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Acknowledgements

Well, here it is ! The long awaited Knightmare No. 3 ! .... and in my opinion it's better than its predecessors.

Yet again we must thank Mike and Valerie Singleton for their devotion to this massive venture. Between them they do most of the editing, indexing and proof-reading in such an efficient manner that you would think that they should go into professional publishing !

Jan and Martyn Kent's contribution was equally important - not only did they take on the huge task of typing but they also did a lot of the checking. I feel it should be noted that they are largely responsible for the high standard of presentation that is now associated with "Knightmare".

The Artwork was shared between Chris Jones and Alan Henry. Chris re-designed his cover and was responsible for the Letraset headings and numberings, whilst Alan did the crossword and remaining artwork.

Finally I would like to thank all those Club members associated with the magazine ; the contributors, collators and salesmen. Their efforts have helped to establish "Knightmare" as the leading Club magazine in the country.

Many Thanks !

Nigel Povah (President)

Foreword

Although the production of 'Knightmare' is rewarding in itself, it is a bonus when we are able to report another successful season.

Our top two teams continued their domination of the Surrey League, coming first and second. After a close and thrilling season in the London League we again had to be content with second place. However, it all came good for us in the two league knockout competitions and for the first time we are custodians of both the Alexander Cup and the Eastman Cup.

Special congratulations are due to our Postal Chess team who look set to win the top British Award having gained the necessary promotions in the minimum time of three seasons.

The Club is justly proud of its juniors this season who won the London U-21 and U-16 championships, and would like to congratulate Julian Hodgson and Daniel King on their selection to play for England in the World U-16 Team Championships to be held in Denmark.

Another 'personal best' was achieved by Nigel Povah who not only won the Charlton Open and came fifth in the British Championship but was selected for the full England Team v. Denmark.

I trust that you, our reader, will benefit from the first-class analysis submitted by our top players as well as being entertained by the articles of more general appeal.

Thank you for your interest and I hope you will enjoy "Knightmare III".

Mike Singleton (Editor)

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The customers always write

Compiled by M.P.F. Singleton.

Although "Knightmare" is essentially a club magazine and is therefore produced in limited quantity, we are pleased to have had requests for the magazine from chess players (including at least one Grandmaster) all over the world. Orders have come in from Sliema (Malta), Johannesburg, New York, and Tokyo, the latter from none other than James Galway whilst on tour in Japan ! We have had a number of most interesting and amusing letters from readers of "Knightmare", which we are always glad to receive, and some of which I summarise below....

Dave Daddy, the witty and artistic bard of Hull Chess Club whose poem " How I became a grandmaster by reading Knightmare" (!) appeared in "Knightmare II", sent us the following sequel -

" Further Adventures of a Bunny "

Rumour has it Fischer's back
I could scarce believe 'twas true
so in desperation
I sent for "Knightmare Two" !
The first mag was a real success
I read it over and over
and learned a lot from Emerson
and superstar Nigel Povah !
Lester, Linden, Floyd and Jones,
Beadle, Blackburn, Kent,
I realised the pound I paid
was brilliantly spent !
Editor Mike Singleton
has done a super stint

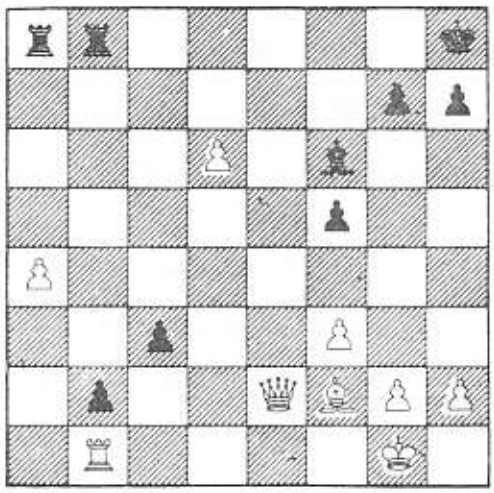
It's got to be the greatest
that's ever appeared in print !
Openings ; Endgames section
articles of news,
no wonder all the critics
gave such excellent reviews !
So as I've just related,
I sent for "Knightmare Two",
it has a smart pink cover
instead of last time blue !
It even has cartoons as well,
dark faces drawn in ink,
and where they got that poet from -
it really makes you think !!

Nick Howarth, of South East London and Charlton Chess Club (and an ex-Streatham member of many years), greatly enjoyed Roger Emerson's highly amusing article "You call that a move ?" (as did a good many other people), and was kind enough to send us a copy of the score of the game Hort v Keres mentioned in the article. Roger had claimed in a light hearted way that this game was lost by Hort partly due to the psychological shock of falling off his chair at the moment when Keres sacrificed a rook. Nick Howarth thought this less than fair to Keres who he said was winning anyway !! Perhaps the reader would like to judge for himself ?

White : Hort Black : Keres European Team Championship, Oberhausen 1961

Ruy Lopez.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 d6 5. d4 b5 6. Bb3 Nd4 7. Nd4 ed
8. Bd5 Rb8 9. Bc6 Bd7 10. Bd7 Qd7 11. Qd4 Nf6 12. 0-0 Be7 13. Nc3 0-0
14. a4 Rfe8 15. Qd3 b4 16. Nd5 a5 17. b3 Nd5 18. ed Bf6 19. Rb1 c5
20. Bf4 Be5 21. Be3 Rbc8 22. Qc4 Qf5 23. Qb5 Qc2 24. Qa5 f5 25. f3 Bb2
26. Qa6 Qb3 27. Bf2 c4 28. Qb7 Rb8 29. Qa7 Ra8 30. Qb7 Reb8 31. Qd7 Qc2
32. Qd6 b3 33. Qe6 Kh8 34. d6 Bf6 35. Rfc1 Qc1 36. Rc1 b2 37. Rb1 c3
38. Qe2



BLACK (KERES) TO PLAY
(and sacrifice a rook)

WHITE (HORT) TO MOVE
(and fall off his chair)

...Ra4 ! 39. d7 h6 40. Qe8 Kh7 41. d8=Q Rd8 42. Qa4 Rd2 43. Rb2 cb
44. Qb3 Rd8 45. Qc2 Rb8 46. Qb1 g6 47. g4 Ra8 48. Kg2 Ra1 49. Qc2 b1=Q
50. Qc7 Bg7 51. Bd4 Qf1 52. Kg3 f4 53. Kf4 Qc1 0 - 1

Perhaps the most amusing letter was the one we received from "The Oozlum Bird" (and signed with six green toe marks !) concerning another recent skirmish with "The Pelikan" ! This came as a result of a game in the first "Knightmare" under the heading of "Country Notebook !" which had been annotated in highly amusing fashion by Roger Emerson (again !). Roger had analysed his win against Nigel Povah from Charlton '76 where he had overcome Nigel's pet Pelikan variation (Sicilian Defence) with the sacrificial line 11. (or 12.) Bb5 !?, and which he named "The Oozlum bird; predator of the Pelikan" !

The letter we received enclosed a recent game with the same line and ran as follows;

"Dear N.E.P.

You thought I was extinct, didn't you ? Well, to prove you wrong I made a rare appearance during last winter's emigration south.

As you will see from the game I lost most of my feathers during the scrap, and my beak was not large enough to hold all the pawns I gobbled.

Maybe I could have achieved more when I invaded its' nest on moves 15 and 16, but

in the end I settled for a share of the precipice after an interesting display of plumage.

Anyway the enclosed game may be of interest to your country notebook.

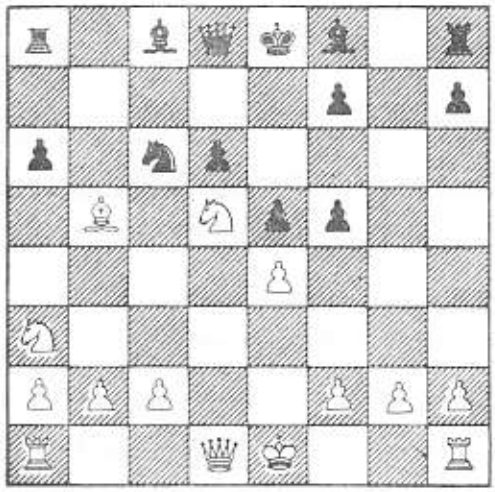
Yours squawkingly,

The Oozlum bird ".

White : G. Weinitschke Black : G. Antosekiewicz

10th E. German Correspondence Chess Championship '77 / 78.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cd 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bf4 e5 8. Bg5 a6 9. Na3 b5 10. Bf6 gf 11. Nd5 f5 12. Bb5 !?



The Oozlum Bird;- distinguishing features.

