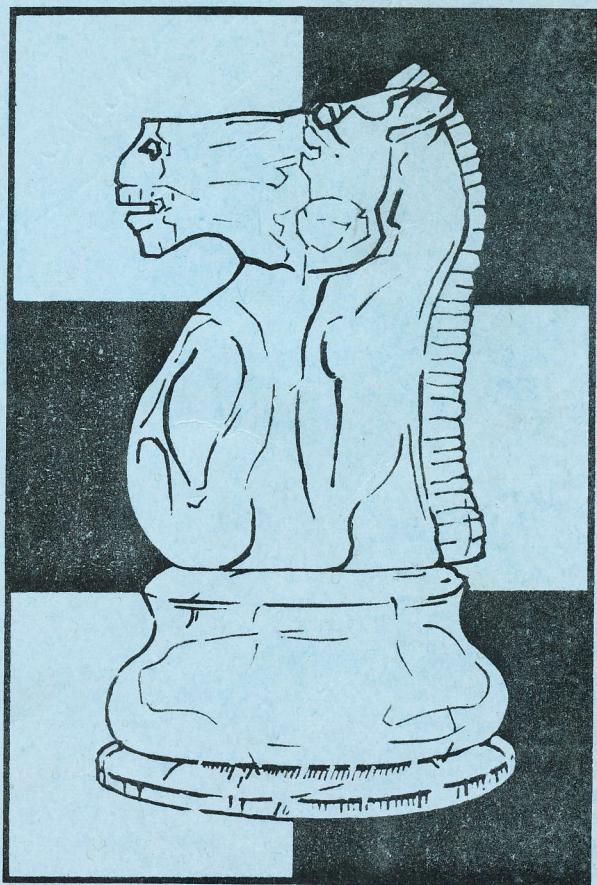


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Finally, I would like to thank you, the reader, for taking an interest in our club and the magazine.

Nigel Povah
(PRESIDENT)

Foreword

It gives me great pleasure to write a few words of introduction to this history of the Streatham and Brixton Chess Club, of which I have been privileged to be a member for the last 20 years.

Formed during the last war by an amalgamation of the two clubs whose names it bears, it can, through its component parts, claim to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest, chess club in Surrey with an unbroken record of existence.

Old records are unfortunately few, but it is safe to assume that Brixton was an original member of the Surrey County Chess Association in 1884, and the first Minute Book of the London Chess League records that Mr. J. Sargent of the Brixton Chess Club was one of the committee of nine at its inaugural meeting in 1887.

The club can claim two British Champions - Harry Golombek and Ray Keene, and many leading Administrators - G.A. and H.G. Felce to mention but two.

Like all clubs it has had its ups and downs with a peak in the twenties and early thirties when Brixton almost dominated the Surrey scene.

After the war, the amalgamated clubs suffered a period in the doldrums, but a long sighted policy of concentrating on younger players, initiated by Dick Boxall, turned the tide, and is now paying rich dividends both in play and administration.

The words of the old song "Happy days are here again" and all the omens point to a glowing future with the Club regaining and even surpassing the old glories of 50 years ago.

C.E. Williams.
President, British Chess Federation.

Club Officers 76/77

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| President | N.E. Povah |
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| 2nd Team | M. Lester |
| 3rd Team | B.P. Floyd |
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| Surrey League | |
| 1st Team (Surrey Trophy) | M. Lester |
| 2nd Team (Surrey Trophy) | S.A. White |
| 3rd Team (Ellam Trophy) | J. Beadle |
| 4th Team (Centenary Trophy) | B. Blackburn |
| 5th Team (Minor Trophy) | B.P. Floyd |
| Alexander Cup | M. Davis |
| National Club Championship | |
| 1st Team | N.E. Povah |
| 2nd Team | M. Davis |
| Postal Chess | M. Singleton |

Kiwi's eye view...

by Bob Smith

"S and B". It sounded like a chain store in the image of Marks & Spencer when I heard it first. Then Nigel Povah, (affectionately known as "NEP" to friends, heaven knows what his enemies call him), explained S and B was really a chess club, "one of England's most illustrious" - at least I think I have the quote right.

Place: Wijk Aan Zee, Holland. Date: Some time in January 1977. "Drop in and see me some time when you're in London".

Little more than a month later Nigel was dragged bleary-eyed to the telephone to answer an early morning call from Victoria Station, and that same night, despite an overnight train and ferry journey from Paris, there was a "Kiwi" at the Streatham and Brixton Chess Club. Who else but a chess-nut?!

A myriad of faces swam before my eyes as club members were introduced - how to ever remember all the names? And yet today, that confusing sea of faces has divided into many genuine people and, I like to think, many friends.

Impressions gained during five months with the club have been numerous and as diverse as the characters there.

Life-blood of S and B is the original NEP, who spends much of his time ensuring the club's keen team spirit is maintained, perhaps with some detrimental effect on his own chess career.

Backing up are a wide selection of deputies, ranging from the talented Roger Emerson to the irrepressible Steve White to the dedicated Mike Singleton - and one mustn't forget the hard-working Bruce Floyd (the amount of bribe money paid will be disclosed to club members or other readers on payment of a similar sum to the writer).

The efforts of these and other people certainly bring results, judging from Streatham and Brixton's inter-club record this year.

Despite the handicap of my playing in several matches, S and B won the London League First Division comfortably.

The club scored so many other competition successes that they might take up the whole page to list, so I'll omit them here. Readers who wish to check this may bring out their rulers to measure the column inches of match reports

elsewhere in "Knightmare".

In fact, the emphasis on inter-club play at S and B is perhaps the first major difference I noticed between it and New Zealand chess clubs.

Streatham is very much orientated towards achieving success as a team against other clubs, and this has merit from the point of view of fostering club spirit and solidarity.

Inter-club play in New Zealand is nowhere near as organised, with mainly "friendlies" being arranged occasionally, but play within clubs is serious. Tournaments are constantly in progress within clubs and, being somewhat of an individualist, this is a feature I missed while at S and B.

Another contrast is the location of Streatham's rooms in a pub - a practice unheard of in New Zealand.

Some, like myself, may regard this as an advantage, some - possibly Mary Whitehouse included - a disadvantage, but one thing is certain, this situation hasn't adversely affected club play.

A difference which perhaps cannot be regarded so favourably is S and B's current lack of formalised organisation: no constitution, no standard time for committee meetings - these and other anomalies would be regarded with horror in New Zealand.

However, these problems are in the process of being solved and in fairness perhaps the club has done well enough without the solutions.

The atmosphere at Streatham and Brixton is generally friendly. I always felt welcome and there was always someone willing to play "blitz". The only disappointment from a personal point of view is that for some reason I did not play at full strength throughout the season.

Nevertheless, I enjoyed my time with S and B tremendously and think it fitting to describe my stay as "anything but a Knightmare".

May I take this opportunity of extending my best wishes to all the members of the club and wishing Streatham and Brixton many more successes in the future.

London League

FIRST TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 1)

by Nigel Povah
and Roger Emerson.

After an absence of 8 years from the first division S & B bounced back with a vengeance!

Last season saw us win the second division without too much trouble, hence we were confident of a respectable placing amongst London's (and probably England's) elite.

Our first match of the season was against the powerful Cavendish side (last year's runners-up), so you can imagine our delight and amazement when we managed to romp home by the convincing margin 8 - 4. This obviously inspired our team and enabled us to set the pace for the rest of the season with victories against Charlton 8 - 4, Hampstead 8 - 4, Athenaeum 8½ - 3½, Richmond and Twickenham 7½ - 4½.

However, after this fantastic burst our form deserted us in a 3 - 9 massacre at the hands of Mushrooms, with only Peter Lee winning. Fortunes were mixed from now on as hard matches with Lewisham and London University alternated with further smashing wins against Islington and Wimbledon. Nerves began to fray as Lewisham and Cavendish began to creep up on us and the results of those hard matches were still in doubt. At one stage it looked as though we would lose both, but fine long wins by Julian Hodgson and Dave Massie against Lewisham scrambled a draw for us. Even more remarkable was Mike Singleton's amazing recovery in a lost ending to win both his game and the match against London University by the smallest possible margin. That clinched the championship for us and it only remained for us to celebrate in true champion's style - by losing 4 - 8 to Hendon!

Solid results from Nigel Povah, Charlie Kennaugh and Roger Emerson on the top boards took the pressure off the rest of the team and our middle order powerhouse of Peter Lee and Julian Hodgson swept the opposition contemptuously aside. Our thanks to everybody who participated in the triumph - let's make it a clean sweep next year!

