should have won more quickly. In the fourth round he attacked Yanofsky very strongly, but gradually wilted before an accurate defence—Barden's only loss at Hastings. Barden finished well and might well have beaten Wade in the last round.

London had two representatives also: Clarke and Phillips. Both were equal second last year but neither distinguished himself this year. Phillips trailed along very slowly but finished with three wins—he lost his last three last year—and so made the top half of the table. Clarke had a really shocking start (1 out of 5) but thereafter made a fair recovery.

Yanofsky thoroughly deserved his first place; we are only sorry that he is taking the Championship to Canada with him.

Some University wins:

White—D. A. Yanofsky

1. P—K4, P—K4; 2. Kt—KB3, Kt—QB3; 3. B—Kt5, Kt—Q5; 4. Kt x Kt, P x Kt; 5. O—O, P—QB3; 6. B—B4, Kt—B3; 7. R—K1, P—Q3; 8. P—Q3, B—K2; 9. B—KKt5, O—O; 10. Kt—Q2, R—K1; 11. P—KR3, P—KR3; 12. B—R4, Kt—Q2; 13. B—KKt3, P—QKt4; 14. B—Kt3, Kt—B4; 15. P—QR4, P x P; 16. B x RP, Kt x B; 17. R x Kt, P—QB4; 18. Q—R1, P—R3; 19. Kt—B4, R—Kt1; 20. P—Kt3, R—Kt4; 21. Q—Q1, B—Kt2; 22. Q—R5, B—KB1; 23. R(4)—R1, R—K3; 24. K—R2, Q—Kt4; 25. Q x Q, P x Q; 26. P—K5, P x P; 27. R x KP, R x R; 28. B x R, B—K2; 29. B—Q6, K—B1; 30. R—K1, B x B ch.; 31. Kt x B, R—Kt3; 30. R—K8 checkmate.

Black—A. R. B. Thomas

White—L. W. Barden

1. P—K4, P—K4; 2. Kt—QB3, Kt—KB3; 3. P—B4, P—Q4; 4. BP x P, Kt x P; 5. P—Q3, Kt x Kt; 6. P x Kt, P—Q5; 7. Kt—B3, P—QB4; 8. B—K2, Kt—B3; 9. O—O, B—K2; 10. Q—K1, P x P; 11. Q—Kt3, P—KKt3; 12. R—Kt1, R—QKt1; 13. K—R1, Kt—Q5; 14. Kt x Kt, P x Kt; 15. Q—B3, B—K3; 16. R x P, R x R; 17. Q x R, B x P; 18. Q x P, B—Q4; 19. K—Kt1, Q—B1; 20. B—R6, B—B4; 21. Q—R5, Q—B3; 22. B—Kt4, B—K2; 23. R—Kt1, P—B4; 24. P x P e.p., B x BP; 25. R—Kt6, Q—B2; 26. Q x B, Q x R; 27. Q—Q7 ch. mate.

Black—P. B. Cook

White—P. H. Clarke

1. P—K4, P—QB4; 2. Kt—KB3, Kt—QB3; 3. P—Q4, P x P; 4. Kt x P, Kt—B3; 5. Kt—QB3, P—Q3; 6. B—K2, P—KKt3; 7. B—K3, B—Kt2; 8. O—O, O—O; 9. P—KR3, P—Q4; 10. P x P, Kt x P; 11. QKt x Kt, Q x Kt; 12. B—B3, Q—B5; 13. Kt x Kt, P x Kt; 14. P—B3, R—Kt1; 15. Q—Q2, P—QR4; 16. B—K2, Q—K5; 17. KR—Q1, B—B4; 18. B—B3, Q—K3; 19. B—B5, Q—B3; 20. Q—K2, KR—K1; 21. P—QR4, B—KB1; 22. R—Q2, B—R3; 23. B—K3, B x B; 24. Q x B, P—K4; 25. QR—Q1, P—K5; 26. B—K2, Q—K4; 27. B—B4, B—K3; 28. B x B, R x B; 29. R—Q8 ch., R x R; 30. R x R ch., K—Kt2; 31. Q—Q4, K—B3; 32. Q x Q ch., R x Q; 33. R—QR8, K—K3; 34. K—B1, P—R4; 35. P—R4, K—B4; 36. K—K2, K—Kt5; 37. P—Kt4, P x P; 38. P x P, P—KB4; 39. R—QB8, P—B5; 40. R x P, P—B6 ch.; 41. P x P ch., P x P ch.; 42. K—Q3, P—Kt4; 43. P—R5, P x P; 44. R—B4 ch., K—Kt4; 45. P—R6, R—K8; 46. P—R7. Resigns.