...ab 13. Nb5 Rb8 !? (Roger's game against Nigel Povah went 13...Ra7) 14. Nbc7 Kd7 15. Qh5 Ne7 16. Qf7 fe 17. 0-0-0 Kc6 18. a3 Nd5 19. Nd5 Rb7 20. Nb4 Rb4 21. Qd5 Kc7 22. ab4 Bb7 23. Qc4 Kb8 24. b3 d5 ?! 25. Qb5 h5 26. Rhe1 Bg7 ! 27. c4 d4 28. Re4 Qc7 29. f4 Rh6 30. fe Rb6 31. Qe8 Ka7 32. Red4 Rb4 33. Kc2 ?! Qa5 ! 34. Kb2 Be5 35. Qd7 Kb8 36. Re1 Rc4 !? 37. bc4 Qe1 38. Qe8 Ka7 39. Qa4 Ba6 40. Qd7 Kb8 $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$

We are most grateful to Nick Howarth, Dave Daddy, The Oozlum Bird (Paul Lamford ?), and those others who have sent us letters of encouragement. Any comments or criticisms of this edition would be equally welcome !

London League

FIRST TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 1)

by Nigel Povah (Captain)

This season the first team set out with the ambition of regaining the first division title from our arch rivals Charlton. We started rather slowly with close victories over Hampstead 7 - 5 and Wimbledon $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$, but then we moved into top gear with an $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ victory over London University.

Unfortunately we then slipped up disastrously against Cavendish losing $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$. We bounced back with 9 - 3 victories against Hendon, Lewisham and Mushrooms, and a hard fought 6 - all draw with Charlton.

We then came up against a strong YMCA side needing to win to avoid relegation and again we lost by a $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $8\frac{1}{2}$ margin. We rounded off the season with wins against Islington $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ and Richmond 8 - 4 to clinch the runners-up slot for the second year. Let's hope next year we can regain the top spot !

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
J. Nicholson	9	4	4	1	66	1.8
R. Emerson	6	2	3	1	58	2.0
J.M. Hodgson	10	2	5	3	45	2.1
N.E. Povah	7	1	3	3	36	2.4
J. Pigott	4	3	1	0	87	4.2
C. Kennaugh	4	1	1	2	37	4.2
G. Flear	5	1	1	3	30	4.4
K. Coates	9	7	0	2	78	4.9
D. Massie	9	4	3	2	61	5.8
D. King	4	3	1	0	87	7.2
M. Davis	3	3	0	0	100	7.3

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
R. Haldane	4	3	0	1	75	8.0
G. Szaszvari	3	2	0	1	66	8.3
M.P.F. Singleton	11	5	1	5	50	8.4
S.R. Gillam	9	5	3	1	72	8.9
B.P. Floyd	1	0	0	1	0	9.0
C.N.J. Rose	7	3	3	1	64	9.4
C. Jones	5	2	2	1	60	9.6
A. King	5	4	0	1*	80	9.8
B. Cheal	8	4	4	0	75	10.2
P. Spiller	3	0	2	1	33	11.3
A. Westwood	4	2	0	2	50	11.7
J. Bennett	2	1	0	1	50	12.0
	132	62	37	33		

* Loss by default

FIRST DIVISION - FINAL TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	M	G	D	PD
1. Charlton	X	6	7	8	8	7½	8½	6½	8	9	6	9½	10	84	-	-
2. Streatham	6	X	9	3½	7½	7	6½	3½	11½	9	8	9	8½	80½	1	-
3. Hendon	5	3	X	8½	5x	8	8	7	7½	6	8½	4	6	70½	5	½D
4. L.Cent.YMCA	4	8½	3½	X	4½	7½	9	5½	5½	7½	6½	7	6	69	-	-
5. Islington	4	4½	6x	7½	X	6	4½	6	4	8½	4½	8	4½	63½	4	½D
6. Hampstead	4½	5	4	4½	6	X	6	6	7	8	5½	6½	4½	63	2	-
7. Wimbledon	3½	5½	4	3	7½	6	X	4½	7½	4½	7½	6½	4½	60	1	-
8. Cavendish	5½	8½	5	6½	6	6	7½	X	3½	5	6	4½	4	64	4	½D
9. Lon. Univ.	4	½	4½	6½	8	5	4½	8½	X	5	6½	4	4	57	1	-
10. Lewisham	3	3	6	4½	3½	4	7½	7	7	X	2½	6	4	54	2	-
11. Richmond	6	4	3½	5½	7½	6½	4½	6	5½	9½	X	5	3½	63½	7	½D
12. Mushrooms	2½	3	8	5	4	5½	5½	7½	8	6	7	X	3½	62	10	1D

SECOND TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 3)

by Malcolm Lester

After gaining promotion for three successive seasons the second team came to a sudden stop this year, only managing 8th position in the division which was won by Willesden. Perhaps the reason for this was that many of our 'regular' players were not consistently available, in fact 28 different players appeared for the team during the season.

Good performances were recorded by the younger members of the team, Gary Dormand ($3\frac{1}{2}$ / 4), Simon Triggs ($2\frac{1}{2}$ / 3) and David Edmonds (5 / 7) all deserve congratulation and should help to lift the team to greater success next season.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
A. King	1	0	0	1	0	1.0
M. Davis	2	1	0	1	50	1.0
C. Jones	6	2	2	2	50	2.3
J.M. Bennett	2	1	1	0	75	2.5
G. Szaszvari	3	0	3	0	50	2.7
S.R. Gillam	3	2	1	0	83	2.7
R. Haldane	8	3	1	4	44	2.9
D. Randall	3	2	0	1	67	3.0
C.N.J. Rose	2	0	1	1	25	3.0
A. Westwood	7	4	1	2	64	3.1
L. Doll	4	1	3	0	62	4.5
P. Spiller	1	1	0	0	100	5.0
P. Trussler	4	1	2	1	50	5.7
T. Hughes	1	1	0	0	100	6.0
G. Beattie	1	0	1	0	50	6.0
D. Edmonds	7	4	2	1	71	6.3
S.A. White	3	1	1	1	50	6.7

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
M.J. Lester	8	4	1	3	56	6.7
E. Frydman	4	1	1	2	37	8.0
P. Turner	3	1	1	1	50	8.0
R.T. Allen	2	0	0	2	0	8.0
S. Lea	1	0	0	1	0	8.0
G. Dormand	4	3	1	0	87	8.7
S. Triggs	3	2	1	0	62	8.7
G. Blowers	2	0	1	1	25	9.0
B. Blackburn	3	2	0	1	67	9.3
B.P. Floyd	2	2	0	0	100	10.0
D. Feinstein	1	0	0	1	0	10.0
Defaults	8	3	0	5		

THIRD DIVISION - FINAL TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	M	G	D	PD
1. Willesden	X	6½	2½	5	5	5½	5½	6½	6	4½	6	7	53	2	-
2. East Ham	3½	X	7½	7	4	3½	8½	7½	6½	5½	5	6½	58½	2	-
3. Stock Exch.	7½	2½	X	3½	5	5½	4½	6	9	7	7	6½	57½	-	-
4. W'tham Forest	5	3	6½	X	6	5½	4	4	6	6½	5½	6½	52	1	-
5. Richmond II	5	6	5	4	X	3	3	5½	8½	5½×	8½	5½	54	4	½D
6. Charlbury	4½	6½	4½	4½	7	X	5	2	5½	7	5½	5½	52	3	-
7. Cavendish II	4½	1½	5½	6	7	5	X	4½	4	5½	5½	5	49	5	½D
8. Streatham II	3½	2½	4	6	4½	8	5½	X	7½	7	6	4½	54½	5	1½D
9. Polish YMCA	4	3½	1	4	1½	4½	6	2½	X	5½	8	3	40½	2	-
10. Croydon	5½	4½	3	3½	3½×	3	4½	3	4½	X	7½	½	42½	13	1½D
11. Athenaeum II	4	5	3	4½	1½	4½	4½	4	2	2½	X	½	35½	3	-

THIRD TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 6)

by George Beattie

After narrowly missing out in 1977 / 78 the third team gained promotion this time

finishing 2nd to Harrow II. But what a disastrous start ! Our first match took us to Morley College who were not expected to present much trouble. As expected we outgraded them on every board. Chris Rice and Ainsley Killey both won fairly quickly and the inevitable rout looked on. These in fact turned out to be our only wins and Morley College were 6 - 4 winners. Fortunately the rest of the campaign provided more predictable results and we finished with $8\frac{1}{2}$ points out of 10.

There were several noteworthy individual performances as can be seen from the table but perhaps special mention is deserved for Martin Cowley who scored 7 out of 8 and Chris Rice 5 out of 6.

An interesting point is that while we won four games by default we lost none. For this credit should be given to the enormous enthusiasm of our club members.