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE

1ST DIVISION TABLE.

| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | M | G |
|-----|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. | Streatham | X | 6 | 8 | 4 | 7½ | 3 | 8 | 9 | 6½ | 8½ | 8½ | 8 | 8½ | 77 |
| 2. | Lewisham | 6 | X | 5½ | 7½ | 7½ | 7½ | 7½ | 5 | 5½ | 8½ | 8½ | 7½ | 7½ | 76 |
| 3. | Cavendish | 4 | 6½ | X | 6½ | 6 | 7 | 5½ | 5 | 8 | 8 | 7½ | 8½ | 7½ | 72½ |
| 4. | Hendon | 8 | 4½ | 5½ | X | 5 | 4 | 6½ | 7 | 9 | 8 | 6½ | 8 | 7 | 72 |
| 5. | Richmond | 4½ | 4½ | 6 | 7 | X | 8 | 9½ | 5½ | 5½ | 9½ | 7 | 7½ | 6½ | 74½ |
| 6. | Mushrooms | 9 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 4 | X | 5 | 6½ | 6½ | 8½ | 5½ | 8½ | 6 | 71½ |
| 7. | Charlton | 4 | 4½ | 6½ | 5½ | 2½ | 7 | X | 7 | 9½ | 4 | 8 | 7½ | 6 | 66 |
| 8. | Islington | 3 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 6½ | 5½ | 5 | X | 11½ | 5x | 5 | 7 | 5 | 67½ |
| 9. | London Univ. | 5½ | 6½ | 4 | 3 | 6½ | 5½ | 2½ | ½ | X | 6½ | 6 | 8 | 4½ | 54½ |
| 10. | Athenaeum | 3½ | 3½ | 4 | 4 | 2½ | 3½ | 8 | 6x | 5½ | X | 8 | 5 | 3 | 53½ |
| 11. | Wimbledon | 3½ | 3½ | 4½ | 5½ | 5 | 6½ | 4 | 7 | 6 | 4 | X | 5 | 2½ | 54½ |
| 12. | Hampstead | 4 | 4½ | 3½ | 4 | 4½ | 3½ | 4½ | 5 | 4 | 7 | 7 | X | 2 | 51½ |

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

| | | P | W | D | L | % | Av. Bd. |
|----|---------------|---|---|---|---|-----|---------|
| 1. | J.C. Pigot | 1 | - | - | 1 | 0 | 1.0 |
| 2. | N.E. Povah | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 61 | 1.1 |
| 3. | C.W. Kennaugh | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 50 | 1.6 |
| 4. | R. Emerson | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 61 | 2.4 |
| 5. | S. Rubinraut | 1 | 1 | - | - | 100 | 3.0 |
| 6. | P.J. Lee | 7 | 6 | - | 1 | 86 | 3.3 |
| 7. | D.L. Massie | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 4.0 |
| 8. | R.W. Smith | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | 33 | 4.0 |
| 9. | R.J.F. Sams | 1 | - | 1 | - | 50 | 4.0 |

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES /Cont...

| | P | W | D | L | % | Av.Bd. |
|----------------------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|--------|
| 10. J.M. Hodgson | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 85 | 4.8 |
| 11. P.N. Pierce | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 50 | 5.8 |
| 12. G. Shure | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 6.0 |
| 13. G. Szaszvari | 2 | 2 | - | - | 100 | 7.5 |
| 14. M.P.F. Singleton | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 69 | 7.6 |
| 15. M.C. Davis | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 50 | 7.9 |
| 16. C.N.J. Rose | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 50 | 8.6 |
| 17. J.M. Bennett | 5 | 4 | 1 | - | 90 | 8.8 |
| 18. C. Jones | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 64 | 9.8 |
| 19. A. Westwood | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 56 | 10.0 |
| 20. D.J. King | 2 | - | - | 2 | 0 | 10.5 |
| 21. P.J.N. Howarth | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 40 | 10.6 |
| 22. A. Keene | 5 | 1 | 4 | - | 60 | 11.0 |
| 23. M.J. Lester | 2 | - | - | 2 | 0 | 11.0 |
| 24. P.F. Brown | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 50 | 11.0 |
| 25. S.A. White | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 75 | 11.5 |
| 26. A.J. King | 1 | - | 1 | - | 50 | 12.0 |
| TOTAL | 131 | 60 | 35 | 37* | 59% | |

*Including one loss by default.

SECOND TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 5)

by Bruce Floyd

Ever willing to pass our expertise on to the third world, our London League 2nd team was delighted to include an Australian and a New Zealand international in its squad of 24.

As Gary Shure (an American) also played for the team we were not only able to provide valuable experience for them but we gained a very useful insight into the organisation of chess in other countries.

With the assistance of those mentioned above we eventually gained our objective of promotion to the 4th Division with a match in hand.

M. Singleton provided an incredible result on board 2.4!! winning all 5 games played.

Given the continued support of our 2nd team players I am convinced that 1978/9 will see us in the 3rd Division.

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE 5TH DIVISION TABLE.

| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | M | G |
|-----|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. | Streatham 11 | X | 4½ | 5½ | 5½ | 6½ | 9 | 7 | 7½ | 9 | 6½ | 8 | 9 | 69 |
| 2. | Metropolitan 111 | 5½ | X | 2½ | 3½ | 7 | 6 | 6½ | 5½ | 5½ | 6 | 5½ | 8 | 53½ |
| 3. | Croydon | 4½ | 7½ | X | 2 | 7½ | 5½ | 6½ | 6½ | 8½ | 6½ | 5 | 7½ | 60 |
| 4. | Hendon 11 | 4½ | 6½ | 8 | X | 8½ | 5½ | 5 | 6 | 9 | 2½ | 5 | 7 | 60½ |
| 5. | Islington 11 | 3½ | 3 | 2½ | 1½ | X | 7 | 9½ | 5½ | 7½ | 8½ | 7 | 5 | 55½ |
| 6. | G.L.C. | 1 | 4 | 4½ | 4½ | 3 | X | 6½ | 4½ | 7 | 5½ | 5½ | 4 | 46 |
| 7. | Stock Ex.11 | 3 | 3½ | 3½ | 5 | ½ | 3½ | X | 6½ | 5½ | 5 | 5½ | 4 | 41½ |
| 8. | Wimbledon 111 | 2½ | 4½ | 3½ | 4 | 4½ | 5½ | 3½ | X | 5 | 4 | 8½ | 2½ | 45½ |
| 9. | Muswell Hill 11 | 1 | 4½ | 1½ | 1 | 2½ | 3 | 4½ | 5 | X | 6 | 5½ | 2½ | 34½ |
| 10. | Waltham For. 11 | 3½ | 4 | 3½ | 7½ | 1½ | 4½ | 5 | 6 | 4 | X | 5 | 2 | 44½ |
| 11. | Willesden 11 | 2 | 4½ | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4½ | 4½ | 1½ | 4½ | 5 | X | -½ | 39½ |

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

| | | P | W | D | L | % | Av. Bd. |
|-----|-----------------|-----|------------|----|----|-----|---------|
| 1. | R.W. Smith | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 1.0 |
| 2. | S. Rubinraut | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 1.0 |
| 3. | D.J. King | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 2.0 |
| 4. | J. Bennett | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 2.0 |
| 5. | G. Shure | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 2.0 |
| 6. | M. Singleton | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 2.4 |
| 7. | A. Westwood | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 83 | 2.5 |
| 8. | M. Davis | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 63 | 3.7 |
| 9. | A.J. King | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 4.0 |
| 10. | C. Jones | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 50 | 4.6 |
| 11. | P. Howorth | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 71 | 4.7 |
| 12. | A. Keene | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 67 | 4.7 |
| 13. | M. Lester | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 89 | 4.8 |
| 14. | J. Beadle | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 50 | 6.0 |
| 15. | M. Linden | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 6.2 |
| 16. | S. White | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 56 | 6.4 |
| 17. | C. Lines | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 6.5 |
| 18. | P. Brown | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 6.7 |
| 19. | R.T. Allen | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 50 | 7.7 |
| 20. | E. Frydman | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 75 | 8.2 |
| 21. | M. Arnold | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 75 | 8.3 |
| 22. | B. O'Gorman | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 9.0 |
| 23. | R. Hesmondhalgh | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 30 | 9.0 |
| 24. | M. Cowley | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 75 | 9.5 |
| | Defaults | 3 | 2 | | 1 | | |
| | TOTAL | 100 | 57 | 24 | 19 | 69% | |
| | TOTAL | | 69 Points. | | | | 9 |

THIRD TEAM REPORT (DIVISION 7)

by Bruce Floyd

Despite a hesitant start by losing to the Stock Exchange III team and a loss against Central Y.M.C.A. due to the refusal of B. Byrne to play on in a won position we managed to obtain promotion from the 7th to the 6th Division.

This result was achieved at the expense of Hampstead III who kindly played ineligible players in key matches + U.N.A.T.S.

U.N.A.T.S., our opponents in our last match of the season outgraded us on every board but could not compete with our team spirit and determination to win despite an early loss by M. Cowley who is also a member of U.N.A.T.S.!!

Three games in this match were won on time (2 of them in our favour) - an unusual occurrence for a bottom division and a $5\frac{1}{2}/4\frac{1}{2}$ result in our favour was recorded.

Finally I would like to thank B. O'Gorman, C.E. Williams, B. Blackburn, S. Lea and M. Cowley for being so reliable. It makes a captain's task so much easier.

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE 7TH DIVISION TABLE.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | M | G |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. London Cen. YMCA 111 | X | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 8 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | $61\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 2. Streatham 111 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | X | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 6 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | 6 | $4\times$ | 4 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $49\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3. UNATS | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | X | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 49 |
| 4. Mushrooms 11 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | X | $4\frac{1}{2}\times 5\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | 6 | 6 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 44 |
| 5. Islington 111 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | X | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $46\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6. Morley College | 5 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | X | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $44\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7. Metropolitan V | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | X | 5 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 42 |
| 8. Hampstead 111 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | X | 5 | $8\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | $47\frac{1}{2}$ |

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE

7TH DIVISION TABLE. /Cont...

