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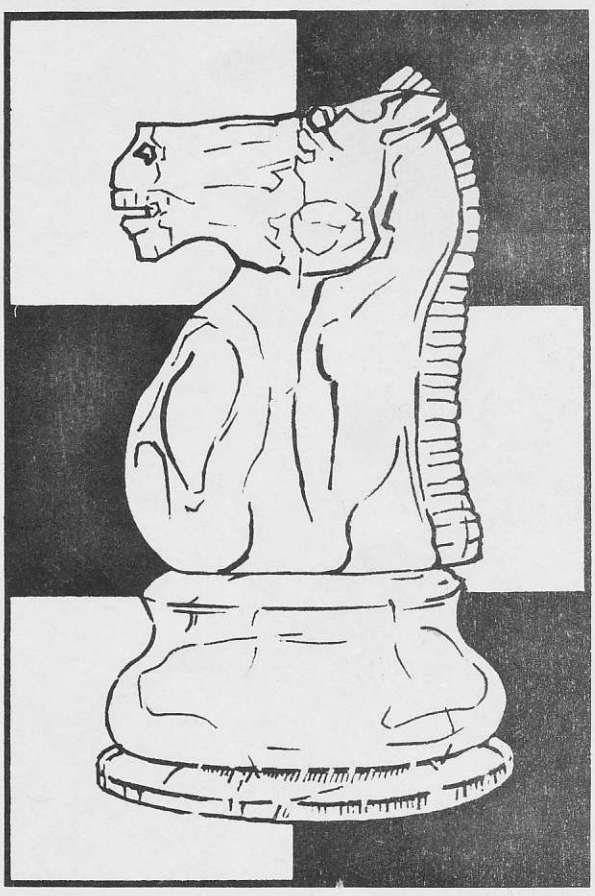

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opening surveys.
endgame studies.
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Acknowledgements

It never ceases to amaze me how we all thrust our various contributions into Mike Singleton's capable hands, and then bang, a couple of months later we are the proud owners of an edition of "Knightmare" ! Perhaps that "bang" requires some explanation.

Firstly it must be said that the magazine would never be produced without Mike and Valerie's conscientious efforts - their dining room table is a sight to be seen whilst "Knightmare" is in preparation !

Secondly, this year we have another "married team" to thank, namely Jan and Martyn Kent. Martyn dictated the material to Jan who did all the typing. It needs little or no imagination to realise the amount of work involved and they both tackled it without flinching (well, almost !) and returned pages of immaculate and expertly typed articles. It has been heard, on good authority, that they sacrificed hours of well - earned sleep in order to meet the deadline, and it should also be noted that they purchased an electric typewriter specifically for the task !

Once again we thank Chris Jones for the letraset headings and numbers, the cover design, and his excellent sketches.

Finally our thanks to all contributors, and best wishes to you, our reader, for the forthcoming season. Let's hope that "Knightmare 2" can live up to it's predecessor !

Nigel Povah (President)

Foreword

"Knightmare" was originally conceived and produced to commemorate Streatham and Brixton Chess Club's outstanding season 1976 - 77. The Club was flattered that the magazine was well received not only in London chess circles but in other parts of the country. Following this success we decided to produce "Knightmare No. 2".

By any club's standards we have had another successful season (coming second in the London League, winning the Surrey League, reaching the final of the Alexander Cup, winning the championship of the British Correspondence Chess League,) although in all honesty we feel we still have not done as well as we might.

However, this has been a notable season of 'personal best' performances by some of the club's members, and the following deserve special mention: Ken Coates won the Southern Counties Championship, Roger Emerson won the Hereford Open and came second in the Aaronson Open, young Daniel Feinstein won the Evening Standard Minor competition, and Nigel Povah achieved his first I.M. norm. Julian Hodgson came first in both the S.C.C.U. U-18 and the North London U-18 Championships, as well as achieving his unprecedented but well - publicised score of $2\frac{1}{2}$ against three Grandmasters in the Aaronson Open.

As our aim is not just to record the club's fortunes of the past season, but also to be entertaining and informative, we have attempted to maintain our analytical contributions tempered with more articles that are of general appeal, some of which we hope will make you laugh !

It only remains for me to say that I hope you enjoy reading "Knightmare No. 2" !

Mike Singleton (Editor) .

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The "Rave and Reviewbar"!

Compiled by Mike Singleton

Both Leonard Barden and Kevin O'Connell used positions from games in Knightmare as chess problems in their respective evening paper columns while at the same time giving us some favourable publicity by kindly quoting the address from which their readers could obtain the magazine, and by making the following observations -

"It is good value at £1 post free for over 100 pages of games, news and opening analysis" - Leonard Barden.

"This magazine should prove especially useful to anyone who plays competitive chess in London by helping you to prepare for your games against members of this club ..... Good value" - Kevin O'Connell.

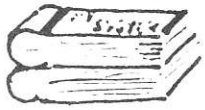
H.M.Cath, writing in the Surrey Chess News, was particularly kind - "The 76-77 season was rather special for the Streatham & Brixton Chess Club, and in commemoration they have produced a superb magazine..... .....Reports and statistics of the various teams are sensibly leavened with articles of more general interest. The section devoted to openings is particularly instructive..... endgame technique is covered with articles by Alan Westwood, Roger Emerson and David Massie .... A comprehensive games section completes over 100 games, mostly annotated. The whole presentation is very clear and professional, and good value ....."

The BCF monthly 'Newsflash' also gave us a favourable review in its December edition 1977.

"Doubtless there are several clubs around the country producing their own magazines, but few will compare with Streatham & Brixtons professionally produced 122 page magazine ..... there are over 100 games by club members, ranging from the distinguished Povah to six year old David Reuben".

However, surely the most lively (and poetic !) response to the magazine was received from Dave Daddy of Hull Chess Club, who, on seeing an advert for Knightmare that we had placed in BCM, sent the following illustrated poem -

Please Mike ! Oh ! Mike please
Send me your Mag,
The books I have
A re such a drag
I want to learn to be an ace
My results to date are a disgrace
My grade is only 93
So hurry and send
It back to me !



Naturally such an originally presented request deserved nothing less than the following reply, composed during a hastily convened 'Poet's Workshop' in the 'Pied Bull' !