To all 25 players who were called upon I should just like to say thanks and hope that our success will continue.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
A.S. Westwood	2	1	0	1	50	1.0
P. Spiller	5	4	1	0	90	1.0
T. Hughes	3	1	1	1	50	1.7
M. Lester	4	2	2	0	75	2.0
D. Randall	7	2	2	3	42.9	2.6
C. Rice	6	5	0	1	83.3	3.7
P. Trussler	4	3	1	0	87.5	4.5
G. Dormand	7	2	3	2	50	4.6
L. Doll	3	2	1	0	83.3	4.7
S. Triggs	3	2	1	0	83.3	5.0
G. Beattie	5	2	3	0	70	5.2
J. Flanagan	2	1	0	1	50	5.5
S.A. White	9	5	2	2	66.7	6.2
D. Feinstein	3	1	1	1	50	6.3

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
A. Killey	10	2	5	3	45	7.1
M. Cowley	8	6	2	0	87.5	7.4
A.M. Dunlop	1	0	1	0	50	8.0
C.E. Williams	1	0	1	0	50	8.0
M. Linden	2	2	0	0	100	8.5
B. Blackburn	7	3	1	3	50	8.7
R.T. Allen	1	1	0	0	100	9.0
B. Higgins	1	0	0	1	0	9.0
S. Crowdy	3	2	0	1	66.7	9.0
B.P. Floyd	2	1	1	0	75	10.0
F. Chinegwundoh	1	0	1	0	50	10.0

SIXTH DIVISION - FINAL TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	M	G	D	PD
1. Harrow II	X	4	5½	6½	7	6½	8	6½	9	7½	8	9	68½	1	-
2. Streatham III	6	X	7	5	7	4	6	8½	7	7½	7	8½	65	-	-
3. Woodbridge	4½	3	X	5½	5½	7½	7½	7½	7½	7½	8	8	64	-	-
4. L.Centymca III	3½	5	4½	X	4½	4	6½	7	7½	5x	8	5½	55½	3	-
5. Richmond III	3	3	4½	5½	X	6	4	6½	5½	8	4	4½	50	5	½D
6. Morley Coll.	3½	6	2½	6	4	X	4	6½	4	8	5	4	49½	4	½D
7. Charlton III	2	4	2½	3½	6	6	X	3	4	6½	6½	3½	44	4	½D
8. W'bledon IV	3½	1½	2½	3	3½	3½	7	X	6	5	7	3	42½	4	½D
9. Metro' IV	1	3	2½	2½	4½	6	6	4	X	2	7½	3	39	-	-
10. Hackney	2½	2½	2½	4x	2	2	3½	5	8	X	7	2	39	6	½D
11. UNATS	2	3	2	2	6	5	3½	3	2½	3	X	1	32	5	½D

FOURTH TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 7)

by Bruce Floyd

This team started the year with sole objective of winning all its matches and gaining promotion to the 6th division. There seemed little that could stop us for there

were no exceptionally strong teams in this division and youth, C.E. Williams and enthusiasm were on our side.

However, reality was somewhat different; our first match against International Students was lost $4\frac{1}{2} - 5\frac{1}{2}$ and this seemed to be our norm until we played the London Deaf who we beat 8 - 2.

Notwithstanding this result we only managed a total of $2\frac{1}{2}$ out of 8 match points which was somewhat disappointing particularly as three of our losses were $5\frac{1}{2} - 4\frac{1}{2}$ and our worst result was only $6\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
G. Dormand	1	1	0	0	100	1.0
S.T.K. Wilkinson	1	1	0	0	100	1.0
M. Cowley	6	3	2	1	66	1.8
D. Lea	1	0	0	1	0	2.0
M. Linden	1	0	1	0	50	2.0
F. Chinegwundoh	1	1	0	0	100	3.0
B. Blackburn	5	2	1	2	50	3.0
B.P. Floyd	5	2	1	2	50	3.8
G. Beattie	4	3	1	0	87	4.7
R.T. Allen	1	0	0	1	0	5.0
S. Crowdy	7	4	2	1	71	5.0
B. Higgins (Miss)	6	4	1	1	75	5.8
M.F. Kent	5	1	4	0	60	5.8
I. Holle	1	0	0	1	0	6.0
C. McElligott	3	1	0	2	33	7.0
B. Rich	2	0	1	1	25	7.0
C.E. Williams	7	3	3	1	64	7.1
K. Holle	4	0	1	3	12	7.2
S. Lea	7	3	0	4	43	8.0

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
A. McElligott	2	0	0	2	0	8.0
K. Holle (Miss)	3	1	1	1	50	9.6
S. Peckitt (Miss)	1	1	0	0	100	10.0
Defaults	6	2	0	4		

SEVENTH DIVISION - FINAL TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	M	G	D	PD
1. Islington III	X	6	7	5½	6½	6	7	9	6½	7½	53½	5	½D
2. L.Centymca IV	4	X	5	6	6	5½	6½	9½	7	6½	49½	-	-
3. Mushrooms III	3	5	X	5	6	5½	8½	8	8	5½	49	5	½D
4. Hampstead III	4½	4	5	X	7½	6½	7½	6½	6½	5½	48	1	-
5. Int. Students	3½	4	4	2½	X	5½	5	5	8½	3	38	3	-
6. Streatham IV	4	4½	4½	3½	4½	X	8	5½	7½	2½	42	4	½D
7. London Deaf	3	3½	1½	2½	5	2	X	6	3x	1	26½	4	½D
8. Metro' V	1	½	2	3½	5	4½	4	X	3	½	23½	-	-
9. Hackney II	3½	3	2	3½	1½	2½	6x	7	X	-1	29	9	3D

EASTMAN CUP

by Nigel Povah

Well at last we've done it !

Our quest for the elusive Eastman Cup (we were losing semi-finalists in 1978) took a fairly smooth course this year. We had a comfortable victory against Harrow in the first round and were paired against Drunken Knights in the second round. The match was scheduled to be played at the National Liberal Club in December, and it just so happened that I had managed to field a team of 10 players over 190. But Jeremy Thorpe and the gods were not on our side because our players were not suitably dressed (collar and tie being necessary !), so the match was abandoned only to be held at a later date under more casual circumstances - we won 7½ - 2½.

The next round saw us achieve a well earned victory over YMCA 6 - 4, and in the

semi-final we beat Wimbledon $6\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$.

The final was quite a close affair with Richmond, from which we emerged eventual winners by 6 - 4.

My final thanks to everyone who played for the team and good luck for next season !

RESULTS

Round 1	6 - 4	v	Harrow
Round 2	$7\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$	v	Drunken Knights
Round 3	6 - 4	v	YMCA
Semi-final	$6\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$	v	Wimbledon
Final	6 - 4	v	Richmond

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
J.Nicholson	4	3	0	1	75	1.7
R.Emerson	4	0	2	2	25	2.0
N.E.Povah	5	3	0	2	60	2.4
J.M.Hodgson	4	3	0	1	75	2.7
G.Flear	2	1	0	1	50	4.0
J.C.Pigott	1	1	0	0	100	5.0
C.W.Kennaugh	1	1	0	0	100	5.0
K.G.Coates	5	2	3	0	70	5.4
D.L.Massie	4	0	3	1	37	5.7
D.J.King	1	1	0	0	100	6.0
G.Szaszvari	1	0	1	0	50	7.0
R.Haldane	2	1	0	1	50	7.5
S.Gillam	4	2	2	0	75	7.7
A.J.King	1	0	1	0	50	8.0
M.P.F.Singleton	4	3	0	1	75	8.7
C.Jones	2	1	1	0	75	9.0

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
B. Cheal	1	0	1	0	50	9.0
J.M. Bennett	1	1	0	0	100	10.0
C.N.J. Rose	1	0	0	1	0	10.0
P. Spiller	1	1	0	0	100	10.0
A. Westwood	1	1	0	0	100	10.0
	50	25	14	11		

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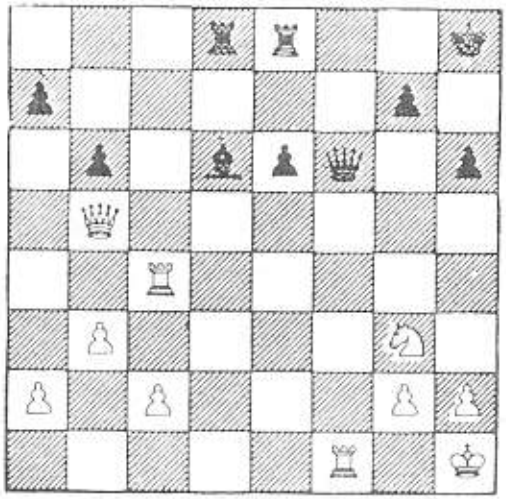

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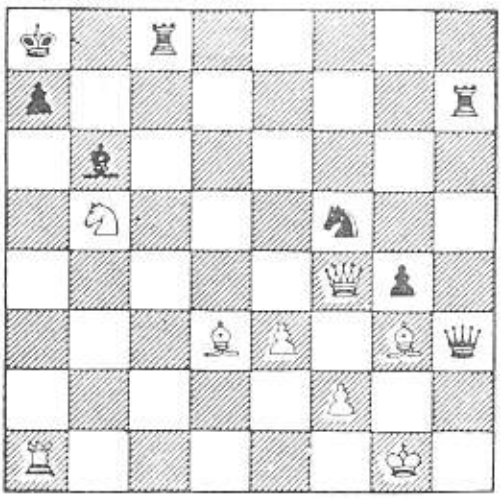


WHITE TO PLAY
AND MATE IN 4

(Answers on page 156.)

