

Darnall & Handsworth Chess Club

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Forthcoming Events

Wed. 11th May	Annual Match, Association v. Works
13th-15th May	Scunthorpe Congress
Thu. 19th May	Hope Valley 5-Minute
20th-22nd May	f Darnall & Handsworth Congress - single section
28th-30th May	Warrington Congress
18th-19th Jun.	f British Quickplay Champ's, Leeds - open, U-165, U-125
1st-3rd Jul.	f Sandwell Mail Congress (Warley): open, U-160, U-126
22nd-24th Jul.	f Skegness Congress - single section

* denotes new in list

f denotes entry forms available at club

BOTH TEAMS UP!

Weston Trophy - (div.2)

Match Results

(div.4) - Athenaeum Cup

Tuesday 19th April

D. & H. 'A' 5	Barnsley 'B' 1
S.J. Mann(W) 1-0	T. Johnson
M. Emerton 1-0	B. Holdsworth
M.P. Johnson ½-½	C. Lunn
G.D. Brown ½-½	E. Soar
G. Smith 1-0	I. Jones
W.P. Somerset 1-0	T. Todd

Tuesday 26th April

D. & H. 'A' 5	White Lion 'B' 1
S.J. Mann 1-0	M. Brumby(W)
M. Emerton 1-0	P. Fletcher
G.D. Brown 0-1	B. Wardle
D.K. Hodgett 1-0	R.A. Guest
G. Smith 1-0	L. Fry
W.P. Somerset 1-0	R. Keenan

Impressive though the above two results may be, the crucial one was Hope Valley's last match of the season which they lost to Aughton 'B', so allowing our 'A' team to finish first.

Well done 'A' team!

League Table

(known results)

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Darn. & Hands. 'A'	16	11	4	1	26
Hope Valley	16	12	1	3	25
Aughton 'B'	15	8	1	6	17
Chesterfield 'B'	16	5	6	5	16
Barnsley 'B'	14	5	4	5	14
Bate. & Jord. 'B'	14	5	1	8	11
Worksop 'A'	15	3	5	7	11
White Lion 'B'	14	2	3	9	7
Ecclesall 'B'	14	3	1	10	7

Tuesday 19th April

D. & H. 'B' 5½	Ecclesall 'D' ½
J. Gallagher(W) ½-½	P. Mitchell
D.K. Hodgett 1-0	I. Horwath
M. Parkin 1-0	'M. Haworth'
A. Bramall 1-0	T. Crawley
G. Facer 1-0	A. Smithson
G.J. Langer 1-0	M. Howarth

Wednesday 20th April

Barnsley 'C' 2	D. & H. 'B' 4
E. Soar(B) ½-½	J. Gallagher
J. Stevens 0-1	W.P. Somerset
I. Jones ½-½	A. Bramall
A. Dudek 0-1	G. Facer
T. Brook ½-½	R. Lindsay
M. Gaunt ½-½	M. Turnidge

Despite our 'B' team being the only one to beat Nomads, they finished second. (The top two are promoted.) Nomads stumbled again by drawing with Aughton 'C' but just held on to first place.

Well done 'B' team!

League Table

(known results)

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Nomads	12	10	1	1	21
Darn. & Hands. 'B'	12	9	2	1	20
Aughton 'C'	12				14
Thorncliffe	9				13
Clay Cross	11				13
Whiston	9				12
Worksop 'B'	11				10
etc.					

CAPTAIN'S LOG: Star Date 1987/88:

Captain Michael T. Urnidge reporting.

