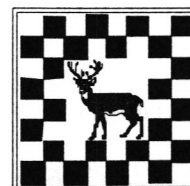


HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

This is the last Newsletter of the Millennium and there are so many good games in it that I've had to leave a couple to the next issue. One of these delights to look forward to is a game by John Sharp, who is currently in his 50th successive season for the Herts correspondence team!

Along with the Millennium, there is another important anniversary approaching – the Centenary of the Herts Chess Association, which was formed in 1901 (we don't know more precisely than that – can anybody help?). At the most recent Exec meeting it was decided that all clubs would be asked to make a contribution to HCA funds in order to celebrate the Centenary in an appropriate style. A provisional calendar of events is given below. It would be nice if all clubs could provide at least one volunteer each to help with the organisation, and thus ensure that the job isn't left to just a few.

Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell

Date	Proposed Event(s)
Sept 2000	Herts vs Southern Counties (50 / 100 boards) – could be later in season to allow more time for organisation
Nov 2000	"President's XI" representative match
Dec 2000	Upgrade Hitchin Congress (normal activity) to British Championship Qualifier (NB. No Maidstone qualifier in 2000?)
Jan 2001	Juniors vs Veterans representative match
Mar 2001	Match vs Herts twinned region (Burgundy or Rheinland-Pfalz) on Saturday before Letchworth congress
April 2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host SCCU U18 jamboree• Final of County Individual KO
Aug 2001	Hitchin qualifier plays in the British Championships
Sept 2001	Host Counties Rapidplay
Nov 2001	Dinner, maybe coupled with GM simul

Other Events during the Centenary year: (a) Problem-solving competition; (b) Correspondence match; (c) County-wide Individual Knockout (each club has qualifiers for finals in April 2001) – maybe merge with or replace Capel & Burn. Possibly graded sections. (d) Put together a history of Herts Chess and / or collection of best games

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

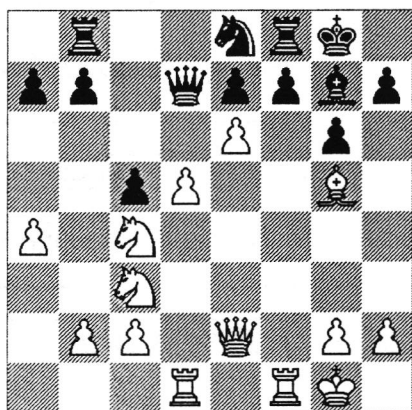
Last weekend (December 4th - 5th), we held our 46th annual Hertfordshire Congress at Hitchin Boys' School. Numbers were slightly up on last year's event, and early estimates suggest that we made a modest profit this time. More importantly, the event produced a great deal of hard fought chess, with Hertfordshire players taking a large share of the honours. Unlike last year, the open event failed to attract any Grandmasters. However, on the positive side, this meant that the event had a genuine 'Hertfordshire feel' to it. Top seed Simon Knott showed his class by leading the field with 4.5 points from 5, but only after winning a tense last round game. His opponent in that game, David Lemoir, now lives in Norfolk, but was for many years a Letchworth player. Going into the last round, he led the tournament with four straight wins, and despite losing to Simon, finished clear second ahead of more fancied players such as Stephen Swanson and Lorin D'Costa. These two contested a very tough game in the last round, with Lorin coming out on top, and thus securing the Glynne Jones Trophy for the best junior performance in the adult tournaments. In fact, Lorin only edged out last year's trophy winner (and fellow Royston member!) Richard Mycroft on tie break. Altogether a very successful weekend for Hertfordshire chess, and I would like to thank the team of organisers and helpers who made the whole event possible. Well done everyone!

John Denton

SELECTED GAMES FROM THE HITCHIN CONGRESS

D.Lemoir - C.Wheatley
Hitchin Open (1), 1999

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg4 5.d5 Nb8 presumably 'book' though it looks a bit slow **6.Be2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Bg5 c5 9.Nd2** in typical Benoni fashion, White's knight heads for c4 **9...Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Na6** and in typical Benoni fashion Black's goes to b4 or c7 **11.Nc4 0-0 12.Rad1 Rb8 13.a4 Nb4 14.f4 Qd7 15.e5 dxe5 [15...Ne8 16.exd6 exd6 17.Be7 and Black loses the exchange. However he gets some compensation, and it's certainly better than what happened in the game! eg. 17...Nc7 18.Bxf8 Rxf8 19.Ne3 Bd4 20.Kh1 Re8] 16.fxe5 Ne8**

