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Editorial

On Tuesday the 13th. of January, I played my very first team game for the club. (At the request of Mark Wellham, the captain of C team)

Six of us travelled to Maidenhead in the pouring rain. My opponent there was Malcolm Bovey, a young serious looking chap who absolutely slaughtered me on the chessboard! His grading was 108. Usually I quite enjoy playing chess (Although I am ungraded and a poor player) but on this occasion my only feeling was one of frustration! It appeared to me that there was no possibility of making any sort of attacking move whatsoever. The game only lasted half an hour or so. I played Black. Oh well! Nevermind! Try and do better next time! I felt that I might have had a better chance if I was playing further up, (I was on board six) where there were two ungraded players.

Maidenhead had two home games on that same day, and after my game I watched a young girl of about seven play. I was most impressed! She managed a draw against a much older and more experienced player I wish I could play as well as she did!

Tribe Scribe

Ticking Over Nicely . . .

Last month at the club I came across one of the club's chess clocks. It was broken, Oh it tick-tocked okay, but the push buttons at the top did nothing!

So being somewhat mechanically minded, I took it home to see if anything could be done to get it back in working order again. Taking it to bits, I discovered that the Push buttons were activated by a plastic lever, which was 'rocker' pinnioned at the centre. and that at each end of the lever there was a small metal plunger that when pushed down, prevented the one clock from working, at the same time it released the other clock and allowed it to work. This plastic lever had snapped. Simple! I thought. Bit of super glue and Bobs your uncle! Things are never as simple as you think are they? I glued the two halves together, then decided that the constant strain on the super glue would soon have the clock back to 'not working' again, so in order to strengthen the repair, I glued a small strip of plastic across the repaired joint, Which was approx. a quarter way along the lever, I then thought that this might unbalance the action so I glued another strip on the other half of the lever. This would also strengthen it. All this worked fine when I reassembled the clock, but I could not stop both clocks at the same time! Although by pushing both buttons down an equal amount, it was possible to have both clocks going at the same time! So I dismantled it all again and found that I had to readjust the little metal plungers, (They were not going down far enough!) Quite fiddly!

However, success in the end. The clock is now fully functional and ticking over nicely! The following Monday it was returned to the club. I know I am not of much use in any of the teams, except to avoid a 'Default' But it is nice to know that the club has some benefit of my membership, apart from the newsletter!

Dave

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Thames Valley Chess League (Div.4)
Kingston 'C' Team Results

From Mark Wellham.

Wimbledon 'B' (Away) 20/10/97

B	1.	R. J. Wilcox (152)	1	Mark Wellham	0	
W	2.	T. Hughes (149)	1	John Grant	0	Lost
B	3.	F. Brooks (149)	0	Alan Bates	1	4.5 - 1.5
W	4.	D.C.W.Careswell(133)	0.5	Charles Ison	0.5	
B	5.	K.H.Kinsman(118)	1	Bob White	0	
W	6.	D.F.Payne (105)	1	Bill Birdsall	0	

Harrow 'B' (Home) 27/10/97

W	1.	Alan Bates	0.5	D.M.Powell (130)	0.5	
B	2.	Mark Wellham	0.5	R.H.Pleasants(117)	0.5	Won
W	3.	John Grant	1	A.Panovka (126)	0	3.5 - 2.5
B	4.	Paul Lonergan	0.5	R.R.Maddock (119)	0.5	
W	5.	Charles Ison	0	D.A.Stott (105)	1	
B	6.	George Phillips	1	K.R.Hiron (104)	0	

Ealing 'B' (away) 6/11/97

B	1.	C.D.Gibbons (137)	0.5	Mark Wellham	0.5	
W	2.	A.F.Johnson (137)	0.5	Charles Ison	0.5	Lost
B	3.	T. Fox (132)	1	George Phillips	0	4.5 - 1.5
W	4.	J. Kiremidjian(127)	1	Default	0	
B	5.	A.G.Johnstone(121)	0.5	Jim Wilson	0.5	
W	6.	P. Simek (113)	1	Kevin Galligan	0	

Maidenhead 'B' (home) 10/11/97

B	1.	Alan Bates	1	I.Kinrade (-)	0	
W	2.	Mark Wellham	1	S. Lander (117)	0	Won
B	3.	John Grant	1	R.Hogg (114)	0	4.5 - 1.5
W	4.	Charles Ison	1	R.Vandenberghen(120)	0	
B	5.	George Phillips	0	M. Bovey(108)	1	
W	6.	R. White	0.5	P.Fisher (109)	0.5	