Well, something like that. The following details of the 'B' team's progress through the season, with individual performances, have been supplied by team captain Mick Turnidge - percentages added by editor.

date	team	venue	score	JG	DKH	MP	WPS	AB	GF	GJB	BDS	RL	GJL	MT	TK
6/10	Whiston	H	3½-2½	½/1			½/2	1/5		0/3	1/4				½/6
27/10	Thorncliffe	H	3½-2½			0/1	1/2	1/6		½/4		½/3		½/5	
17/11	SASCA 'D'	H	5-1	½/1		½/2	1/3	1/5			1/4		1/6		
14/12	B. & J. 'D'	A	4-2	1/1		1/2	1/3			1/4		0/5	0/6		
22/12	Clay Cross	A	4-2	1/1			1/2	1/5		0/3		0/4	1/6		
11/1	White Lion	A	4-2				1/1	1/3	0/2	½/4	1/5		½/6		
20/1	Aughton 'C'	A	1-5		0/1		0/2	0/3	0/4	0/5			1/6		
18/2	Nomads	H	4-2	0/1		½/2	½/3	1/4	1/6				1/5		
24/2	Sheff. Deaf	A	3-3	½/1			0/2	1/3				½/5	0/4		1/6
22/3	Worksop 'B'	H	3-3	1/1		½/2	½/3	½/4	½/6				0/5		
19/4	Ecclesall 'D'	H	5½-½	½/1	1/2	1/3		1/4	1/5				1/6		
20/4	Barnsley 'C'	A	4-2	½/1			1/2	½/3	1/4			½/5		½/6	
total				5½	1	3½	7½	9	3½	2	3	1½	5½	1	1½
/out of				/9	/2	/6	/11	/11	/6	/6	/3	/5	/9	/2	/2
percentage				62%	50%	58%	68%	82%	58%	33%	100%	30%	61%	50%	75%

Where Was Harwoth? (SJM) There was once - and may still be - a wholly edible chess team in the North Staffordshire league, with players such as Salt, Pepper, Onion, Salmon and the like. Ecclesall specialises in confusion. With players like H. Rayson, M. Rawson, and I. Rowson on the books, to mention nothing of P. Mitchell and P. Mitchell who both played one year (father and son), there would seem ample scope for confusion. Ecclesall 'D', however, seems to have adopted the anagram as their own trademark. M. Howarth and I. Horwath who have both featured in a number matches this season have anagrammatic surnames it seems. Credulity was stretched somewhat, however, by the appearance of 'M. Haworth' in their match against our 'B' team.* 'Haworth' appears to be a new player, and your editor's suspicious mind can't help noticing that his initial 'M' is the same as that of a player whose registration earlier in the year precluded him from legitimately playing in that match. 'Haworth' may be a mistake in transcription, but if not then the coincidence raises suspicion^{at} at least of a joke. What I want to know is why Mr. Harwoth wasn't playing! (* see front page)

Richardson Cup Final The final of the team knockout competition for the Richardson Cup was won by Nomads, who defeated Ecclesall. Nomads had on board one Chris Shephard, who has been playing for Nomads in the Richardson Cup but has not been playing in the league. He beat Dave Adams. Chris is a many-times Sheffield Champion and

Works League Championship The final was lost by your editor to Chris Shephard who won the second game, the first having been drawn.

Club Championship Round 2 Results

G. Facer	0-1	S. J. Mann	M. Parkin	0-1	G. Smith
M. Emerton	1-0	M. Turnidge	T. P. Kellman	½-½	R. Lindsay
G. D. Brown	0-1	W. P. Somerset	D. K. Hodgett	1-0	F. Clarke
B. D. Stephenson	0-1	J. Gallagher	A. Bramall	½-½	G. J. Langer

M. N. Cooper (due to play R. Bell) withdraws, as does G. J. Brough (due to play D. Slater). To avoid two byes/defaults in the round the two left are repaired, D. Slater-R. Bell, but this will not hold up round 3.

Club Championship Round 3 Pairings

(2) S. J. Mann	-	J. Gallagher (2)	(1) B. D. Stephenson	-	D. K. Hodgett (1)
(2) W. P. Somerset	-	M. Emerton (2)	(½) G. J. Langer	-	R. Lindsay (½)
(2) G. Smith	-	T. P. Kellman (1½)	(0+) R. Bell	-	A. Bramall (½)
(1) G. Facer	-	G. D. Brown (1)	(0+) D. Slater	-	F. Clarke (0)
(1) M. Turnidge	-	M. Parkin (1)	(0) anyone else	-	anyone else (0)

Round to be completed by Friday 13th May.