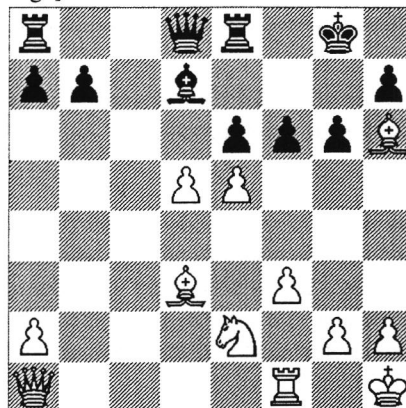


17.e6! fxe6 18.Rxf8+ Kxf8 19.dxe6 Qc6 20.Ne5 1-0

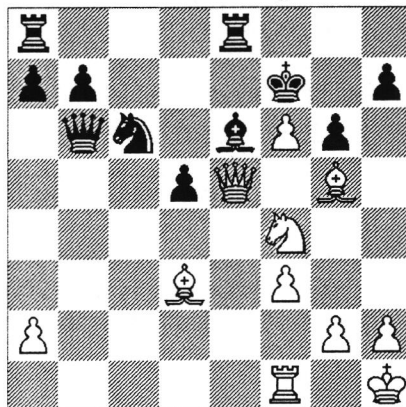
S.Peters - D.Lam
Hitchin Open (2), 1999

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.Be3 Nc6 10.0-0 Na5 11.Bd3 Bg4 12.f3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Be6 14.d5 This is all theory. The main alternative at this point was to sacrifice a pawn with **14.Rc1**. Other moves are too slow to cause Black any problems. The point of playing **...Bg4** to force **12.f3** is that sometimes **Qb6(+)** is a vital defensive resource **14...Bxa1 15.Qxa1 f6** the best move, otherwise **Bh6** regains the exchange due to the threat of mate on g7 **16.Bh6** the most direct and critical. Moves such as **Kh1** (so that **Qb6** is not check), or **Nf4/Nd4** (so that **dxe6** is a threat) are too slow, but subtle refinements such as **Bd2**, **Qb1** or **Rb1** are also playable. Refer to a book on the opening for analysis of this position, since there isn't space here **16...Re8** [16...Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Rfd8 is not so good, since the queen is now exposed and after 18.Rb1 all Black's pieces will end up huddling on the back rank to escape the hounding by the White forces] **17.Kh1 Bd7** [17...Rc8 18.Qd4 (18.Nf4 Bd7 19.e5 Nc4 20.e6 Ba4 is good for Black) 18...Bd7 19.Qxa7 Nc4! Furman-Suetin, 21st USSR ch 1954. Black offers a second pawn to seize the initiative and completely blunt White's attack] **18.e5 e6**

[18...Qc7 this is Euwe's analysis of 17.Kh1, but after 19.e6 Ba4 20.Qb1 Rec8 21.Bxg6 Bc2 22.Bf7+ White has the advantage]



19.Nf4 exd5 [19...f5 20.Qe1; 19...fxe5 20.Qxe5] **20.exf6 Kf7 21.Qd4 Be6 22.Bg5 Qb6 23.Qe5 Nc6** this natural-looking move may be a mistake, since on a5 the knight keeps b7 defended and also does not obstruct the queen's defence of e6. Better therefore is **...Rac8**, since **24.Rb1? Qxb1+** wins at once for Black. However it's understandable that Black's king is feeling the draught.

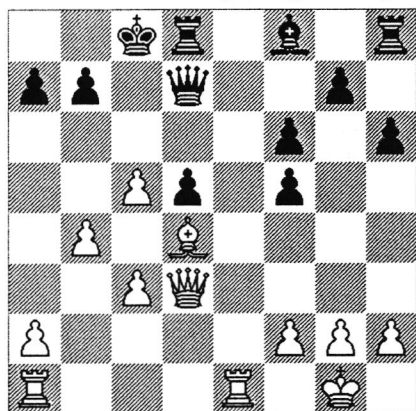


24.Qe1 Nd4 25.Qh4 Rh8 26.Rb1 Qc6 27.Qf2 Nf5 28.g4 Nd6 29.Nxe6 White's clever play has driven away all defenders of the bishop apart from the king. Now there's no way to stop White's queen getting to the heart of Black's position **29...Kxe6 30.Qe2+ Kd7 31.Qe7+ Kc8 32.f7 Nxf7 33.Rc1 Qxc1+ 34.Bxc1 1-0**

S.Swanson - R.Maullin
Hitchin Open (2), 1999

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Be3 Nge7 Black can also play **5...Qb6** trying to exploit the absence of the bishop from the defence of b2. One amusing possibility is **5...Qb6 6.Qd2 Bd7 7.Nf3 Rc8 8.Bd3? cd 9.cd? Nb4 10.b3 (else ...Nxd3 & ...Qxb2) 10... Rc1+! 0-1 6.Nf3 Nf5 7.Bd3 Bd7?** (not realising Steve Swanson prefers knights to bishops!) **8.Bxf5 exf5 9.dxc5 Qc7 10.0-0 0-0-0** brave but the best of a bad job [10...Nxe5 11.Qxd5] **11.b4 h6**

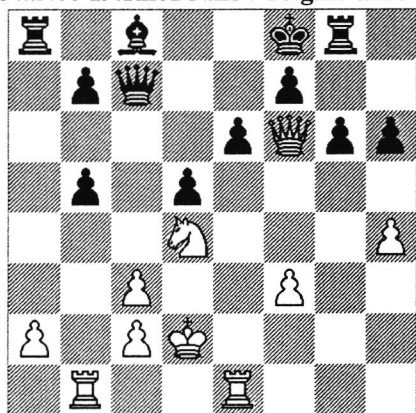
12.Na3 now Nb5 is a threat as well as the pawn storm. Meanwhile Black struggles to complete his development 12...Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Bd4 Qf4 15.Re1 f6 16.Qd3 Qc7 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.Qxb5 Qd7 19.Qd3 1-0



Black can only sit and wait for White to play a2-a3-a5-a6, so he decided the best move in the position was "resigns"

K.Nicholas - N.Beveridge [C12]
Hitchin Open (2), 1999

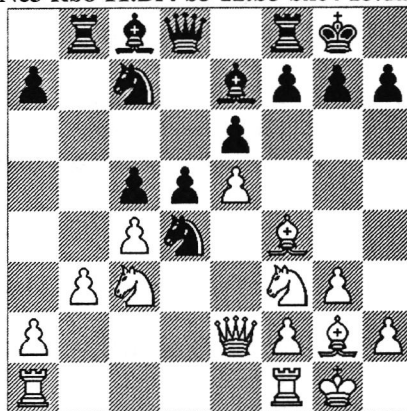
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.Bd2 Bxc3 7.bxc3 Ne4 8.Qg4 g6 ...Kf8 is also possible, leading to an unclear position 9.Bd3 Nxd2 10.Kxd2 c5 11.h4 Nc6 12.Nf3 Psakhis suggests 12.Rh3 or 12.Qf4, but there's certainly nothing wrong with the move played 12...Qa5 13.Rab1 [13.Qf4 to protect e5 as well as eyeing the weak points in Black's position 13...cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Bd7 16.Rab1 b6 is about equal] 13...cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxe5 very risky, but so are other moves! [14...Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Qc7!? (intending ...Bd7, and 16.Qf4 can be met by ...f5!) 16.Bb5+ Bd7 17.Bxd7+ Qxd7 18.c4 0-0-0!? 19.Qxa7 dxc4+ who gets mated first?] 15.Bb5+! Kf8 hoping to reach sanctuary on g7 but he never gets time 16.Qf4 Qc7 17.Qf6 Rg8 18.f3 just to stop ...Ng4, but also tempts Black into further trouble 18...a6 the last chance was ...Nc6 19.Rhe1 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 axb5