Black—T. H. Tylor

White—H. I. Woolverton

1. P—Q4, P—QB4 ; 2. P—Q5, P—K4 ; 3. P—QB4, P—Q3 ; 4. Kt—QB3, P—KB4 ; 5. P—KKt3, Kt—KB3 ; 6. B—Kt2, B—K2 ; 7. P—K4, O—O ; 8. P x P, B x P ; 9. KKt—K2, Q—Q2 ; 10. O—O, Kt—R3 ; 11. P—QR3, KR—K1 ; 12. B—Kt5, P—K5 ; 13. R—K1, Kt—KKt5 ; 14. B—QB1, B—B3 ; 15. B—K3, R—K2 ; 16. Kt—B4, B x Kt ; 17. P x B, Kt—K4 ; 18. Q—K2, Kt—QB2 ; 19. P—KR3, P—KR3 ; 20. P—Kt4, B—R2 ; 21. Kt—R5, R—KB1 ; 22. KR—Q1, P—QKt4 ; 23. P x P, Kt x QKtP ; 24. Q—B2, Kt—Q6 ; 25. R—KB1, R(2)—B2 ; 26. Q—Kt3, P—B5 ; 27. Q x P, R—B1 ; 28. Q—R4, Kt x QBP ; 29. Q x Q, R x Q ; 30. P—QR4, Kt x QP ; 31. B—Q2, R—B7 ; 32. B—R5, R—Kt2 ; 33. Kt—Kt3, Kt—B3 ; 34. R—R3, P—Q4 ; 35. B—QB3, Kt—Q2 ; 36. B—Q4, Kt(2)—K4 ; 37. R—Q1, R—KB2 ; 38. B x Kt, R(2) x P ; 39. B—B1, Kt x B ; and White lost on time.

Black—T. K. Hemingway**White—A. Phillips**

1. P—K4, P—QB4 ; 2. P—Q4, P x P ; 3. Kt—KB3, P—Q3 ; 4. Kt x P, Kt—KB3 ; 5. Kt—QB3, P—QR3 ; 6. P—B4, Q—B2 ; 7. B—K2, P—K3 ; 8. O—O, QKt—Q2 ; 9. B—B3, B—K2 ; 10. K—R1, P—KR4 ; 11. B—K3, P—KKt3 ; 12. Q—K2, P—K4 ; 13. Kt—Kt3, P—QKt4 ; 14. P x P, P x P ; 15. B—Kt5, K—B1 ; 16. Q—B2, B—Kt2 ; 17. P—QR3, K—Kt2 ; 18. Q—R4, Kt—B1 ; 19. Kt—Q5, B x Kt ; 20. P x B, Q—Q3 ; 21. Kt—R5, Kt(1)—R2 ; 22. Kt—Kt7, Q—Q2 ; 23. P—Q6, Kt x B ; 27. Q x Kt, P—K5 ; 25. P x B, P x B ; 26. R x P, Kt—Kt5 ; 27. QR—KB1, P—B3 ; 28. R x P, Kt x R ; 29. Q x Kt ch., K—R2 ; 30. Kt—Q6, KR—KKt1 ; 31. Q—B7 ch. Resigns.

Black—M. J. Franklin

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' TEAM TOURNAMENT—BRUSSELS

In March the second International Student Congress organised by the International Union of Students was held at Brussels in the spacious Salle de Fêtes. Teams from nine countries were expected to take part, but unfortunately the Russian team failed to arrive. It appears that they reached Berlin without their Belgian visas, waited there for some days, and returned home just before the visas came through. This was a great disappointment for the other teams since the Russians had announced their team by telegram as Taimanov, Geller, Moisieiev, and Suetin ; it is hoped they will apply earlier next time.

On the afternoon of Monday, 16th March, the teams assembled and, after introductory speeches in French and English, the draw was made. The Belgian International Master O'Kelly was tournament director—a fitting choice as he speaks no less than seven languages ! Not that he had to use them all—it is surprising how linguistic the continentals (French excepted) are, especially the Scandinavians. Gumoelius, the Swedish captain, spoke in addition to the Scandinavian tongue, English, German, French, Italian and a little Russian.

ROUND 1

Iceland	2	Sweden	2	France	$\frac{1}{2}$	Norway	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Belgium	2	Finland	2	Bye—U.S.S.R.			
	Great Britain	...	2	Austria	...	...	2
(Black)	1. Barden (Capt.)	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	Warriner	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$
	2. Clarke	...	0	Hrdlicka	...	...	1
	3. McKelvie	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	Nekvasil	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$
	4. Barker	...	1	Quetier	...	...	0

Russia had been included in the draw and had been given the bye in the first round for convenience. The first results showed one thing only—the weakness of France.

Our draw with Austria was disappointing not only because we were generally regarded as the favourites but because the Austrian team was a composite affair—Quetier being "loaned" by the French who had brought five players. Barden had somewhat the better of his game and might have played on longer. Clarke overlooked the trapping of his queen for rook and knight and soon had to give up more. McKelvie had a rather erratic draw while Barker won against feeble resistance.