Surrey League

FIRST TEAM REPORT (SURREY TROPHY)

by M.P.F. Singleton

Now that the Surrey Trophy has virtually become the personal property of Streatham Chess Club, the main interest in recent years has been centred around the question of which Streatham team will win it ! Speculation was enlivened this season by the promotion of our third team to join the first and second teams in the championship division, creating what I believe was a unique situation in Surrey chess history. Although statistically this seemed to improve our chances of retaining the Trophy it actually results in our strength being split due to the fact that players are not allowed to play for lower teams more than three times.

Rules stipulated that the 'internal' matches had to take place before other league matches could be played, and it is quite true to say that the first team regarded both of its supposed inferiors with a good deal of trepidation and respect.

The first match against John Beadle's team was approached in the worrying knowledge that John has a knack of unexpectedly persuading highly rated players to register with his team (including for instance one National Champion !), but in the event, this happened ...

S&B I		S&B III
1. N.E. Povah	0 - 1	D.J. King
2. R. Emerson	1 - 0	A. Westwood
3. J. Pigott	½ - ½	A.J. King
4. D. Massie	1 - 0	S.R. Gillam
5. M.P.F. Singleton	½ - ½	C.A. Frostick
6. G. Szaszvari	1 - 0	P. Trussler
7. B. Cheal	0 - 1	J. Yeo
8. D. Edmonds	1 - 0	J. Beadle
	5 - 3	

The match against Ken Coates' team turned out to be the championship decider, and this year it was the turn of the second team to take it in fine style with the following victory...

S&B I		S&B II
1. R. Emerson	0 - 1	A.D. Martin
2. J. Nicholson	0 - 1	J. Hodgson
3. N.E. Povah	1 - 0	L. Doll
4. D. Massie	½ - ½	D. Randall
5. G. Szaszvari	½ - ½	K.G. Coates
6. M.P.F. Singleton	0 - 1	R. Haldane
7. S.R. Gillam	0 - 1	M. Davis
8. M. Lester	0 - 1	C. Jones
	2 - 6	

That Ken's team went on to win the Trophy was, I think, very much due to his enthusiasm and greatly respected ability to implant a 'killer instinct' in his players, who seemed to be selected for his team on the strength of their penchant for the tactical and speculative aspects of chess !

The first team went on to win every other match, except for an off-form performance against Sutton who beat us 5 - 3, and finished a very creditable second.

Fourteen year old David Edmonds was drafted into the first team on the grounds that 'it would be good training for him'. He in fact achieved the 'best player award' with a splendid 90% score, which put the somewhat mediocre percentages of the rest of the squad in the shade ! He has an excellent attitude to the game and certainly deserves a higher board next season. His tongue in cheek technique is well explained in his own article 'How to win if you're four foot eleven !' elsewhere in this issue, and here follows his victory against John Beadle in the first match of the season (mentioned above). The reader will see that his own notes to the moves reveal a mature positional understanding of the game.

White : D. Edmonds Black : J. Beadle S&B I v S&B III

Surrey League 1979 Caro-Kann Defence

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 de 4. Ne4 Nf6 5. Nf6 gf 6. Bc4 Bf5 7. c3 Qc7 8. Ne2 e6 9. Bf4 Bd6 10. Bd6 Qd6 11. Ng3 Bg6 12. Qe2 Nd7 13. 0-0-0 h5 (this pawn is aiming for h4, but after White's next move it is left permanently weak) 14. h4 0-0-0 15. Bd3 (the swap of Bishops would leave the h pawn to be taken the following move. However, Black's next move is a blunder, as it turns his good Bishop into a terrible one) ...f5? 16. Qf3 Nf6 17. Ne2 (heading for a great post on f4) ...Nd5 18. Bc4 Rdg8 19. Bd4! (this leaves White with a classic good Knight v bad Bishop) ...cd 20. Nf4 Bh7? (the pawn sac is a bad one, however White was just going to play Rh3 - g3 followed by Nh5) 21. Nh5 Rg4 22. g3 Qb6 23. a3 Re4 24. Rhe1 Bg6 25. Nf4 Bh7 26. Re4 fe 27. Qh5 Qa4 28. Qf7 Bf5 29. Ne6 1 - 0

SURREY TROPHY - FIRST DIVISION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Gms	Pts
1. Streatham II	X	6	5½	3	5	5	6	5½	5	7	6½	54½	9
2. Streatham I	2	X	5	5½	3	5	6	6½	5½	7	6	51½	8
3. Guildford	2½	3	X	5½	2½	6½	6	3	6	4½	5	44½	6
4. Kingston	5	2½	2½	X	7½	3	4½	3½	4	4	7	43½	5
5. Sutton	3	5	5½	½	X	3½	3½	5½	5½	6½	3½	42	5
6. Streatham III	3	3	1½	5	4½	X	3½	2½	6½	5½	4½	39½	5
7. Wimbledon I	2	2	2	3½	4½	4½	X	5	3½	5	7	39	5
8. Mitcham	2½	1½	5	4½	2½	5½	3	X	3½	3½	5½	37	4
9. Wimbledon II	3	2½	2	4	2½	1½	4½	4½	X	2½	4	31	3
10. Croydon	1	1	3½	4	1½	2½	3	4½	5½	X	4	30½	3
11. Coulsdon	1½	2	3	1	4½	3½	1	2½	4	4	X	27	2

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
N.E. Povah	8	5	0	2	62	1.5
R. Emerson	8	5	2	1	75	1.6

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
J. Nicholson	1	0	0	1	0	2.0
J. Pigott	7	5	1	1	78	2.8
K. Coates	2	1	1	0	75	4.0
D. Massie	7	3	3	1	64	4.4
M.P.F. Singleton	10	4	4	2	60	5.0
M. Davis	3	1	1	1	50	5.0
C. Jones	1	1	0	0	100	5.0
G. Szaszvari	2	1	1	0	75	5.5
R. Haldane	2	1	0	1	50	5.5
J.M. Bennett	2	1	1	0	75	5.5
S.R. Gillam	2	1	0	1	50	6.0
Sheila Jackson	1	0	1	0	50	6.0
B. Cheal	8	4	2	2	62	7.0
M. Lester	2	0	0	2	0	7.0
A. Westwood	1	1	0	0	100	7.0
P. Spiller	1	1	0	0	100	7.0
P. Trussler	1	1	0	0	100	7.0
C.N.J. Rose	3	1	1	1	50	7.3
D. Edmonds	5	4	1	0	90	8.0

SECOND TEAM REPORT (SURREY TROPHY)

by Ken Coates

The Surrey League first division is played during evenings at a rate of 30 moves in 1¼ hours, to be followed by 'instant' adjudication. This creates some problems in that to be sure of a result, one must win in under 30 moves, a tall order considering that nowadays the first 20 - 25 moves could all be theory !

What we needed were players who would risk everything in the attempt to win, and consequently our line-up was headed by such characters as : Andy (Masher) Martin, Julian (Hacker) Hodgson, Glen (Flashy) Flear, Ken (Crudo) Coates, Robin (Hacker II) Haldane, Chris (Jammy) Jones, Nigel (Rocky) Rose and Dave (Reckless) Randall.

After a 6 - 2 win over our own first team (see above), we managed to run out the eventual winners by one point. This is the second time our second team has won this league, and I should like to congratulate all those who played, and contributed to the romantic style in which the games were played !

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
A.D. Martin	6	3	2	1	66	1.2
J.M. Hodgson	10	8	2	0	90	1.6
G.C. Flear	5	3	2	0	80	2.8
K.G. Coates	9	4	4	1	66	3.4
S.R. Gillam	1	1	0	0	100	4.0
R.W. Haldane	9	6	2	1	77	4.4
M. Davis	3	2	1	0	83	4.7
L. Doll	2	1	0	1	50	5.0
C. Jones	10	7	2	1	80	5.9
J. Bennett	2	1	0	1	50	6.0
A. Westwood	2	0	0	2	0	6.0
C.N.J. Rose	6	5	1	0	91	6.3
D. Randall	6	1	4	1	50	6.7
P. Spiller	2	1	0	1	50	7.5
R.T. Allen	2	0	1	1	25	7.5
D.R. Feinstein	2	0	0	2	0	8.0
S. White	1	1	0	0	100	8.0
B.P. Floyd	1	0	0	1	0	8.0
Defaults	1	0	0	1		

THIRD TEAM REPORT (SURREY TROPHY)

by John Beadle

Overall the season was a success for the third team. Its first venture into the dizzy heights of the Surrey Trophy seemed destined to be the last after four straight losses at the beginning of the season.

Our first win, against Kingston, relieved the feeling of impending doom and was quite unexpected.

Encouraged by this success we went on to score five successive wins before being brought down to earth in the last match by Wimbledon I who defeated us by the narrowest margin $4\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$.