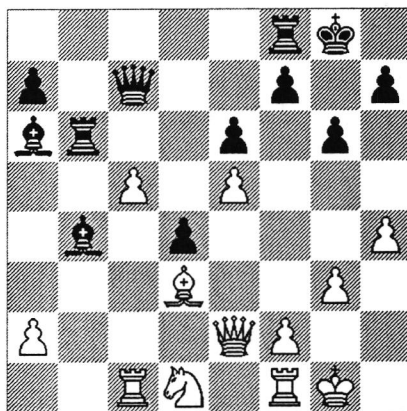
21.Rxe6! Rxa2 22.Rhe1 Bd7 23.Re8+! 1-0

D.Lemoir - S.Knott [C00]
Hitchin Open (5), 1999

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Qe2 rather committal. 3.Nd2 is the normal move 3...Nf6 [3...Nc6 4.Nf3 e5 is what Black should try if he wants to really bash White. However Black's more restrained handling of the opening in the game also proves very effective] 4.Nf3 c5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5 Ne8 the natural retreat ...Nd7 would leave Black with a few traffic problems organising his development 9.c4 this looks fishy - a more normal continuation would be c3 and Nbd2 followed by a gradual k-side push. The q-side is Black's natural territory 9...Nc7 10.Nc3 Rb8 11.Bf4 b5 12.b3 bxc4 13.dxc4 Nd4!



simple play has allowed Black to seize the initiative and once he's got it he doesn't let go 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Nd1 dxc4 16.bxc4 Ba6 17.Be4 Nd5! 18.Bd2 Qc7 19.Bd3 Nb4 20.Bxb4 Bxb4 21.Rc1 g6 now White is completely tied up, Black just eliminates any whiff of counterplay before rounding up the weak White pawns 22.h4 Rb6 23.c5



looking for a tactical way out of the bind 23...Bxd3 24.cxb6 Qxc1 25.Qxd3 Qc5 26.bxa7 Ra8 although he's got rid of the weak c-pawn, there are still plenty of other pawn weaknesses for White to worry about 27.f4 Rxa7 28.Rf2 Ra3 29.Qf1 Rxc3+ the end 30.Kh2 Rg4 31.Kh3 h5 32.Rf3 Qc2 33.Nf2 Qf5 34.Qd3 Rxf4+ 35.Qxf5 Rxf5 36.Rxf5 exf5 37.Nd3 Ba3 38.Kg3 Kf8 0-1

HERTS CHESS ASSOCIATION 46th ANNUAL CONGRESS

Hitchin Boys School 4-5.12.99

Premier (5 round swiss, 19 played), Challengers (U170, 5 round swiss, 23 played), Major (U145, 5 round swiss, 40 played), Minor (U120, 5 round swiss, 41 played)

Sat: U18 and U12 (6 round swiss in one section; 3 and 11 players respectively)

Sun: U18, U14 and U12 (6 round swiss in one section; 2, 11 and 20 players respectively), U10 and U8 (6 round swiss in one section; 21 and 6 players respectively). The U12, U10 and U8 were qualifiers for the London Junior Chess Championships.

Premier **S.Knott* 4.5**, D.Lemoir **4**, L.D'Costa, K.Nicholas, S.Peters, M.Taylor **3.5**
(180-195) L.D'Costa, S.Peters **3.5**
(U180) K.Nicholas, M.Taylor **3.5**
* = Hakansson trophy for best Herts player

Challengers **A.Horton-Kitchlew 5**, M.Brazier **4**, A.Dasaolu, N.Moss, B.Valentine **3.5**
(U155) S.Charles, I.Evans, D.Faulkner, C.Hetherington* **3**
* = Berry Cup for best Herts player

Major **J.Angus* 4.5**, T.Khoo **4**, R.Ganger, J.Harbour, R.Killeen, C.Turner **3.5**
(U131) J.Harbour **3.5**
* = Davis Cup for best Herts player

Minor **C.Gardiner, DG.Wayte 4.5**, J.Baldwin, S.Buckley, C.Costelloe **4**
(90 - 104) J.Baldwin **4**
(U100) F.Batchelor, J.Hall **3**
R.Mycroft **3.5** won the Lee-Johnson Cup for best Herts player

The **J. Glynne Jones Memorial Trophy**, for the best performance by a Herts / Cambs / Norfolk / Suffolk junior in an adult event, was awarded to Lorin D'Costa for his score of 3.5 in the Premier. Lorin won the trophy on tie-break ahead of C.Turner (3.5 in the Major) and R.Mycroft (3.5 in the Minor), by virtue of playing in the higher grading-limit event.

Club team prize **Bedford Junior CC** (John Harbour, Jo Harbour, Tom Harbour, Peter Quarry) **74%**
School team **John Henry Newman** (D Allen, M Allen, J Akrill, T Gilbert) **58%**

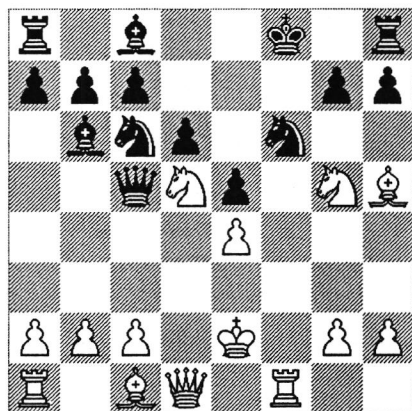
Saturday U18 **Mark Goodwin 6**
U14 Tom Gilbert **5**
U12 Matthew Allen **4**
U10 Yvette Cook **4**
U8 Rebecca Allen **3**

Sunday U18 **A.Rosewall 4**, J.Harbour **3.5**
U14 R.Webb **5.5**, N.Baranga **5**
U12 N.George **5.5**