ROUND 2

Sweden	3½	Austria	½	France	0	Iceland	4
Finland	1½	Norway	2½	Byes—Belgium, Gt. Britain and U.S.S.R.			

Although there was no sign of the Russians the programme was adhered to—accordingly the three byes. Sweden's crushing victory over Austria only made us regret the more our draw with them in the first round. France crashed again while Norway showed their solidarity by their victory over Finland.

ROUND 3

Norway	2	Belgium	2	Iceland	2½	Finland	1½
Austria	3	France	1				
	Great Britain		3½	Sweden			
(White)	1. Barden ...	...	1	Ljuncquist	...	...	0
	2. Clarke ...	...	1	Gumoelius	...	...	0
	3. McKelvie	...	1	Alenius	...	...	0
	4. Barker ...	...	½	Staf ...	...	...	½

The draw was doctored this time to avoid the byes. Our victory over Sweden was most encouraging. Barden played the following good game.

White—Barden (G.B.)

Black—Ljuncquist (Sweden)

1. P—K4, P—K3 ; 2. P—Q4, P—Q4 ; 3. Kt—Q2, Kt—KB3 ; 4. P—K5, KKt—Q2 ; 5. B—Q3, P—QB4 ; 6. P—QB3, Kt—QB3 ; 7. Kt—K2, P x P ; 8. P x P, P—B3 ; 9. P x P, Kt x BP ; 10. Kt—KB3, B—Q3 ; 11. O—O, O—O ; 12. R—K1 (Slightly better is 12. B—KB4 after which Black has difficulty in forcing P—K4), P—K4 ; 13. P x P, Kt x P ; 14. Kt x Kt, B x Kt ; 15. B—KB4, B x B (or 15. . . . Kt—Kt5 ; 16. B x B, Kt x B ; 17. Kt—Q4, with advantage to White) ; 16. Kt x B, Kt—K5 ; 17. P—KKt3, P—KKt4 ? (Irreparably weakening his K-side ; both 17. . . . Q—Kt3 ; 18. Q—Q2, Kt x BP ; 19. Q x Kt, Q x Q ch. ; 20. K x Q, P—KKt4 ; 21. R—K7 ! and 17. . . . R x Kt ? ; 18. P x R, Q—R5 ; 19. Q—B3, were insufficient for Black) ; 18. Kt—K6 !, B x Kt ; 19. R x B, Kt—B3 (And not Kt x BP ; because of 20. B x P ch., K—B2 [K x B ; 21. Q—R5 ch. and mates] ; 21. Q—K2, Kt—K5 ; 22. Q—Kt4 ! and wins) ; 20. Q—K2, R—K1 ; 21. Q—K5 !, R x R ; 22. Q x R ch., K—Kt2 ; 23. Q—K5, P—KR3 ; 24. R—QB1, K—Kt1 ; 25. R—B7, Resigns.

McKelvie too played a fine game in his natural attacking style.

White—McKelvie (G.B.)

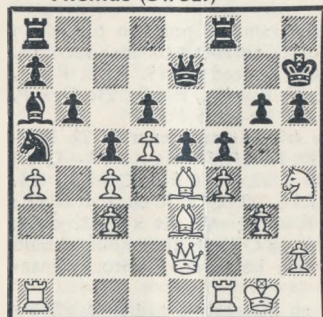
Black—Alenius (Sweden)

1. P—Q4, Kt—KB3 ; 2. P—QB4, P—K3 ; 3. Kt—QB3, B—Kt5 ; 4. P—K3, P—B4 ; 5. P—QR3, B x Kt ch. ; 6. P x B, P—QKt3 ! ; 7. B—Q3, B—Kt2 ; 8. P—B3, O—O ? (8. . . . Kt—B3 ; is better) ; 9. P—K4, P—Q3 (If 9. . . . Kt—K1 then 10. P—Q5 with advantage to White) ; 10. B—Kt5, Kt—B3 ; 11. Kt—K2, P—K4 ; 12. P—K5, Kt—QR4 (12. . . . Kt—K2 is necessary to protect the K-side) ; 13. Kt—Kt3, P—KR3 ; 14. B—K3, K—R2 ; 15. O—O, B—R3 ; 16. Q—K2, Q—Q2 ; 17. Kt—B5, Kt—Kt1 ; 18. P—QR4 ! (Preventing Black's Q—R5 with attack on the QBP), P—Kt3 (Better than this weakening move is 18. . . . Kt—K2 to try to exchange one of White's attacking pieces) ; 19. Kt—R4, Q—K2 ; 20. P—Kt3, Kt—KB3 ; 21. P—B4, Kt x KP (A combination which fails against White's counter-combination) ; 22. B x Kt, P—B4 ; See the diagram.