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Addlestone 'B' (Away) 15/12/97

B	1.	S.Essen (142)	1	K.Denyer	0	
W	2.	K.Mahon (-)		M. Wellham		Lost
B	3.	P.O.Mara (136)	0.5	J. Grant	0.5	3.5 - 1.5
W	4.	J.Adcock (126)	1	C. Ison	0	(one result to come)
B	5.	J. Cogger (118)	1	G. Phillips	0	
W	6.	A. Grove (-)	0	R. White	1	

Maidenhead 'B'(Away) 13/1/98

B	1.	B. Norton(-)	1	Mark Wellham	0	
W	2.	I. Kinrade(-)	0.5	Charles Ison	0.5	Lost
B	3.	P. Fisher (109)	0.5	George Phillips	0.5	5 - 1
W	4.	R.Vanderberghen(120)	1	Robert White	0	(See Bob's Blunder!)
B	5.	R.Sharkey (111)	1	Jim Wilson	0	
W	6.	M. Bovey (108)	1	Dave Davis (Tribe Scribe)	0	(See editorial!)

Wimbledon 'C' (Home) 19/1/98

W	1.	Nicholas Grey	1	Kevin Wilkinson(139)	0	
B	2.	Mark Wellham	1	Fred Manning (133)	0	Won (we hope!)
W	3.	Charles Ison		Lamidi LSVBoumwan		(Claiming Draw)
B	4.	R. White	0	D.Weston-Lewis (121)	1	
W	5.	Bill Waterton	1	David Innes (115)	0	
B	6.	Mark Steedman		John Silverton (82)		(Claiming Draw)

Who won the Mystery Prize?

Last month I ran a little competition to find out how many of our members knew the maximum number of Queen's that can be placed on a chessboard without any of them being in check with any other. This is a very old chestnut. Cyrill Merrett was the only one to reply with an answer, unfortunately it was not correct. Remember, I did say that I wanted the positions! However, nobody else entered the competition! Perhaps Bill Waterton was right when he informed me that nobody actually reads the newsletter, they are too busy playing chess! So although Cyrill sent in the wrong answer, he will be awarded the prize just for entering!

There are several solutions to the problem, each one of them has eight queens on the board. Below are a few examples.....

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.
1.	7.	4.	6.	8.	2.	5.	3.
5.	2.	4.	7.	3.	8.	6.	1.
6.	4.	7.	1.	3.	5.	2.	8.
8.	3.	1.	6.	2.	5.	7.	4.

What was the prize? I thought you'd want to know that!

A nice little pocket AM/FM radio brand new and sent with the compliments of Readers Digest!
(In other words, it was an unwanted freeby I had!)

This game (sent in by Bill Waterton) appealed greatly to me, not so much for the game itself, but for the absolutely delightful annotation! Certainly the best annotated game received here so far! Well done Bill! and it is certainly a pleasure to see you back in action at last!

Kingston V Wimbledon

W. E. Waterton (103) V. D. Innes (114)

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| W. | B. |
| 1. P.K4 | <i>My usual game plan is to invite a Sicilian Defence</i>
P.K3 <i>Oh! He's not co-operating, should I build a strong centre?</i> |
| 2. P.QB3 | P.Q3 |
| 3. P.Q3 | P.KN3 |
| 4. P.KR3 | <i>One of my anti-sicilian moves.</i>
B.KN2 <i>as expected</i> |
| 5. N.KB3 | P.QN3 <i>Another fianchetto coming</i> |
| 6. B.K3 | <i>Maybe an odd position for this Bishop</i>
B.QN2 |
| 7. QN.Q2 | <i>At least I am aiming to be fireproof!</i>
P.KR3 <i>Blocks use of my KN5 square.</i> |
| 8. N.KR2 | <i>Another of my anti-sicilian moves</i>
QN.Q2 |
| 9. B.K2 | <i>Providing a castling option, though with double fianchetti the centre may be safer!</i>
KN.KB3 |
| 10. P.KB3? | N.KR4 <i>I seem to have dug a hole?</i> |
| 11. QN.KB1 | <i>So plug it up.</i>
P.QR3 <i>I think he's played this system before.</i> |
| 12. Q.Q2 | <i>Sometime, methinks, to play P.KB4 and pinch that Knight</i>
P.K4 <i>But not yet.</i> |
| 13. P.KN3 | <i>Gradual advance, space taking.</i>
N.QB4 <i>Hum, where's that going?</i> |
| 14. N.KN4 | <i>I've spent ten minutes wondering what to do next, my Knight is spare on KR2 so may find a use for it elsewhere.</i>
P.KN4 <i>He perceived a threat to his Rook Pawn.</i> |
| 15. N.KB2 | <i>Come back home, re-inforce the centre!</i>
Q.Q2 <i>Giving himself two castling options.</i> |
| 16. N.Q1 | <i>In case I need to retreat the Bishop.</i>
P.Q4 <i>See what I mean! Very much deep thought.</i> |
| 17. P.Q4 | KPxQP |
| 18. QBP x QP | <i>Shove off Knight!</i>
N.K3 |
| 19. P.K5 | <i>Keeping the diagonals blocked.</i>
P.QB4 <i>More deep thought before</i> |
| 20. P.KB4 | <i>Exposing the attack on the knight, too complicated to work out, excitement intense.</i>
NP x BP |
| 21. NP x P | P x QP <i>Now what? I'll have the knight???</i> |
| 22. B x N | P x B <i>Not an option to take with the queen, so . . .</i> |
| 23. NB1 x P | N x P |
| 24. B.KN4 | <i>Attacking the Queen.</i>
Q.QN4 <i>causing slight discomfort</i> |

