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EDITORIAL
(by Alan Borwell)

News Bulletin No. 25/26
December 1987

Welcome to our Silver Jubilee edition - I hope members will like its new style! One of the penalties is that I will have to be brief to enable the Secretarial Notes to be printed in full. I would just like to say a special "thank you" to my wife Moira, who has helped me to produce every edition of the News Bulletin since its inception in January 1980.

SECRETARIAL NOTES (by Alan Hind)

Our new season has just started and we welcome all those new to our Association and hope they enjoy our tournaments.

The Controllers are, of course, the first point of contact for all competitors and I take this opportunity to mention a few basic rules (which some existing members would do well to follow!):

- The Controller and all opponents should be notified before any leave is taken.
- If withdrawal is by force of circumstances necessary, it should not be a "silent" withdrawal. It is only common courtesy to inform all relevant parties.
- All results should be forwarded to the Controller as soon as possible, complete with scorecard or score of game - even in the event of a withdrawal.

I would also like to emphasise two important rule changes:

1. Individual postcards are compulsory in the Championship and recommended in the other tournaments.
2. Notation is now preferably algebraic but can be descriptive by mutual agreement. If no agreement can be reached, international numeric must be used.

If you follow the above, I hope that you'll find it makes for an incident-free season and enjoyable games!.

CHAMPIONSHIP 85-87

CONTROLLER : D. SAVAGE

Nº		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	A. Mc GOWAN	●	½	½	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
2	G. R. SPROTT	½	●	0	½	½	0	0	0	1	1	1	4½
3	A. T. HISLOP	½	1	●	0	0	½	½	½	1	1	½	5½
4	B. MARTIN	1	½	1	●	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	8½
5	T. S. WICKENS	1	½	1	½	●	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
6	G. WOOD	1	1	½	0	0	●	1	0	1	0	0	4½
7	I. FREEMAN	1	1	½	½	0	0	●	1	1	0	0	5
8	T. G. JOHNSTON	0	1	½	0	0	1	0	●	1	1	½	5
9	I. THOMPSON	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	●	1	0	2
10	M. YIANNI	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	●	0	2
11	D. M. LIVIE	0	0	½	0	0	1	1	½	1	1	●	5

CANDIDATES 85-87

CONTROLLER : C. R. BEECHAM

Nº		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pt.
1	A. LUMSDEN	●	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 %
2	J. BISLAND	1	●	1	0	0	½	½	1	0	½	0	½	½	5½
3	Prof. G. H. BIRD	1	0	●	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	7
4	R. KILPATRICK	1	1	1	●	1	1	1	1	½	½	1	½	10½	
5	R. DICKSON	1	1	0	0	●	1	1	1	0	0	½	0	0	5½
6	I. MARSHALL	1	½	0	0	0	●	½	1	0	0	½	½	0	4
7	T. Mc MORRAN	1	½	0	0	0	½	●	1	1	0	0	1	1	6
8	J. SEYFRIED	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	●	0	0	0	0	0	1 %
9	W. McMILLAN	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	●	0	0	0	1	6
10	J. STEVENSON	1	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	●	½	1	1	10½
11	M. Mac LEOD	1	1	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	½	●	1	½	9½
12	D. HARVEY	1	½	0	0	1	½	0	1	1	0	0	●	0	5
13	D. MCKERRACHER	1	½	1	½	1	1	0	1	0	0	½	1	●	7½

CHAMPIONSHIP 86-88

CONTROLLER : D. G. McROBERTS

Nº		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pt.
1	C. R. BEECHAM	□			1		½			1	
2	Prof. G. H. BIRD		□		1	1		½		1	
3	M. A. HAMMETT			□	1	½		0	½		
4	B. MARTIN	0	0	0	□	1		1			
5	G. A. MORTON		0	½	0	□	0	1	½		
6	A. J. NORRIS	½				1	□	1			
7	G. D. PYRICH		½	1	0	0	0	□		1	
8	J. STEVENSON			½		½			□		
9	A. TANKEL	0	0					0		□	

Candidates 86-88

CONTROLLER : C. R. BEECHAM

Nº		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pt.
1	M. Dyer	□	½	1		1	½			½	½	½		1	
2	A. Hislop	½	□	1	½		1	½			½		0	½	
3	R. Innes	0	0	□		0		0	0	0	½		0	½	
4	T. G. Johnston		½		□						1	½	½		
5	R. Kilpatrick	0		1		□	1	1			½	1	½		
6	D. McKerracher	½	0			0	□		0		1			0	
7	I. Reeman		½	1		0		□		1	1			0	
8	D. R. Reid					1		□			1	1			
9	M. Ross	½		1				0		□		1			
10	J. M. T. Ryan	½	½	½	0	½	0	0	0		□	0		0	
11	Z. E. Sadowski	½			½	0			0	0	1	□	0	½	
12	G. R. Sprott		1	1	½	½						1	□		
13	G. E. Wallwork	0	½	½			1	1			1	½		□	

PREMIER TOURNAMENTS

CONTROLLER : T.S. WICKENS

No	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	AIRD				1/2	1	1	7 1/2
2	DICKSON	1/2	1/2		1/2	1	1 1/2	6 1/2
3	P.L. LUMSDEN	1/2	0	0	1/2	1	1	5
4	W. McINTYRE	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	5 1/2
5	Mrs MacMORRIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	J. HERRIFIELD	0	0	1	1	1	1	5 1/2

No	B	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	C.J.W. BEVERIDGE		1	0	0	0	1	3 1/2
2	M. HANLEY	0	1	1	1	1	1	7 1/2
3	Mrs M.E. LEASK	1	1	0	0	1	1	5
4	T. Mc MORRAN	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
5	McD.W. SMITH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	A.R. WILSON	1	1	1	1	1	1	8

No	C	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	P.L. LUMSDEN		0	0	0	1	1	1
2	P. McGOWAN	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
3	S.O. DORNELL	1	1	0	0	1	1	4
4	D.L. ROSS	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	4
5	R.E. ROUGH	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
6	K. SEYFRIED	1	1	1	1	1	1	7

No	D	1	2	3	4	5	
1	D. HARVEY		0	1	1	1	4
2	J.M. HERRIES	1	1	1	1	1	1 1/2
3	S. HILTON	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	2
4	M.J. MOONAN	0	1	1	1	1	6
5	A.D. PENMAN	1/2	1	1	1	1	5 1/2

QUARTETS 86/87 CONTROLLER : D.M. LIVIE

POSTAL KNIGHT

No	FINAL	1	2	3	4	
1	M.J. BIRD		0	0	0	0
2	B.B. HILL	0	0	0	0	w/o
3	G.W.G. LIVIE	1	1	1	1	5 1/2
4	T. Mc MORRAN	1	1	1	0	4 1/2

No	Q 123	1	2	3	4	
1	J.G. BLENCOWE		1	0	0	2 1/2
2	D.L. GILLESPIE	0	1	1	1	3 1/2
3	S. HILTON	1	1	1	1	4 1/2
4	C. Mac GREGOR	0	1	0	1	1 1/2

No	Q 125	1	2	3	4	
1	P.J. JACKSON		1	1	0	1 1/2
2	T. Mc KINLAY	1/2	1/2	0	0	1
3	M.J. MacLEOD	1	1	1	1	5 1/2
4	I. MASON	1	1	1	1	4

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

CONTROLLER : G.W.G. LIVIE

No	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	A. CROCKETT		0	0	1	1	0	6
2	A.F. HOGG	1	1	1	1	0	1	7
3	J. Mc MENEMY	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
4	J.M. NOBLE	0	0	1	1	1	1	6 1/2
5	E. THOMPSON	1	1	0	1	1	1	5 1/2
6	G. WALLIS	0	0	1	1	1	1	5

No	B	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	S.R. CAPSEY		0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	4
2	S.D. DOHERTY	1	1	1	1	1	1	7 1/2
3	B.W. GRANT	1/2	1/2	0	0	1/2	1/2	3
4	T. Mc KINLAY	0	0	0	0	1	1	10
5	I.W.S. MITCHELL	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	6 1/2
6	L. STEPHENSON	1/2	1	1	1	0	1	6 1/2

No	C	1	2	3	4	5	
1	J.M. FALCONER		1	1	1	1	7
2	J.M. GARVOCK	0	0	1	1	1	2 1/2
3	P.J. JACKSON	0	1	1	1	1	4
4	I. SNEEDON	0	1	1	1	1	4
5	A. WILSON	0	0	1	1	0	2 1/2

No	D	1	2	3	4	5	
1	N.W. CHALMERS		1	1	1	1	7
2	W. GREEN	0	0	1	1	0	1
3	T. HALL	0	0	1	1	1	3
4	W. Mc GLINCHEY	0	1	1	1	1	2
5	P.T. MOIR	1	1	1	1	1	7

POSTAL SHIELD

No	FINAL	1	2	3	4	
1	S. ADAMS		0	0	1	2
2	T. CRAIG	1	1	1	1	5 1/2
3	K. GORDON	1	0	0	1	3
4	J. WATSON	1/2	1/2	0	0	1 1/2

No	Q 124	1	2	3	4	
1	A.G.E. BIRD		1	1	1	4 1/2
2	W. CAMERON	0	1	1	1	4
3	J.M. GARVOCK	0	1	1	1	3 1/2
4	J. Mc MENEMY	0	0	0	0	w/o

No	Q 126	1	2	3	4	
1	P. FERRY		1	1	1	5 1/2
2	M. HANLEY	0	0	0	1	2
3	M. MITCHELL	0	1	1	1	3 1/2
4	D. Mc ADAM	0	0	0	1	1

No	Q 127	1	2	3	4	
1	C.A. JACKSON					
2	E. WOOD					
3	J.J. BRADY					
4	A. Mc LELLAN					

OPENINGS TOURNAMENTS 1986-7

(by Alan Hind)

Section OT1 (Dutch-Staunton)

No	1	2	3	Pts	Pos
1	J.G. Blencowe	1	0	1	2
2	H.L. Küün	0	1	3	1
3	M.J. MacLeod	1	0	1	2

Section OT2 (Dutch-Staunton)

No	1	2	3	Pts	Pos
1	J. Kelly	0	0	1	3
2	Mrs M.E. Leask	1	1	2	2
3	G. Wood	1	1	3	1

Section OT3 (Sokolsky)

No	1	2	3	4	Pts	Pos
1	S. Hilton	1				
2	S. King-Spooner		1			
3	W. McGlinchey			1	1	
4	J. Watson		0	0		

Section OT4 (Alekhine's Defence)

No	1	2	3	Pts	Pos
1	S. Hilton	1			
2	M. MacLeod		1		
3	J. Pearston			1	

Openings Tournaments for 1987-88 are now commencing with Birds-From Gambit and further sections will be started during the season using other popular themes.

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT (by Allan Hislop)

Five prizes in the Handicap this season have been won by:

P. McGowan, P.J. Jackson, K. McKenzie, J. Watson and A. Swann.

The following promotions took place:

A. Swann, G. Wallwork and A. Wilson to Class One
 P.J. Jackson to Class Two
 K. McKenzie to Class Three
 W. McGlinchey and J. Watson to Class Four
 J. Kelly and P. McGowan to Class Five

Congratulations to the prizewinners and to those promoted.

I should like to remind players in the Handicap that they must play at least eight games and at least three opponents in a season to be eligible for a prize.

SCOTTISH CCA LEAGUE 1986/87

Controller: Ken Gordon

Chess Suppliers "A" regained the Championship ahead of holders, The Establishment. They both finished well ahead of the field, who battled for the relegation places, with Falkirk RSVP and Perth Correspondents making the drop! The powerful Streatham & Brixton line-up duly clinched Division 2 ahead of Kirkcaldy, who regain Division 1 status. In Division 3, Crowwood were the winners, with a tie for second between Black Knight and Paisley (YMCA). Irvine and Chess Suppliers "C" will advance from Division 4, with Castlehill and The Endgame the promoted teams from Division 5.