Alenius (Swed.)

23. Kt x KtP !

A counter-sacrifice which smashes Black. . . . K x Kt ; 24. Q—Kt4 ch., K—R2 ; 25. B x P ch., K—R1 ; 26. P x P, Kt x P ; 27. B x RP, R x B ; 28. R x R, Kt x P ; 29. Q—R5, B—Q6 ; 30. B—Kt5 ch., Q—R2 ; 31. B—B6 ch., K—Kt1 ; 32. R—Kt5 ch., Resigns.



McKelvie (G.B.)

Iceland took the lead in the tournament by their win over Finland, while Norway were held to a draw by Belgium. In this match on the top board Rubinstein, son of the famous Grand-master, won a fine game from the Norwegian captain, Støre, ex-champion of Oslo. Rejoicing in the French camp—they had won a game. And that against a Frenchman !

ROUND 4

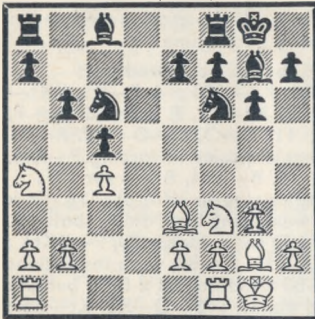
Austria	1	Finland	3	Byes—Norway, Belgium, Iceland and Sweden.	
(Black)					
Great Britain			3	France	1
Barden			1	Leoni	0
Clarke			$\frac{1}{2}$	Zawerbuy	$\frac{1}{2}$
McKelvie			1	Guelly	0
Barker			$\frac{1}{2}$	Coles	$\frac{1}{2}$

There being no sign of the Russians the draw had been completely revised to fit in with the schedule of the Congress. It meant more free days for many of the players. Our victory over France was not good enough : we wanted to win 4-0. Barden won easily, Leoni falling into the following opening trap.

White—Leoni (Fr.)

Black—Barden (G.B.)

1. P—Q4, Kt—KB3 ; 2. Kt—KB3, P—KKt3 ; 3. P—B4, B—Kt2 ; 4. Kt—B3, P—Q3 ; 5. P—KKt3, O—O ; 6. B—Kt2, P—B4 ; 7. O—O, Kt—B3 ; 8. P x P, P x P ; 9. B—K3, Q—R4 ; 10. Q—R4, Q x Q ; 11. Kt x Q, P—Kt3 ! See the diagram. 12. Kt—K5 ? ? White falls into the trap and loses two pieces for a rook.



Leoni (Fr.)

Leading scores : Great Britain and Iceland $8\frac{1}{2}$ (from 3 matches), Norway 8 (3), Finland 8 (4).

France	2	Sweden	2	Belgium	3	Iceland	1
(White)				Byes—Norway and Austria			
Great Britain			2	Finland	2		
Barden			1	Nylen		0	
Clarke			1	Haanpää		0	
McKelvie			0	Juselius		1	
Barker			0	Pesonen		1	

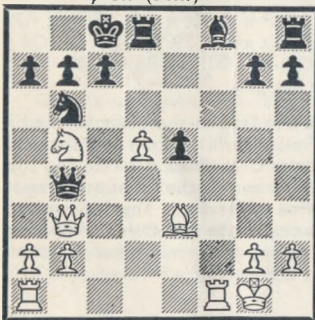
Iceland's loss to Belgium allowed us to take the lead while Norway were without a match. France were pleased with their draw : Zawerbuy was delighted, and showed his game to everybody. The shortest win of the tournament :—

Zawerbuy (Fr.)

Gumoelius (Swed.)

1. P—Q4, P—K3 ; 2. Kt—KB3, P—KB4 ; 3. P—KKt3, P—QKt3 ; 4. P—Q5!?, B—K2 ; 5. B—Kt2, B—Kt2 ; 6. Kt—K5, P—Q3 ? ? ; 7. Kt—B7 !, —QB1 ; 8. Kt x R, P—K4 ; 9. P—K4, Resigns.

Nylen (Fin.)



Barden (G.B.)

Barden in the diagrammed position played an interesting and quite correct exchange sacrifice. 18. R x B !, Q x R (forced) ; 19. Kt x P ch., 19. ... K—Kt1 ; 20. B x Kt., P x B ; 21. Q x P, Q—B5 (best) ; 22. Kt—Kt5 ?

(Missing the winning continuation 22. Kt—B6 ch., K—B1 ; 23. Kt x R, R x Kt ; 24. R—Q1!.) 22. ... Q—QR5 ; 23. P—QKt3, Q—R3 ; 24. Q—B7 ch., K—R1 ; 25. Q x R ch.!, R x Q ; 26. Kt—B7 ch., K—R2 ; 27. Kt x Q, K x Kt ; and now according to O'Kelly the ending should be drawn. Barden, however, eventually managed to win.