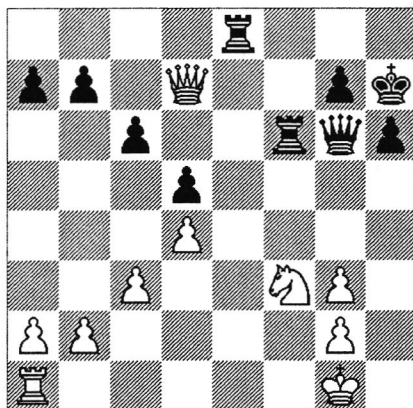
Sunday U10 **Tom Harbour 6**, Andrew Alexandrou **5**, Katie Nightingale **4.5**
U8 Edward Moss, Gordon Parker **4**, Toby Hall **3**

The “What Happened Next” section

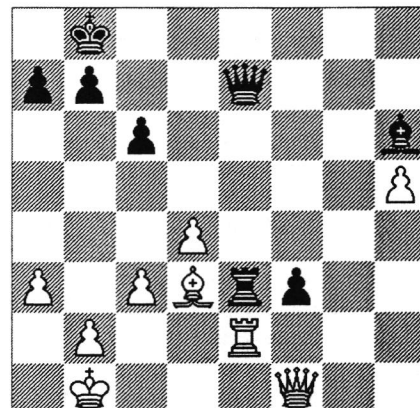
The answer could be a fancy combination, a terrible blunder, or an amusing incident. See the back of the newsletter to find out which ! I hope that readers will be able to give me plenty of contributions for further editions.



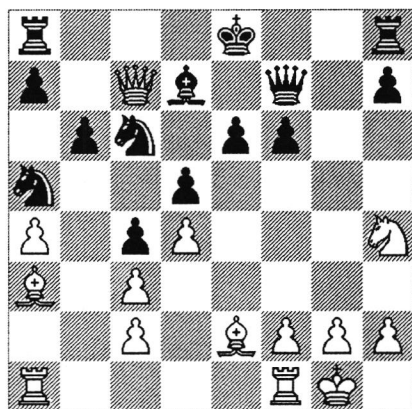
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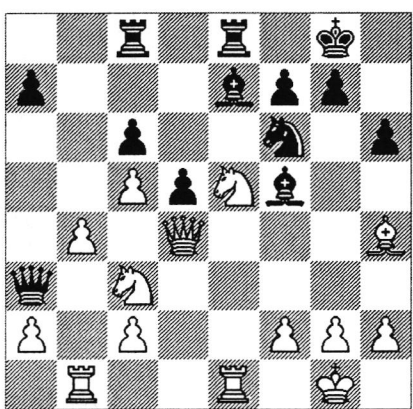
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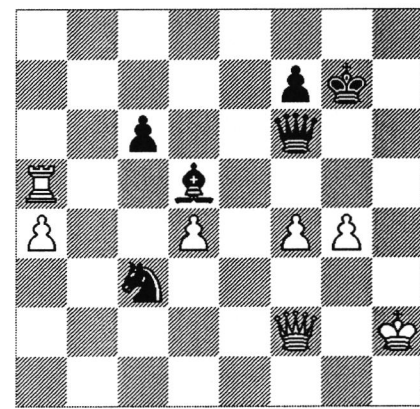
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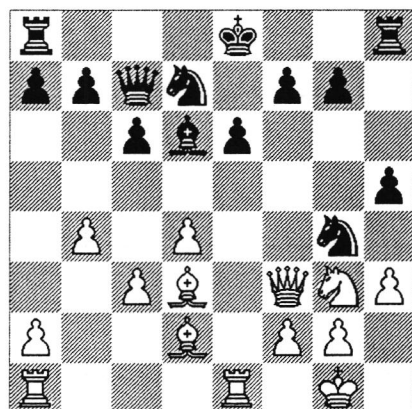
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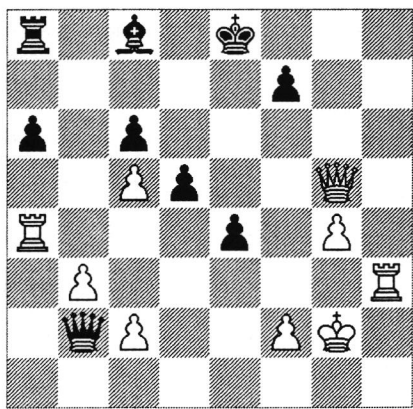
5. White to move



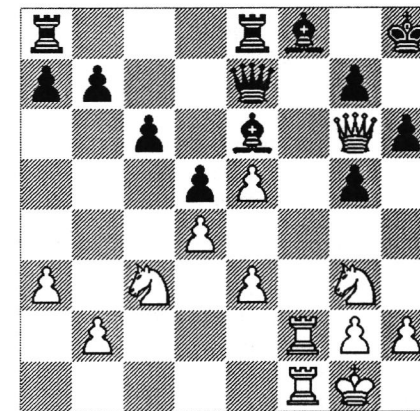
8. White to move



3. Black to move



6. White to move



9. White to move

HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE MATCHES

The table shows the latest positions (10th December 1999), with teams in bold font lying in the promotion zone, and the relegation zone shown in italics. Numbers in right-hand columns are match points and game points respectively.