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | M | G | |
|-----|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| 9. | Stock Ex.111 | 2 | 5x | 2½ | 4 | 2½ | 3 | 2½ | 5 | X | 5 | 2 | 31½ |
| 10. | Charlbury | 1½ | 6 | 3½ | 4½ | 4 | 3½ | 2½ | 1½ | 5 | X | 1½ | 32 |

THE EASTMAN CUP

by Alan Westwood

This is a knock out tournament run by the London league. I would like to report yet another success for our club, but unfortunately we lost in the first round to Lewisham, (which makes my job easy anyway!) We were drawn to play away and arrived at the Lewisham club at 7.30 p.m. on the 17th of November. The first thing that happened was that the top two boards agreed quick draws (so that Max Fuller and Kevin Wicker could go and see "Tommy"!), which was pretty reasonable considering that we outgraded our opponents from board four downwards. What happened was a complete disaster as can be seen from the result table. After beating us Lewisham went through to the semi-finals losing to Mushrooms who were the eventual winners beating Islington by 7 - 3. Anyway here's hoping that we do better next year.

| Lewisham | | Streatham | | |
|----------|----------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| 1. | M.L. Fuller | ½ | N.E. Povah | ½ |
| 2. | K.J. Wicker | ½ | R. Emerson | ½ |
| 3. | N.R. Oliver | ½ | M.P.F. Singleton | ½ |
| 4. | B.J. Charnley | 1 | M. Davis | 0 |
| 5. | D. MacDougall | 0 | G. Shure | 1 |
| 6. | A.P. Smith | 0 | J.M. Bennett | 1 |
| 7. | T.P. Baldwin | 1 | C.N.J. Rose | 0 |
| 8. | C.M. Brown | ½ | C. Jones | ½ |
| 9. | F.J. Knight | 1 | A. Westwood | 0 |
| 10. | R.C. Pentecost | ½ | S.A. White | ½ |
| | | 5½ | 4½ | |
| | | == | == | |

Surrey League

THE SURREY TROPHY

FIRST TEAM REPORT

by Malcolm Lester

Streatham & Brixton's First team started this season as holders of the Surrey Trophy and seemed to have a reasonable chance of retaining it. However, we had reckoned without our Second team who joined us in the Surrey Trophy for the first time. In what transpired to be the decisive match of the season the First team were beaten 6 - 2 by the Second team! (Creeps!) We won all our other matches except for a draw against RAE who, for some reason, we find very hard to beat. Our First team finished second in the competition and our Second team finished first!

SURREY TROPHY (FIRST DIVISION)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Gms | Pts. |
|-----------------|------|--------|----|----|----|----|--------|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| 1. Streatham II | x | 6 | 1½ | 6½ | 4½ | 6 | 6½(a)6 | 7 | 5 | 49 | 8 | |
| 2. Streatham I | 2 | x | 4½ | 5 | 4½ | 6½ | 7(a)4 | 5 | 7 | 45½ | 7½ | |
| 3. Mitcham | 6½ | 3½ | x | 1 | 2 | 6½ | 6½ | 5½ | 6 | 5 | 42½ | 6 |
| 4. Sutton | 1½ | 3 | 7 | x | 5½ | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 41 | 5½ |
| 5. Kingston | 3½ | 3½ | 6 | 2½ | x | 2½ | 6 | 4 | 4½ | 5 | 37½ | 4½ |
| 6. Guildford | 2 | 1½ | 1½ | 4 | 5½ | x | 2½ | 6½ | 5 | 3½ | 32 | 3½ |
| 7. Wimbledon II | ½(a) | 0(a)1½ | 4 | 2 | 5½ | x | 3½ | 5 | 4½ | 26½ | 3½ | |
| 8. R.A.E. | 2 | 4 | 2½ | 4 | 4 | 1½ | 4½ | x | 3 | 4 | 29½ | 3 |
| 9. Wimbledon I | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3½ | 3 | 3 | 5 | x | 7½ | 30 | 2 |
| 10. Coulsdon | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4½ | 3½ | 4 | ½ | x | 24½ | 1½ |

FIRST TEAM STATISTICS

| | <u>Pld.</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Drn.</u> | <u>Lst.</u> | <u>%Sc.</u> | <u>Av.Bd.</u> |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| N. Povah | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 50 | 1.0 |
| A. Martin | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | 75 | 1.7 |
| R. Emerson | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 50 | 2.0 |
| P. Lee | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 63 | 2.5 |

| <u>/Cont...</u> | <u>Pld.</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Drn.</u> | <u>Lst.</u> | <u>%Sc.</u> | <u>Av.Bd.</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| J. Bennett | 1 | 1 | - | - | 100 | 3.0 |
| M. Linden | 1 | - | 1 | - | 50 | 3.0 |
| M. Singleton | 6 | 6 | - | - | 100 | 3.7 |
| A.K. Swift | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | 67 | 3.7 |
| R. Haldane | 2 | 2 | - | - | 100 | 4.0 |
| J. Hodgson | 1 | - | - | 1 | 0 | 4.0 |
| D. Massie | 1 | - | 1 | - | 50 | 4.0 |
| R.W. Smith | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 4.7 |
| S. Rubinraut | 1 | - | 1 | - | 50 | 5.0 |
| I.R. Watson | 1 | - | - | 1 | 0 | 5.0 |
| M. Davis | 5 | 3 | 2 | - | 80 | 5.6 |
| C.N. Rose | 4 | 3 | - | 1 | 75 | 5.7 |
| G. Szaszvari | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 75 | 6.0 |
| C. Jones | 2 | 2 | - | - | 100 | 6.0 |
| G. Shure | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 6.3 |
| A. Westwood | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 6.5 |
| P. Howarth | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | 25 | 6.5 |
| A. Keene | 3 | 1 | - | 2 | 33 | 7.3 |
| M. Lester | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 37 | 7.7 |
| C. Lines | 1 | 1 | - | - | 100 | 8.0 |
| S. White | 1 | - | 1 | - | 50 | 8.0 |
| Defaults | 1 | 1 | - | - | | |
| Totals | 72 | 34 | 22 | 16 | 63 | |

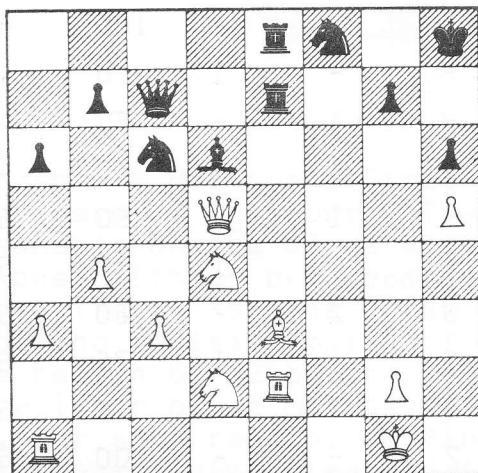
THE SURREY SECOND TEAM REPORT 1973-77

by Steve White

The Second team had a great tradition to live up to this season. It all began in the season 1973-74 when we won the Minor Trophy and were thus promoted to the Ellam Trophy, as the Centenary Trophy did not then exist.

Season 1974/75. Life seemed tough in the Third Division but somehow, when all the matches had been played, the team stood to win the Ellam Trophy if my last game of the season was adjudicated a draw. The position was complicated but I was a pawn up and it looked good for at

least a draw. However, the game was adjudicated a loss! Then started the most intensive fortnight of appeal analysis I have ever experienced to which most of the 1st team players contributed; the result they achieved was some watertight analysis that carried the appeal, the title and promotion to the Beaumont Cup viz:-



BLACK: GUNEWARDENA

POSITION AFTER BLACK'S 30TH MOVE.

WHITE: S.A. WHITE

The first move for White is 1. Nf5. There are however 4 alternatives for Black.

LINE A 1...Bh2+

2. Kh1 Rd7 (2...Re5 3. Qf3 Ne6 intending Ng5 4. Rael Rf8 (if 4...Ng5 5. Bxg5 wins.) 5. g4! Ng5 6. Qg2 Rxf5 7. gxf5 Bg3 (7...Bf4 8. Qg4 wins.) 8. Bxg5 Bxe1 9. Bxh6 gxh6 10. Rxel Rg8 11. Qh2 wins because of Qf4 or if Black tries 11...Qxh2+ 12. Kxh2 Rg5 13. Rf1 wins.) 3. Qb3 Rd3 (3...Rf7?! 4. Bb6! Qd7 5. Rxe8 Qxe8 6. Nxh6 and followed by Kxh2 wins.) 4. Nf3 Bg3 (Other Bishop moves are possible but White is clearly better e.g. 4...Bf4? 5. Bxf4 wins or 4...Be5 5. Rcl with advantage because White can try Qc4 etc.) 5. Nxg3?! Qxg3 6. Bf2 Qg4! (6...Qb8 7. Rael wins.) 7. Rxe8 Qxh5 ch. and the position is unclear. For this reason it is suggested that we should play 5. Qc4! Red8 or (5...Rdd8 6. Qg4 wins.) 6. Nfd4 wins.

LINE B 1...Re5

2. Qxd6 (2. Qf3 is also possible with the idea of Nxd6 and Bf4 or Nc4 Rael etc.) ...Qxd6 3. Nxd6 Rxe3 4. Rxe3 Rxe3 5. Nxb7 Rxc3 6. Nc5 a5?! (6...Nb8 7. Ndb3 wins.) 7. Nde4 any Rook move 8. b5 wins.

LINE C 1...Re6

2. Nf3 with a slight edge to White the possibilities are Nxd6 and Qb3. Another possibility for White is 2. Nc4 Bh2+ 3. Kh1 Rd8 4. Qf3 Ne5 (4...Nd4? 5. Bxd4 wins.) 5. Nxe5 Bxe5 (5...Rxe5 6. Bd4 wins.) 6. Bd4 Bxd4 7. Nxd4 with an edge to White.