DIVISION 1

A THE ESTABLISHMENT 6½	B PERTH CORRESPONDENTS 3	C CATHCART "A" 4½
1 T J Craig ½ ½ v E1	1 A P Borwell ½ ½ v D1	1 A Grant ½ 0 v F1
2 T S Wickens 1 ½ v D2	2 I Mackintosh 0 ½ v C2	2 A McGowan 1 ½ v D3
3 C R Beecham ½ 0 v C3	3 A Kennedy 0 0 v F3	3 A T Hislop 1 ½ v A3
4 K Fryer 1 ½ v B4	4 J Falconer ½ 0 v A4	4 D McRoberts 0 0 v H4
5 A Hind 1 1 v F5	5 I V B Mitchell 1 0 v E5	5 J G O'Donnell ½ ½ v D5
D FALKIRK RSVP 3½	E CHESS SUPPLIERS "A" 8	F BRUTAL REALISM 4½
1 J McLay ½ ½ v B1	1 A J Shaw ½ ½ v A1	1 M Ross 1 ½ v C1
2 G Hamilton ½ 0 v A2	2 G V G Livie 1 1 v F2	2 B Keenan 0 0 v H2
3 M Webster 0 0 v E3	3 D Livie 1 1 v D3	3 P Coffield 1 1 v B3
4 A Thomson ½ ½ v F4	4 L R McKenzie 1 1 v C4	4 S Murray ½ ½ v D4
5 J Desmond ½ ½ v C5	5 M Dyer 0 1 v B5	5 A Thomson 0 0 v A5

DIVISION 2

A DREGHORN 4	B CHESS SUPPLIERS "B" 4	C KIRKCALDY 6½
1 G McPeake 0 0 v E1	1 I Thompson 0 0 v D1	1 G Fyrich 1 ½ v F1
2 C MacFab 1 0 v D2	2 J McIntyre 0 0 v C2	2 D H Dempster 1 1 v H2
3 S Clark 0 1 v C3	3 J Carlin 1 1 v F3	3 I Marshall 1 0 v A3
4 F Park 0 0 v B4	4 D Nell 1 1 v A4	4 J J Webster 0 0 v H4
5 I Sneddon 1 1 v F5	5 M Hanley 0 0 v E5	5 M C Grayson 1 1 v D5

D FORTH KNIGHTS 5½	E STREATHAM & BRIXTON 9	F CUMBERNAULD ROOKIES 7
1 S Gilmour 1 1 v B1	1 C A MacFab 1 1 v A1	1 I Marks ½ 0 v C1
2 J P Watson 1 0 v A2	2 A J Morris 1 ½ v F2	2 I MacKay ½ 0 v H2
3 S Rettle 0 ½ v E3	3 S R Gillam ½ 1 v D3	3 H Peffer 0 0 v B3
4 R Rough 1 1 v F4	4 R A Inglis 1 1 v C4	4 F Davis 0 0 v D4
5 B Currie 0 0 v C5	5 M Inglis 1 1 v B5	5 C Follock 0 0 v A5

DIVISION 3

A GLASGOW 4½	B BLACK KNIGHT 5½	C PAISLEY (YMCA) 5½
1 S R Mannon ½ ½ v E1	1 B Martin ½ ½ v D1	1 K Beaton 1 1 v F1
2 K V C Stewart 0 0 v D2	2 G Wood 0 0 v C2	2 M McBeth 1 1 v B2
3 C H Brisebois 1 1 v C3	3 I Reeman 1 0 v F3	3 R Cochrane 0 0 v A3
4 T Russell ½ 0 v B4	4 T Johnston 1 ½ v A4	4 G Reid 1 ½ v E4
5 J Vard 0 1 v F5	5 G Spratt 1 1 v B5	5 A Cowan 0 0 v D5
D CROWWOOD 7	E STRATHCLYDE UNIVERSITY 4½	F PAVE PUSHERS 3
1 J B Henderson ½ ½ v B1	1 M MacLeod ½ ½ v A1	1 K McDonald 0 0 v C1
2 J Stevenson 1 1 v A2	2 J Shaw 0 1 v F2	2 S Hilton 1 0 v E2
3 J Doyle 0 0 v E3	3 M Moohan 1 1 v D3	3 S Doherty 1 0 v B3
4 A Maxwell 1 1 v F4	4 D Gourlay ½ 0 v C4	4 J Garvock 0 0 v D4
5 D L Gillespie 1 1 v C5	5 J McRoberts 0 0 v B5	5 T Mason 1 0 v A5

DIVISION 4

A REAL TELECOM 1½	B DALMUIR "A" 5	C HANGOVER FR KNIGHTS AT THE PUB 5
1 R Dickson ½ 0 v E1	1 I Aird 0 1 v D1	1 R Lothian 1 ½ v F1
2 S Brady 0 0 v D2	2 M McGinley 0 0 v C2	2 T Blake 0 0 v B2
3 J Burns 0 0 v C3	3 R McDermott 0 0 v F3	3 J Ross 1 1 v A3
4 E Coccozza 0 0 v B4	4 D McAdam 1 1 v A4	4 G Argo ½ ½ v E4
5 S Phillips 0 1 v F5	5 J McCartan 1 1 v E5	5 S Nelson ½ 0 v D5
D IRVINE 8½	E WANDERING DRAGONS 2½	F CHESS SUPPLIERS "C" 5½
1 J Anderson 0 1 v B1	1 S Gowland 1 ½ v A1	1 M E McGhee ½ 0 v C1
2 D Gillespie 1 1 v A2	2 C Donkin 0 0 v F2	2 P McGowan 1 1 v E2
3 T Barrett 1 1 v E3	3 M Clapperton 0 0 v D3	3 G Wallis 1 1 v B3
4 G King 1 1 v F4	4 M Kelly ½ ½ v C4	4 V B Duff 0 0 v D4
5 J Shankland 1 ½ v C5	5 D E V Foots 0 0 v B5	5 A Duff 1 0 v A5

DIVISION 5

A ALLOA 3	B CASTLEHILL 8½	C DALMUIR "B" 2
1 P Borkowski ½ 0 v B1	1 D Reid 1 ½ v A1	1 W McGlinchey 0 0 v D1
2 J Gilchrist ½ 0 v D2	2 R J P Kynoch 1 1 v C2	2 M Devine 0 0 v B2
3 A Scott 1 1 v C3	3 D A Gibb 1 0 v D3	3 M Alexander 0 0 v A3
4 A Cook 0 0 v C4	4 K J Rose 1 1 v D4	4 A Tyrrell 1 1 v A4
5 P Strain 0 0 v D5	5 C A MacGregor 1 1 v C5	5 E Kenny 0 0 v B5

D THE ENDGAME 6½
1 M Mitchell 1 1 v C1
2 P Ferry 1 ½ v A2
3 G Grant 1 0 v B3
4 H L Kuun 0 0 v B4
5 R T Fisher 1 1 v A5

The signs are good for the 1987/88 season with another record number of teams and a battle royal in prospect for the Championship between Chess Suppliers, The Establishment and Streatham & Brixton - full details in our next issue.

SCOTTISH CENTENARY CUP - Semi-finals.

No	Section 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pt.	Pl.
1	D. Neil	<input type="checkbox"/>		1	1					
2	R. Brownsord		<input type="checkbox"/>	1						
3	E. Davis	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	W	D
4	A.W.I. Campbell	0		1	<input type="checkbox"/>		0			
5	A.G.E. Bird			1		<input type="checkbox"/>				
6	V.W. Griffiths			1	1		<input type="checkbox"/>			
7	Dr. A. Tankel			1				<input type="checkbox"/>		

No	Section 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pt.	Pl.
1	D. Quinn	<input type="checkbox"/>			0					
2	E. Wood		<input type="checkbox"/>		1/2					
3	S.C. Crowdy			<input type="checkbox"/>	0					
4	M. Thomas	1	1/2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>		1	1		
5	E. J. Smith					<input type="checkbox"/>		1/2		
6	B. J. Martin				0		<input type="checkbox"/>	1		
7	M. Dyer				0	1/2	0	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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1	R. Beacon	<input type="checkbox"/>			1			0		
2	A.E. Dearlove		<input type="checkbox"/>		1			0		
3	J. Copley			<input type="checkbox"/>	1		1/2	1/2		
4	A. Mukherjee	0	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	W	D
5	M. MacLeod				1	<input type="checkbox"/>				
6	I. Mac Kay			1/2	1		<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2		
7	A. Muir	1	1	1/2	1		1/2	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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1	D. Harvey	<input type="checkbox"/>	0		1/2	0		1/2			
2	L. Langstaffe	1	<input type="checkbox"/>		1		1/2	1			
3	P. Tibbert			<input type="checkbox"/>				1			
4	D.L. Gillespie	1/2	0		<input type="checkbox"/>		1/2	1/2	1/2		
5	V.W. Griffiths	1				<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1/2			
6	D.I. Ross		1/2		1/2	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2			
7	S. Whitehead	1/2	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	<input type="checkbox"/>	1/2	2 1/2	
8	D. Quinn				1/2		1/2	<input type="checkbox"/>			

CHAMPIONSHIP 87-89 Controller: D Savage

No.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1	A T HISLOP	●									
2	T G JOHNSTON		●								
3	R KILPATRICK			●							
4	D M LIVIE				●						
5	G W G LIVIE					●					
6	M MacLEOD						●				
7	G D PYRICH							●			
8	A J SHAW								●		
9	G R SPROTT									●	

CANDIDATES 87-89 Controller: C R Beechan

No.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1	I AIRD	●									
2	C BOYLE		●								
3	I S CAMPBELL			●							
4	M DYER				●						
5	D HARVEY					●					
6	P McGOWAN						●				
7	I A MARKS							●			
8	M MOOHAN								●		
9	A R WILSON									●	

PREMIER TOURNAMENTS

Controller: T S Wickens

A	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 KM FRYER	●					
2 DL GILLESPIE		●				
3 S GOWLAND			●			
4 JPL LUMSDEN				●		
5 J MERRIFIELD					●	
6 L STEPHENSON						●

B	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 CTW BEVERIDGE	●					
2 JH DAY		●				
3 DV GIBBS			●			
4 S HILTON				●		
5 Mrs ME LEASK					●	
6 JW McINTYRE						●

C	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 BW CHALMERS	●					
2 M HANLEY		●				
3 MJ McBETH			●			
4 A PENMAN				●		
5 K SEYFRIED					●	
6 IP WHITTAKER						●

D	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 WI CRAIG	●					
2 PB GRANT		●				
3 J HERRIES			●			
4 MM KING				●		
5 PJ MOIR					●	
6 ZE SADOWSKI						●

E	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 R DICKSON	●					
2 A DOCHERTY		●				
3 JN FALCONER			●			
4 RJP KYNOCH				●		
5 A MAXWELL					●	
6 I WILSON						●

Entries to Quartets can be made at any time to Alan Hind. New sections will be formed when there are four new players awaiting pairings.

QUARTET FINALS

Controller: M. Dyer

POSTAL KNIGHT

Final	1	2	3	4
1 S HILTON	●			
2 MJ MacLEOD		●		
3 K GORDON			●	
4 AWI CAMPBELL				●

POSTAL SHIELD

Final	1	2	3	4
1 AGE BIRD	●			
2 P FERRY		●		
3 W CAMERON			●	
4 J6 BLENCOVE				●

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

Controller: G.W.G. Livia

A	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 G WALLIS	●					
2 E THOMPSON		●				
3 PJ JACKSON			●			
4 S MARTIN				●		
5 PJ CARROLL					●	
6 A ARMSTRONG						●

B	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 RJ BURRIDGE	●					
2 SR CAPSEY		●				
3 T THOMSON			●			
4 F HALL				●		
5 W HARPER					●	
6 G SNEDDON						●

C	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 JM MacARTHUR	●					
2 JM GARVOCK		●				
3 W McGLINCHEY			●			
4 T MASON				●		
5 I SNEDDON					●	
6 BW GRANT						●

D	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 C DONKIN	●					
2 J WARD		●				
3 J STOLLARD			●			
4 J TAYLOR				●		
5 J THORNTON					●	
6 H HARVEY						●

E	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 D SCOBIE	●					
2 A WILSON		●				
3 J CASSIDY			●			
4 J McMENEMY				●		
5 D COSGROVE					●	
6 R BIRRELL						●

F	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 G REID	●					
2 JS CAIRNEY		●				
3 IWS MITCHELL			●			
4 A McINTOSH				●		
5 WU MACKIE					●	
6 PCH WAUGH						●

QUARTETS

Controller: M. Dyer

Q128	1	2	3	4
1 J McCARTAN	●			
2 R STOKES		●		
3 NC BEASLEY			●	
4 GD PYRICH				●

Q129	1	2	3	4
1 RJ BURRIDGE	●			
2 J TAYLOR		●		
3 I SNEDDON			●	
4 JAW HENDERSON				●

Q130	1	2	3	4
1 CTW BEVERIDGE	●			
2 A McINTOSH		●		
3 J McCARTAN			●	
4 J EADIE				●

Q131	1	2	3	4
1 M COOPER	●			
2 WM GRANT		●		
3 R PELLIS			●	
4 Mrs S McMENEMY				●

SCOTTISH OPEN TOURNAMENT

Section 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 EE WRIGHT	●						
2 GE WALLWORK		●					
3 MB SQUIRES			●				
4 P ALCORN				●			
5 DE MARCH					●		
6 J PEARSTON						●	
7 A PROVOST							●

Section 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 GVG LIVIE	●						
2 AK CROMBLEHOLME		●					
3 R BIRRELL			●				
4 MJ SAMMONS				●			
5 M WELCH					●		
6 C TRINDER						●	
7 WI CRAIG							●

Section 5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 JD ACKERS	●							
2 PH TIBBERT		●						
3 J MERRIFIELD			●					
4 ZE SADOWSKI				●				
5 A HIND					●			
6 I MACKINTOSH						●		
7 GJ BALL							●	
8 M ROSS								●

Section 7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 T LALLY	●						
2 N DOWN		●					
3 WI CRAIG			●				
4 J WHITTAKER				●			
5 SP HUGHES					●		
6 GE WALLWORK						●	
7 BN GOHIL							●

Section 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 KJ KEADY	●						
2 F SPENCER		●					
3 CF BOYLE			●				
4 DG PARSONS				●			
5 A SWANN					●		
6 GE WALLWORK						●	
7 GA LITTLE							●

Section 4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 G KELLY	●						
2 B MARTIN		●					
3 EA BAILEY			●				
4 GA LITTLE				●			
5 W PRESTON					●		
6 DH RAMSEY						●	
7 D SALTER							●

Section 6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 D NEIL	●						
2 WR SHAW		●					
3 DH RAMSEY			●				
4 WD TAYLOR				●			
5 G SNEDDON					●		
6 PH TIBBERT						●	
7 D ROBERTS							●

Section 8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 R MUSGRAVE	●						
2 P MARTIN		●					
3 P CASSAR			●				
4 RUM BAXTER				●			
5 R BURNS					●		
6 N DOWN						●	
7 JG O'DONNELL							●

Section 9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 HW STANLEY	●						
2 SP HUGHES		●					
3 J COPLEY			●				
4 GD PYRICH				●			
5 PF MUNRO					●		
6 MA WETTON						●	
7 N KILGARIFF							●

Section 11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 C HAGGART	●						
2 PF MUNRO		●					
3 J WATSON			●				
4 A KILGARIFF				●			
5 D HARVEY					●		
6 L STEPHENSON						●	
7 S HILTON							●

Section 13	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 GR NIXON	●						
2 N CHARALAMBOUS		●					
3 D MACCOBY			●				
4 K McCLELLAND				●			
5 W McGLINCHEY					●		
6 J LAUTON						●	
7 CH BICKLEY							●

Section 15	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 A DOCHERTY	●							
2 V DILWORTH		●						
3 P ALCORN			●					
4 AW McLENNAN				●				
5 W CAMERON					●			
6 R WDOVIK						●		
7 MA KEADY							●	
8 T HALLIWELL								●

Section 10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 K MCKENZIE	●							
2 S ADAMS		●						
3 S HILTON			●					
4 WV MACKIE				●				
5 J TIMPERLEY					●			
6 DA FENNELLY						●		
7 K McCLELLAND							●	
8 EC DUCKWORTH								●

Section 12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 K MULLEN	●						
2 IDC ALEXANDER		●					
3 DA FENNELLY			●				
4 K GORDON				●			
5 CP BOTHAM					●		
6 TJ HOLMES						●	
7 J LUMSDEN							●

Section 14	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 RG WALKER	●						
2 PG WILDIG		●					
3 R WDOVIK			●				
4 J LUMSDEN				●			
5 M MacLEOD					●		
6 A HUNGERFORD						●	
7 D MACCOBY							●

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SCOTTISH CENTENARY INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

With only 12 games to be completed, an exciting finish is in prospect with 6 players still in contention for first place. Henrik Sørensen (DK) has concluded his games with an excellent 9 pts, only half a point short of the GM title - we send him our congratulations and commiserations.