Clarke also had an interesting game, sacrificing a pawn for an attack.

Haanpää (Fin.)

Clarke (G.B.)

1. P—Q4, Kt—KB3 ; 2. P—QB4, P—K3 ; 3. Kt—KB3, P—Q4 ; 4. P—K3, P—B4 ; 5. Kt—B3, Kt—B3 ; 6. B—Q3, P x BP ; 7. B x P, B—K2 ; 8. O—O, O—O ; 9. P—KR3, P—QR3 ; 10. P—QR4, P—QKt3 ; 11. Q—K2, B—Kt2 ; 12. R—Q1, Q—B2 ; 13. P—K4 ? Unnecessarily weakening his position in the centre. 13. . . . P x P ; 14. Kt x P, Kt x Kt ; 15. R x Kt, B—B4 ; 16. R—Q1, K—R1 ; 17. B—Kt5, Q—Kt6 ; 18. B x Kt, P x B ; 19. R—Q3, Q—K4 ; 20. QR—Q1, R—KKt1. Offering a pawn, which White accepts.

21. R—Q7, B—B3 ; 22. R x P, R—Kt3 ; 23. K—R1, QR—KKt1 ; 24. R—KKt1, B—Q3 ; 25. P—KKt3, P—B4 ; 26. P—B4, Q—B4. Overlooking 26. . . . Q x BP ; but both players had only about four minutes for fifteen moves. The play gets very wild now. 27. R—Kt2, B x BP ; 28. B x KP !, P x P ; 29. B—B5. Here 29. R—B5 ! wins for White, but he only had a minute left. 29. . . . P—K6 ! ; 30. R x P ch. ? Unsound, but White could no longer do anything. 30. . . . K x R ; 31. Q—R5 ch., B—R3 ; and White lost on time. A very exciting game.

McKelvie played too optimistically, his attack rebounding. Barker prepared his favourite Dutch the night before and after obtaining an attacking position missed his way and lost.

Leading scores : Great Britain $10\frac{1}{2}$ (4), Finland 10 (5), Iceland $9\frac{1}{2}$ (4).

ROUND 6

Norway	$2\frac{1}{2}$	Iceland	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Finland	$2\frac{1}{2}$	Sweden	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Belgium	2	Austria	2	Byes—Gt. Britain and France.			

Finland took the lead with a win over Sweden, and Norway came into the picture with a solid win over Iceland. Quetier scored his first point to-day leaving only Guelly to break his "duck."

Leading scores: Finland ($12\frac{1}{2}$ 6), Iceland 11 (5), Gt. Britain and Norway $10\frac{1}{2}$ (4).

ROUND 7

Finland	4	France	0	Norway	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Austria	$\frac{1}{2}$
Byes—Sweden and Iceland							
(White)	Great Britain			Belgium			$\frac{1}{2}$
	Barden	...	...	Rubinstein	...	...	0
	Clarke	...	...	Thibaut	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$
	McKelvie	...	...	Winants	...	...	0
	Barker	...	...	Vannelom	...	...	0

Finland finished their programme by crushing France and Norway had a big win at the expense of Austria. Luckily we also won $3\frac{1}{2}$. Luckily indeed, for all our first three boards had lost games at one time or another. Barden left a piece *en prise* in a time scramble but Rubinstein allowed a mate in two. Clarke had a lost game for a long time but drew the ending by giving up a piece for two pawns. McKelvie also had a very bad game but eventually won. Only Barker won logically. First place now depended on our match with Norway in the next round.

Leading scores : Finland $16\frac{1}{2}$ (7), Great Britain and Norway 14 (5).

ROUND 8

Belgium	3	Sweden	1	Iceland	4	Austria	0
Byes—France and Finland.							
(Black)	Great Britain			Norway			$2\frac{1}{2}$
	Clarke	...	...	Lindblom	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$
	Barden	...	...	Støre	...	...	1
	McKelvie	...	...	Jacobsen	...	...	1
	Barker	...	...	Bukne	...	...	0

The vital match lost ! Barden and Clarke changed boards to give Barden the white pieces and an expected full point against Norway's second string while Clarke was to hold Støre. This might well have worked had not the Norwegians changed too ! As it was Clarke was glad to accept a draw, and Barden overplayed his hand in trying desperately for a win. To make matters worse McKelvie played rather carelessly and lost. Barker gained a piece in the opening and won easily.

Leading scores : Norway $16\frac{1}{2}$ (6), Finland $16\frac{1}{2}$ (7), Great Britain $15\frac{1}{2}$ (6), Iceland 15 (6).

