

POSTAL CHESS 1974-75

Interim Report (Abridged) at 20/6/75.

In the Scottish Correspondence Chess Championship, with one month to go, leaders are R. BEECHAM 4 out of 5; A.T. HISLOP 3/4; H.D. HOLMES 2½/3, I.S. CAMPBELL 2½/4.

The "Postal Knight" and "Postal Rook" Trophies are still undecided but some of the other Quartets show likely winners — in Q. 39 E.B. BLACKLAWS or K. GORDON; in Q. 41 I.A. MARKS or M. FALLONE. Q. 45 has already been won jointly by W. MUNN and W. WOOD.

Our Postal International against Wales has entered a tense stage — SCOTLAND 12 WALES 13 (with 15 games undecided)

The Premier and Major Sections (Championship qualifying tournaments of 55 players) have progressed rapidly. So far the winners are:—

Premier P. 42. — B.B. PARTRIDGE 7½/8;  
P. 43. — tied J. GRACIE and R.M. INNES 6/8,  
P. 44. — K.B.M. ALPINE 8/8,  
P. 45. — A. THOMSON (Ireland) 7½/8  
P. 41 is still very open, with 75% results in

In the Major there are no definite results yet, but 80% of results are in.

The following game is sharp and interesting with a Queen sacrifice on move 7 —

K. B. McALPINE	J. P. LUNSDEN				
White	Black				
1. P-K4	P-KN3	9. KNxN	RxP	17. N-Q5ch	K-K3
2. P-Q4	B-N2	10. QB-R6	KR-N1	18. N-B5ch	PxN
3. N-QB3	P-Q3	11. O-O-O	P-K4	19. KR-K1ch	B-K5
4. B-QB4	N-KB3	12. P-B4	PxP	20. RxBch	K-B4
5. Q-K2	N-B3	13. N-K4	P-KN4	21. N-K7ch	KxR
6. P-K5	NxQP	14. P-KR4	PxP	22. R-K1ch	K-Q5
7. PxN	NxQ	15. NxBP	B-B4	23. P-B3 mate.	
8. PxB	R-KN1	16. B-N5ch	K-K2		

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