We liked your poem Mr D.,
But what ! Your grade is ninety three ?
Then surely you need our 'Knightmare',
- analysis of games to share;
A nd then your skills will match your wit,
D ont let that be the end of it !
Please write an article in rhyme,
For 'Knightmare' 11 - July's the time !

The following poetic accolade together with full illustration was soon received :-

HOW I BECAME A GRANDMASTER BY READING "KNIGHTMARE".

I USED TO BE A BUNNY
LIFE REALLY WAS A DRAG,
UNTIL ABOUT A WEEK AGO
I READ IN A CHESS MAG,
ABOUT A BOOK CALLED "KNIGHTMARE"
THEY SAID IT WAS THE MOST,
SO HURRIEDLY I BORROWED £1
AND SENT IT FIRST CLASS POST,
THEN EAGERLY I WAITED
UNTIL AT LAST IT CAME,
I REALLY BURNT THE MIDNIGHT OIL
AND STUDIED EVERY GAME.
NOW I'M A GRANDMASTER
WITH TONY MILES & STEAN,
AND PLAN TO SECOND KORCHNOI SOON
ALONG WITH RAYMOND KEENE,
KARPOV'S GETTING WORRIED
HIS TITLE MUST BE LOST,
I TALKED TO HIM THE OTHER DAY
HE ASKED "WHAT DOES IT COST"?
"TO SHARE THE GREATEST SECRETS
OF OUR FANTASTIC GAME,
LAST WEEK I'D NEVER HEARD OF YOU
AND NOW YOU'VE EARNED SUCH FAME"
"ONLY £1 ANATOLY" -
I SAID WITH THE GREATEST GLEE,
"JUST SEND IT TO MIKE SINGLETON
AND YOU WILL SURELY SEE ! "

D.D.

Needless to say we would be delighted if Knightmare II were to receive such generous and original reviews !

A Bunny's rise to fame

Dave Dadley

London League

FIRST TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 1)

By Roger Emerson (Capt.)

Our defence of the title got off to an inauspicious start with a narrow $5\frac{1}{2} - 6\frac{1}{2}$ loss to Islington. This was a very close match throughout and with one game to be finished the score was $5\frac{1}{2} - 5\frac{1}{2}$. That one unfinished game was favourable for us, but a certain player, who shall be nameless, ignored his seconds' advice, adopted an unsound plan and lost quickly. Still, he bought me a drink afterwards!

After this setback, however, we slaughtered the opposition with a string of wins around the 9 - 3 mark, our only slight setback being a 6 - 6 draw against our bogey side, Hendon. Unfortunately, at the same time Charlton were notching up a series of wins, which, if the margin of victory was not so impressive as ours, produced the same number of match points. So all was ready on 29th March 1978 for the showdown - S&B v Charlton. If we avoided losing the match we would retain the championship. At least, all should have been ready, but a certain captain, who shall be nameless, bungled his team selection so that only eleven players turned up. The resulting default, allied to a couple of surprise losses, meant that we lost the match by the narrowest of margins again $5\frac{1}{2} - 6\frac{1}{2}$. We had scored the same number of match points as last year and nearly ten more game points - but no title.

As last year the top three boards produced solid results to enable the rest of the team to murder the enemy hordes. One of S&B's strengths, I think, is the size of our pool of players of around the 185 grade who regularly poleaxe their opponents on the bottom boards. As you will see from the table of individual performances, this year's results were a real team effort and it would be invidious to single out any one person. I will therefore single out Mike Singleton's record of eight wins out of ten games which won him the President's Prize for the best performance by any player in the first division of the London League. Mike's best games seem marked by completely uncontrolled aggression : a table form of blind man's buff where pieces career round the board until they hit something. The funny thing is he knows what he's doing !

The first move Kibitzers make when butting in on post mortem analysis is to try to find mad ways of sacrificing pieces. We've all suggested such moves. Mike plays them !

White : M.P.F.Singleton Black : S.M.Kalinsky London League Match. S&B 1 v Cavendish , board 7. Grunfeld Defence , 4. f3 line.

Notes by M.P.F.Singleton.

1.d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. f3 ! (Readers of the first ' Knightmare ' will know that I have played this unusual line against the Grunfeld with good results for some years. Although Mr.Kalinsky had not seen the article I had written, he now chooses the line that I had recommended as being one of Black's sharpest and best.) ...c5 !? 5. dc d4 6. Nb5 Nc6 7. e3 ! (7. Bf4 was the previously recommended move, but I first found 7. e3 ! in a game v David Powell last season, and advocated it in my article in Knightmare. This move, and in fact this whole opening, received an ' official seal of approval ' this season when it was analysed in the August edition of ' Modern Chess Theory ' by Grandmaster Michael Stean. Stean gave 7. e3 a ! saying that the alternative 7. Bf4 is ' double edged ' after ...e5 8. Bg5 Bc5 9. Bf6 Bb4 10. Kf2 Qf6 11. Nc7 Kf8 12. Na8 e4, and went on to quote one of my games (already given in full in the first Knightmare !) that I was lucky to win after 13. g3 e3?, and pointed out that 13...Ne5 ! is a clear improvement for Black, which draws at least.) ...e5 8. ed ed 9. Bf4 Nh5 !? (9...Bc5 is more ' usual ', being the move given by M.Stean, followed by 10. Nc7 Kd7 ! (and not 10...Ke7? as was played by David Powell against me, as after 11. Na8 Nh5 12. Bc7 the Black King is clearly in the way) 11. Na8 Re8, resulting in a position ' worth more investigation '.) 10. Nd6?! (White tries for too much. Better I think would have been 10. Bd6 Bd6 11. cd6 0-0 12. Ne2 when White seems to be a good pawn up.) ...Kd7 11. Qd2 Qf6 12. Bg5 Qe5 13. Ne2?! (This move allows Black to ' win ' a piece, but as it turns out, only at the expense of his own development.) ...Bd6 14. cd6 d3 15. 0-0-0 de2 16. Be2 h6 17. f4 Qa5 18. Qe3 !? (If we exchange Queens he will win, so I must let another piece go !) ...hg5 19. Bg4 f5 20. Bh5 Re8 21. Qh3 ! Rh8 22. Rhe1 Qc5 (If 22...Rh5? 23. Qe3 ! would force mate .) 23. Qc3 ! (Wins. There is no counter to the threat of Qg7) ...Nd4 24. Rd4 Rh5 25. Rd5 Qf2 26. Qg7 1 - 0 .