ROUND 9							
Belgium	2	France	2	Sweden	2	Norway	2
Byes—Finland and Austria							
Great Britain			2½	Iceland		1½	
(White) Barden	***	***	½	Palmason	***	***	½
Clarke	***	***	0	Olafsson	***	***	1
McKelvie	***	***	1	Einarsson	***	***	0
Barker	***	***	1	Sigurkarlsson	***	***	0

So we just failed to catch Norway although they were unexpectedly held by Sweden. Barden built up a fine position but let it slip. Clarke succumbed to his third black running, playing the whole game rather weakly. McKelvie won well with his favourite Sämisch Variation against the Nimzo, and Barker played the Dutch again, this time to better effect.

The Final Table was :—

	Nor.	G.B.	Fin.	Ice.	Belg.	Swe.	Aus.	Fr.	Games	Matches
1. Norway ...	—	2½	2½	2½	2	2	3½	3½	18½	6
2. Great Britain ...	1½	—	2	2½	3½	2	3	3	18	5
3. Finland ...	1½	2	—	1½	2	3½	2	4	16½	4
4. Iceland ...	1½	1½	2½	—	1	2	4	4	16½	3½
5. Belgium ...	2	1½	2	3	—	3	2	2	14½	4
6. Sweden ...	2	1½	1½	2	1	—	3½	2	12½	2½
7. Austria ...	½	2	1	0	2	½	—	3	9	2
8. France ...	½	1	0	0	2	2	1	—	6½	1

The Norwegian victory was due more, I think, to their solid and even play than anything else. The British team, favourites from the start, never settled down to their best chess—there always seemed to be someone in the team playing badly. Had we done so I feel we would have won comfortably for the standard of the play was not exceptional. Barden, the captain, played some good games but slipped up in the vital match trying desperately for a win. Clarke played unevenly, but had to defend five blacks in seven games. McKelvie had some devastating wins and a couple of rather careless defeats. Both he and Barker, who was out of touch in the early rounds but finished strongly, were really too strong for their boards. Scores of the British team : Barden 5 out of 7, Clarke 3½, McKelvie 4½ and Barker 5.

It was regrettable that the Belgian Chess Federation did not co-operate in the running of the tournament (the chessmen were not all as modern as they might have been, and in the first round there was a shortage of clocks). There was even a rumour that they were going to excommunicate, as it were, the Belgian team and O'Kelly for taking part in a congress organised by a Communist dominated body. However the students of Brussels University made up for this with their generous hospitality and untiring efforts to see that everything ran smoothly.

THE PRIZE-GIVING

On the afternoon of Thursday, March 26th, the prize-giving and closing ceremony was held in the University. There were four beautiful cut-glass vases with inscriptions for the first four teams, and several prizes for individuals. A silver cup to Støre for the best score on top board (5½), a set of chessmen each to Barden and Rubinstein for their scores of 5 pts. on Board 1 and a set to Olafsson for the best score on Board 2. Finally a set to O'Kelly for his genial controllership. The Congress closed with what can only be described as a port party.

That the tournament was a great success can hardly be denied when one considers that it was only the second venture of its kind. Three times as many students participated at Brussels as did at the first congress at Liverpool last year, and so gave ample proof of its popularity. Many said that they hoped to attend the next congress, and it is confidently expected that it will now become an annual affair. If it does it will do much to promote good feeling among students and give international experience to young players. We look forward to the third congress !

REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

SOUTH-EAST REGION

CAMBRIDGE

The Club has enjoyed another very active season, and with nearly 100 members in residence has the largest ever membership. The Club defeated the Athenæum, Metropolitan, Insurance, and Hampstead chess clubs. It was defeated in the quarter-final of the National Club Championship by Ilford after having beaten Southend, Dereham and Liverpool. We beat London University handsomely, but were beaten 5-2 by a very strong Oxford team after a hard struggle. Our second team gained a partial revenge by beating Oxford $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$.

During the year R. G. Wade and P. S. Milner-Barry gave talks and simultaneous displays. J. J. A. Handley won the Individual Championship by a very narrow margin, and St. John's College won the inter-College Team Competition. N. McKelvie played for the B.U.C.A. in the I.U.S. Tournament in Brussels. The Club was defeated by the University Bridge Club in a fiercely contested rugger match. In conclusion we would like to thank Miss Margaret Pugh for the most valuable Cup she has presented to be competed for in the annual Oxford v. Cambridge match.

LONDON.

The team, although strong on paper, had a moderate season losing to both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. However, in the Eastman Cup the team performed very well, losing to Ilford in the semi-final by a narrow margin after having defeated a strong Athenæum team. Other teams defeated were Insurance $11\frac{1}{2}$ -8, Essex $10\frac{1}{2}$ -9, Civil Service $11\frac{1}{2}$ -8, Lud-Eagle 6-4, whilst losses were recorded against Civil Service $10\frac{1}{2}$ -13, and B.C.C.A. $9\frac{1}{2}$ -10.