Buster No. 24 was of six weeks duration, with 90 shares: income £45.

First Prize:	A. Bramall G. Brough	→ £14.62 each	Consolation Prize:	K. Riley M. Emerton	→ £3.37 each
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To club funds: £9.02

Change Ends Buster no. 24 (see below) ended on 23/04/88 whereafter the buster was suspended for two weeks pending the start of the Australian season. Any money in credit is carried forward accordingly. Prizes from now on will of course be paid upside down in Australian Dollars.

M. Emerton 1½-½ D. Patrick Mark Emerton supplies the scores of his games in the Yorkshire Postal Team competition. (Notes by Mark.)

Game 1: Emerton-Patrick: 1.e4 e5 2.f4 This is the first time I have played the King's Gambit in a serious game. 2...exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 g4 5.O-O gxf3 This line is known as the Muzio-Polerio gambit. 6.Qxf3 Qf6 7.e5 Qxe5 8.d3 Bh6 9.Bd2 - hoping for 9...Qxb2 when white get's a big advantage with 10.Nc3. 9...Qf5 10.Nc3 Ne7 11.Rac1 Nbc6 12.Nd5 Kd8 13.Qe2 If 13.Bc3 Re8 14.Bf6 Bg5 15.g4 Qg6 16.Bxg5 Qxg5 17.h4 Qxh4 18.Qxf4 d6 19.Nf6 Rf8 20.Re2 Bf5, Black has a won game. 13...Qe6 14.Qf3 Qf5 15.Qe2 Qe6 draw agreed. If 15...b5 16.Ne7 Qc5+ 17.Rf2 Qxe7 18.Qh5 Qg5 19.Qxf7 bxc4 20.Bc3 Rf8 21.Rfe2!, Black has a choice of two moves; (i) 21...e5 - 22.Bxe5 (intending 23.Bf6+ & 24.Re8) 22...c6 23.Bd6 Qc5+ 24.Bxc5 Rxf7 25.Bd6 Rf8 26.Bxf8 Bxf8 27.Re8+ & 28.Rxf8 when White wins; (ii) 21...Ne7 - 22.Rxe7 c6 23.R7e5 (threatening 24.Ba5#) 23...Kc7 (if 23...a5, then 24.Qxf8 Bxf8 25.Rxg5 +-) 24.Ba5+ Kb7 (if 24...Kb8, then 25.Qxc4 Qg6 26.Qb4+ Bb7 27.Re6 [threatening 28.Qd6# and 29.Qc7#] 27...c5 28.Rxg6 cxb5 29.Rxh6 with an advantage to White) 25.Qxc4 Rf5 26.Qb4+ Ka6 when White has at least a draw.

Game 2: Patrick-Emerton: 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 Qb6 7.cxd5 Nxd4 8.Be3 e5 9.dxe6 e.p. Bc5 10.exf7+ Ke7 11.Nge2 Qxb2 12.Rc1 Rd8 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 It was at this stage that game 1 was drawn. 14.Bxd4 Rxd4 15.Qe2? After 15.Qxd4 Qxc1+ 16.Nd1 Qc6 17.Bc4 Be6 a draw is the only likely outcome. 15...Re4 16.resigns for White loses a knight or a rook for a bishop, e.g. 16.Nxe4 Qxc1+ 17.Qd1 Qxd1+ 18.Kxd1 Nxe4, or 16.Nd5 Kf8 17.Rxc8+ Rxc8 18.Ne3 Rc1+ with a won position.

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Phew! In my view too difficult to include in a solving contest for solving together with a three-mover in 45 minutes. Not even the grandmasters can cope with that! The trap everyone fell for was 1.Qg1? but 1._Rc4! refutes.