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| W | B |
| 25. N.QB3 | Q.QB4 <i>Think he would have done better with N.Q6+, but the heat is on and time getting short.</i> |
| 26. R.QB1 | <i>Might save the day?</i>
Q.K2 <i>An unnecessary retreat? But it is complicated.</i>
<i>Time is short!</i> |
| 27. N.KB5 | <i>Forking Queen and Bishop, but</i>
Q x KP+ <i>not a surprise.</i>
O - O <i>He had to move his king to avoid my R.K1 pin.</i>
<i>Too late, but a useful open file</i>
Q.QN1, <i>a long retreat but he must cover his Knight, gives me more scope Kingside.</i> |
| 28. K.Q1 | <i>Rid of the pest! just in time, what's better?</i>
P.Q5 <i>Suggesting I QxP and cover my exposed Knight on KN7 so he can pin my Queen with his Rook. So</i> |
| 29. R.K1 | <i>Wanna Swop?</i>
N.KN7 <i>attacking my Rook, but</i> |
| 30. N x B | <i>Mate in two if he steals my Rook, so</i>
N.KN7+, <i>so I've only got one move.</i> |
| 31. N.K2 | Q x KRP |
| 32. Q x KRP | K.Q2 <i>Q.K4 more complications.</i> |
| 33. K.Q2 | N.KR5 <i>I seem to have won a piece, can I keep it?</i>
P.KB4!!! |
| 34. N.KR5 | N(2).KB4 <i>Q.QR4+ I had 'nt seen that but does 'nt help him.</i> |
| 35. N(2).KB4 | K.K2 <i>Q.QN4+</i> |
| 36. K.K2 | K.KB2 <i>Q.K4 forced, otherwise I mate!</i> |
| 37. K.KB2 | B.Q1 <i>Out of the firing line with prospects!</i>
B.Q4 <i>to block the attack, but</i> |
| 38. B.Q1 | <i>Anyway!</i>
QR.Q1 |
| 39. B.QN3 | K.KB2 <i>now this looks promising!!!</i> |
| 40. R.QB6 | R x B |
| 41. B x B+ | <i>He daren't take with the Queen!!!</i>
K.K1 |
| 42. R.QB7+ | R.R8+ <i>At this point time was called and he gave up, anyone could win from here after he loses his Rook.</i> |
| 43. R.R8+ | <i>I should think it is obvious that neither of us are "Book" players, that does 'nt mean the books are wrong, just that we are too old to remember them, but still enjoy exciting games.</i>
<i>I now need another sabbatical!!!!</i> |

1st. Team Results.

Chris Clegg.

Cobham (Away) 09/10/97

1.	K. Lloyd	192	1	B. Wythe	177	0
2.	C. Briscoe	171	1	P. Roche	173	0
3.	R. Browne	159	0	C. Carr	173	1
4.	P. Dupre	158	1	C. Clegg	168	0
5.	G. Stephens	141	0.5	K. Inwood	160	0.5
6.	M. Hogarth	140	0.5	N. Maxwell	160	0.5
7.	P. O'Mara	136	0	C. Mann	159	1
8.	E. Goggin	130	0.5	M. Sheehan	158	0.5
9.	J. Cowle	130	1	M. Baker	142	0
10.	C. Craigmile	127	0	M. Wellham	129	1
			Result			4.5