The University League winners were : Division I—1. London Hospital ; 2. King's College ; 3. Imperial College. Division II—1. King's College II ; 2. Imperial College II ; 3. St. Bart's Hospital. Division III—1. equal Guy's Hospital and London Hospital II ; St. Mary's Hospital.

The final of the Individual Championship is as yet undecided but is between J. Correin of Woolwich Polytechnic and P. Holt of London Hospital.

OXFORD

After the sweeping successes of the previous season, when every match was won, it is to be feared that players tended to rest on their laurels. Although Cambridge were again defeated decisively, severe reverses at Birmingham and Harrow put us out of the Universities Championship and the National Club Championship, and this is in spite of the arrival of two new masters from overseas, D. M. Armstrong (Australia) and R. Persitz (Israel).

However, a team of four succeeded in winning the first British Lightning team championship, and L. W. Barden is to be warmly congratulated on becoming, on the same occasion, the first British Lightning Chess Champion.

Above all we congratulate D. A. Yanofsky on being the first member of the Club ever to win the British Chess Championship, and also on sharing first place in the Hastings Premier at Christmas. We have been very proud and very grateful to have had his support and advice during the past two years, and offer him our sincere good wishes for the future.

SOUTH WESTERN ZONE

EXETER

The playing strength of the Club had to be rebuilt practically in entirety following the exodus of the previous season's players. The freshers however supplied an above average infusion of new blood, and the Club owed much to the arrival of P. Harris—throughout the season he allowed his opponents but one draw. Inexperience rather than lack of talent lost us the University games against Bristol $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ and Southampton 3-5, but Reading were beaten 5-3. These were the only two losses suffered throughout the season. In the all-Devon club competition we had the curious record of one win, no losses and five draws.

Prospects for the coming season are excellent with a seasoned nucleus of players available. The new Secretary is Mr. Skudder.

SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton has a tale of lack of support to tell. Enthusiasm was badly lacking and whilst Exeter was beaten by 5-3, the match against Bristol was lost by 6-2 and Reading had to be conceded a win.

So far no officials have been appointed for the coming season.

MIDLANDS

BIRMINGHAM

The Club has undoubtedly been fortunate in acquiring the many talented players who have come to the University in recent years, amongst whom must be included Malcolm Barker and Derek Griffiths who won the British Junior Championship held last Easter, in a field which included Barker and Cafferty (the B.U.C.A. Match Captain and Birmingham Captain for the coming season). This is but one of the many individual successes gained by club members in the past season. The University Individual title was won by B. Cafferty from D. Griffiths and B. G. Dudly.

Our greatest pride however is in our teams; both first and second teams won every competition for which they entered, chiefly by virtue of having the best men keen enough to play in every match. Enthusiasm of this nature is the greatest asset a club can have and is the result and reward of hard work on the part of officials, prominent amongst whom has been Dr. D. G. Parbrook. Another personality to whom our club is indebted is Mr. Wood, our President, who has helped us much.

We look forward keenly to the future with the chance to defend our titles, and perhaps achieve new eminence in the National Club Championship.

NOTTINGHAM

We have had one of the most successful seasons for many years, finishing second in the local League; no mean feat this as the champions can field a side made up of County players. In the University Championship a mixture of bad luck and bad play prevented us from getting further than the qualifying round.

M. B. Harris and A. J. Pointer playing 3rd and 7th boards for the County had very successful seasons, the former being unbeaten and the latter winning the Piaggio Cup, which is the University Individual Competition Award, for the second year in succession. Both these players will be with us next year, which, together with some of last year's promising new material, augurs well for a successful year.

The new Secretary is R. Greenland.

LEICESTER

The Club experienced its most successful season by finishing at the head of Division II of the Leicestershire League. The Club was undefeated in this division, winning thirteen and drawing one.

In the B.U.C.A. Midland Section the Club finished as runners-up to Birmingham who inflicted the only loss suffered during the season by 6-2. As Birmingham were the eventual winners of the Championship, beating Oxford by the same margin, our performance was not at all unfavourable. In this competition we succeeded in reversing the results of the previous season, and defeated both Nottingham and Sheffield, whilst a victory was also recorded over Loughborough College. Also beaten was a strong Leicestershire club side (by 5-4), when K. D. Warren (our President) defeated the County Champion.

K. D. Warren and J. M. Taylor were undefeated during the season; K. D. Warren has not lost a game for the club in three seasons. The above two, together with G. B. Powell, were also selected for the County team. The Club hopes to gain admittance to the Leicester League Division I, where despite the loss of our strongest players, we hope to acquit ourselves honourably.