LINE D 1...Rd7

2. Qb3 Ne5 (2...Bh2+ (2...Rf7? 3. Nxd6 wins.)
 3. Kh1 Ne6 (3...Rf7?! 4. Bb6! wins as in line A or
 3...Nh7 4. Bf4! wins for White.) 4. Bb6 Qxb6
 5. Rxе6 Rxе6 6. Qxe6 Qd8! (6...Rxd2?? 7. Qe8+ Kh7
 8. Qg6+ and mates.) 7. Kxh2 Rxd2 8. Rel intending
 Qg6 and Re8 wins.) 3. Bd4! Nf3+ (Otherwise Rael and
 Nxd6 can be played if 3...Ne6 4. Nxd6 Nxd4 5. cxd4
 winning for White.) 4. Nxf3 Rxе2 5. Nxh6 Ne6 (5...Re6
 6. Nf5 intending h6 winning for White.) 6. Ng5 Re7
 (6...Bh2+ 7. Kh1 Qd6? 8. Nh7+ wins.) 7. Rf1 Qc8
 (Otherwise Rf8+ and Qg8 mate.) 8. Ngf7+! Rxе7
 (8...Kh7? 9. Qb1+! wins.) 9. Nxf7+ Kg8 (9...Kh7
 10. Qb1+ Kg8 11. h6! wins.) 10. Qd5! Bb8 (or f8)
 (10. Nxd6?! Qc6 gives White an edge.) 11. Ng5!
 (Winning for White e.g. 11...Qc7 12. Qxe6+! Rxе6
 13. Rf8+! Kxf8 14. Nxe6+ wins.) Thus throughout the
 two seasons the second team remained undefeated.

Season 1975/76 If we thought it was tough in the Ellam, well the Beaumont Cup looked impossible! Our first match was against Sutton II, a team that had just been relegated from the 1st Division. Our undefeated record seemed threatened. However, we did have a couple of new faces and the match went as follows:-

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| A. Keene (177) | 1 | M.J. Taylor (-) | 0 |
| M. Singleton (178) | 0 | D. Kerr (174) | 1 |
| M. Davis (168) | 1 | E. Oliver (167) | 0 |
| M. Lester (181) | 1 | J.H. Manners (164) | 0 |
| C. Jones (164) | ½ | P. Sullivan (145) | ½ |
| S.A. White (159) | ½ | N. Kent (158) | ½ |
| N. Howarth (158) | 1 | E.A. Parker (157) | 0 |
| M. Linden (145) | 1 | R.E. James (148) | 0 |
| | — | | — |
| | 6 | | 2 |
| | — | | — |

The teams seemed even on paper but the result was tipped by what I believe was a will to win by everyone in the team.

The team was reassured by this win and when they travelled out to play Ashtead there was no hurry to win; everyone played a quiet game, giving nothing away and picking up any careless mistakes. A perfect example of this was in the following game.

White: J.N.A. Hay (Ashtead) Black: G. Szaszvari (Streatham)

1975.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 (The well respected Benko-Gambit.) 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 Bxa6 6. Nc3 d6
 7. e4 Bxf1 8. Kxf1 g6 9. Be3 Bg7 10. f3 Nbd7
 11. Nge2 Qa5 12. Qc2 0-0 13. Rb1 Ne5 14. f3 Nfd7
 15. Kf2 f5 (George is not content with the standard

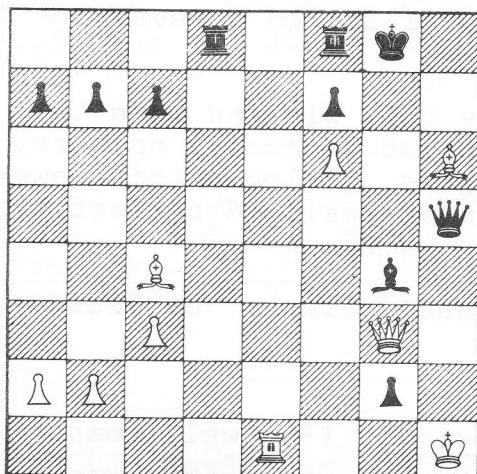
Q-side pressure, but decides to capitalise on his opponent's King position.) 16. h3 fxe4 17. Qxe4 Nf6 18. Qc2 Nfg4+ 19. hxg4 Nxg4+ 20. Kgl Nxe3 (Black has regained his material with interest and White has yet to regain his composure.) 21. Qd3 Nf5 22. a4 Nd4 23. Kf1 Nf5 (intending 24. Bxc3 etc.) 24. Nb5 Qb4 25. Kf2 Nh6 26. Rhd1? Qh4+ (Black's Queen now infiltrates on the K-side.) 27. Kgl Be5 28. f4 Bxf4 29. Nxf4 Rxf4 30. Rf1 Raf8 0 - 1 (On adjudication.)

The next match was against Chertsey which surprisingly, we drew. However, this was not due to bad play on the part of the team, but was due to the fact that our adjudication claims did not arrive in time. We made up for this setback with a 6 - 2 win against Redhill, a 5 - 3 win against Croydon and a 7 - 1 win against Battersea. The points against Battersea came in the form of two draws, one of which came from the hard fought game between M. Davis (Streatham) and R. Haldane (Battersea - who has since now seen the light and joined Streatham.) The tactics were wild and the final position an adjudicator's nightmare. I suspect the draw was awarded more as a result of complete bewilderment on the part of the adjudicator than any concrete analysis. But to be fair, neither could anybody else untangle all the complications.

White: M. Davis (Streatham) Black: R. Haldane

King's Gambit. Fischer's Defence.

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Nf3 d6 4. Bc4 h6 5. 0-0 g5
 6. d4 Bg7 7. c3 Nc6 8. h4 g4 9. Ne1 Qxh4 10. Rxf4 Nf6
 11. Be3 0-0 12. Nd2 Nh5 13. Nef3 Qe7 14. Nh2 Nxf4
 15. Bxf4 h5 16. Qe2 Qf6 17. Rf1 Qg6 18. Qe3 h4
 19. Kh1 g3 20. Nhf3 Qh5 21. Ng5 Nd8 22. e5 Ne6
 23. Nde4 dxe5 24. dx5 Bd7 25. Nf6+ Bxf6 26. exf6 Nxg5
 27. Bxg5 Bg4 28. Re1 Rad8 29. Bh6 h3 30. Qxg3 hxg2+.
 $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ on adjudication.



BLACK: R. HALDANE

FINAL POSITION
ADJUDICATED DRAWN

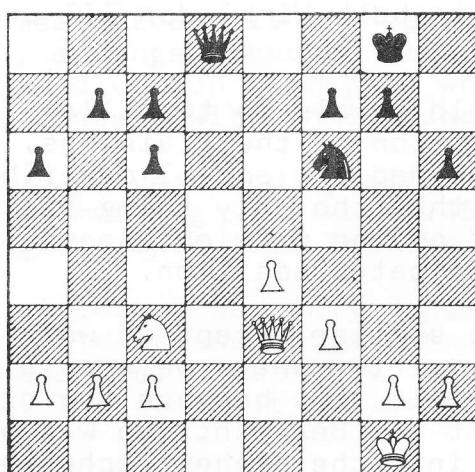
WHITE: M. DAVIS

Until now I had taken a non-playing Captain's role having played only in the match against Sutton II. However in the next match against Wallington I, I decided to play and to my surprise found that my opponent was G.L. Sutton. I had not played in my team so far since I could never concentrate on my own game and look after the welfare of my team. By this stage of the season I was fairly confident and settled down for a really enjoyable game.

White: S.A. White. Black: G.L. Sutton.

Ruy Lopez - Exchange.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 (Black has many other moves if he wishes to avoid either the main lines or the Exchange Variation e.g. 3...Bc5, 3...Nf6, 3...d6, 3...g6, 3...Nge7 etc.) 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. 0-0 (This is the Exchange Variation of the Ruy, which was popularised by Fischer, who in defeating such famous G.M.'s as Gligoric and Smyslov, demonstrated that White can exploit his endgame initiative.) ...Bd6 (Other moves for Black include 5...Qd6, 5...Bg4, 5...f6, 5...Ne7 etc.) 6. d4 Bg4 (6...exd4, 7. Qxd4 f6 8. e5! fxe5 9. Nxe5 Qe7 10. Rel Be6 11. Nf3 0-0-0 12. Bg5 Nf6 13. Bxf6 gxf6 14. Qe3 and White has a slight advantage.) 7. dxe5 Bxf3 8. Qxf3 Bxe5 9. Rd1 (ECO gives 9. Nd2 with slight advantage to White; also worth considering is 9. c3 with the idea Nd2 c4 with advantage to White e.g. 9...Qf6 10. Qe3! with the idea of f4, e5) ...Qe7 (9...Qf6 10. Qg4 Bxb2 11. Qd7+ Kf8 12. Bxb2 Qxb2 13. Qxc7 Nf6 14. Nd2 with the better game.) 10. Nc3?! (More natural is 10. Nd2 with the idea of Nc4 in order to force e5 and to contemplate attacking the Q-side pawns with Na5.) ...Nf6 11. Bg5 0-0 12. Qe3 (With the idea of f4.) ...h6 (12...Ng4? 13. Bxe7 Nxe3 14. Bxf8 Nxdl 15. Bxg7! with advantage to White e.g. 15. Bxc3 16. Bxc3 Nxc3 17. bxc3) 13. Bf4 Bxf4 14. Qxf4 Rfd8 15. Qe3 Rxdl+ 16. Rxdl Rd8 (Black cannot allow White to maintain control of the only open file, hence he is forced into a series of exchanges which lead to the typically unfavourable ending that often results from this opening.) 17. Rxdl+ Qxd8 18. f3



BLACK: G.L. SUTTON

POSITION AFTER WHITE'S
18TH MOVE "THAT'S
ANOTHER FINE ENDGAME
YOU'VE GOT ME INTO
STANLEY"

WHITE: S.A. WHITE

...b6 19. Kf2 Qd7 20. Ke2 Kf8 21. Qd3 Qd6 22. g3
(Naturally not 22. Qxd6+ cxd6 when White no longer has a Kingside pawn majority. On the other hand Black dare not exchange Queens since the Knight ending should be won for White) ...b5 22. Qe3 Nd7 24. f4 f6
25. Nd1 c5 26. Nf2 Qd4 27. Nd3 Qc4 28. Kd2 Qxa2
29. Nxc5 Nb6 30. b3 Qa5+ and White won on adjudication due to the vulnerability of Black's Q-side pawns e.g.
31. Qc3 Qxc3+ (31...b4 32. Ne6+ Ke7 33. Qxc7+! Kxe6?
34. f5) 32. Kxc3 (When Black must lose a pawn. A game that typifies the endgame problems that face Black in this Variation.)