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	Average Board	P	W	D	L	%
N.E.Povah	1.0	10	5	4	1	70.0
J.Hodgson	2.7	9	4	4	1	66.7
R.Emerson	2.8	11	5	2	4	55.6
C.Kennaugh	3.0	1	0	0	1	00.0
R.Sams	3.9	9	3	5	1	61.1
J.Pigott	4.0	1	0	0	1	00.0
D.Massie	5.0	11	5	2	4	55.6
P.J.Lee	5.0	2	2	0	0	100.0
K.Coates	5.5	8	5	2	1	75.0
M.Singleton	7.0	10	8	1	1	85.0
S.White	7.0	1	0	0	1	00.0
D.King	7.3	3	1	1	1	50.0
C.N.Rose	8.0	10	4	4	2	60.0
R.Haldane	9.9	10	5	3	2	65.0
A.Keene	10.3	3	2	1	0	83.3
A.J.King	10.5	4	3	1	0	87.5
J.Bennett	10.6	5	2	2	1	60.0
M.Davis	10.7	6	5	0	1	83.3
C.Jones	10.7	6	4	1	1	75.0
A.Westwood	10.9	7	3	3	1	64.3
J.Harvey	11.0	1	1	0	0	100.0
M.Lester	12.0	2	0	1	1	25.0
Defaults		2			2	-
		132	67	37	28	$85\frac{1}{2}$ pts.

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE

FINAL TABLES 1977 / 78.

1st Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	M	G	D	PD
1.Charlton	X	6½	7	4½	8	7	5	8½	8	7½	7	9	9	78	1	-
2.Streatham	5½	X	5½	7½	6	6½	8	8½	9½	9½	9½	9½	8½	85½	2	-
3.Islington	5	6½	X	5	7	6½	7	7	5	6½	9½	6	7½	71	3	-
4.Richmond	7½	4½	7	X	6½	5½	6	6½	7	5	7½	8	7	71	5	½D
5.Hendon	4	6	5	5½	X	6	5	7	9½	9	6½	7½	6	71	2	-
6.Lon.CYMCA	5	5½	5½	6½	6	X	7	9	6½	5½	6	7	6	69½	-	-
7.Cavendish	7	4	5	6	7	5	X	5	7½	7½	7	5½	5½	66½	2	-
8.Mushrooms	3½	3½	5	5½	5	3	7	X	7	5½	6½	6½	4	58	1	-
9.Lewisham	4	2½	7	5	2½	5½	4½	5	X	6	7½	8½	3½	58	2	-
10.Lon.Univ.	4½	2½	5½	7	3	6½	4½	6½	6	X	3½	5	3½	54½	1	-
11.Metropol.	5	2½	2½	4½	5½	6	5	5½	4½	8½	X	7½	2½	57	1	-
12.Athenaeum	3	2½	6	4	4½	5	6½	5½	3½	7	3½	X	1½	51	2	1P

SECOND TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 4)

by Malcolm Lester.

For the third successive year the 2nd team has gained promotion. We came second in Division 4 this year, equal on match points, but 3½ game points behind the division winners, Croydon.

Several of our players gained really impressive results, notably Mike Davis with 6 wins in 6 games, all on high boards, Steve White with 4 /4 and David Edmonds, a junior, who joined us towards the end of the match season and scored 3 /3.

Thank you to all the team for your support.

FOURTH DIVISION - FINAL TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	M	G	DD	PD
1. Croydon	X	4½	6½	5½	6½	9	7	9½	7	5½	8	61	2	-
2. Str'ham II	5½	X	4½	7½	5½	5½	7	6½	8	7½	8	57½	2	-
3. Camden	2½	5½	X	4	5	6½	6	6	7	5	5	47½	11	1D
4. Metro' II	4½	2½	6	X	5	6	5	7½	4	6½	5	47	3	-

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	M	G	DD	PD
=	5. Muswell H.	3½	4½	5	5	X	7	5½	4½	4½	4½	3½	44	2	-
=	5. Orpington	1	4½	3½	4	3	X	6½	7½	9	5	3½	44	3	-
	7. B.B.C.	3	3	3	5	4½	3½	X	6½	7½	3½	2½	39½	3	-
	8. Ch'rlbury II	½	3½	1	2½	5½	2½	3½	X	5½	6½	2	31	8	1D
	9. W.London	3	1	3	6	4½	1	2½	4½	X	6½	1½	32	11	1D
	10. L.Univ.III	4½	2½	5	3½	5½	5	6½	3½	3½	X	1	39½	16	2D

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av. Board
1. D.J.King	2	2	-	-	100	1.0
2. C.Jones	5	3	-	2	60	1.2
3. M.Davis	6	6	-	-	100	1.8
4. B.P.Floyd	1	-	-	1	0	2.0
5. A.J.King	2	2	-	-	100	2.5
6. P.Trussler	3	-	2	1	33	3.3
7. A.Westwood	6	4	1	1	75	3.5
8. A.Keene	2	2	-	-	100	4.0
9. S.A.White	4	4	-	-	100	4.3
10. J.Harvey	4	3	-	1	75	4.5
11. M.Lester	8	3	4	1	63	4.6
12. G.Beattie	3	2	-	1	67	4.7
13. S.Triggs	4	1	2	1	50	6.2
14. P.Turner	2	-	1	1	25	7.0
15. R.Hesmondhalgh	7	4	-	3	57	7.0
16. G.Blowers	4	1	-	3	25	7.2
17. D.Edmonds	3	3	-	-	100	7.3
18. D.Feinstein	1	1	-	-	100	8.0
19. M.Linden	1	-	1	-	50	8.0
20. R.T.Allen	4	3	1	-	88	8.2
21. E.Frydman	7	2	-	5	29	8.4
22. B.Blackburn	2	1	-	1	50	9.0

	P	W	D	L	%	Av. Board.
23. J.Flanagan	1	1	-	-	100	9.0
24. D.First	1	-	-	1	0	9.0
25. G.Dormand	1	-	1	-	50	10.0
Defaults	5	3	-	2		
TOTALS	89 *	51	13	25	65 %	

* One match was over 9 boards due to a double default.

THIRD TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 6)

by Martin Linden.