Div 1	Hertford 1	8 MP	12.5 GP
	Hemel Hempstead 1	7	12.5
	Barnet 1	6	14.5
	Royston 1	5	10.5
	Hoddesdon 1	4	8
	Watford 1	2	4.5
	<i>St Albans 1</i>	0	6.5
Div 2	Hertford 2	8	13.5
	Hoddesdon 2	6	14
	Letchworth 1	6	10.5
	St Albans 2	6	8
	Stevenage 1	4	9
	Mid Herts 1	2	9
	<i>St Albans 3</i>	0	7
Div 3	Hertford 3	7	13
	Barnet 2	5	11.5
	Watford 2	5	8.5
	Stevenage 2	4	13.5
	Letchworth 2	3	5.5
	Hemel Hempstead 2	2	8.5
	<i>Watford 3</i>	2	4.5
Div 4	St Albans 4	8	16
	Royston 2	8	15
	Mid Herts 2	6	15
	Hoddesdon 3	6	13
	Old Elizabethans	6	12
	St Albans 5	2	12.5
	<i>Borehamwood</i>	2	10.5
Div 5	Stevenage 3	7	15.5
	St Albans 6	7	15
	Watford 4	6	13.5
	Hertford 4	6	12.5
	Letchworth 3	5	10.5
	Bishops Stortford	3	11
	<i>Hoddesdon 4</i>	2	8
Div 6	Barnet 4	8	14
	Rothamstead	6	11.5
	Hemel Hempstead 3	5	12.5
	Stevenage 4	4	10
	Royston 3	2	9.5
	Barnet 3	2	3
	<i>Watford 5</i>	1	8.5
Div 7	Letchworth 4	6	12
	Mid Herts 3	6	11.5
	St Albans 7	4	9.5
	Royston 4	3	9
	Hertford 5	3	8.5
	Letchworth 5	3	8
	Watford 6	3	7.5

CLUB KNOCKOUTS

Russell Trophy

Preliminary round			
A	Royston	-	Hoddesdon

First round			
B	Winner A	-	Letchworth
C	Stevenage	-	Barnet
D	St Albans	1 - 4*	Watford
E	Hemel Hempstead	-	Hertford

* = unfinished game

Semi Finals			
F	Winner B	-	Winner C
G	Watford	-	Winner E

Final			
	Winner F	-	Winner G

Sharp Trophy

Preliminary round			
A	Rothamsted	-	Hemel Hempstead
B	Borehamwood	-	Watford

First Round			
C	Winner A	-	Winner B
D	Royston	3.5 - 2.5	Allenburys
E	Hertford	1 - 5	Hoddesdon
F	Letchworth	-	Stevenage

Semi Finals			
G	Winner C	-	Royston
H	Hoddesdon	-	Winner F

Final			
	Winner G	-	Winner H

U125 Knockout

Preliminary round			
A	Royston	2.5 - 3.5	Watford
B	Barnet	-	Borehamwood
C	Rothamsted	0 - 5	St Albans
D	Hoddesdon	-	Allenburys

First Round			
E	Watford	-	Winner B
F	St Albans	-	Winner D
G	Letchworth	-	Hertford
H	Stevenage	-	Hemel Hempstead

Semi Finals			
I	Winner E	-	Winner F
J	Winner G	-	Winner H

Final			
	Winner I	-	Winner J

SCCU COUNTY 1st TEAM MATCHES

Herts		2.10.99	Berks
1	SJB Knott 215	1 0	PJ Sharp 193 (W)
2	G Kenworthy 198	½ ½	HW Murphy 183
3	PV Byway 194	1 0	ACP Milnes 182
4	SJ Roe 194	1 0	def
5	Costas Harris 183	1 0	C Purdon 183
6	LAR D'Costa 193	1 0	M Bowhay 172
7	JF Rudge 188	½ ½	JD Lloyd 158
8	PG Maguire 186	0 1	D Lewis 153
9	Geoff Hollis 184	1 0	MF Redmond 160
10	JN Fraser-Mitchell 178	0 1	JP Gillespie 147
11	HL Tebbs 176	½ ½	C Price
12	D Ross Brennan 176	1 0	def
13	SJ Tovey 175	1 0	def
14	CE Majer 172	1 0	def
15	PJ Gregory 166	1 0	def
16	JR Denton 164	1 0	def
Herts Won		12½ 3½	

SCCU COUNTY U150 TEAM MATCHES

Surrey		23.10.99	Herts
1	E Brodie 149 (W)	½ ½	Matthew Peat e149
2	J Nyman 148	1 0	Brian Judkins 149
3	A Waldock 136	0 1	Phil Primett 141
4	C Fellows 133	1 0	Phillip (so) Myers 141
5	J Dicken 133	½ ½	Bruce Toper 141
6	J Xuereb 130	0 1	Ken Castle 139
7	K Mehendale 124	1 0	Ian Mutton 138
8	F Manning 123	1 0	Liam Roche 137
9	H Wylie 120	1 0	John Marshall 136
10	K Lovel 119	0 1	Mohamed Wali 136
11	Aly Wilson 119	1 0	def
12	J Pol 112	0 1	Brian Concagh 127
13	D Weston-Lewis 110	0 1	Mike Flatt 127
14	H Curtis 107	½ ½	Dane Young 126
15	C Dixon 106	0 1	Derek Price 125
16	M Taylor 97	0 1	Tom Wright 120
Herts Won		7½ 8½	

Cambs		23.10.99	Herts
1	B Kelly 229	½ ½	Steve Swanson 207
2	J Vigus 211	½ ½	Paul V Byway 194
3	D Moskovic 210	1 0	Jerry F Rudge 188
4	J Conlon 202	½ ½	Phil G Maguire 186
5	A Cohen 197	½ ½	JN Fraser-Mitchell 178
6	M Walker 189	½ ½	Terry J Turner 177
7	D Garner 185	1 0	D Ross Brennan 176
8	S White 174	1 0	Mike Boyce 173
9	S Essen 170	0 1	Kevin R Clark 171
10	A Walkingshaw 170	½ ½	Philip J Borman 170
11	K Scheffler 169	½ ½	Barry Morris 165
12	N Pyper 162	0 1	John R Denton 164
13	A Buswell	1 0	David E Bower 153
14	M Campbell 168	1 0	def
15	S Kapadia 160	1 0	def
16	M Lim 126	1 0	def
Herts Lost		10½ 5½	