Our final position in the league, sixth, is a fine achievement and we will have to work hard if we are to improve on it next season.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
D.J. King	2	1	1	0	75	1.0
A. Westwood	10	3	1	6	35	1.5
D. Randall	1	0	0	1	0	2.0
J.M. Bennett	4	2	1	1	62	2.7
Sheila Jackson	5	3	1	1	70	2.8
A.J. King	2	0	1	1	25	3.0
P. Spiller	7	5	1	1	78	3.0
C. Frostick	3	0	3	0	50	3.6
T. Hughes	1	0	0	1	0	4.0
S.R. Gillam	4	0	1	3	12	4.5
M.J. Lester	5	3	2	0	80	5.0
P.F. Brown	1	0	1	0	50	5.0
P.K. Trussler	4	0	2	2	25	5.2
L. Doll	7	3	2	2	57	5.7
S.A. White	2	1	0	1	50	6.0
J.A. Yeo	2	1	1	0	75	6.5
G. Beattie	2	1	0	1	50	7.0
S.D. Lea	1	0	0	1	0	7.0
J.R. Beadle	10	3	3	4	45	7.5
B. Blackburn	2	0	1	1	25	8.0
B.P. Floyd	1	0	1	0	50	8.0
Defaults	2	1	0	1		

FOURTH TEAM REPORT (ELLAM TROPHY)

by Barry Blackburn

After the far from successful performance last season, it is rather good to report an excellent performance this season.

We actually finished equal first with Sutton III the outcome actually being decided when we beat them in the final match of the season, exciting stuff !

We failed to win the Ellam Trophy which goes to Sutton III by virtue of the fact that they beat us on game points.

By a piece of good fortune, however, we shall be playing in the second division next season. I gather that one of the teams from the second division asked to be relegated, and we were offered the chance of being promoted, which we accepted.

My special thanks to all the players who played throughout the season, particularly to Martin Cowley who bore the brunt of board 1, seven times out of nine games and giving a creditable performance, despite being continually outgraded.

I am very pleased with the continued success of this team which has grown in strength, as the individual playing strength has risen. Consequently, the success we have achieved we have done so without the importation of any 'star' newcomers.

I hope we can give a good account of ourselves in the second division.

ELLAM TROPHY - THIRD DIVISION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Gms	Pts
1. Sutton III	X	3½	5	4	4½	4½	4	7½	8d	5½	5½	52	8
2. Streatham IV	4½	X	4	5	2½	5	4½	4½	7½	4½	4	46	8
3. Forestdale	3	4	X	5½	2	4	5	5½	3	5½	8d	45½	6
4. Croydon II	4	3	2½	X	5½	4½	4	5	3	5	8d	44½	6
5. S. Norwood	3½	5½	6	2½	X	4½	3½	6½	3	4	8d	47	5½
6. Wallington II	3½	3	4	3½	3½	X	5½	5	4½	5	5½	43	5½
7. Sutton IV	4	3½	3	4	4½	2½	X	4	4½	4½	8d	42½	5½
8. Battersea	½	3½	2½	3	1½	3	4	X	5	4½	8d	35½	3½
9. C. Palace	0d	½	5	5	5	3½	3½	3	X	2	3½	31	3
10. Stoneleigh	2½	3½	2½	3	4	3	3½	3½	6	X	5½	37	2½
11. Mitcham II	1½	4	0d	0d	0d	2½	0d	0d	4½	2½	X	15	1½

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
J.R. Beadle	3	1	1	1	50	1.0
M.J. Cowley	9	3	3	3	50	1.2
A.W. Bell	1	0	1	0	50	2.0
J.A. Flanagan	9	6	3	0	83	2.3
D.R. First	3	1	1	1	50	3.0
G. Beattie	3	0	2	1	33	3.7
B. Blackburn	8	4	0	4	50	4.2
A. Killey	7	4	2	1	71	4.3
R.T. Allen	3	1	1	1	50	4.3
G. Blowers	4	2	1	1	62	5.2
M.C. Linden	4	2	2	0	75	5.7
B.P. Floyd	4	1	0	3	25	6.5
S.D. Lea	9	4	2	3	55	6.9
F. Chinegwundoh	5	3	1	1	70	7.2
S. Crowdy	3	2	0	1	66	7.7
M.F. Kent	3	1	2	0	66	8.0

FIFTH TEAM REPORT (CENTENARY TROPHY)

by Martyn Kent

This season was a disappointment for the team as a whole. We started off with our strongest overall squad yet, but began our campaign with a 4 - 3 reversal at home to Horley whom we felt there was a good possibility of beating. Then followed an astounding match, won 7 - 0 against Cobham who only had one default. We next went to Coulsdon and won $4\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$. Wimbledon IV were our next opponents, and we lost horribly $1\frac{1}{2} - 5\frac{1}{2}$ after fielding two ineligible players. This was a great shock for our team. We could not recover in time for our next match at Ashtead, still playing the two ineligible players, we lost.

South Norwood were our next opponents where we came out winners $4\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$. On our trip to Dorking there was a change of venue 30 minutes before scheduled time of start,

and when play began our opponents vastly outgraded us and inflicted a 4 - 3 loss. Kingston away saw us draw, but Chertsey were seen off in appropriate fashion 4 - 3. Hence we came to our last match and the most trying for yours truly, as one of my players was taken ill during the match which was precariously balanced. I had to leave my game, thereby chancing a loss on time, to call an ambulance which duly came ½ an hour later. Sportingly my opposite number P. Atkinson agreed both games as draws. However we lost this match 4 - 3. We finished the season with 4 wins, 5 defeats and 1 draw.

Special note must go to Stephen Crowdy with a fantastic score on top boards of 6½ / 8 and to Bruce Floyd with 5 / 7.

May I take this opportunity to apologise to the ineligible players for any inconvenienc caused, and I hope that we can turn these narrow defeats into wins next season, and so once again win the Centenary Trophy. My thanks to everybody who played in the team.

CENTENARY TROPHY - FOURTH DIVISION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Gms	Pts
1. Wimbledon IV	X	4	3½	3½	3½	4	5½	4½	4½	5	5½	43½	9
2. Dorking	2	X	4	5	3½	4½	4	5	3½	7d	4	42½	8
3. Chertsey II	3½	3	X	4	5	3	3	3½	3½	6	5½	40½	6
4. Ashtead II	2½	2	3	X	4½	4	3½	2½	4	4	5	35	6
5. Sutton V	3½	3½	2	2½	X	4	4	1	4½	3½	5½	34	5½
6. Horley	3	2½	4	3	3	X	4	7d	0	4	6	37½	5
7. Streatham V	0	3	4	1½	3	3	X	4½	3½	7	4½	33½	4½
8. Coulsdon II	2½	2	3½	4½	6	0d	2½	X	4	2½	4½	32	4½
9. Kingston III	2½	3½	3½	3	2½	7	3	3½	X	4	1½	34	3½
10. Cobham II	1	0d	1	3	3½	2	4½	0	3	X	6	24	2½
11. S. Norwood II	1½	3	1½	2	1½	1	2½	2½	5½	1	X	22	1

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
B.A. Killey	3	1	0	2	33	1.0
D.R. First	2	0	2	0	50	1.5
M.C. Linden	3	0	2	1	33	2.0
F. Chinegwundoh	2	0	0	2	0	2.5
S. Crowdy	8	6	1	1	81	2.7
D.R. Feinstein	3	1	1	1	50	3.0
R.T. Allen	5	2	0	3	40	3.4
B. Higgins	5	3	1	1	70	3.8
M.F. Kent	7	1	5	1	50	4.3
K. Holle	3	1	1	1	50	5.0
P. Statham	4	1	1	2	37	5.0
B. Rich	1	0	1	0	50	5.0
I. Holle	5	1	3	1	50	5.2
S.D. Lea	2	2	0	0	100	5.5
B.P. Floyd	7	4	2	1	71	5.7
D. Lea	3	1	1	1	50	6.6
A. Henry	1	0	0	1	0	7.0
A. McElligott	1	0	0	1	0	7.0
Defaults	5	3	0	2		

SIXTH TEAM REPORT (MINOR TROPHY Section B)

by Bruce Floyd

First an apology to those who played (or should have played and didn't) in this team. The idea is to give practice to weaker players who would not otherwise have the opportunity, and this involves striking a balance between giving players as many games as possible and keeping a track of new members to see that all those eligible get at least a few matches. However, due to a lack of time on my part this balance was not achieved last year.

But, although we will still only have six boards and no more than a dozen matches, by giving priority to those members already in the club it should be possible to use a pool of 12 to 18 players to formulate a plan of campaign at the start of the season.

So if you're eligible for this team and didn't play last year make sure I have your name !

As the final results table shows, we finished sixth (having won three of our matches, and drawing one) which was a creditable result considering that this team is basically a training pool for our younger players. One of the most consistent performances was that of 12 year old Andrew McElligott, who, together with his brother Christopher played in more games than anybody else and still maintained a 50% record.

