

MAY 27, 1995

On to Birmingham!

Exeter Chess Club are through to the finals of the National Plate

knockout competition, part of the Leigh National Chess Club Championships. In two closely-matched contests Exeter were eventually safe winners in each. The final will be held in Birmingham in July.

Thamesdown Juniors 1 1/2 Quarter-Final 3 1/2 Exeter

R Churm 1/2-1/2 BWR Hewson

IA Debbage 0-1 PC Lane

IC To 1-0 D Regis

LJ Debbage 0-1 RC Towers

DA Bridge 0-1 I Taggart

Brian Hewson had another of his famous escapes (leading to further research into the rumour that "Hewson" is in fact a contraction of "Houdini's-son") and Dave Regis is still clearly getting the wrinkles out of his King's Indian Attack, but the rest of the team had good wins.

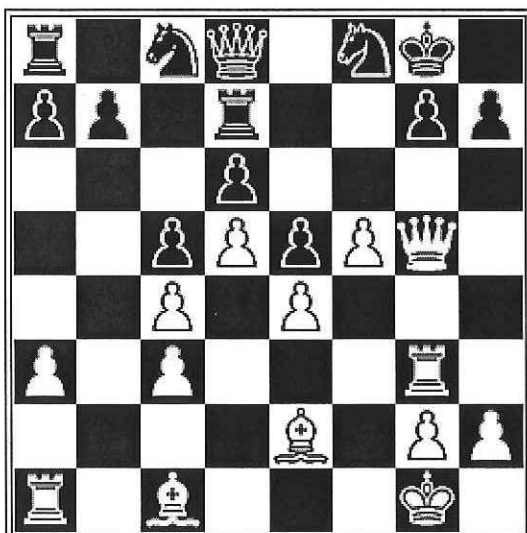
Kingston 2 Semi-Final 3 Exeter

P Roche 0-1 BWR Hewson PJJ Gibbons 0-1 P Lane MJ Sheehan 1/2-1/2 C Bellars

CRA Clegg 1/2-1/2 D Regis

CJ Mann 1-0 R Towers

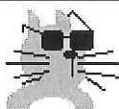
Peter Lane - RJJ Gibbons. 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 O-O (too early) 7. Bd3 d6 8. Ne2 Qc7 9. e4 e5 10. O-O Nc6 (Black is playing normal moves, but White's opening (with Ne2 not Nf3) is too dangerous for normal methods. ...Ne8 and f5 was called for) 11. f4 Bg4 [11... cxd4 12. cxd4 Nxd4 13. Nxd4 exd4 fails to hold the pawn after 14. Bb2 Qb6 15. Qc2 and e5] 12. d5 Ne7 13. f5 Nd7 14. Qe1 Bxe2 15. Bxe2 f6 16. Qh4 Rfd8 17. Rf3 Nf8 18. Rg3 Nc8 19. Qxf6 Rd7 20. Qg5 Qd8



The exchange of queens does little to reduce the force of White's attack 21. Qxd8 Rxd8 22. Bg5 Rd7 23. f6 Ng6 24.

Bg4 Rc7 25. Be6+ Kh8 26. Rf1 gxf6 27. Bxf6+ Rg7 28. Bxg7+ Kxg7 29. Rf7+ 1-0

Peter's ability to beat opposition of 160+ strength in under 30 moves has been most impressive this season.



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