His score has already been exceeded by Douglas Bryson who has 9½ pts (1), with "expectations" from his remaining game against Prof. Dr. W. Sagorowski (SU), who currently has 5 (5). Both Simon Webb 8½ (2) and Nigel Povah 7½ (2) from England, Bero Hintikka (Fin) 9 (2) and Volker Anton (DDR) 9½ (1) can reach or exceed Douglas's current score.

Congratulations to Karl Strand (Nor) who completed his remaining game and reached the 7 pts norm for his IM title, which was duly awarded in Bloemendaal.

Nº		SCOTTISH CENTENARY	NATION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	POINTS
1	IM	POVAH N.E.	GBE	1	1/2	1/2	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1			
2	GM	NAPOLITANO M.	ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	GM	BERTA M.	YUG	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0		
4	IM	STRAND K.	NOR	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	7	IM
5	IM	STERNØ E.	NOR	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0		
6	IM	ANTON V.M.	DDR	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	GM
7	GM	VUKCEVIC B.	YUG	1	1/2	1/2	1	0	1/2	0	1	1/2	1/2	1	0	1	0		
8	GM	DIACONESCU P.	ROU	0	1	1	0	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
9	IM	HINTIKKA E.	FIN	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1/2	1/2		
10	GM	SAGOROWSKI Prof. Dr. W.	SU	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
11	IM	SØRENSEN H.	DK	1	1	1	1/2	1	0	1/2	1	0	1/2	1	0	1	1/2	9	
12	IM	BOHAK J.	YUG	0	1	0	1/2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
13	GM	WEBB S.	GBE	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	0		
14	IM	FOLDI Dr. J.	HUN	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2		
15	IM	BRYSON D.M.	GBS	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	1			

A Tournament Book is being written by Alan Borwell and John Hawkes to commemorate Scotland's first international correspondence event, which began in the Scottish Chess Centenary Year (1984). It is expected that the event will be finished during 1988, with the book being available early in 1989.

ICCF CONGRESS 1987 - NETHERLANDS (by Alan Borwell)

The 1987 ICCF Congress was held in Bloemendaal, which is the garden suburb of Haarlem, about 20 miles from Amsterdam. George Livie and I attended the meetings during the period 5th to 13th September 1987 and this report covers the main issues discussed and those matters which had a Scottish interest.

The Nederlandse Bond van Correspondentieschakers (NBC) organised the Congress and also a day trip to the Zaanse Schans. We went through a series of locks and canals to an area famous for its windmills and local craft centres, including clog and cheese making.

Representatives from the following countries attended the Congress:- Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, England, Finland, France, East Germany, West Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Rumania, Scotland, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, and USSR, with a total of 46 delegates at the meetings.

At the Opening of the Congress, ICCF President Hans Werner von Massow (BRD) welcomed the record number of delegates and thanked the NBC, its President Leo Diepstraten and ICCF Vice-President, Henk J. Mostert, for organising this year's event. This was the fourth occasion that ICCF meetings had been held in the Netherlands (previously in 1956 and 1959 in Amsterdam, and 1972 in Arnhem). The President then referred to many famous Netherlands chess officials, going back to the first international correspondence chess tournament organised in 1928 by Dr. Werestschagin.

The idea of a World Correspondence Chess Championship had first been suggested by Dr. Aljechin in 1937 and Dr. A. Rueb of the Netherlands was very much involved in the development of international correspondence chess just before the 2nd World War. Herr von massow referred to the work and friendship of Dr. Euwe, World Champion and President of FIDE, and also Ms. Ineke Bakker, who was FIDE General Secretary for many years.

Although relationships with FIDE had deteriorated in more recent times, particularly by its "unfriendly gesture" in not supporting the ICCF request for membership of UNESCO, it was reported that the FIDE President, F. Compomanes had now written to UNESCO, supporting ICCF's application.

The President then asked the delegates to stand in silence to the memory of five very important World Correspondence Chess friends who had died during the last year:-

- **Jean Louis Ormond** (Switzerland)
ICCF President 1951-53
- **Dr. Armando Silli** (Italy)
Founder of the Italian Federation, ASIGC
- **Dr. Jakob Estrin** (Soviet Union)
7th World Correspondence Chess Champion 1972-76
- **Hans-Joachim Heitmann** (BRD)
ICCF Arbiter and West German Chess Organiser
- **Karl-Heinz Boese** (BRD)
Controller of World CC Championships since 1965

Herr von Massow concluded by referring back to the 1985 Congress held in Peebles when he announced that he would retire from the ICCF Presidency in 1987, after almost 30 years in office. His nomination for his successor in Peebles had been Henk J. Mostert of the Netherlands and he was very pleased that there was only one nomination - he also referred to the ICCF motto adopted in Scotland of "Amici sumus".

In the Report of the General Secretary, Henk Mostert reported that a proposal had been received from Sweden for Honorary Membership to be accorded to ICCF Auditor, Harry Ahman. This was proposed by the President and supported with acclamation by all delegates. The General Secretary had received an application for ICCF membership from Andorra and this was agreed - the 63rd member country.

Gold and silver Bertl von Massow medals were then presented to officials who had given 15 years and 10 years meritorious service to ICCF as follows:

Gold Medals

P.E. Ekblom (SF), S. Kania (PL), E. Nuutilainen (SF), R. Wikman (SF) and E. Winkler (DDR)

Silver Medals

R. Berthelsen (N), H. Brusila (SF), J. Bodis (F), Dr. T. Bullockus (US), P.E. Ekblom (SF), R. Feytens (NL), N. Jungreiss (ISR), T. Peretjatkowicz (PL), G.C. van Perlo (NL) and A.A. van't Riet (NL).

Then followed the reports of the World, European and Thematic Tournament Directors. The main points arising were:

- The ICCF World Cup III had been won by N. Rabinowitsch (SU)
- The Final of World Cup V was commencing with 11 qualifiers.
- 3604 players had entered World Cup VI/VII (in memoriam Bertl von Massow), being organised by the Polish Federation.
- The 2nd European Team Tournament Final and 3rd European TT Preliminaries would be terminated on 30.12.87.
- The 3rd European TT Final and 4th European TT Preliminaries would be announced in March 1988, with a closing date of 30.6.88. Groups to be decided at the ICCF Praesidium in Denmark in August 1988, with start date of 15.10.88 or 1.11.88.
- The 1st Ladies European Championships began in June 1987 with 50 players from 15 countries playing in 5 groups. The top three in each group will play in the Final. (Scotland's representative is Rosie Giulian)

There were reports from the Tournament Bureaux from English-America, Anglo Pacific and Latin America. The report of the ICCF Liaison Officer to FIDE was largely concerned with discussions with FIDE on the UNESCO issue.

In my report as ICCF Treasurer, I presented audited accounts for the year 1986 and included a number of new proposals for the future. It was agreed by Congress to fix a maximum membership fee per country of Sw.Fr. 3000, and also to obtain fees for invitation events approved by ICCF, at 5 sw.fr. per player, not to exceed a total of 25 sw.fr. for team events - both from 1.1.88.

The Auditor's report commented favourably on the accounts presented and Mr. Ahman proposed the adoption of the accounts for 1985 and 1986 (only the 2-yearly Congresses approve ICCF accounts).

In the report of the Telechess Committee, it was indicated that a 3rd Telechess Olympiad had attracted positive interest from 7 countries so far, including Scotland.

The report of the Qualifications Committee contained the following main points of interest:

- The title of Ladies GM will be considered when there are 200 ladies in the ICCF rating list.
- Tournament title norms were approved for various invitation events being organised by member countries.
- The draw was made for the 3/4 Final of XIV World Championship. There will be 3 groups each with 15 players.
- The Semifinals of the XVII World Championship would begin shortly with 7 groups, probably each of 15 players. Scotland's nomination for this event is Alan Norris.

- There were 4 new GMs, 19 new IMs and 6 new Arbiters, as follows:

Grandmaster: V.M. Anton (DDR), O. Ekebjærg (DK)
H. Handel (DDR), H. Heemsoth (BRD)

International Master: G. Ballon (NL), B. Bieluczyk (PL),
R. Fagerström (S), F. Finocchiaro (I)
A.A. Idema (NL), A.G. Iwanow (SU)
H. Keller (BRD), A. Laurencena (AR),
V. Maes (B), J. Marcinkiewicz (PL),
R. Oechslein (BRD),
J. Pereira dos Santos (P)
A. Preinfalk (YU), L. Radulow (BG),
L. Rubinschik (SU), M.N. Sher (SU),
D.L. Stoll (CA), K.W. Strand (N),
R. Wikman (SF)

Arbiter: D.R. Adamson (US),
M. Müller-Töpler (BRD),
L.L. Yance Ramirez (CU)
A. Rott (SU)
H.W. van Lieshout (NL)
A.A. van't Riet (NL)

There was a brief report from the Documentation Committee about progress with the ICCF Handbook and the new ICCF Rating List was adopted, containing the following names and ratings at 31.12.86:

World's Top Players

1	Dr J Penrose (GBE)	2700	10	A E Deuel (SU)	2625
2	D P Lapienis (SU)	2695	11	V M Anton (DDR)	2615
3	L M C P Santos (P)	2690	12=	A I Chasin (SU)	2610
4=	E Bang (DK)	2650		A I Michailow (SU)	2610
	J M Kotkow (SU)	2650	14=	Dr A S Hollis (GBE)	2605
6	I A Kopilow (SU)	2640		M Gudjev (BG)	2605
7=	V Moltschanow (SU)	2630		H Rittner (DDR)	2605
	J Sloth (DK)	2630		U. Svensson (S)	2605
	S Webb (GBE)	2630	18	H Bouwmeester (NL)	2600

Scottish Ratings

1	D M Bryson	2565
2=	A J Norris	2470
	T S Wickens	2470
4	S R Gillam	2395
5	P M Giulian	2370
6	D A Kilgour	2365
7	G Morrison	2290
8	C R Beecham	2280
9	A P Borwell	2235
10	G D Pyrich	2230
11	A T Hislop	2160
12	D H Dempster	2115

Unsecured ratings

A Grant	(2380)
W P Watson	(2270)
D M Jenkins	(2260)
I S Campbell	(2215)
T J Craig	(2185)
A Tankel	(2115)

Ladies ratings

Mrs. E A Hartford 1950

One or two points to note are:

- Players with 20 recorded results will have ratings published (if over 2000), but require at least 30 results in the system to have "secured ratings".
- From 1.1.90, National Championships will only qualify for ICCF rating if at least 25% of players appear on the current ICCF rating list.
- Results for substitute players in team events are only valid for games which had not progressed beyond move 10 at the time of replacement.

Top English Ratings

1	Dr J Penrose	2700
2	S Webb	2630
3	Dr A S Hollis	2605
4	N B Povah	2570
5	M Prizant	2535
6	G H Davies	2525
7	M W Wills	2500
8	J Footner	2495
9	K B Richardson	2490
10=	C R Chandler	2440
	M J Read	2440
12	J Carleton	2435
13	J Toothill	2430
14=	F Boyd	2420
	P R Markland	2420
16	M Singleton	2405
	C W Shephard	2400

Top Welsh rating

1	P A Lamford	2345
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- Special tournaments will be arranged by ICCF in 1988 for players with $\frac{1}{2}$ IM norms. They will be sections of 11 players and countries will also be able to nominate other players, providing that they have a secured rating of at least 2400. Participants will be competing for title norms, but winners will also be eligible for next World Semifinals. (Currently Scotland has 4 players with $\frac{1}{2}$ IM norms, namely Ken McAlpine, Alan Norris, Graham Morrison and Tim Wickens).

The objective is for the necessary changes to be made to enable the new system for ICCF Rating and Title norms to be implemented from 1.1.89 and the 1988 ICCF Praesidium was given a proxy to approve, if appropriate, in Denmark next August.

To facilitate this process, it was necessary for joint meetings to be held between the Rules and Qualifications Committees and various important rule changes were agreed. A special article on these will be included in a future edition of the News Bulletin.

Under Tournament Arrangements there was great interest in the draw for Final X and Preliminaries XI for the next Olympiad. The winners of Final IX were the team competing as Great Britain - a really outstanding result and our congratulations go to the six English players, namely: Dr. Jonathan Penrose, Dr. Adrian Hollis, Simon Webb, John Footner, John Toothill and Chris Shephard.

Runners up were BR Deutschland, with Soviet Union in 3rd place.

It was agreed that, as one of the top three countries which automatically qualify for the next Olympiad Final, the team representing BPCF could compete as England.