MINOR TROPHY - FIFTH DIVISION Section B

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Gms	Pts
1. Wallington III	H	X	3	3½	5	4½	6	5	54½	11½
	A	X	4½	4½	3½	4	5	6		
2. Stoneleigh II	H	1½	X	4½	3½	5	6d	3½	47	9½
	A	3	X	4½	1½	4	6d	4		
3. Coulsdon III	H	1½	1½	X	4½	4	5	6d	40	6½
	A	2½	1½	X	3	3½	2½	4½		
4. Ashtead III	H	2½	4½	3	X	3½	3½	5½	37	6½
	A	1	2½	½	X	4½	3	3		
5. Wimbledon V	H	2	2	2½	1½	X	4	4	30½	4
	A	1½	1	2	2½	X	4½	3		
6. Streatham VI	H	1	0d	3½	3	1½	X	4	22	3½
	A	0	0d	1	2½	2	X	3½		
7. Kingston V	H	0	2	0	3	2	½	X	14½	½
	A	0	2½	0d	½	2	2	X		

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
S. Crowdy	1	0	0	1	0	1.0
B. Rich	2	1	1	0	75	1.0
P. Statham	1	1	0	0	100	1.0
B. Higgins	2	2	0	0	100	2.0
C. Abrahams	1	0	0	1	0	2.0
K. Holle	3	0	0	3	0	2.3
C. McElligott	8	2	2	4	37	2.3
A. Henry	3	2	0	1	66	2.3
A. McElligott	8	3	2	3	50	3.5
A. Quilley	2	1	1	0	75	3.5
D. Lea	3	0	1	2	17	3.7
I.M. Sim	7	2	0	5	28	4.1
Miss K. Holle	3	0	0	3	0	4.5
A. Walden	1	0	0	1	0	5.0
D.R.C. Sim	6	2	1	3	42	5.3
Miss S. Peckitt	3	2	0	1	66	6.0
Miss L. Simpson	1	0	0	1	0	6.0
Defaults	17	1	0	16		

ALEXANDER CUP REPORT

by Steve White

If one reads the Alexander Cup reports in 'Knightmare I' and 'II' it is obvious that the gods did not choose to smile on our normally overpowering team.

Well this year the gods changed their allegiance and allowed us to win. Our scores through the rounds were 8 - 2 v Sutton, $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ v Croydon and $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ v Wimbledon and in the final we scored a very sound $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ win against Guildford.

There seems to be no disasters either man-made or supernatural for me to report, so there is nothing left for me to do but to thank the team and in particular Ken Coates who apart from his score of 100% over three games, managed to win his final game

at Guildford by using only 1 minute on his clock (see Games Section). This is the second time he has performed this feat at Guildford, and I feel that it must have boosted the confidence of the Streatham team in this vital match.

All there is left to be said now is THANKS !

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Bd
J.M. Hodgson	4	2	2	0	75	1.7
J. Pigott	1	1	0	0	100	2.0
J. Nicholson	1	0	1	0	50	2.0
N.E. Povah	3	2	1	0	83	2.3
R. Emerson	3	0	2	1	33	2.3
S.A. White	1	0	1	0	50	3.0
K.G. Coates	3	3	0	0	100	5.0
A.D. Martin	1	1	0	0	100	5.0
D.L. Massie	3	1	2	0	66	5.6
G. Flear	1	1	0	0	100	6.0
M.P.F. Singleton	4	3	1	0	87	6.5
R.W. Haldane	2	0	1	1	25	7.5
A. Westwood	2	2	0	0	100	7.5
C. Jones	2	2	0	0	100	7.5
B.A. Cheal	3	2	1	0	83	7.6
S.R. Gillam	2	0	2	0	50	8.5
C.N.J. Rose	2	2	0	0	100	9.0
M.J. Lester	1	0	1	0	50	10.0
A.J. King	1	1	0	0	100	10.0

London Junior Team Championship

The third London Junior Team Championships held at Highbury Grove School week ending October 21st / 22nd attracted a total entry of 68 teams, an overall increase of 9 on 1977 which confirms this is a popular event in the chess calendar.

UNDER 21 TEAM REPORT

by Daniel King

Streatham fielded a team of six (including two reserves) for this six round tournament, and thus everyone played four games. Scoring was done by match points, (one point if the team won, half if the team drew) and Streatham coasted through to win convincingly with 6 / 6. Tournament conditions were extremely relaxed; the room where we played resembled a skateboard park more than a chess venue at times ! This atmosphere manifested itself in the style of chess played; for example...

White : A.J. King (Streatham) Black : A.D. Dancer

1. h4! d5 2. g3 h5! 3. Bg2 e6 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. c4 c6 6. b3 Nf6 7. Bb2 Nbd7 8. 0-0 Qc7 9. d3 Rh6 10. Nbd2 Rg3 11. e4 Ng4 12. ed Bg3 13. fg Ne3 14. Qe2 Ng2 15. de Qg3 16. et Kd8 17. Qe8 Kc7 18. Be5 Ne5 19. Qe5 Qe5 20. Ne5 Rg3 21. f8=Q Nh4 22. Kf2 Rg2 23. Ke3 Rg3 24. Kd4 Nf5 25. Rf5 Bf5 26. Qf7 1 - 0

Most of the Streatham team (Julian Hodgson, Glenn Flear, Clive Frostick, Andrew King, Gary Dormand and Daniel King) played well, particularly Julian and Gary who both scored 4 / 4.

Under 21 Final Results

1st	Streatham & Brixton	6 / 6
2nd	Willesden	4½ / 6
3rd	Christs College	3½ / 6
4th	Centymca	3 / 6
5th	Ilford	3 / 6
6th	Highbury Grove	2½ / 6

7th	Islington	$1\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
8th	Bishopshalt	0 / 6
	William Ellis	W.D.
	Villiers	W.D.

Best Performance R. Kane Willesden 5 / 6

UNDER 16 TEAM REPORT

by Daniel Feinstein

The Streatham team consisted of Simon Triggs (Capt.) David Edmonds, John Flanagan and myself, all having official grades of 140! The under 16 tournament turned out to be very hard fought, with several strong contenders, though we were reasonably confident of success.

In the first round we beat our great rivals Wimbledon $3\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$. I was the first to finish with a good win against the French Winawer.

White : D. Feinstein (Streatham) Black : P. Dixon (Wimbledon)

French Defence Winawer variation.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bc3 6. bc Ne7 7. Nf3 Qa5 8. Bd2 c4?! 9. Be2 0-0 10. h4! Nd7 11. h5 h6 12. g4 Kh7 13. g5 Rg8 14. Qc1 Nf5 15. Rg1 Qd8 16. g6 fg 17. hg Kh8 18. Rh1 b6? 19. Ng5 Rf8 20. Ne6 1 - 0

In rounds 2 and 3 we beat the home team Highbury Grove and Finchley (who outgraded us) by 3 - 1 and $2\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ respectively.

The latter match was one of the most exciting I have played in, it being eventually decided on my game. I overcame my opponent in a time scramble in a complex position, after a long hard struggle...

White : D. Feinstein (Streatham) Black : S.H. Lee (Finchley)

Sicilian Defence Dragon variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 0-0 8. Bc4 Nc6 9. Qd2 Bd7 10. h4 Ne5 11. Bb3 Qa5 12. 0-0-0 Rfc8 13. h5 Nh5 14. g4 Nf6 15. Bg5 Nc4 16. Bc4 Rc4 17. Nb3 Qa6 18. Bf6 Bf6 19. Qh6 Rc3 20. Qh7 Kf8 21. bc Qa2 22. Qh8!? Bh8 23. Rh8 Kg7 24. Ra8 a6 25. Kd2 Be6 26. Nd4 Bc4 27. Rh1! e5 28. g5! f6 (of course if 28...ed 29. Rah8 bc 30. Ke3 and wins) 29. Rah8 Bg8 30. gf Kf6 31. Ne2 a5 32. Nc1 Qc4 33. Nd3 b5 34. Rb1 a4 35. Rb4 Qf7 36. Rb5 Kg7 37. Rh2! Qf3?? 38. Rb7 Bf7 39. Rf2 Qe4 40. Rbf7 Kh6

41. Rh2 Kg5 42. Rff2 a3 43. Rf1 Qd5 44. Rg1 Kf6 45. Rf2 Kg7 46. Ke3! Qc6 47. Rfg2 Qc3 48. Rg6 Kf7 49. Rd6 a2 50. Rf1 Ke7 51. Ra6 Qc2 52. Rc1 Qg2 53. Rc7 Kd8 54. Rca7 Qg1 55. Ke2 e4 56. Nf2 Qg2 57. Ra2 Qf3 58. Ke1 e3 59. Nd3 Qd5 60. Ke2 Qd4 61. R2a4 1 - 0

On the second day we first beat Centymca 3 - 1, Simon Triggs losing an intriguing game on board one to Rey Casse, who was a recent recruit for Centymca visiting from Australia. Rey was Australian U-14 champion, and of about 190 strength, and went on to take the board prize in this tournament with a magnificent 6 / 6 on board one.

In round 5 we beat Pinner 3 - 1, and drew Hampton School in the final round. This promised (and proved) to be an exciting climax as they had to win the match to reach $5\frac{1}{2}$ points, and also Finchley could still win the tournament. The match took a dramatic turn when we went 2 - 0 down, but John and I managed to win our games to level the score and take the championship !