Herts		13.11.99	Essex
1	M Peat 149	0 1	Richard Weeber 149
2	P Primett 141	½ ½	Ian MacLachlan 146
3	P Myers 141	0 1	Mark Brazier 148
4	B Toper 141	1 0	David Smith 145
5	K Castle 139	½ ½	Thomas Winkworth 67 (r)
6	I Mutton 138	0 1	Stan Harwood 142
7	L Roche 137	1 0	Roger Sharman 141
8	J Marshall 136	0 1	Tom G Winter 141
9	M Wali 136	1 0	David FC Bird 140
10	J Angus 135	1 0	Dave Smith 137
11	M Hubbuck 133	1 0	Steve Collins 137
12	A Gore 130	0 1	Julian Winkworth 127
13	B Concagh 127	1 0	Mike J Cresswell 135
14	M Flatt 127	0 1	Phil Zammit 134
15	D Price 125	½ ½	Barry Sheppard 130
16	T Wright 120	0 1	Ian Morgan 127
Herts Lost		7½ 8½	

Herts		13.11.99	Oxon
1	SJB Knott 215 (B)	½ ½	Matthew Rose 207
2	S Swanson 207	½ ½	Tim Dickinson 193
3	PV Byway 194	½ ½	Jochen Wittmann 184
4	C Harris 183	½ ½	Kieran Smallbone 181
5	LAR D'Costa 193	1 0	Ray Starkie 175
6	JF Rudge 188	0 1	Rod Nixon 170
7	PG Maguire 186	½ ½	Dave Bruce 166
8	G Hollis 184	½ ½	Jim Stayt 167
9	T Turner 177	0 1	Graham Chapman 168
10	HL Tebbs 176	½ ½	Nick Jones 171
11	D Ross Brennan 176	1 0	Nick Hepworth 157
12	SJ Tovey 175	1 0	Jon Lappage 122
13	KR Clark 171	½ ½	Lester R Millin 151
14	M Boyce 173	½ ½	Sean Terry 153
15	P Borman 170	½ ½	Peter Hastings 144
16	JR Denton 164	½ ½	Agnes Antal e145
Herts Won		8½ 7½	

SCCU COUNTY U125 TEAM MATCH

Sussex		6.11.99	Herts
1	Geoff Mason 121	0 1	Michael Connock 123
2	John Kalber 122	0 1	Darryl Formes 124
3	Chris Boyes 123	0 1	Mark Thomas 122
4	Paul O'Brien 123	1 0	Michael Price 121
5	Eric Hillier 120	0 1	Martin Jones 124
6	John Scholey 118	0 1	Paul Laskier 123
7	Marc Bryant 118	0 1	Thomas Wright 120
8	Ian Phillipson 114	0 1	Graham Howard 116
9	Nigel Pestelle 109	½ ½	Terry Douse 119
10	Roger Waddingham 108	0 1	John Lanaway 118
11	Tom Fenlon 106	1 0	def
12	Philip Wake 104	1 0	John Leake 109
13	Ted Tapper 102	0 1	Robert Harrison 104
14	Nick Champion 98	½ ½	Terry O'Sullivan 102
15	David Barraclough 77	0 1	Matthew Dignam 99
16	Stephanie Barraclough 70	1 0	Quazi Latif 98
Herts Won		5 11	

SCCU COUNTY U100 TEAM MATCHES

	Herts	9.10.99	Kent
1	Wolf Ham 99 (W)	0 1	DSJ Shipp 96
2	George Lunn 96	1 0	N Fisk 94
3	Alan Dowling 88	½ ½	R Bedwell 93
4	Dave Wilders 88	0 1	B Rosier 93
5	Caroline Robson 87	0 1	E Isted 90
6	Remi Strauss 86	1 0	D Howdle 90
7	Rees Gates 85	0 1	J Spink 89
8	Jeff Wilson 80	1 0	A Fraser 85
9	Des Lusher	0 1	T Hogg 81
10	def	0 1	D Wheatley 83
11	def	0 1	R Day 74
12	def	0 1	J Clarke 55
Herts Lost		3½ 8½	

SCCU U14 / grade U90 TEAM MATCHES

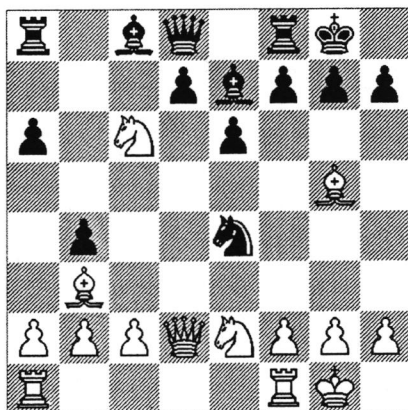
	Herts	6.11.99	Middx
1	Sebastian Chan 70	1 0	Tarek Zoubir 79
2	Tom Gilbert 72r	0 1	Adrian Fabisz 67
3	Chay Mottley 80r	1 0	Danielle Gross 67
4	Daniel Leslie 67r	0 1	S. Sudunagunta 70r
5	Adam Preston	1 0	Behrouz Behai 60
6	Yvette Cook	0 1	Robert Harrison 73r
7	Matthew Ballard 69r	1 0	def
8	Robert Bailey 47r	0 1	Benjamin Ziff
9	James Angove 57r	0 1	Tadeh Kroskian
10	Christopher West 46r	0 1	Narber Kroskian
11	Leah Carvey	0 1	John Gribbon
12	Robert West 55r	1 0	Claire Wu
Herts Lost		5 7	

	Herts	27.11.99	Surrey
1	Wolf Hamm 99 (W)	½ ½	Oliver Wilson 99
2	George Lunn 96	1 0	James Lin 99
3	Simon Morris 94	½ ½	Matthew Taylor 97
4	Dave Wilders 88	1 0	Robert White 97
5	Caroline Robson 87	½ ½	Scott Freeman 94
6	Remi Straus 86	0 1	Sandy Smyth 92
7	Rees Gates 85	½ ½	John Silvertown 87
8	Alan Brewis 85	1 0	Chris Tilling 87
9	Frank Batchelor 82	0 1	Richard Jones 88
10	Jeff Wilson 80	0 1	Richard Davey 89
11	Harry Aldred 76	½ ½	Graham Curtis 71
12	John Lucarotti -	0 1	David Manders 73
Herts Lost		5½ 6½	