The draw for Final X was then made as follows:

1	Italy	6	Finland
2	GB/England	7	Czechoslovakia
3	USSR	8	DDR
4	Poland	9	Netherlands
5	Norway	10	BRD

The XI Preliminaries were arranged into 4 groupings:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	
1	England	Czechoslovakia	DDR	USSR
2	Peru	Belgium	Austria	Italy
3	Andorra	Singapore	Luxembourg	Nicaragua
4	Panama	Argentina	Iceland	Rumania
5	Greece	Portugal	Bulgaria	Cuba
6	USA	Finland	Denmark	Switzerland
7	France	Brazil	Algeria	Ireland
8	Israel	Norway	BRD	Spain
9	Yugoslavia	Scotland	Canada	Sweden
10	Netherlands	Hungary	Wales	Poland
11	Australia	-	-	-

Scotland is one of the top rated teams in Group 2 - two teams from each group qualify for XI Final.

The election of office-bearers for ICCF takes place every four years and the new officials appointed at the Bloemendaal Congress were for the period 1.1.88 to 31.12.91. The new President, elected unanimously, will be Henk J. Mostert (Netherlands), relinquishing his previously held office of General Secretary. In view of the tremendous service which Hans-Werner von Nassow has given to ICCF and correspondence chess for over 60 years, it was decided to appoint him as ICCF's first Honorary President. This was warmly acclaimed by all delegates and friends at the Congress.

After many kind words had been expressed both for and by the new President and Honorary President, the other members of the ICCF Praesidium were appointed:

General Secretary: Ing. Paul Diaconescu (R)

Vice Presidents: J.F. Cleeve (CAN), F. Brglez (YU)
H. Rittner (DDR),
Prof Dr W. Sagorowsky (SU),
E. Larsson (S), C.G. Dieta (RA),
R. Lindroos (SF),
Dr J. Vãndorffy (H)

Treasurer: A.P. Borwell (GBS)

Tournament Director: R. Wikman (SF)

Liaison Office to FIDE: S. Kania (PL)

Auditor: H. Ahman

The next ICCF Praesidium was agreed for Aarhus, Denmark from 20-28th August 1988. Italy had withdrawn from hosting the 1989 Congress and negotiations were continuing with possible alternatives. The Praesidium in 1990 would be in DDR, and invitations for Congresses for 1991 Finland and 1993 Poland were also accepted.

With words of thanks to the Federation of Netherlands (NBC) and particularly to Messrs. L C M Diepstraten and H.J. Mostert, the President closed the 1987 Congress in Bloemendaal emphasising the ICCF motto "Amici sumus" ("We are friends").

Editor's postscript

Regrettably, once again, it was not possible to produce a full English version of the Minutes in Bloemendaal, but I hope the above report is sufficient for our members.

BOOK REVIEWS

LONDON-Leningrad CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES by Garry Kasparov

Published by Pergamon Press, translated by Kenneth Neat
Algebraic notation, paperback, £9.95

This is a translation of the World Champion's account of his 24-game match against Anatoly Karpov in 1986. Garry Kasparov's notes and observations are profound. When the English organisers awarded both players the "best games" prize for game 11 from the first 12 games, Karpov compared it with the "Statue of Venus". Kasparov considered that the quality of play by both players left something to be desired and observed that "if one supposes that for each mistake an arm was cut off the wonderful statue, then it would be more appropriate to put in its place the multi-arm Hindu God, Siva.....!"

The book provides a fascinating insight into the mind of a truly remarkable young man, who has not only great talent as a chess player, but also has an ability to express himself so freely as a human being.

COMPREHENSIVE CHESS ENDINGS (Volume 5 - Rook Endings) by Yuri Averbakh & Nikolai Kopayev

Published by Pergamon Press, translated by Kenneth Neat
Algebraic notation, paperback, £14.50

Dedicated to rook endings, this is the final volume of a superb five-part series. With an excellent blend of diagrams and text, the authors present a clear analysis of many intriguing rook endings.

To many players, the attraction of chess is in tactical play in the openings and middlegame. However, a systematic study of this book will reveal the infinite possibilities of positions with minimal material. Rook endings are to chess as piano sonatas are to music!

PLAY THE CATALAN - VOLUME 1 - OPEN VARIATION by Iakov Neishtadt

Published by Pergamon Press, translated by Kenneth Neat
Algebraic notation, paperback, £12.50

The opening moves 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 provide the basis for this series. The first volume deals with the continuation 3 ... d5 4 Bg2 dxc4, described as the "Open Variation". The Catalan Opening received its name from a tournament in Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia. Its main feature is White's early fianchetto to hinder Black's Q-side development.

This 244-page book is "neatly" presented with a sufficiency of diagrams, analysis and games references. The indexing is rather cumbersome (eg. 6.11222!) but it is logical. An Appendix includes "Recent Developments" which would have been easier to follow if they had been incorporated into the appropriate sections of the book.

A book for players of this "specialist opening" or for those who find it difficult to play against Queens Indian or Nimzo Indian Defences!

THE COMPLETE CHESS ADDICT by Mike Fox & Richard James

Published by Faber and Faber,
Algebraic notation, paperback, £5.95

This book is the ideal Christmas present for the less serious chess player and also for anyone who takes the game too seriously! The 264 pages are packed with useful and useless information about chess and chess players, eg. Why did a dog play for Brighton third team? Amongst the many anecdotes about the famous, ranging from Aladdin to Zatopek, you will find the sixty greatest chess games ever played.

An original, entertaining and well-presented book, which is very reasonably priced, with something for everyone, even though there are virtually no references to chess played in the oldest chess country in the British Isles!

Douglas Bryson continues his "exploits" in the following events:

**XIV World 3/4 Finals
Group 2**

1	V-M ANTON	DDR	GM	2615
2	D M BRYSON	SCO	GM	2565
3	W G RUCHLIN	SU	-	2475
4	J E STEINSAPIR	SU	-	2515
5	A P BODISKD	SU	-	2430
6	S PEDERSEN	DEN	IM	2550
7	C A BLANCO	BVA	-	2440
8	J GARRIGA	SPA	IM	2565
9	J SADOWOJ	SU	-	2330
10	L W TSCHEPURNDI	SU	-	2475
11	K J SORRI	FIN	GM	2510
12	M LECROQ	FRA	IM	2590
13	M N SHER	SU	IM	2500
14	G C VAN PERLO	NL	GM	2510
15	K J HARRISON	AUS	-	2335

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Commemorating Finland's CC Magazine**

1	F BAUMBACH	DDR	GM	2525
2	M PIUVA	FIN	-	2445
3	D M BRYSON	SCO	GM	2565
4	O KOSKINEN	FIN	GM	2430
5	J KONDALI	YUG	GM	2500
6	K H NIENHUIS	NL	IM	2430
7	K KAUNONEN	FIN	IM	2465
8	M GUDJEV	BUL	IM	2605
9	C MELEGHEGYI	HUN	IM	2555
10	S LETIC	YUG	IM	2345
11	N KARKER	BRD	IM	2440
12	E HINTIKKA	FIN	IM	2440
13	H BURGER	DDR	IM	2455
14	I A MOROZOV	SU	GM	2325
15	S RÄTY	FIN	-	2250

ICCF THEMATIC TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments for sections of 5-7 players, two games against each opponent. The top two players qualify for the final. The entry fee is £3.50 per group (payable to BPCF) to be sent to: Mr. A.M. Anderson, 3 Winterfield Gardens, Duns, Berwickshire, TD11 3EZ.

TT No. 1/88 BENKO GAMBIT
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5
Entries close 1.12.87.
Start 1.2.88.

TT No. 2/88 WINZO INDIAN
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4
Entries close 7.1.88.
Start 1.3.88.

TT No. 3/88 KINGS GAMBIT ACCEPTED
1 e4 e5 2 f4 exf4 3 Nf3 g5
4 Bc4 Bg7
Entries close 1.2.88.
Start 1.4.88.

TT No. 4/88 LATVIAN GAMBIT
1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 f5
Entries close 1.3.88.
Start 1.5.88.

TT No. 5/88 OLD INDIAN
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 d6 3 Nc3 Nbd7
Entries close 1.4.88.
Start 1.6.88.

TT No. 6/88 GIUOCO PIANO
1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6
4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 b5
Entries close 1.7.88.
Start 1.9.88.

**1985-7
SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP**
(by Philip Giulian)

The Championship started with a warm favourite in Tim Wickens. Like a seemingly increasing number of correspondence players, Tim does not play "over-the-board" chess, yet this does not seem to diminish the strength of his play. Already with an International Master ½ norm, Tim is hoping to gain the full title soon in the European Team Championship. In grading terms, his lead over his competitors meant that a score of 9½/10 was needed just to maintain his grading.

The most likely challenger was Alan McGowan, a relative newcomer to correspondence play. Despite his inexperience, Alan had played at a very high standard and his few correspondence games had given him a provisional rating of 2325. The only other competitor with a grading of over 2000 was Brian Martin at 2070. Brian is a rapidly improving player but the gap between him and Tim Wickens suggested that Brian was unlikely to upset the favourite. The remaining players were of approximately the same grading strength, with the exception of Douglas Livie who was about 100 points behind.

As expected, Tim Wickens was soon producing the wins. He was quite ruthless in many of his games but he had a considerable slice of luck in his game with Ian Thompson. At a crucial stage, Ian took a cessation of play and then resigned all his remaining games. At the time Tim held the advantage, but had Ian managed to hold on, then Tim would only have shared the title instead of winning it outright. (Editor - The full crosstable of results is on page 2).

Tim is a worthy champion as can be seen from the following games. The notes for the first are by Tim himself.

White: Tom Johnston
Black: Tim Wickens

10 d4 Bb7
11 a4 h6
12 Na3

Opening: Ruy Lopez (C92)

1 e4 Nc6

My preferred defence for the last few years. My game against Brian Martin went 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 dxe4 4 d5 Ne5 5 Bf4 Ng6 6 Nh3, with interesting and obscure complications, perfect for postal chess.

2 Nf3 e5
3 Bb5 a6
4 Ba4 Nf6
5 0-0 Be7
6 Re1 b5
7 Bb3 0-0
8 c3 d6
9 h3 Re8

Until last year I had been playing 9 ... Qd7 with good results in international play. My game against Tony McClelland last year, despite the result, convinced me it was time to move on. The game went: 10 d4 Re8 11 Nbd2 Bf8 12 a4 Bb7 13 Bc2 g6?! 14 d5 Ne7 15 b3 c6 16 c4 cxd5 17 cxd5 Nh5 18 b4 f5 19 exf5 Nxd5 20 fxg6 Nc3 21 Bb3+ Kh8 22 Qc2 Rac8 23 Qd3 e4 (0 - 1)

This has now transposed into a harmless, but drawish line of the Smyslov Variation.

12 Bf8
13 d5 Ne7
14 Nc2

The first of two remarkable knight regroupings.

14 c6
15 Nb4 cxd5
16 Nxd5 Nxd5
17 exd5 Nd7
18 Bc2 g6
19 g3

This neatly prevents f5 by Black (20 Nh4 Kh7 21 Nxc6) but leaves too many holes.

19 Nf6
20 Bb3 Qd7
21 Kh2 Bc8
22 Rh1

Another tactical defence but the rook will be tied here showing the poor side of 19 g3.

22 Qb7
23 Be3 Bd7

Black attempts to keep Queenside threats open whilst preparing for a pawn push on the Kingside.

24 a5 Kh7
25 Ng1 Ng8
26 Ne2 f5
27 Nc1 Nf6
28 Na2 Bg7
29 Nb4

With most of his pieces already on the best squares, White had found time to move to this excellent square. As White's Queenside counterplay is about to break, it is time to open up the Kingside.

29 Rf8
30 Qe1 f4

The first line opener; if 31 gxf4 Nh5 32 fxe5 Bxe5.

31 Bb6 Rae8
32 c4 Qc8
33 cxb5 Bxb3
34 bxa6 Ng4+

Rather than try to find a defence to Black's powerful attack, White has cleaned up the Queenside.

35 Kg1

If 35 Kxh3 f3 36 Rc1 Nxf2+ 37 Kh2 Qh3+ and mate.

35 fxg3
36 fxg3 Rf3
37 Ba4

If 37 Bd1 Rf1+ 38 Qxf1 Bxf1 39 Kxf1 Qc4+

37 Ref8



38 Bc6

If 38 Rxh3 Ne3, 39 Rh2 Qg4 40 Rg2 Nxc2 41 Kxg2 e4 42 Bd1 Be5 43 Bxf3 Rxf3 44 Ra3 Bxg3 and wins.

38 Qf5
39 Rxb3 Ne3
40 Bxe3

If 40 Rh2 Rf1+ and mates.

40 Qxh3
41 Bf2 e4

Threatening e3.

42 Ra3 Rxf2
43 Qxf2 Bd4

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White: D.M. Livie
Black: T.S. Wickens

Opening: English (A25)

1 c4 e5
2 Nc3 Nc6
3 g3 g6
4 Bg2 Bg7
5 e4

A set-up that used to be favoured by Botvinnik. 5 e4 shuts in the white squared bishop but it cramps Black's development and stakes a strong claim to the centre.

5 Nge7
6 Nge2 0-0
7 d3 d6
8 0-0 f5
9 Nd5 Be6

As far as I can find, this natural move is new to this position. The recommended plan for Black is h6 followed by an exchange of pawns and Bg4.

10 Rb1 Qd7
11 b4 Rae8
12 b5 Nd8
13 Ba3?

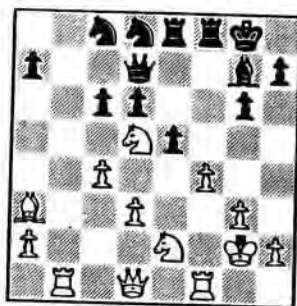
White goes for the immediate attack with the idea of c5. However, by omitting a4, it is easier for Black to undermine the White pawn chain.

With all these pawns on white squares, the bishop may be needed elsewhere. Better is 13 a4 or 13 Be3.