1977 - 78 was a successful year for the third team, which saw us coming third behind Lewisham II and Mushrooms II. The most hilarious incident came in the match against Ilford, when, on the due date, just before the white clocks were started, a power cut darkened St. Brides, and the match had to be abandoned. When the match was finally replayed five months later, we struggled to field a team, yet still won 6 - 4. For this victory I thank Daniel and Joel Feinstein especially, both winning their games. Individual mention must go to C.E.Williams, who, enthusiastically as ever, turned out for all but one game, and scored $6\frac{1}{2}/9$, and also Barry Blackburn the only player to play in all ten games, obtaining the highest score of $7\frac{1}{2}$ points. Bruce Floyd, also, always willing to step in if needed at the last minute, and amongst the juniors, Simon Lea, who won all of his three games.

Heres looking forward to an even better year in 79 !

SIXTH DIVISION - FINAL TABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	M	G	D	PD
1. Lewisham II	X	6	$2\frac{1}{2}$	6	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	7	5	$7\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$	8	$61\frac{1}{2}$	3	-
2. M'rooms II	4	X	5	$5\frac{1}{2}$	6	6	$4\frac{1}{2}$	6	$5\frac{1}{2}$	10D	$7\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	60	2	-
3. Str'ham III	$7\frac{1}{2}$	5	X	$6\frac{1}{2}$	5	$4\frac{1}{2}$	5	6	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	57	3	-
4. Harrow II	4	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	X	$7\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$	8	6	7	6	7	6	57	2	-
5. R'mond III	5	4	5	$2\frac{1}{2}$	X	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	7	7	6	8	6	$55\frac{1}{2}$	-	-
6. Hackney	$4\frac{1}{2}$	4	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$	X	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$	7	$5\frac{1}{2}$	6	5	52	9	1D
7. UNATS	3	$5\frac{1}{2}$	5	2	$3\frac{1}{2}$	6	X	3	5	6	$6\frac{1}{2}$	4	$45\frac{1}{2}$	8	1D
8. L.CYMCAIII	5	4	4	4	3	$6\frac{1}{2}$	7	X	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	5	3	$49\frac{1}{2}$	-	1P

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	M	G	D	PD
9. Metro' IV	2½	4½	5½	3	3	3	5	5½	X	4½	4	2½	40½	-	-
10. L. Phones	1½	0D	3½	4	4	4½	4	3½	5½	X	8	2	38½	3	-
11. Ilford III	1½	2½	3½	3	2	4	2½	5	6	2	X	-½	32	10	1P1D

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%
1. S.White	5	2	-	3	40
2. G.Beattie	7	-	5	2	35.7
3. M.Cowley	9	1	5	3	38.8
4. R.Hesmondhalgh	6	2	3	1	58.3
5. M.Linden	9	2	3	4	38.8
6. G.Blowers	9	4	1	4*	50
7. J.Beadle	2	2	-	-	100
8. J.Flanagan	4	2	-	2	50
9. B.Blackburn	10	7*	1	2	75
10. R.T.Allen	5	1	4	-	60
11. J.Ward	3	3	-	-	100
12. B.Floyd	8	4	-	4	50
13. C.E.Williams	9	5	3	1	72.2
14. G.Dormand	3	2	1	-	83.3
15. D.Feinstein	2	1	-	1*	50
16. S.Lea	3	3*	-	-	100
17. M.Kent	3	1	1	1	50
18. D.Bradshaw	1	-	-	1	0
19. J.Feinstein	1	1	-	-	100
20. P.Trussler	1	-	-	1	0

* One game by default.

FOURTH TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 7)

by Bruce Floyd.

I knew I shouldn't have said I couldn't lose by being captain of this team ; they did, 9 - 0 to Wimbledon IV ! Total despair overtook me until (admittedly some days later) I slowly came to my senses. They had, after all, beaten Charlbury III when the average

age of our team was 12 years 3 months ; they did give Islington III (who included 6 second team players) a close fight and Woodbridge (with a 180 on board one and winners of the division) only scraped home $5\frac{1}{2}$ / $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The wins against Metropolitan V and London Deaf brought to mind the tremendous spirit of our youngest juniors. Karen Holle, Andrew and Christopher McElligott all demonstrated their potential battling away match after match against opposition 30 or 40 grading points (and years !) above them. Kevin, with the Metropolitan V match at $4\frac{1}{2}$ /$4\frac{1}{2}$ adjourning after a 3 hour session eventually won the game, set and match after 60 moves and an adjudication.

But it is not only the juniors that benefit from this team. David Lea showed that adults also become useful team players given practice !

By now, feeling considerably happier, I started to consider the contribution this team had made to the club's reputation. Critics of juniors seize upon the slightest misdemeanour to support their arguments ; but instead I received numerous words of praise about their playing ability, general attitude and potential.

To illustrate the point, here follows Karen Holle's (age 9) own contribution - her own account of the team's $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ victory over London Deaf, in which she played a vital part, winning her individual game .....

" My name is Karen Holle and I play for Streatham Chess Club. One of my best games was when we played London Deaf Chess Club. I was very nervous, but I knew that I had to win. The game went on for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The man that I played, played very well, but I was a pawn ahead of him all through the game, but at the end I got better and better. At the very end it was a King, pawn and rook to a King, pawn and bishop. I did not feel right not being able to talk to him, and I would like to have gone through the game with him, but it was too late, and in the end he had to resign. So I won. I was very pleased, and went home feeling proud. "