	Herts	6.11.99	Middx
1	Sebastian Chan 70	0 1	Adrian Fabisz 67
2	Tom Gilbert 72r	0 1	Tarek Zoubir 79
3	Chay Mottley 80r	0 1	S. Sudunagunta 70r
4	Daniel Leslie 67r	0 1	Danielle Gross 67
5	Adam Preston	0 1	Robert Harrison 73r
6	Yvette Cook	0 1	Behrouz Behai 60
7	Matthew Ballard 69r	0 1	Benjamin Ziff
8	Robert Bailey 47r	0 1	George Martin 66r
9	James Angove 57r	1 0	Narber Kroskian
10	Christopher West 46r	1 0	Tadeh Kroskian
11	Leah Carvey	0 1	Claire Wu
12	Robert West 55r	0 1	John Gribbon
Herts Lost		2 10	

The match against Essex was defaulted (however there's a possibility Essex might offer to play the match at some stage in the future)

Tilling, C - Brewis, A Herts v Surrey U100, 1999
1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4
 asking for a kicking later **6...e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.0-0 0-0**
9.Qd2? b5 one kicking coming up **10.Bb3** better was
 Nxc6 and then Bd3 **10...b4 11.Nce2 Nxe4 12.Nxc6?**



Bxe7 would restrict the damage to just one pawn. Now
 White loses a piece [12.Bxe7 Nxd2 13.Bxd8 Nxf1?!
 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bc1 Nxd2 16.Kxh2] **12...Nxd2 13.Nxd8**
Bxg5 because the N(d8) is trapped ! **14.Rfd1 Nxb3**
15.axb3 Rxd8 16.Rd6 Be7 17.Rb6? Bc5 not content with
 getting a knight trapped, White does the same with his
 rook ! 0-1

BeNCH U18 TEAM MATCHES

	Herts	7.11.99	Camb
1	Lorin D'Costa	½ ½	Chris Dorrington
2	Tony Niccoli	1 0	A.Eckersley-Waites
3	Robert Morris	0 1	T.Eckersley-Waites
4	Maor Shine	1 0	Ben Williams
5	Jamie Hillman	0 1	Richard Mycroft
6	Jacob Bigio	1 0	Steve Martin
7	Alan Dowling	1 0	Daniel Goldhill
8	Daniel Caps	0 1	James Donald
9	Alex Hillman	0 1	Marcus Stone
10	Paul McGowan	0 1	Stephen Chester
11	Chris Everitt	1 0	Owen Sanderson
12	Yvette Cook	0 1	Margaret Donald
Herts Lost		5½ 6½	

	Beds	7.11.99	Herts
1	Peter Hunt	0 1	Lorin D'Costa
2	Mafkir Mahbub	0 1	Tony Niccoli
3	Jo Harbour	0 1	Robert Morris
4	Peter Quarry	0 1	Maor Shine
5	Tom Harbour	0 1	Jamie Hillman
6	Nick Luder	0 1	Jacob Bigio
7	Gerald Morgan	0 1	Alan Dowling
8	Emos Scappatura	0 1	Daniel Caps
9	Sophie Harbour	0 1	Alex Hillman
10	Stephen Weaver	½ ½	Paul McGowan
11	Wishau Lingham	1 0	Chris Everitt
12	Grant Jones	1 0	Yvette Cook
Herts Won		2½ 9½	

HSCA Primary Qualifier

Roundwood School, Harpenden, Saturday 2nd October 1999

Six Round Swiss, three categories (U11, U9 and Girls) in one section. 31 players in all.

Celia Carr (g), **Robbie Carr** (u9) **5.5**, Yvette Cook (g), Adam Preston **5**, Phillip Dickinson **4.5**, Thomas Gosling (u9), Robert Pearce, William Reynolds, Joshua Waite **4**, Richard Shephard, Paul Wadhams **3.5**

HSCA Primary Qualifier

Thorn Grove School, Bishops Stortford, Sunday 17th October 1999

Six Round Swiss, three categories (U11, U9 and Girls) in one section. 19 players in all.

Chris Everitt **5**, Simon Full, Simon McConnell, David McGonegle, Paul Bramel (u9), Yvette Cook (g) **4**, Alex Veitch (u9) **3.5**

HSCA Primary Qualifier

Nash Mills School, Hemel Hempstead, Saturday 30th October 1999

Six Round Swiss, three categories (U11, U9 and Girls) in one section. 29 players in all.

Joel Ward (u9) **6**, Martin Rogers **5**, Matthew Hogg, Matthew Smith, James Rogers (u9) **4.5**, Allan Crocker, Adam Lord, Paul Wadhams, Michael Turner (u9) **4**, Lewis Jacques, Richard Shephard, Charlie Waite (u9) **3.5**

HSCA Primary Qualifier

Ashfield School, Bushey, Sunday 14th November 1999

Six Round Swiss, three categories (U11, U9 and Girls) in one section. 31 players in all.

Edward Pinder, Adam Preston, Ben Taylor (u9), Yvette Cook (g) **5**, Thomas Lord (u9) **4.5**, Robert Bailey, Daniel Bailey, Allan Crocker, Raymond Persaud, Richard Shephard, Kit Wales, Michael Turner (u9), Leah Carvey (g) **4**, Thomas Gosling (u9), Robert Pearce, William Reynolds, Joshua Waite **3.5**

HSCA Primary Qualifier

Sunnybank School, Potters Bar, Saturday 27th November 1999

Six Round Swiss, three categories (U11, U9 and Girls) in one section. 31 players in all.

Adam Preston **6**, Nisil Shah (u9), Simon McConnell **5**, Lisa Hayhoe (g), Lucy Preston (g), Charlie Waite (u9), Chris Everitt, Michael Holmes, David McGonegle, Oliver Williams **4**, Joseph Harriman, Martin Rogers **3.5**

HSCA Primary / Secondary Congress

Cunningham Hill School, St Albans, Sunday 21st November 1999

Six Round Swiss, four categories (U15 – no entries; U12 – 29 entries; U10 – 24 entries; U8 – 2 entries) in two sections (U12 & U10). 55 players in all.