L124 {Ott} 1.g3 [2.Qe2 (3.Bh7,Be6,Qe6,Qe5++) Re4 3.Qxg4++]
1._Re4 2.Qf2 [3.Qxb6 (4.Qf6,Qg6,Bh7++) Re6 4.Qxe6++] d4
3.Qf3 (4.Qxg4++) R~/gxf3 4.Qxf4/g4++; 1._fxg3 2.Qd2
[3.Qe3 (4.Be6,Bh7,Qe5++) Re4 4.Qg5++] d4,Ra7 3.Bd5 &
4.Qg5++; 2._Ke4 3.Bxd5+ Kf5 4.Qa5++; 1._f3 2.Qd2 &
3.Qe3 (4.Be6,Bh7,Qe5,Qe6++) Re4 4.Qg5++; 1._Ke4 2.Qe2+ Kd4
3.Bh7 & 4.Qd3++

MUST TRY HARDER The Canadian 'no.1' Kevin Spraggett only got into the Candidates Matches as host country's nominee, not by his own virtue. Although 29th in the current world rating list, one would not have expected to have beaten the Russian Andrei Sokolov as he did. At Lugano, in March, Spraggett finished 1st equal with Ftacnik, Kortchnoi, Torre, Norwood, Psakhis and Bischoff in a large open event, ahead of Hort, Seirawan, Balashov, Gulko, Popovic, Kudrin, Pein et al. However, if he is to have any hope of success against Yusupov in the Candidates' $\frac{1}{4}$ -finals, then he will have to do better than he did against Michael Hennigan at Lugano. Hennigan, who is about 77th in the rating list of English players, managed $4\frac{1}{2}$ out of 9 (compared with 7 out of 9 scored by the group sharing first place), beating Spraggett en route in a game in which the latter seems to have been rather casual about how much material he expended in the hope of catching Hennigan's king in the centre.

Hennigan-Spraggett: Lugano 1988, round 1: 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.d4 cxd5 5.Nc3 g6 6.Qb3 Bg7 7.cxd5 0-0 8.g3 e6 9.dxe6 Nc6 10.exf7+ Kh8 11.Ne2 Qe7 12.Qd1 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Ng4 14.Qe4 Qxf7 15.f4 Bd7 16.Qb4 a5 17.Qb6 Bc6 18.Rg1 Rfe8 19.Bd2 Nxb2 20.0-0-0 Nf3 21.Bg2 Qc4 22.Qb3 Qc5 23.Rh1 (he's been studying Bill Preston's games) 23...Nxd2 24.Rxh7+! Kxh7 25.Rh1+ Qh5 26.Rxh5+ gxh5 27.Qc2+ and Black resigned.

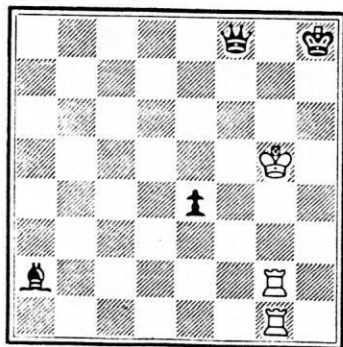
ALL THE EXCITEMENT OF THE SLAV EXCHANGE New life has been breathed into a line in the Slav Exchange in an interesting way. The reason why White tends to have the better game in the largely symmetrical positions arising in the Slav Exchange is that he is a move ahead. Obviously, an extra tempo is only any good if it is used wisely and not wasted on a fruitless move, or worse, on a bad move. In the following game, Black omits castling. This means that White's 'extra' move is his 9.0-0. Usually it is somewhat suspect to leave one's king in the centre in such an opening, but Belyavsky decided his king was safe and used the fact that White had castled to inaugurate an attack against the White king.