Another fine game also occurred in this match between C. Jones and P.M. Shaw in which Chris showed remarkable skill in handling an unfamiliar opening.

White: C. Jones. Black: P.M. Shaw.

Queen's Fianchetto Defence.

1. e4 b6 2. d4 Bb7 3. Nc3 (3. Bd3, 3. f3 or 3. Nd2 are reasonable alternatives.) ...e6 4. Nf3 Bb4
5. Bd3 Nf6 (Sigurjousson v Basman - Hastings '76 continued 5...Ne7 6. 0-0 Bxc3 7. bxc3 d6 8. Re1 Nd7 9. a4 a5 10. Qe2 e5 11. dxе5 dxе5 12. Rd1 0-0 13. Bb5 c6 14. Ne5 with the advantage.) 6. Qe2 d5
7. e5 Ne4 8. Bd2 Nxd2 9. Nxd2 c5 10. Qg4 g6
11. Nb5 cxd4 12. c3!? (With this move White maintains his centre; if 12...dxc3 13. Qxb4 cxd2+ 14. Kd1 and Nd6 is a strong threat.) ...Be7 13. cxd4 Nc6 14. Nf3 a6
15. Nc3 Rc8 16. 0-0 b5 17. h3 Qb6 18. Ne2 Nb4
19. Nf1 Nxd3 20. Nxd3 Rc4 21. Rfc1 a5 22. b3 Rc6
23. Rxc6 Bxc6 24. Rcl b4 25. N2f4 h5 26. Qd1 Bd7
27. Nc5 Bb5 28. Qc2 g5? 29. Nfe6 fxе6 (29...Bc5 still loses but it takes a little longer.) 30. Qg6+ Kd8
31. Ne6+ Kd7 32. Nf8+ Rxf8 33. Qxb6 Bd3 34. e6+ 1 - 0.

We followed this match by beating S. Norwood 7 - 1 conceding only 2 draws.

After this result it appeared that if we lost our remaining two matches we could only be equalled and our board average would most probably have been sufficiently high to ensure winning the Beaumont Cup. We could only fail if we lost heavily to both Wimbledon III and Kingston II.

Wimbledon III were our old rivals in the Ellam Trophy, promoted in a re-organisation of the Divisions. It was against this team that we had the appeal described earlier. It would be true to say that the only thing that separated the two teams at the end of the previous season was a solitary pawn in an adjudicated position.

This year the result was similar except we were 4 - 3 up with an adjudicated position where we were a pawn down! It didn't matter this time because the draw was guaranteed and that meant the Beaumont Cup was ours. It also meant promotion into the highest echelon of

Surrey Team Chess - namely the Surrey Trophy. What is more, this was achieved with a match in hand.

We also beat Kingston III in the final match $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Season 1976/77 This season we had to safeguard our unbeaten record of the previous 3 seasons. This seemed almost impossible since our first match of the season (by Surrey regulations) was against our own first team. Until this day I still don't know how we did it but when the last move had been made the result was 6 - 2 to Streatham II and without conceding a loss on any board.

Streatham II

| | | Streatham I |
|----|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | (B) A. Martin | 1 - 0 (W) |
| 2. | P.N. Pierce | $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3. | C.N.J. Rose | 1 - 0 |
| 4. | C. Jones | $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 5. | R. Haldane | 1 - 0 |
| 6. | J. Bennett | $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 7. | A. Westwood | $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8. | M. Singleton | 1 - 0 |

Now we had beaten the Surrey Champions nothing seemed to stand in our way, or did it?

Guildford I went down 6 - 2, Wimbledon I lost 7 - 1 and then just after the new year holiday we lost our first match to Mitcham I by the horrible score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

That evening no one spoke, it seemed that our run had ended. Until I realized we had a better board average than the 1st team. This meant if we could continue by clocking up large scores then we could still end up Surrey Champions. With this in mind we beat:

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Wimbledon II | $6\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Sutton I | $6\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Kingston I | $4\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Coulsdon I | 5 - 3 |

This run of results put the pressure on the 1st team who finally cracked and drew a match against R.A.E. This meant that all we needed to do was to draw our last match, strangely enough also against R.A.E. and we would win the division outright, while the 1st team would have to be content with coming second.

I had 8 players and myself as a reserve for this match and the meeting time was 6.45 p.m. at the Bedford, giving us ample time for the 12 mile drive to Ashtead.

At 7 o'clock I had only 3 players and by 7.15 p.m. Robin Haldane and Chris Jones had not arrived. What had happened? Had they made their own way there? Anyway I could wait no longer.

When I arrived at Ashtead, I was still 2 players short so I substituted myself and we played with 7 men. The result was 6 - 1 to us.

A fitting score to end the season and to win the Trophy with.

Later I found out that the 2 missing players had got caught in a broken down train in a tunnel outside Tulse Hill station.

It seems that not even our own 1st team and British Rail combined could stop Streatham II from gaining their moment of glory in the Surrey Trophy.

I only hope that the team under the leadership of Chris Jones will do as well again next year. Maybe they can beat Mitcham I this time!

ELLAM TROPHY
THIRD TEAM REPORT.

By Steve White

Streatham III started the 1976-77 season in the Ellam Trophy as the team newly promoted from the Centenary Trophy. It is particularly difficult to begin play in a new division because the captain has no idea of the strength of the opposition. Because of this every team was treated as a danger team.

In the first match we won 5 - 3 against a fairly good Redhill side. In the next match against Banstead we seemed a lot more confident and scored 5½ - 2½. In the following match we played Sutton III who were then our rivals but we did not realize it. After about an hour in this match it looked as if we were going to win comfortably, but gradually our advantage slipped and at the end we won by only 5 - 3 whereas 6 - 2 or 7 - 1 would have been a more fitting result. We were due to play S. Norwood II in our next match but they had been experiencing organisational difficulties and they defaulted the match 8 - 0.

Our next match was against Wallington II and on a night of several disasters when normally very reliable players lost we were lucky to scrape by with a draw overall.

This was halfway through the season and we had scored 4½ out of 5 - easily the best performance of the division. The members of the team now began to realize that good performances against the next 4 clubs could make our performance against Battersea first team at the end of the season academic.

In the next matches we beat Croydon $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, Mitcham 5 - 3 and Stoneleigh $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Stoneleigh never seem to do well against Streatham sides; the last time they played a Streatham side (Streatham II 1974/75) they also lost $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

We now realized that a win against Sutton IV would give us the division and having beaten Sutton III earlier in the season we were quietly confident.

The first result was surprisingly close $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ but the fact that we had won was all that was important.

The last match against Battersea I could have been difficult but it seems that they weren't trying too hard and we won that match $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Notable performances in that division were given by G. Beattie 7/8, A. Westwood 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ /6 and J. Flanagan 4/4.

ELLAM TROPHY
(THIRD DIVISION)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Gms | Pts | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| 1. Streatham III | x | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 4 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | $7\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 8(d) | $54\frac{1}{2}$ | $9\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 2. Banstead | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | x | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $44\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | |
| 3. Sutton IV | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | x | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 8(d) | 4 | 5 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 47 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 4. Sutton III | 3 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | x | 4 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 43 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 5. Wallington II | 4 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 4 | x | 2 | 5 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $43\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | |
| 6. Croydon II | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | x | 5 | 5 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 43 | 6 | |
| 7. Battersea | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 0(d) | 6 | 3 | 3 | x | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 8 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $43\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | |
| 8. Redhill II | 3 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | x | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | $6\frac{1}{2}$ | 41 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 9. Stoneleigh | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $4\frac{1}{2}$ | x | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | $33\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | |
| 10. Mitcham II | 3 | 2 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 1 | $5\frac{1}{2}$ | x | 7 | 26 | 2 | |
| 11. S. Norwood II | | 0(d) | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $3\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | $1\frac{1}{2}$ | $2\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | x | $20\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 |

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

| | <u>Pld.</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Drn.</u> | <u>Lst.</u> | <u>% Sc.</u> |
|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| A. Westwood | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 75 |
| P. Brown | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| C. Barnwell | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 50 |
| M. Arnold | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 66.7 |
| M. Linden | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 42.8 |
| G. Beattie | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 87.5 |

| | <u>Pld.</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Drn.</u> | <u>Lst.</u> | <u>% Sc.</u> |
|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| R. Hesmond Halgh | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 81.2 |
| J. Beadle | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 35.7 |
| P. Howorth | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 57.1 |
| S. White | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 57.1 |
| C. Lines | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 66.7 |
| M. Lester | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 66.7 |
| C. Jones | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| M. Hudson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| J. Flanagan | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| P. Nunn | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 50 |
| B. Floyd | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 100 |

THE CENTENARY TROPHY
(FOURTH TEAM REPORT)

By Barry Blackburn.