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| U12 | Matthew Dignam 6 , Thomas Winkworth 5 , Charlie Fry, Phillip Makepeace 4.5 , Poppy Aarons, Sebastian Chan, Ranjitha Modali, James Peet 4 |
| U10 | Sam Stanley 6 , Denis Chvetsov 5 , Yvette Cook 4.5 , Christopher Bird, Celia Carr, Joel Ward 4 |
| U8 | Robbie Carr 4 |

HCA North Herts League Congress

Hitchin Boys School, Hitchin, Sunday 10th October 1999

Five Round Swiss, in two sections (U18 & U11). 35 players in all.

U18 **Sampath Samaraweera 4**
 U17 **Gupreet Rehal 4**
 U15 **Samir Jeraj 3**, James Selley, Ricky Ward 2
 U14 **Ben Cheah 3**, Chris McLoskey 2
 U13 **Daniel Allen 4**, Jacob Abondolo 2
 U12 **Alex Stoker 4**, Tom Gilbert 3

U11 **David Cox 5**, Steven McGennity 4
 U10 **Charlotte Booton, Jamie Dent 3**
 U9 **Joe Johnson 4**, James Bricis, George Kitson 3
 U8 **Dylan Angel 3.5**, Rebecca Allen, Ben Sore 3

Secondary School Team Prize: **Hitchin Boys** (Ben Cheah, Gurpreet Rehal, Sampath Samaraweera, James Selly) 13
 Primary School Team Prize: **St Thomas More A** (Joeseeph Byrne, Jamie Dent, Steven McGennity, James Wilson) 11.5

U18 GRAND PRIX

Surname	First Name	Grand Prix Points	Number of Events
Allen	Daniel	29	4
Gilbert	Tom	25	3
Dignam	Matthew	18	2
Ballard	Matthew	14	3
Rehal	Gupreet	14	2
Samaraweera	Sampath	14	2
D'Costa	Lorin	11.5	2
Abondolo	Jacob	10	2
Akrill	James	10	2
Newman	Anush	10	2

U11 GRAND PRIX

Surname	First Name	Grand Prix Points	Number of Events
Cook	Yvette	48.5	6
Preston	Adam	39	4
Preston	Lucy	26	4
Carr	Robbie	23	3
Crocker	Allan	22	3
Dynes	Eleanor	22	4
Shepherd	Richard	22	3
Turner	Michael	22	3
Holmes	Michael	21	3
Ward	Joel	20	2

Answers to "What Happened Next"

1. taken from Norwood's column in the Daily Telegraph (Weekend section):
 K.Hemingway - D.Rumens, Hitchin, 1977
 concluded 13.Rxf6+! gxf6 14.Ne6+! Bxe6
 15.Bh6+ Kg8 16.Nxf6# 1-0

2. You may have seen this one in the papers recently as well: Sutovsky,E (2587) - Fraser-Mitchell, J (2066), Monarch International (I.o.M.), 1999 went 17.Nf5!! 1-0 (White threatens 18.Nd6+, and also 18.Bh5 Qxh5 19.Ng7+. If Black takes the knight then 18.Re1 Ne5 (otherwise Bh5+ is a killer) 19.dxe5 fxe5 20.Qxe5+ and Black loses a rook.

3. C.Young - B.McNally, Hitchin Open (1), 1999: 14... Ndf6?? 15.hxg4 1-0 (Chess blindness - was Black thinking he could have a knight and a pawn on g4 simultaneously ?)

4. (an easy one) C.Young - D.Lemoir, Hitchin Open (2), 1999: 29... Rxf3! 30.gxf3 Qxg3+ 31.Kh1 Qxf3+ 32.Kg1 Re2 0-1

5. C.Wheatley - J.Fraser-Mitchell, Hitchin Open (2), 1999: White tried 17.Nxc6? Rxc6 18.Rb3 but was floored by 18... Re6! 19.Rxe6 Qc1+ 20.Nd1 fxe6 21.Re3 Bxc2 22.Rxe6 0-1. However, a move earlier, with White's rook on f1 and the Black bishop on e6, the combination would have won ! (16.Nxc6! Rxc6 17.Rb3 Qa6 (forced) 18.b5)

6. D.Lemoir - S.Swanson, Hitchin Open (2), 1999: Black has neglected his development for the entire game (the rook and bishop still haven't moved!) and paid the price as a result. 39.Ra2! 1-0, since if 39... Qd4 then 40.c3 Qxc5 41.Rh8+ Kd7 42.Qd8+ Ke6 43.Re8#

7. J.Fraser-Mitchell - M.Taylor, Hitchin Open (3), 1999: 37.Qxf3! Rxf3 38.Rxe7 Rxd3 during the game I thought I'd blundered (completely forgot the Bd3 en prise) but in fact White's 37th is the easiest way to survive ! 39.Re6 Bf4 40.Rf6 Bg5 41.Rg6 Bf4 42.Rf6 ½-½ Black must permit

his bishop to be hounded ad infinitum otherwise he will lose it for White's advanced h-pawn.

8. L.D'Costa - D.Lemoir, Hitchin Open (4), 1999: White's scoresheet had Black's last move (40... Bd5) accompanied by a draw offer. White foolishly declines... 41.g5 Qd8 42.Ra6 Qh8+ 43.Kg3 Ne4+ 44.Kf3 (I assume Black must be in extreme time trouble, otherwise the game would have ended with White resigning here) Qh3+ 45.Ke2 Nxf2 46.Kxf2 Qf3+ 47.Ke1 Qe3+ 48.Kd1 Bb3# 0-1

9. Fraser-Mitchell, J (2066) - Thorfinnsson, B (2195), Monarch International (I.o.M.), 1999: 23.Rf7! Bxf7 24.Rxf7 Qxf7 spoilsport [24...Qd8 25.Nh5 Re7 26.Nf6!; 24...Qe6? 25.Rxf8+ Rxf8 26.Qxe6] 25.Qxf7 b5 26.Nf5 1-0