They may lose a pawn, they might lose a match, but so long as we have players like these, Streatham has a bright future.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE. DIVISION 7.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	M	G	D	PD
1. W'dbridge	X	5½	5½	5½	8½	7½	7	8	7	8	8½	5½	WO	12	76½	-	-
2. LCYMCA IV	4½	X	5½	2½	6½	5	5½	7	7	7½	6	9	WO	9½	66	3	-
3. Morley Col.	4½	4½	X	4½	6½	8½	7	7	7½	9½	7½	6	W	9	73	1	-
4. Ch'lton III	4½	7½	5½	X	4½	5	5½	6½	6½	8½	8½	6	W	9	68½	6	½D
5. W'bledon IV	1½	3½	3½	5½	X	6	6½	9	7½	7	7	9	WO	9	66	3	-
6. Is'ngton III	2½	5	1½	5	4	X	8	5½	9	6	6½	7	W	7	60	10	1D
7. H'pstead III	3	4½	3	4½	3½	2	X	4½	6	6½	7½	7	WO	5	52	2	-
8. Stock Ex III	2	3	3	3½	1	4½	5½	X	4	7½	7½	6½	W	4½	48	7	½D
9. Metro. V	3	3	2½	3½	2½	1	4	6	X	3½	6	4½	WO	2½	39½	4	½D
10. M'rooms III	2	2½	½	1½	3	4	3½	2½	6½	X	2	9	WO	2½	37	5	½D
11. Lon. Deaf	1½	4	2½	1½	3	3½	2½	2½	4	8	X	4½	W	2	37½	2	-
12. Str'ham IV	4½	1	4	4	0	3	3	3½	5½	0	5½	X	W	-2	34	19	3P2D
13. Ch'rlbury III	Sc.	Sc.	L	L	Sc.	L	Sc.	L	Sc.	Sc.	L	L	X	-	-	-	-

(Withdrew. Games points ignored)

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av. Board
1. D.R.First	1	1	-	-	100	1.0
2. P.Trussler	1	-	-	1	0	1.0
3. J.Flanagan	2	-	-	2	0	1.0
4. G.Dormand	5	3	-	2	60	2.0
5. D.Feinstein	2	1	-	1	50	2.0
6. M.Cowley	2	-	1	1	25	2.0
7. J.Ward	2	2	-	-	100	3.0
8. S.Crowdy	9	4	3	2	61	3.1
9. I.Holle	9	1	3	5	27	3.1
10. B.Floyd	4	2	1	1	62	4.2
11. S.Lea	10	4	1	5	45	5.1
12. B.Rich	3	1	1	1	50	5.6
13. V.Steadman	1	-	-	1	0	6.0
14. Kevin Holle	6	2	-	4	33	6.5
15. A.McElligott	7	-	-	7	0	7.2

	P	W	D	L	%	Av. Board
16. D.Reuben	5	1	2	2	40	7.4
17. C.McElligott	9	1	-	8	11	7.7
18. A.Morris	1	-	-	1	0	8.0
19. D.Lea	5	2	-	3	40	8.4
20. V.Holle	2	-	-	2	0	9.0
21. Karen Holle	5	1	-	4	20	9.4
22. Miss S.Peckett	1	-	-	1	0	10.0
Defaults	-	10	-	18	-	-

THE EASTMAN CUP

by M.P.F.Singleton

Streatham continued their by now well established tradition of performing totally uselessly when it comes to the crunch in knockout tournaments. Although being one of the strongest clubs in the London League we yet again failed to even make the final of the Eastman Cup. We progressed through the first round comfortably enough $6\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ v. Wood Green. We won a good and tight second round match $5\frac{1}{2} - 4\frac{1}{2}$ v. Charlton (who unfortunately were to extract a far more costly revenge at a later date by depriving us of the London League Championship and winning it themselves.)

We then met a not particularly strong, but certainly determined, Islington team in the semi - final, and this happened .....

ISLINGTON		STREATHAM
1. A.Perkins	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	N.E.Povah
2. R.Webb	1 - 0	J.Hodgson
3. S.Reuben	1 - 0	R.Emerson
4. Default	0 - 1	R.J.Sams
5. N.Skinner	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	P.J.Lee
6. S.Quigley	1 - 0	D.L.Massie
7. B.O'Sullivan	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	K.G.Coates
8. S.Spivak	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	P.M.Broad
9. J.Savino	0 - 1	M.P.F.Singleton
10. C.Odle	1 - 0	C.N.Rose
	6 - 4	

So once again we had to suffer the ignominy of being put out by a team who hadn't even bothered to bring a full team with them ! (See Alexander Cup report if you like this sort of thing.) I suppose the answer is that it's the old story of over confidence versus everything to play for... Match captains 1978 - 79 please note, and good luck !

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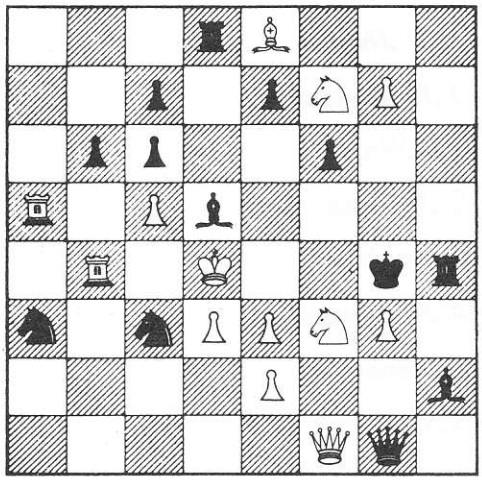


WHITE TO PLAY

Can you find 35 consecutive checks ?

This most amusing problem was sent in by Daniel Feinstein.

(Answer on page 120.)

Surrey League

FIRST TEAM REPORT (SURREY TROPHY)

by M.P.F.Singleton.

The Surrey Trophy was won by our first team in 1976 and by our second team in 1977 ! This year it was the turn of the first team to continue our domination of this league by winning every match, although we knew our closest rivals would be our own second team ! Surrey rules state that teams from the same club must play each other first, so the season started with the toughest " needle " match of all, the Streatham second team commanding great respect, and even outgrading their first team opponents on some boards !? The result was as follows :

S&B I		S&B II
1. N.E.Povah (B)	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	A.D.Martin
2. R.Emerson (W)	1 - 0	J.M.Hodgson
3. D.Massie (B)	1 - 0	I.R.Watson
4. K.Coates (W)	1 - 0	C.N.Rose
5. M.Singleton (B)	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	R.Haldane
6. A.Keene (W)	1 - 0	A.Westwood
7. M.Davis (B)	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	C.Jones
8. J.Harvey (W)	1 - 0	S.White
	$6\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$	

Greatly flattered and relieved to be over this hurdle in such fine style, the first team went on to take the Surrey Trophy by a clean sweep, winning every other match with comparative ease. A major factor in the team's success was the fact that the squad although small, was particularly reliable and dedicated. Two players played in all nine matches, and three others played in eight (last season no player played in more than six games for the first team in this league). Such a closely knit group inevitably strengthens team spirit and motivation. I would very much like to thank all who played for the Surrey Trophy first team this season, including the second team players, who selflessly turned out when desperately needed on a few occasions ! Outstanding was Roger (" Super Emmo ") Emerson's performance of 8 wins out of 8 games played on board two or higher.

