

POSTAL CHESS 1974-75

This year's record entry of 104 provided many fighting encounters. One dazzling game won by Kenneth McAlpine was published in June.

With few exceptions play was brisk and most results came to hand on time, appreciated by the controllers, Messrs. Hislop and Partridge.

In the Championship Hugh Holmes (Newmacher) was a worthy winner. Richard Beecham (Prestwick) was second - a stubborn challenger with a record five years in the top class.

The "Postal Knight" went south again to George Sutton (Surrey), while Allan Thompson (Partick) won the "Postal Rook" after a close challenge by Josolyne (London) and Williams (Glasgow) who drew two most interesting marathons.

S.C.C.C. TROPHY RESULTS:-

H.D. Holmes 6/7; R. Beecham 4½; A.T. Hislop and A. McFadyen 4;  
I.S. Campbell 3; A.J. Lait 2; P.M. Jamieson (withdrew) and A.R.B. McKnight 0.

PREMIER LEADERS:-

P.41 A. Thompson 6; M. Fallone 5½; D. Finnie 5.  
P.42 B.B. Partridge 7½; A.B. Dunn 5½; J.F. Seyfried  
P.43 J. Gracie and R.M. Innes 6; K. Ponting 5.  
P.44 K.B. McAlpine 8; J. Vernon 6.  
P.45 A. Thomian (Ireland) 7½; J. Ward 4; P. Giulian 3½.

The nine players underlined above contest this year's S.C.C.C.

TROPHY.

MAJOR LEADERS:-

M.9 W. Perrie 7; R. Beacon 4.  
M.10 W.G. Brady 7½; K.H. Cholerton 5.  
M.11 W.E. Bruges 7; I. Mackintosh 6.  
M.12 I. Marshall 7; J.S. McCormack and D.G. McRoberts 5.  
M.13 R.P. Comrie 6½; R.A. MacBrayne 6.  
M.14 W. Kincaid 7; D. McCloy (Jnr.) 4.

All the above qualify for the PREMIER.

"POSTAL KNIGHT" CHAMPIONSHIP

G.L. Sutton 5½; W.B.T. Russell 4; R. Neilson 2½; G. Windram (withdrew) 0.

"POSTAL ROOK" CHAMPIONSHIP:-

A. Thompson (Partick) 4½; J. Williams 4; A.C. Josolyne 3½; R.E. Checkett 0  
Winners of the other Quartets:-

Q.39 <u>E.B. Blacklaws</u> and <u>K. Gordon</u> (tie)	Q.40 <u>I. Mackintosh</u>
Q.41 <u>I.A. Marks</u>	Q.42 <u>J. Lewis</u>
Q.43 <u>D.J. Savage</u>	Q.44 <u>D. McCloy (Jnr.)</u>
Q.45 <u>W. Munn</u> and <u>W. Wood</u> (tie)	Q.46 <u>M. Roberts</u>

INTERNATIONAL MATCH POSITION:-

SCOTLAND : 19 WALES 17 (with 4 games to finish.)

Full details in next issue.

The new Championship starts on 1st October 1975.

Entries for PREMIER and MAJOR are to be in by 8th October, SWISS by 15th October, and QUARTETS by 22nd October 1975.

Entries to B.B. Partridge, 20 Seres Road, Clarkston, Glasgow, G76 7QT, who will supply forms. S.A.E. please!

A game from the Welsh match - White: A.J. Lait; Black: J.A. James.

1. N-KB3 N-KB3; 2. P-KN3 P-KN3; 3. B-N2 B-N2; 4. P-Q3 P-Q3; 5. O-O O-O;  
6. P-B4 P-K4; 7. N-B3 N-B3; 8. R-N1 P-QR4; 9. P-QR3 R-K1; 10. P-QN4  
PXP; 11. PXP P-K5; 12. N-KN5 PXP; 13. PXP N-Q5; 14. N(3)-K4 NxN;  
15. NxN R-N1; 16. B-N5 P-KB3; 17. B-K3 N-B4; 18. B-Q2 P-QN4; 19. B-QB3  
B-K3; 20. P-B5 PXP; 21. NxQBP N-Q5; 22. BxN QxB; 23. NxB RxN;  
24. Q-N3 Black Resigns. 1-0.