Under 16 Final Results

1st	Streatham & Brixton	$5\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
2nd	Finchley	5 / 6
3rd	Hampton	$4\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
4th	Centymca	$4\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
5th	Haberdashers Elstree	4 / 6
6th	St. Olaves	4 / 6
7th	Wimbledon	$3\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
8th	Pinner	$3\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
9th	Coloma Convent	$3\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
10th	Dormer Wells	$3\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
11th	Latymer Upper	$3\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
12th	Archbishop Tenisons	3 / 6
13th	Langley Park	3 / 6
14th	Parmiters (A)	3 / 6
15th	Parmiters (B)	3 / 6
16th	Forest	3 / 6
17th	Highbury Grove	3 / 6
18th	Charlton	$2\frac{1}{2}$ / 6

19th	Christs College	$2\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
20th	Richmond & Twickenham	2 / 6
21st	St. Bonaventures	2 / 6
22nd	George Mitchell (A)	$1\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
23rd	Orange Hill	$1\frac{1}{2}$ / 6
24th	Dulwich College Prep.	1 / 6
25th	George Mitchell (B)	1 / 6
26th	Roan	W.D.
	Villiers	W.D.
	Keble	W.D.

Best performance (Male) R. Casse Centymca 6 / 6

Best performance (Female) K. Cartmel Coloma Convent

UNDER 12 TEAM REPORT

The Streatham U-12 team, consisting of (in board order) Chris McElligott, Ian Sim, Andrew McElligott, Douglas Sim and Karen Holle (reserve), only just failed to complete the magical treble. In a closely fought section, Pinner (A) emerged winners with a superior games total, the first four teams being tied on $7\frac{1}{2}$ match points, with Streatham only $\frac{1}{2}$ a point behind.

Newbury Park (A) came very close to being the first team to put their name on the trophy for a second time, they being the winners in its inception. Congratulations to Edward Lee (Newbury Park, and London Primary School champion 1979) in scoring a maximum 10 / 10, a feat never achieved before.

Under 12 Final Results

1st	Pinner (A)	$7\frac{1}{2}$ / 10
2nd	Newbury Park (A)	$7\frac{1}{2}$ / 10
3rd	Richmond & Twickenham (A)	$7\frac{1}{2}$ / 10
4th	Centymca	$7\frac{1}{2}$ / 10
5th	Streatham & Brixton	7 / 10
6th	Christs College	$6\frac{1}{2}$ / 10
7th	Brentwood Prep.	6 / 10
8th	Richmond & Twickenham (B)	6 / 10

9th	Tower Hamlets	6 / 10
10th	Our Lady Queen of Heaven	6 / 10
11th	Newbury Park (B)	5½ / 10
12th	Pinner (B)	5½ / 10
13th	Highgate	5½ / 10
14th	Ilford County High	5 / 10
15th	Highbury Grove (A)	5 / 10
16th	Harlow	5 / 10
17th	Rugby Clubs	5 / 10
18th	Ilford C.C.	4½ / 10
19th	Our Lady of Victories (A)	4½ / 10
20th	Eltham College	4½ / 10
21st	Our Lady of Victories (B)	4 / 10
22nd	Hampstead Garden Suburb	4 / 10
23rd	Rhodes Avenue (Boys)	4 / 10
24th	Dulwich College Prep.	4 / 10
25th	Rhodes Avenue (Girls)	4 / 10
26th	Sir William Burrough	3½ / 10
27th	Orange Hill	3 / 10
28th	Highbury Grove (B)	3 / 10
29th	Roger Ascham (A)	2½ / 10
30th	Roger Ascham (B)	0 / 10

Best Performance (Male) Edward Lee Newbury Park (A) 10 / 10

Best Performance (Female) Jackie Dempsey Our Lady Queen of Heaven 5 / 10

Last but not least, our thanks to all leaders, teachers, controllers etc. whose efforts made the Championship a great success. Hope to see you all next year.

Postal Chess Report

by M.P.F. Singleton

First season (76 / 77) : Winners of the British Correspondence Chess League Premier division; second season (77 / 78) : B.C.C.L. champions and qualification to the British Postal Chess Team championship; third season (78 / 79) : was it possible to win the B.P.C.T.C. and prove ourselves the best postal chess team in Great Britain within the least number of seasons possible ?

On paper, we certainly had the ability to do so, but from the start we seemed beset by problems. Several of the games were slow in getting under way, and this lethargy persisted, with the result that two games were lost on time, and another four failed to reach 22 moves. Not only this but two players lost their score sheets which prevented a claim for a win on time being made in two games.

However, thanks to some sparkling performances all is not lost ! At the time of writing we look set to get 13 points (out of 18) which may still be enough to win us the title.

B.P.C.T.C. 1978 / 79

Board	1	N.E. Povah	2 - 0	A.A. Smith (S. Manchester)
	2	R. Emerson	0 - 2	R.R. Greenfield (Inland Revenue)
	3	J. Pigott	2 - 0	C.J. McSheehy (Sheffield Univ.)
	4	M.P.F. Singleton	2 - 0	J. Hart (Macc - Icicals)
	5	K. Coates	2 - 0	S. Maggs (Dragons)
	6	D. Massie	1 - 1	G.D. Pearce (Cent. Y.M.C.A.)
	7	R. Haldane	* 1½-½	P. McKay (Gravesend)
	8	A. Westwood	2 - 0	M. Hodson (Sutton Coldfield)
	9	P. Trussler	½ - 1½	R. Hammond (North Essex)

* To be confirmed after adjudication.

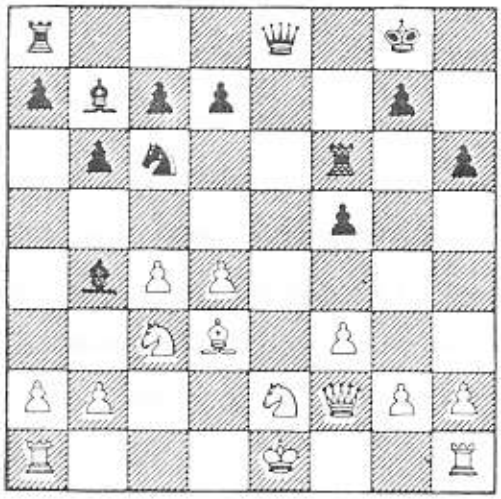
Nigel Povah disposed of his opponent with his customary brisk efficiency (he still has 100% in his postal chess career !), neither game reaching 20 moves. John Pigott new to the team, was also most impressive, winning his games quickly and easily as can be seen in the following example :

White : C.J. McSheehy Black : J. Pigott Q.P. English Defence

1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 b6 3. d4 Bb7 4. e4 Bb4 5. Bd3 f5 6. Qe2 Nf6 7. f3 0-0!?

(7...Nc6 may be better. 7...fe 8. fe Bc3 9. bc Ne4 is possible but rather risky.)

8. Bg5 h6 9. Bh4 Qe8 10. Bf6 Rf6 11. ef Nc6 12. Qf2 ef 13. Nge2



BLACK TO PLAY

...Nd4! (it's all over. If 14. Qd4 Rd6 wins the Bishop on d3) 14. 0-0-0 Ne2

15. Ne2 Qf7 16. Kb1 d5 17. Rc1 Ba6 18. Qd4 c5 19. Qf4 Re8 0 - 1

Ken Coates had some difficulty in getting his opponent to keep the game going, but still managed to provide him with a text book lesson on how to handle one of the less fashionable lines in the Najdorf :

White : K. Coates Black : S. Maggs

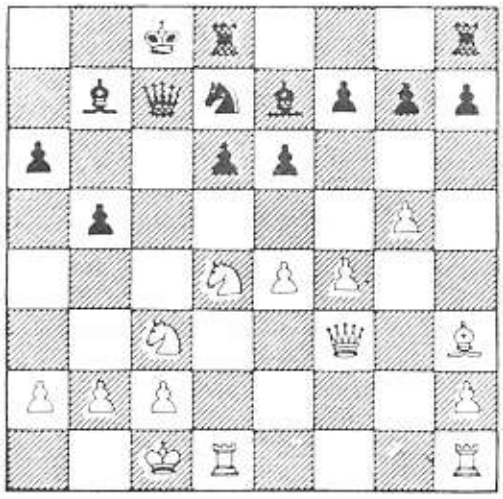
Sicilian Defence Najdorf variation Notes by Ken Coates

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 Be7

8. Qf3 Qc7 9. 0-0-0 Nbd7 10. g4 b5 11. Bf6 Nf6 12. g5 Nd7 13. a3 Bb7

(an old move and once a favourite of Fischer's. After the usual 13...Rb8 14. h4 b4 15. ab Rb4 16. Bh3 Qc5 17. Nb3 Qb6 18. h5 is Bellin v Portisch Teeside 1973, which leads to Black's advantage after 18...Nc5 19. Nc5 dc 20. g6 fg 21. hg h6