SURREY TROPHY - FIRST DIVISION.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Gms	Pts
1. Streatham I	X	6	6½	6½	5½	5½	6	6½	6½	7	56	9
2. Mitcham	2	X	4½	6	5	5½	4	5	6½	4½	43	7½
3. Streatham II	1½	3½	X	7	1	4½	4	5	5	6	37½	5½
4. Kingston	1½	2	1	X	2	5½	4½	5½	5½	5½	33	5
5. Sutton	2½	3	7	6	X	4	5	1½	3	4½	36½	4½
6. Wimbledon I	2½	2½	2½	2½	4	X	4½	6	4½	6½	35½	4½
7. Wimbledon II	2	4	4	3½	3	3½	X	4½	4	5½	34	3½
8. Guildford	1½	3	3	2½	6½	2	3½	X	5½	6	33½	3
9. Croydon	1½	1½	3	2½	5	3½	4	2½	X	5½	29	2½
10. R.A.E.	1	3½	2	2½	3½	1½	2½	2	2½	X	21	0

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av. Board
1. N.E.Povah	8	2	5	1	56	1.0
2. J.Pigott	1	1	-	-	100	1.0
3. R.Emerson	8	8	-	-	100	1.8
4. J.Hodgson	1	1	-	-	100	2.0
5. R.J.Sams	5	3	2	-	80	3.0
6. D.Massie	9	6	2	1	78	3.8
7. K.Coates	8	5	2	1	75	4.5
8. R.Haldane	1	1	-	-	100	5.0
9. M.P.F.Singleton	9	5	3	1	72	5.5
10. A.Keene	5	3	1	1	70	6.6
11. C.N.Rose	2	2	-	-	100	7.0
12. S.White	1	-	1	-	50	7.0
13. C.Jones	1	1	-	-	100	7.0
14. M.Davis	7	5	2	-	85	7.2
15. J.Harvey	2	1	1	-	75	8.0
16. M.Lester	1	1	-	-	100	8.0

SECOND TEAM REPORT (SURREY TROPHY)

by C.Jones.

After our success of the previous season I expected a hard time especially from the first team who we had beaten last season. On paper we thought it would be a close match but the result came as a horrible shock when we lost $1\frac{1}{2} - 6\frac{1}{2}$. This was in fact the strongest team I was to field all season and it still wasn't good enough to beat a fine first team who fully deserved the win this season. (For the complete scores of this match see the first team report above.)

It seemed that luck was against us from the start, but we managed to get this game out of our system and proceeded to beat R.A.E. $5\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$, Kingston 7 - 1, Guildford 5 - 3 and Wimbledon I $4\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ (M.Davis turned out to have been inelegible for this match.) All seemed fine now, only one point behind the first team and everything to play for. But in our next match we slipped up against Sutton I when we lost by the horrible score of 1 - 7. This was a game on paper we should have won but everybody including myself played badly on the day.

Our team was getting slightly weaker every game and inevitably we lost against Mitcham I who fielded a very strong team. But they didn't win easily, it took an adjudication for them to win $4\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ after a fine performance from the S&B players. We finished the season with 5 wins 1 draw and 3 losses which was respectable considering the team selection problem that had developed during the season.

I hope and believe that next season under the captaincy of Ken Coates that S&B II will do well, and I wish Ken the best of luck.

To finish I wish to thank in particular Steve White for his valuable help during the season, and also the non-regulars who helped us out of some sticky situations and who performed well in the team.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av.Board
1. A.Martin	6	2	4	-	66.6	1.0
2. J.Hodgson	7	2	3	2	50	2.0
3. I.R.Watson	1	-	-	1	0	3.0
4. C.N.Rose	8	2	1	5	31.2	2.5
5. R.Haldane	8	4	3	1	68.7	3.5

	P	W	D	L	%	Av. Board
6. J.M.Bennett	3	2	-	1	66.6	4.0
7. C.Jones	9	7	1	1	83.3	4.6
8. S.White	9	3	3	3	50	5.6
9. A.Westwood	3	2	-	1	66.6	7.0
10. G.Beattie	3	-	2	1	33.3	6.3
11. M.Davis	3	1*	1	1	50	7.3
12. M.P.Singleton	1	1	-	-	100	2.0
13. D.Massie	1	1**	-	-	100	3.0
14. J.Flanagan	1	-	1	-	50	7.0
15. D.Feinstein	1	-	-	1	0	8.0
16. G.Blowers	1	-	-	1	0	8.0
17. M.Linden	1	-	-	1	0	6.0
18. T.Allen	1	-	-	1	0	7.0
19. M.Lester	1	-	1	-	50	8.0
20. S.Triggs	1	-	1	-	50	6.0
21. D.Edmonds	1	-	1	-	50	7.0
Defaults	-	-	-	2		

* This win not eligible ** This win by default.

THIRD TEAM REPORT (BEAUMONT CUP)

by J.R.Beadle.

The third team had another very successful season winning the Beaumont Cup, a result which came as a surprise to the whole club.

In the early matches we did not exactly field the strongest teams possible, but strangely enough we kept on winning and it was only when we had won three or four matches that the " impossible " seemed possible. Our final total of eight wins and two draws from ten matches is a great achievement, and this team is now unbeaten for the past three seasons.

I wonder if that record will be intact at the end of next season ?