13 Nc8
14 f4 fxe4
15 Bxe4?

Better to keep control of the centre with dxe4. The move played also weakens the white squares around the king.

15 Bb3
16 Bg2 Bxg2
17 Kxg2 c6
18 bxc6 bxc6



19 Nb4?

Better is Nc3.

19 Nb6
20 fxe5? Rxf1+
21 Qxf1 Rf8
22 Qe1 Bxe5
23 Nc2 Qf5
24 Rb3 Nxc4!
25 dxc4 Qxc2
26 Resigns

Runner-up was Brian Martin who was playing perhaps the best chess of his career. As already mentioned, he was a little unlucky not to tie for the championship, but as it was he conceded only three draws. In the following two games, Brian rapidly disposes of two players whose over-the-board gradings are considerably higher than his. Notes are by Brian.

White: T.G. Johnston
Black: B. Martin

Opening: Ruy Lopez (C65)

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 Bb5 Nf6
4 0-0 Bc5

Now 5 d3 allows ... Nd4, and 5 c3 is the Classical Variation.

5 Nxe5 Nxe5

If 5 ... 0-0, 6 Nd3 Nxe4 7 Nxc5 Nxc5 8 d4 Ne4 9 d5 Ne7 10 Re1 Nf6 11 d6 gave a large plus to White in Duckstein-Miagmarsuren, Tel Aviv, Jan 1964. I prefer Black's text move to 5 ... Nxe4, which is another line.

6 d4

BCO gives now 6 ... c6 7 dxe5 Nxe4 8 Bd3 d5 9 exd6 Nf6 10 Bg5 Qxd6 11 Nc3 Be6 12 Bxf6 gxf6 13 Ne4 Qe5 14 Nxc5 Qxc5 15 Qf3+, quoting Shamkovich-Aronin, USSR, 1962, but there is another move.

6 a6

Spassky has been playing this in recent games.

7 dxe5

I expected 7 Be2 when I intended following the Chandler-Spassky, London 1984 game: ... Ba7 8 dxe5 Nxe4 9 Bd3 Qh4 10 Qf3 d5 11 exd6 Nxd6 12 Re1+ Be6 13 g3 Qh3 14 Nc3 0-0-0 15 Bf4 draw.

However, what about 7 Ba4!? which was Plaskett-Donchev, Plovdiv 1984? That continued 7 ... Nxe4 (7... Bd6 8 f4!) 8 Qe2! Be7 9 Qxe4 Ng6 10 f4+. But surely 9 ... Ng6 is just asking for trouble after White's f4.The knight can move elsewhere, I feel, and Black may be alright?

7 axb5
8 exf6 Qxf6
9 Kh1?!

So that he can advance the f-pawn, which is pinned at the moment, but neglecting his queenside development.

Ady-Spassky, London, 1984
 went 9 Nc3 c6 10 Qh5
 (10 e5 Qf5!, Psakhis-Spassky, Solingen, 1984)
 10 ... d6 11 Bg5 Qg6
 12 Qh4 h6 13 Bf4 b4,
 giving Black some initiative.

9 d6
 10 Qe2

I expected either 10 Nc3 or 10 f4. After the knight move, I'd have played 10 ... c6 11 f4 (if 11 Qh5 then Qg6 or if 11 Bd2 Be6) 11 ... Be6 and now if 12 f5 Bc4 13 Rf3 b4 14 Ne2 0-0. After 10 f4, I'd again have played ... Be6 and if (a) 11 f5 Bc4 12 Rf3 b4!; (b) 11 Qh5 Bc4 or even ... Rxa2; (c) 11 Rf3 Rxa2.

10 ... c6
 11 f4

My opponent was graded 2000 in England over-the-board, and I wondered nervously if castling short was castling "into it".

11 0-0
 12 Nd2

If he had played 12 e5, I'd have replied ... Re8! Or if 12 f5 Re8 threatening ... Bxf5! If 12 Nc3, I intended ... Be6 inviting 13 f5? Bxf5.

12 Re8

Good positions for both rooks. Now if I can just get the queen's bishop working....

13 e5

Hitting the queen at last and breaking the threat to b2.

13 Qg6

No need to take the pawn; he is more worried for its existence than I am.

14 Nb3

I expected 14 Ne4 Bg4 when the White queen is getting short of squares. But I may well have played 14 Bf5 instead.

14 Bb6
 15 h3

Rather weakening but he was obviously scared of Bg4.

15 Be6

Developing the last piece beautifully with the nice threat of ... Bc4. Of course if 16 ed?? BxN.

16 Nd2

Desperation - preventing ... Bc4.

16 dxe5
 17 fxe5 Bd5
 18 c4

Trying to deflect the bishop, or if ... bxc4 19 Nxc4. But ...



18 Rxe5!
 19 Resigns

A pity. I expected 19 Qg4, the only move, and I wanted the chance to play ... Rh5! Now if 20 Qxg6 ... Rxh3+ is mate. If 20 Qxh5 Qxg2+ mate. Or if 20 cxd5 Qxg4 wins the queen.

White: A. McGowan
 Black: B. Martin

Opening: Ruy Lopez (C65)

1 e4 e5
 2 Nf3 Nc6
 3 Bb5 Nf6
 4 0-0 Bc5
 5 c3 0-0
 6 d4 Bb6

Not 6 ... exd4 7 cxd4 Bb6
 8 e5 Ne8 9 d5 Ne7 10 d6!,
 or 8 ... Ne4 9 d5 Ne7
 10 Bd3.

7 Re1

White can also play 7 Bxc6
 7 dxe5, or 7 Bg5.

7 d6

7 ... exd4 is about equal.

8 Bg5 h6
 9 Bb4 Bg4?!

I have doubts about this move. Yudovich's book "Spanish without ... a6" gives a different move and a main line favourable to Black - 9 ... exd4 10 Bxc6 dxc3 11 Nxc3 bxc6 12 Qa4 Qd7! He says it is difficult to prove that White has sufficient compensation for the sacrificed pawn.

10 Bxc6 bxc6

According to ECO, White now plays 11 Nbd2, with advantage. But...

11 dxe5 dxe5
12 Qxd8?!

Nbd2 now perhaps?!

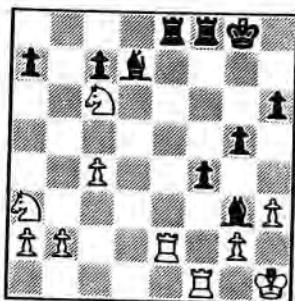
12 Raxd8
13 Nxe5 g5
14 h3?!

I expected 14 Bg3 Nxe4
15 Nxg4 f5 which I've seen in several books, looking good for Black. So we depart from "the book"

14 Be6
15 Bg3 Nxe4!
16 Kh2

If 16 Nxc6 Nxg3 17 Nxd8 Rxd8. Or if 16 Rxe4 Rd1+ 17 Kh2 f5 (A) 18 Ng6 fxe4 19 Nxf8 Kxf8 is good; (B) 18 Re2 f4 19 Bxf4 Rxf4 20 Rd2! (20 Nxc6 Bf5! wins) ... Rf1 21 Nd3 Re4 and now if 22 f3?! Bg1+ 23 Kg3 Re3.

16 Nxf2
17 Nxc6 Rde8
18 Na3 f5
19 Bxf2 Bxf2
20 Re2 Bc5
21 Rae1 Bd6+
22 Kh1 Bg3
23 Rf1 f4
24 c4 Bd7



White resigns?! A bit premature. However, after 25 Rxe8 Rxe8 (A) 26 Nxa7?! c6, the knight may now be trapped, so (B) 26 Nd4 may be better; but 26 ... c5 allows 27 ... Re2 next move, to be followed by ... Bc6.

Perhaps the most "exciting" player in the tournament was Graham Wood, who seemed determined to avoid draws at all cost. Already one of his wins was published in the News Bulletin last Christmas. Here is another, with notes by Graham.

White: G. Sprott
Black: G. Wood

Opening: QP Budapest (A50)

1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 e5

3 dxe5 Ng4
4 Nf3

Rather a quiet treatment of the Opening. More testing are e4, Bf4 or Qd5!

4 Bc5
5 e3 Nc6
6 a3 a5
7 b3 0-0
8 Nc3 Re8
9 Be2 Nxe5
10 Nxe5 Nxe5
11 0-0 d6
12 Bb2

So far this is all theory, assessed as better for White, but White's kingside is not as secure as at first appears.

12 Re6
13 Qd2 Rh6
14 g3??

Creates enormous holes on the white squares around the white king.

14 Qd7
15 h4 Qh3
16 Nd5 Ng4
17 Bxg4 Qxg4

Not 17 ... Bxg4 18 Nf4.

18 Nxc7 Rxh4
19 Rfd1 Bf5
20 Qd5 Bxe3

Also strong is 20 ...Be4
21 Qxe4 Qxe4 22 gxh4 Rc8
23 Nb5 Qxh4.



21 Be5

Alternatives seem to lose: (A) 21 Kf1 Be4 22 Qxe4 Qxe4 23 gxh4 Qf3; (B) 21 Nxa8 Qxg3+ 22 Qg2 Bxf2+ 23 Kf1 Bh3; (C) 21 Qxd6 Rh1+ 22 Kg2 Be4+; (D) 21 fxe3 Qxg3+, and the White king is too exposed.

21 Be4
22 Qxe4 Qxe4
23 gxh4 Rc8
24 Bxd6

Alternatives are (A) 24 fxe3 Qxe3+ 25 Kf1 Qxe5, or (B) 24 Rxd6 Qxe5 25 Rad1 Bc5.

24 Bd4
25 Nd5 Bxa1
26 Rxa1

If 26 Ne7+ Kh8 27 Nxc8 Qg4+ 28 K moves Qxd1.

26 Re8
 27 Bg3 Qd4
 28 Rb1 Qd3
 29 Rb2 Re1+
 30 Kg2 Qf1+
 Resigns

Finally two games of theoretical interest.

White: I. Reeman
 Black: G. Spratt

Opening: French Defence (C15)

1 e4 e6
 2 d4 d5
 3 Nc3 Bb4
 4 Bd2 dxe4
 5 Qg4 Nf6
 6 Qxg7 Rg8
 7 Qh6 Qxd4

Also possible is 7 ... Rg6.

8 0-0-0 Bf8
 9 Qh4 Rg4
 10 Qh3 Qxf2
 11 Be2 Rh4??

Better is either (A) ... Qxg2
 12 Bxg4 Qxg4 13 Qxg4 Nxc4
 14 Nxe4 Bd7, which is about equal, or (B) ... Rg6 12 g4 Qc5 13 Be3 Qe5 equal.

Actually, 11 ... Rh4 is supposed to be alright for Black according to theory but Reeman knows better!

12 Qxh4 Qxh4
 13 g3 Qb6
 14 Bxh6 Bxh6+
 15 Kb1 Bd7

This is assessed as equal but as Reeman demonstrates, the Black pawns are too weak. First he starts with the e-pawn.

16 Nf3 Bc6
 17 Rhe1 Nbd7
 18 Nb5! Bxb5
 19 Bxb5 0-0-0
 20 Bxd7+!

The fewer the pieces the more powerful is the advantage of the "exchange".

20 Rxd7
 21 Rxd7 Kxd7
 22 Nf2 e3
 23 Nd1 Ng4
 24 Re2 f5
 25 h3 Nf2
 26 Nxf2 exf2
 27 Rxf2 Ke7

Now it is a matter of infiltrating with the rook. The technique is to threaten to enter on the flanks until Black is unable to keep all the files "closed" to entry.

28 Rf3 Kd6
 29 Rd3+ Ke7
 30 c4 e5
 31 Kc2 e4
 32 Ra3 e3
 33 Kd3 a6
 34 Rb3 b6
 35 c5!

A temporary pawn sacrifice to finally allow the rook to penetrate.

35 bxc5

If 35 ... b5, 36 a4!

36 Ra3 c4+
 37 Ke2

Not 37 Kxc4?? e2.

37 Bg7
 38 Kxe3 Bxb2
 39 Rxa6 Be5
 40 g4 fxg4
 41 hxg4 c5
 42 Rh6 c3
 43 Kd3 c4+
 44 Kc2 Resigns

White: G. Spratt
 Black: M. Yianni

Opening: QP Benoni (A67)

1 d4 Nf6
 2 c4 c5
 3 d5 e6
 4 Nc3 exd5
 5 cxd5 d6

6 e4 g6
 7 f4 Bg7
 8 e5!?

The Mikenas Attack - an old fashioned opening variation but still very dangerous nevertheless. The modern treatment is 8 Bb5+.

8 Nfd7

Taking the pawn is very risky, eg. 8 ... dxe5 9 fxe5 Nfd7 10 e6 fxe6 11 dxe6 with a dangerous attack.

9 Nb5 dxe5
 10 Nd6+ Ke7
 11 Nxc8+ Qxc8
 12 Nf3 Re8
 13 fxe5 Nxe5
 14 Bb5 Nbd7
 15 0-0

If 15 Nxe5 Kf8!

15 c4??

The black king is too vulnerable on e7. Much better is bringing it to relative safety with 15 ... Kf8, which also allows Rxe5 if the knight on e5 is taken.

16 Nxe5! Bxe5
 17 Bg5+ f6
 18 d6+ Kf7
 19 Qd5+ Kg7
 20 Rae1

Now all White's pieces have joined the attack on the black king.

20 Rf8

Loses but how else does Black meet the threat of Bxc4?

21 Bxd7 Qxd7
22 Bf4 Rae8

The black bishop couldn't move because of Re7+.

23 Rxe5! fxe5
24 Bxe5+ Rxe5?

The best chance is
24 ... Kh6 25 Qd2+ g5
26 Bf6, when White has a strong attack.

25 Qxe5+ Kg8
26 Rxf8+ Kxf8
27 Qh8+ Kf7
28 Qxh7+ Resigns

If 28 ... Ke8 29 Qg8+ mate.
If 28 ... Qe6 29 Qxg6+ and White converts into a won ending.