The fourth team played exceptionally well to win the Centenary Trophy, winning all their matches except two (to Sutton V and Kingston III).

Our win against Wimbledon ($4\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$) was a close thing since we had a point deducted for playing an illegal player - a mistake that is easy to make in a large club running many teams.

Special thanks to all the players, gaining promotion to the Ellam Trophy next season, and who can boast not one single default throughout this season.

CENTENARY TROPHY
(FOURTH DIVISION)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Gms | Pts |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Streatham IV | x | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ (a) | 38 | 7 |
| 2. Kingston III | 4 | x | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 4 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ (a) | 37 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 3. Coulsdon II | 3 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | x | 3 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | 36 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 4. Ashtead II | 3 | 4 | 4 | x | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | 4 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 6 |
| 5. Cobham | 1 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | x | 4 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | 29 | 5 |
| 6. Sutton V | 4 | 0 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | x | 4 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ (a) | 27 | 4 |
| 7. Crystal Palace | 3 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | x | 3 | 4 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 32 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8. Chertsey II | 2 | 2 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | x | 4 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 29 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 9. Forestdale | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4 | 3 | 3 | x | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ (a) | 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10. Wimbledon IV | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ (a) | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ (a) | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ (a) | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ (a) | x | 21 | 0 |

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

| | <u>Pld.</u> | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lst.</u> | <u>Drn.</u> | <u>%Sc.</u> |
|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| J. Beadle | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 37.5 |
| R. Hesmond Halgh | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 66.7 |
| T. Allen | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 |
| B. Floyd | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 83.3 |
| B. Blackburn | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 81.3 |
| B. Byrne | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 75 |
| D. Reuben | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 75 |
| M. Cowley | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 58.3 |
| J. Ward | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 50 |
| J. Flanagan | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| 'P'. Power | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 40 |
| B. Chamberlain | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| M. Kent | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 66.7 |
| S. Lea | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 50 |
| D. First | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 50 |
| I. Holle | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 50 |
| P. Nunn | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 100 |

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THE MINOR TROPHY
(FIFTH TEAM REPORT)

By Bruce Floyd

This is the team I actually enjoy running. The purpose of the team is to develop the abilities of weaker players and juniors and to provide matches for those who would not otherwise get the chance. As a captain one just can't lose; it promises so little yet can achieve so much.

The team "pool" consisted of 22 players including 15 juniors 7 of whom were under 12. (This is probably history in the making if we did but know) but this proved little handicap as we came 3rd in our section - a tremendous result.

The high spot of the season, however, was our 4 - 2 win against Wallington IV, our team consisting of 2 x 8 year olds, 1 x 9 year old, 1 x 10 year old, 1 x 14 year old + M.F. Kent (age unknown.)

The best individual performances were by H. Whitaker 5 out of 7, and D. Reuben who scored 6 out of 10, only losing on boards 1 and 2.

On the basis of this performance the club has an excellent future.

Well done!

MINOR TROPHY
(FIFTH DIVISION)

Section "A"

| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Gms | Pts |
|----|----------------|---|------|------|----|----|----|------|------|--------|
| 1. | Coulsdon III | H | x | 3 | 4 | 4½ | 4 | 4½ | 4 | 47 10 |
| | | A | x | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2(a) | 5 | |
| 2. | S. Norwood III | H | 3 | x | 6 | 3½ | 3½ | 3 | 6(d) | 42 8 |
| | | A | 3 | x | 1 | 2 | 3½ | 3 | 4½ | |
| 3. | Streatham V | H | 2 | 5 | x | 5 | 3½ | 4 | 4 | 39 7½ |
| | | A | 2 | 0 | x | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3½ | |
| 4. | Sutton VI | H | 1 | 4 | 1 | x | 4 | 4 | 3½ | 31 6 |
| | | A | 1½ | 2½ | 1 | x | 3½ | 4 | 1 | |
| 5. | Stoneleigh III | H | 2 | 2½ | 4 | 2½ | x | 4 | 5 | 36 4 |
| | | A | 2 | 2½ | 2½ | 2 | x | 4½ | 2½ | |
| 6. | Banstead II | H | 3(a) | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1½ | x | 1 | 27½ 3½ |
| | | A | 1½ | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | x | 3½ | |
| 7. | Wallington IV | H | 1 | 1½ | 2½ | 5 | 3½ | 2½ | x | 28½ 3 |
| | | A | 2 | 0(d) | 2 | 2½ | 1 | 5 | x | |

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

| | <u>Pld.</u> | <u>Pts.</u> | <u>% Sc.</u> | <u>Av. Bd.</u> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| J. Ward | 2 | 2 | 100 | 1 |
| J. Flanagan | 1 | 1 | 100 | 1 |
| I. Holly | 3 | 2 | 66.6 | 1 |
| M. Cowley | 1 | ½ | 50 | 1 |
| M. Kent | 7 | 4 | 57 | 2 |
| D. Feinstein | 4 | 3½ | 87.5 | 3 |
| S. Lea | 2 | 1½ | 75 | 3 |
| H. Whitaker | 7 | 5 | 70 | 3 |
| D. Reuben | 10 | 6 | 60 | 3 |
| D. Bradshaw | 3 | 1½ | 50 | 3 |

| /Cont... | Pld. | Pts. | % Sc. | Av. Bd. |
|---------------|------|------|-------|---------|
| F. Amador | 2 | 1 | 50 | 3 |
| B. Byrne | 2 | 2 | 100 | 4 |
| A. McElligott | 3 | 2 | 66.6 | 4 |
| D. Evans | 4 | 2 | 50 | 4 |
| K. Holly | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| S. Crowdy | 3 | 1½ | 50 | 5 |
| G. Flanagan | 2 | 1 | 50 | 5 |
| N. Stone | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| M. Hudson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Miss K. Holly | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| C. McElligott | 5 | 1 | 20 | 6 |
| V. Holly | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| TOTAL | 68 | 37½ | 55.1 | |
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THE ALEXANDER CUP

By Mike Singleton

Since both our first and second teams were dominating the Surrey League, we fully expected to do well in the Surrey Knockout Tournament - the Alexander Cup.

We did indeed progress smoothly enough to the Final by winning the following matches - Round 1, 6 - 4 v Redhill, Round 2, 6½ - 3½ v Guildford, Semi-Final, 8 - 2 v Wimbledon. In fact the team seemed to be actually gathering momentum, and we prepared to meet Sutton in the Final.

However, came the day of the match and our luck changed. Clearly we were not destined for great things that night although we had only ourselves to blame. Firstly one of our stronger players failed to arrive. To make matters worse Nigel Rose was then inexplicably left behind in the pub (without transport) by the group (with transport) with whom he had been chatting only moments before. Adding further to his indignity his absence was not noticed during the entire drive to Sutton, by which time it was too late to return for him. Thus, being two players short, Malcolm Lester and Steve White stepped in to fill the breach. Since we outgraded our opponents on virtually every board, our hopes of winning were still high. However Sutton proceeded to play very well indeed, winning some good games including a couple that were clearly won for S & B at one stage, and the S & B team slipped to a miserable 4½ - 5½ defeat with only Bob Smith and

Alan Westwood managing to win. All credit to Sutton who played with determination and took their chances well.

When I was a young girl I met a man
I was such a well developed piece
He pinned me and he rooked me and attacked
on my flank
But I wouldn't sacrifice.

My opening gambit's never the same
I'm strong on Sicilian defence
And may I mention, en passant, as it were
My positional skills are immense.

I don't want a Bishop I don't want a Queen
I'd rather prefer a Knight
But the board's getting empty
And I'm getting stale
And I've got to get a Mate tonight.

Oh I'm no square
I'm no rank and file girl
I'd not be a pawn in your hand
I put it to you now
in black and white
I'm a master of the mistress game.

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National Club Competition

FIRST TEAM REPORT

by Nigel Povah

After last season's success in the National Plate competition, the first team were exempted through to the last 16 of this year's National Club Championship. This is no small advantage, since many good teams are eliminated in the early rounds (there usually being 120 teams or so, at the beginning), and quite often against sides who they easily out-grade.

Hence, it was with great delight that I received our first pairing in March - away to Cheltenham, a provincial team who I felt should not offer too much resistance. However, when I came to raise my team for the Sunday afternoon fixture, I soon ran into problems - I'm looking forward to the day when we have a trouble free National Club fixture! For a start John Pigott, Charlie Kennaugh and Julian Hodgson were all unavailable, and this left me with the following line-up:- N. Povah, R. Emerson, P.J. Lee, D.L. Massie, A.K. Swift, P.N. Pierce - still quite a formidable team. However, my complacency was soon to be shattered when Peter Lee failed to turn up at the arranged meeting time (he had completely forgotten about the match), and as he could not be contacted I had to seek a last minute replacement. Chris Lines filled the bill admirably by being dragged from his bed at 11 o'clock, being driven 100 miles to Cheltenham, and then finally being the first to win his game in impressive style.

The match itself was the least eventful issue of the day - Chris having won very quickly, inspired our team and one by one we chalked up the victories until we stood 5 - 0 up with just Tony Swift's obscure game outstanding - finally however, the complications subsided and a draw was the final result, hence $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to us, and we were in the last 8!

In the Quarter Finals we were paired to meet Athenaeum, the reigning National Champions. However, this match seemed to be fated to never happen from the outset, and after a long and drawn out dispute (too long to go into in this report) the controller decided to award the match to us. Hence, we reached the semi-finals without moving a pawn.