5.5

Redhill (Away) 20/10/97

1.	G. M. Stearn	177	0.5	C. Wright	180	0.5
2.	L. Vousden	177	0	B. Whyte	177	1
3.	I. M. Pheby	169	0.5	P. Roche	173	0.5
4.	A. G. Sperrin	160	1	C. Carr	173	0
5.	P. Dhonau	156	0.5	C. Clegg	168	0.5
6.	G. Coomber	154		K. Inwood	160	
7.	N. Blake	146	0.5	C. Mann	159	0.5
8.	R. D. Barnett	134	0.5	M. Sheehan	158	0.5
			Result			3.5

3.5

Coulsden (Away) 27/10/97

1.	A. Ledger	223	1	C. Wright	180	0
2.	T. Wall	214	1	B. Whyte	177	0
3.	A. Adelaja	200	0	P. Roche	173	1
4.	N. Edwards	160		C. Clegg	168	
5.	P. Thomas	150	0.5	K. Inwood	160	0.5
6.	M. Jordan	146	0.5	N. Maxwell	160	0.5
7.	C. Fellows	146	0	C. Mann	159	1
8.	B. Allen	155	0	M. Baker	142	1
			Result			4

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Guildford 1 (Home) 06/11/97

1.	C. Wright	180	0	R. Webb	211	1
2.	P. Roche	173	0	I. Thomson	200	1
3.	C. Clegg	168	0.5	R. Abayasekera	199	0.5
4.	K. Inwood	160	0.5	M. Anderton	204	0.5
5.	N. Maxwell	160	0	M. Singleton	185	1
6.	C. Mann	159	0.5	A. Punnett	182	0.5
7.	M. Baker	142	0	J. Shepley	174	1
8.	D. Shalom	133	0	M. Smart	170	1
			Result			6.5

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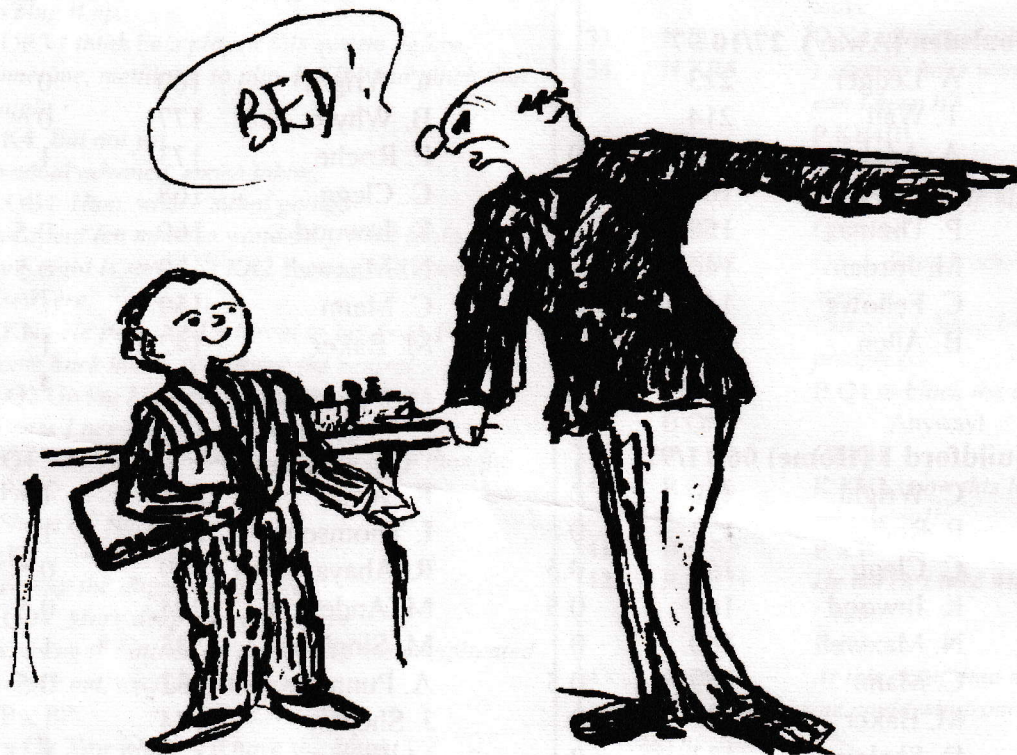
1st. Team Results (contd.)