Seirawan-Belyavsky: SWIFT tournament, Brussels 1988: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 cxd5 (yawn) 5.Bf4 Nc6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Nf3 e6 8.Bb5 Nd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Rc1 Rc8!? 12.Na4 g5 13.Bg3 h5 14.h3 g4 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 f6 (Having played 11...Rc8 rather than the routine 11...0-0, Black now creates a niche for his king at f7.) 18.Bg3 Kf7 19.Re1 Rh5 20.Qd2? (Better was 20.f3, in view of what comes.) 20...Be4 21.Kf1 Bf3! and White resigned. The squares e2 and g2 are covered securely by Black, whether White plays 22.exf3 gxf3 or not, and ...Rh1, supported if necessary first by ...Qh8 will mate.

CARO COULDN'T AGAIN Last issue we gave Nunn-Georgiev, Linares 1988. In the following game from the recent SWIFT tournament the same opening was followed up to 5.Ng5, at which stage Georgiev started to go astray with 5...h6?, losing in ten moves. Tal does better, making things linger on to move 20.

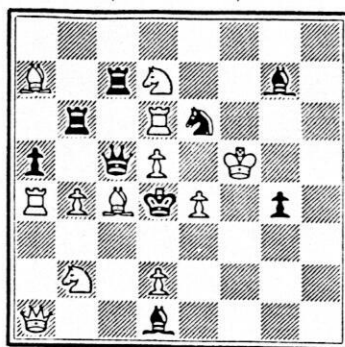
Nunn-Tal: SWIFT tournament, Brussels 1988: 1.e4 c6 d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Ng5 Ndf6 6.N1f3 e6 7.Ne5 Nh6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.c3 Qc7 10.Qe2 c5 11.Bb5+ e7 12.0-0 (In this game Black's plan involving leaving the king in the centre fails.) 12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Nf5 14.Be3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.d3 Qxg5 18.Qa3+ Kd8 19.Rad1 Bd7+ 20.Bxd7 and Black resigned as 20...Nxd7 21.Rxf7 wins easily for White. No better was 19...Nd5 20.Qd6+ and mate next move. Hartston suggests in the Independent that Tal may have missed that after 17.Qd3, 17...Rd8 loses to 18.Qxd8+ Kxd8+ 19.Nxf7+ and 20.Nxe5.

E32: A P GRIN
HM., Drosha, 1966



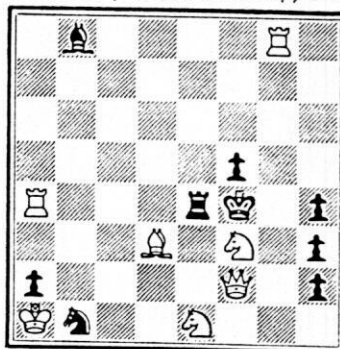
White to play and win

L135: W A WHYATT
2nd Prize, The Hindu, 1951



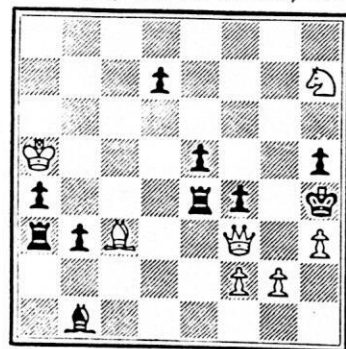
Mate in two

L136: C MANSFIELD
1st Prize, Swiat Szachowy, 1931



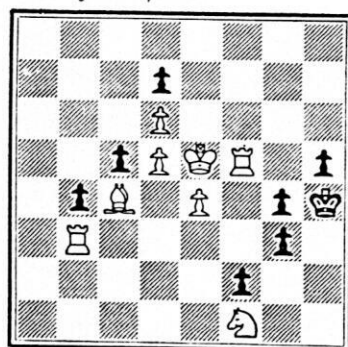
Mate in two

L137: A P GRIN
1st Prize, Cheroni Girnik, 1972



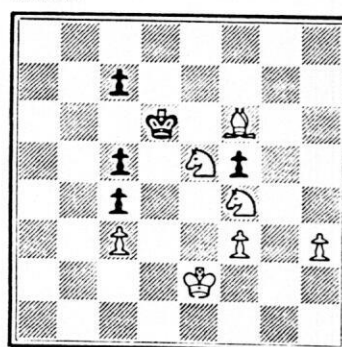
Mate in three

L138: P S MILNER-BARRY
Morning Post, 1923



Mate in three

L139: H J C ANDREWS (Version by BDS)
Source?