Why not try international correspondence chess? Tourneys for all standards of players. See page 63 for Class Tournaments and page 26 for Thematic Tournaments.

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A NEW SCCA RATING SYSTEM PART 1

(by Graham Wood)

The last few years have seen the SCCA make the transition to the ELO representation of grades. Despite this, however, these grades have still been derived by use of the old British Chess Federation system and then converted into ELO. The nature of the BCF system has contributed to the occurrence of some anomalies, as evidenced by several indignant letters from perplexed members in the files! I will summarise here the BCF system in the hope that if the members concerned study the workings of that system, at least some of their queries may be answered. Thus:

- 1 grades are calculated using the old BCF system and converted into ELO: $ELO = (BCF \times 8) + 600$ or $BCF = (ELO - 600) / 8$
- 2 for a win, score opponent's grade +50; a draw, score opponent's grade; a loss, score opponent's grade -50
- 3 at the end of the "season", the player's total score is added up and divided by the number of games played
- 4 if the total number of games in a season is less than twenty, then an average of the games from the previous season(s) is used to bring the total up to twenty
- 5 if a player plays an opponent whose grade is more than 40 from his own, then the opponent is treated as if his grade differed by exactly 40, for the purpose of grading the player.

Grading issues have been discussed at length by the Executive Committee on a number of occasions. It was agreed (on 2nd November 1986) that a sub-committee comprising A.J. McClelland (Chairman), C.R. Beecham, P. Giulian and D.M. Livie, would consider the grading system, identify inaccuracies and submit recommendations.

The findings of this sub-committee were presented at a meeting held on 17th May 1987. In brief, amendments to the SCCA Master title qualifications were proposed, together with recommendations that future gradings should be compatible with those of the Scottish Chess Association (to enable utilisation of the SCA computerised system), should use ICCF player gradings where such exist, and that a form should be drafted to enable results to be reported to the grading officer consistently.

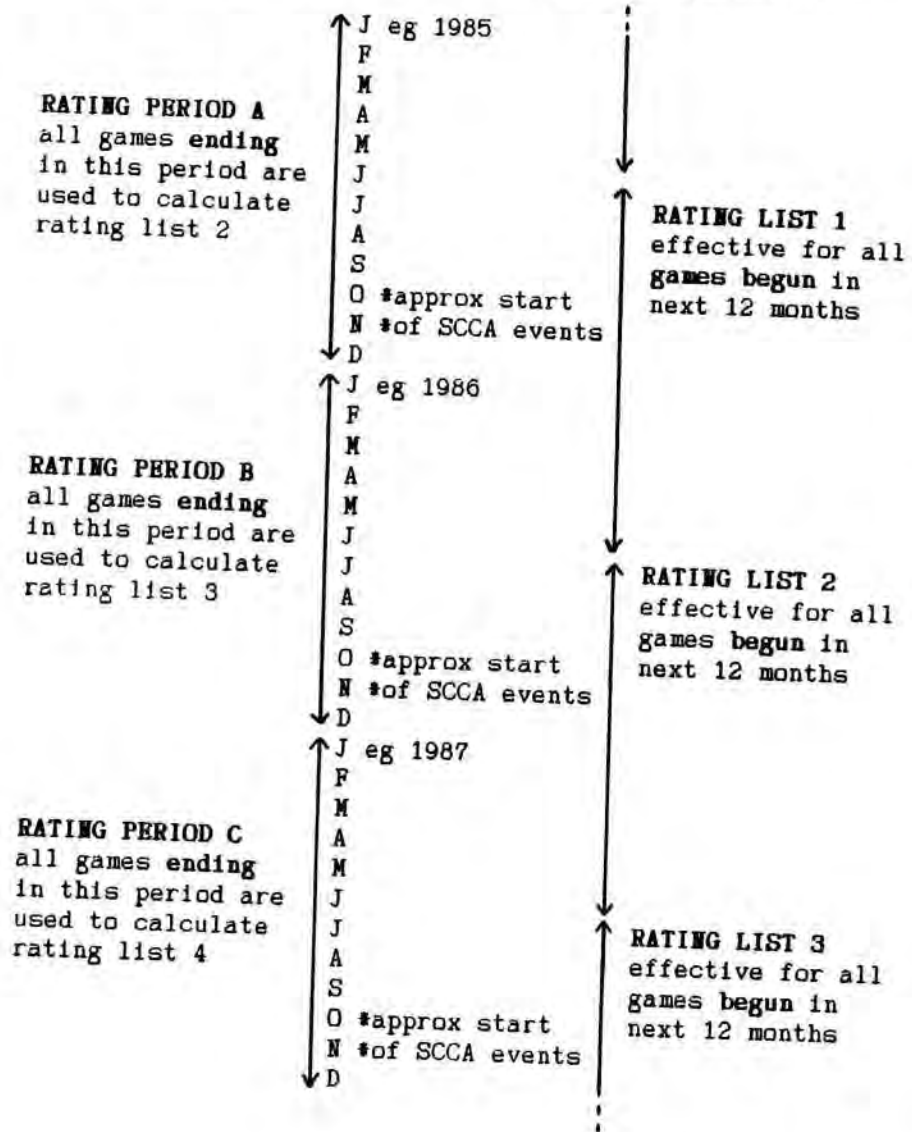
My first task as the new Grading Officer was clear therefore: I had to examine the SCA system carefully. This I managed to do fairly readily, with the co-operation of Iain Mackintosh of the SCA, from whom I obtained copies of the documentation and program disks. It soon became obvious that, unfortunately, things were not going to be quite as straightforward as they might have appeared. A number of special factors are incorporated which are particularly relevant to over-the-board chess. The system is event-based and the calculations performed are dependent on the class of event (being different for each). Modifiers are used in all calculations to take account of junior additions, grading differences over 400 points, retrospective adjustments for large grading differences, and correction for drift. Needless to say, there is no provision for a player having several games in progress simultaneously and each with a different grade in effect. In over-the-board chess (and the grading system thereof) everything is "current" - there just isn't a long time span from start to finish of a game/event to cater for! I came to the conclusion, therefore, that it might not be impossible to adapt the SCA system for use by the SCCA, but I was uncertain as to whether it would be wise or advisable to do so.

An alternative needed to be investigated, at least for comparative purposes. I turned, therefore, to a system worked on since 1976, recently adopted by the International Correspondence Chess Federation, and the administrative rules of which were readily available.

The ICCF system operates as follows:-

- the **Rating Period** is from January 1st to December 31st each year. All games ending within a rating period are rateable for the next list.
- the new or revised ratings are published (dated July 1st each year) in a **Rating List**. The effective period for a rating list is one year. The list is applicable to all events/games begun between July 1st and June 30th (i.e. the 12 months succeeding the publication of the list).
- there is no minimum (or maximum) number of games which must be completed during a rating period.
- a player new to the list shall only have his rating published if it is based on a minimum of 24 games.
- a **Provisional Rating** is given to any player who has not yet played 30 games (against graded/provisionally graded players), and all the games are used to calculate his grade until such time as he has exceeded 30 games before the start of a new rating period.
- a **New Rating** (for an already graded player) is based on his most recently published rating, being modified according to the sum of the rating changes in all his games ending during a rating period.
- stabilising factors are used in the system to accommodate (a) differences in playing strength over the whole range of grades; (b) variations in the total number of rated games played by different people; (c) scores significantly different from those expected; (d) players who have played less than 31 games; (e) inactivity for 6 years or more.

The following is a schematic representation of the system and the timetable of events affecting its operation:



Thus, this system results in the following dilemma:-

eg. a player could be asked on 1 Sept 1987, prior to starting a new game or event, "What is your grade?", and he would answer "1234", this being the grade published in the rating list dated 1/7/87. He may, however, still have games unfinished in an event which began in November 1985 in which his grade is recorded as that from the rating list dated 1/7/85. He may even be playing other games with a grade from rating list of 1/7/86!! This is overcome, however, as it is the changes in rating which are significant during a rating period. The most recently calculated rating is then used as the base from which to calculate the new grading for the next rating list. Thus, the system accommodates the extended timescale inherent in correspondence chess. Indeed, rapid or wildly fluctuating changes in a player's rating are tempered by the long timespans involved in postal chess. This is not the case in over-the-board chess where special steps have to be taken to cater for such changes.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee on 30th August 1987, further lengthy discussion took place on these matters. It was agreed that (subject to review by the Executive for the next 2-3 years) the ICCF system be adopted. One modification would be made, however, so that a player shall only have his rating published if it is based on a minimum of 8 (instead of 24) games against graded/provisionally graded players. Amendments to the SCCA Master title qualifications, although agreed in principle, would be held in abeyance.

The new SCCA Rating System will take some time to come into effective operation but inherent in the system is the need for regularising the recording of results and publication of the rating list. A results report sheet and guidance notes for controllers have been devised and these should help to standardise the necessary manual recording operations.

All SCCA organised events within Scotland (except the Openings Tournament) will be graded. Any other games will be graded subject to the following requirements: (a) the Grading Officer is notified at the start of the event, (b) the start date, opponent's name, address and grade are provided, (c) the precise date of ending of each game is notified. Recording the start and end date of each game is vital, as is the grade of an opponent at the start. The onus will be placed on you, the player, to quiz your opponent regarding his grade and its basis.

The records and new rating system calculations procedures have been programmed onto a micro-computer in a preliminary working version. This will be revised and enhanced if and when the monitoring of the new rating system is successfully completed.

You will see from the title of this article that I anticipate updates of this subject will be required. I should welcome your comments and queries, so please do feel free to put pen to paper. In future issues of the Bulletin, I shall then air your views and possibly have a question-and-answer type article of general points relating to the workings of the new SCCA Rating System.

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GAMES SECTION

Selected by Douglas Bryson

White simply develops and forgoes the adventures associated with 10 e5 or 10 f5.

10 Nbd7

We start this Games Column with games by regular contributors, Ian Marks and Phil Giulian.

ICCF Master Class
WT/M/GT/135

White: D.G. Ljubomirov (USSR)
Black: I. Marks (Scotland)

Opening: Sicilian Defence
Najdorf Poisoned
Pawn (B97)

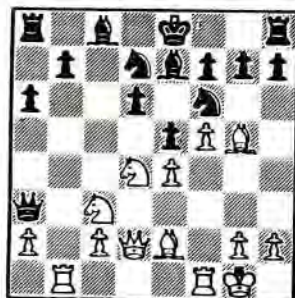
10 ... Nc6 11 Nxc6 (11 0-0 Qc5) bxc6 12 e5 Nd5 13 Nxd5 cxd5 14 0-0 with an attack (Nunn). One idea then might be 14 ... dxe5 15 fxe5 Bc5+ 16 Kh1 0-0 17 Bf6!. Not forced, but an illustration of the possibilities open to White. Behind in development, Black should probably avoid opening the f-file, but in that case White always has the option of a timely f4-f5. Another idea on move 10 is to play ... Be7, when Black is ready to castle.

11 0-0 Be7
12 f5

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cx d4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bg5	e6
7	f4	Qb6
8	Qd2	Qxb2
9	Rb1	Qa3
10	Be2	

12 e5!? is an even wilder try, favoured by aggressive spirits such as Tal and van der Wiel.

12 e5



13 Nc6!?

An aggressive stroke which flashed onto the scene round about 1983-84. The more mundane 13 Nb3 was played in Sax-Browne, Wijk-aan-Zee 1981. Sax, however, is an attacking player with a quick eye for the tactical possibilities in a position, and it would be interesting therefore to know why he rejected the attractive N incursion.

13 fxe6
14 fxe6 Nf8

14 ... 0-0!? is worth a thought. (*Games Ed - After*
14 ... 0-0, 15 exd7 Bxd7
16 Rxb7 Ng4!)

If, however, 14 ... Nc5, then 15 Rxf6 gxf6 (Bxf6 16 Bxf6 gxf6 17 Qxd6 threatens Bh5 mate and Nd5) 16 Bh5+ Kd8 (Kf8 17 Bh6+ mates) 17 Bxf6 (threatening 18 Qxd6+) Bxf6 18 Qxd6+ Bd7 19 Rxb7 wins (Qc1+ 20 Nd1; Qxc3 20 Rxd7+; Nxb7 20 Qxd7 mate)

15 Rb3 Qa5?!

Probably 15 ... Qc5+ is better, but I wanted to retain the option of playing ... Qe1 mate in some lines!

16 Bh5+!

This came as a shock!

16 ... Nxb5

If 16 ... Ng6 17 Bxf6 gxf6 (Bxf6 18 Rxf6 gxf6 19 Qh6 Qc7 20 Nd5!? or 20 Bxg6+ Kd8 21 Bf5 intending Nd5 with great advantage) 18 Qh6 Rf8 (what else?) 19 Qxh7 regains the piece with advantage.

The alternative, 16 ... g6, looks fishy and leads to a pretty finale: 16 ... g6 17 Bxf6 Qc5+ (to guard d6) 18 Kh1 Bxf6 19 Rxf6 gxf6 20 Qg5 Nxe6 (trying to guard g7).

If 20 ... Ng6 21 Rxb7 etc) 21 Rxe6 Bxe6 22 Rxb7 d5 (Forced. If 22 ... Bd7 23 Nd5) 23 Qf6! does the trick, eg. 23 ... Bf7 (to block the second rank) 24 Qxb8+ Qf8 25 Qxe5+ Kd8 26 Qc7+ Ke8 27 Qd7 mate.

17 Bxe7 Qc5+

Acknowledging the inaccuracy on move 15, since 17 ... Kxe7 can be met by 18 Nd5+.

18 Kh1 Nxe6

To guard the important black squares. 18 ... Kxe7 allows a murderous attack beginning with 19 Qg5+ : (A) 19 ... Nf6 20 Qxg7+ etc; (B) 19 ... Kxe6 20 Qf5+ Ke7 21 Nd5+ Kd8 22 Qg5+ etc; (C) 19 ... Ke8 20 Nd5 Ng6 (Nf6 21 Qxg7) 21 Rf7.