BEAUMONT CUP - SECOND DIVISION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Gms	Pts
1. Streatham III	X	4	4	4½	4½	5½	4a	4½	6	4½a	7	48½	9
2. Coulsdon	4	X	5	4	4	4	6	3½	4½	5½	7½	48	7
3. Redhill	4	3	X	1	4½	4½	6	5½	3	4½	5½	41½	6½
4. Sutton II	3½	4	7	X	3½	4	4½	3½	5	6½	5	46½	6
5. Ashtead	3½	4	3½	4½	X	4	4½	3½	5	4½	4½	41½	6
6. Wimbledon III	2½	4	3½	4	4	X	6½	5½	2½	6	4½	43	5½
7. Kingston II	3a	2	2	3½	3½	1½	X	4½	5½	7	5	37½	4
8. Wallington	3½	4½	2½	4½	4½	2½	3½	X	5	3	3	36½	4
9. Chertsey	2	3½	5	3	3	5½	2½	3	X	4	4½	36	3½
10. Banstead	2½a	2½	3½	1½	3½	2	1	5	4	X	5½	31	2½
11. S.Norwood	1	½	2½	3	3½	3½	3	5	3½	2½	X	28	1

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%	Av. Board
1. C.Jones	1	1	-	-	100	1.0
2. D.J.King	2	1	1	-	75	1.5
3. A.Westwood	10	7	1	2	75	1.6
4. A.Keene	4	-	2	2	25	2.0
5. P.Trussler	3	1	2	-	66	2.3
6. A.Jackson	4	2	2	-	75	2.7
7. J.Harvey	3	1	-	2	33	3.3
8. A.J.King	3	2	-	1	66	3.7
9. R.T.Allen	1	-	1	-	50	4.0
10. M.Lester	9	4	4	1	66	4.1
11. G.Beattie	7	3	3	1	64	5.3
12. S.White	3	1	1	1	50	5.7
13. A.Killey	1	1	-	-	100	6.0
14. P.Nunn	1	1	-	-	100	6.0
15. R.Hesmondhalgh	7	2	-	5	28	6.4
16. M.Linden	4	3	-	1	75	6.5

	P	W	D	L	%	Av. Board.
17. J.Flanagan	4	1	3	-	62	6.7
18. G.Blowers	1	1	-	-	100	7.0
19. J.R.Beadle	8	5	2	1	75	7.8
20. J.Ward	1	-	-	1	0	8.0
21. M.Davis	1	1*	-	-	0	2.0
22. M.Singleton	1	-	-	1*	0	1.0

* M.Davis won, but was ineligible. M.Singleton lost, but his opponent was ineligible.

FOURTH TEAM REPORT (ELLAM TROPHY)

by Barry Blackburn.

We had a very bad season this year, and considering our success last year when we gained promotion, this year's performance could almost be termed a disaster. As the final analysis shows, however, we actually won more games over the board than we lost, so perhaps it was not quite a disaster.

Not all the matches were lost over the board. Because of an unfortunate mix up, there were no clocks available for our match with Mitcham II so we had to concede the whole match. We had won our match against Wallington, only to lose by default, because we had played an ineligible player, again an unfortunate mistake.

We might have had a chance against Redhill, but on the night of the match, two of the players who should have been on the top boards, were actually playing in a London League match, again rather unfortunate.

ELLAM TROPHY - THIRD DIVISION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Gms	Pts
1. Redhill II	X	4½	3½	4	7	6	6	8d	7	4½	50½	7½
2. Sutton III	3½	X	6	4	4½	4	5½	4½	7	5½	44½	7
3. Croydon II	4½	2	X	3½	3	4½	6	6½	6½	6	42½	6
4. Stoneleigh	4	4	4½	X	4	4	4	4	7	4	39½	5½
5. Wallington II	1	3½	5	4	X	5½	3½a	4	4½	6½	37½	5½
6. Mitcham II	2	4	3½	4	2½	X	8d	4	4½	5	37½	4½
7. Streatham IV	2	2½	2	4	3½a	0d	X	4	5	7	30	3½
8. Battersea	0d	3½	1½	4	4	4	4	X	3½	6	30½	3
9. Sutton IV	1	1	1½	1	3½	3½	3	4½	X	5	24	2
10. Horley	3½	2½	2	4	1½	3	1	2	3	X	22½	½

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%
1. M.Cowley	8	3	2	3	50
2. G.Beattie	3	1	1	1	50
3. J.Beadle	1	1	-	-	100
4. M.Linden	6	2	1	3	41.7
5. B.Blackburn	8	3	-	5	37.5
6. G.Blowers	8	2	2	4	37.5
7. J.Flanagan	2	1	1	-	75
8. S.Lea	8	4	3	1	68.7
9. R.T.Allen	3	3	-	-	100
10. B.Floyd	7	3	2	2	57.1
11. D.Reuben	1	-	-	1	0
12. M.F.Kent	2	-	2	-	50
13. S.Crowdy	3	1	-	2	33.3
14. R. Hesmondhalgh	1	-	1	-	50
15. D.First	1	-	1	-	50
16. J.Ward	1	-	1	-	50
	63	24	17	22	

FIFTH TEAM REPORT (CENTENARY TROPHY)

by Martyn Kent.

When I took over the team this year in true S&B tradition it was a promoted team. It was pointed out to me that I was expected to do the impossible and get my team to win the Centenary for the third year running.

We started off with great hopes with a 6 - 1 win over Sutton. We followed this with a 7 - 0 attendance at Chertsey, where on arriving at the school which was their club, we found that the caretaker (who was not there) had the keys to the chess cupboard, so there were no chess sets or clocks. We waited until 8 o'clock, and then had to claim the game because out of 7 team members 5 were juniors, which would have meant getting them home at a very late hour.

Our next opponents Coulsden, proved that this was not going to be another ' success all the way ' season, by winning $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Stoneleigh were the next team, and we came out 4 - 3 winners. At this point we had 3/4 with high hopes for what was to come.

But in our next game we had a very rude awakening with a 5 - 2 defeat, at the hands of Wimbledon ! But being S&B we bounced back with a fine 5 - 2 win against Kingston, then followed much to our disappointment three matches all lost. The first against Ashstead where we were unlucky to lose by 4 - 3. We then played the eventual runners - up and winners of the Centenary in Forestdale and Crystal Palace losing $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ respectively, with Ian Holle playing this fine game :

White : D.Hodgson(149) Black : I.Holle (112, 12 years old)

Sicilian Defence : Nimzovitch - Rossolimo Attack.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5 Bd7 4. Bd7 Nd7 5. 0-0 Ngf6 6. Re1 g6 7. c3 Bg7 8. d4 cd 9. cd 0-0 10. Nc3 Nb6 11. h3 Rc8 12. Qe2 Qe8 13. e5 de 14. de Nfd5 15. Nd5 Nd5 16. e6 f5 17. Ne5 Qa4 18. b3 Qa5 19. Bd2 Nc3 20. Qe3 Qe5 21. Qe5 Be5 22. Re5 Ne4 23. Bb4 Rfe8 24. f3 Nf6 25. Rc5 Rc5 26. Bc5 b6 27. Ba3 Kf8 28. Rd1 Rc8 29. Rd2 Ke8 30. g4 fg 31. fg Rc6 32. Re2 Nd5 33. Rd2 Nf4 34. Rd7 Re6 0 - 1 (Adjudication).