Mate in four

FOR SOLVING

All the problems this issue should be easy. There is a near try in the study which should be avoided.

The two-mover L135 is by an Australian expert whose fame rested mainly on his three-movers, but he started his career composing two-ers. L136, by the acknowledged grandmaster of two-ers, is the classic 'unblock' strategy problem.

I solved the 3-er L137 recently and it made me smile - quite apt considering the composer's name. 'Grin' is a non-de-plume used by Alexander Petrovich Gulyaev when it became clear that nobody in western Europe could spell his name! L138 is the only problem I know to be composed by the now-veteran player Sir Stuart Milner-Barry who is still playing on a high board for Middlesex! Considering that it is by a player it is really quite good!

The four-mover L139 is another of my reconstructions. This time of an old-style problem by H J C Andrews who was problem editor of the British Chess Magazine a hundred years ago. What I have done is to wrap it in modern garb.

SOLUTIONS (Issue 31)

E29 (Troitzky) 1.Qxg6 (i) fxg6 2.f7 f2+! 3.Kxf2 (ii) Kh7 4.Kg2! Rxh6 5.f8=B! (iii) and wins the bR and the game.

(i) White gives up the Q to obtain a passed pawn. There is

nothing in 1.Qb8+? Kh7. For example 2.Qf8 f2+ 3.Kf1 Rh1+ 4.Kxf2 Rxf6+ or 2.Qe5 hRxb6 3.Kf2 Rxf6

(ii) 3.Kg2? Rh2+ 4.Kf1 Kh7 5.f8=Q Rh1+ 6.Kxf2 Rf1+ 7.Kxf1 stalemate.

(iii) Certainly not 5.f8=Q? Rh2+ with perpetual check or stalemate, or exchange of R for Q with a drawn pawn ending.

L120 (Jacobs) 1.Bg1 (2.Bh2++) 1.Qxe5/Qb3/Rc3/Re4/Rd3/Kg3 2.Qxe5/Re4/Rc3/Rf5/Rd5/Rg5++ A flight-giving key is followed by 5 mates by the Q+R battery. Of special interest are the two half-pin variations 1.Rc3 and 1.Rd3 where the wR shuts off the b rook that has moved.

L121 (MacLeod) 1.f3 (2.Qe4++) 1.Bxd6+/eSd4/eSc5/bSc5/bSd4 2.Sxd6/Qd3/Rxf6/Rd5/Qd5++ Both wQ and wR are unpinned twice. The key is makeshift but such positions are extremely difficult to key well.

L122 (Nemo) 1.Qg1 [2.f3 & 3.Sf6,c4++] 1.Kxe4 2.Qxg4+ Kd5 3.c4+; 1.Kxd4 2.Kd6 (3.f3++) Kxe4 3.Qxg4++; 1.Sc5 2.Sf6+ Kxd4 3.Qa1++; 1.Sc3 2.Sf6+ Kxd4 3.f4++ A fine key and two model mates after the self-blocks 1.Sc5 and 1.Sc3.

L123 (Schlechter) 1.Rf8 [2.Sf7++] 1.exd6 2.Qf5+ exf5 3.Re8++; 1.hxg5 2.Sf7+ Kf6 3.hxg5++; 1.Bxc4 2.Sf7+ Kd5 3.Rd8++ OR 2.Sc4+ Kd5 3.Qd3++; 1.Kxd6 2.Qb8+ Kd7 3.Qd8,Rd8++; 1.f3 2.Sf7+ Kf4 3.e3++