19 Nd5 Qd4?!

Designed to either deflect the white Q from the c1-h6 diagonal or the white R from the b-file and, in the event of the latter, to ease the pressure via the following mass exchanges.

20 Rd3 Qc5
21 Bxd6

Seeing that he can pick up the Q.

21 Qxd6

22 Nf6+ Nxf6
23 Rxd6 Nxe4
24 Rxe6+ Bxe6
25 Qa5!

The key move. Can White make anything of the line-up on the e-file?

25 Nf6

I can see no worthwhile alternative.

26 Qxe5 Kf7
27 Qc7+ Kg6
28 Qg3+

28 Qxb7 is strictly for die-hards. The game now comes to an honourable conclusion.

28 Kf7
29 Qc7+ Kg6
30 Qg3+ Kf7
♚ ♚

Neither side can profitably vary. A hard-fought game!

British Candidates 1986-7

White: P. Giullian
Black: M. Thomas

Opening: QP Benoni-Benko (A57)

1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 c5
3 d5 b5
4 cxb5 a6

26 h6
 27 g4 hxg5
 28 gxf5 gxf5
 29 Ra1 Ne5
 30 Qc7 Nxf3+??

Missing the draw by
 30 ... Rxb2 31 Ra8 Nxf3+
 32 Kf1 Nxb2+ 33 Ke1 Nf3+
 34 Kd1 Rxb7 35 Qxb7 Rxa8
 36 Qxa8+ Kf7.

31 Kf2 Rxb2+
 32 Kxf3 Rxb7
 33 Qxb7 Bxa1
 34 Qa6 Rf6
 35 Qxa1 Rh6
 36 Qe5

I have still to be careful because if Black can play Rh4 the position is drawn.

36 Kf7
 37 Qc7+ Kf6
 38 Qd8+ Kg6
 39 Qe7 Kh5
 40 Kg3 Rg6
 41 Qe8!

Black is in Zugzwang and resigned.



Please send games (preferably annotated) to Games Editor:

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Mark Thomas is a Welshman from Nottingham.

He enjoys reading the SCCA News Bulletin and has annotated the following excellent game against our own Brian Martin played in the Scottish Centenary Cup.

We should all be learning something about this opening, as the Scotch Four Knights was also featured in the Games Column, Bulletin No. 23.

Semi-Final of the Scottish Centenary Cup 1986-87

White: B. Martin
 Black: M. Thomas

Opening: Scotch Four Knights (C47)

This game was my second encounter with Brian and, as the first time he beat me without any trouble, I was looking to even the score.

1 e4 e5
 2 Nf3 Nc6
 3 Nc3 Nf6
 4 d4 exd4
 5 Nxd4 Bb4
 6 Nxc6 bxc6
 7 Bd3 d5
 8 exd5 cxd5
 9 0-0 0-0
 10 Bg5 c6

5 e3 g6
 6 Nc3 Bg7
 7 Nf3 0-0
 8 a4 e6
 9 dxe6 fxe6
 10 Qd6 Bb7
 11 Qxc5!?

All this is "theory", but grabbing the second pawn is risky. Consolidating with 11 Be2 is better perhaps.

11 Ne4
 12 Nxe4 Bxe4
 13 Qb4!? d5!

An improvement on Tomaszewski-Kajdanov which continued 13 ... Bb7 14 bxa6 Bxf3 15 gxf3 Nxa6 16 Qd6 with advantage to White.

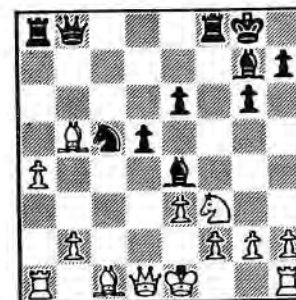
14 Be2?! axb5
 15 Qxb5? Nd7!

Only now did I realise the threat posed to my queen. The threat is 16 ... Rb8 17 Qa6 (not Qc6 Rb6) Nc5, with Nb3 or Qa5+ to follow.

16 Qb3 Nc5
 17 Qd1 Qb8!!

If (i) ... Rb8 18 Ra3 Bxb2 19 Bxb2 Rxb2 20 0-0. If (ii) ... Qb6 18 0-0 Nb3 19 Ra2! Bb1 20 Ra3 Nxc1 21 Qxc1.

18 Bb5



18 Qxb5!!
 19 axb5 Rxa1

Also possible is 19 ... Nd3+ 20 Qxd3 Bxd3 21 Rxa8 Rxa8, and Black has compensation for the two pawns.

20 0-0 Nd3
 21 b6!!

The only move. Although I am material down, my advanced pawn is a real nuisance.

21 Rxc1
 22 Qa4 Rc4!

Exchanging rooks makes the pawn even harder to stop.

23 Qd7 Bf5!?
 24 b7 Rb4
 25 Ng5 Rb6
 26 f3!

The whole black position is held together by the bishop on f5. A pawn is a small price to pay for its removal.

11 Ne2 Re8
12 c3

Brian deviates from known theory 12 Nd4 Qd6 13 Bh4 (13 Qc1 Ne4 14 c3 Bc5 15 Be3 Bb6 16 Ne2 Nc5 +, Nemet-Gligoric, Yugoslavia Ch 1962; 13 Qf3 Ne4 14 Be3 Qg6 15 h3 Bd7 +, Chigorin-Schlechter, Ostende 1907) Ne4 14 c3 Bc5 15 f3 Qh6 16 fxe4=, Nimzowich-Teichmann, Hamburg 1910.

12 Bc5
13 Nd4 Qd6
14 Re1 Bg4
15 Qa4

Brian has declared his intention of playing aggressively for a win. 15 Qc2 also came into consideration at this juncture.

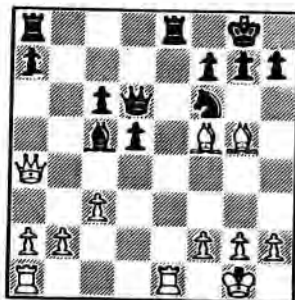
15 Bd7

Forced, but I had already prepared a counter to his next move.

16 Nf5?

The type of move which looks to give White a clear advantage, but again 16 Qc2 was better and then perhaps 16 ... g6 was best, both blocking the b1-h7 diagonal and protecting the square f5.

16 Bxf5!
17 Bxf5



17 Re5!
18 Rxe5

The obvious 18 Bf4? meets with a tactical refutation 18... Bxf2+! 19 Kxf2 Rxf5 +; 19 Kh1 Bxe1 20 Qd4 Rxf5 (20 ... Rae8 is also good) 21 Bxd6 Rf1+ 22 Qg1 Rxg1 23 Kxg1 Bd2 +; 19 Kf1 Bxe1 +

18 Qxe5
19 Qf4

19 Qxc6 was a quick way to succumb. 19 ... Re8 20 Rf1 Qxf5 21 Bxf6 Qxf2+ 22 Rxf2 Re1 mate and if 20 Bd3 Ng4!

19 Re8
20 Bd3 Ne4
21 Bxe4

21 Re1? Qxf4 22 Bxf4 Bxf2+.

21 Qxf4!

22 Bxf4

The attempt to win a pawn by the zwishenzug is faulty 22 Bxh7+ Kxh7 23 Bxf4 Re2 24 b4 Bb6 and here 25 Bg3 or Be3 is necessary, proceeding into an inferior rook and pawn ending as 25 a4 Rxf2 26 a5 Ra2+ is rather awkward.

22 Rxe4
23 Bg3 Re2
24 Rb1

If 24 b4 Be7 (with the idea of Bf6) 25 Kf1 Rc2 26 Be5 (if 26 Re1 Kf8) c5 27 bxc5 Bxc5 28 Bd4 Bxd4 29 cxd4 Kf8 +.

24 f5

This move creates a flight square for the king which was in danger of back-rank mates in some of the possible ensuing variations. Also f4 and g5 are threatened, in either order.

25 Kf1 Rc2
26 Ke1 d4
27 cxd4 Bxd4
28 Kd1 Rxb2
29 Rxb2 Bxb2
30 Kc2 Bd4
31 Kd3 Bb6
32 f3 Kf7
33 Be5 g5

34 g4

Attempting to fix my kingside pawns on dark squares, whilst creating an invasion avenue along e4, f5.

34 Ke6!
35 Bg7

35 f4 gxf4 36 Bxf4 fxf4 37 Ke4 c5 38 Bb8 c4 39 Kf4 h5 40 Kg5 Be3+ 41 Kxh5 c3 is good for Black.

35 fxf4
36 fxf4 Kd5
37 h3

37 Bf6 Bc7 38 Bxg5 Bxh2 or 38 h3 Bf4 39 h4 gxh4 40 Bxh4 c5 were perhaps worth consideration, but Brian considered that it was unlikely to influence the result.

37 Bd8

Night as well eliminate all counterplay.

38 Bc3 c5
0 1

Brian decided it was unnecessary to prolong the struggle. A satisfying game for me but I know I shall have a tough game on my hands when we next cross swords over the postal chess board.

The Wandering Dragons produce an amusing newsletter for their postal enthusiasts.

To the uninitiated reader, the identity of various participants is obscured by pseudonym. From what I can gather, "El Senor" is more commonly known as Neil Clapperton, while "Duffer Donkin" is a self-explanatory term for the newsletter editor, Chris Donkin.

An extract and game follow:

White: El Senor

Black: Duffer Donkin

Opening: Sicilian Dragon
(B76)

The notes are by El Senor Clappertoni and the only thing I wish to add is that my book (Sicilian Dragon - Yugoslav Attack by Miles & Koskow) does not give Neil's excellent 11th move Be2! so after that I was on my own.

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	g6

Yes please! I always enjoy playing against the Dragon.

6	Be3	Bg7
7	f3	Nc6
8	Qd2	0-0
9	g4	

For a while this was Karpov's favourite weapon against the Dragon.

9	e6!?
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Popularised by Tony Miles, this was considered to be the main line in this variation in the early eighties.

10	0-0-0	d5
11	Be2!	Re8

At first I thought this was a TN but I discovered from a copy of Informator that it had in fact been played in a game between two IMs in 1984.

12	Nb3	dxe4?
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This is a TN but it is not a particularly good move. The IM in the "Informator" game played Na5 and in fact got quite a good position.

13	Qe1	Qc7
14	f4	e5?!

A brave try to gain some space.

15	f5	
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The position dictates it. Sac, sac and sac again.

15	gxf5
16	Nb5	Qb8
17	Bc5	

Threatening to win the queen.

17	Bf8
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Just as bad was b6 when 18 Bd6 Qb7 19 Nc7 wins the exchange and still keeps up the relentless pressure.

18	Nd6	Rd8
19	Qh4	Ne8

It's mayhem!!

20	Qg5+	Ng7
21	gxf5	Rxd6
22	f6	Rxd1+
23	Rxd1	Be6

Bf5 loses a piece but offers Black the chance to last longer.

24	Rg1	b6
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25	Bxf8	Qxf8
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(Games Ed - 25 Qh6 with mate in 3, saves stamps!)

26	Qh5!	
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Better than Qh6 which allows Black to play Bf5!

26	Qb4
27	Rxg7	Kf8
28	Rxh7	Ke8
29	Rh8+	Kd7
30	Rxa8	Qe1+
31	Bd1	e3
32	Qe2	Qg1
33	h4	

Although Chris played on for another couple of months hoping for the inevitable Clapperton blunder, there was no way the extra rook was going to be insufficient to decide the game.

There must be hundreds of postal games played by Scottish players each year.

Why not share your experiences by annotating one for your magazine?

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INTERNATIONAL REPORT

(by Philip Giulian)

Our first entries into the Correspondence Olympiads and European Team Championships are now almost over, with only a few games remaining in the "European", and these are due to finish at the end of December. I feel we can look back at our first attempts with some satisfaction. We didn't qualify for the final stages of either event, but we gave a good account of ourselves. Hopefully, we will have benefited from the experience and will do better next time. The draw for the next Olympiad has been made and Scotland are in the same section as Belgium, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Hungary, Portugal, Singapore, Brazil and Argentina. Only two teams qualify for the final stages and, as expected, the opposition is very tough with Czechoslovakia, Argentina, Finland and Hungary having teams with average ratings over 2400.

Scotland continue to do well in the North Atlantic Team Tournament, thanks mainly to the superb results from Graham Morrison, Alan Norris and Stephen Mannion. The rest of the team are still playing and with a few more good results, we could yet win the event.

There is little to report on the Ladies Olympiad, with very few games completed.

On the individual front, Douglas Bryson has at last learned the names of the opposition he faces in the World 3/4 Final. The average gradings of his opponents is just under 2500, but Douglas is the third-rated player in the section and, with a bit of luck, could become the first Scot to play in the World Correspondence Championship Final. We wish him well. Alan Borwell has almost finished his World Semi-Final Section in which he expects to score just under 50%. So far, in my World Semi-Final, I have scored 5½/8.

I have arranged a friendly international with Australia, due to start in March. Despite being so far apart, post between the countries is fairly quick.

Alan Borwell tried to arrange other friendly Internationals while he was at the ICCF Congress, but so far we have not yet completed any definite arrangements for new matches. In the meantime, I would be interested to hear of any country you would particularly like to play against.

Shown below are recently advised results of games finished in our friendly internationals. I strongly suspect that there are many results which I do not have, and if you have finished games not yet reported, I would be grateful if you could inform me of the outcome.

It is only since I took over the post of International Secretary that I have realised the volume of work involved. Of course, I am happy to do most of it, but I am afraid that a lot of my time has been taken up by "silent withdrawals" - people who stop playing without informing anybody. So if, for any reason, you are unable to continue your games, please inform your opponent and me that you are resigning. If we make the effort to arrange matches for those who are interested, surely it is reasonable for the International Secretary to be advised of results as soon as games are completed.