The pairings for the Semi Finals were Atticus (from Liverpool) v Streatham & Brixton I and Oxford University v Cavendish. At this stage we were quite optimistic of our chances of taking the Championship - however, I encountered further problems yet again - Charlie Kennaugh was still unavailable, and Peter Lee could not play because of his first year Medical Exams.

Hence, the match which took place in June went as follows:-

| | | | | | |
|-----|----|--------------|---|----------------|---|
| (B) | 1. | N. Povah | 0 | J.J. Carleton | 1 |
| (W) | 2. | R. Emerson | 1 | J.M. Ripley | 0 |
| (B) | 3. | J. Pigott | 0 | D. James | 1 |
| (W) | 4. | D.L. Massie | ½ | T. Bimpson | ½ |
| (B) | 5. | J.M. Hodgson | 1 | D.J. Robertson | 0 |
| (W) | 6. | R.W. Smith | ½ | M. Price | ½ |
| | | | — | | — |
| | | | 3 | | 3 |
| | | | — | | — |

Roger Emerson was first to finish with an impressive display against a very useful opponent. Unfortunately, however, both John Pigott and I were in difficulties. Dave Massie's game looked dead drawn from start to finish, whilst both Julian and Bob seemed to have the advantage. Julian's advantage was a clear cut positional one, and he managed to cash in on this, by winning the exchange just before the time control. Bob's game however was a very complex affair with Bob sacrificing material in order to denude his opponent's King - and a very complicated and time-consuming middle game ensued. Eventually the match reached a climax with John having lost and Dave having drawn, and the score standing at $1\frac{1}{2}$ all - however I was clearly lost and Julian was clearly won, hence everything hinged on Bob's game.

I don't think I can remember a more tense and exciting finish to a match - for both Bob and his opponent were in acute time trouble with about 15 moves to make. The game was extremely wild with both players missing opportunities - Bob's opponent missed a line which threatened mate and would result in the win of a piece, and then Bob failed to take his opponent's queen which was en prise! Anyway, the final position saw Bob two pawns up, but unable to escape a series of never-ending checks, hence the match was drawn 3 - 3 and we lost on board count. The only consolation that could be found, was that by reaching the Semi Finals we had once again gained exemption to the last 16 for next season's competition. Our congratulations must go to Atticus for going on to beat Oxford University in the final, and we look forward to meeting them again next season!

Statistics

| | <u>Av.Bd</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|----------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Nigel Povah | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 50% |
| Roger Emerson | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - | 100% |
| John Pigott | 3 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 0% |
| Dave Massie | 3.5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 75% |
| Tony Swift | 4 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 50% |
| Julian Hodgson | 5 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 100% |

Statistics

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| | <u>Av. Bd</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Pete Pierce | 5 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 100% |
| Bob Smith | 6 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 50% |
| Chris Lines | 6 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 100% |

SECOND TEAM REPORT

by Alan Westwood.

When the idea of a National Club 2nd team was put forward, it was intended to give our middle order players some experience against strong opposition and nobody gave it any chance of winning. However as the season progressed it became more and more clear that it was capable of winning, and indeed the team reached the final of the Plate Tournament, beating some very strong teams en route and rather unluckily losing on board count to Islington 1st team, but more of that later.

Our first match in the championship proper was against Cavendish, a very strong team comprised of such stars as:- A.J. Whately, D. Wright, B.N. Green etc. and everyone expected our team to be mercilessly crushed. However, at one stage in the match it looked likely that we would be doing the crushing but in the final hour two of our games went to the enemy and we lost by a single game. The high point of the match was Mike Singleton's win on board two, in brilliant style, against Danny Wright. (See game scores at end of this article).

So, having been knocked out in the first round of the championship we were eligible for the Plate Tournament. This tournament is a recent introduction (in fact it was only started in the 75/76 season and our first team won it then), and is run for those teams that lose in the first round. Determined that we were going to repeat the first team's achievement, we managed to wend our way through several tough matches to the Semi-Final and we were drawn away against Greater Manchester. (The other Semi was Sutton v Islington which Islington won easily $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$).

So the week after Liverpool lost the F.A. Cup to Man. Utd. we set off in search of the Quintuple. It was a bright sunny morning at 9.30 a.m. when half of us left Streatham, ably chauffered by Steve White (the other half travelled by train) and by the time we reached Manchester it was overcast and we were feeling the worse for the wear; so we retired to a Chinese restaurant to recover. Having replenished ourselves we went to the venue - a private house somewhere in darkest Manchester -

and awaited the arrival of the rest of the team who duly turned up 15 minutes later. Now we knew the opposition and we were not very optimistic of the result. Just take a look at the names:- V. Knox British Master grade 213, J.T. Farrand winner of the Major Open at Portsmouth grade 198, R.H. Watson grade 197, D. Lees British Championship contender grade 202, R.A. Doney grade 190 and A. Baruch grade 187. The result was a smashing victory for us by four games to two. Not that it looked that way half way through. The first game to finish was Chris Jones' against A. Baruch on board six. Chris winning in double quick time with his favourite variation against the Alekhine's Defence. On board five Mike Davis had won a piece for two pawns early on and looked as though he would win. Myself on board four had sacrificed a pawn for positional pressure and it looked double edged. Nigel Rose on board three looked like at least a draw. Robin Haldane on board two had a bad position for most of the game as did Mike Singleton on board one. So that was the position at the halfway stage. Mike Davis duly won his game. Nigel Rose drew after missing the win of a pawn and Robin Haldane lost. Mike Singleton looked lost and therefore if I drew and Mike lost the score would be three all and Manchester would win on board count so I had to win at all costs and I reached a stage where I was in bad time trouble and a pawn down so the rest of the team were pacing up and down with excitement.

Well to cut a long story short I managed, luckily, to mate my opponent, and Mike by a supreme effort drew his game and we won quite comfortably. This was just about the most exciting match I have ever played in and confounded the opinion that match play is boring.

By sheer determination we had reached the final and we had to play Islington first team, every bit as tough if not tougher than Manchester. But our morale was soaring and we were all prepared to take the title and add the second team's name to the trophy next to the first team's name.

Mine was the first game to finish and I lost after sacrificing rather too ambitiously. Next to finish was Peter Lee on board one who drew with Alan Perkins. Robin Haldane performed a Houdini act against Stewart Reuben with a beautiful Queen sac. and Mike Singleton was ground down positionally by Roger Webb. This left Nigel Rose and Mike Davis and we needed two wins. Nigel had a fairly comfortable position and finally won on adjudication and Mike had a clear win but unfortunately went astray in time trouble and only managed to draw.

That we didn't win was disappointing but nevertheless we performed extremely well against such powerful opposition drawing three all but losing on board count. Indeed with a little luck we would have won but alas the Gods were not with us.

So it only remains for me to thank Mike Davis our captain and Steve White without whom none of this would have been possible. Here's to next year when we will win!

Here follow five of the most outstanding games.

First, here is one of the games that rocked Cavendish in the first round of the National Club Championship.

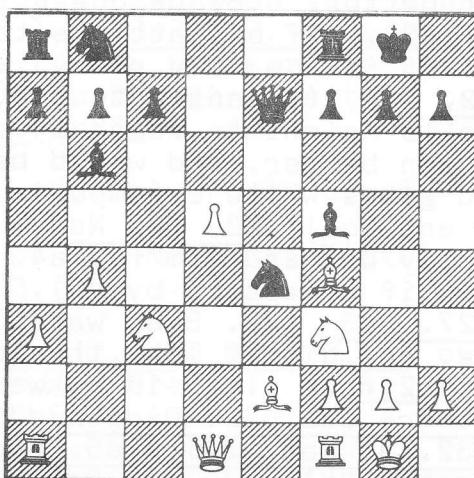
White: M.P.F. Singleton (Streatham) Black: D. Wright.
Nimzo-Indian Defence.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 c5 5. Nf3 d6
6. Bd3 Nc6 7. 0-0 Bxc3 8. bxc3 e5 9. d5 Ne7 10. e4 h6
11. Nf1 g5 12. g3 Bh3 13. Ng2 Rg8 14. Rb1 Qc7
15. Re1 0-0-0 16. Ne3 h5 17. a4 Kb8 18. Bd2 Rdf8
19. Rb2 Bc8 20. Qe2 Re8 21. Reb1 Rg7 22. Qd1 Rh8
23. Bc2 Ka8 24. Qcl h4 25. g4!? Nxg4 26. Nxg4 Bxg4
27. Rxb7 Qxb7 28. Rxb7 Kxb7 29. a5 Bd7 30. Qa3 Kc7
31. Be3! (Heading for sacrifice on c5 whatever Black does) ...g4 32. Bxc5! Nc8 33. Bxd6+ Resigns. (33...Nxd6 34. Qc5+).

Played in the Manchester match:-

White: A.S. Westwood (Streatham) Black: D. Lees.

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 (The Bishop's opening. For more about 'White to play and win' see Chris Jones' article.) ...Nf6
3. d4 exd 4. Nf3 d5 5. exd Bb4+ 6. c3 Qe7+ 7. Be2
(7. Kf1 dxc 8. Nxc3 0-0 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bh4 Bf5
11. Qd4 Nbd7 is equal. Estrin - Vatnikov) ...dxc 8. 0-0!?
(8. bxc or 8. Nxc3 are both safer but less ambitious)
...0-0 9. a3!? (The great Gonzo's gambit! An original idea to avoid the hanging pawns. Now the question is b2 or not b2!) ...Bc5? (9...cxb or 9...Bd6 are better moves)
10. b4 Bb6? (again 10...Bd6) 11. Nxc3 Bf5 12. Bf4
(already eyeing d6) ...Ne4



BLACK: D. LEES.