After these three defeats, we then came to our final match of the season at Cobham. A map was supplied for our use by Cobham C.C. but we still had difficulty in finding the club and arrived 15 minutes late, but very sportingly our opponents put all the clocks back to the original time limit. There then followed three games quickly decided 2 - 1 to Cobham with the last four games all going for adjudication. When the dust settled we had 1 win and 3 draws from the 4 games, thus drawing the match. So we finished with $4\frac{1}{2}$/10, which is very creditable considering that out of 15 players used none were graded over 130 and 9 were juniors.

May I take this opportunity to mention Daniel Feinstein's fine performance with $4\frac{1}{2}$/7 which at one time was $4\frac{1}{2}$/5 and the only reason he lost his last two games was because he was on board one against very strong opposition.

I would like to thank everybody who played in my team for all their efforts and reliability.

CENTENARY TROPHY - FOURTH DIVISION

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Gms	Pts
1. C.Palace	X	4½	5	4½	3½	3½	5½	5½	4½	4	5½	4	50	10
2. Forestdale	2½	X	4½	2	5	4	4	4	5½	3½	4	3½	42½	8
3. Cobham	2	2½	X	4	2½	7	5½	7	3½	4½	4½	4½	47½	7½
4. Coulsden II	2½	5	3	X	2½	5	3½	4	4½	5	4½	6	45½	7½
5. W'bledon IV	3½	2	4½	4½	X	2	5	2½	5	4	4	4½	41½	7½
6. Ashtead II	3½	3	0	2	5	X	1½	2½	4	4	5½	4½	35½	5½
7. S.NorwoodII	1½	3	1½	3½	2	5½	X	4	4½	3½	3	5	37	5
8. Chertsey II	1½	3	0	3	4½	4½	3	X	0d	4	5	4½	33	5
9. Str'ham V	2½	1½	3½	2½	2	3	2½	7d	X	5	6	4	39½	4½
10. K'gston III	3	3½	2½	2	3	3	3½	3	2	X	4½	½	30½	2
11. Sutton V	1½	3	2½	2½	3	1½	4	2	1	2½	X	4½	28	2
12. St'leigh II	3	3½	2½	1	2½	2½	2	2½	3	6½	2½	X	31½	1½

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

	P	W	D	L	%
1. J.Ward	5	1	2	2	40
2. R.T.Allen	1	1	-	-	100
3. B.Floyd	4	2	-	2	50
4. D.Feinstein	7	4	1	2	64.2
5. I.Holle	7	3	2	2	57.1
6. S.Lea	4	1	1	2	37.5
7. Kevin Holle	5	1	2	2	40
8. Karen Holle	3	-	-	3	0
9. D.Lea	1	-	-	1	0
10. D.First	3	2	-	1	66.6
11. M.F.Kent	7	2	2	3	42.8
12. J.Flanagan	3	1	-	2	33.3
13. B.Rich	4	1	-	3	25
14. D.Reuben	3	2	-	1	66.6
15. S.Crowdy	3	1	1	1	50
Defaults	-	2	-	-	

THE ALEXANDER CUP

(Or, You can lead a horse to water.....but.)

by Steve White.

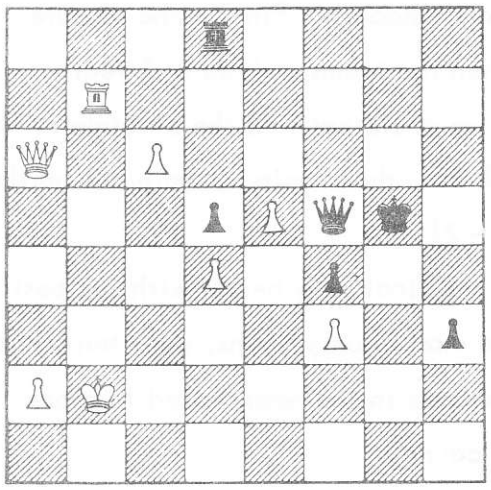
The entire team were determined to win the Alexander Cup this year. This coveted prize had eluded as for the past two seasons although we were clear favourites. To try to ensure that we won this year, the strongest possible team was mustered for each round producing a $7\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ victory against Wallington in the first round and an 8 - 2 victory against Guildford in the second round. The semi-finals were delayed due to an appeal between Kingston and Redhill, the outcome of which would decide who were to be our opponents. Our team members became impatient and some even made light hearted suggestions of playing both teams simultaneously. Finally the dispute was settled and the fixture arranged. However when the teams arrived at Streatham Centre, the doors were closed. Try as we could, we could not find the caretaker. The game was finally played at the Bedford Park, with Streatham losing 25 minutes on their clocks. Despite this disadvantage we still won $7\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$.

All we had to do now was beat Wimbledon in the final. We began with the best team possible, sufficiently strong to play and beat most county teams, over ten boards. Somehow however, the previously most reliable players in the team failed to score any results and we eventually lost 5 - 5 on board count.

WIMBLEDON		STREATHAM
1. D.J.Mabbs	1 - 0	N.E.Povah
2. A.Kitchlew	0 - 1	R.Emerson
3. T.Howdle	1 - 0	A.Martin
4. D.H.Powell	1 - 0	R.J.Sams
5. P.R.Archer	0 - 1	J.Hodgson
6. H.A.Stewart	1 - 0	K.G.Coates
7. A.T.McDonald	0 - 1	D.Massie
8. Default	0 - 1	M.P.F.Singleton
9. D.L.Meen	1 - 0	A.Westwood
10. J.Wilcox	0 - 1	C.N.Rose
	5 - 5	

This episode only reinforces my opinion, that over a season in a league we are one of the strongest teams in the country, but when it comes to a knock-out competition we very often fall at the last hurdle. Still horses are always a dodgy business, I think I shall stick to chess.

PROBLEM No. 2



WHITE TO PLAY AND WIN.

This position arose in a game between A.J.King (White) and C.C.Sherwood in the 'London Experts' August '77, when Andrew King (Streatham) was able to force a quick finish. Can you see how ? (Answer on page 120)