Scotland (9½) Poland (10½)

Bd 3	S.R. Gillam	1	Bd 13	D. Savage	0
Bd 6	J.M.T. Ryan	½	Bd 17	D.L. Gillespie	1 1
Bd 7	R. Inglis	1 1	Bd 18	J.M. MacArthur	½
Bd 8	K.W.C. Stewart	1	Bd 21	I.M. Campbell	1 ½
Bd 11	I. Thompson	0	Bd 25	C. MacGregor	1
Bd 12	R. Smith	0			

Scotland (0) Israel (2)

Bd 11	J.C. McKillop	0 0
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Scotland (1) NCCC (0)

Bd 1	I. Marks	1	A. Fraser	0
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Scotland (0) Italy (4)

Bd 12	R. Mitchell	0 0
Bd 16	J. Ward	0 0

Scotland (32) France (34)

Results to come from:

Bd 18	J.G. O'Donnell
Bd 26	T. McMorran
Bd 32	A.H. Kerr
Bd 34	J.M. Ross

(Editor - Full tables for the Poland and France matches will appear in the next edition)

C C OLYMPIAD XI PRELIMINARIES

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2	J AMBROZ -										
3	M WEINER IM 2435										
4	R MACHALA 2380										
5	J KOLIN 2335										
6	P MISKOVSKY 2480										

2 BELGIUM		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	A VAN OSMAEL WIM 2530										
2	J ROOSE 2330										
3	B VAN LREUWEN 2140										
4	D WEYNS -										
5	V LEROY 2265										
6	H VEEN -										

3 SINGAPORE		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	H F GLASER 2380										
2	A CHIA -										
3	K-S TEO -										
4	C-W LEONG -										
5	N-Y WONG -										
6	B TEO -										

4 ARGENTINA		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	J S MORGADO GM 2475										
2	B MARCUSSI IM 2470										
3	P BUJ IM 2445										
4	R A REDOLFI IM 2385										
5	A LAURENCENA 2405										
6	C G PAPIER IM 2315										

5 PORTUGAL		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	F SILVA WIM 2280										
2	R SILVA PEREIRA WIM -										
3	H NETO WIM -										
4	J D DE SOUSA -										
5	A OLIVEIRA WIM -										
6	C QUARESMA -										

6 FINLAND		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	T PERMAN WIM 2355										
2	H SABEL 2395										
3	K TANNI -										
4	S SJÖMAN 2420										
5	K KAUNONEN IM 2465										
6	R WIKMAN IM 2405										

7 BRAZIL		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	G FRAGA PORTILHO 2355										
2	S HONCE DE CRESCE -										
3	M SILOS BIAVA WIM 2440										
4	A PACINI WIM 2360										
5	O ALCANTARA SOARES 2350										
6	P A GUENEZ BRIAC -										

8 NORWAY		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	T STRAND WIM 2370										
2	K W STRAND IM 2445										
3	F LARSEN 2325										
4	P STIGAR -										
5	Ø HJERTENES -										
6	Ø BREKKE -										

9 SCOTLAND		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	D M BRYSON GM 2565										
2	C A MCNAB (FIDE) IM(2435)										
3	A J NORRIS WIM 2470										
4	T S VICKENS WIM 2470										
5	P M GIULIAN 2370										
6	A KILGOUR 2365										

10 HUNGARY		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	S BRILLA-BANFALVI GM 2545										
2	J FÖLDI IM 2450										
3	F FABRI 2550										
4	I MÜLLNER 2345										
5	T FLORIAN 2415										
6	I FODOR WIM 2195										

2nd North Atlantic Team Tourney

BD. 1	P. M. GIULIAN 1M=75% ●	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	E. GIBNEY	IRL		0	1/2		1/2		1/2	1/2			
2	A. B. MOURA	POR	1				1/2		1/2	1/2	1/2		
3	A. M. STEWART	GBE	1/2			1	1	0	1			1	
4	P. A. LAMFORD	GBW		1/2				1/2	1/2	1/2			
5	K. V. GRIVAINIS	USA	1/2	1/2	0		1	0				1	
6	Z. L. SAROSY	CAN		0			0			0	1/2		
7	F. CHEVALDONNET	FRA	1/2	1	1/2	1			1				
8	P. M. GIULIAN ●	GBS	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1	0				1/2	
9	E. PASCUAL	SPA		1/2	0	1/2							
10	J. A. PALSSON	ICE	1/2	0			0		1/2				

BD. 2	T. S. WICKENS 1/2 IM=65% ●	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	A. DOYLE	IRL		1	1	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	6 1/2
2	V. C. ABRANTES	POR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	0	
3	T. THOMAS	GBE	0	1	0	1/2	0	0	1/2	1	1	1	5
4	J. D. THORNTON	GBW	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2		
5	S. GRANT	USA	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	6	
6	A. J. UGGE	CAN	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2		
7	E. SAVOSTIANOFF	FRA	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	6	
8	T. S. WICKENS ●	GBS	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	0	1		
9	R. CRUSI	SPA	1/2	1	0	1/2	0	1/2	1	0	1/2		
10	N. OLAFSSON	ICE	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2		

1/2 IM norm

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BD. 3	G. MORRISON 1/2 IM=70% ●	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	T. FAYNE	IRL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	R. M. LAVRADOR	POR	1		0	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2			
3	M. ALCOCK	GBE	1	1		1	0	1/2	1/2	1/2			
4	D. K. EVANS	GBW	1	0	0	1/2	0	1	0	0			
5	K. K. DENMELT W.	USA	1	1	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1			
6	Z. LESKOWSKY	CAN	1/2	1/2	1	0			0				
7	A. DOBRININE	FRA	0	1/2	0				0				
8	G. MORRISON ●	GBS	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	1	7
9	L. LLAVERIAS	SPA	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2			
10	J. TH. THOR	ICE	1	1		0			0				

1/2 IM norm

BD. 4	A. J. NORRIS 1/2 IM=70% ●	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	T. D. HARDING	IRL		0	0	1	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	2 1/2
2	V. L. CORDEIRO	POR	1		1	1/2	1	1	0	1/2	1/2		
3	P. J. SOWRAY	GBE	1	0		1	1	0	1/2	1/2		1	
4	C. I. PRICE	GBW	0	1/2	0	1	0		1	0	1/2	1	
5	M. E. ZAVANELLI	USA	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0			
6	B. V. DOUTHWAITE	CAN	1/2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1			
7	J.-M. MASUREL	FRA	1/2	1	1/2	0	1	1	0	1	1	6	
8	A. J. NORRIS ●	GBS	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
9	A. PADROS	SPA	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1/2		
10	B. MAGNUSON	ICE	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	1/2		

1/2 IM norm

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TEAM CAPTAIN : C. R. 19311044

BD. 5	T. J. CRAIG 1/2 IM=75% ●	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	R. MONTGOMERY	IRL		0	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2				
2	J. D. SOUSA	POR	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1/2		
3	T. CHAPMAN	GBE	1/2	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	0	1	1/2	0	3
4	R. M. BOLLEN	GBW	0	0	1/2	1	0	0	0	0	1/2		
5	B. F. GIBBONS	USA		1	1	1	1	1	0	1			
6	C. PARE	CAN	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1/2	
7	A. LELIEVRE	FRA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1/2		
8	T. J. CRAIG ●	GBS	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	0	1		0	
9	J. PAREDES	SPA		1/2	1	1	1	1	0	1			
10	J. HALF DANARSON	ICE	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1			

BD. 6	C. R. BEECHAM 1/2 IM=75% ●	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	J. F. GIBSON	IRL		1	1	1/2			1			1/2	
2	R. S. RALHA	POR		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1/2		
3	J. E. HAWKES	GBE	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1/2	1	1/2	4
4	G. CANTELLO	GBW	1/2	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0	1/2	1/2	4 1/2
5	Dr. J. EVENTOV	USA	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0		
6	R. E. SIEMMS	CAN	0	0	0	1/2						1/2	
7	P. BELLURE	FRA	0	0	1/2	1/2							
8	C. R. BEECHAM ●	GBS	0	0	1/2	0						1/2	
9	J. BOADA	SPA	1/2	0	1								
10	B. I. KARLSSON	ICE	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2				

BD. 7	G. D. PYRICH 1/2 IM=80% ●	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	D. FENNELLY	IRL			0	1	0	0	0	0	1		
2	H. S. AMARAL (SING. FOREIGN)	POR			0				0		1		
3	D. J. R. BARNES	GBE	1	1		1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	1	7 1/2
4	I. TIPLADY	GBW	0	0	0	1	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2		
5	G. D. BERRY	USA	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1/2	1		
6	D. MACLEOD	CAN	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1/2	1/2		
7	F. FARCY	FRA	1	1	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1	5	
8	G. D. PYRICH ●	GBS	1	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1		
9	F. J. MUNOZ	SPA	0	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1		2 1/2
10	T. SAEMUNDSSON	ICE			0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0	1		

1/2 IM norm

BD. 8	S. R. MANNION 1/2 IM=80% ●	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	D. O. SIOCHRU	IRL			0	1/2	1		1	0	1		
2	P. M. PALHARES	POR			1				1	1/2			
3	P. F. TIMSON	GBE	1			1	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	
4	K. D. JONES	GBW	1/2		0	0	0	0	0	0			
5	R. A. HAAG Jr.	USA	0		0			1	1	1/2	0	0	
6	L. NEUBAUER / J. F. CLEEVE	CAN	0	0	1/2	1	0	0	0	0	1		
7	H. PINSON	FRA	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		1/2	
8	S. R. MANNION ●	GBS	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	0	6 1/2	
9	J. L. LOPEZ (C. FLORES)	SPA	0		0	1	0	0	0	0			
10	B. THORBERGSSON	ICE			1/2	1	1	1/2	1	1			

Current scores over

2nd NORTH ATLANTIC TEAM TOURNAMENT



ICCF INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

(by Alan Borwell)

Members of the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association are eligible to compete in ICCF promotion tournaments, which are structured to encourage participation by C.C. players of all standards. You can choose between World or European-only sections ranging upwards from third class, second class to first class. Higher Class and Master Class events require evidence of C.C. playing strength with entries.

Tournaments are organised in 7 or 15 player sections, except World III Class which is 7-player only. They begin as soon (in theory) as entries have been received from seven different countries. Sometimes, in practice, there are two players from the same country, particularly from USSR or DDR. After you have selected a Class, you need to win a Section to be promoted and to score more than one-third of the points to avoid relegation!

The entry fee of £3.50 (for 7-player groups) or £4.50 (for 15-player groups) should be made payable to BPCF and sent to Mr. Michael Anderson, 3 Winterfield Gardens, Duns, Berwickshire, TD11 3EZ.

Scottish CCA entries to ICCF events from April-Oct 1987 :

I Aird	WT/1	G A Morton	TT/5/87
J Lumsden	WT/M & WT/M/GT	M J MacLeod	TT/5,6,7/87
M A Hammett	EU/H	D H Dempster	2 x WT/M
T McMorran	EU/I		

Bd	IRE	POR	ENG	VAL	USA
1	2½/5	3 /5	5 /7	2 /4	3 /6
2	6½/9	1 /6	5 /9	2½/7	6 /9
3	0 /6	4½/8	4½/7	2½/8	5½/7
4	2½/9	5½/8	5 /8	3 /8	2 /7
5	2½/6	5 /6	3 /9	½/8	3½/5
6	3 /4	5½/6	4 /9	4½/9	½/3
7	2 /7	1 /3	7½/9	2 /7	3½/6
8	3½/6	1½/2	6½/8	½/5	2½/7
Pts	22½/52	27 /44	40½/66	17½/56	26½/50
%	43%	61%	61%	31%	53%
Pos	8	1=	1=	10	5

Bd	CAN	FRA	SCO	SPA	ICE
1	½/4	4 /5	3 /7	1½/3	1 /4
2	4 /7	6 /9	1½/7	4 /8	3½/8
3	2 /5	½/4	7 /9	2½/4	2 /4
4	3½/7	6 /9	8 /9	1½/6	1½/6
5	3 /5	5½/7	2½/8	1½/3	3½/5
6	½/3	2 /5	1 /4	1½/3	3½/6
7	6½/8	5 /9	4 /8	2½/9	2 /6
8	2½/6	2½/8	6½/9	1 /6	4 /5
Pts	22½/45	31½/56	33½/61	16/42	21/44
%	50%	56%	55%	38%	48%
Pos	6	3	4	9	7

A COSTLY BUSINESS?

The following response was received after publication of the letters on page 38 of our last issue

"I am sorry to relate to this subject again but the article in SCCA News Bulletin No. 24 does seem to beg a response from me.

Innocent fellow member "Mr." may feel a degree of embarrassment. Please accept my sincere apology, sir.

The possibility of future victims and the image of the SCCA were the factors which caused me to put pen to paper. I thereby do not seek reimbursement and wish to preserve the existing anonymity.

My friendship with "Mr." is truly undecayed."

(Here endeth this anonymous correspondence! - Editor)

Overseas Subscribers

Subscription for one year's editions of the Scottish CCA News Bulletin can be obtained from the Editor for £5pa (inclusive of postage).

One of our lady members, Muriel Leask, expresses the view:

"Regarding your comments in the News Bulletin - I would think it best if Openings Tournaments were to remain ungraded - it allows for more experimentation, without the worry of the results!"

One of Muriel's games from a recent Openings Tournament appeared on page 32 of News Bulletin No. 24.

1987 Grading List Corrections

Our outgoing Grading Officer, Tony McClelland, has asked for the following corrections to be published:

D L Gillespie	1645
I V S Mitchell	1510

Readers' letters/articles &c

This Bulletin encourages members to express views about their Association and its activities. All contributions are welcome:

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Games: to Games Editor
Letters: to the Editor, Secretary or any of our Controllers or Executive Committee

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