22. Nd5 ed 23. Bc8 0-0. An unexplored alternative is 18. Rhf1 when 18...0-0 (K. Coates v A. Hanreck London 1979 1 - 0 in 30 moves) is a better try than 18...a5 19. Qf2! Nc5 20. Nc5 d6 21. f5 f6 22. e5 (K. Coates v C.N.J. Rose London 1977 1 - 0 in 28 moves)) 14. Bh3 (not 14. h4 d5! 15. ed Nb6) ...0-0-0 (14...Nc5 15. Qe3 g6 (15...Qb6 16. Rhe1) 16. f5 gf 17. ef unclear)



WHITE TO PLAY

15. Be6! fe 16. Ne6 Qc4 (16...Qb6 17. Nd5 Bd5 18. ed g6 19. Rhe1 Kb7 20. Qc3 Rde8 21. Qg7 Qf2 22. Kb1 Qh2 23. Rd3 Rhg8 24. Qf1 Qf2 25. Nd8 winning for White) 17. Nd5 Bd5 18. ed Kb8 (alternatives are 18...Nc5 19. b3 Qe4 20. Qc3, or 18...Kb7 19. b3 Qc8 20. Rd3 Nb6 21. Rc3 Qd7 22. Rc7 Qc7 23. Nc7 Kc7 24. Qc3 Kb8 25. Qg7 Nc8 26. Re1 Qg8 27. Qd4 Bd8 28. Re6 Rf8 29. h4 h6 30. g6 Rhg8 31. h5 Rf5 32. Qe4 Rh5 33. Re8 Re8 34. Qe8 Bf6 35. c4! bc 36. bc Rh3 37. Kd2 Bc3 38. Kc2 Bd4 39. f5 Ra3 40. c5 dc 41. d6 Rh2 42. Kd3 Ra3 43. Kc4 1 - 0 Tal v Gligoric Moscow 1963) 19. b3 Qc8 20. Rhe1 g6 21. Nd4 Bf8 (if 21...Rhe8 22. Re7) 22. Nc6 Kb7 23. Qc3 Rg8 24. a4 Nc5 25. ab Re8 26. b4 Na4 27. Qd4 Nb6 28. Na5 Kc7 (28...Ka7 29. Nc4 Qc4 30. Qc4 Nc4 31. Re8) 29. Qc3 Kb8 (if 29...Kd8 30. Qf6! or 29...Kd7 30. Qc6 Qc6 31. bc Kd8 32. Nb7) 30. Qc6 Bg7 31. Qb6 Ka8 32. ba Bc3 33. Nc6 Qd7 34. Re8 Re8 35. b5 Qg7 36. Kb1 Qf7 37. Rd3 1 - 0

Robin Haldane had another quick win with his own pet line (5. Qh5) in the French, which he has analysed in "Knightmare II".

White : R. Haldane Black : P. McKay French Defence

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. Qh5 c5 6. Nf3 cd 7. Bg5 Qb6

8. Nb5 Nc6? (8...a6 is best, followed by Qb2, as recommended by Robin in his article) 9. 0-0-0 a6 10. Nbd4 Nd4 11. Rd4 Qa5 12. Rf4 g6 13. Qh4 Bg7 14. Bh6 Be5 15. Ra4 Qb7 16. Bb5 Rb8 17. Bd7 Bd7 18. Ne5 Rc8 19. Rc4 dc 20. Qf6 Rf8 21. Bf8 Bc6 22. Bc5 1 - 0

Alan Westwood, new to the team last season, maintained his 100% record with the following two fine wins :

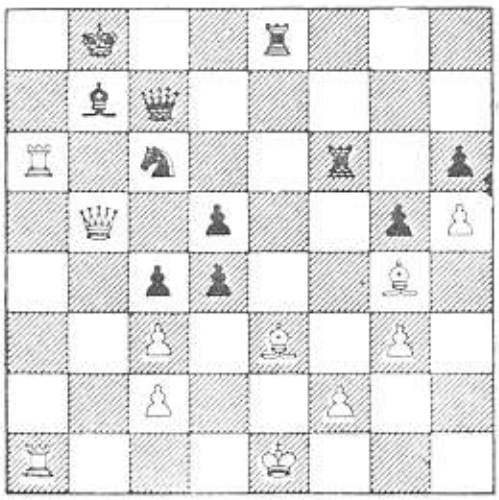
White : A.S. Westwood Black : M. Hodson Sicilian Sozin Velimirovic attack. 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bc4 (the Sozin, one of Fischer's favourites) ...e6 7. Be3 Be7 8. Qe2 (initiating the Velimirovic attack, with the aggressive ideas of rapid development and Kingside attack, as opposed to the more positional plan of playing against the central white squares d5 and e6) ...0-0 9. 0-0-0 a6 10. Bb3 Qc7 11. Rhg1 (11. g4 is the alternative which I now think is better) ...b5 12. g4 b5 13. Nc6 Qc6 14. Nd5! ed 15. g5 Ne4! (15...Nd7? loses the exchange without compensation to 16. Bd5) 16. Bd5 Qa4! (16...Nc3 17. bc Qa4 18. Bb3! Qa3 19. Kb1 bc 20. Bc1! with advantage to White) 17. Be4 (if now 17. Ba8 then 17...Nc3! 18. bc Be6! and now (a) 19. Be4 Qa3 20. Kd2 Qc3 is perpetual check (b) 19. Bd5 Bd5! 20. Rd5 Qa2 21. Bd4 Re8! and wins (c) 19. Bd4! bc 20. Bc3 Ra8 21. g6 hg 22. Rg6 Qf4 23. Bd2 Qf5 24. Rg3 Rb8 with compensation for the exchange) ...Be6! 18. Bd4 g6 (neccessary as White was threatening 19. Bh7 Kh7 20. Q h5 Kg8 and 21. g6! winning) 19. f4 Rac8 20. Rg3 (a useful move guarding the third rank and in some variations switching the attack to the Rooks file, notice 19. f4 protected the g pawn for this purpose) ...b3! 21. ab Bb3 22. Bc3! (I had intended to play Rh3? and Rh7 here but I found the refutation 22...Rc4! and wins. The only trouble with the text move is that Black might sac. the exchange on c3 for my beautiful Bishop) ...Bc4? (Be6 was essential, this move simply drives the Queen to a better square also blocking the Rooks attack on c3) 23. Qe3 Rfe8? (a blunder, however after 23...Be6 24. b3! is strong) 24. Qd4 f6 25. gf Bf8 26. f7 (resigns, as 26...Kf7 27. Qf6 Kg8 28. Rg6! mates).

White : M. Hodson Black : A. Westwood French Defence Winawer Variation

Notes by Alan Westwood.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bc3 6. bc Ne7 7. a4 Bd7 8. Nf3 Qa5 9. Bd2 Nbc6 10. Be2 c4 11. Ng5 h6 12. Nh3 0-0-0 13. Nf4 g6 14. h4

Rdf8 15. g3 Kb8 16. Bg4 Nc8 17. Qc1 (and with this move White leaves the book (Moles) !) ...Ka8 18. Ke2 Nb6 19. Qa3 Na4! 20. Rhb1 Rd8 21. Ke1 b5 22. Ng2 a6 23. Ne3 g5 24. h5 Qc7 (Black rapidly (!) consolidates his position. Having won my game with White I now felt obliged to do so with Black !) 25. Bf3 Bc8 26. Nd1 f6 27. ef Rdf8 28. Nb2 Nb6 29. Qc5 Kb8 30. Na4 Na4 31. Ra4 Bb7 32. Ra2 Rf6 33. Bg4 Rhf8 (drawing White's Bishop to e3 for the final combination) 34. Be3 e5! (at last : aggression !) 35. Rba1 Re8 (a subtle trap) 36. Ra6 (which he fell for !) ...ed! 37. Qb5 (if 37. cd Re3! 38. fe Qg3 39. Kd2 b5!! and Black wins in every variation. A real gem of a move)



BLACK TO PLAY AND WIN

37...Re3! 0 - 1 As Black wins in all variations, viz : (1) 38. fe Qg3 39. Kd2 (39. Kd1 Rf1 40. Ke2 Qf2 mate or 40. Kd2 Qe3 mate)..Qe3 40. Kd1 Rf1 mate, or (2) 38. Kd2 Rf2 39. Kc1 Re1 40. Bd1 (40. Kb2 dc leads to mate) ...Qe5! wins eg. 41. Rc6 Rd1 etc., or (3) 38. Kf1 Rf2 39. Kf2 Qg3 40. Kf1 Qf4 mates, or (4) 38. Kd1 Qe5! 39. fe (39. Kc1 Re8 40. Bd1 Rd1 41. Kd1 Rf2 wins) ...Qe3 40. Be2 Rf2 wins (40. Bh3 Qg8 mates, or 40. Ra8 Kc7 41. Rc8 Bc8 42. Ra7 Kd6 wins), or (5) 38. Be2 Re2 39. Ke2 Qe5 40. Kd1 Rf2 wins (40. Kf1 Qg3 wins)