Crystal Palace (Home) 10/11/97

1.	C. Wright	180	0	D.W.Gunter	190	1
2.	B. Whyte	177	1	P.Potopaev	187	0
3.	P. Roche	173	0	G.D.Keane	189	1
4.	C. Clegg	168	0	J. Marley	177	1
5.	K. Inwood	160	0	M'Oneill		1
6.	N. Maxwell	160	0	A.M.Andrews	161	1
7.	C. Mann	159	0.5	D.D.Cox	153	0.5
8.	D. Coope	129	0	D. Fewkes	114	1
	Result		1.5			6.5

Mitcham (Away) 16/12/97

1.	P.G. Large	212	0.5	C. Wright	180	0.5
2.	S.H.Berry	209	1	B. Whyte	177	0
3.	J.C.Saunders	191	1	P. Roche	173	0
4.	K.J.Bailey	191	0	C. Clegg	168	1
5.	T.Middleton	172	1	K. Inwood	160	0
6.	I.N.Heppell	169	0	C. J. Mann	159	1
7.	J.S. Tymms	156	1	M. Baker	142	0
8.	M.J.Young	150	1	D. Shalom	133	0
	Result		5.5			2.5



"Your not mad 'cos I beat you are you?"

Bob's Blunder

It was a miserable day when the Kingston "C" team travelled to Maidenhead to play against their "B" team, (Tuesday 13th. January).

It rained continuously and we lost!

However, we were not too downhearted except for poor Bob White! He made the terrible error of thinking his King was in "Mate" when in actual fact it was his Queen which was in check! Bob thought it was a clever mate move which he had not seen, and immediately shook hands with his opponent (Mr. R. Vandenberghe) who accepted his "Resignation"!

Obviously the moral of this story is don't be in a hurry! Never mind Bob! Better luck next time!

The A - Z of Chess

By Mark Wellham

After Black Castled, Derek Employed Fisher's Gambit Having Immediate Justification, Keenly Losing Material Namely One Pawn. Queen's Rook Sacrifice Tempted Unwise Valour, White eXerting Yawn-jerking Zugzwang!

Many thanks Mark! at last one of my calenders awarded to you! ed.

Short Game!

Charles Ison has sent in this rather fantastic short game played in the Surrey Correspondence Chess championship 1998. Charles was playing against Malcolm Holder.

1. d4 c6
2. c4 e6
3. e4 Ne7
4. Nc3 b5
5. cxb5 cxb5
6. Nxb5 a6??

At this stage it was vital to move either the Knight at e7 or the Queen or the "d" pawn!

7. Nd6 Mate!

Apparently it is quite common practice in Correspondence chess to have some weird and unusual openings, to try and get your opponent to come away from the more conventional openings and possibly throw them off! This time it was fatal!

Many thanks to Charles for sharing this experience!

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Bill

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A week after this Bill discovered a crack in his wall, so he went to the D.I.Y. shop. You should have seen the parrot's face when he brought back a packet of Pollyfiller!

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Answers to last month's chess problems.

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1. Nf5, threat

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|--------------|------------|
| 2 Nd6+, Kd5; | 3 Pe4 Kd5; |
| 2 Nd6, Kc5; | 3 Pe4 Nc4; |
| 2 Ng3+ Kd5; | 3 Pe4 KxN; |
| 2 QxBP, any; | 3 Pe4 |

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1. Q c 3

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1. B g 5



Kingston Chess Club

Dave Davis (Tribune Scribe)

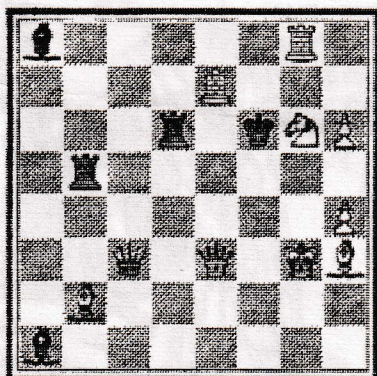
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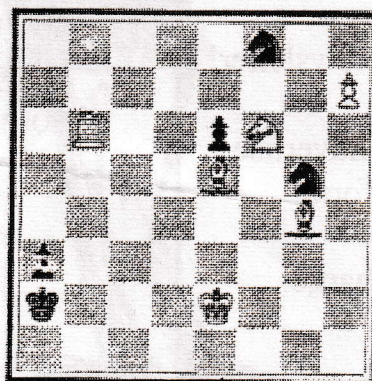
*Entry in First Tourney
El Ajedrez Argentino
1926*



White mates in two moves
Answers next month

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*The Pittsburgh Post
November 16, 1924*



White mates in three moves