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS GRADING LIST

Bernard Partridge introduced the popular quartet tournaments in season 1966/7 and the S.C.A. Correspondence Chess Championship commenced in season 1968/9. Altogether 223 competitors have taken part so far in the various tournaments but many have played insufficient games to be rated accurately. All with at least 10 games against other graded players appear in the following list. The gradings are marked with an asterisk until the player has 20 results against graded players when the rating should be accurate within 5 points.

R. Beecham	199	A.T. Hislop	194	J.B. Marshall	*176
G.H. Bird	*168	H.D. Holmes	*199	J.E. Marshall	*163
E.B. Blacklaws	*162	D.B.A. Hunter	*237	B.J. Martin	*172
W. Brack	*148	J.G.B. Jamieson	*155	V.A. Nye	*182
J. Bradley	*114	P.M. Jamieson	*210	B.B. Partridge	192
H.O. Brunjes	*131	W. Johnston	*197	A. Ponting	*222
I.S. Campbell	*199	A.G. Kirkland	*192	B. Sauve	*175
A.B. Dunn	183	A.J. Lait	176	A. Scrimgour	*199
E.A. Ellison	*191	R. Lawson	*195	G.L. Sutton	206
G. Ferguson	*122	J. McCracken	*125	A.W. Tuton	*164
R. Finlayson	*169	D. McDonald	*150	J.W. Vernon	172
J. Gibson	*162	A. McFadyen	*196	J. Ward	*139
Mrs. M.S. Hepburn	*172	D.G. McRoberts	*144	J.M. Williams	175
J.M. Herries	*138	C.W. Marshall	*194	G. Windram	158

As most competitors play only 6 or 8 games per season the main list will expand rather slowly. To stimulate further interest an additional supplementary list has been published. These players narrowly missed qualification for the main list but the grades should be treated as fairly inaccurate.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST

G.M. Anderson	160	J.A. Johnstone	194	J.N. McNeill	227
J.H. Atherton	169	J. Kelly	101	F.M. Mansfield	190
D. Canning	141	A.H. Kerr	153	I.A. Marks	150
A.G. Dawson	197	J.P.R. Kleboe	171	W. Munn	168
A. Dlugolecki	187	J.P. Lumsden	81	B. Norris	109
T. Docherty	101	R.A. McBrayne	124	H.C. Porterfield	176
A.J. Donaldson	118	D. McKerracher	174	J. Seyfried	167
Miss J.D. Ferguson	116	A. McKirdy	113	S.E. Sheppard	131
H.D. Gemmell	175	A.R.B. McKnight	166	J. Thomson	142
P. Giulian	192	B.R. McLeod	109		

A game from 1974/75 Championship White: A. McFadyen; Black: R. Beecham  
 1. P-K4 P-QB4; 2. N-KB4 P-Q3; 3. P-Q4 PXP; 4. NXP N-KD3; 5. N-QD3  
 P-QR3; 6. B-KN5 P-K3; 7. P-B4 QN-Q2; 8. Q-B3 Q-B2; 9. O-O-O P-QN4;  
 10. P-K5 B-N2; 11. Q-R3 PXP; 12. NXP PxN; 13. QXPch. B-K2; 14. BXP  
 PxB; 15. NXP Q-B3; 16. N-Q6ch. K-Q1; 17. PXP R-K1; 18. PXP PxP;  
 19. NxBch. QxN; 20. B-B4 QXPch. 21. KxQ B-R6ch. 22. K-N3 RxQ;  
 23. R-Q3 R-N3ch. 24. K-B4 R-B1ch. 25. K-Q5 R-B4ch. 26. K-K4 B-N7;  
 27. K-B3 B-K4; 28. B-K3 R(N3)-B3; 29. BxR RxB; 30. KR-K1 R-B2;  
 31. P-QR4 K-B1; 32. P-R5 N-B4; 33. R-Q8ch. K-N2; 34. R-N1ch. K-R3;  
 35. P-B4 KXP; 36. R-R8ch. Black Resigns. 1-0.