WHITE: A. WESTWOOD

13. d6! Nxd6 (13...cxd looks better, though after
 14. Nb5 Rd8 15. Qd5 White has a slight plus.) 14. Nd5 Qd8
 15. a4 Ne4 (15...a6? 16. Nxb6 wins a piece) 16. a5 c6
 17. axb6 cxd5 18. Nd4! Qf6! (Threatening 19...Nc3
 20. Qd2 Qxd4! winning a piece) 19. Nb5 Qxb6 20. Qxd5 Qg6!?
 (20...Bg6 looks stronger). 21. Qxb7! (If 21. Nc7 Nc3
 22. Qd2 (22. Qf3?? Be4 wins) Nxe2+ 23. Qxe2 Bd3
 24. Q moves Bxf1 and Black has a material advantage)
 ...Nc6!? (21...Nd7) 22. Bf3 Nxb4 23. Rad1 (after the
 square d6 again - a recurring theme. White now had about
 four minutes to reach the time control at move 40.) ...Nc5?
 24. Qe7 (Threatening Qxc5 and Bxa8 therefore forcing
 Black's reply...) ...Rac8 25. Nd6 Nc6 26. Qe3 Ne6
 27. Nxc8 Rxc8 28. Bxc6! Rxc6? 29. Rd8+! Nf8 30. Qe8
 Resigns. 1 - 0.

Now one of our wins from the final against Islington.

White: N. Rose (Streatham) Black: N.H. Skinner.
King's Indian.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Be2 0-0
 6. Nf3 e5 7. d5 (I usually play 0-0 and have had
 excellent results when Black has replied 7...Nbd7 instead
 of 7...Nc6) ...Nbd7 8. 0-0 a5 (...Nc5 is more usual but
 possibly not so good.) 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bcl (If 10. Bd2 Nc5
 11. Qc2 Nfxe4! 12. Nxe4 Bf5 13. Bd3 Bxe4! 14. Bxe4 f5!
 Wins back the piece with advantage of good Knight v bad
 Bishop) ...Nc5 11. Qc2 Bg4 (Not a good move. In the
 Modern Benoni it is good to exchange this knight to prevent
 it getting to c4, but here the bishop is not only
 positionally useful in the ending, but is tactically
 essential if Black is to smash White on the King side)
 12. Be3 Ncd7? (A pathetic move. Either ...Nfd7 or ...b6
 is clearly better) 13. Nel Bxe2 14. Nxe2? (It's aiming
 for g3 where it is no good at all. Qxe2 was more solid.)
 ...Ng5 (This move only wastes time f5 to follow loses a
 pawn after h3) 15. Bd2 Nc5 16. f3 Nf6 17. b3 (White
 prepares to expand on the Queen side. If 17. a3 a4! is
 troublesome 17. Rb1 may be better.) ...Nfd7 18. g4 Kh7?
 (Logical but 18...f5! is far better. Black doesn't lose
 a pawn, as after 19. gxf gxf 20. exf e4! attacks the
 rook on a1.) 19. Ng2 (19...f5 is now very risky) ...c6
 20. Ng3 cxd 21. cxd Rc8 22. Qd1 (I wanted to play
 22. Be3 but didn't want Black's Knight to reach d4 via e6.)
 ...Qb6? (...b5 would have been better, and would be met
 by 23. a3. The move played gives White a tempo in
 attacking the a pawn by Ne3 and Nc4) 23. Ne3 Nd3
 24. Khl Bf6? (Black should play Qa6 and aim for a4. He
 could then protect his a pawn if necessary by b6)
 25. Qb1! Nf4 26. Nc4 Qd4 27. Be3 (27. Bxa5 was also
 good but I was short of time, and didn't like the look
 of 27...b6 28. Bb4 or 28. Bd2 then ...g5 is awkward but
 28. Bel is O.K.) ...Qc3 28. Rcl Qd3 29. Qxd3 Nxd3
 30. Rd1 Nb4 31. Rd2! Be2 32. a3 Na6 33. Nxa5 Rc3
 34. Nf1 Rfc8 35. b4 b5 36. Nc6 Bh4 37. Kg2 Bd8
 38. Na7 Rb8 39. Kf2 Bb6 40. Bxb6 Rxb6 41. Ke2? (Short
 of time, I forgot to bring the Knight on a7 out - an
 oversight that could have cost the $\frac{1}{2}$ point) ...Ndb8
 42. Ne3 Rc7 43. Nc6 Nxc6 44. dxc6 Rbxc6 45. Nd5 Ra7
 1 - 0.

(White won on adjudication because of 46. a4 Rb7 47. axb Rx b5 48. Rx a6 Rx a6 49. Nc7 Rab6 50. Nx b5 Rx b5 with a won ending for White).

White: C. Jones. Black: A. Baruch.

National Plate Semi-Final. Streatham II v Greater Manchester Board 6.

Before you start reading this game I would like to point out that a few of my moves may seem strange; this is because of lack of sleep and a hangover from the night before. My opponent must have been suffering from the plague or something!

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. c5!? (The Chase Variation, because it's not considered sound it's rarely seen, so not many people know the book line. A good thing against players armed to the teeth with the latest lines in the four pawns attack!) ...Nd5 5. Nc3 (or 5. Bc4 e6 6. Nc3 Bxc5 7. Bxd5 exd5 8. d4 Bb4 9. Qg4 Kf8 with good play for the pawn) ...e6 6. Bc4 Nf4?! (Clearly inferior to 6...Nxc3 7. dxc3 Nc6 8. Bf4 Qh4! 9. g3 Qe7 when Black allows a cramped position to gain a pawn.) 7. d4! (now White gains a clear advantage, although in C. Jones v J. Pattle I tried 7. Qg4 and play continued ...Qh4 8. h3 Qxg4? 9. hxg4 Nxg2+ 10. Kf1 Nf4 11. d4 Ng6 12. f4 d6 13. Nb5 and White won.) ...Nxg2+ 8. Kf1 Nh4 9. Qg4!? (Nf3! would have been better, gaining scads of tempo by exchanging Black's errant Knight, which has now moved seven times!) ...h5? (Transgressing at least two opening rules and to no good purpose.) 10. Qf4 b6 11. Nh3 Bb7 (he clearly overestimated his position, and completely ignores White's attack.) 12. Rg1 Nc6? (continuing on his merry way.) 13. Ng5 Nf5 14. Nx f7! Kxf7 15. Qxf5+ Kg8 16. Ne4(?) (and now the effects of travelling two hundred miles, after going to sleep at four o'clock the previous night, combined to slightly(!) dull my concentration. Simply 16. Bxe6+ dx e6 17. Qxe6+ Kh7 18. Qg6+ Kg8 19. Ne4 and wins. Still it's not so bad when your opponent is intent on scoring a loss.) ...Be7 17. Nf6+ Bxf6 18. exf6 Nxd4? (Still following his Kamikaze tactics 18...Rh7 offers more resistance though even then he's lost.) 19. Rxg7+ Kf8 20. Qg6 Resigns.

White: R. Haldane Black: S. Reuben.

Final of the National Plate. Streatham II v Islington Board 3.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 (The accelerated Dragon.) 5. Nc3 (The best system against this opening is to play c4 and get a Maroczy Bind Formation, but this move is not bad.) ...Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. f3? (White is trying to get into the usual Yugoslav

Attack against the Dragon, but as Black has not played d6 he has an extra tempo which makes all the difference. 7. Bc4 is considered to be the best move.) ...0-0 8. Qd2
 (After 8. Bc4, to prevent d5, comes 8...Qb6! and now: a)
 9. e5? Nxe5 10. Bb3 Qa5 11. Qd2 d5 Black is clearly winning Kuindzhi - Ignatiev, match 1964. b) 9. a3 d6!
 10. Nc3- e2 Qa5+ 11. c3 Ne5 12. Ba2 Qa6 13. 0-0 Bd7
 14. Nxe7+ Kh8 14. Nxc8 Ra8xc8 is equal Fischer - Panno Portoroz 1958.) ...d5! (Black uses his tempo to advantage.)
 9. 0-0-0 (9. Nxc6 bxc6 10. exd5 Nxd5 11. Bd4 e5 12. Bc5 Nxc3! and Black went on to win Krnic - Velimirovic, Yugoslav team tournament 1971.) ...dxe4 10. Nxe4 Nxe4
 11. fxe4 Qc7 12. Nxc6 bxc6 13. Bh6 Bg4! 14. Rel
 15. Be2? Bxh6 wins a piece.) ...Rf8- d8 15. Bd3 Bxb2+
 (It is difficult to agree with this move which although it gives Black chances it also risks losing. The sober 15...Be5 or 15...Bf6 give Black a fine game.) 16. Kxb2 Qe5+
 17. c3 Ra8-b8+ 18. Kal Qd6 19. Re3 Rb7 20. Rg3 Be6
 21. Qc2 Rd8-b8 22. Rd1 Qc5 (22...Qa3 23. Be2 Rb2?
 24. Rd8+! Rxd8 25. Qxb2 wins or Black can play 23...Bb3
 24. Rg3-d3 Qa5 (24...f6 25. Qd2! Bxd1 26. Rd8+ Kf7
 27. Bc4+ e6 28. Rxb8 wins as 28...Rxb8 29. Qd7+ Qe7
 30. Bxe6 mate) 25. Rd8+! Rxd8 26. Rxd8+ Qxd8 27. axb3
 winning) 23. Be2 Qa3 24. Rg3-d3 Qa5 25. Qa4! Qc7
 26. Qd4 f6 27. Qd8+! Resigns. (If 27...Kf7 28. Qxc7 Rxc7
 29. Bf5 etc.)



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