SHEFFIELD

The University team which played in the Sheffield Chess League has won promotion to the First Division, and has had a very successful season. Our other league team has held its own against most of the opposition, but besides being beaten by some teams, some matches have been lost by default. Our team which plays local Grammar Schools has had a fairly good season, and has won most of its games.

NORTHERN REGION

DURHAM

Both the King's College (Newcastle) Chess Club and the Durham Colleges Chess Club have enjoyed a successful season.

King's College won the Tyneside Y.M.C.A. League (unbeaten) and finished half-way in the first Division of the Northumberland League. In addition a number of friendly fixtures were completed. Several members represented Northumberland in Northern Counties matches.

D. Smith (St. Cuthbert's) and L. J. Cannon (King's) were runners-up in the Durham and Northumberland County Championships respectively.

EDINBURGH

Edinburgh has so far taken little part in competitive chess for the reason that our three strongest players play for the City's two leading clubs. However we hope to challenge in the Scottish zone in the next team tournament.

Individually, Messrs. Donald, Heaton, and Kirkwood (the three mentioned above) have kept the flag flying in the Scottish Championship, the East of Scotland Championship, and the Universities Individual Championship. Donald will do better when he can eliminate his tendency to blunder at the crucial point; in both Scottish and East of Scotland tournaments he had winning positions against the champions (one built up laboriously over three sessions) only to lose one and draw the other. Heaton, too, has the same tendency, in his case due to impatience—forcing the game too quickly lost him $2\frac{1}{2}$ points in important games. Kirkwood must learn not to underestimate his opponents.

LEEDS

The policy of reconstruction adopted in the 1951-52 season brought forth extremely good dividends in the past season. Three teams were fielded and in the twenty-eight games played against rival clubs only four were lost, and five were drawn. The first team finished second to Manchester in both the Northern section of the B.U.C.A. team Championship and the Robinson Trophy.

E. Ligema, to whom we bid a sad farewell, retained the Individual Championship proving himself once again a worthy winner. L. R. Hart was runner-up losing only his individual game with Ligema.

The club membership reached fifty, despite the new membership fee, and we have further hopes of an increase. As many players as possible were given match experience, a policy which the team selectors hope to continue.

In the coming season we hope for further successes. A team has been entered in the I. M. Browne Tournament. Officials are : Secretary, J. S. Bell. Captain, L. R. Hart. Treasurer, C. A. G. Barnes.

MANCHESTER

Manchester won all four of their matches in the Northern Zone and regained the Robinson Trophy, but had to withdraw from the B.U.C.A. Semi-final as too many players were involved in exams.

Teams were again entered in "A" and "D" Divisions of the Manchester League, and we just about held our own. T. K. Hemingway went through the season undefeated in both Inter-University and League matches, and also won the Stopford Trophy for the Club Championship.

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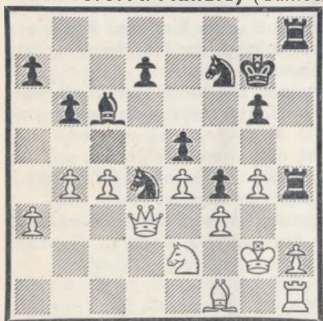
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POSTSCRIPT

Black : J. J. A. Handley (Cambs.)



White : D. J. Pearce (Suffolk)

K7 ch. wins the queen) . . . Kt—B6 ch. ; 10. K—B2, P—Kt8 (Q).

(B) 5. K—B2, P x Kt ch. ; 6. K—K3, P x P and wins also.

Therefore White must play 2. K x Kt the game concluded illogically enough 2. . . . Kt—Kt4 ch. ; 3. K—B2, Kt x P ch. ; 4. K—K1, Kt—B3 ; 5. R—Kt1, P—B6 ; 6. Q—Q6 ?, P—B7 ch. ! ; 7. K—Q1, P x R (Q) ; 8. Q—K7 ch., K—Kt1 ; 9. Kt x Q, R x KtP ; 10. Q x Kt, R x Kt ; 11. Q—B2, R—R8 ; 12. Q—B6 and Black cannot escape the checks.

But if 2. . . . R—R6 ch. ! ; 3. B x R, R x B ch. ; 4. Kt—Kt3, P x Kt ; can all Black's threats be met ?

5. . . . P—Kt7 dis. ch. is the threat and if 5. K—Kt2, Kt—Kt4 ; 6. R—K1, R x P ch. (if 7. K x P, R—R6 ch. wins the queen) ; 7. K—B1, R—B7 ch. ; 8. K—Kt1, Kt—B6 ch. and wins.

But 5. Q—Q2 seems to hold the position. Therefore 4. . . . Kt—Kt4 ch. ; 5. K—Kt2, P x Kt and White seems powerless against 6. . . . B x P ch. ; 7. Q x B, Kt x Q ; 8. K x R, Kt—B7 ch. and Black wins the K and P ending easily.

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